

Legal Responsibility for Child Protective Services

Statutory References

Social Security Act
Texas Family Code
Human Resources Code

Major Provisions

- Definitions of abuse and neglect of children;
- Mandatory reporting of suspected abuse or neglect of children;
- Prepare and disseminate statistics by county relating to CPS in an annual report made available to the legislature and general public;
- Responsibility for receiving reports of suspected abuse or neglect of children;
- Responsibility for thorough investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect allegedly committed by a person responsible for a child's care, custody or welfare;
- Responsibility to assign priorities and prescribe investigative procedures for investigations based on the severity and immediacy of the alleged harm to the child;
- Take action to protect abused and neglected children from further harm;
- Establish review teams to evaluate department casework and decision-making related to investigations of child abuse or neglect.
- Employ a CPS investigations coordinator (Risk Director) to conduct staff reviews and evaluations of cases determined to involve high risk, monitor cases with multiple referrals, and approve decisions and assessments related to investigations which involve a high risk to the health or safety of a child.
- Work with children and their families, providing services to prevent further abuse, help alleviate the effects of the abuse suffered, prevent removal of the child from the home, and provide reunification services when appropriate for the return of the child to the home;
- When necessary, secure appropriate court orders and take possession of a child if there is an immediate danger to the physical health or safety of the child or the child has been a victim of neglect or sexual abuse and that continuation in the home would be contrary to the child's welfare;
- Make reasonable efforts to secure the return of the child;
- Develop a service plan in conference with the child's parents to determine return of the child to the child's parents, termination of parental rights and placement of the child for adoption, or because of the child's special needs or exceptional circumstances continue the child's care out of the child's home;
- Provide substitute care for children until the problems have been sufficiently resolved;
- Provide permanent placement for children who cannot safely return to their home.
- Establish a registry of persons who are willing to accept foster care placement of a child in care;
- Recruit potential adoptive parents for children whose parents have had their parental rights terminated.

Concepts Guiding Risk Determination

Child Vulnerability	Home Environment	Caregiver Capability	Quality of Care
Child Fragility	Stressors	Knowledge	Quality of connection
Child Behavior	Dangerous Exposure	Skills	Emotional care
		Capacity	Physical care

Social Environment	Response to CPS	Maltreatment Pattern
Social climate	Attitude	Chronicity
Social violence	Deception	Current severity
		Trends

Fiscal Year 2000 Expenditures and Staffing

CPS Staff Costs \$201,264,271

4,575 Direct Delivery (supervisors, workers, clerical)
 4,932 Total Staff

Purchased Services \$49,404,405

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

Foster Care Payments \$224,110,003.47

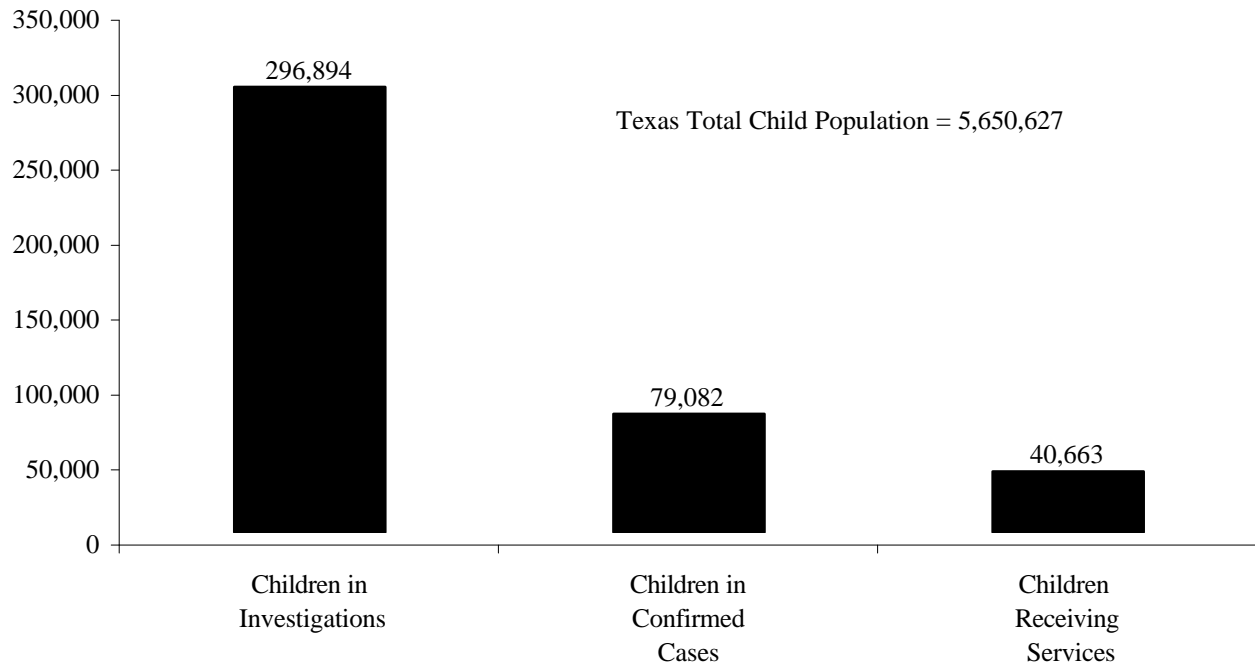
Adoption Subsidy Payments \$58,099,738

Federally Funded Special Projects, Staff Costs and Purchased Services \$3,133,419

41 Total Staff

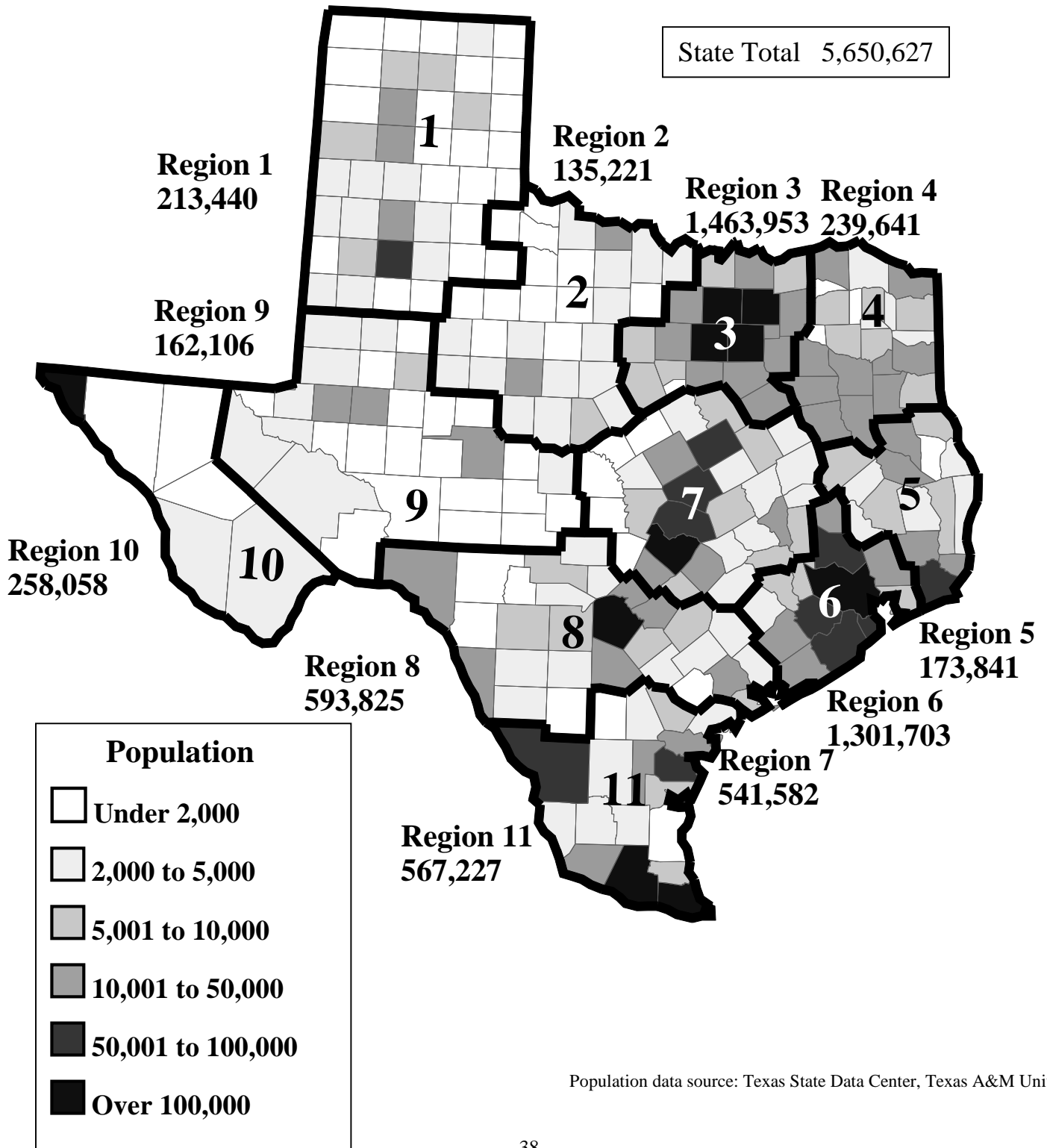
Children in Investigations of Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2000

