

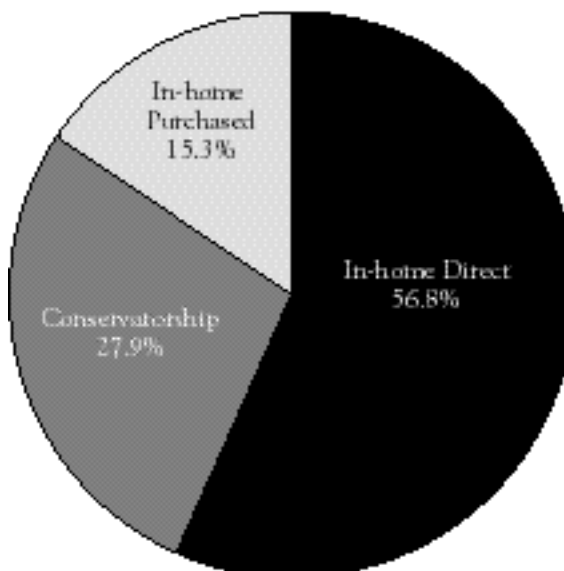
## Children Determined To Be At Risk Of Abuse/Neglect After Investigation Versus Those Who Received Services

| Region                 | Children At Risk<br>Of Abuse and /or<br>Neglect | Children<br>Receiving Services | Percent<br>Served |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 1,620   | 1,409                          | 87.0%             |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 1,165   | 1,041                          | 89.4%             |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 8,439   | 6,361                          | 75.4%             |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 1,396   | 1,103                          | 79.0%             |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 1,170   | 862                            | 73.7%             |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 6,725   | 6,019                          | 89.5%             |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 3,791   | 2,437                          | 64.3%             |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 5,822   | 5,145                          | 88.4%             |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 1,476   | 1,343                          | 91.0%             |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 1,375   | 1,302                          | 94.7%             |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 3,783   | 3,251                          | 85.9%             |
| Other                  | 7   | 6                              | 85.7%             |
| State Total            | 36,769  | 30,279                         | 82.3%             |

## Families At Risk of Child Abuse/Neglect Versus Those Who Receive Services Fiscal Year 1997

| Region                 | Families At Risk of<br>Child Abuse/Neglect | Family Cases<br>Receiving Services | Percent<br>Served |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 655  | 561                                | 85.6%             |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 458  | 410                                | 89.5              |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 3,331                                      | 2,484                              | 74.6              |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 538  | 427                                | 79.4              |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 459  | 333                                | 72.5              |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 2,636                                      | 2,373                              | 90.0              |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 1,464                                      | 935                                | 63.9              |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 2,135                                      | 1,870                              | 87.6              |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 561  | 510                                | 90.9              |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 536  | 505                                | 94.2              |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 1,326                                      | 1,131                              | 85.3              |
| Other                  | 5  | 4                                  | 80.0              |
| <b>State Total</b>     | <b>14,104</b>                              | <b>11,543</b>                      | <b>81.8%</b>      |

## 11,543 Family Cases Receiving Services Fiscal Year 1997



## Average Number of Families Receiving In-Home Services per Month

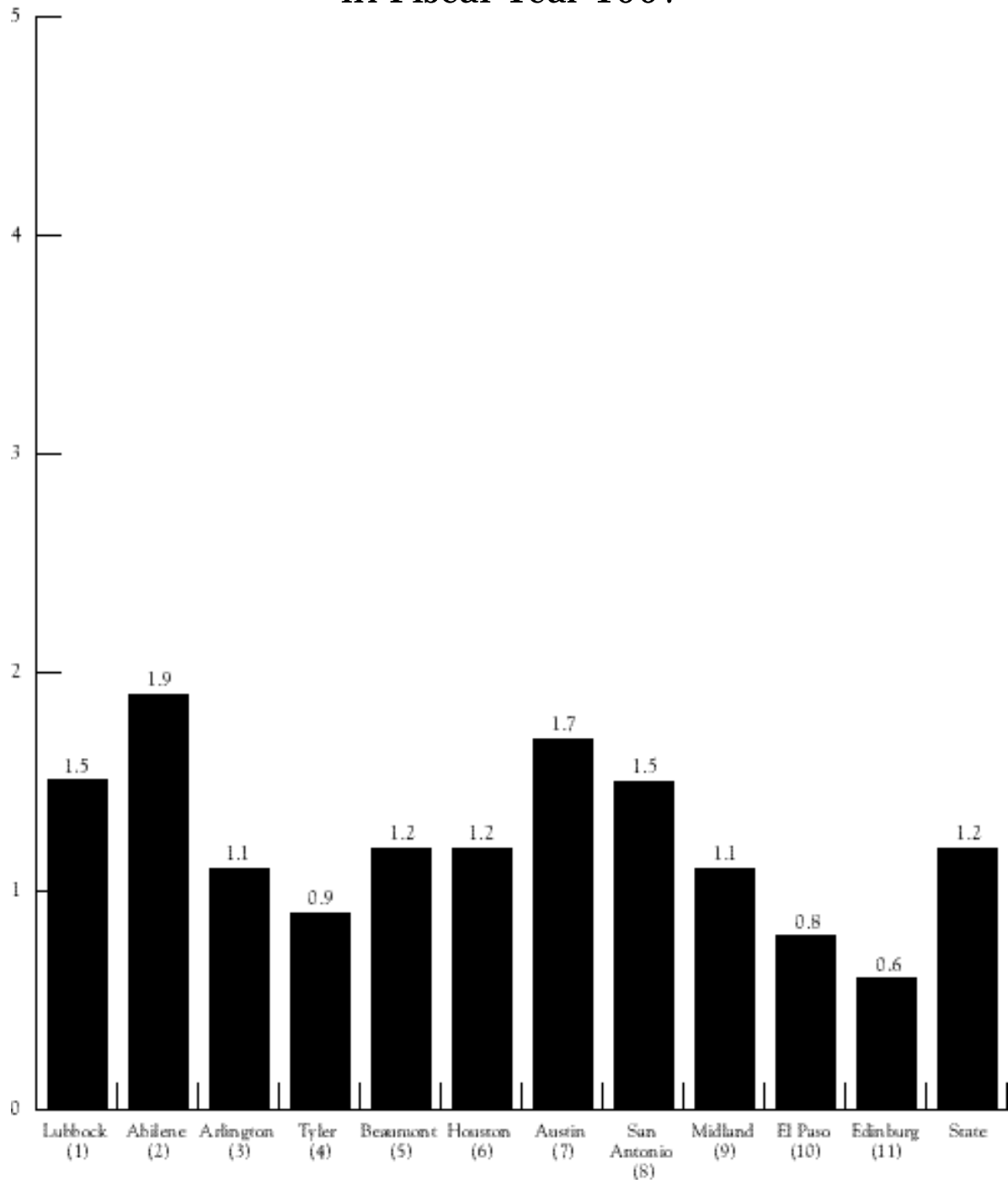
### Family Preservation

| Region                 | Regular | Intensive/<br>Moderate | Contracted | Contracted/<br>Intensive |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 265     | 45                     | 3          | 0                        |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 76      | 14                     | 114        | 0                        |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 610     | 177                    | 600        | 9                        |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 72      | 30                     | 171        | 1                        |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 47      | 13                     | 109        | 0                        |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 1,283   | 138                    | 9          | 29                       |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 292     | 132                    | 4          | 0                        |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 981     | 52                     | 115        | 1                        |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 131     | 31                     | 132        | 0                        |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 185     | 28                     | 71         | 0                        |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 410     | 75                     | 393        | 1                        |
| Unknown                | 7       | 0                      | 5          | 0                        |
| State                  | 4,358   | 733                    | 1,726      | 42                       |

