



**Office of Training Investigations  
and Safety (OTIS)  
Child Abuse Investigations in  
Oregon Schools**

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# Child abuse investigations changed in 2019

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- In 2019 Senate Bill 155 became law and changed the landscape on how child abuse investigations were conducted.



- The law directed ODHS to conduct child abuse investigations in schools when school employees, contractors, agents and volunteers were identified as the perpetrators of the abuse.



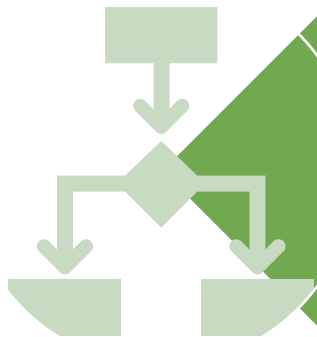
- OTIS began conducting child investigations in schools Jan. 1, 2020.

# Oregon Child Abuse Hotline (ORCAH) sends report of abuse in schools to OTIS

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Screeners review the report from ORCAH and may follow up by contacting the school for more information, positively identify the student, school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer.



OTIS screener then thoroughly reviews all available information to determine if an investigation is required, or if the report should be closed at screening.

# Notifications sent when either a case is closed or assigned

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The school superintendent



The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) if a licensed teacher is involved



The Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

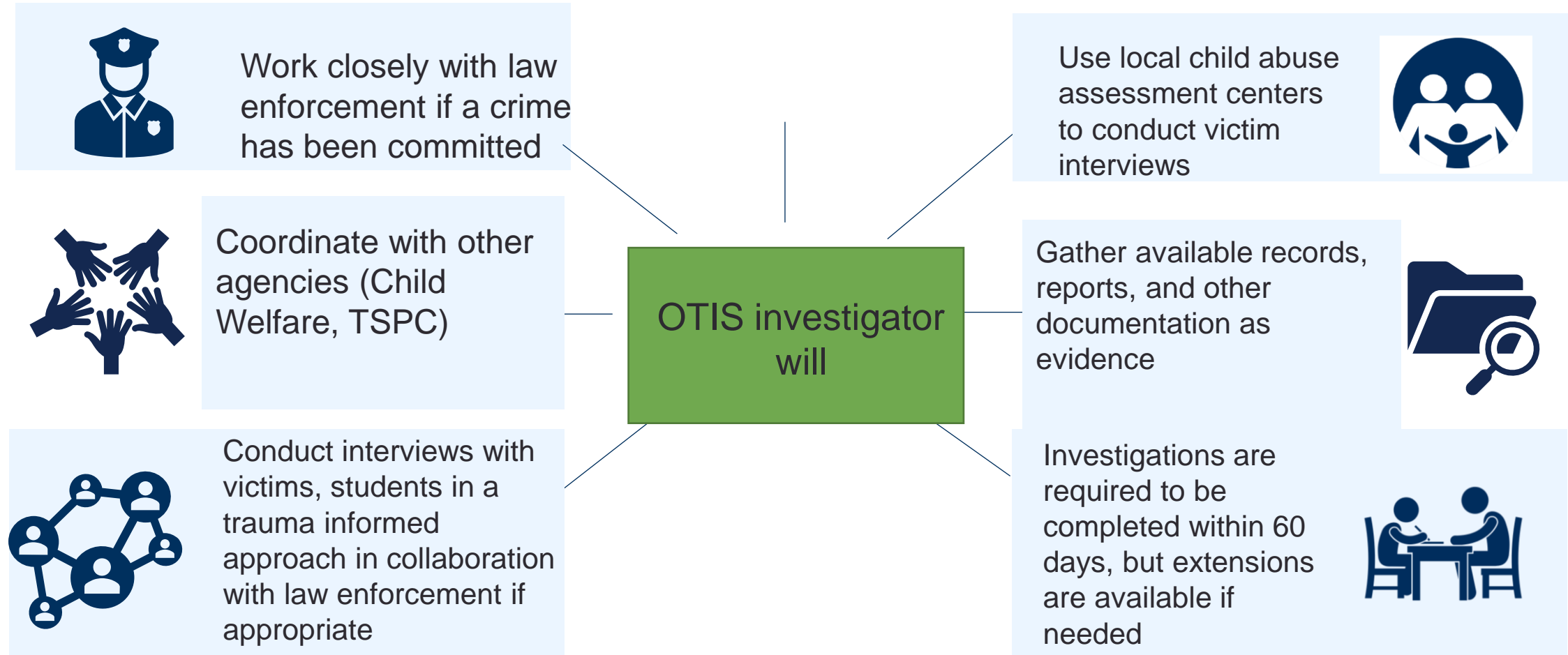


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The individual who made the initial report

# Once a report is assigned to OTIS



# Investigator findings

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**Founded:** There is reasonable cause to believe child abuse occurred



**Unfounded:** There is not evidence to believe child abuse has occurred.



**Unable to Determine:** If critical information is missing or there is conflicting information and reasonable cause cannot be determined

