

Legal Responsibility for Child Protective Services

Statutory References

- ◆ Social Security Act
- ◆ Texas Family Code
- ◆ Human Resources Code

. . . require us to:

- Receive and investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect;
- Take action to protect abused and neglected children from further harm;
- Work with children and their families, providing services to treat and help alleviate the situation;
- When necessary, secure appropriate court orders and remove children from their homes;
- Provide substitute foster care for children until the problems have been sufficiently resolved;
and
- Provide permanent placement for children who cannot safely return to their home.

FY 1997 Expenditures and Staffing

Child Protective Services and Program Support

\$152,016,911 Staff Costs

- ◆ 4,120 direct delivery staff (supervisors, workers, clerical)
- ◆ 317 regional administrative staff
- ◆ 250 state office staff

\$54,306,333 Purchased Services*

- ◆ Counseling/Evaluation/Testing
- ◆ Homemaker Services
- ◆ Parent/Community Groups
- ◆ Post Adoption Services Program
- ◆ Day Care Services
- ... and many more

\$222,220,025 All Substitute Care Services*

- ◆ Federal Title IV-E Foster Care
- ◆ State-paid Foster Care
- ◆ Adoption Subsidy Payments

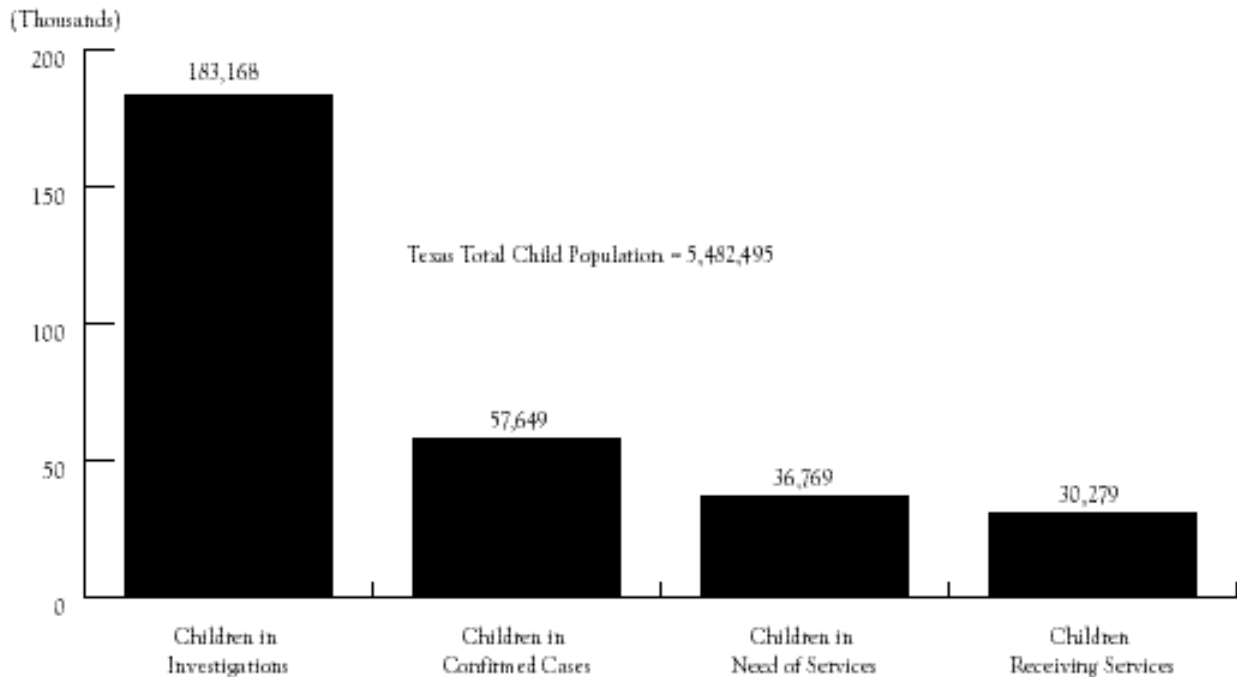
*Projected total expenditures for Fiscal Year 1997.

Children in Investigation of Abuse and /or Neglect*

Fiscal Year 1997

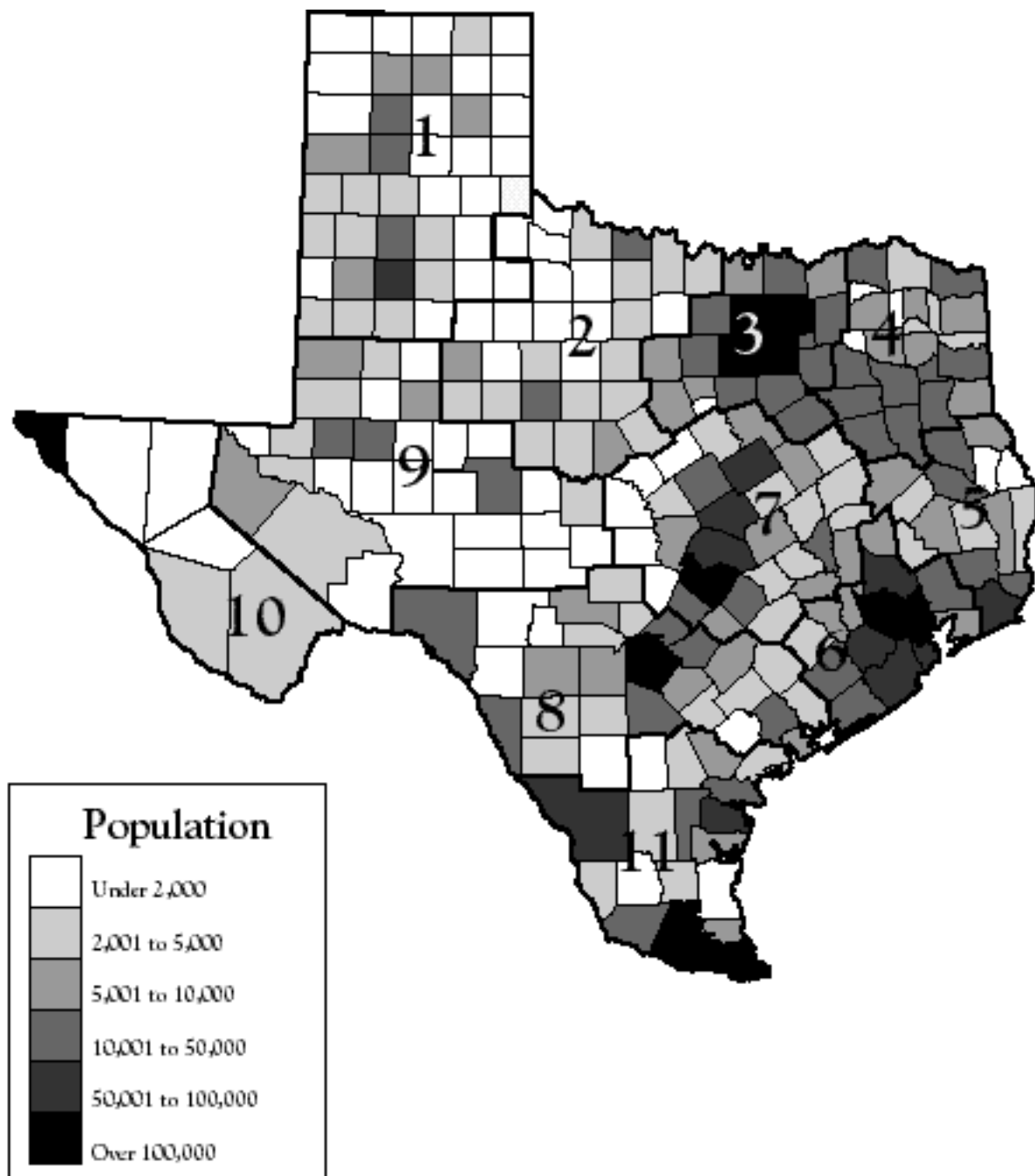
Region	Child Population	Children in Investigations*	Children in Confirmed Investigations*	Children in Need of Services	Children Receiving Services
Lubbock (Region 1)	216,489	8,592	2,663	1,620	1,409
Abilene (Region 2)	138,319	5,533	2,011	1,165	1,041
Arlington (Region 3)	1,396,650	47,577	13,545	8,439	6,361
Tyler (Region 4)	242,079	8,261	2,397	1,396	1,103
Beaumont (Region 5)	178,490	6,775	2,169	1,170	862
Houston (Region 6)	1,269,056	34,349	12,033	6,725	6,019
Austin (Region 7)	523,919	24,863	7,952	3,791	2,437
San Antonio (Region 8)	578,607	19,909	6,924	5,822	5,145
Midland (Region 9)	162,177	7,033	1,709	1,476	1,343
El Paso (Region 10)	239,811	4,775	1,651	1,375	1,302
Edinburg (Region 11)	536,898	15,455	4,585	3,783	3,251
Other	N/A	46	10	7	6
Total	5,482,495	183,168	57,649	36,769	30,279

*Includes child victims as well as other children in home who are not victims of abuse or neglect.