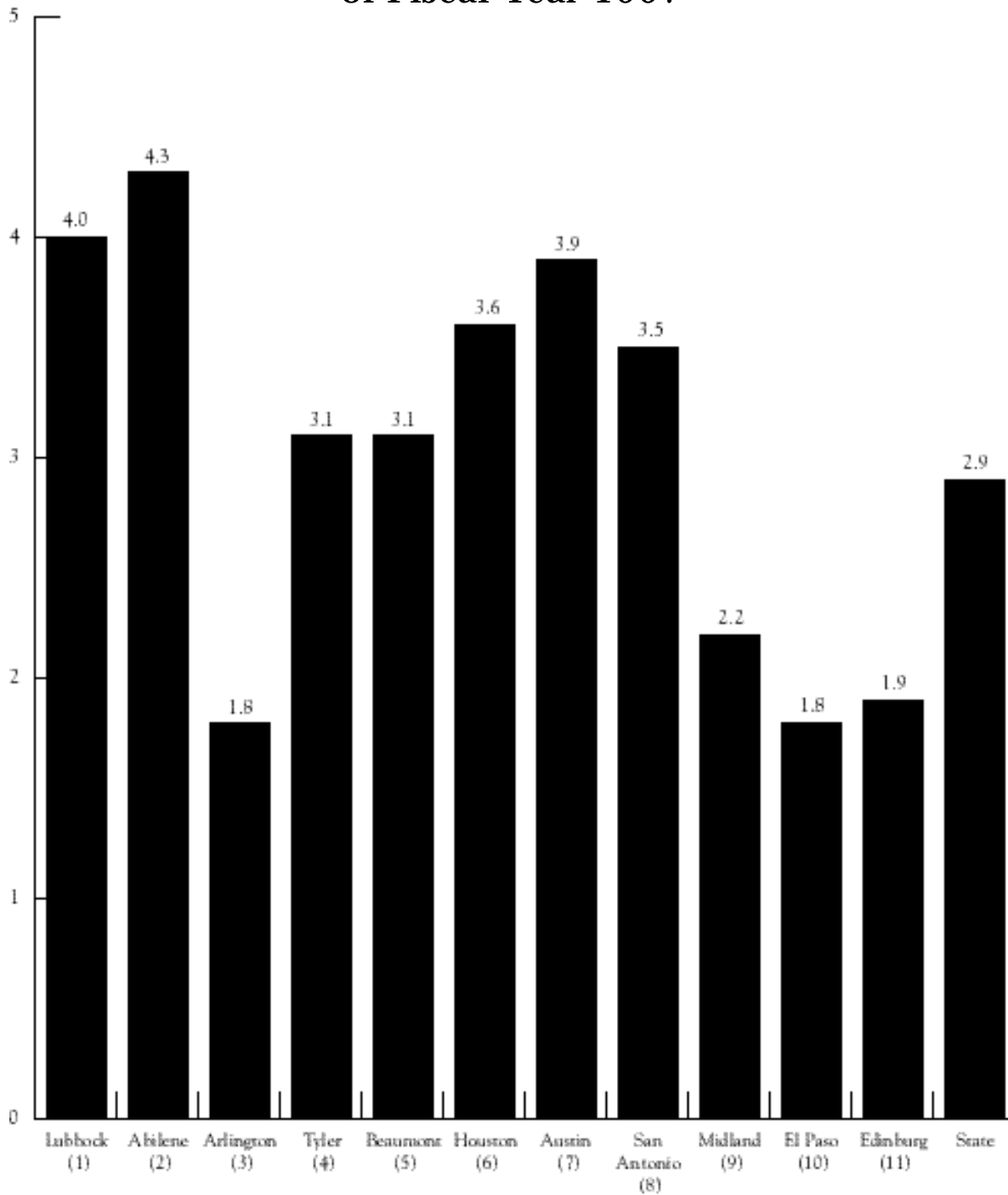
### Family Reunification

| Region                 | Regular | Intensive/<br>Moderate | Contracted/<br>Moderate |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 35      | 4                      | 0                       |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 33      | 2                      | 3                       |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 178     | 28                     | 6                       |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 21      | 9                      | 5                       |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 19      | 5                      | 1                       |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 199     | 29                     | 0                       |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 93      | 7                      | 0                       |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 43      | 48                     | 1                       |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 48      | 7                      | 1                       |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 26      | 0                      | 0                       |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 48      | 7                      | 2                       |
| Unknown                | 15      | 0                      | 0                       |
| State                  | 759     | 145                    | 18                      |

## Point Prevalence Rate\* for Children Entering Substitute Care in Fiscal Year 1997



## Point Prevalence Rate\* for Children in Substitute Care at the End of Fiscal Year 1997



## Children in the Legal Responsibility of PRS, Children in Substitute Care\*, and Children in Foster Care Placement\*\* at the End of Fiscal Year 1997

| Region                 | PRS Legal Responsibility | Substitute Care | Foster Care |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 873                      | 867             | 774         |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 651                      | 601             | 519         |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 2,784                    | 2,513           | 2,062       |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 753                      | 751             | 650         |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 597                      | 558             | 471         |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 4,719                    | 4,557           | 3,246       |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 2,087                    | 2,037           | 1,731       |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 2,034                    | 2,014           | 1,672       |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 376                      | 352             | 281         |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 493                      | 429             | 369         |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 1,011                    | 1,014           | 905         |
| Blank Region           | 21                       | 67              | 50          |
| State                  | 16,399                   | 15,760          | 12,730      |

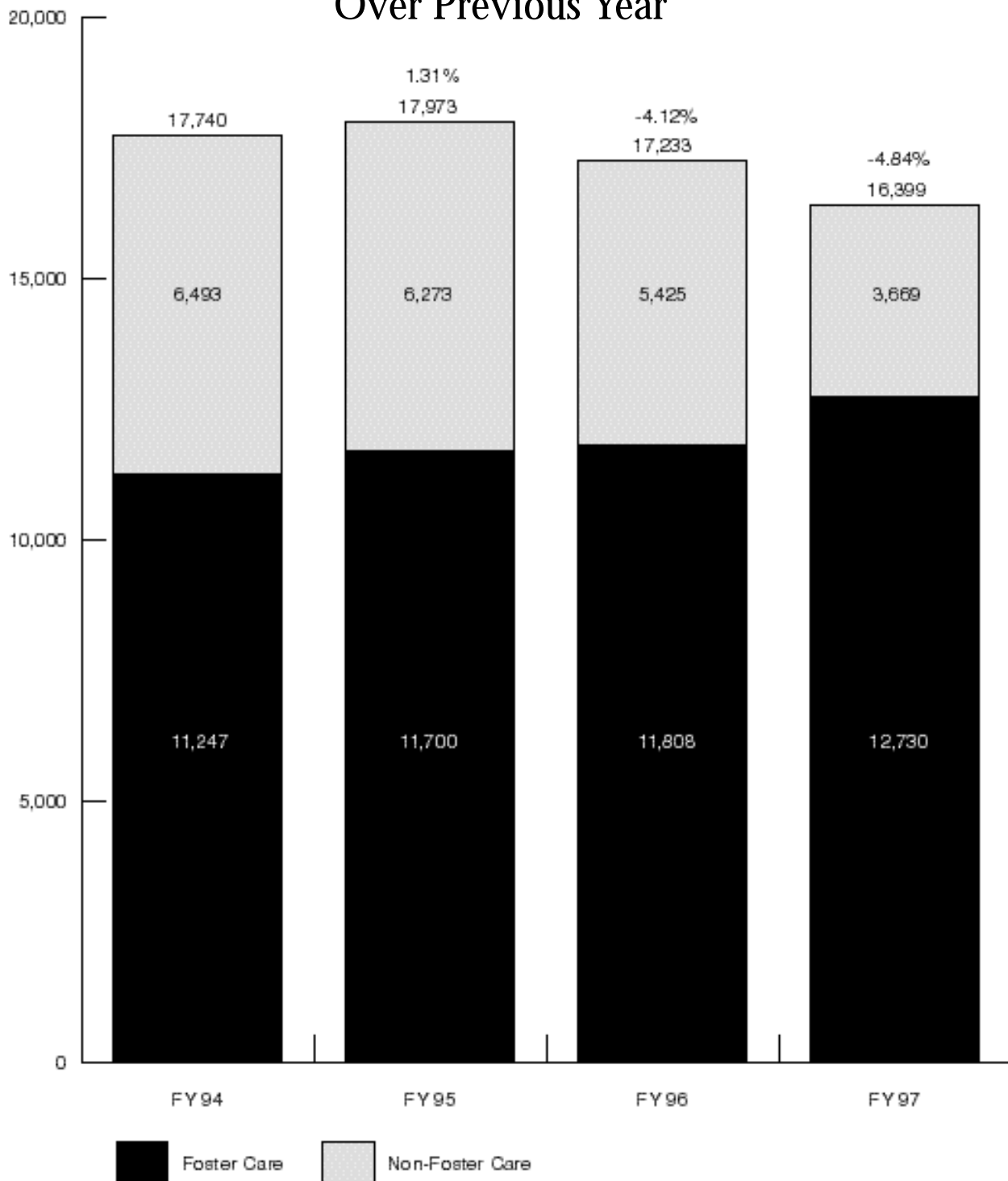
\*Substitute Care is a sub-set of PRS Legal Responsibility

\*\*Foster Care is a sub-set of Substitute Care

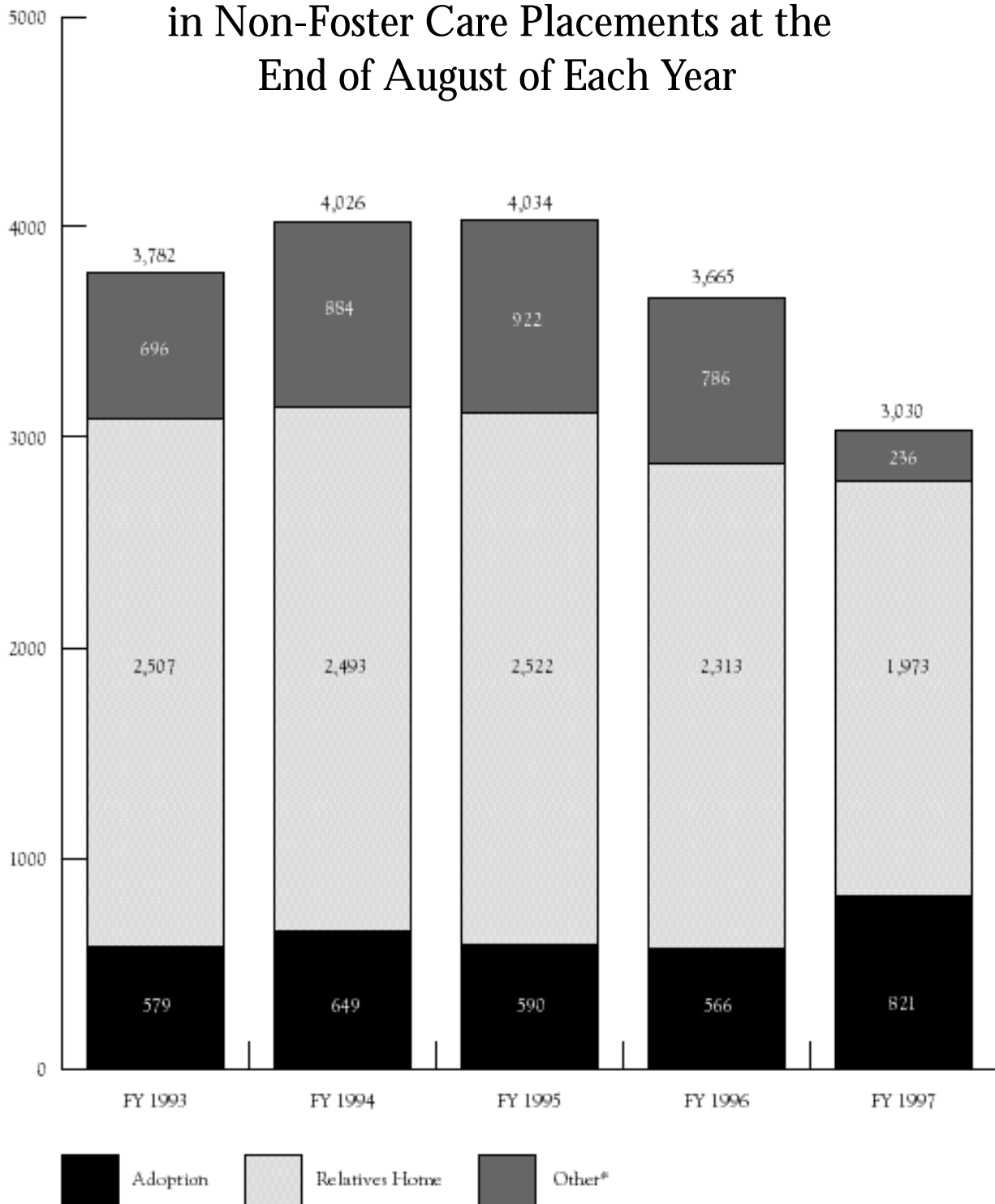
## Legal Status of Children in PRS Legal Responsibility