Region	Child Population	Children in Investigations*	Children in Confirmed Investigations*	Children Receiving Services
Lubbock (1)	213,440	12,630	3,665	1,713
Abilene (2)	135,221	8,851	2,552	1,508
Arlington (3)	1,463,953	65,898	17,404	8,467
Tyler (4)	239,641	18,568	4,514	2,101
Beaumont (5)	173,841	11,456	2,991	1,116
Houston (6)	1,301,733	56,491	15,704	6,523
Austin (7)	541,582	38,319	10,260	3,459
San Antonio (8)	593,825	35,163	9,914	6,094
Midland (9)	162,106	8,266	2,056	2,046
El Paso (10)	258,058	9,444	2,781	1,752
Edinburg (11)	567,227	31,676	7,213	5,867
Other	0	132	28	17
Total	5,650,627	296,894	79,082	40,663



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

Texas Total Child Population Ages Birth Through 17 Years by County Fiscal Year 2000



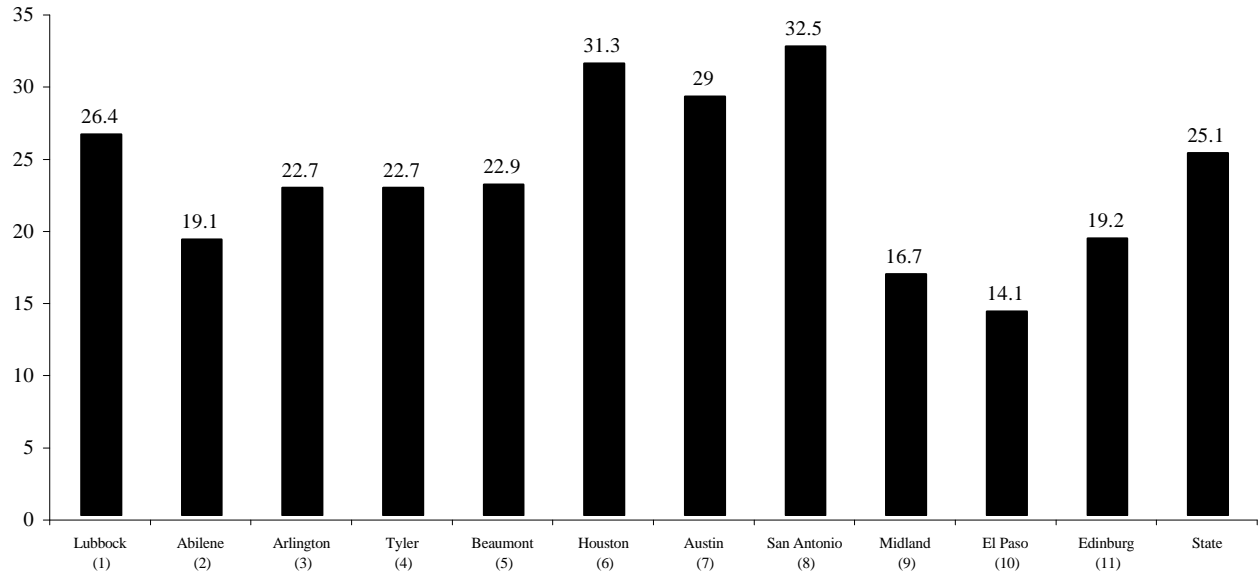
Average Monthly Number Child Protective Services Direct Delivery Cases* Fiscal Year 2000

Services	Families	Children
Intakes **	14,554	35,495
Investigations	10,144	24,740
Family Preservation	4,036	11,611
Intensified Services	1,587	4,536
Temporary Substitute Care	6,301	8,826
Family Reunification	646	1,594
Plan is Adoption	N/A	3,616
Long-Term Substitute Care	2,830	3,729
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Total Cases	40,098	94,147

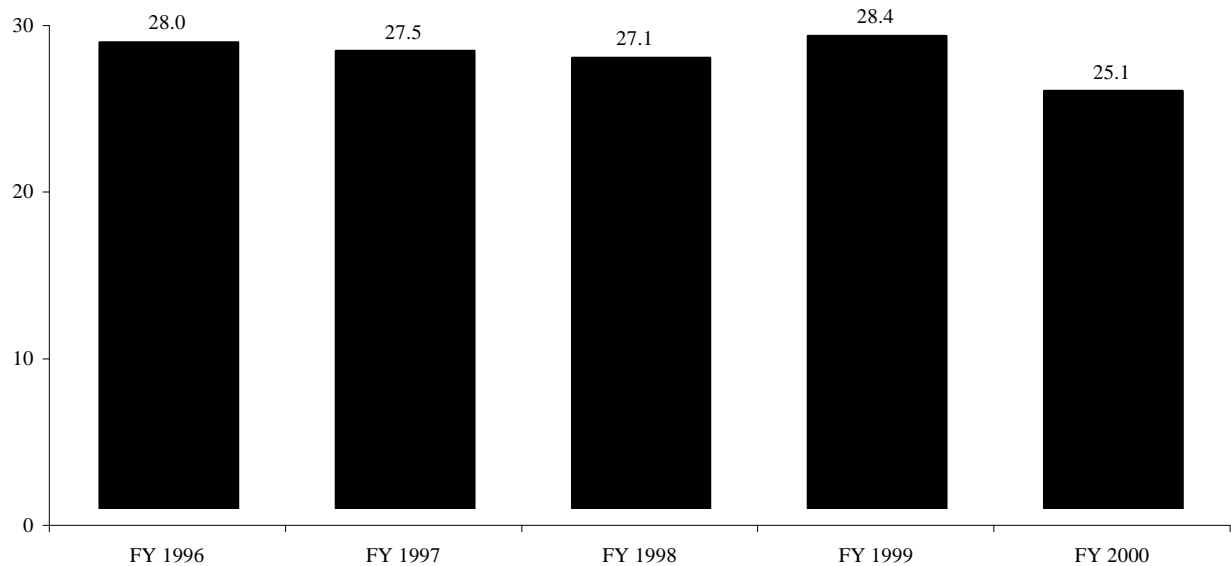
*This table does not include Contracted Direct Delivery Services.