Texas Total Child Population Ages Birth to 17 Years by County (1997)

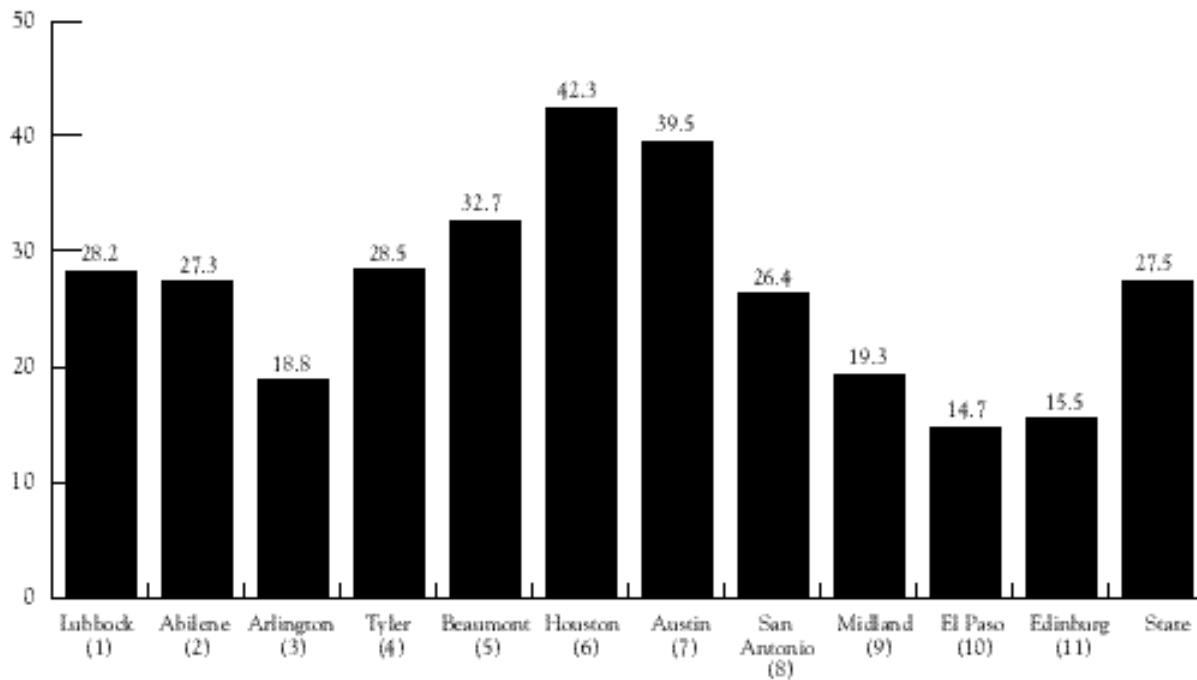
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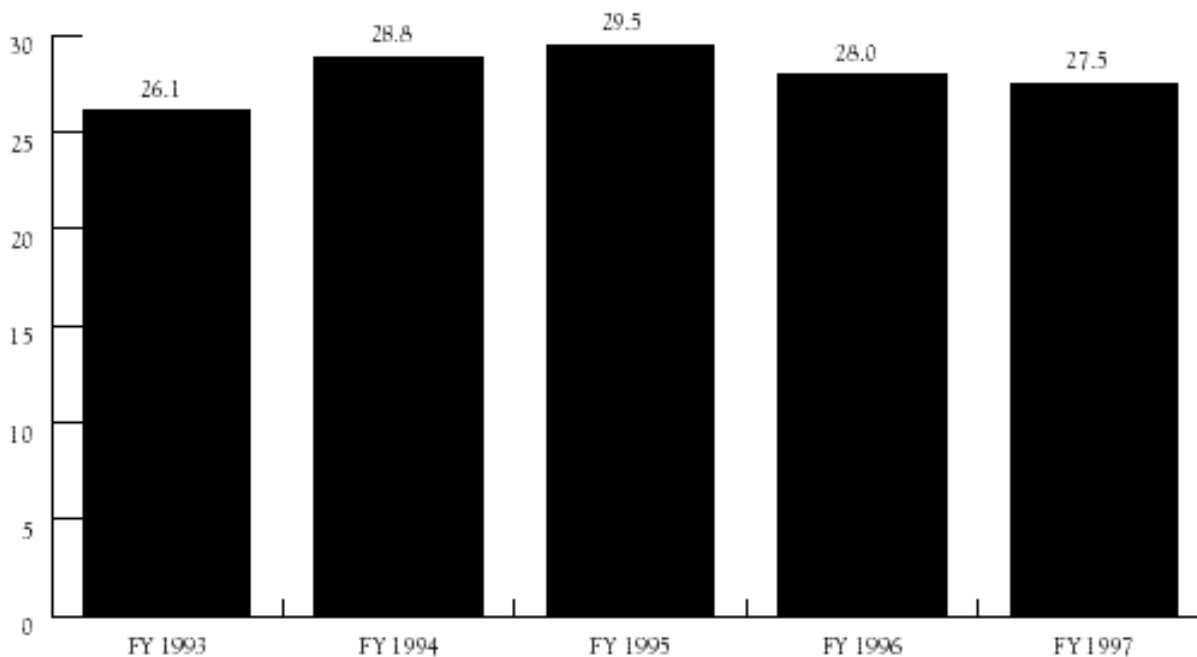
Average Monthly Number Child Protective Services Direct Delivery Cases Fiscal Year 1997

Services	Families	Children
Intakes	12,774	31,169
Investigations	6,311	15,264
Family Preservation	4,360	14,138
Temporary Substitute Care	5,711	8,366
Family Reunification	759	2,073
Plan is Adoption	0	1,702
Long-term Substitute Care	3,141	4,395
Total Cases	33,056	77,107

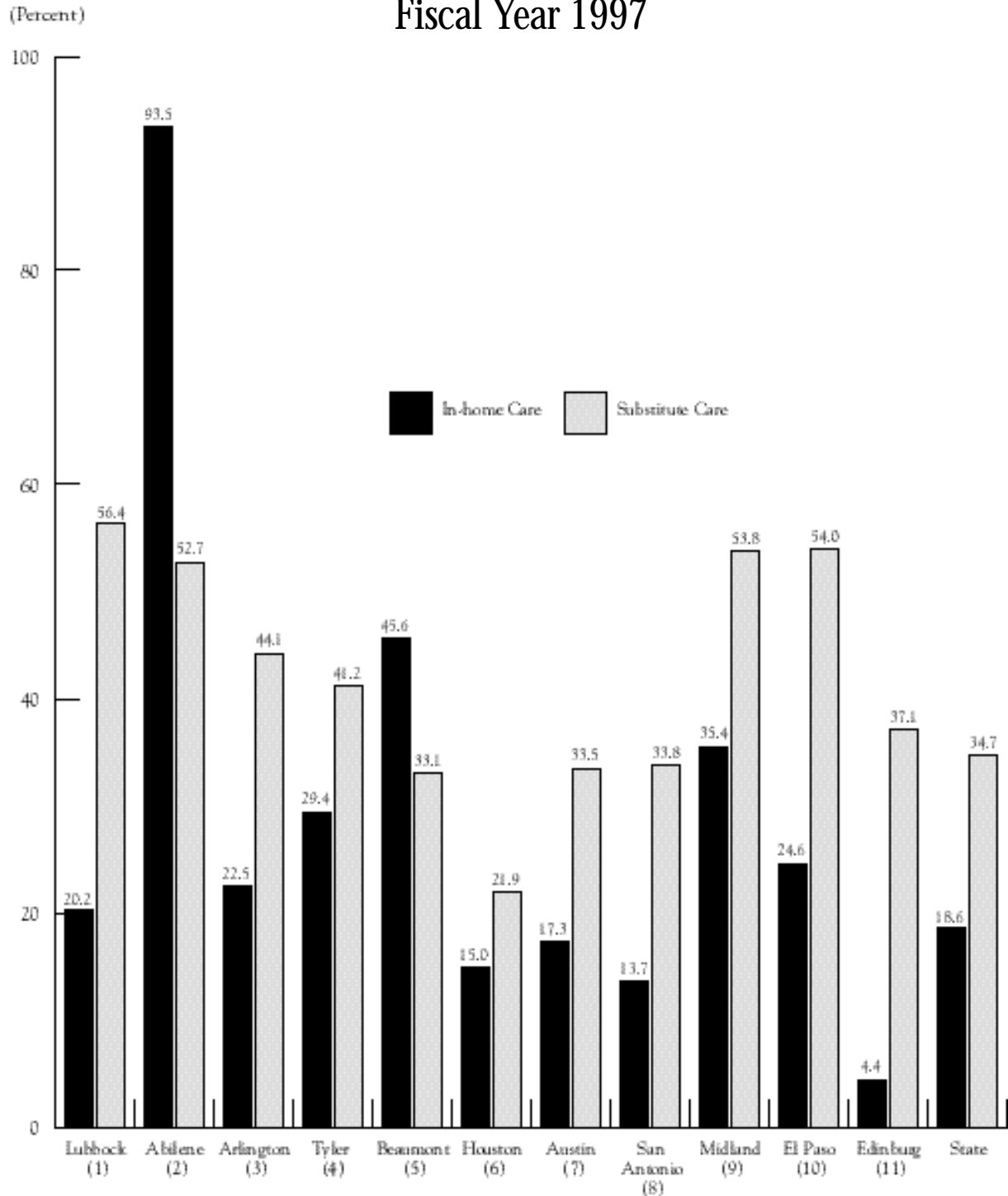
Average Monthly Equivalent CPS Caseload per Worker Fiscal Year 1997



Average CPS Caseload per Worker Fiscal Year 1997



Average Monthly Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services By Region Fiscal Year 1997