|                                    | August 1997 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Care, Custody & Control            | 1.07%       |
| Temporary Managing Conservatorship | 59.05       |
| Permanent Managing Conservatorship |             |
| Parental Rights Not Terminated     | 14.12       |
| Parental Rights Terminated (All)   | 24.48       |
| Possessory Conservatorship         | 1.28        |
| Total                              | 100%        |

## Children in Foster Care of All Children in PRS Legal Responsibility at the End of August of Each Year with Percent of Increase/Decrease Over Previous Year



## Children in PRS Legal Responsibility in Non-Foster Care Placements at the End of August of Each Year



\* Other includes independent living, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, and unauthorized absence (left without permission).



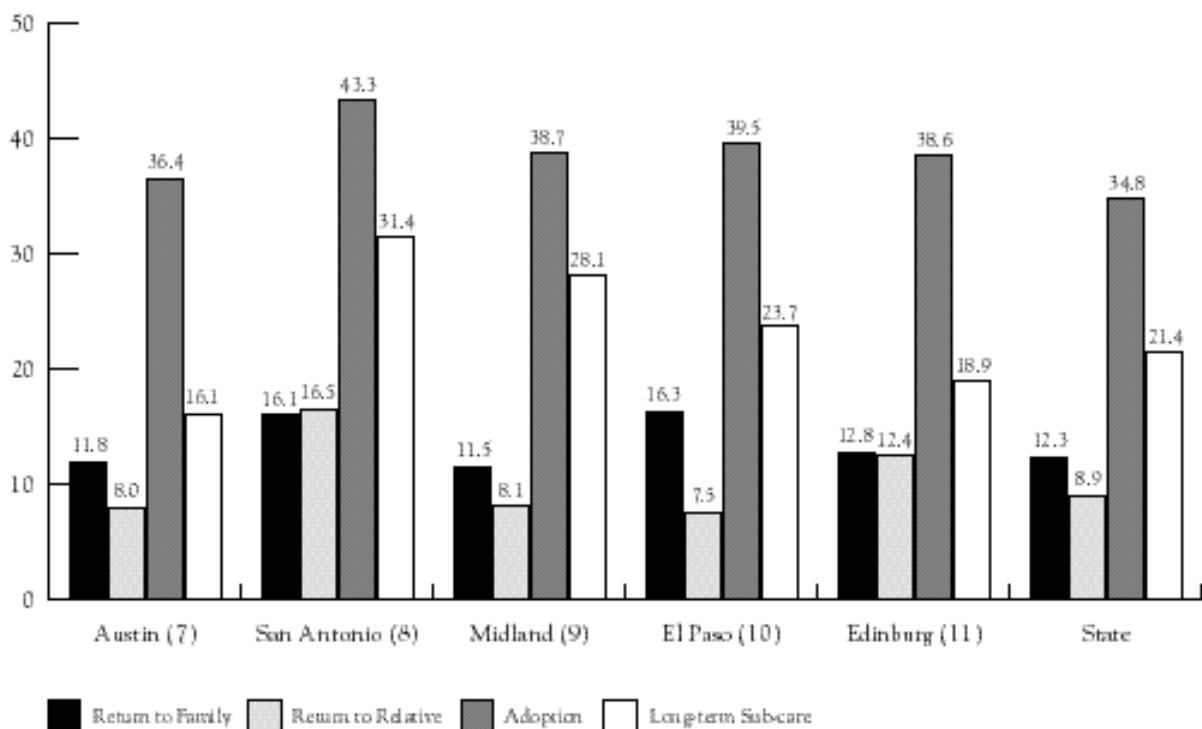
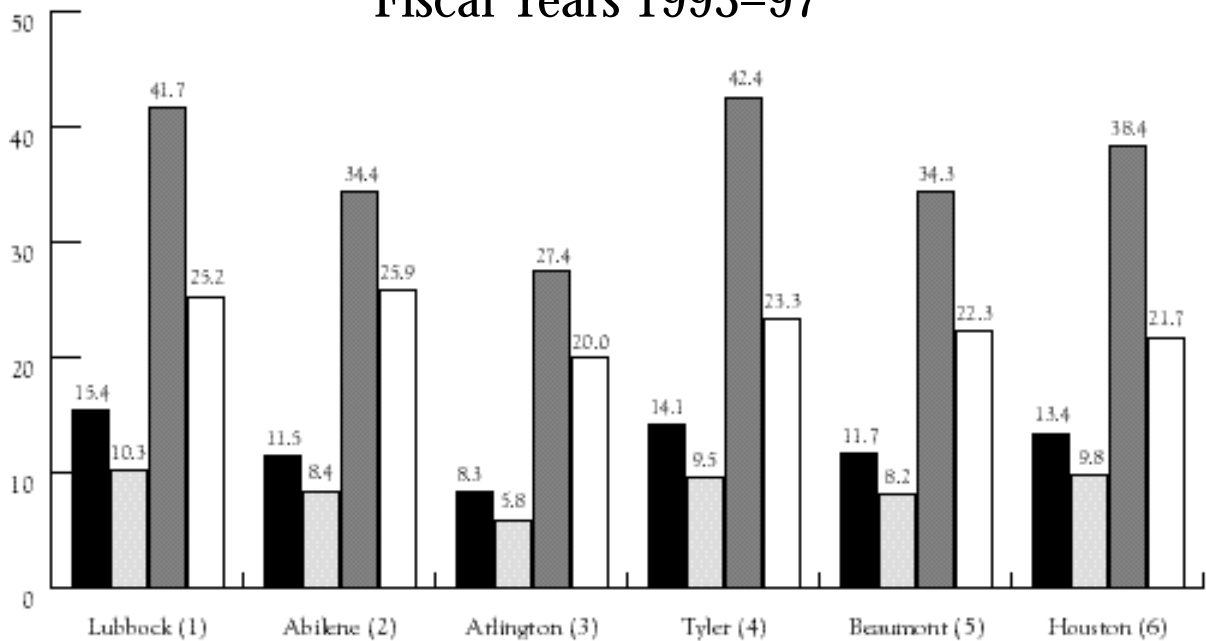
## Substitute Care Outcomes

Of the children who left substitute care and legal responsibility was terminated during Fiscal Year 1997:

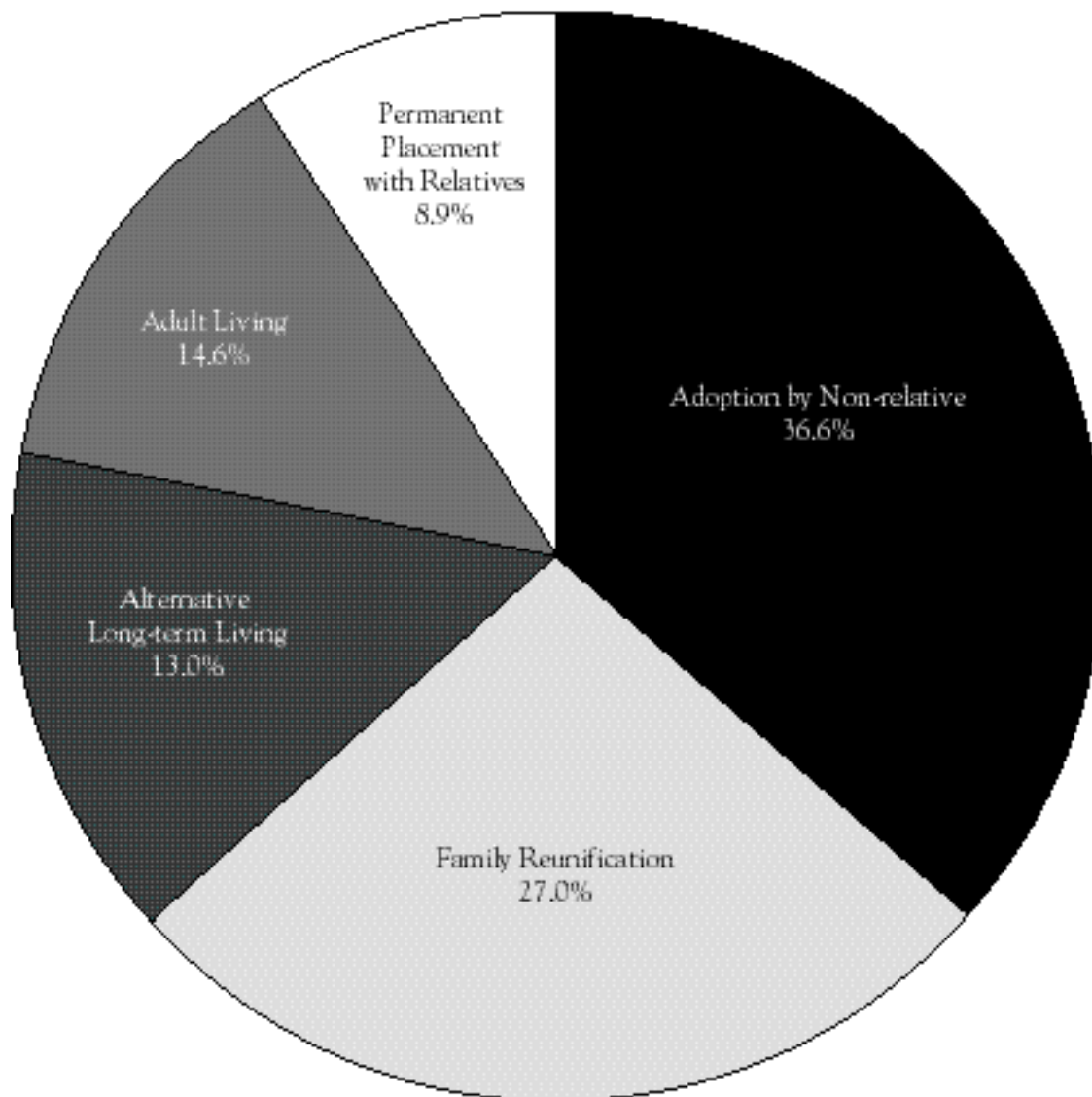
- ◆ 38.8% were in their own home
- ◆ 24.1% were with relatives
- ◆ 19.6% were consummated adoptions
- ◆ 11.5% were emancipated
- ◆ 6.0% other\*