** Includes intakes assigned, intakes not assigned, and case-related special requests.

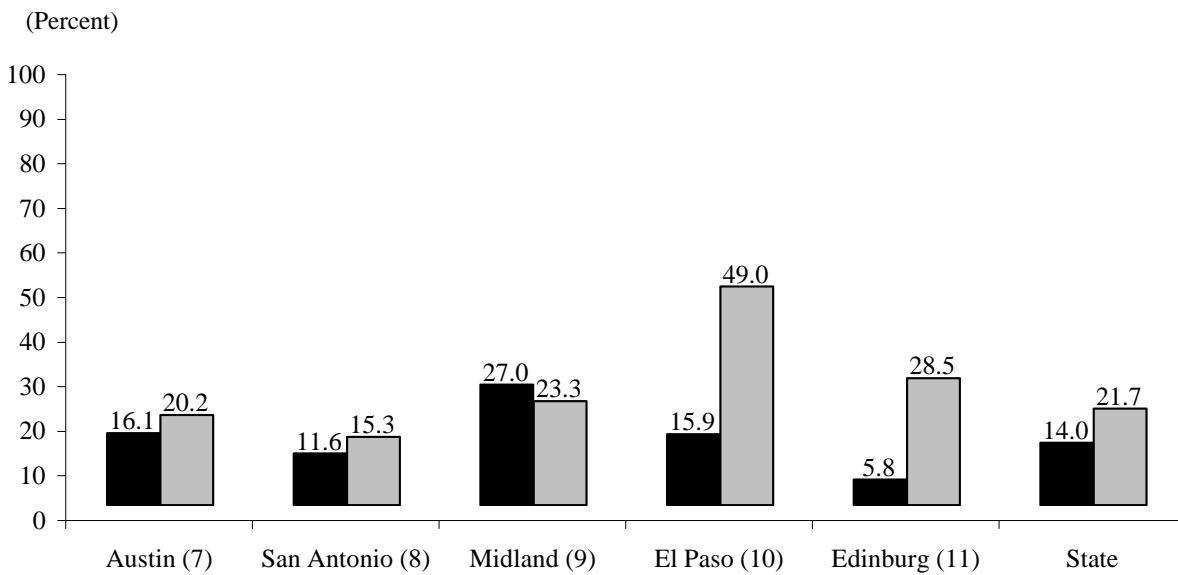
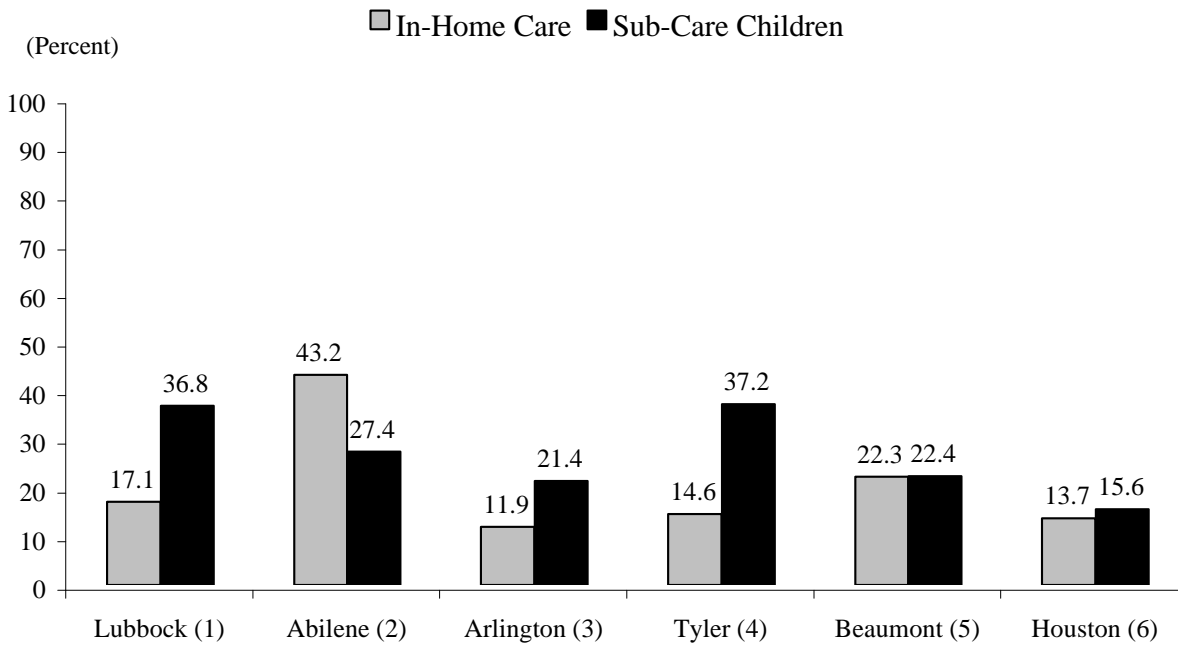
Average Monthly Weighted CPS Caseload per Worker by Region Fiscal Year 2000



Average Monthly Weighted CPS Caseload per Worker by Fiscal Year



Average Monthly Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region Fiscal Year 2000

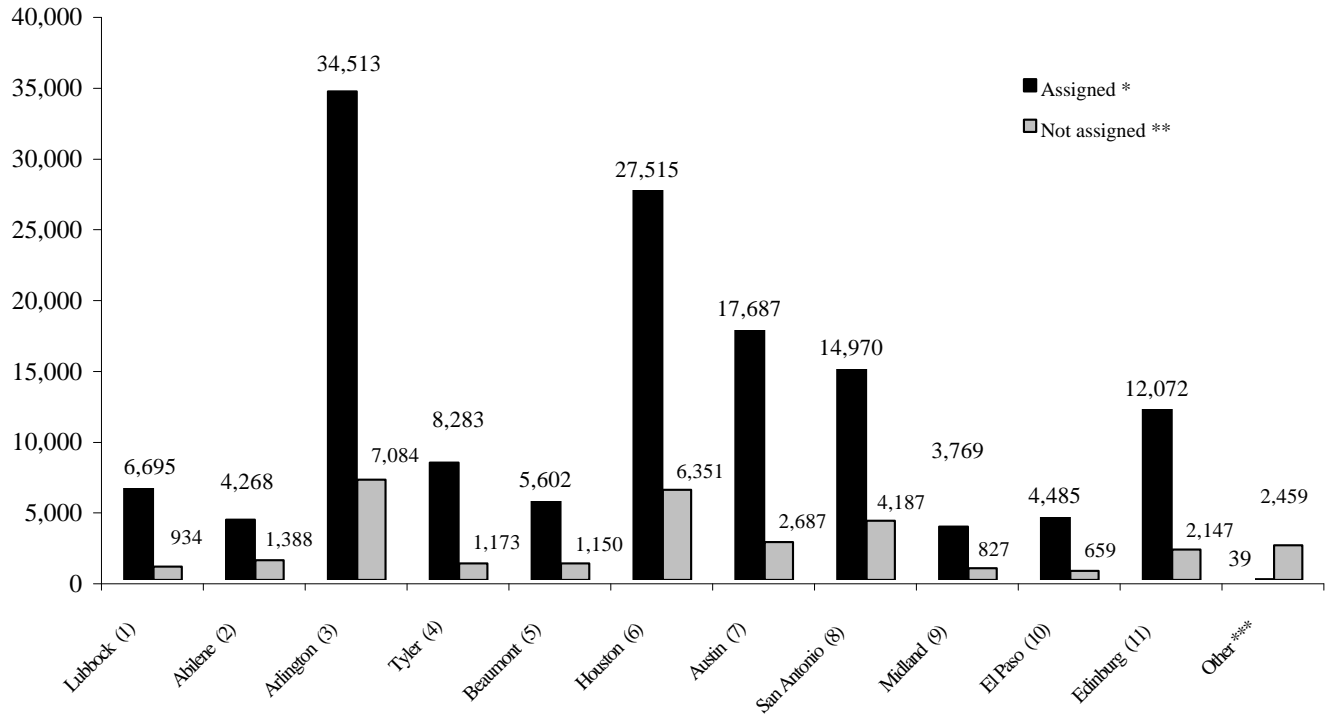


Total Number of Calls* by Region Fiscal Year 2000

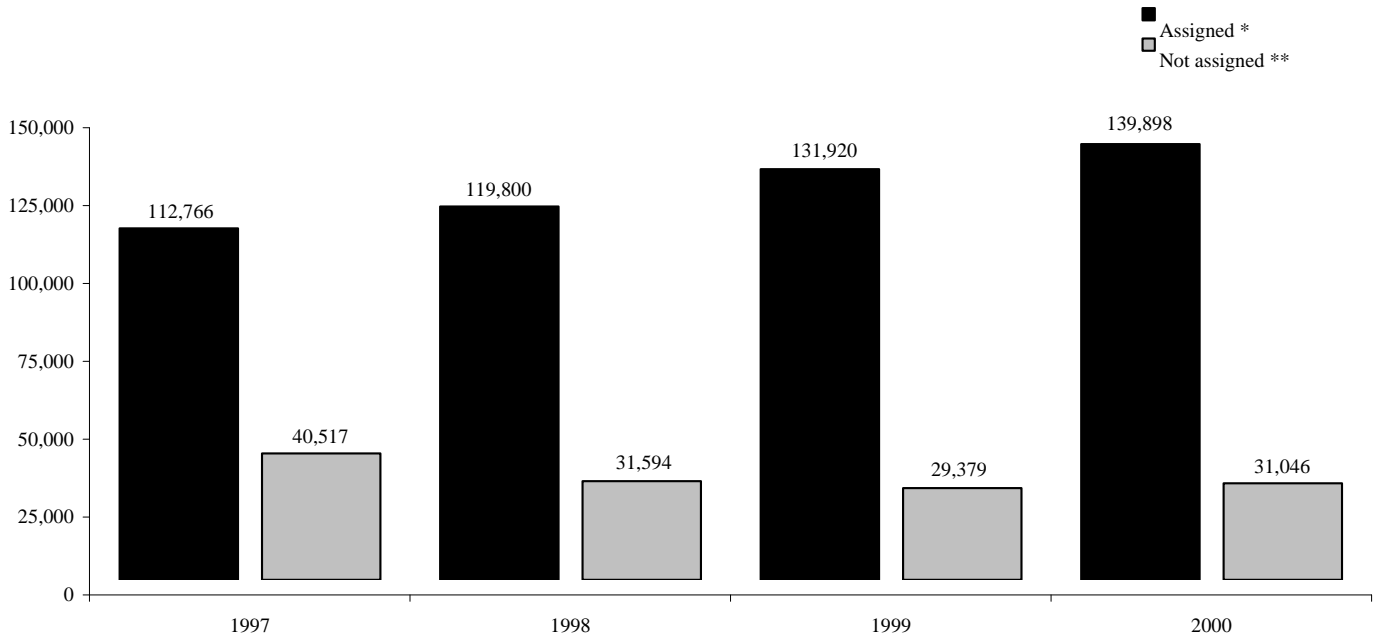
Region	Information & Referral	Case-related Special Request	Non-case-related Special Request	Reports of Alleged Abuse/Neglect	Total
Lubbock (1)	22	70	11	66	169
Abilene (2)	1,657	89	9	379	2,134
Arlington (3)	263	492	421	1,365	2,541
Tyler (4)	32	97	16	320	465
Beaumont (5)	29	116	4	303	452
Houston (6)	2,682	278	1	201	3,162
Austin (7)	27	242	2	294	565
San Antonio (8)	21	117	7	103	248
Midland (9)	151	20	0	24	195
El Paso (10)	427	72	297	224	1,020
Edinburg (11)	113	102	34	181	430
Unknown	19	383	0	18	420
Statewide Intake	342,440	1,815	381	235,574	580,210
Total	347,883	3,893	1,183	239,052	592,011

* Includes Adult Protective, Child Protective, and Licensing Programs

Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2000



Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Fiscal Year



* Reports meeting the statutory definition of abuse and/or neglect that include sufficient identifying information are assigned.