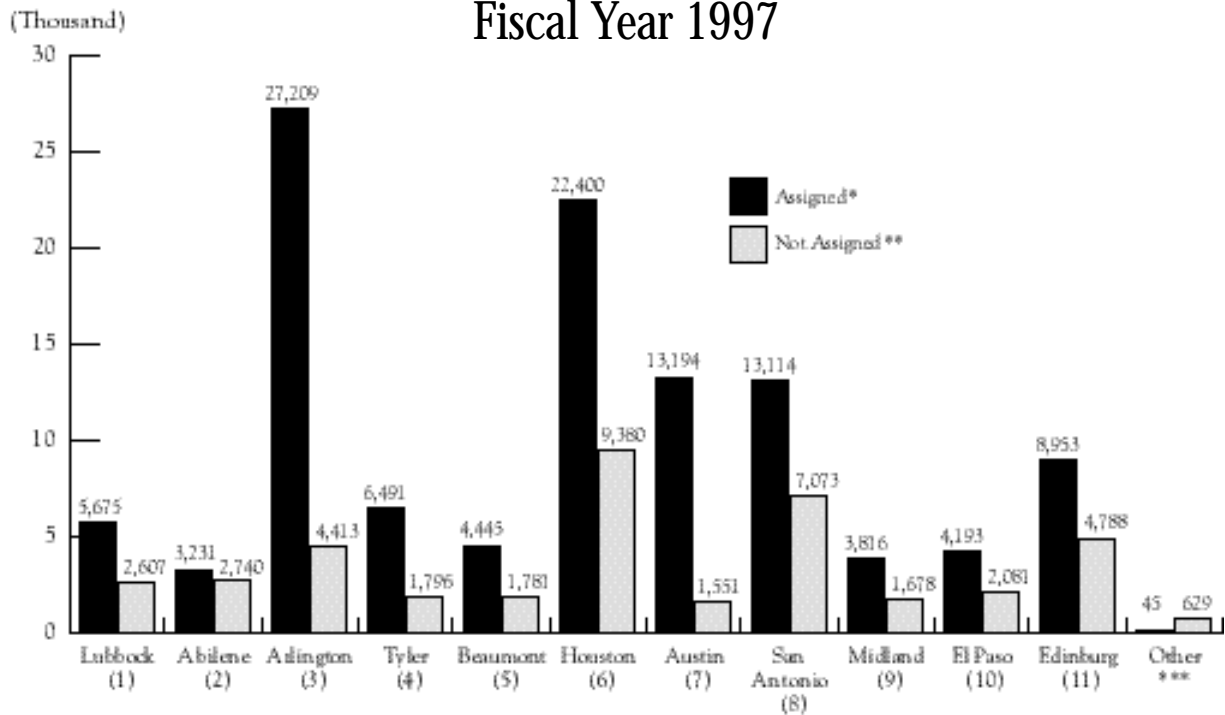


Total Number of Calls by Region Fiscal Year 1997

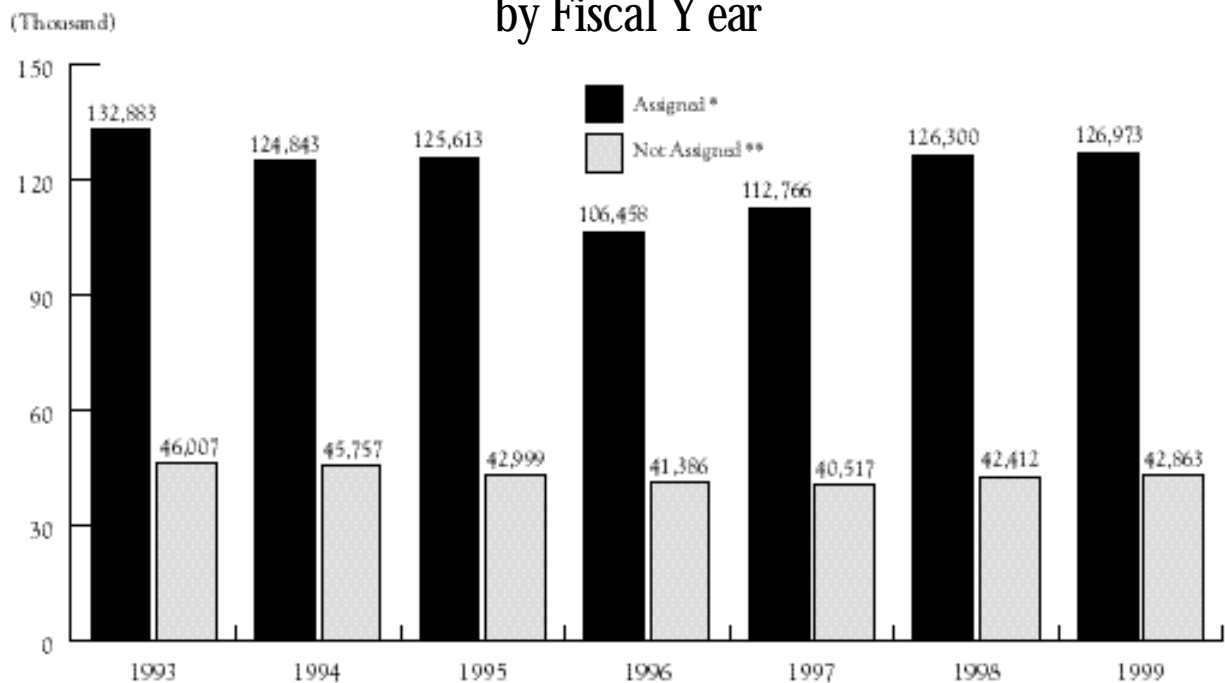
Region	Information & Referral	Case-related Special Requests	Non-case-related Special Requests	Reports of Alleged Abuse/Neglect	Total
Lubbock (1)	3,992	107	77	10,136	14,312
Abilene (2)	8,875	85	121	8,395	17,476
Arlington (3)	47,592	748	61	25,169	73,570
Tyler (4)	12,313	146	23	3,940	16,422
Beaumont (5)	5,722	425	26	5,946	12,119
Houston (6)	40,760	410	113	25,983	67,266
Austin (7)	46	262	9	389	706
San Antonio (8)	9,232	224	18	18,614	28,088
Midland (9)	1,987	83	26	8,170	10,266
El Paso (10)	7,741	83	580	7,026	15,430
Edinburg (11)	8,487	132	275	15,874	24,768
Unknown	60	480	9	112	661
State-Wide Intake	158,451	258	418	70,622	229,749
State Total	305,258	3,443	1,756	200,376*	510,833

* Includes Adult Protective, Child Protective, and Licensing programs.

Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 1997



Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect by Fiscal Year



* Assigned reports meeting the statutory definition of abuse and/or neglect that includes sufficient identifying information are assigned.

** Not assigned category includes reports that do not meet statutory definition or do not have sufficient identifying information to locate the family.

*** Region unknown.

Note: Information and referral requests, written or verbal, are not included in the data in these charts and graphs.

Disposition of the Allegations of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

Initial Assessment/Investigation

The categories used to record the findings of child abuse or neglect are defined as:

Confirmed Investigations

Reason-to-believe. Based on some credible evidence, staff concluded that abuse or neglect occurred.

Unconfirmed Investigations

Ruled-out. Staff determined, based on available information, that it is reasonable to conclude that abuse or neglect has not occurred.

Moved. Before staff could reach a conclusion, the persons involved in the report moved and could not be located.

Unable-to-determine. Staff concluded that none of the other dispositions were appropriate.

Number of Investigations Fiscal Year 1997

Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	3,508	1,020	29.1%	2,488
Abilene (2)	2,261	754	33.3	1,507
Arlington (3)	20,045	5,425	27.1	14,620
Tyler (4)	3,422	945	27.6	2,477
Beaumont (5)	2,838	854	30.1	1,984
Houston (6)	14,597	4,883	33.5	9,714
Austin (7)	10,116	3,069	30.3	7,047
San Antonio (8)	7,943	2,631	33.1	5,312
Midland (9)	3,036	678	22.3	2,358
El Paso (10)	1,994	662	33.2	1,332
Edinburg (11)	5,945	1,654	27.8	4,291
Other*	20	7	35.0	13
Total**	75,725	22,582	29.8	53,143

*Region unknown

**PRS Licensing staff investigations of child abuse/neglect in licensed child-care facilities and registered family homes are not included in the above totals.

Risk Assessment of Child Abuse/Neglect FY 1997

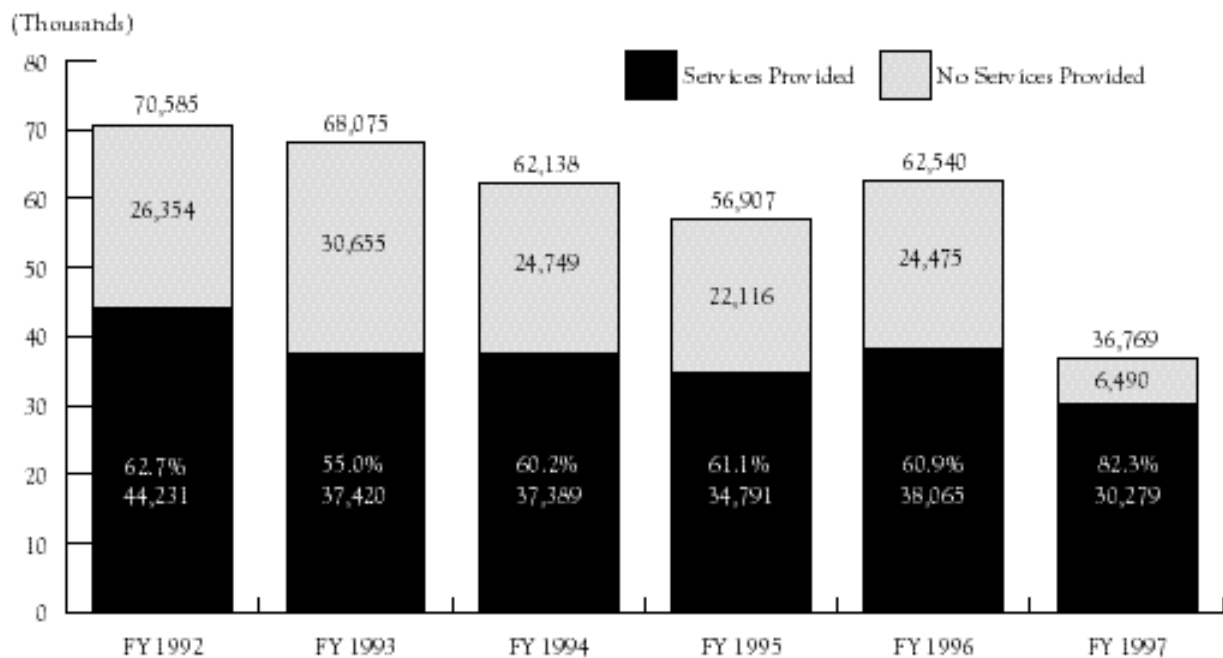
Risk Assessment Finding

Disposition of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigation	No Significant Risk Factor Identified	Risk Factor Controlled	Risk Indicated	Not Applicable	Blank	Total
Confirmed	304	11,726	10,392	90	70	22,582
Unconfirmed	19,432	25,969	3,712	2,179	1,851	53,143
Total	19,736	37,695	14,104	2,269	1,921	75,725
Percent Confirmed	1.5%	31.1%	73.7%	4.0%	3.6%	29.8%

