

# Screening Data

MA Department of Children and Families

National Child Abuse & Neglect Data System

FFY19 (NCANDS)

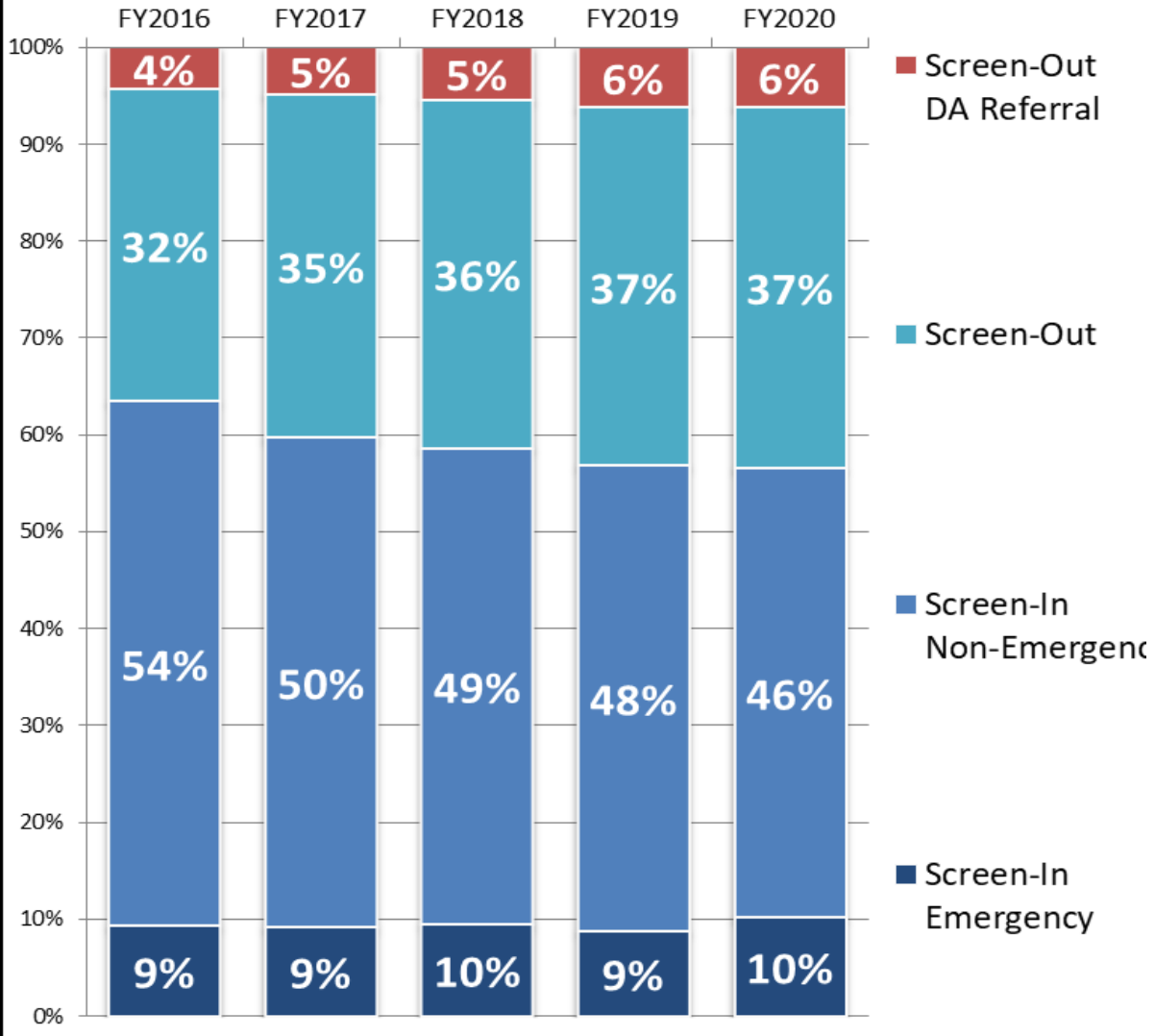
# Screening of 51As and DA referral rates

## DCF Annual Report FY2020

**TABLE 26. Protective Intakes (51As)**

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Screen-In Emergency	8,759	8,560	9,168	8,399	8,502
Screen-in Non-Emergency	51,150	46,972	47,386	45,948	38,788
Screen-Out	30,378	32,964	34,688	35,315	31,194
Screen-Out DA Referral	4,125	4,533	5,245	5,999	5,146
<b>Protective Intakes (51As) Fiscal Year End</b>	<b>94,412</b>	<b>93,029</b>	<b>96,487</b>	<b>95,661</b>	<b>83,630</b>

**FIGURE 26b. Screening and DA Referral Rates**



# National Child Abuse & Neglect System (NCANDS)

- ▶ Initiative of the Children's Bureau, and Office of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
- ▶ Collects and analyzes annual data on child abuse & neglect
- ▶ Data is reported by states on an annual basis regarding child maltreatment
- ▶ Most recent report is Federal FY19 (October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019)
- ▶ <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/report/child-maltreatment-2019>
- ▶ NCANDS data must be read in the context of the report; every state has a different process/threshold of reporting requirements for child maltreatment

# Total Referral Rate per 1,000 children in the Population (i.e. 51A report rate)

- ▶ The number of total referrals (51As) received by CPS agencies has steadily increased during the past 5 years.
- ▶ After several years of increasing, the number of screened in referrals decreased in 2019 while the number of screened-out referrals steadily increased (p. 24)
- ▶ MA receives 63.5 referrals per 1000 children
- ▶ 27<sup>th</sup> highest of 45 reporting jurisdictions
- ▶ National average is 59.5 referrals per 1000 children (p.15)

# Screening rates - NCANDS

For ffy 2019:

45 states report both screened-in and screened-out referral data

National screen in rate: 54.5% of 51As MA rate is 51.1%

National screen out rate: 45.5% 51As MA rate is 48.9%

16 states screened in more than the national percentage, ranging from 55.5 to 98.4 percent

29 states screened out more than the national percentage, ranging from 46.3 to 84.0 percent (p. 24)

# NCANDS - Victimization Rate

- ▶ Victim is defined as: child for whom the state determined at least one maltreatment was substantiated/indicated
- ▶ A disposition of substantiated/indicated was assigned for a child in a report
- ▶ Includes death of a child confirmed to be result of child abuse or neglect
- ▶ FFY 2019: nationally 656,000 (rounded) victims of child abuse and neglect
- ▶ National rate: 8.9 victims per 1,000 children in the population
- ▶ Range: low of 1.8 to a high of 20.1 per 1,000 children.
- ▶ Massachusetts: 18.5 per 1,000 children - 3<sup>rd</sup> highest of 52 reporting jurisdictions (p. 36) (NOTE: MA has a low evidentiary threshold for a finding of abuse/neglect)
- ▶ The number of victims decreased nationally by 4.0 percent from 2015 to 2019
- ▶ Number of victims in MA from 2015 to 2019 reflects the same trend 22.4 to 18.5

# Victim Demographics

- ▶ Children in their first year of life have the highest rate of victimization at 25.7 per 1,000 children of the same age in the national population.
- ▶ The victimization rate for girls is 9.4 per 1,000 girls in the population, which is higher than boys at 8.4 per 1,000 boys in the population.
- ▶ American-Indian or Alaska Native children have the highest rate of victimization at 14.8 per 1,000 children in the population of the same race or ethnicity; and
- ▶ African American children have the second highest rate at 13.7 per 1,000 children of the same race or ethnicity.