# Notifications on findings

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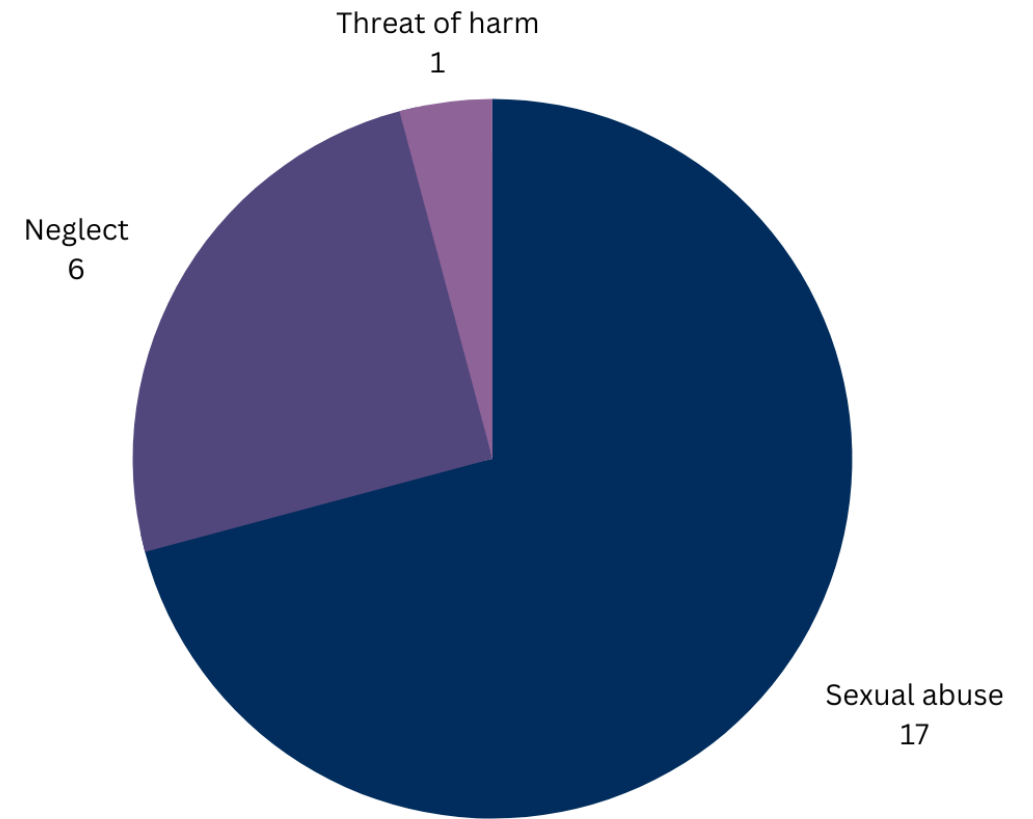
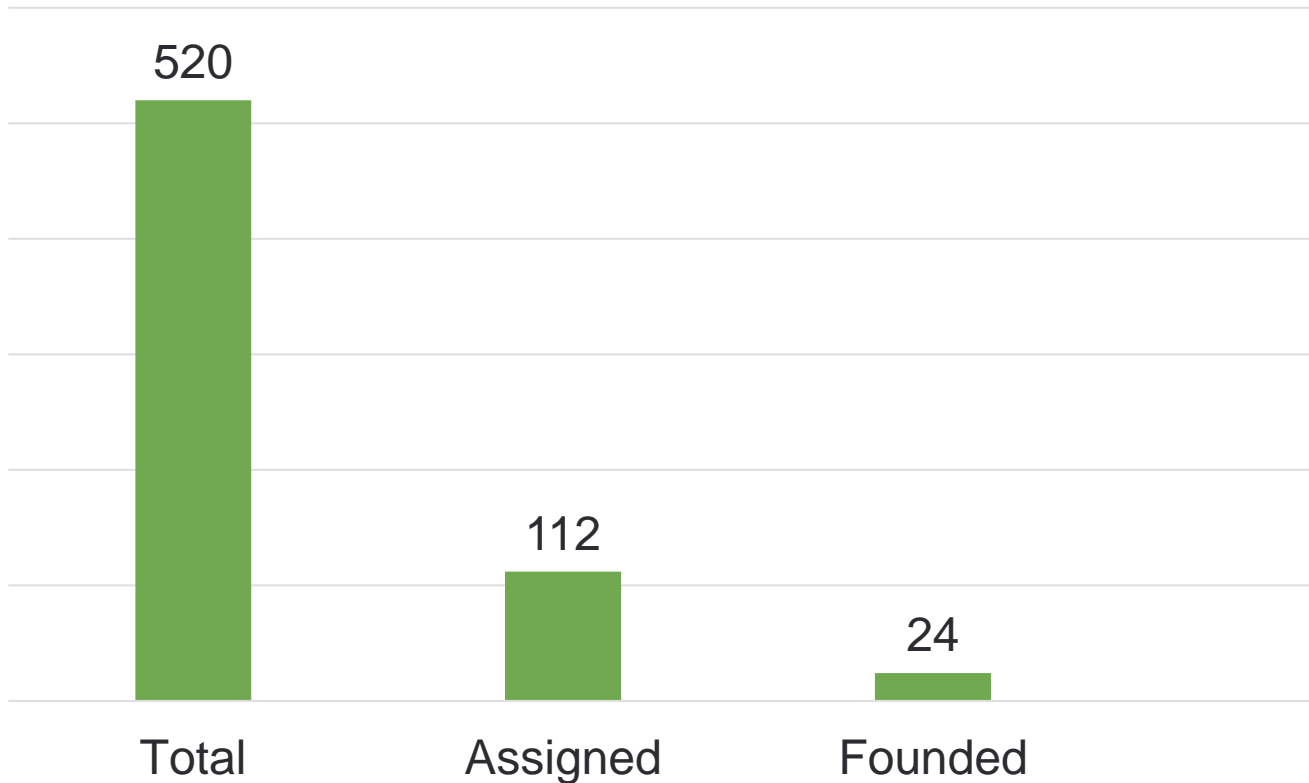
## Due Process

Individuals who have received a founded disposition of child abuse have the right to appeal this decision. OTIS uses a contested case hearing process with the Office of Administrative Hearings for child abuse cases.