**Reports that do not meet statutory definition or do not have sufficient identifying information to locate the family are not assigned.

*** Region unknown.

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

Child Abuse/Neglect Allegation Dispositions

The categories used to record the findings and initial assessment/investigation of child abuse or neglect are defined as:

Confirmed Investigations

Reason to believe -- Based on a preponderance of 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 Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations * Fiscal Year 2000

Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	5,152	1,404	27.3%	3,748
Abilene (2)	3,723	1,014	27.2%	2,709
Arlington (3)	28,165	7,074	25.1%	21,091
Tyler (4)	7,954	1,808	22.7%	6,146
Beaumont (5)	4,850	1,220	25.2%	3,630
Houston (6)	23,514	6,273	26.7%	17,241
Austin (7)	15,665	3,936	25.1%	11,729
San Antonio (8)	13,379	3,536	26.4%	9,843
Midland (9)	3,289	786	23.9%	2,503
El Paso (10)	3,972	1,076	27.1%	2,896
Edinburg (11)	12,012	2,560	21.3%	9,452
Other**	57	11	19.3%	46
Total	121,732	30,698	25.2%	91,034

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

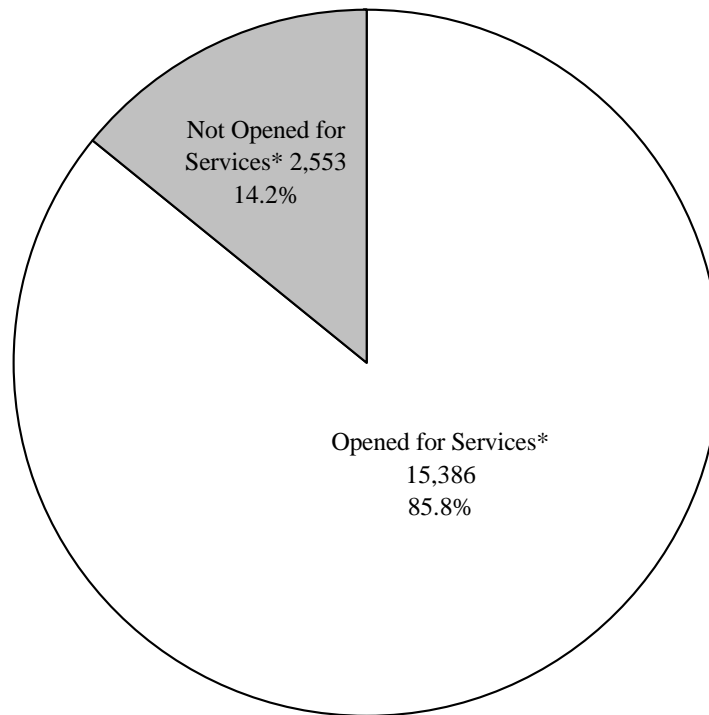
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Note: For information on abuse and neglect investigations in child care facilities see "Complaint Investigations in Child Care Facilities " page 90.

Risk Assessment Finding of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Fiscal Year 2000

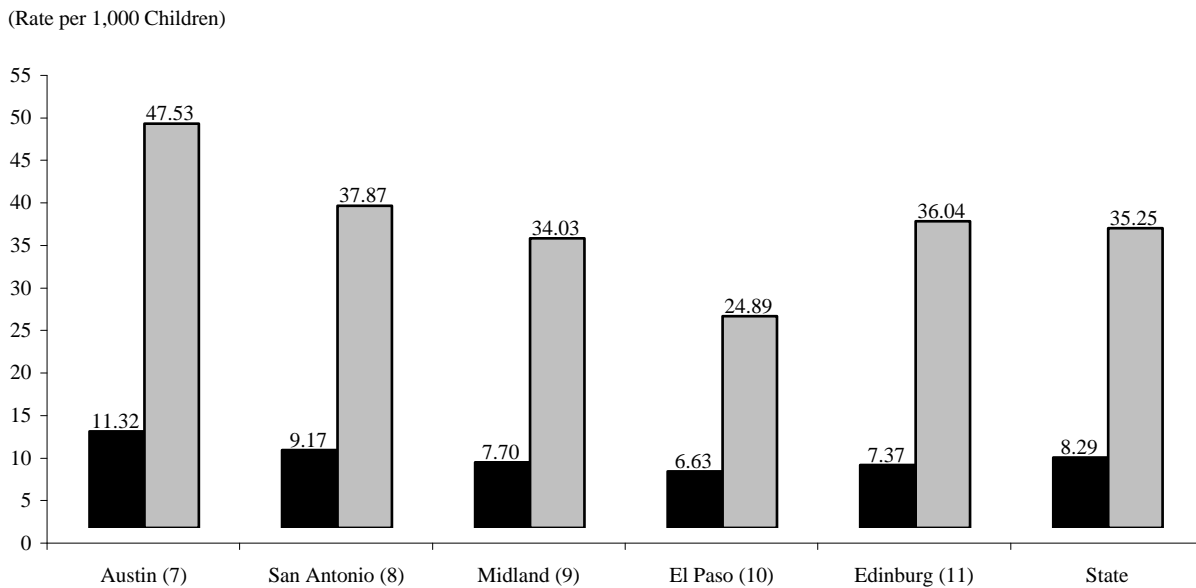
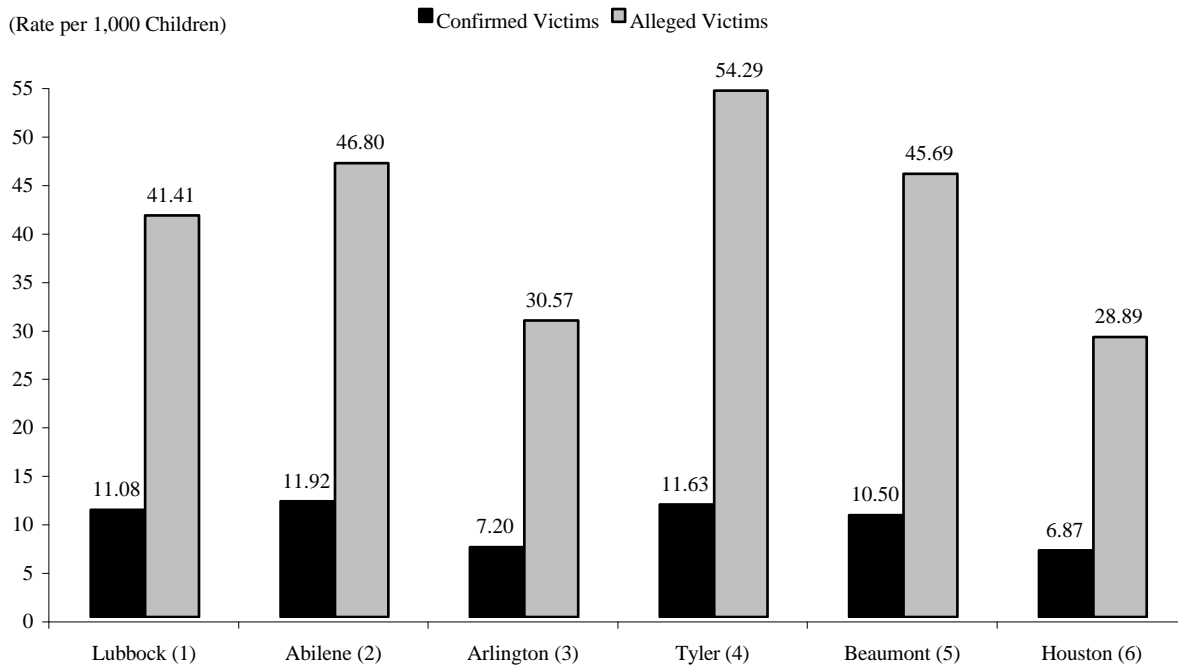
Disposition of Investigation	No Significant Risk Identified	Risk Controlled	Risk Indicated	Risk Not Applicable	Blank/Invalid	Total
Confirmed	585	17,174	12,631	136	172	30,698
Unconfirmed	35,315	42,237	5,308	3,537	4,637	91,034
Total	35,900	59,411	17,939	3,673	4,809	121,732
Percent Confirmed	1.6%	28.9%	70.4%	3.7%	3.6%	25.2%
Percent Unconfirmed	98.4%	71.1%	29.6%	96.3%	96.4%	74.8%

Case Action for Risk Indicated Investigations



*Note: Only investigations with a risk finding of "Risk Indicated" can be opened for further services. Opened for services is defined as services provided after the investigation was completed.

