

# Get all the Facts



## Police-reported Family Violence against Children and Youth in Canada, 2017

- In 2017, there were 59,236 child and youth victims (aged 17 years and younger) of police-reported violence in Canada. Females represented over half (56%) of victims in this age group.
- The rate of police-reported family violence against children and youth was 250 per 100,000 population in 2017.
- Physical assault was the most common type of family violence reported (56%), followed by sexual offences (32%).
- Female children and youth had similar rates for physical assault (138 per 100,000 population) and sexual offences (134 per 100,000 population).
- Male children and youth had much higher rates of physical assault versus sexual offences (142 versus 27 per 100,000 population).
- In 2017, the rate of family violence was higher for children and youth in rural areas than it was in urban areas (406 versus 214 per 100,000 population), for both female and male victims.
- Rates of violence were higher for female victims in every Census Metropolitan Area.

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54978/01-eng.htm>

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