\*Other may include child died, unauthorized absence.

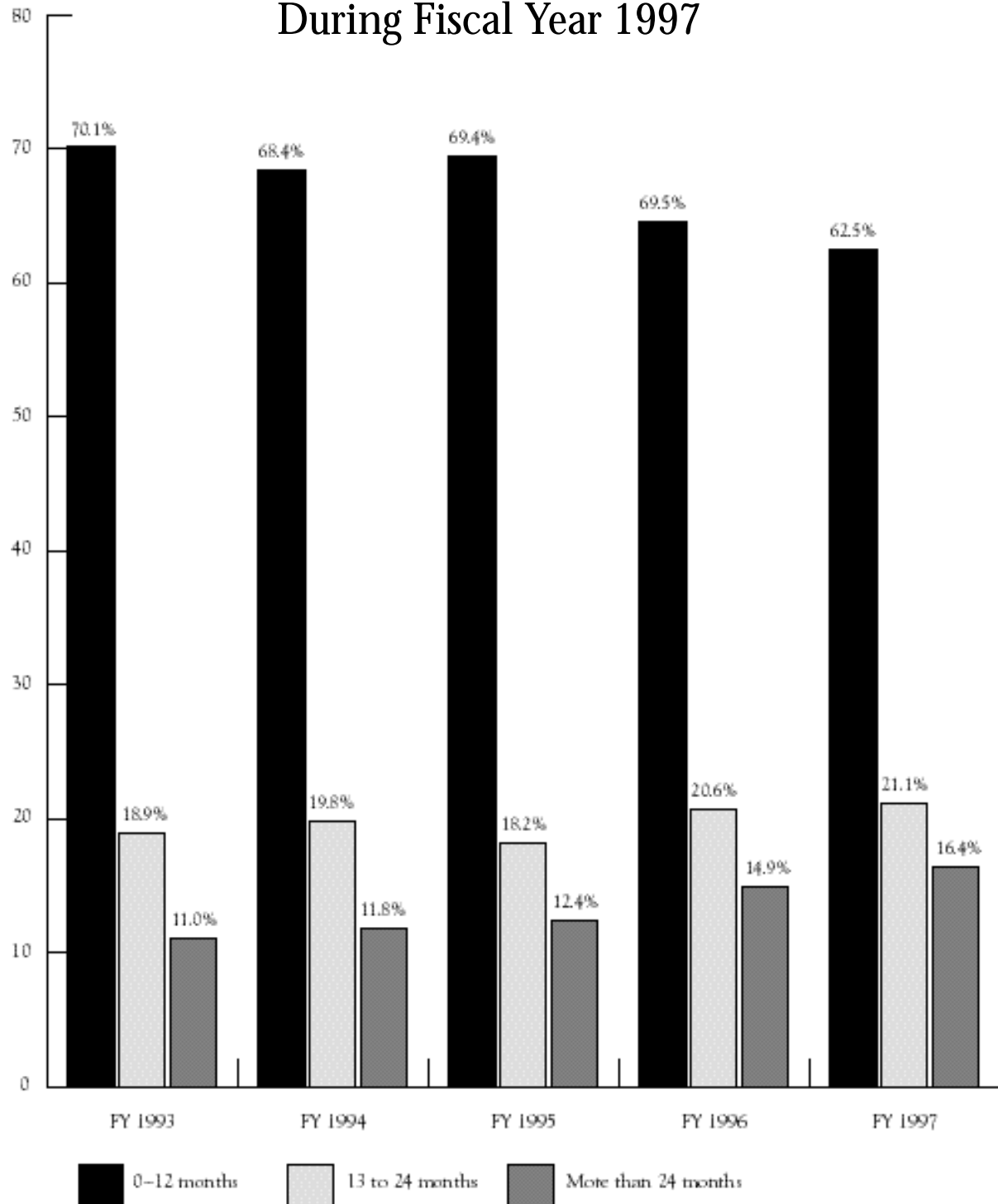
## Average Length of Time in Months Children are in Temporary Substitute Care Until Placed in a Permanent Living Arrangement by Region Fiscal Years 1993–97



## Permanency Goal of Children in Substitute Care for Whom PRS Has Legal Responsibility August 1997



## Children Who Left Substitute Care and Legal Responsibility Was Terminated\* During Fiscal Year 1997



\* Children who achieved permanency in their own home, permanent placement was with a relative or their adoption was consummated.

## Children in Foster Care Monthly Average by Fiscal Year with Percent of Increase Over Previous Fiscal Year

| Fiscal Year | State Paid Foster Care | IV-E Foster Care | Other Care* | Total Children in Foster Care | Percent Increase Over Previous Fiscal Year |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1992        | 3,949                  | 5,116            | 392         | 9,457                         |  |
| 1993        | 4,368                  | 5,638            | 279         | 10,285                        | 8.8%                                       |
| 1994        | 4,690                  | 5,897            | 223         | 10,810                        | 5.1  |
| 1995        | 5,193                  | 5,289            | 181         | 11,663                        | 7.9  |
| 1996        | 5,285                  | 6,457            | 182         | 11,924                        | 2.2  |
| 1997        | 5,002                  | 6,811            | 546         | 12,359                        | 3.6  |

\*Cost of care not covered by AFDC/State Paid Foster Care.

## Children in Foster Care Monthly Average by Region in Fiscal Year 1997

| Region                 | Other Care* | IV-E Foster Care | State Paid Foster Care |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 36          | 407              | 302                    |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 9           | 253              | 226                    |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 37          | 1,044            | 888                    |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 38          | 289              | 336                    |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 23          | 274              | 174                    |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 206         | 1,956            | 1,185                  |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 76          | 850              | 704                    |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 62          | 855              | 594                    |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 5           | 170              | 115                    |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 9           | 171              | 187                    |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 45          | 542              | 291                    |
| Total                  | 546         | 6,811            | 5,002                  |

\*Cost of care not covered by AFDC/State Paid Foster Care.

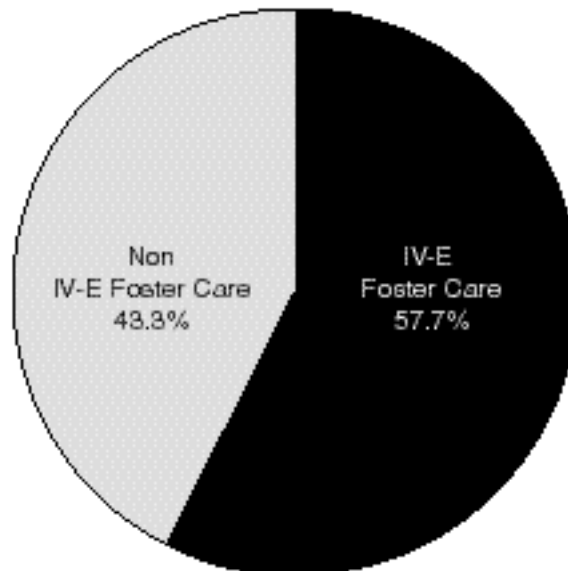
## Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

|                  | August 1995 |                  | August 1996 |                  | August 1997 |                  |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
|                  | Number      | Percent of Total | Number      | Percent of Total | Number      | Percent of Total |
| <b>Age</b>       |             |                  |             |                  |             |                  |
| Birth-2          | 1,954       | 16.7%            | 1,830       | 15.5%            | 1,999       | 15.7%            |
| 3-5              | 2,012       | 17.2             | 1,866       | 15.8             | 1,948       | 15.3             |
| 6-9              | 2,375       | 20.3             | 2,421       | 20.5             | 2,648       | 20.8             |
| 10-13            | 2,399       | 20.5             | 2,303       | 19.5             | 2,762       | 21.7             |
| 14-17            | 2,796       | 23.9             | 3,176       | 26.9             | 3,246       | 25.5             |
| Over 18          | 164         | 1.4              | 212         | 1.8              | 127         | 1.0              |
| <b>Sex</b>       |             |                  |             |                  |             |                  |
| Male             | 5,920       | 50.6%            | 6,081       | 51.5%            | 6,594       | 51.8%            |
| Female           | 5,780       | 49.4%            | 5,727       | 48.5%            | 6,136       | 48.2%            |
| <b>Ethnicity</b> |             |                  |             |                  |             |                  |
| Anglo            | 3,896       | 33.3%            | 3,897       | 33.0%            | 4,239       | 33.3%            |
| African-American | 3,662       | 31.3             | 3,448       | 29.2             | 4,290       | 33.7             |
| Hispanic         | 2,948       | 25.2             | 3,188       | 27.0             | 3,743       | 29.4             |
| American-Indian  | 24          | 0.2              | 24          | 0.2              | 64          | 0.5              |
| Asian            | 47          | 0.4              | 23          | 0.2              | 38          | 0.3              |
| Other            | 1,123       | 9.6              | 1,228       | 10.4             | 356         | 2.8              |
| Total            | 11,700      | 100%             | 11,808      | 100%             | 12,730      | 100%             |