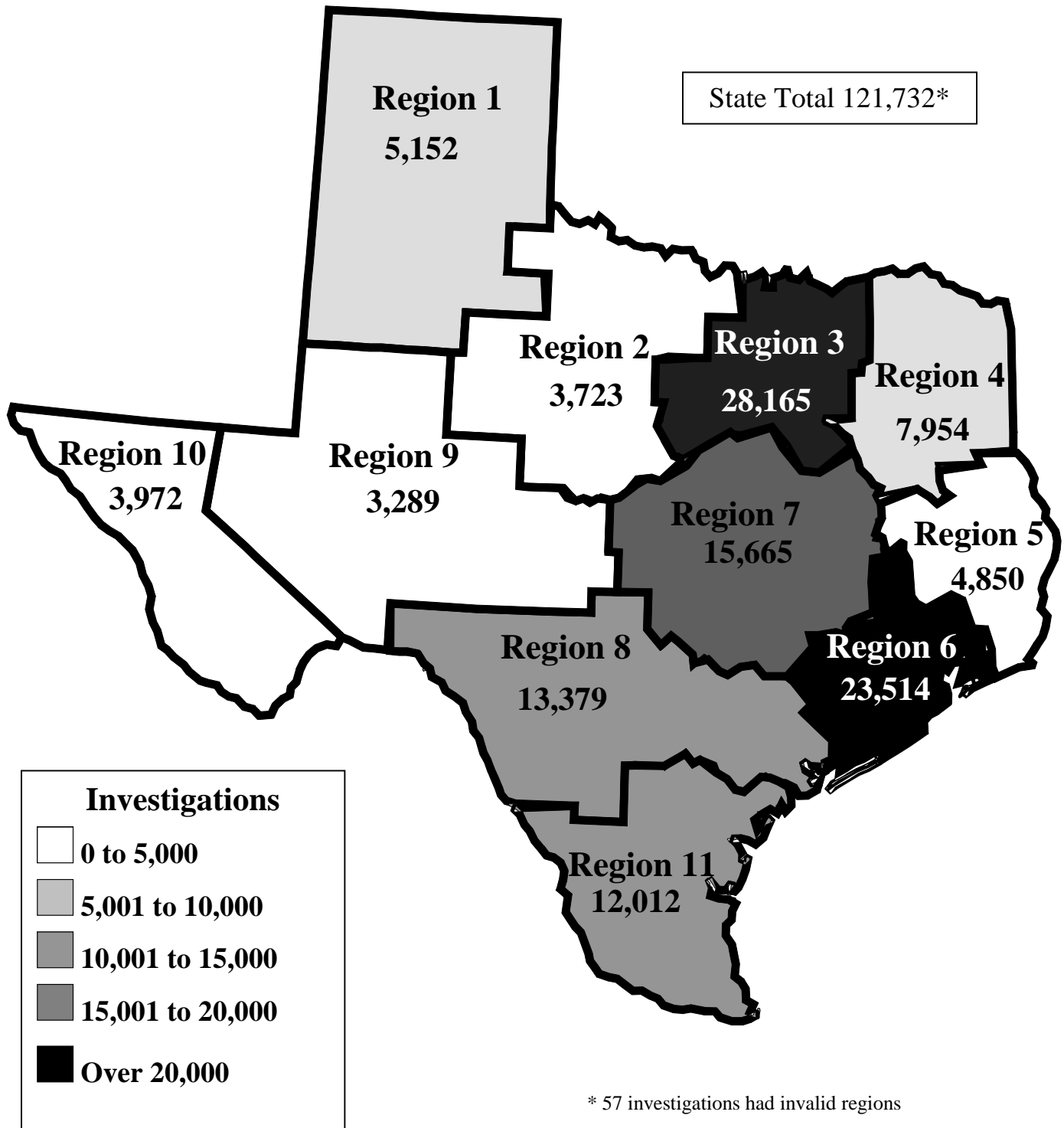
Incidence of Child Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children in Texas Child Population by Region Fiscal Year 2000



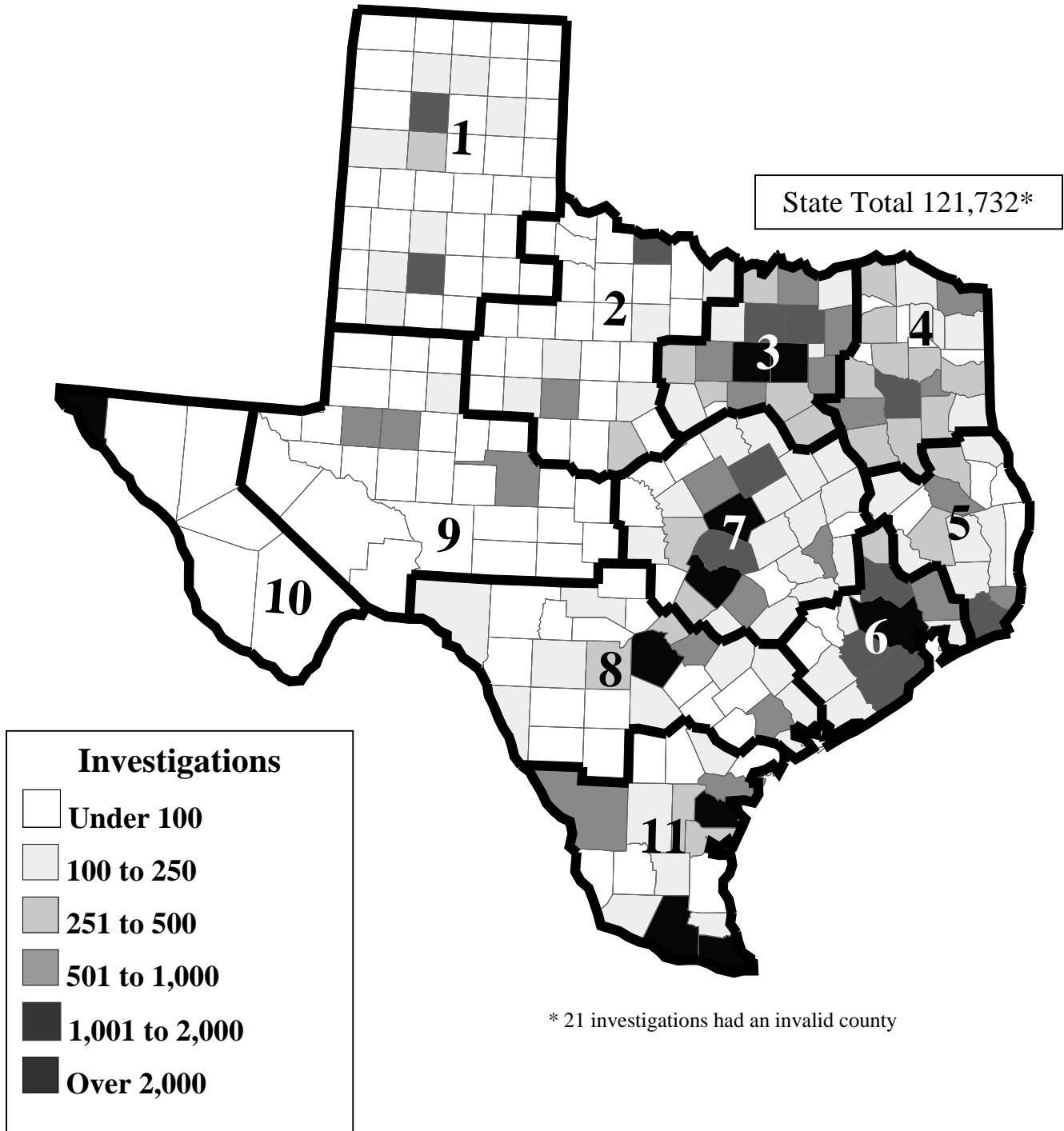
Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2000