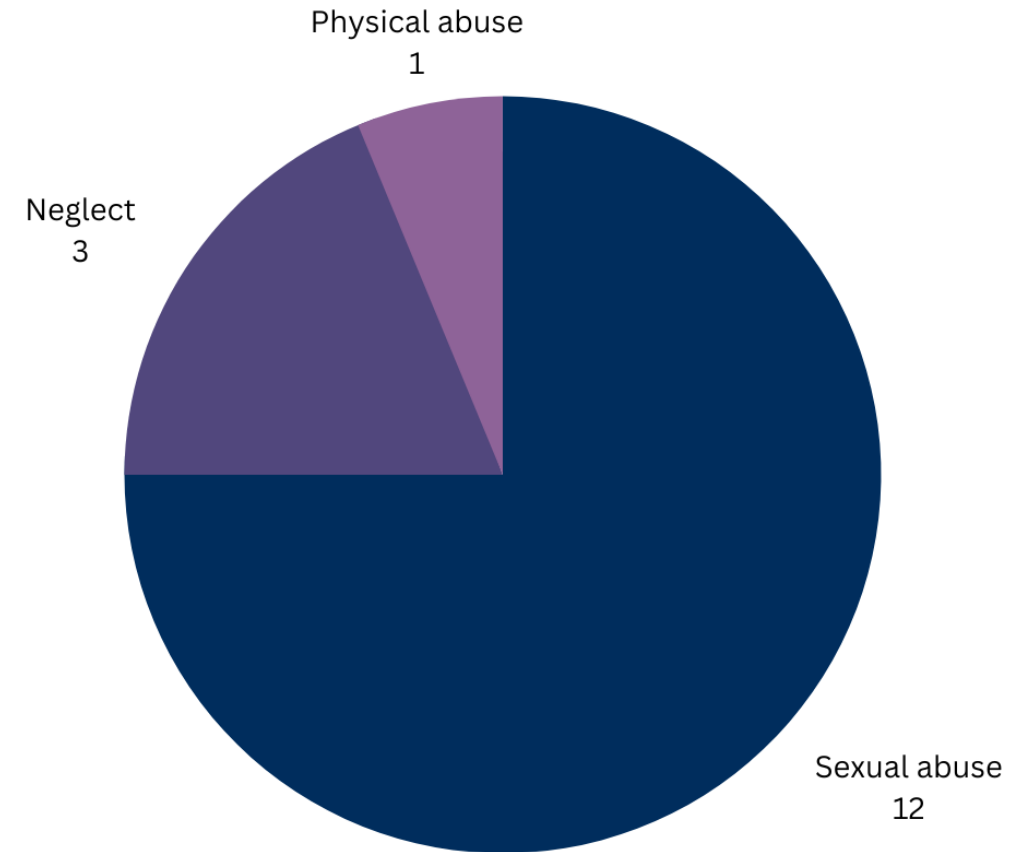
