

Poland


5,338

Population (thousands)


—%

Population below international poverty line


82 YEARS

Average life expectancy at birth


3

Under 5 mortality rate (per 1,000 births)


\$434,167

Gross national product (millions)


—%

Literacy rate for male youth (15-24)

—%

Literacy rate for female youth (15-24)

Behaviors and Conditions Generally Viewed as Child Maltreatment

Age an individual is legally considered an adult ^{Q9}

- 18

Forms of acceptable punishment ^{Q11}

- Hitting a child on the buttocks with an open hand
- Shaking a child

Actions considered forms of child maltreatment:

Affecting children's safety, health, or development ^{Q12}

- Physical beating of a child by any adult
- Child living on the street
- Prostituting a child
- Infanticide
- Female circumcision/female genital mutilation
- Child serving as soldier
- Child labor – under age 12
- Slavery
- Internet solicitation for sex
- Child marriage
- Torture for political reasons

In the following places ^{Q13}

- Foster care, group home or orphanage

- Day care center
- School or educational training center
- Psychiatric institution
- Detention facility
- Religious institution
- Sporting organization
- Work place
- Law enforcement facility
- Refugee camp

Involving a parent or caregiver ^{Q14}

- Physical discipline with bruising
- Failure to provide adequate food, clothing, medical care education, or shelter (neglect)
- Failure to seek medical care for any reason
- Sexual abuse (e.g., incest, sexual touching)
- Exposing child to pornography
- Commercial sexual exploitation
- Abandonment
- Failure to seek medical care for child based on religious beliefs
- Child exposed to parent's substance use violence
- Child exposed to parent's substance use

Official Documentation on Child Maltreatment

Government agency maintains official record/count of all suspected CM reported to authorities ^{Q15}

No

Types of CM and intimate partner violence used to classify reports ^{Q20}

Physical abuse

Yes

Sexual abuse

Yes

Neglect

No

Emotional (psychological) maltreatment

No

Exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV)

No

Change in the past 4 years in the number of reports for the following types of CM ^{Q21}

Physical abuse

Fewer cases

Sexual abuse

More cases

Neglect

No change

Emotional (psychological) maltreatment

No change

Exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV)

Don't know

Subgroups of children are systematically excluded from the reporting system ^{Q22}

Yes

- Migrants

- Children with disabilities

Subgroups of children are included in this reporting system ^{Q24}

Don't know

Country or most states/provinces have a law mandating reporting of suspected CM ^{Q26}

Yes

Year law took effect ^{Q27}

After 2005

Law applies to ^{Q28}

Physical abuse

No

Sexual abuse

Yes

Neglect

No

Emotional (psychological) maltreatment

No

Exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV)

No

National Statistics

The rate of reported CM nationwide per 1,000 children per year ^{Q29}

2

Percentage of reports of suspected CM that are responded to/investigated by social services ^{Q30}

Don't know

Percentage of all reports investigated that are substantiated or "proven" ^{Q31}

Don't know

Year and period this rate applies to ^{Q33}

2016

Official count represents number of children or number of responses ^{Q34}

Child count

One child or household can be counted more than once ^{Q35}

No

Percentage of responses/investigations for each of the following types of CM ^{Q36}

Physical abuse

Don't know

Sexual abuse

Don't know

Neglect

Don't know

Emotional (psychological) maltreatment

Don't know

Street children

Don't know

Abandoned children

Don't know

Exposure to IPV

Don't know

Percent of substantiated reports that result in ^{Q37}

Result in the perpetrator being removed from the home

Don't know

Lead to prosecution of the alleged perpetrator

Don't know

Result in the child being removed from the home

Don't know

Number of children removed from home living in: ^{Q38}

Kinship care (with a family member)

Don't know

Non-relative family foster care

Don't know

Residential care/orphanages

Don't know

Child Fatalities

An autopsy is required by law when a child's death ^{Q39}

Is unexpected

No

Has an unclear cause

No

My country has child death/fatality review teams ^{Q42}

No

An official annual count of deaths due to child abuse or neglect is maintained by a government agency ^{Q46}

No

The annual rate of child deaths attributed to CM ^{Q47}
In the past 10 years, the number of reported deaths due to CM ^{Q50}

Don't know

Don't know

Responses to Child Maltreatment

My country has an identified government agency (or agencies) at the national, state, or local levels that is mandated to respond to reports of CM ^{Q51}

No

Laws and Policies Responding to Child Maltreatment

My country has national laws or policies implemented at the state/provincial/territorial level regarding CM ^{Q53}