Region	Alleged Victims	Confirmed Victims	Unconfirmed Victims	Percent Confirmed
Lubbock (1)	8,838	2,364	6,474	26.7%
Abilene (2)	6,329	1,612	4,717	25.5%
Arlington (3)	44,746	10,547	34,199	23.6%
Tyler (4)	13,010	2,786	10,224	21.4%
Beaumont (5)	7,943	1,825	6,118	23.0%
Houston (6)	37,612	8,949	28,663	23.8%
Austin (7)	25,739	6,131	19,608	23.8%
San Antonio (8)	22,490	5,443	17,047	24.2%
Midland (9)	5,516	1,249	4,267	22.6%
El Paso (10)	6,422	1,711	4,711	26.6%
Edinburg (11)	20,442	4,181	16,261	20.5%
Other	97	19	78	19.6%
State	199,184	46,817	152,367	23.5%

Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2000



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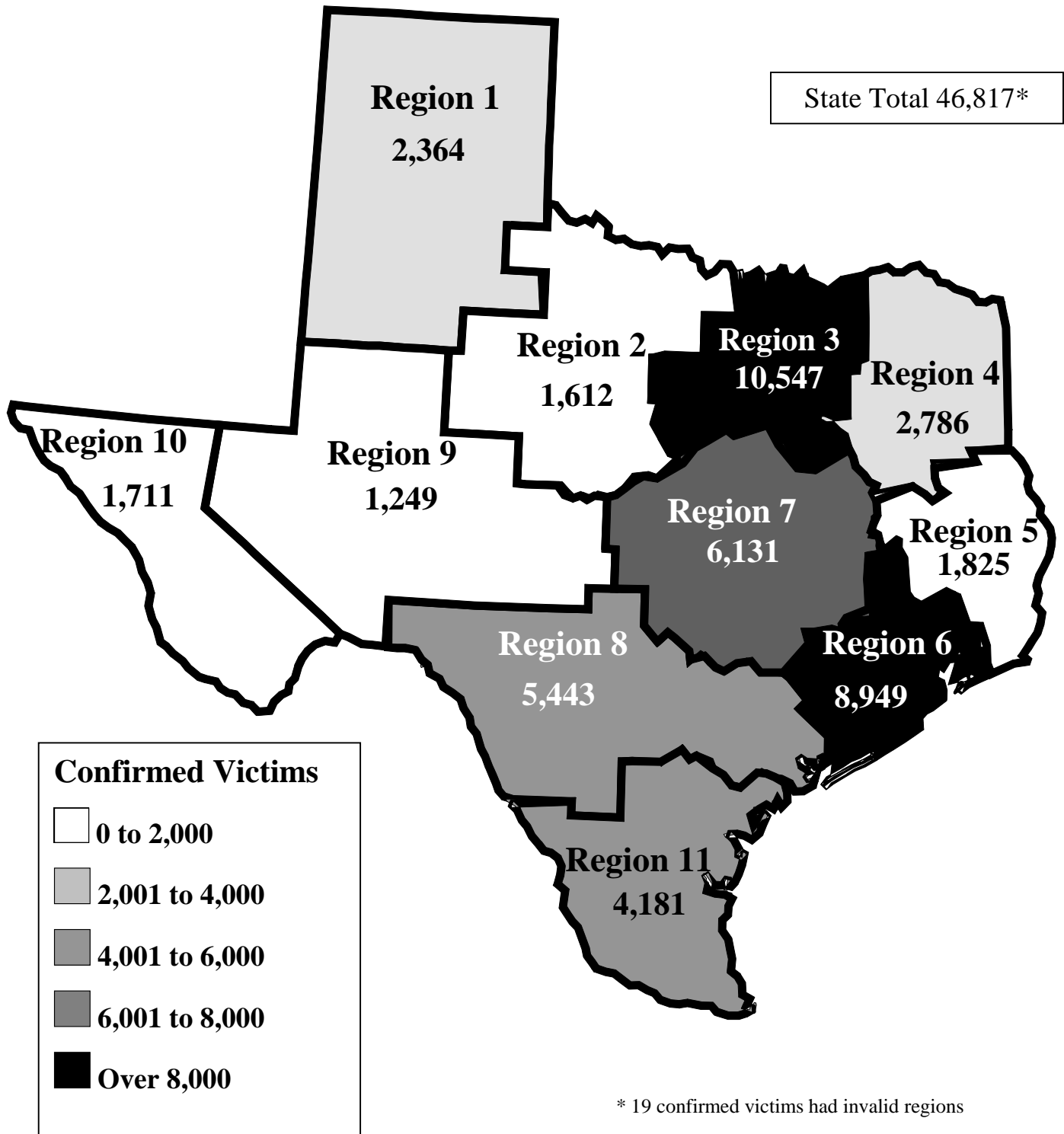


Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Source of Report

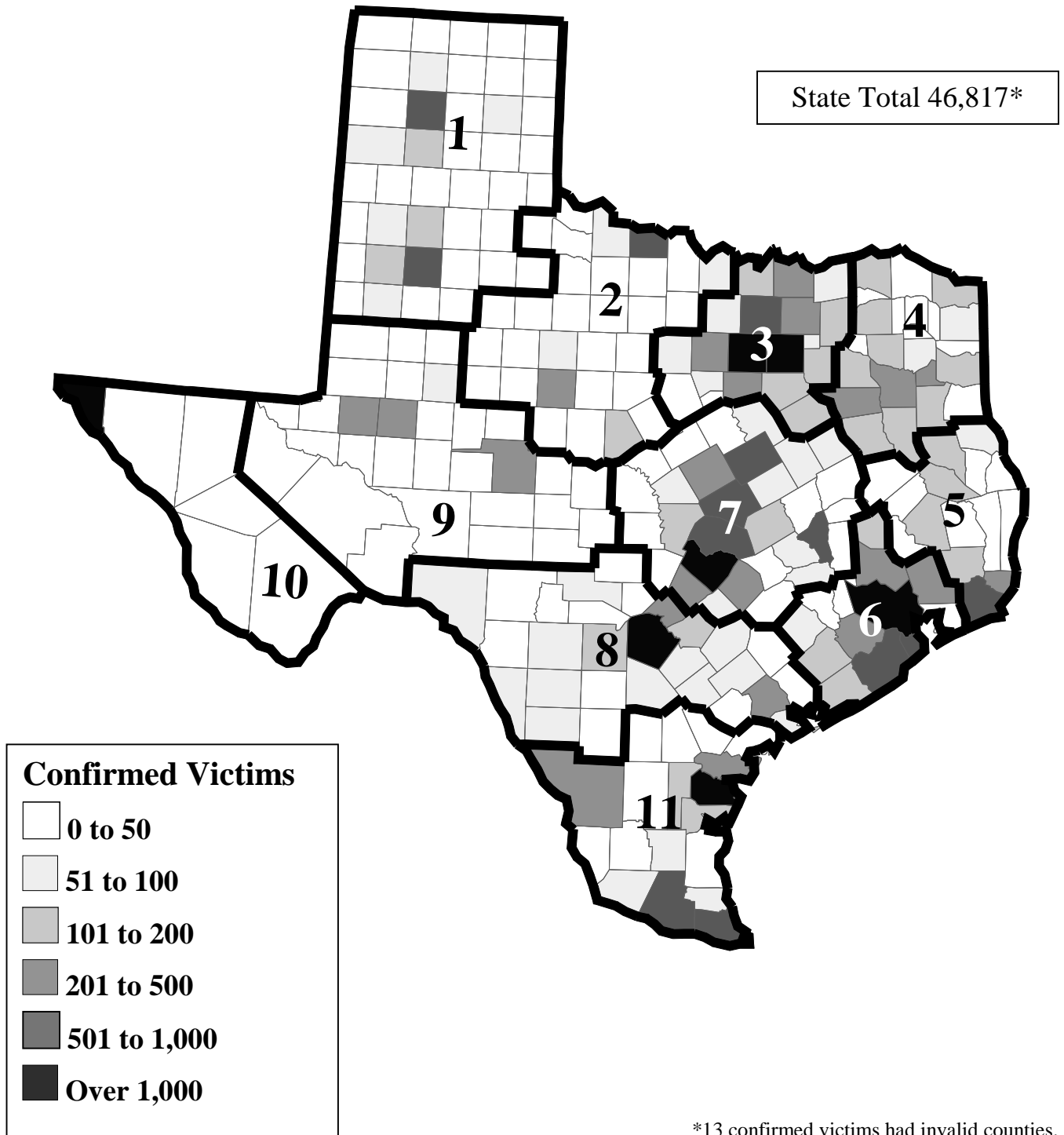
Sources	Fiscal Year 1998		Fiscal Year 1999		Fiscal Year 2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Anonymous	6,953	6.3%	8,124	6.7%	10,030	7.1
Child Care Facility	1,552	1.4%	1,592	1.3%	1,956	1.4
Law Enforcement	14,901	13.4%	14,470	11.9%	17,464	12.3
Parent	10,914	9.8%	11,121	9.1%	12,914	9.1
Relative	12,640	11.4%	13,474	11.1%	16,769	11.8
School	22,958	20.7%	23,647	19.4%	28,285	20.0
Victim	615	0.06%	914	0.8%	970	0.7
Medical Personnel	16,771	15.1%	18,112	14.9%	19,460	13.7
Friend/Neighbor	11,890	10.7%	11,421	9.4%	12,486	8.8
PRS Staff	1,433	1.3%	843	0.7%	634	0.4
Other	13,768	12.4%	13,894	11.4%	16,707	11.8
Blank	6,001	5.4%	4,223	3.5%	3,979	2.8
Total	120,396 *	100.0%	121,835	100.0%	141,654	100.0%

* Reports of Abuse/Neglect situations may come from multiple sources. Prior to FY 1998 only one source of report was available.