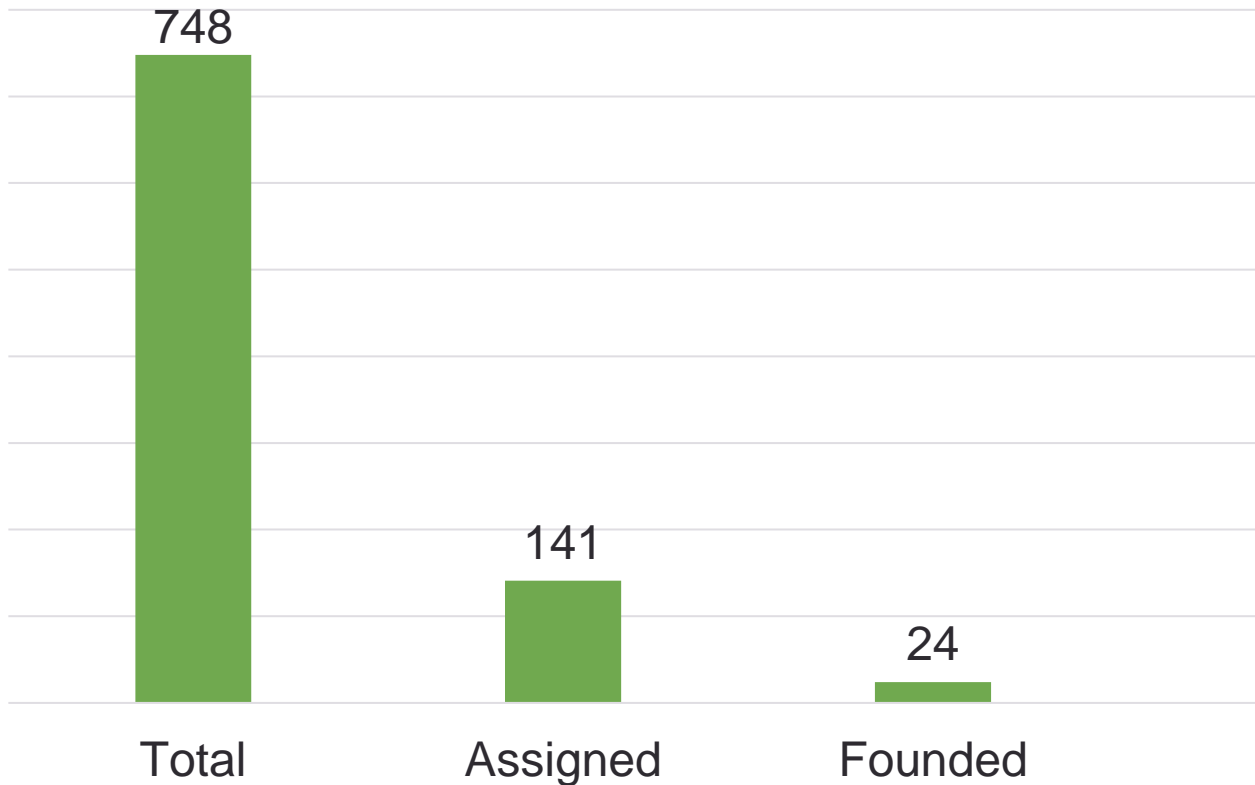
# School allegations reported in 2020