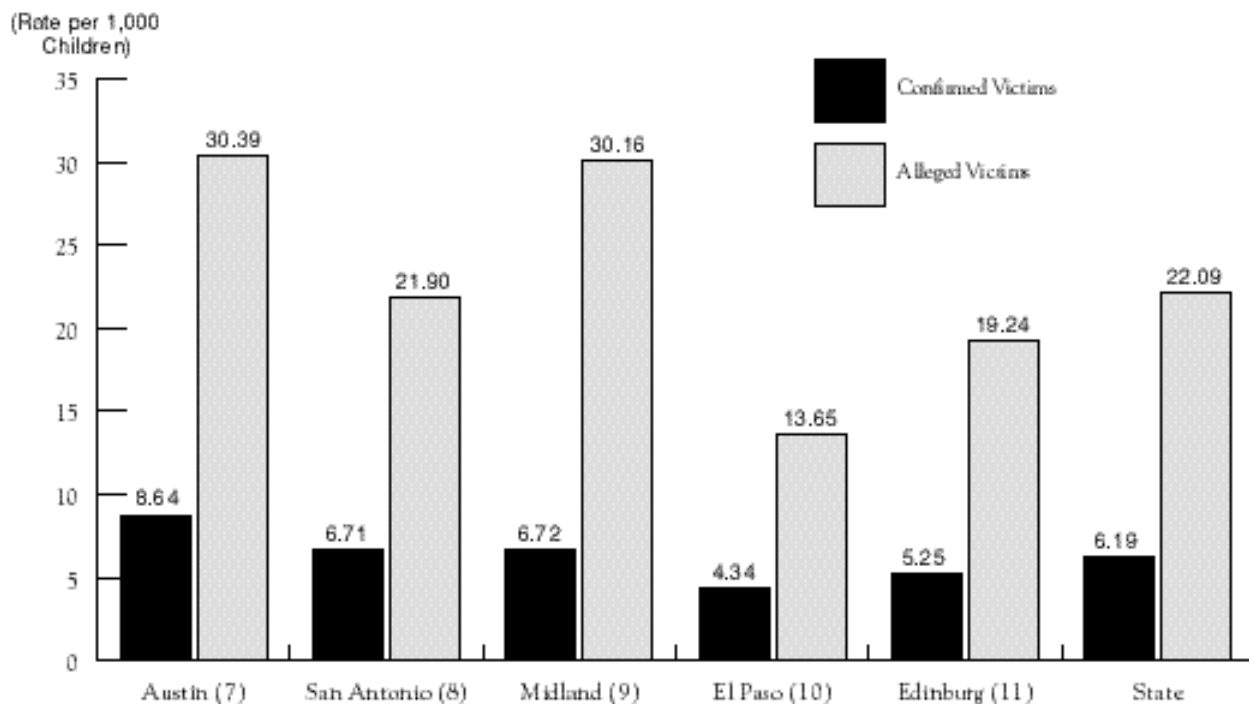
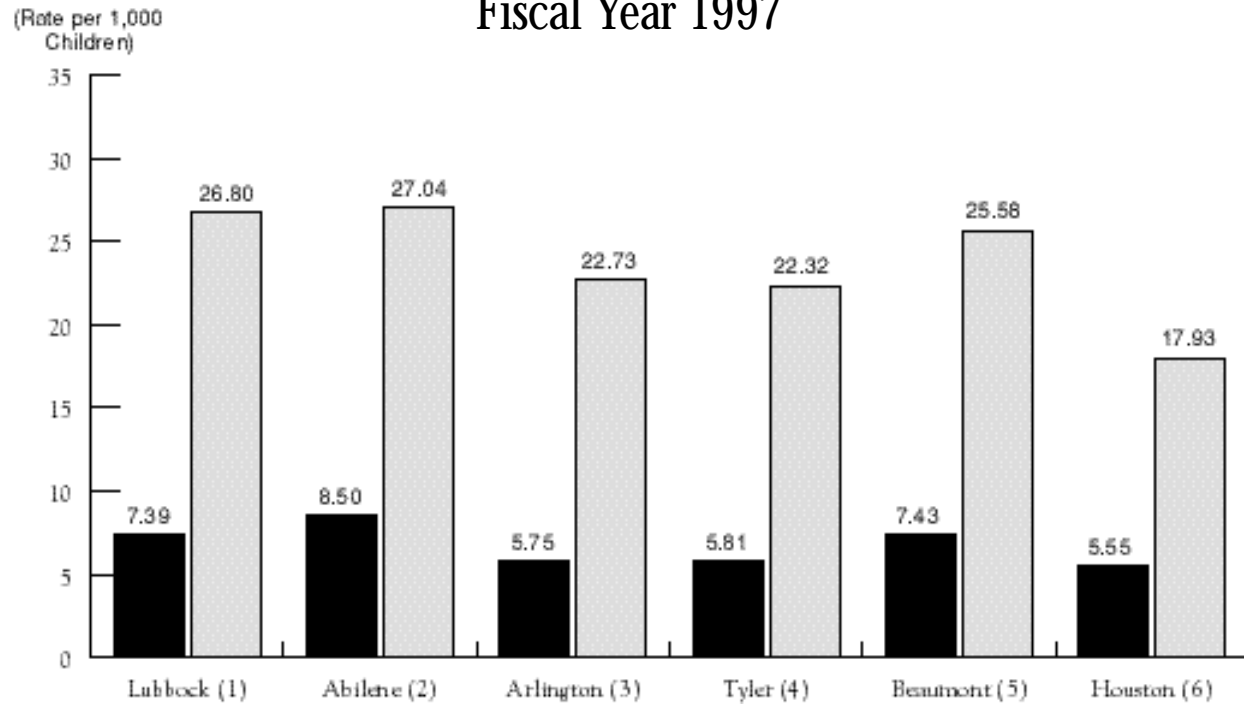
Risk Assessment Finding

Disposition of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigation	No Significant Risk Factor Identified	Risk Factor Controlled	Risk Indicated	Not Applicable	Blank	Total
Opened for Service	N/A	N/A	11,543	N/A	N/A	11,543
Not Opened for Service	19,736	37,695	2,561	2,269	1,921	64,182
Total	19,736	37,695	14,104	2,269	1,921	75,725
Percent Services Opened	N/A	N/A	81.8%	N/A	N/A	15.2%

Children At Risk of Abuse and /or Neglect Who Receive Services



Child Abuse and Neglect Incidence per 1,000 Children in Texas Child Population by Region Fiscal Year 1997



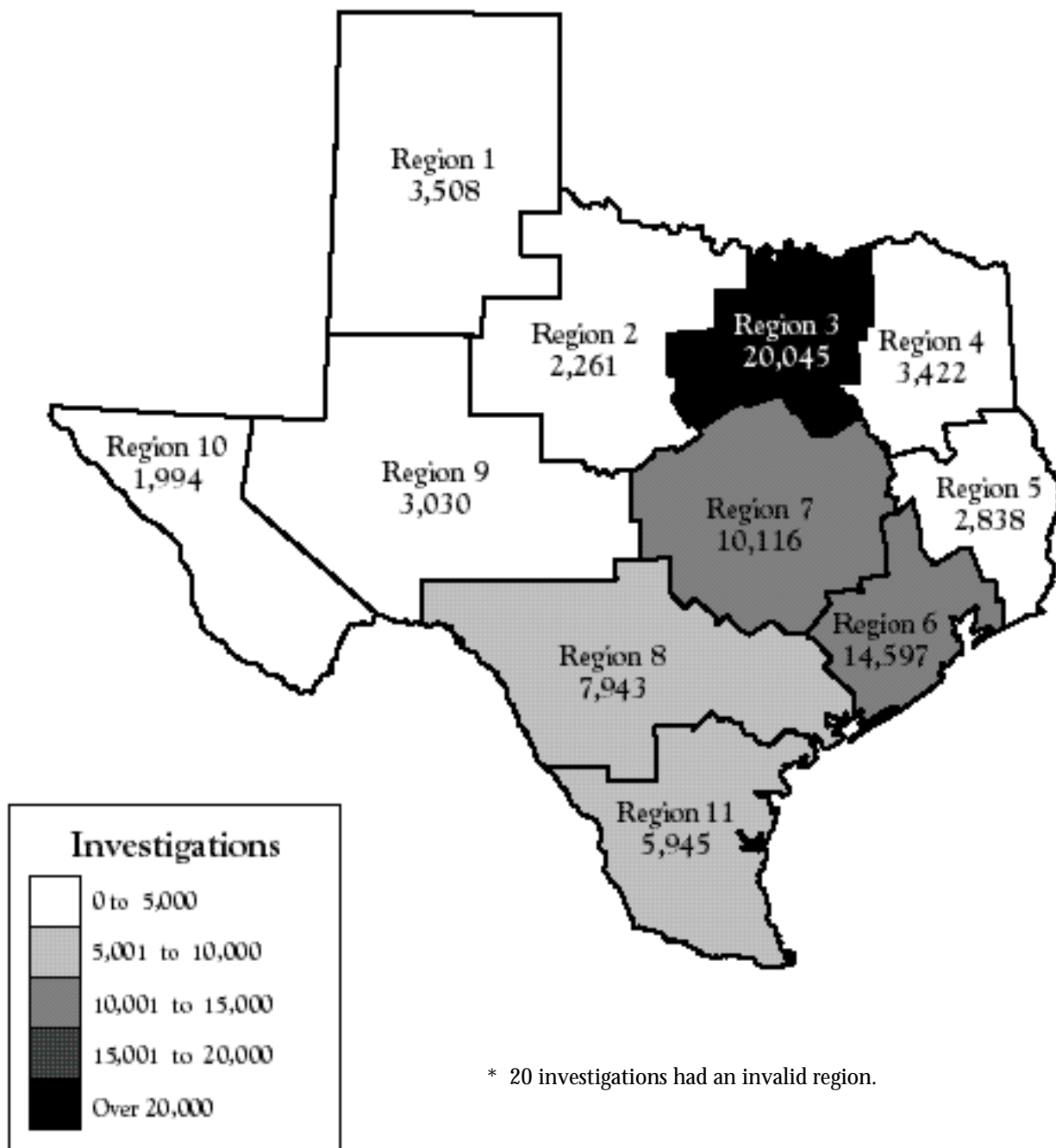
Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse and/or Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 1997

