

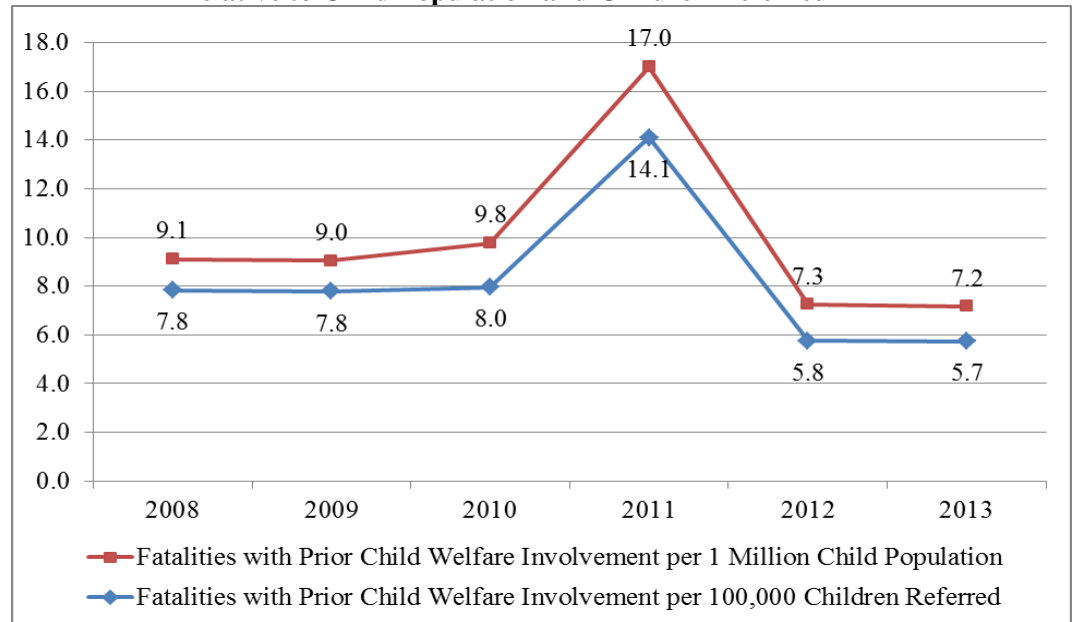
- It is **very rare** in Colorado for child fatalities to occur as a result of abuse and/or neglect.
- Colorado's child population (ages 0 through 17 years) is estimated to have grown by **4%** from 2008 to 2013.
- The number of children referred to Colorado's child welfare system increased by **11.6%** from 2008 to 2013.
- The rate of child fatalities per million children in the Colorado child population, where the county had prior involvement has declined from **9.1** per million in 2008 to **7.2** per million in 2013.
- The rate of child fatalities per 100,000 children referred to Colorado's child welfare system in which the county had prior involvement has declined from **7.8** per 100,000 in 2008 to **5.7** per 100,000 in 2013.

CHILD FATALITIES DUE TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT WITH PRIOR COUNTY INVOLVEMENT RELATIVE TO CHILD POPULATION AND CHILDREN REFERRED TO CHILD WELFARE

Colorado's child population (under 18 years old) is estimated to have grown by **4%** between 2008 and 2013. Similarly, the number of children referred to Colorado's child welfare system increased by **11.6%** over this same period. The table and chart below show Colorado's child fatalities with prior county involvement per 1 million child population and per 100,000 children referred during that time period.

While even one child fatality due to abuse or neglect is too many, it is important to note that child fatalities where there had been prior county involvement are relatively uncommon in Colorado and have declined slightly from 2008 to 2013.

Child Fatalities Due to Abuse or Neglect with Prior County Involvement Relative to Child Population and Children Referred



| Year | Children Referred | Child Population | Fatalities Due to A/N with Prior County Involvement* |
|------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| 2008 | 140,288 | 1,206,265 | 11 |
| 2009 | 141,181 | 1,216,230 | 11 |
| 2010 | 150,638 | 1,227,666 | 12 |
| 2011 | 148,804 | 1,234,288 | 21 |
| 2012 | 156,197 | 1,240,948 | 9 |
| 2013 | 156,564 | 1,255,510 | 9 |

Sources: Trails, Administrative Review Child Fatality Review Team tracking database
 Population data (children ages 0 through 17):
https://dola.colorado.gov/demog_webapps/pag_category.jsf

*It is important to note that the definition of prior involvement statutorily changed from five years to two years in mid-2011, then changed to three years in mid-2013.