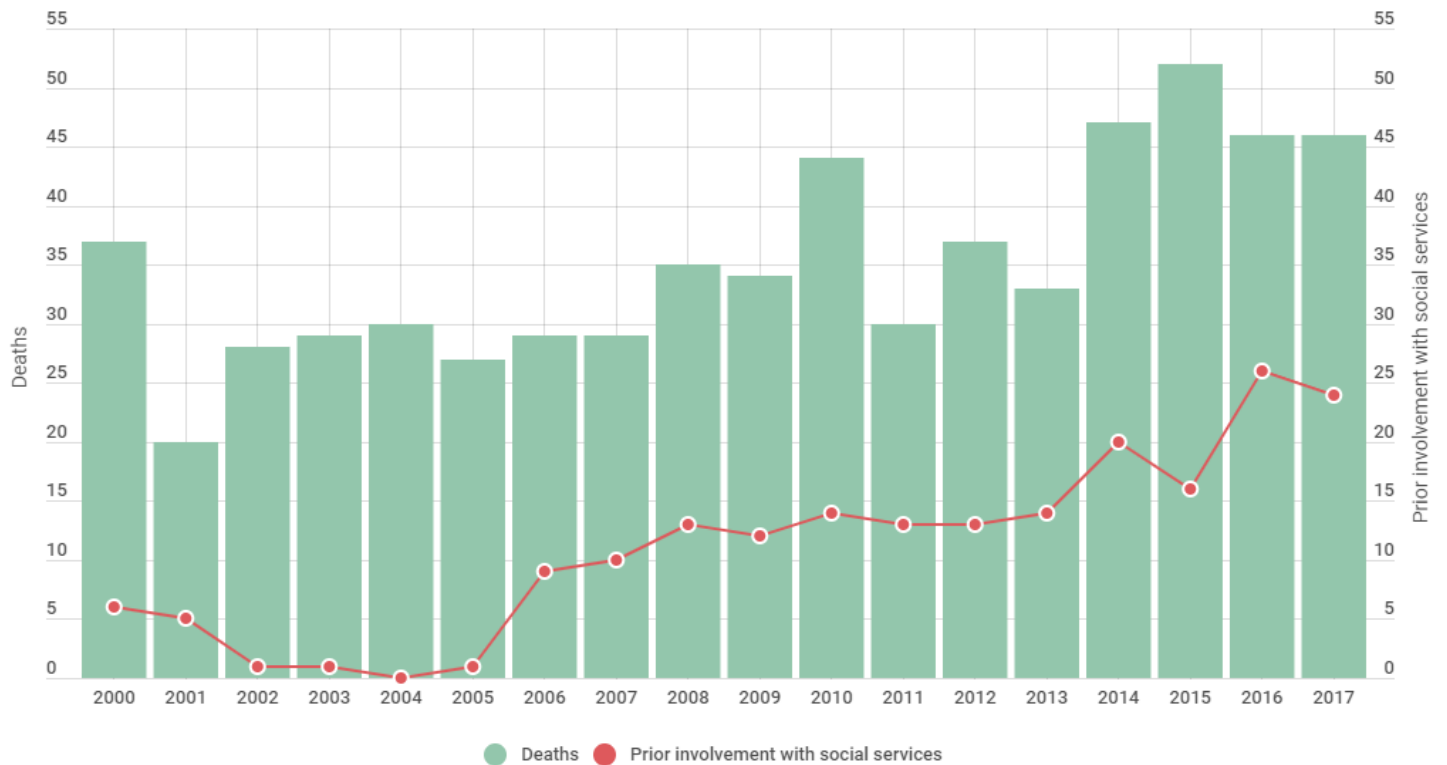


Child deaths caused by abuse and neglect



Before 2006, local agencies only reported when a child who died from abuse or neglect had been part of a previous child protective services investigation. Since then, local departments have reported any prior involvement with the family, including with parents and siblings. Both child deaths and the number of those families already known to social services has been rising in recent years. Data provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services.