Region	Alleged Victims	Confirmed Victims	Unconfirmed Victims	Percent Confirmed
Lubbock (1)	5,802	1,599	4,203	27.6%
Abilene (2)	3,740	1,176	2,564	31.4%
Arlington (3)	31,751	8,035	23,716	25.3%
Tyler (4)	5,404	1,407	3,997	26.0%
Beaumont (5)	4,566	1,326	3,240	29.0%
Houston (6)	22,750	7,045	15,705	31.0%
Austin (7)	15,920	4,528	11,392	28.4%
San Antonio (8)	12,673	3,885	8,788	30.7%
Midland (9)	4,891	1,090	3,801	22.3%
El Paso (10)	3,273	1,041	2,232	31.8%
Edinburg (11)	10,331	2,821	7,510	27.3%
Other	26	8	18	30.8%
State	121,127	33,961	87,166	28.0%

Investigation of Child Abuse and/or Neglect by Region

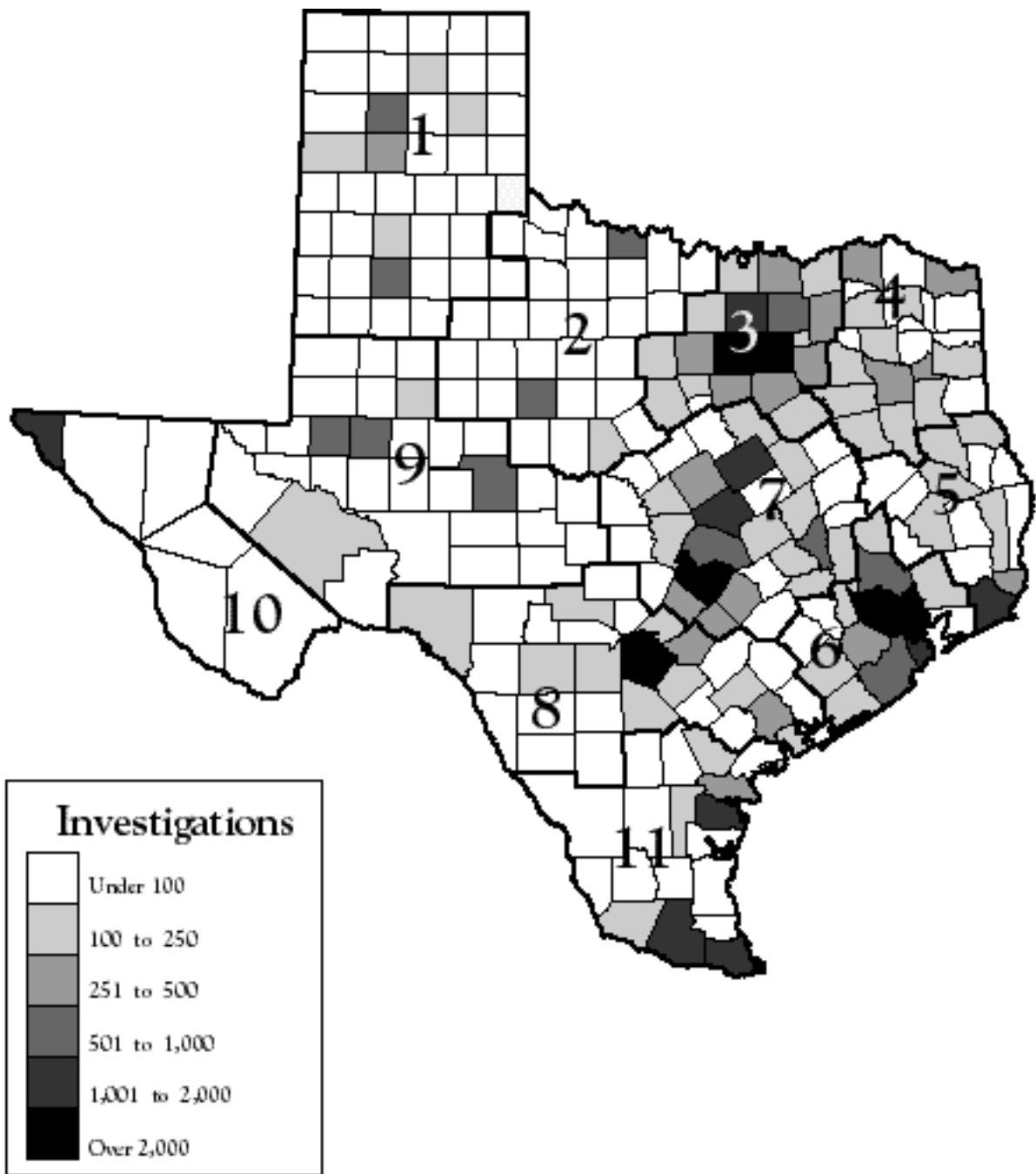
Fiscal Year 1997

State Total 75,725*



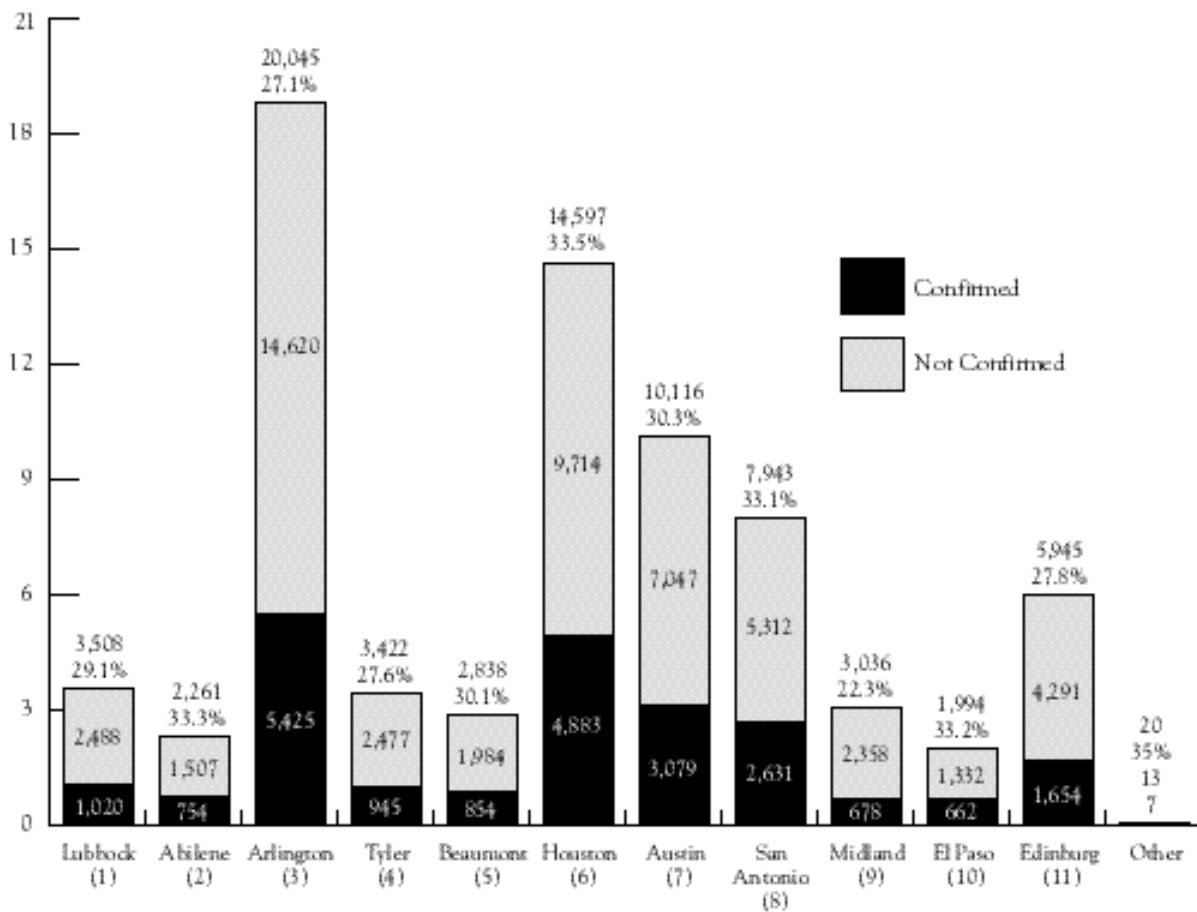
* 20 investigations had an invalid region.