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2000



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Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Fiscal Year 2000

Age	Sex	African			Native		Other	Total
		Anglo	American	Hispanic	American	Asian		
Under 1								
	Female	913	755	857	4	12	49	2,590
	Male	987	864	985	11	16	57	2,920
	Unknown	12	12	14	0	0	4	42
Total		1,912	1,631	1,856	15	28	110	5,552
1-3 Years								
	Female	1,703	1,023	1,538	12	19	67	4,362
	Male	1,895	1,220	1,711	10	20	82	4,938
	Unknown	21	15	17	0	1	8	62
Total		3,619	2,258	3,266	22	40	157	9,362
4-6 Years								
	Female	1,769	1,061	1,727	19	29	69	4,674
	Male	1,781	1,153	1,692	15	28	72	4,741
	Unknown	8	7	9	0	0	7	31
Total		3,558	2,221	3,428	34	57	148	9,446
7-9 Years								
	Female	1,721	1,046	1,635	14	27	46	4,489
	Male	1,560	1,048	1,488	23	29	52	4,200
	Unknown	5	6	6	0	0	1	18
Total		3,286	2,100	3,129	37	56	99	8,707
10-12 Years								
	Female	1,434	787	1,401	15	16	57	3,710
	Male	1,182	699	964	5	26	51	2,927
	Unknown	4	1	6	0	0	1	12
Total		2,620	1,487	2,371	20	42	109	6,649
13-17 Years								
	Female	1,951	901	1,820	6	30	73	4,781
	Male	1,082	458	703	5	8	29	2,285
	Unknown	1	3	3	0	0	0	7
Total		3,034	1,362	2,526	11	38	102	7,073
Age Unknown								
	Female	7	1	5	0	0	1	14
	Male	5	3	3	0	0	1	12
	Unknown	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total		14	4	8	0	0	2	28
Total Victims								
	Female	9,498	5,574	8,983	70	133	362	24,620
	Male	8,492	5,445	7,546	69	127	344	22,023
	Unknown	53	44	55	0	1	21	174
Grand Total		18,043	11,063	16,584	139	261	727	46,817

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type of Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2000

Region	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment	Medical Neglect
Lubbock (1)	627	347	127	27	104
Abilene (2)	413	205	47	21	72
Arlington (3)	3,054	1,642	426	204	411
Tyler (4)	639	402	104	46	163
Beaumont (5)	385	256	55	23	106
Houston (6)	3,131	1,299	277	151	416
Austin (7)	1,636	976	134	85	276
San Antonio (8)	1,513	886	184	91	338
Midland (9)	306	177	58	11	59
El Paso (10)	511	165	105	20	77
Edinburg (11)	1,052	566	98	55	214
Other	7	4	0	0	0
State	13,274	6,925	1,615	734	2,236

Region	Physical Neglect	Neglectful Supervision	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Unduplicated Confirmed Victims*
Lubbock (1)	386	1,299	54	2,364
Abilene (2)	392	726	23	1,612
Arlington (3)	1,728	4,783	190	10,547
Tyler (4)	521	1,352	55	2,786
Beaumont (5)	244	1,027	37	1,825
Houston (6)	1,086	3,771	156	8,949
Austin (7)	658	3,288	136	6,131
San Antonio (8)	716	2,592	73	5,443
Midland (9)	243	567	23	1,249
El Paso (10)	298	822	17	1,711
Edinburg (11)	739	2,169	42	4,181
Other	6	6	0	19
State	7,017	22,402	806	46,817

Note: Victims of different types of abuse and neglect are not additive because one victim may have up to four types of abuse and or neglect.

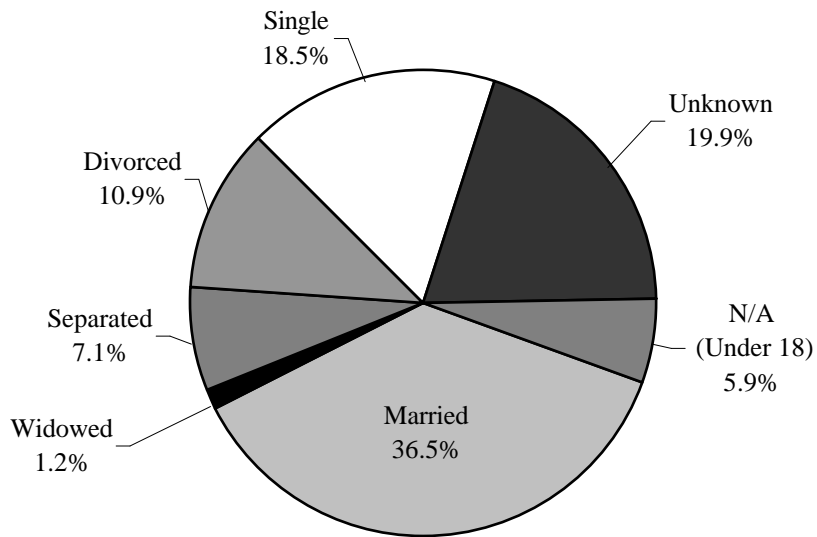
* Victims unduplicated by Investigation stage.

Characteristics Of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2000

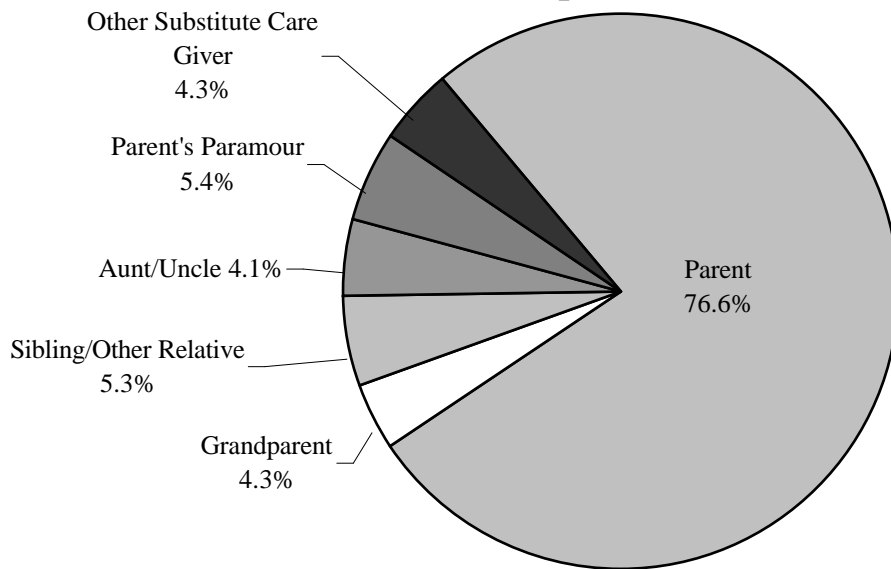
Characteristic	Female		Male		Unknown		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Age								
Under 18	762	2.0%	1,667	4.3%	8	0.0%	2,437	6.3%
18-25	6,483	16.8%	2,775	7.2%	24	0.1%	9,282	24.1%
26-35	8,962	23.3%	5,471	14.2%	37	0.1%	14,470	37.6%
36-45	4,384	11.4%	4,446	11.5%	12	0.0%	8,842	23.0%
Over 45	1,383	3.6%	2,091	5.4%	13	0.0%	3,487	9.1%
Invalid	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.0%
Marital Status								
Married	6,922	18.0%	7,119	18.5%	6	0.0%	14,047	36.5%
Widowed	334	0.9%	138	0.4%	1	0.0%	473	1.2%
Separated	1,767	4.6%	975	2.5%	2	0.0%	2,744	7.1%
Divorced	2,772	7.2%	1,413	3.7%	2	0.0%	4,187	10.9%
Single	5,091	13.2%	2,039	5.3%	10	0.0%	7,140	18.5%
Unknown	4,492	11.7%	3,095	8.0%	69	0.2%	7,656	19.9%
Not Applicable (Under 18)	599	1.6%	1,674	4.3%	4	0.0%	2,277	5.9%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	9,227	24.0%	7,382	19.2%	13	0.0%	16,622	43.1%
African American	5,249	13.6%	2,827	7.3%	10	0.0%	8,086	21.0%
Hispanic	6,983	18.1%	5,682	14.7%	17	0.0%	12,682	32.9%
Native American	85	0.2%	32	0.1%	0	0.0%	117	0.3%
Asian	137	0.4%	112	0.3%	1	0.0%	250	0.6%
Other	296	0.8%	418	1.1%	53	0.1%	767	2.0%
Relationship to Oldest Victim								
Parent	19,414	50.4%	10,080	26.2%	20	0.1%	29,514	76.6%
Grandparent	1,015	2.6%	632	1.6%	1	0.0%	1,648	4.3%
Sibling/Other Relative	328	0.9%	1,696	4.4%	7	0.0%	2,031	5.3%
Aunt/Uncle	543	1.4%	1,034	2.7%	3	0.0%	1,580	4.1%
Parent's Paramour	162	0.4%	1,933	5.0%	1	0.0%	2,096	5.4%
Other Substitute Care Giver	515	1.3%	1,078	2.8%	62	0.2%	1,655	4.3%
Total Perpetrators	21,977	57.0%	16,453	42.7%	94	0.2%	38,524	100.0%

