

# TOP 12 INDICATOR

## Outcome 5 Citywide Low Repeat Maltreatment

Protecting the children of New York City is the fundamental responsibility of ACS. This report measures how well ACS is performing in one aspect of this function by measuring the child welfare system's success at protecting children who have been victims of abuse or neglect.

**The most comprehensive measure of the system's performance is the percent of children who have an indicated abuse/neglect report within one year of an indicated abuse/neglect report.**

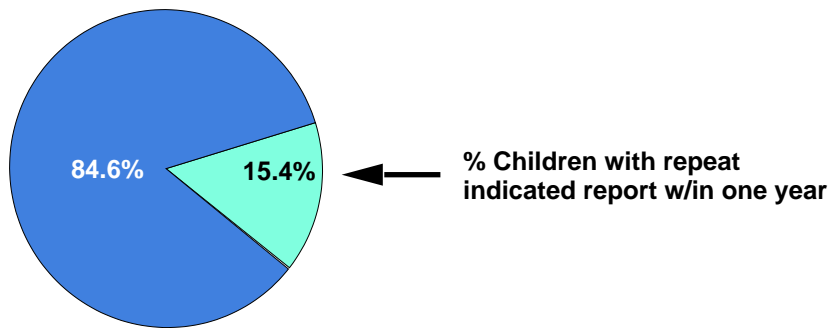
Definitions used in this measure:

- **SCR** is the acronym for The State Central Register that is the official repository of calls reporting suspicion of abuse or neglect for the State of New York.
- A **determination** on an SCR report refers to the decision that is made regarding the disposition of an investigation. The determination is either indicated or unsubstantiated.
- An **indicated report** is a report that, upon investigation, was found to have credible evidence of abuse or neglect.
- An **unsubstantiated report** is a report that, upon investigation, was found to lack credible evidence of abuse or neglect.
- **Repeat maltreatment incident** is defined as any allegation for which an investigation is opened following the date that a prior investigation was indicated.
- **Repeat maltreatment rate** is the percent of children with indicated abuse/neglect reports followed by a subsequent indicated report within one year (365 days) from the date of determination of the initial report.
- **Calendar year-to-date (CYTD)** refers to the time period from January to the most current month of the report.

Basic Concept:

- Outcome 5 is based on a measure whose starting point, the determination of an indicated abuse/neglect report, occurred one year ago. The month/year headings in the table below reflect when the first report was determined. The "percent with repeat indicated reports within one year" shows whether the child has been the subject of a repeat indicated report.
- Example 1: A child is named in an indicated abuse neglect report that is determined on January 15, 2000. If that child is named in another report that is indicated anytime before January 15, 2001, he/she is counted as being a subject of repeat maltreatment.

### Incidence of Repeat of Maltreatment, Citywide CYTD 2008



### Summary of Repeat Abuse/Neglect Reports

Month/Year of Determination of Initial Abuse/Neglect Report:	JAN 2008	FEB 2008	MAR 2008	CYTD 2008	CYTD 2007
Number of children with indicated investigations	3,185	2,739	3,293	9,217	9,482
<b>% with repeat indicated investigations within 1 year</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
<b>% with repeat indicated investigations within six months</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>

**Shaded** rows highlight critical measures for this Top 12 indicator.

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This performance report provides information on repeat maltreatment from two perspectives: (1) the type of services ordered at the time of the prior determination and, (2) the relationship between the prior and repeat reports.

The **first perspective** focuses on services ordered for the prior reports. It is important to note that what is shown here represents the status of a case at the time of the determination of the prior report, and does not necessarily reflect services being received at the time of the repeat report.

### Relationships Between Services Ordered at Time of Determination of Indicated Reports and Repeat Indicated Reports CYTD 2008

	JAN 2008	FEB 2008	MAR 2008	CYTD 2008	CYTD 2007
<b>Number of children with indicated investigations</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>9,217</b>	<b>9,482</b>
Number open with court ordered services					
% w/ repeat indicated investigations w/in 1 yr					
Number open with voluntary services					
% w/ repeat indicated investigations w/in 1 yr					
Number closed, no services					
% w/ repeat indicated investigations w/in 1 yr					

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The **second perspective** provides information concerning the determination of the repeat report as it relates to that of the prior for all reports, indicated and unsubstantiated. Once the repeat report has been determined, there are four possible combinations as to how the repeat report relates to the prior. These are shown in the following table.

**Summary of Relationships Between Prior and Repeat Determinations CYTD 2008**

	JAN 2008	FEB 2008	MAR 2008	CYTD 2008	CYTD 2007
<b>Number of children with determined investigations</b>	<b>7,786</b>	<b>6,631</b>	<b>7,724</b>	<b>22,141</b>	<b>23,087</b>
% with repeat report within 1 year	21.9%	22.5%	22.6%	22.3%	21.9%
<b>Number of children named as alleged victims in another SCR report within one year of a prior report</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>4,944</b>	<b>5,065</b>
% With determination pending	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% Indicated with prior indicated	28.3%	27.2%	30.1%	28.6%	26.6%
% Indicated with prior unsubstantiated	21.3%	22.8%	20.5%	21.5%	21.1%
% Unsubstantiated with prior indicated	16.6%	17.6%	18.5%	17.6%	18.4%
% Unsubstantiated with prior unsubstantiated	33.8%	32.4%	30.9%	32.3%	33.8%

**Relationship Between  
Prior SCR Reports & Repeat SCR Reports CYTD 2008**