## Average Monthly Number of Children in AFDC/State Paid Foster Care by Level of Care

| Level of Care | Fiscal Year 1995 |         | Fiscal Year 1996 |         | Fiscal Year 1997 |         |
|---------------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
|               | Average Monthly  | Rate    | Average Monthly  | Rate    | Average Monthly  | Rate    |
| LOC 01        | 6,058            | \$15.85 | 5,819            | \$15.85 | 5,615            | \$15.85 |
| LOC 02        | 1,249            | 33.95   | 1,118            | 33.95   | 1,361            | 33.95   |
| LOC 03        | 747              | 58.08   | 1,032            | 58.08   | 1,706            | 58.08   |
| LOC 04        | 1,602            | 82.64   | 1,935            | 82.64   | 1,693            | 82.64   |
| LOC 05        | 911              | 99.68   | 918              | 99.68   | 639              | 99.68   |
| LOC 06        | 350              | 187.83  | 318              | 187.83  | 180              | 187.83  |
| E1            | 15               | 15.85   | 18               | 15.85   | N/A              | 15.85   |
| E2            | 26               | 58.08   | 13               | 58.08   | 6                | 58.08   |
| E3            | 524              | 91.12   | 572              | 91.12   | 613              | 91.12   |
| Total         | 11,482           |         | 11,743           |         | 11,813           |         |

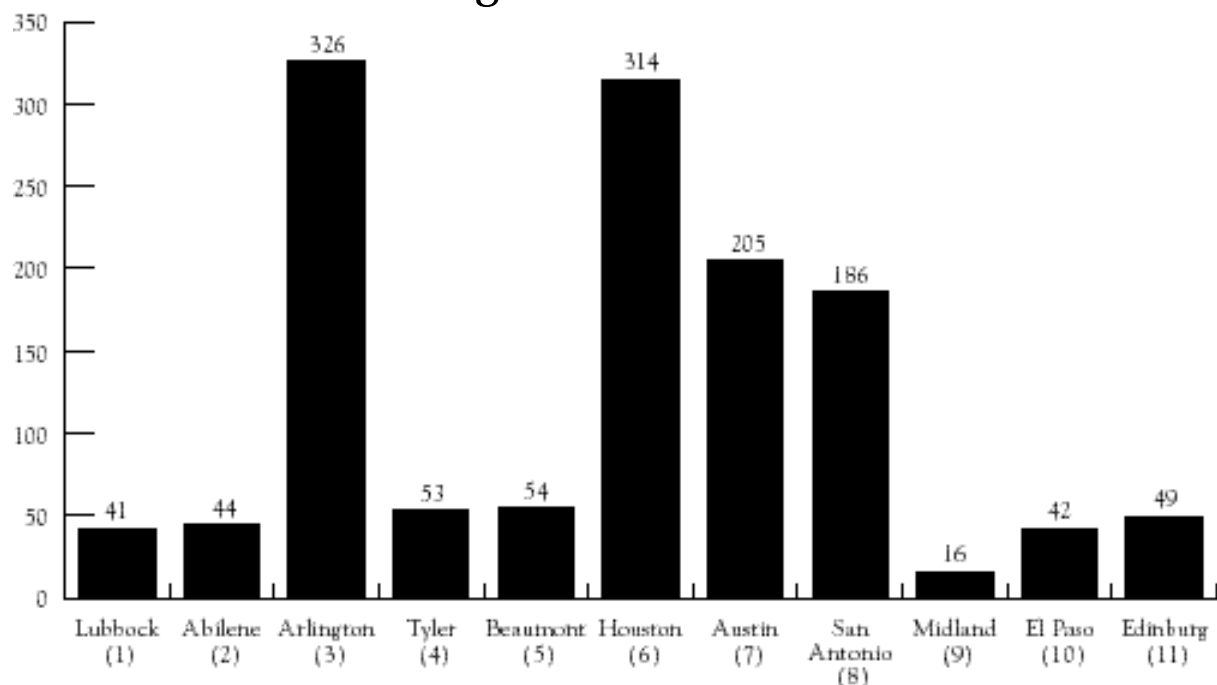
## Sources of Foster Care as of August 31, 1997



## Number of PRS Foster and Adoptive Homes and Licensed Capacity As of August 31, 1997

| Region                 | Foster Homes | Licensed Capacity | Adoptive Homes | Licensed Capacity |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 165          | 536               | 152            | 210               |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 142          | 424               | 51             | 78                |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 663          | 1,911             | 406            | 554               |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 239          | 712               | 79             | 111               |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 157          | 592               | 58             | 106               |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 670          | 2,175             | 384            | 623               |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 349          | 1,037             | 237            | 387               |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 237          | 765               | 173            | 308               |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 100          | 295               | 48             | 68                |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 205          | 692               | 56             | 76                |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 236          | 968               | 119            | 234               |
| Out-of-State           | 0            | 0                 | 1              | 2                 |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>3,163</b> | <b>10,107</b>     | <b>1,764</b>   | <b>2,757</b>      |

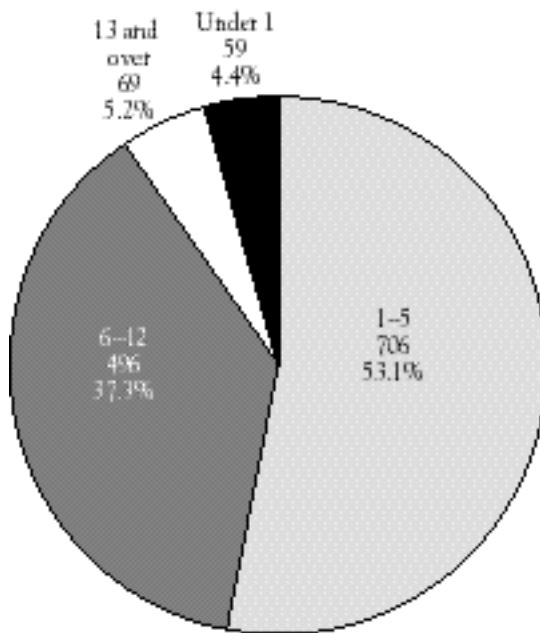
## Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region During Fiscal Year 1997



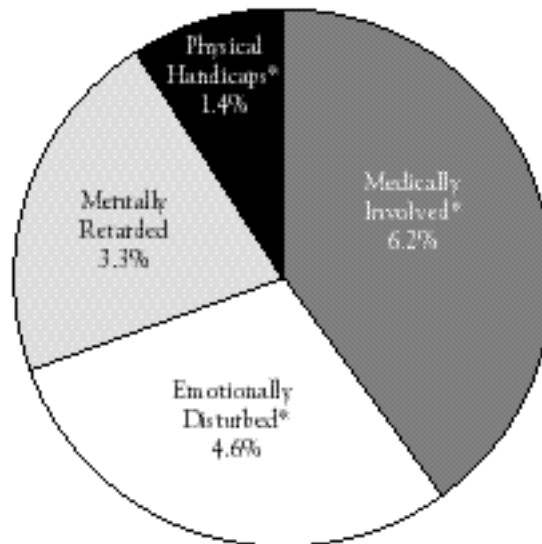


## Characteristics of Children Placed in Adoption During Fiscal Year 1997

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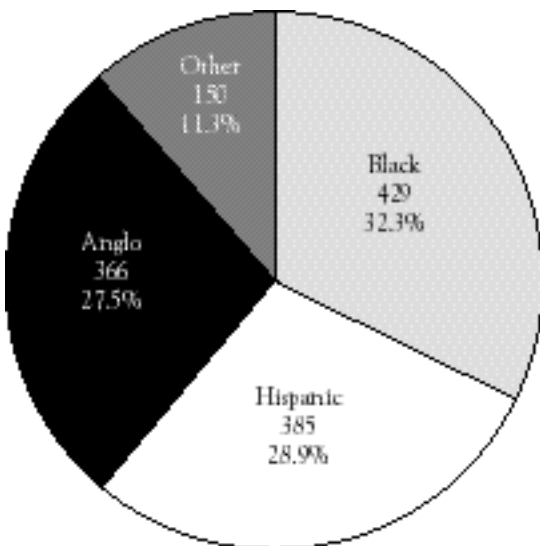


