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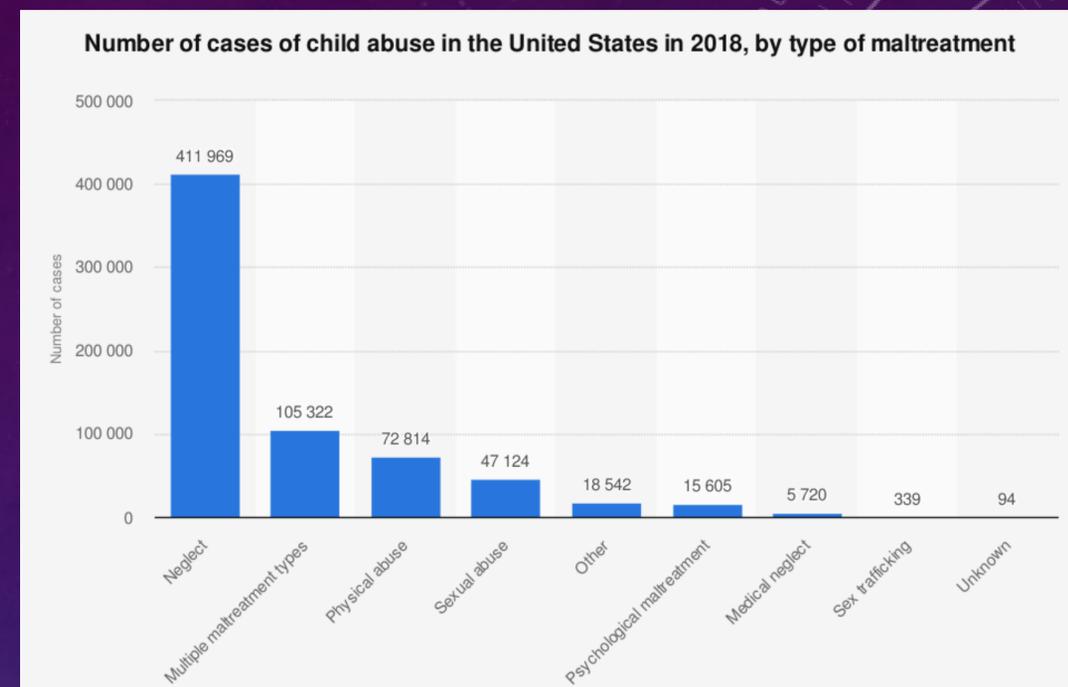
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Abstract

In the United States, child abuse is defined as the physical maltreatment or sexual molestation of a child. Four major types of child abuse exist: neglect, physical, sexual, and psychological. The atrocity of child abuse is that the abuse leaves the children with everlasting emotional scars, and often, with physical, cognitive, and social health issues. The irreversible affects such as head trauma, lower performance in school, and poor social skills are equally as important. As the years continue, more and more children are being, and will be, abused. Overall, the importance is stopping this crime that does not need to happen.

Key Points

- Physical effects child abuse can have on children include head trauma, inflicted scale burns, and toilet-training issues; in 2018, 72,814 children suffered from these physical injuries..
- Cognitive effects child abuse can have on children include diminished academic achievement, poor attention span, and early depression; in 2018, 15,605 children suffered from these effects.
- Social effects child abuse can have on children include poor social skills with peers, behavioral issues, and reduced self-esteem; in 2018, 18,542 children suffered with these social issues.



Conclusion & Discussion

These child abuse statistics and findings are quite evident in case studies and headlines of everyday American life and the reason it must be prevented. What makes this topic so heinous is the overall damage abuse has on victims and how those effects will be everlasting. Abuse can potentially lead victims to make many harmful decisions, which can take years for them to fully recover. In 2018 alone, over 500,000 children experienced some type of abuse. If abuse is not prevented soon, these numbers will only continue to rapidly increase.

Future research in the area of child abuse may include how child abuse differs around the world and why some types of abuse may be more common in certain areas than others.

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