Investigation of Child Abuse and/or Neglect by County Fiscal Year 1997 State Total 75,725



Confirmed Rate of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations by Region Fiscal Year 1997

Region	Confirmed	Not Confirmed	Total	Percent Confirmed
Lubbock (1)	1,020	2,488	3,508	29.1%
Abilene (2)	754	1,507	2,261	33.3
Arlington (3)	5,425	14,620	20,045	27.1
Tyler (4)	945	2,477	3,422	27.6
Beaumont (5)	854	1,984	2,838	30.1
Houston (6)	4,883	9,714	14,597	33.5
Austin (7)	3,069	7,047	10,116	30.3
San Antonio (8)	2,631	5,312	7,943	33.1
Midland (9)	678	2,358	3,036	22.3
El Paso (10)	662	1,332	1,994	33.2
Edinburg (11)	1,654	4,291	5,945	27.8
Other	7	13	20	35.0
Total	22,582	53,143	75,725	29.8%

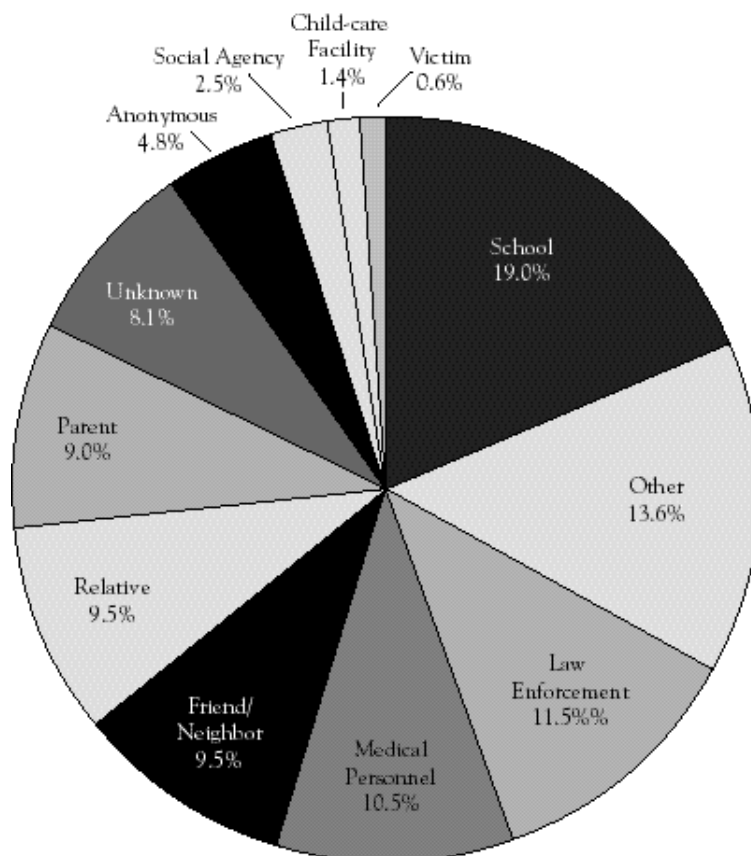


Investigations of Child Abuse and Neglect by Source of Report

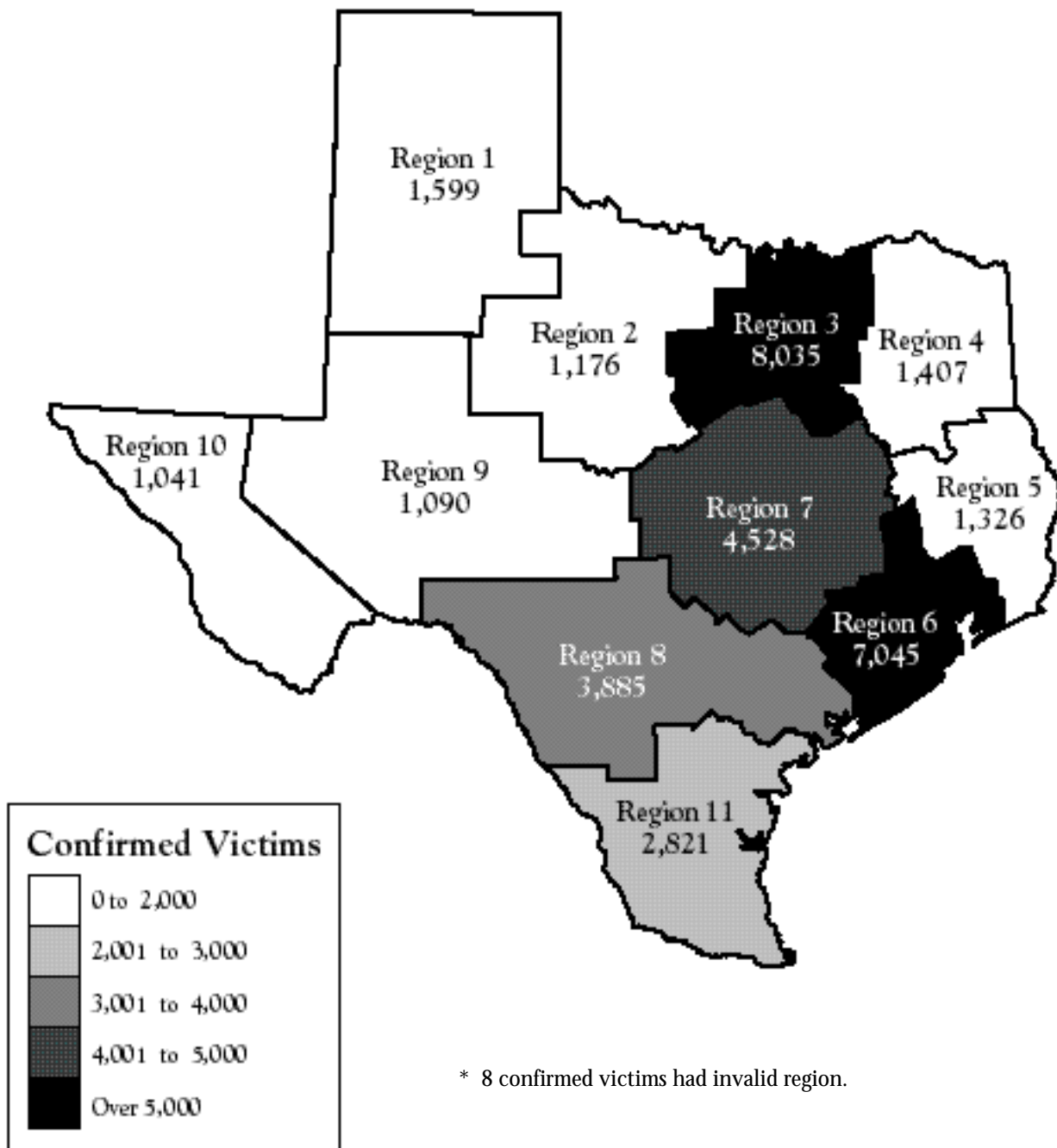
Sources	Fiscal Year 1995		Fiscal Year 1996		Fiscal Year 1997	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Anonymous	7,274	6.7%	6,857	6.9%	3,657	4.8%
Child-Care Facility	1,609	1.4	1,344	1.3	1,098	1.4
Law Enforcement	12,569	11.6	12,287	12.3	8,710	11.5
Parent	10,206	9.3	9,315	9.3	6,793	9.0
Relative	12,062	11.2	10,736	10.8	7,195	9.5
School	22,186	20.6	19,980	20.0	14,356	19.0
Victim	960	0.9	779	0.8	418	0.6
Medical Personnel	10,973	10.1	10,567	10.6	7,943	10.5
Friend/Neighbor	11,760	10.9	10,335	10.4	7,217	9.5
Social Agency*	10,103	9.3	8,959	9.0	1,917	2.5
Other	8,628	8.0	8,621	8.6	10,304	13.6
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	6,117	8.1
Total	108,330	100%	99,780	100%	75,725	100%