### 11.1% of Children have a Handicapping Condition

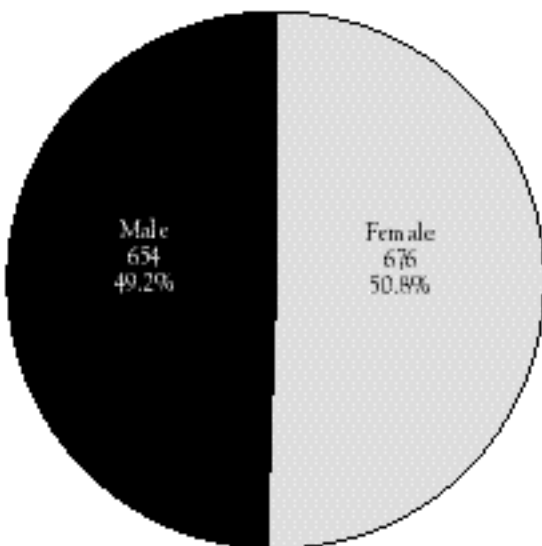


\*Some children may have more than one handicapping condition

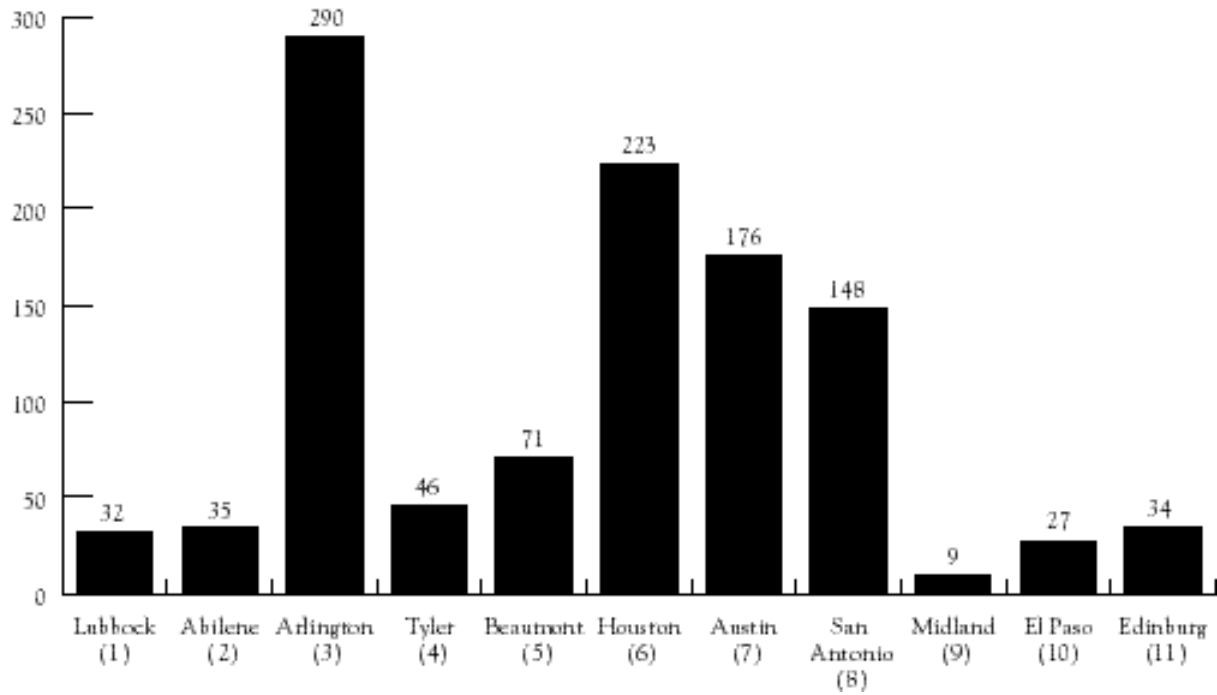
### Ethnicity



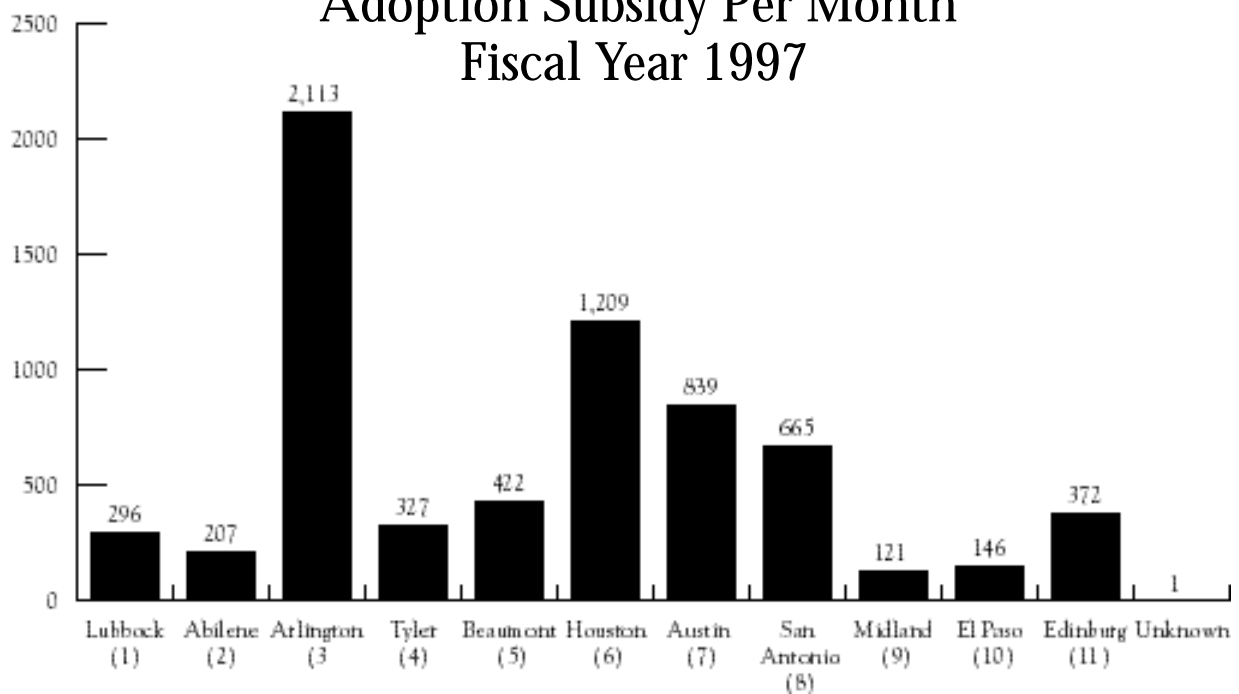
### Sex



## Children in Consummated Adoptions by Region During Fiscal Year 1997



## Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Per Month Fiscal Year 1997

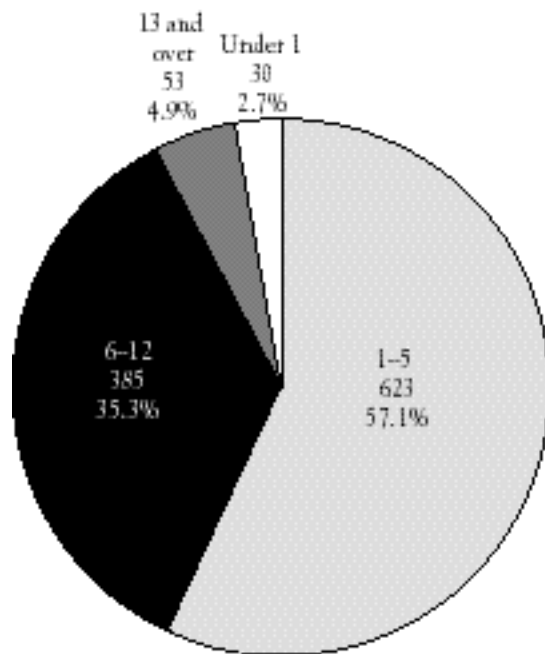


Note: Subsidies include financial payments only. Medical and non-recurring subsidies are not included.

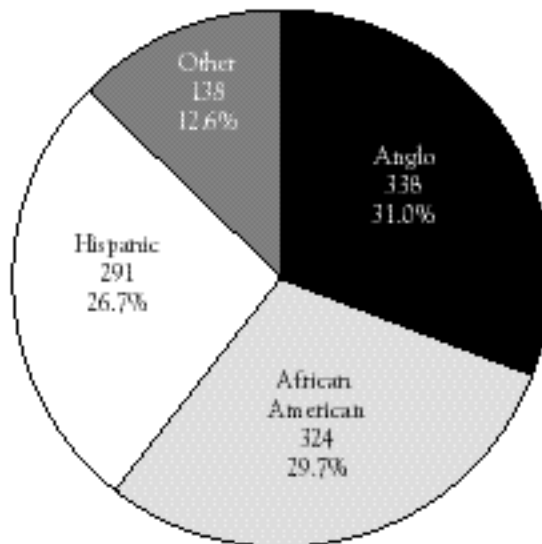
## Characteristics of Children in Consummated Adoptions During Fiscal Year 1997

Total 1,091

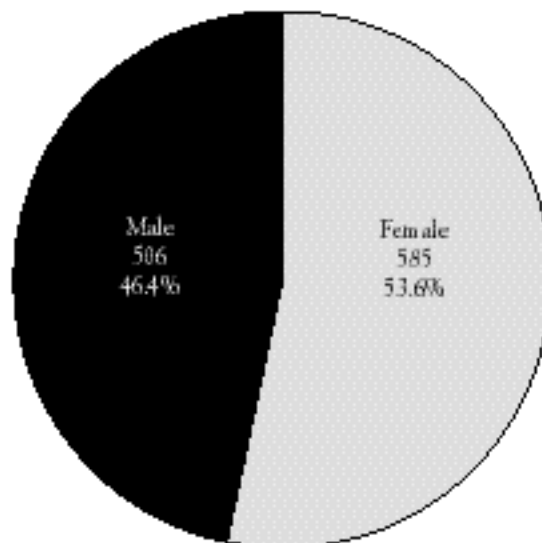
### Age



### Ethnicity



### Sex



## Ethnicity of Children and Adoptive Parents Fiscal Years 1992-97

|  | Fiscal<br>Year<br>1992 | Fiscal<br>Year<br>1993 | Fiscal<br>Year<br>1994 | Fiscal<br>Year<br>1995 | Fiscal<br>Year<br>1996 | Fiscal<br>Year<br>1997 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoptions in which ethnicity<br>of parents is same as child                        | 327                    | 354                    | 417                    | 424                    | 364                    | 501                    |
| Adoptions in which ethnicity<br>of one or both parents differs<br>from the child's | 135                    | 225                    | 267                    | 325                    | 309                    | 403                    |
| Total adoptions by PRS homes   | 462                    | 579                    | 684                    | 749                    | 673                    | 945                    |
| Adoptive Parent Ethnicity Identified   |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        | 904                    |
| Percent of transracial adoptions   | 29.2%                  | 38.9%                  | 39.0%                  | 43.4%                  | 45.9%                  | 44.6%                  |
| Total Consummations  | 541                    | 657                    | 747                    | 804                    | 746                    | 1091                   |
| Consummations by PRS homes   | 462                    | 579                    | 684                    | 749                    | 673                    | 945                    |
| Percent of consummations by<br>PRS homes   | 85.4%                  | 88.1%                  | 91.6%                  | 93.2%                  | 90.2%                  | 86.6%                  |

