

Police-Reported Violent Crimes against Children under 18 in Newfoundland and Labrador 2006-2012

- Between 2006 and 2012, 10,897 violent crimes were reported against children under the age of 18 in Newfoundland and Labrador. Of these crimes, 5,609 were against girls and 5,288 against boys.
- This represents an overall increase of 4 per cent in police-reported violent incidents against children between the years 2006 and 2012. Violent crimes against girls increased by 12 per cent, while violent crimes against boys decreased by three per cent.
- The majority of reported crimes against children were assaults, accounting for 6,912 incidents between 2006 and 2012. Of these, 2,865 were against girls and 4,047 against boys. Assaults against girls increased by 10 per cent while assaults against boys decreased by 6 per cent over the seven years.
- A total of 2,260 sexual offences were reported against children between 2006 and 2012. Of these crimes, 1,826 were committed against girls, and 434 against boys. This represents an increase of 23 per cent for girls and 44 per cent for boys over the seven years.
- A total of 1,610 incidents of extortion, harassment and threats were reported against children between 2006 and 2012. Of these crimes, 833 were reported against girls, and 777 against boys. This represents a decrease of four per cent for girls and five per cent for boys over the seven years.
- A total of 114 incidents of kidnapping, hostage-taking, abductions and luring of a child were reported against children between 2006 and 2012. Of these crimes, 85 were committed against girls and 29 against boys. This represents an increase of 71 per cent for girls and 25 per cent for boys over the seven years.
- A total of one homicide was reported between 2006 and 2012. The homicide occurred against a boy. This represents a zero per cent change for both girls and boys over the seven years.