



Missouri Department of
SOCIAL SERVICES
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The Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2014 directs states to make information available concerning the number of deaths, serious injuries and instances of substantiated child abuse that occur in child care settings each year on the State's Consumer Website.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Serious Injuries**	0	0	22	10
Licensed Child Care settings	0	0	22	9
Unlicensed Child Care Setting	0	0	0	1
Total Child Abuse and Neglect Reports Substantiated***	10	17	18	5
Licensed Child Care settings	7	12	13	4
Unlicensed Child Care Setting	3	5	5	1
Total Fatalities in a Child Care Setting	9	12	8	6
Licensed Child Care Settings	2	0	1	1
Illness/Natural Death	1	0	0	0
Crush	0	0	1	0
SIDs	1	0	0	0
Unknown At Time of Report	0	0	0	1
Unlicensed Child Care Setting	7	12	7	5
Illness / Natural Deaths	2	2	0	0
Suffocation	3	3	4	1
Child Abuse	1	2	0	1
Dog Attack	0	1	0	0
SIDS	0	1	0	0
Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	2	1	1
Unknown At Time of Report	0	1	2	2



** Incidents that require a report from the child care provider include, but are not limited to: • The death of a child if the child died while in a child care setting as defined by Missouri Statute. • A serious injury that occurs in a child care setting as defined by Missouri Statute that results in the child getting professional medical treatment. • The death of a child, that received care in a child care setting as defined by the Missouri Statute, if the child died of a contagious disease.

*** Substantiated Child Abuse and Neglect reports. The Children's Division uses **Preponderance of Evidence** as the standard of proof that abuse or neglect has occurred. This is the degree of evidence that is of greater weight or more convincing than the evidence which is offered in opposition to it or evidence which as a whole shows the fact to be proved to be more probable than not.