## Outcome by Stage of Service

Outcomes are based on data from Fiscal Years 1993–97

### Family Preservation Outcomes

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Average length of service of Family Preservation (In-home) cases for which services have been completed. | 13.9 months |
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|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Abuse and/or neglect recidivism for victims for whom family preservation services have been completed. | 23.9% |
|--|-------|

### Family Reunification Outcomes

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Percent of children returned to family or relative home after substitute care. | 55.0% |
|--|-------|

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Percent of children returned to family or relative home with no further incidence of abuse or neglect or return to foster care. | 80.0% |
|---|-------|

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Average number of placements per child in temporary substitute care prior to return to family or relative home. | 2.6 |
|---|-----|

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Average total length of service for children placed in temporary substitute care and returned to parents or relatives. | 19.3 months |
|--|-------------|

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Median length of service for children placed in temporary substitute care and returned to parents or relatives. | 12.7 months |
|---|-------------|

### Adoption Services Outcomes

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Percent of children who left care whose adoption was consummated. | 15.4% |
|---|-------|

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Average number of placements per child while in substitute care whose adoption has been consummated. | 3.6 |
|--|-----|

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Average total length of service for children whose adoption has been consummated. | 41.6 months |
|---|-------------|

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Median length of service for children whose adoption has been consummated. | 37.2 months |
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|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Average length of time from first substitute care placement to termination of parental rights. | 24 months |
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|---|-------------|
| Average length of time from termination of parental rights to adoptive placement. | 10.8 months |
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| Average length of time from adoptive placement to adoption consummation. | 7.2 months |
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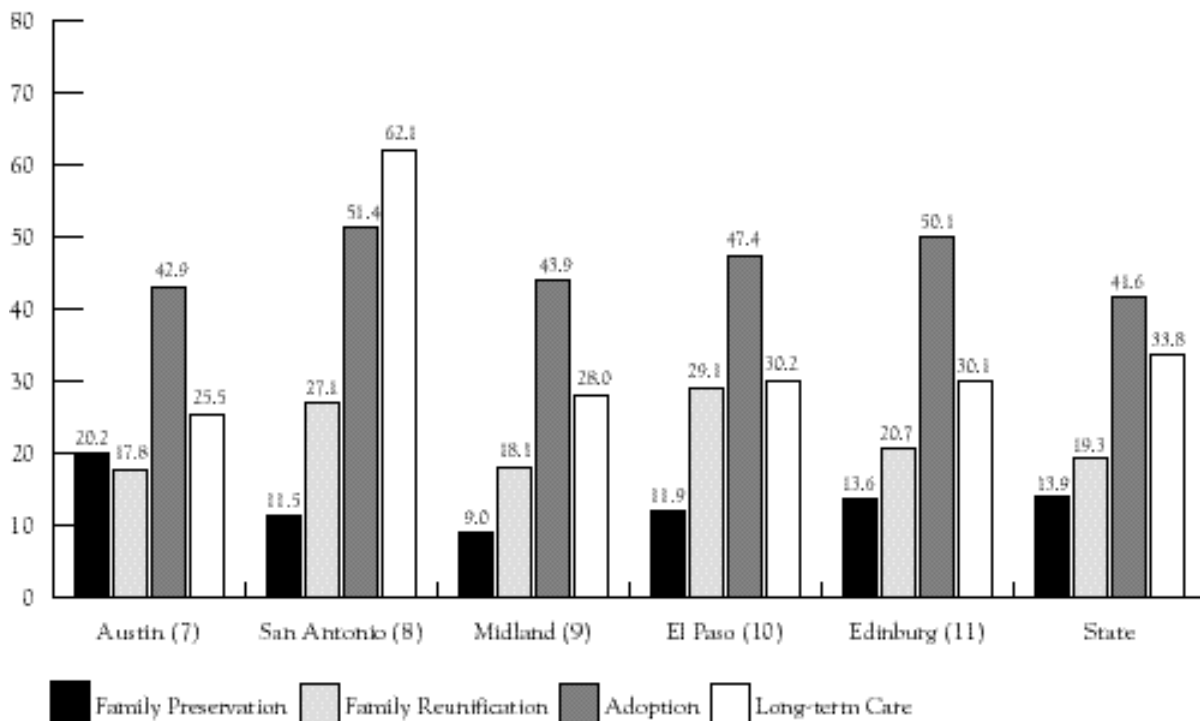
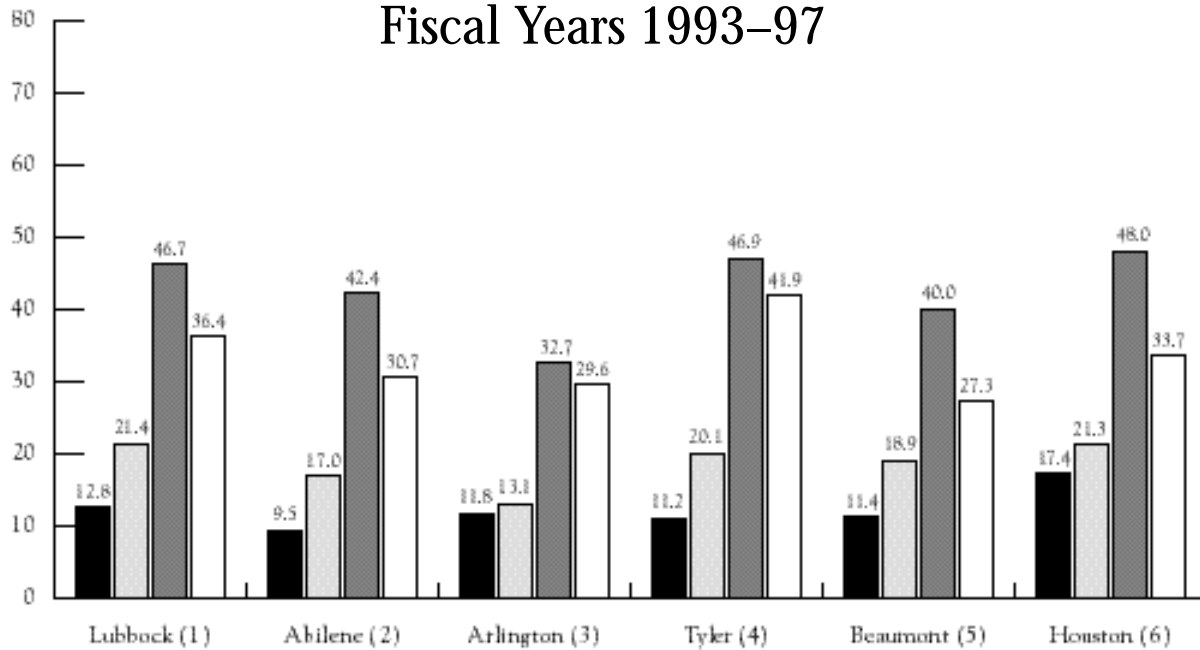
## Long-term Substitute Care Outcomes

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Percent of children in substitute care for whom long-term substitute care is the plan.   | 24.6%       |
| Percent of children who are emancipated or in long-term substitute care who left PRS legal responsibility.                         | 29.6%       |
| Average number of placements per child in long-term substitute care.   | 4.4         |
| Average length of service in long-term substitute care for children who have been emancipated or left PRS legal responsibility.    | 33.8 months |
| Median length of service in long-term substitute care for children who have been emancipated or who left PRS legal responsibility. | 21.7 months |

