

# Family surveillance: the reporting of child abuse and neglect across US States

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## Abstract

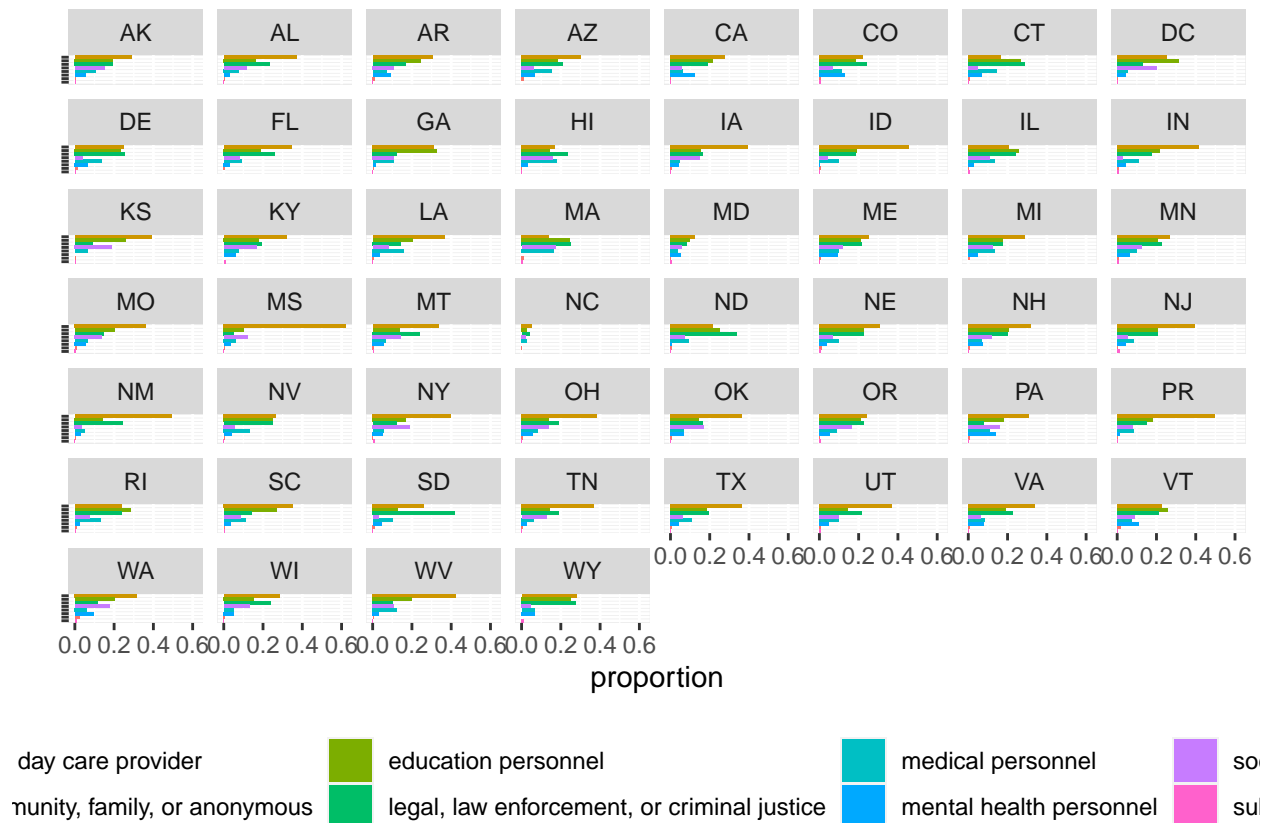
This paper documents the scope of mandated reporting of children and families to state and local child welfare officials for suspected child abuse and neglect. It provides a descriptive account of the magnitude of reporting by professionals required by law to report suspected abuse or neglect. It situates reporting as a diffuse and networked form of family surveillance. We suggest that child welfare surveillance be understood as one particularly invasive component of a carceral approach to child and family social policy.

## Screened-in reports by report source, 2018

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AK	81	4851	3274	3264	1760	928	2547	61
AL	208	15667	6968	9820	3335	1270	4865	82
AR	844	21420	17195	11718	4938	6444	7595	171
AZ	1466	33059	20470	22950	16971	7610	6728	NA
CA	868	121932	94199	84736	27679	54671	26027	363
CO	525	11793	10019	13054	6162	6993	3769	405
CT	166	3787	6123	6622	3349	1619	1118	80
DC	49	4412	5488	2295	909	764	3539	68
DE	204	3400	3225	3506	1880	926	539	61
FL	2373	124906	68388	94472	32298	11245	28675	NA
GA	869	64328	67460	25574	21593	2827	22292	192
HI	14	665	574	923	710	125	637	1
IA	478	22578	8871	9487	2863	2631	8552	259
ID	123	7637	3255	3169	1703	81	767	55
IL	850	38496	47978	44928	25145	4909	19985	1336
IN	1263	93450	48436	38837	24321	10169	6217	1156
KS	181	13954	9154	3192	2313	NA	6743	81
KY	NA	33734	18988	20278	7858	6439	17725	931
LA	160	10489	5790	4167	4584	1047	2299	89
MA	1236	13011	22859	23328	15202	NA	15973	733
MD	64	4488	3482	2992	1356	1946	2057	194
ME	122	3298	2767	2851	1313	1206	1553	8
MI	1262	58530	35672	36241	27522	9881	25180	NA
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NM	52	16268	4708	8092	1628	940	1222	26
NV	167	9589	9023	8947	4863	1451	2068	20
NY	776	109347	47118	33569	15355	14300	52302	2377
OH	904	51375	18453	25389	11401	7591	18419	234
OK	560	25008	9864	11492	4840	4583	11809	207
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PR	8	7693	2814	2310	1269	219	1200	7
RI	121	3089	3698	3119	1683	306	977	37
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TX	2366	115525	58001	62067	35321	13333	19354	1226
UT	180	11262	4372	6559	2993	1499	2998	201
VA	377	18697	10687	12590	4598	4324	3519	38
VT	102	1221	1383	1134	391	578	492	25
WA	1451	18985	12001	6819	3711	5726	10676	583
WI	326	12366	6678	10295	2101	2218	5708	34
WV	203	25017	11749	6035	7296	1975	6388	189
WY	NA	1632	1457	1611	383	405	279	62

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