
NCFRP QUICK-LOOK

Where do these data come from?

The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention (NCFRP) is committed to providing support and technical assistance to the fatality review programs across the U.S. and its territories. Forty-five states have agreements which allow them to enter Child Death Review (CDR) data into the NCFRP National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS), a free, web-based data collection system.

What is CDR?

Throughout the U.S., fatality review programs have been established in all states and in thousands of communities. These programs support multi-disciplinary team case reviews during which individual deaths are closely studied in order to take action to prevent other deaths and improve the health and safety of children

What are the limitations?

- States review child deaths according their governing statutes or program policies. Some states only review deaths known to their child protective services office; other states review unintentional deaths and choose according to the time allowed by volunteer staff. A few states review all deaths. Because not all states review all deaths, these data may not be representative of all child deaths and they can not be used to calculate fatality rates.
- When teams meet, they rely on representatives from multiple disciplines such as law enforcement, medical examiners/coroners and first responders. Data are only as inclusive as the information brought to the attention of the team.
- Reviews may happen years after the death, resulting in a loss of detail and the potential for high proportions of missing or unknown data elements

Do these data represent all deaths?

Because of these and other limitations, the data do not represent all deaths. They represent approximately 70% of the cases in the database (excluding cases migrated from other state reporting systems).

How do you calculate the percentages?

To address these limitations, percentages are calculated on cases in which a specific answer was indicated by the review team. The percentages are not reflective of the proportion reported, but of the proportion where a response is indicated.

Where can I find more information?

- More information on fatality review is found on [our website](http://www.ncfrp.org) at www.ncfrp.org.
- Specific information about limitations of the data collection system is available on our [Injury Supplement page](#).
- Visit our NFR-CRS page tab for more information on [CDR Reporting Tools](#).
- Information about accessing NFR-CRS data for research opportunities can be found on the [Data Dissemination page](#).