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Comparison of 2010-2017 NCANDS$^{\Omega}$ Data as per States' Statutory Threshold for Reporting

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Table 5

Comparison of 2010-2017 NCANDS$^{\Omega}$ Data as per States' Statutory Threshold for Reporting Possible Child Abuse

Statutory threshold for mandated reporting		Number of children <18 years	Referrals	Referrals screened-out	Referrals screened-in	Referrals substantiated
Reasonably believe (N=2 states)	Annual average # Children/ 1000 OR (95% CI)	2,349,094	111,935 47.65 1.0	45,480 19.36 1.0	66,455 28.29 1.0	21,459 9.14 1.0
Reasonable cause/grounds to believe (N=9 states)	Annual average # Children/ 1000 OR (95% CI)	12,241,887	557,112 45.51 .95 (.95, .96)	211,396 17.27 .89 (.88, .90)	345,717 28.24 1.00 (.99, 1.01)	136,771 10.11 1.11 (1.09, 1.12
Reason/cause to believe (N=10 states)	Annual average # Children/ 1000 OR (95% CI)	15,870,843	693,390 43.69 .91 (.91, .92)	264,071 16.64 .86 (.85, .87)	429,319 27.05 .95 (.95, .96)	152,927 9.52 1.04 (1.03, 1.06)
Reasonably suspect/reasonable suspicion (N=3 states)	Annual average # Children/ 1000 OR (95% CI)	9,790,756	420,614 42.96 .90 (.89, .90)	164,394 16.79 .86 (.86, .87)	256,220 26.17 .92 (.92, .93)	88,001 8.99 .98 (.97, 1.00)
Suspect (N=3 states)	Annual average # Children/ 1000 OR (95% CI)	1,488,655	42,259 28.55 .58 (.58, .59)	10,070 6.76 .35 (.34, .35)	32,430 21.78 .76 (.75, .78)	19,375 9.23 1.01 (.99, 1.03)
Reasonable cause to suspect (N=21 states)	Annual average # Children/ 1000 OR (95% CI)	21,077,011	1,201,837 57.02 1.21 (1.20, 1.22)	461,664 21.90 1.13 (1.12, 1.15)	740,173 35.12 1.25 (1.24, 1.26)	255,900 10.04 1.10 (1.09, 1.12)
Reason/cause to suspect (N=4 states)	Annual average # Children/ 1000 OR (95% CI)	3,716,760	147,559 39.70 .83 (.82, .83)	57,490 15.47 .80 (.79, .81)	90,070 24.23 .85 (.84, .86)	17,942 3.49 .38 (.37, .39)

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