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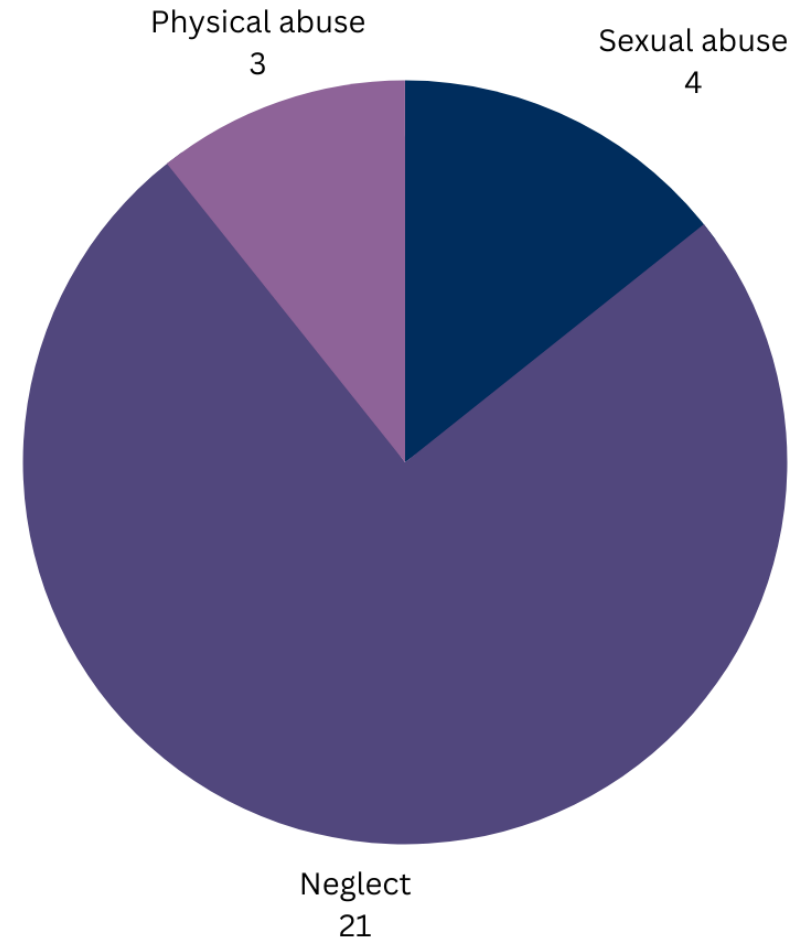
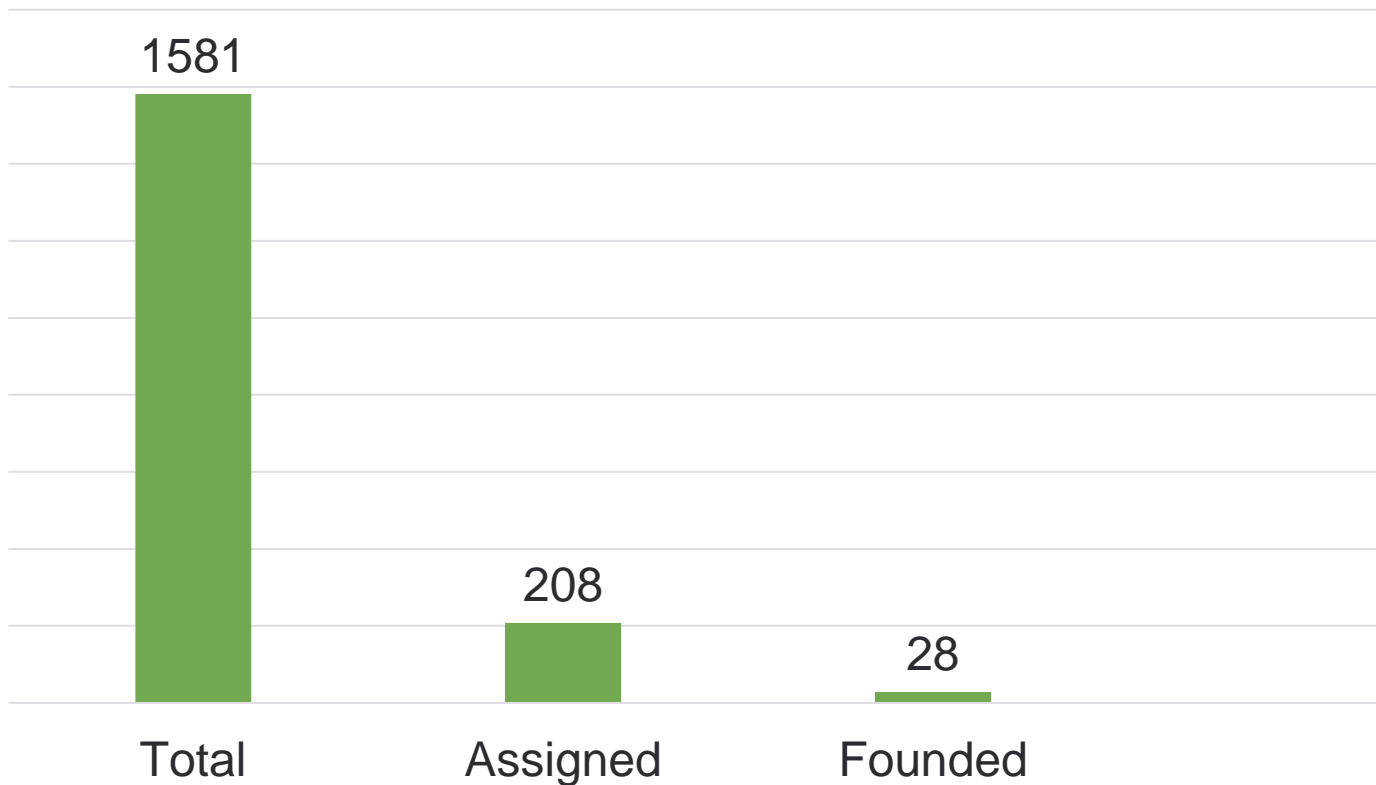