*Includes PRS

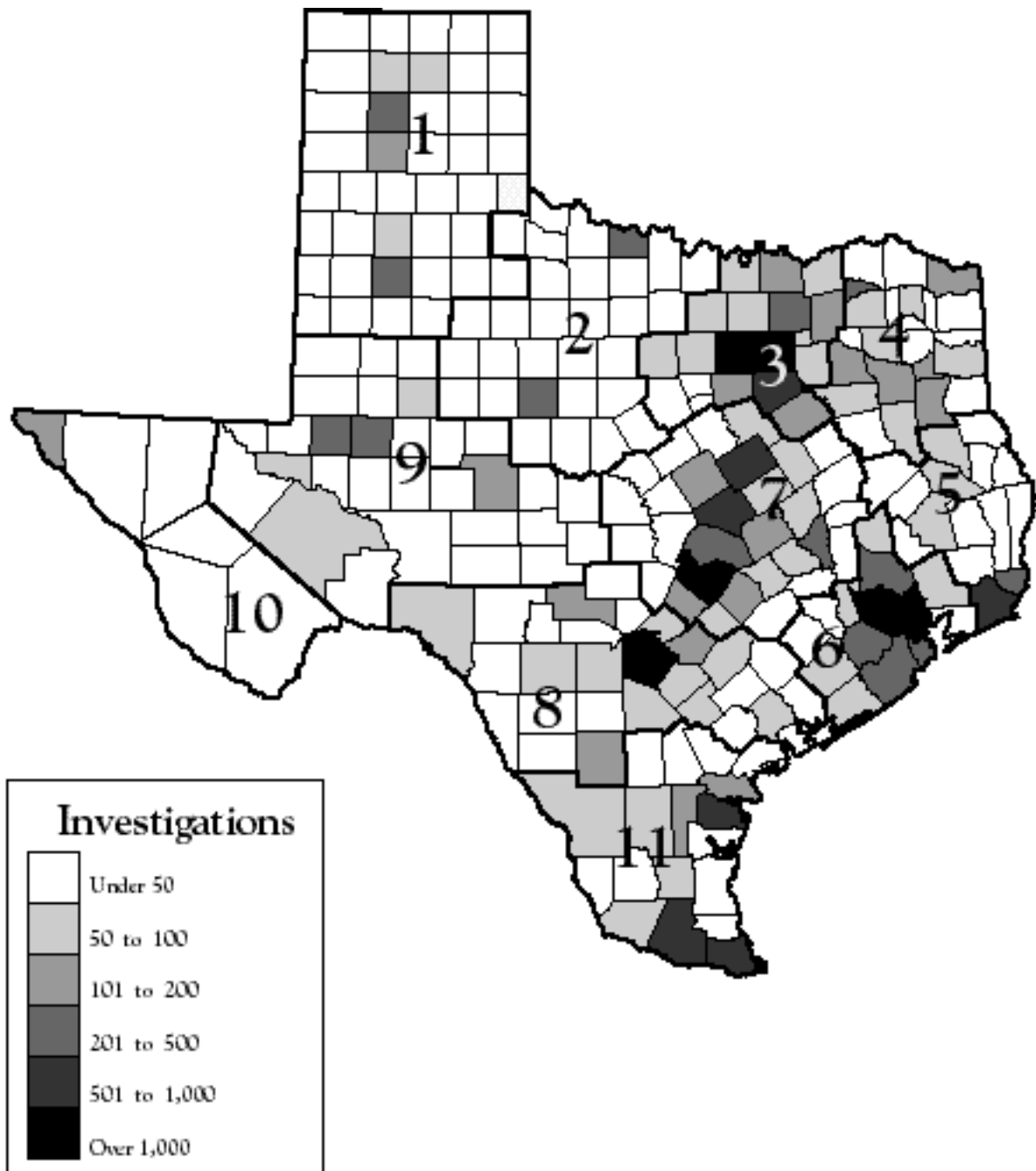
Investigations of Child Abuse and Neglect by Source of Report Fiscal Year 1997



Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse and/or Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 1997 State Total 33,961*



Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse and/or Neglect by County Fiscal Year 1997 State Total 33,961



Age, Sex, Ethnicity of Victims in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse and/or Neglect Fiscal Year 1997

	Anglo	African- American	Hispanic	Other	Total
Under 1					
Female	507	536	503	53	1,599
Male	590	588	568	56	1,802
Unknown	12	15	11	3	41
Total	1,109	1,139	1,082	112	3,442
1-3 Years					
Female	1,166	743	1,067	146	3,122
Male	1,255	890	1,089	123	3,357
Unknown	13	13	31	4	61
Total	2,434	1,646	2,187	273	6,540
4-6 Years					
Female	1,300	914	1,313	151	3,678
Male	1,298	975	1,215	174	3,662
Unknown	10	17	17	5	49
Total	2,608	1,906	2,545	330	7,389
7-9 Years					
Female	1,219	776	1,080	142	3,217
Male	1,040	800	960	129	2,929
Unknown	2	7	9	6	24
Total	2,261	1,583	2,049	277	6,170
10-12 Years					
Female	1,037	569	1,008	138	2,752
Male	865	522	641	99	2,127
Unknown	2	6	8	2	18
Total	1,904	1,097	1,657	239	4,897
13-17 Years					
Female	1,575	768	1,254	206	3,803
Male	741	387	479	67	1,674
Unknown	6	3	7	0	16
Total	2,322	1,158	1,740	273	5,493
Age Unknown					
Female	6	3	7	0	16
Male	7	3	4	0	14
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	6	11	0	30
Total					
Female	6,810	4,309	6,232	836	18,187
Male	5,796	4,165	4,956	648	15,565
Unknown	45	61	83	20	209
Grand Total	12,651	8,535	11,271	1,504	33,961

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse and/or Neglect by Type of Abuse and Neglect Fiscal Year 1997

Region	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment
Lubbock (Region 1)	454	212	108	47
Abilene (Region 2)	327	214	69	19
Arlington (Region 3)	2,282	1,517	514	246
Tyler (Region 4)	428	191	64	14
Beaumont (Region 5)	285	205	70	14
Houston (Region 6)	2,433	1,159	239	212
Austin (Region 7)	1,361	783	201	59
San Antonio (Region 8)	1,298	627	211	84
Midland (Region 9)	232	133	95	29
El Paso (Region 10)	294	128	85	23
Edinburg (Region 11)	825	356	115	22
Other	2	2	0	0
State	10,221	5,527	1,771	769

Region	Medical Neglect	Physical Neglect	Neglectful Supervision	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Total Confirmed*
Lubbock (Region 1)	75	345	633	26	1,599
Abilene (Region 2)	56	223	458	14	1,176
Arlington (Region 3)	325	1,170	3,150	137	8,035
Tyler (Region 4)	81	218	634	49	1,407
Beaumont (Region 5)	83	214	640	22	1,326
Houston (Region 6)	310	953	2,485	166	7,045
Austin (Region 7)	201	401	2,127	119	4,528
San Antonio (Region 8)	223	400	1,667	62	3,885
Midland (Region 9)	31	225	449	32	1,090
El Paso (Region 10)	43	162	413	29	1,041
Edinburg (Region 11)	153	513	1,235	41	2,821
Other	1	2	4	0	8
State	1,582	4,826	13,895	697	33,961

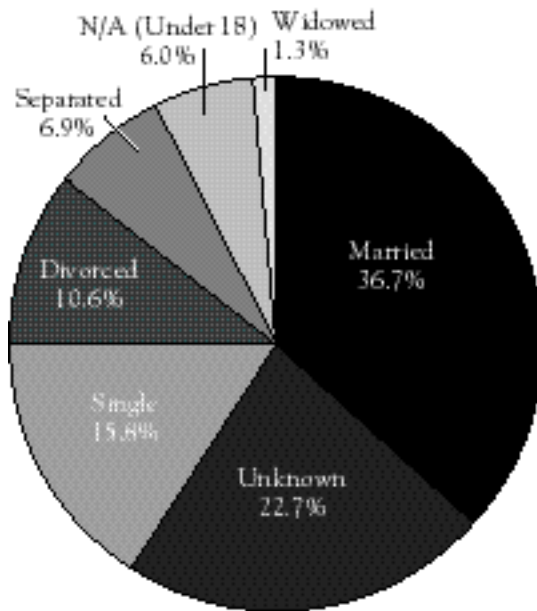
*Total confirmed victims is an unduplicated count. Victims of different types of abuse and neglect are not additive because one victim may have up to four types of abuse or neglect.

Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 1997

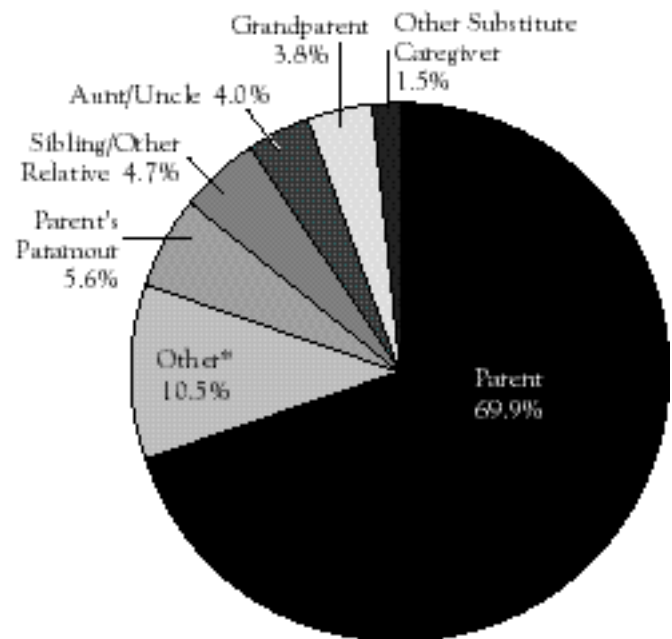
Characteristic	Female		Male		Unknown		Total	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Age								
Under 18	592	2.1%	1,215	4.4%	16	0.1%	1,823	6.5%
18-25	4,285	15.4	1,904	6.8	41	0.1	6,230	22.4
26-35	6,655	23.9	4,267	15.3	46	0.2	10,968	39.4
36-45	2,971	10.7	3,399	12.2	43	0.2	6,413	23.0
Over 45	875	3.1	1,538	5.5	20	0.1	2,433	8.7
Marital Status								
Married	4,673	16.8%	5,526	19.8%	30	0.1%	10,229	36.7%
Widowed	269	1.0	88	0.3	0	0.0	357	1.3
Separated	1,169	4.2	747	2.7	7	0.0	1,923	6.9
Divorced	1,889	6.8	1,060	3.8	7	0.0	2,956	10.6
Single	3,127	11.2	1,258	4.5	18	0.1	4,403	15.8
Unknown	3,792	13.6	2,433	8.7	96	0.3	6,321	22.7
Not Applicable (Under 18)	459	1.6	1,211	4.3	8	0.0	1,678	6.0
Ethnicity								
Anglo	6,131	22.0%	5,603	20.1%	30	0.1%	11,764	42.2%
Black	4,076	14.6	2,270	8.1	27	0.1	6,373	22.9
Hispanic	4,611	16.5	3,906	14.0	47	0.2	8,564	30.7
Other	560	2.0	544	2.0	62	0.2	1,166	4.2
Relationship to Oldest Victim								
Parent	13,344	47.9%	6,076	21.8%	59	0.2%	19,479	69.9%
Grandparent	624	2.2	441	1.6	0	0.0	1,065	3.8
Sibling/Other								
Relative	228	0.8	1,085	3.9	5	0.0	1,318	4.7
Aunt/Uncle	345	1.2	746	2.7	8	0.0	1,099	3.9
Parent's Paramour	106	0.4	1,443	5.2	7	0.0	1,556	5.6
Other Substitute								
Care Giver	203	0.7	209	0.7	10	0.0	422	1.5
Other	286	1.0	699	2.5	12	0.0	997	3.6
Unknown	242	0.9	1,624	5.8	65	0.2	1,931	6.9
Total								
Perpetrators	15,378	55.2%	12,323	44.2%	166	0.6%	27,867	100%

Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse and/or Neglect Fiscal Year 1997

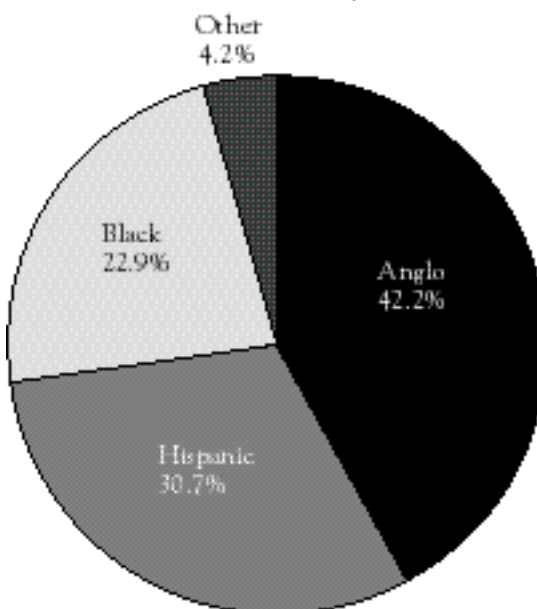
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Relationship to Oldest Victim

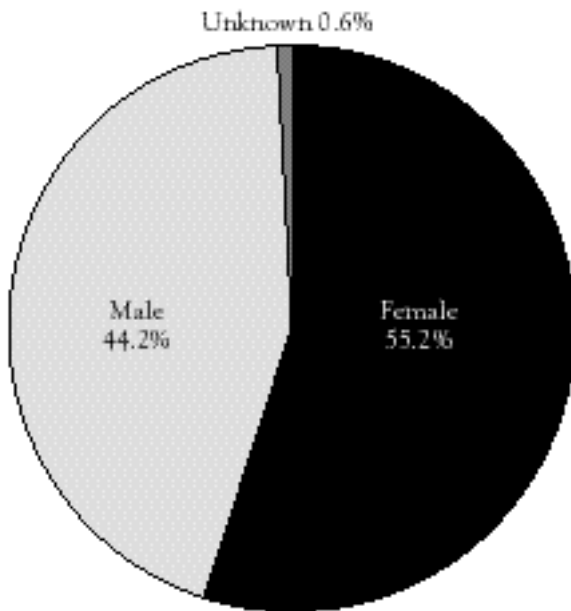


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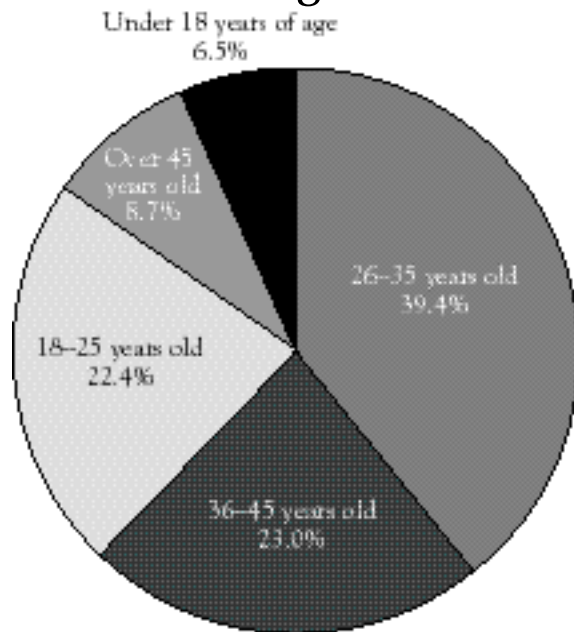


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Sex



Age

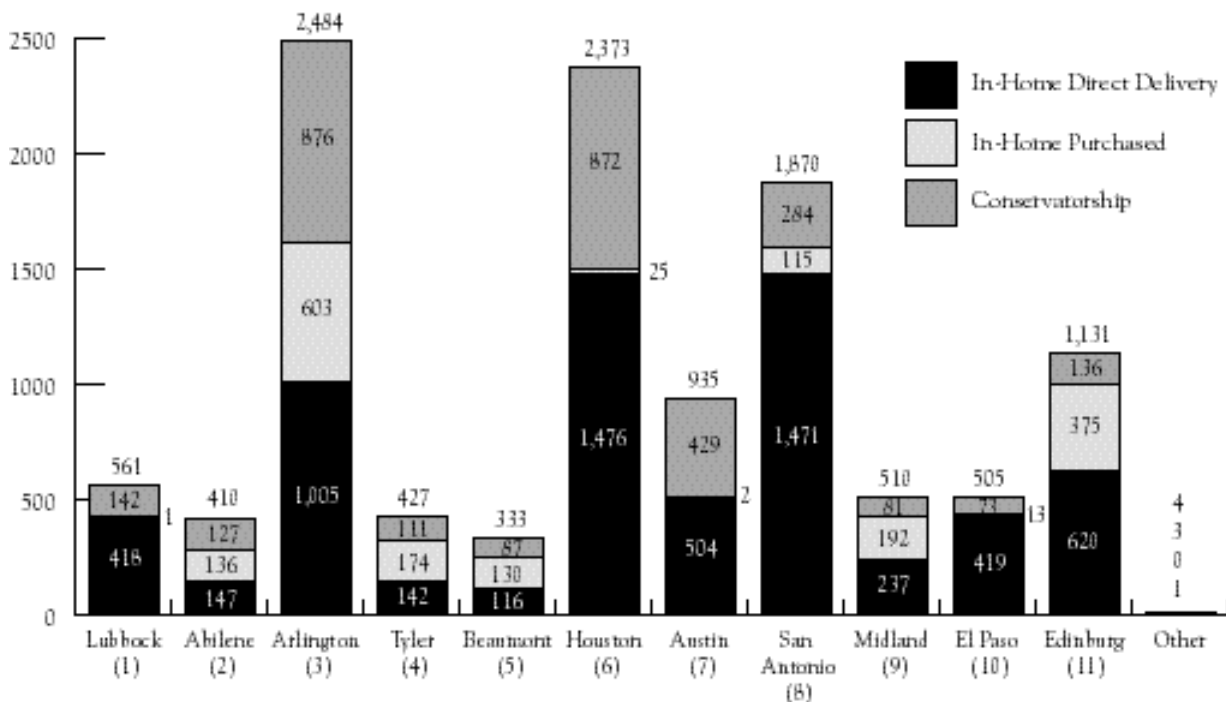


Average Number of Families Receiving Intensive Family Preservation Services per Month Fiscal Year 1997

Region	Average Monthly Intensive Family Reunification	Average Monthly Contracted/Intensive Family Preservation	Average Monthly Intensive Family Preservation	Average Monthly Intensive Preservation Services
Lubbock (Region 1)	4	0	45	49
Abilene (Region 2)	1	0	12	13
Arlington (Region 3)	28	9	177	214
Tyler (Region 4)	9	1	30	39
Beaumont (Region 5)	5	0	13	18
Houston (Region 6)	29	29	138	195
Austin (Region 7)	7	0	112	119
San Antonio (Region 8)	48	1	52	100
Midland (Region 9)	7	0	31	39
El Paso (Region 10)	0	0	28	28
Edinburg (Region 11)	7	1	74	82
State Total	144	42	710	896

Family Cases Opened for Services as a Result of Investigation Fiscal Year 1997

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Conservatorship	Total
Lubbock (1)	418	1	142	561
Abilene (2)	147	136	127	410
Arlington (3)	1,005	603	876	2,484
Tyler (4)	142	174	111	427
Beaumont (5)	116	130	87	333
Houston (6)	1,476	25	872	2,373
Austin (7)	504	2	429	935
San Antonio (8)	1,471	115	284	1,870
Midland (9)	237	192	81	510
El Paso (10)	419	13	73	505
Edinburg (11)	620	375	136	1,131
Other	1	0	3	4
State Total	6,556	1,766	3,221	11,543



Children Receiving Services by Region Fiscal Year 1997

Region	Received In-Home Direct Delivery	Received In-Home Purchase	Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (Region 1)	1,060	4	345	1,409
Abilene (Region 2)	379	372	290	1,041
Arlington (Region 3)	2,777	1,661	1,923	6,361
Tyler (Region 4)	399	468	236	1,103
Beaumont (Region 5)	338	319	205	862
Houston (Region 6)	4,064	66	1,889	6,019
Austin (Region 7)	1,411	5	1,021	2,437
San Antonio (Region 8)	4,078	332	735	5,145
Midland (Region 9)	600	537	206	1,343
El Paso (Region 10)	1,122	32	148	1,302
Edinburg (Region 11)	1,750	1,169	332	3,251
Other	2	0	4	6
State Total	17,980	4,965	7,334	30,279

30,279 Children Receiving Services Fiscal Year 1997