No

Services

Child abuse and neglect services available and to what extent ^{Q59}

Therapy for those who neglect a child

Occasionally

Therapy for neglected children

Occasionally

Therapy for those who physically abuse a child

None

Therapy for physically abused children

Occasionally

Therapy for those who sexually abuse a child

None

Therapy for sexually abused children

Occasionally

Case management support services to meet a family's basic needs

Moderately

Home-based services to support parents and family

Occasionally

Foster care with official foster parents

Usually

Group homes for maltreated children

None

Public shelters for maltreated children

None

Public shelters for victims of domestic violence and their children

Occasionally

Institutional care for maltreated children

Usually

Financial and other material support

Moderately

Hospitalization for mental illness for adults

Moderately

Hospitalization for mental illness for children

Occasionally

Substance abuse treatment for parents

Usually

Substance abuse treatment for children

Moderately

Centers for parents to share experiences/concerns

Occasionally

Universal home visits for all new parents

Usually

Targeted home visits for new parents at-risk

Occasionally

Free/highly subsidized child care

Occasionally

Universal health screening for children

Usually

Universal, mostly free medical care for children

Moderately

Universal, mostly free medical care for all citizens

Moderately

Prevention

The involvement of the following sectors in providing CM prevention services before CM has occurred ^{Q60}

Hospitals/medical centers

Minimal

Mental health agencies

Moderate

Businesses/factories

None

Schools

Moderate

Public social service agencies

Moderate

Community-based NGOs

Very

Religious institutions

Moderate

Voluntary civic organizations

Moderate

Courts/law enforcement

Moderate

Universities

Minimal

The level of involvement for the following sectors in providing CM treatment services after CM has occurred ^{Q61}

Hospitals/medical centers

Moderate

Mental health agencies

Very

Businesses/factories

None

Schools

Moderate

Public social service agencies

Moderate

Community-based NGOs

Very

Religious institutions

Minimal

Voluntary civic organizations

Minimal

Courts/law enforcement

Very

Universities

Minimal

The extent to which government and non-governmental agencies fund CM prevention services ^{Q62}

Government	Moderate
Non-government	Major

The extent to which government and non-governmental agencies fund CM treatment services ^{Q63}

Government	Moderate
Non-government	Major

The effectiveness of these strategies in preventing CM ^{Q64}

Nurse Family Partnership	Not used
Home-based services and support for parents at risk	Seems effective
Media campaigns to raise public awareness	Seems effective
Risk assessment methods	Seems effective
Increasing individual responsibility for child protection	Seems effective
Prosecution of child abuse offenders	Seems effective
Universal home visitation for new parents	Seems effective
Improving/increasing local services	Seems effective
A system of universal health care and access to preventive medical care	Seems effective
Professional training	Seems effective
University programs for students	Not used
Advocacy for children's rights	Seems effective
Improving the basic living conditions of families (e.g., housing, access to clean water).	Not used
Mental health services	Seems effective
Substance abuse services	Seems effective
Services for victims of domestic violence	Seems effective
Child death review teams	Not used

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	Seems effective
Multi-Systemic Therapy	Not used
Triple P Positive Parenting Program	Not used
Safe Care parenting program	Not used

The importance of the following barriers in limiting efforts to prevent CM ^{Q65}

Limited resources for improving the government's response to CM	Quite
Lack of specific laws related to CM	Quite
Lack of system to investigate reports of CM	Very
Lack of trained professionals	Very
Public resistance to supporting prevention efforts	Quite
Extreme poverty	Quite
Decline in family life and informal support systems for parents	Quite
Country's dependency on foreign investment to sustain its local economy	None
Strong sense of family privacy and parental rights to raise children as they choose	Very
General support for the use of corporal punishment/physical discipline of children	Quite
Lack of commitment or support for children's rights	Quite
Overwhelming number of children living on their own	Somewhat
Generally inadequate and poorly developed systems of basic health care or social services	Somewhat
Political or religious conflict and instability	Somewhat
Lack of access to mental health services	Very
Lack of substance abuse treatment	Quite
Lack of laws allowing sharing of information among professionals	Somewhat

Child Sexual Exploitation

The following questions pertain to child sex exploitation (CSE), defined as: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, trafficking, provision, or obtaining of a person under 18 for the purpose of a commercial sex act -- by force, fraud, or coercion.

The extent to which my country has laws concerning CSE ^{Q66}	Somewhat
The extent to which my country has programs to combat CSE ^{Q67}	Somewhat
The extent to which agencies collaborate to stop CSE ^{Q68}	Somewhat
The extent to which clear policies exist for reporting CSE to a public agency or NGO ^{Q69}	Somewhat
My country keeps official records on CSE ^{Q70}	Yes
Commercial sex work is legal in my country ^{Q71}	No
The extent to which CSE victims receive mental health care ^{Q73}	Rarely
The extent to which my country prosecutes citizens who engage in CSE ^{Q74}	Most of the time

The extent to which my country prosecutes citizens who engage in CSE abroad ^{Q75}	Don't know
The extent to which my country prosecutes foreigners who engage in CSE within my country ^{Q76}	Most of the time
The extent to which my country arrests children who are exploited sexually ^{Q77}	Rarely
There have been arrests in my country in the past year of persons who sexually exploit children ^{Q78}	Yes
There have been arrests in my country in the past year of persons for the possession or production of child pornography ^{Q79}	Yes
The extent to which the UNCRC has helped improve CM policies and programs ^{Q80}	Somewhat