# School allegations reported in 2021

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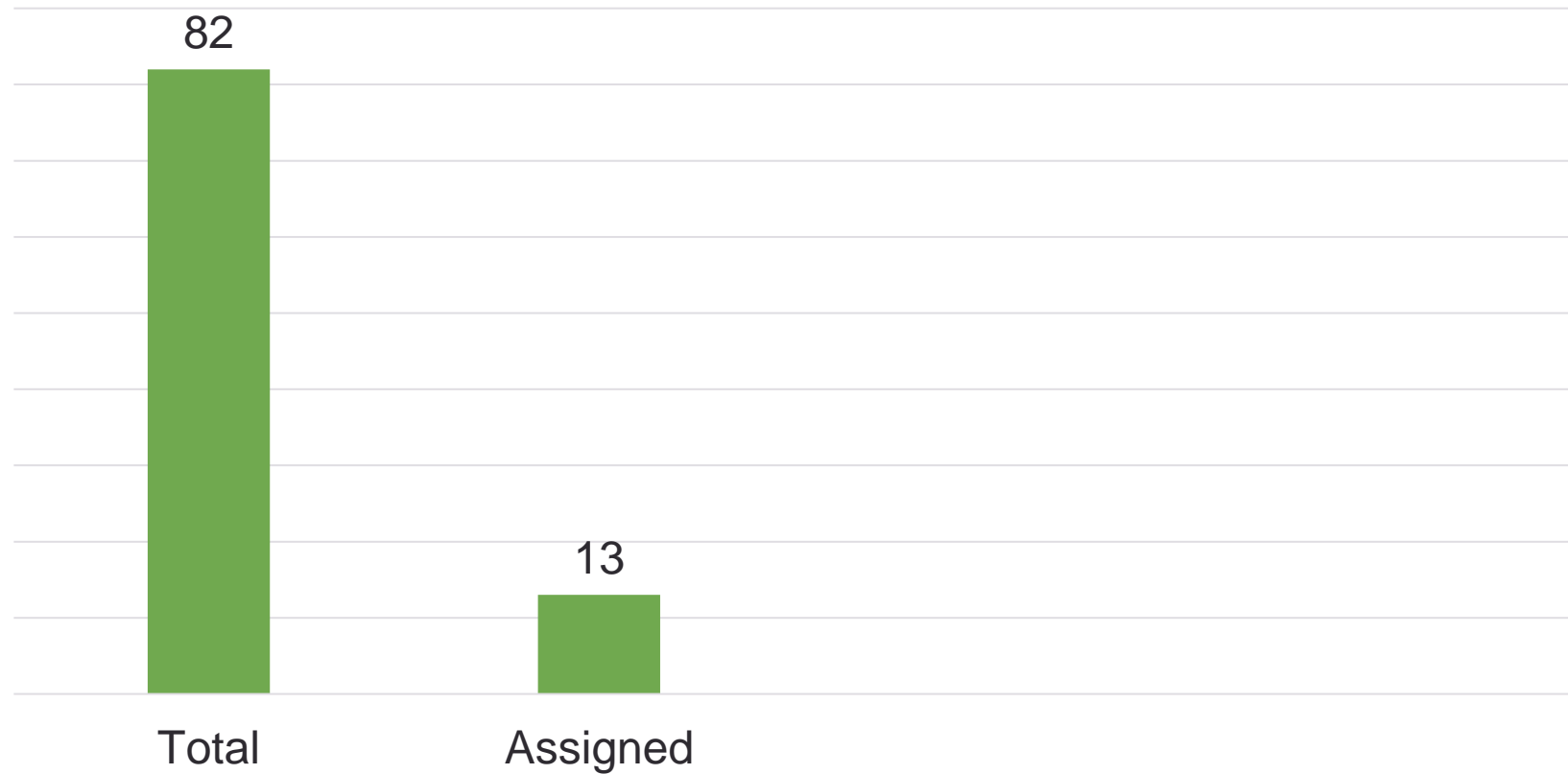


# School allegations reported in 2022



# School allegations reported in 2023, year to date

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