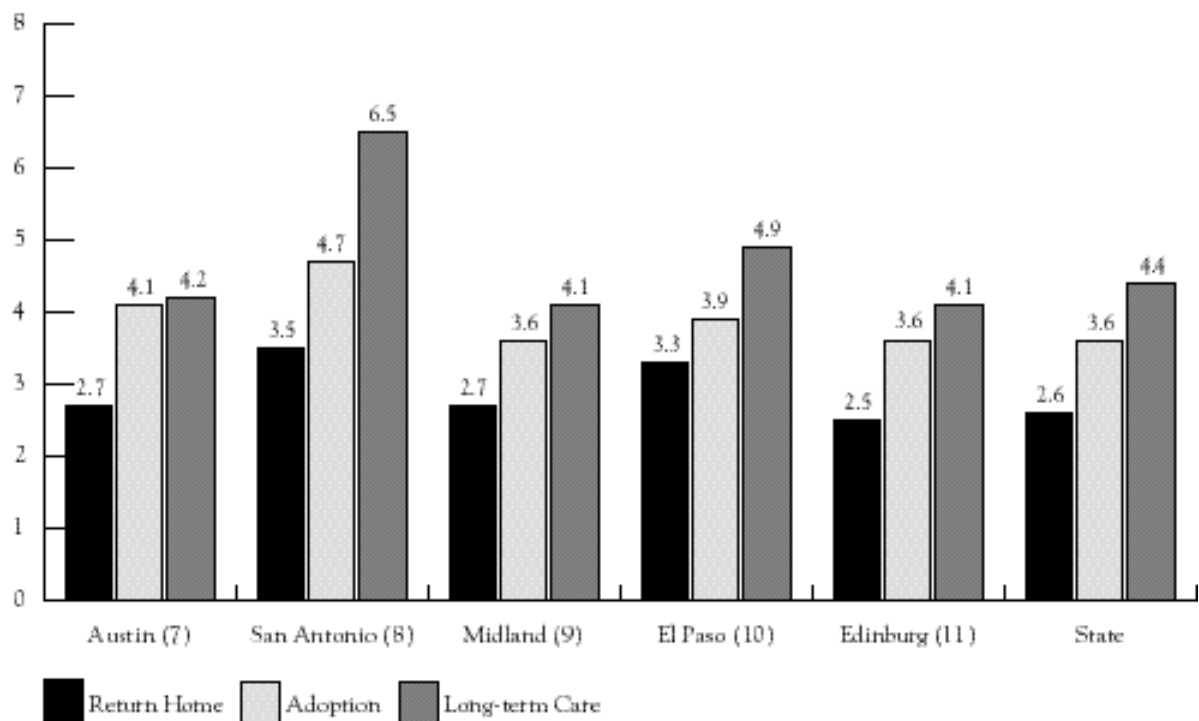
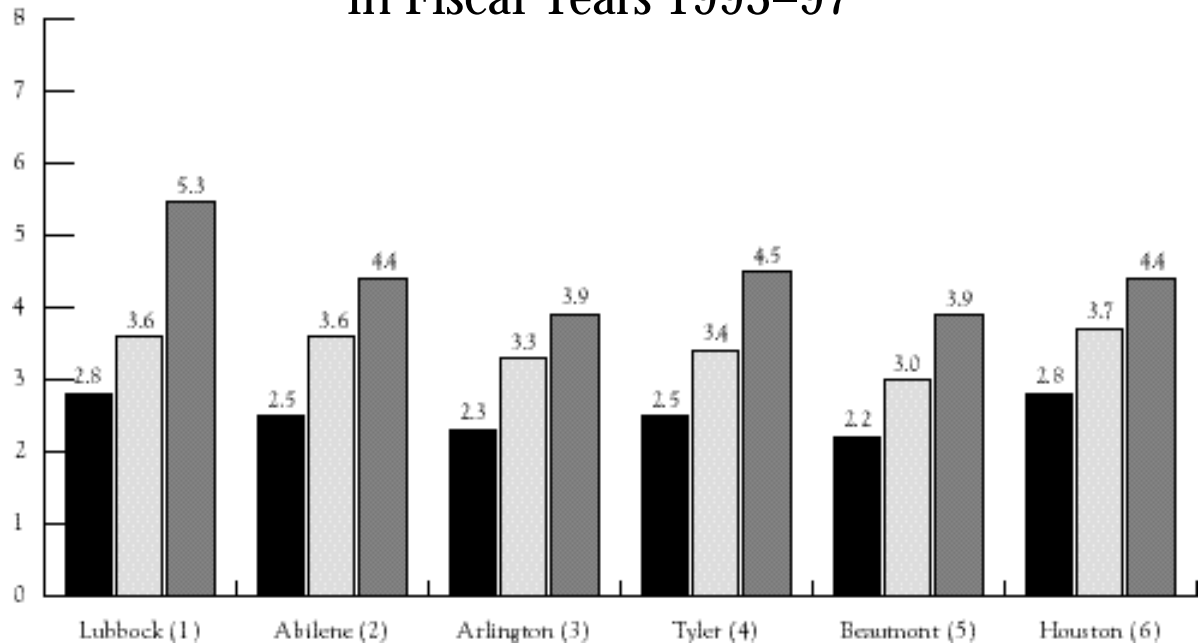
## Recidivism All Stages-FY 1993–97

|  |       |
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| Abuse and/or neglect recidivism at any time after initial contact by PRS for all cases open or closed. | 22.3% |
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## Average Length of Time in Months for Service by Stage of Service for CPS Cases Closed by Region Fiscal Years 1993–97



## Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Attained Permanency in Fiscal Years 1993–97



Note: Figures include children placed with relatives.



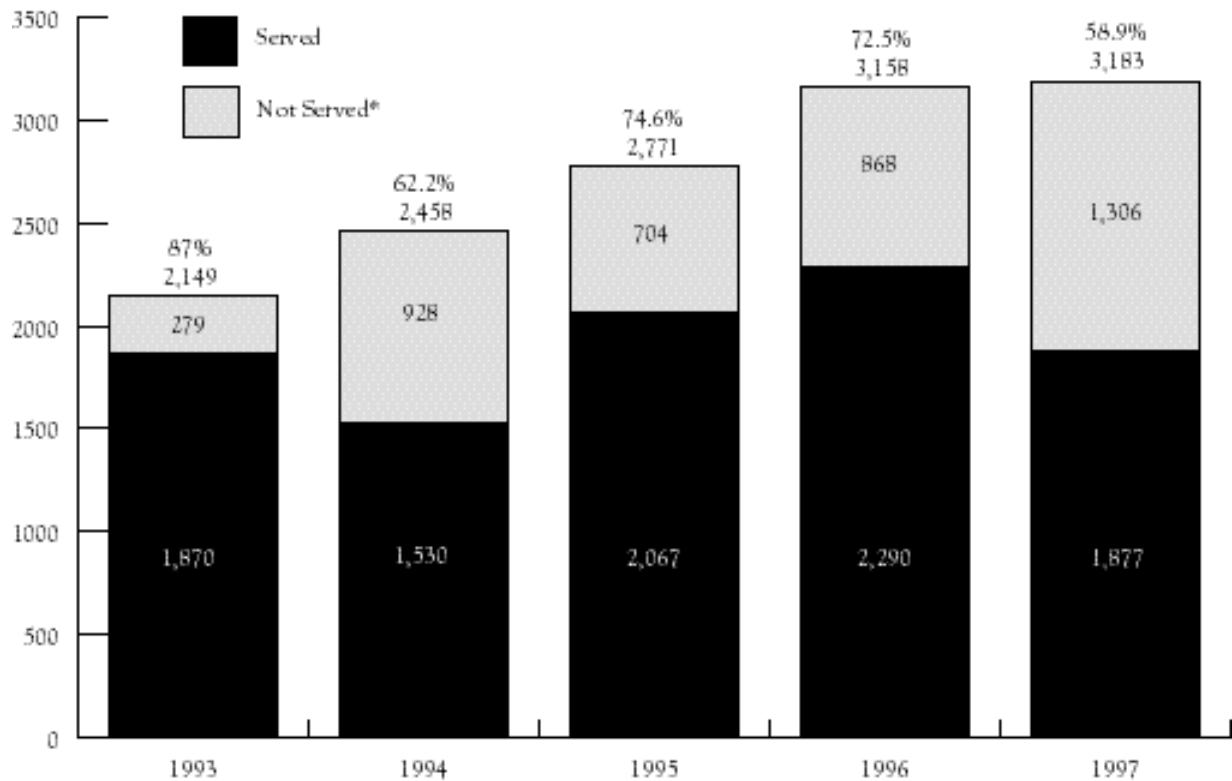
## Substitute Care Outcomes for Fiscal Years 1993-97

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Average number of placements per child in substitute care for children for whom services have been completed. | 3.3         |
| Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.               | 23.8 months |
| Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.                | 13.8 months |
| Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.               | 52.7 months |
| Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.                | 44.3 months |

## Average Number of Placements for Children in PRS Conservatorship Fiscal Years 1993-97

| Region                 | Average Number of<br>Placements per Child in<br>Temporary Substitute Care<br>Who Left Care | Average Number of<br>Placements per Child in<br>Long-Term Substitute Care<br>Who Left Care | Average Number of<br>Placements per Child in<br>Substitute Care Whose<br>Adoption was Consummated |
|------------------------|--|--|---|
| Lubbock (Region 1)     | 2.8  | 5.3  | 3.6   |
| Abilene (Region 2)     | 2.5  | 4.4  | 3.6   |
| Arlington (Region 3)   | 2.3  | 3.9  | 3.3   |
| Tyler (Region 4)       | 2.5  | 4.5  | 3.4   |
| Beaumont (Region 5)    | 2.2  | 3.9  | 3.0   |
| Houston (Region 6)     | 2.8  | 4.4  | 3.7   |
| Austin (Region 7)      | 2.7  | 4.2  | 4.1   |
| San Antonio (Region 8) | 3.5  | 6.5  | 4.7   |
| Midland (Region 9)     | 2.7  | 4.1  | 3.6   |
| El Paso (Region 10)    | 3.3  | 4.9  | 3.9   |
| Edinburg (Region 11)   | 2.5  | 4.1  | 3.6   |
| State                  | 2.6  | 4.4  | 3.6   |

## Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Eligibles and Youth Served Ages 16 through 20



\*Includes youth who started services, but were not served in the current fiscal year, and youth who have left care.

Note: Percentages refer to percent of eligible clients.

The Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) program was implemented to ensure that older youths in substitute care are prepared for their inevitable departure from the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services' care and support. The PAL program's goal is to provide each of these youths with the skills and resources they will need to be a productive adult. Youths in the PAL program receive training in personal and interpersonal skills, job skills, money management, housing and transportation, health, and planning for the future. Transitional living allowances and household supplies stipends are provided. Additional services with funding availability, include specialized camps, vocational assessments, training, and supplies. Youth become eligible for PAL services at age 14. Youths 16 and older who are residing in PRS paid substitute care must be provided PAL services.

