

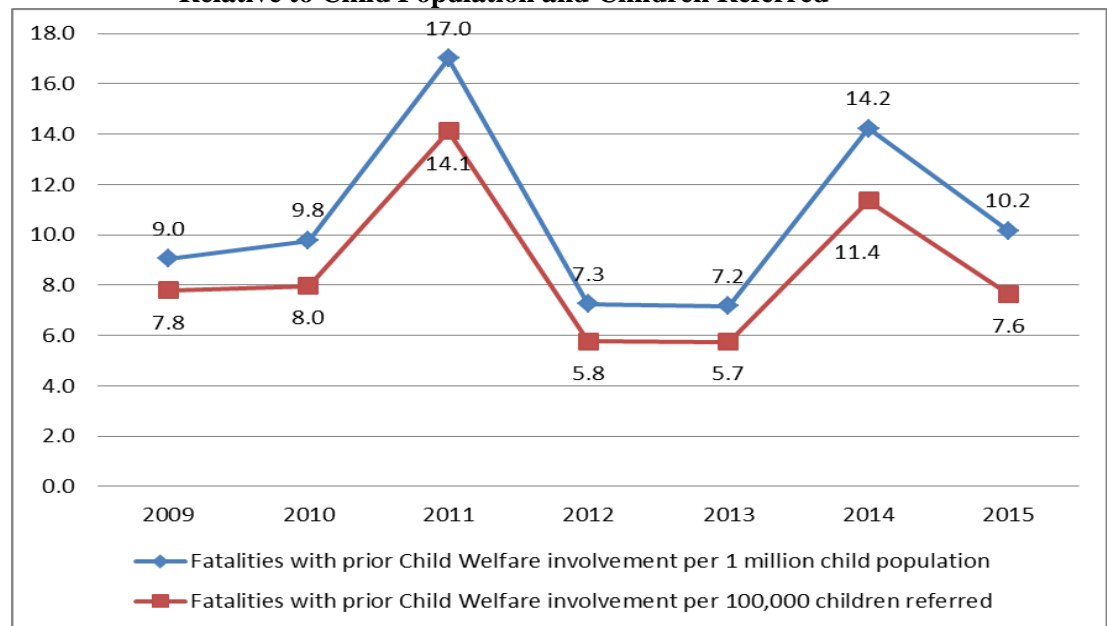
- It is **very rare** in Colorado for child fatalities to occur as a result of abuse and/or neglect.
- Colorado's child population (ages 0 through 17 years) is estimated to have grown by **5.2%** from 2009 to 2015.
- The number of children referred to Colorado's child welfare system increased by **20%** from 2009 to 2015.
- The rate of child fatalities per million children in the Colorado child population, where the county had prior involvement declined from **9** per million in 2009 to **7.2** per million in 2013. While the rate increased to **14.2** per million in 2014, it declined to **10.2** per million in 2015.
- The rate of child fatalities per 100,000 children referred to Colorado's child welfare system in which the county had prior involvement declined from **7.8** per 100,000 in 2009 to **5.7** per 100,000 in 2013. While the **rate increased to 11.4 per 100,000** in 2014, it declined to **7.6 per 100,000 in 2015**.

**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 **5.2%** between 2009 and 2015. Similarly, the number of children referred to Colorado's child welfare system increased by **20%** 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 2009 to 2013, with a small increase in 2014. 2015 saw a decline from 18 fatalities to 13.

**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*
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
2014	158,368	1,264,587	18
2015	169,984	1,279,040	13

Sources: Trails, Administrative Review Child Fatality Review Team tracking database  
 Population data (children ages 0 through 17):

<https://demography.dola.colorado.gov/population/data/sya-regions/>

\*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.