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Marital Status

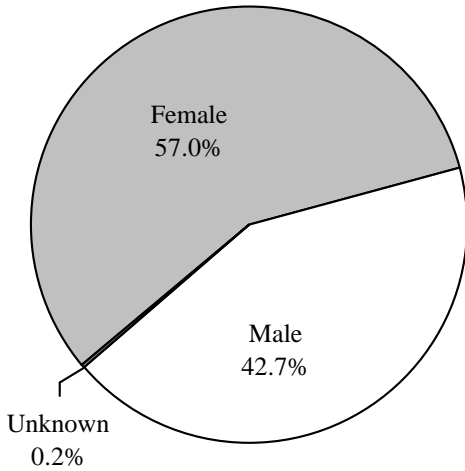


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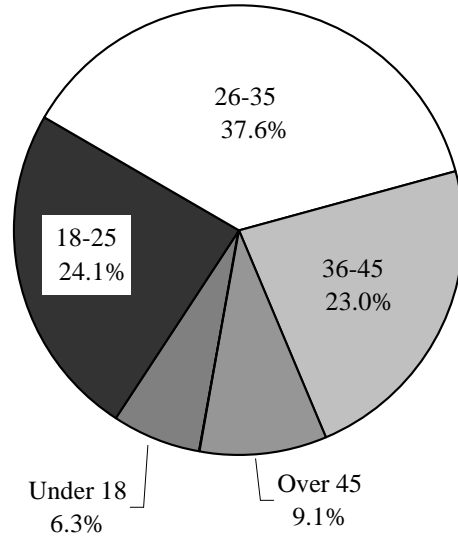


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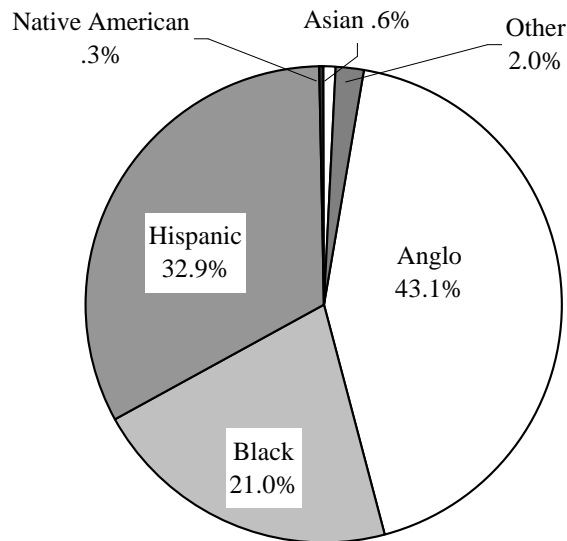
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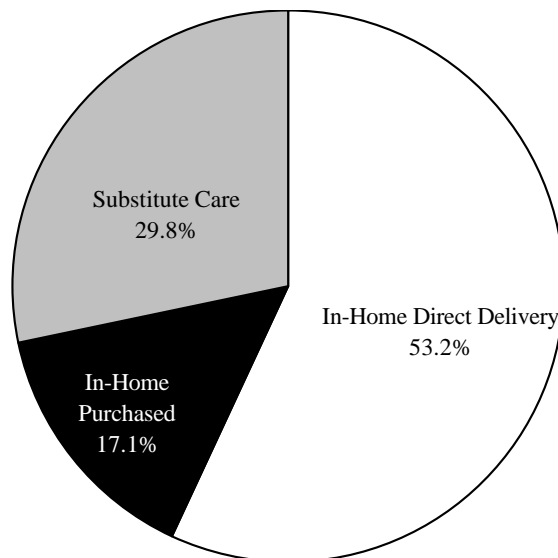
Ethnicity



Family Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2000

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	420	0	223	643
Abilene (2)	165	237	142	544
Arlington (3)	1,166	674	1,309	3,149
Tyler (4)	375	235	186	796
Beaumont (5)	101	196	116	413
Houston (6)	1,385	28	933	2,346
Austin (7)	696	0	528	1,224
San Antonio (8)	1,367	110	389	1,866
Midland (9)	286	312	97	695
El Paso (10)	530	8	73	611
Edinburg (11)	1,058	618	225	1,901
Other	1	2	2	5
State	7,550	2,420	4,223	14,193

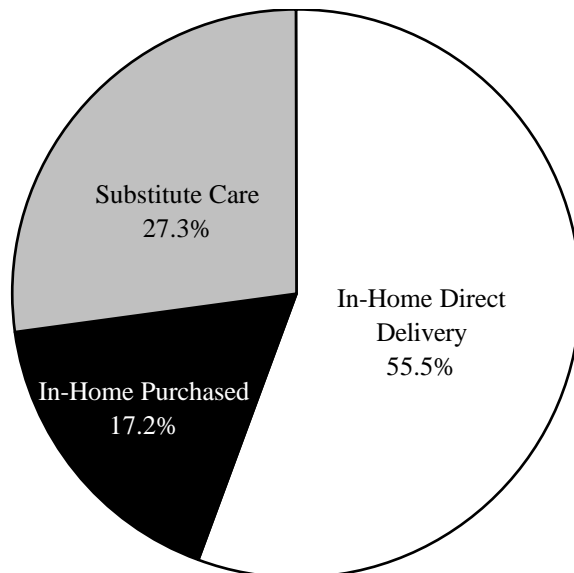
14,193 Families Opened for Services Fiscal Year 2000



Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Abuse/Neglect Investigation Fiscal Year 2000

Region	Opened In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Opened Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	1,134	0	579	1,713
Abilene (2)	470	692	346	1,508
Arlington (3)	3,271	1,926	3,270	8,467
Tyler (4)	1,039	615	447	2,101
Beaumont (5)	271	524	321	1,116
Houston (6)	4,079	88	2,356	6,523
Austin (7)	2,062	0	1,397	3,459
San Antonio (8)	4,516	322	1,256	6,094
Midland (9)	846	923	277	2,046
El Paso (10)	1,548	17	187	1,752
Edinburg (11)	3,343	1,870	654	5,867
Other	5	3	9	17
State Total	22,584	6,980	11,099	40,663

40,663 Children In Cases Opened for Services Fiscal Year 2000



Average Number of Families Receiving Preservation/Reunification Services per Month Fiscal Year 2000

Family Preservation Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate
Lubbock (1)	269	43	64	0	0	0
Abilene (2)	85	3	25	121	1	3
Arlington (3)	391	174	304	680	6	18
Tyler (4)	100	42	55	173	0	1
Beaumont (5)	37	18	4	143	0	0
Houston (6)	964	96	92	3	40	0
Austin (7)	299	59	160	1	0	0
San Antonio (8)	864	29	44	93	0	0
Midland (9)	136	6	53	183	0	3
El Paso (10)	256	12	38	81	0	0
Edinburg (11)	636	35	92	436	0	0
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Average *	4,036	517	929	1915**	48	25

Family Reunification Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate
Lubbock (1)	59	1	1	0	0	0
Abilene (2)	32	0	2	0	0	0
Arlington (3)	156	30	21	10	0	1
Tyler (4)	19	2	2	3	0	0
Beaumont (5)	22	3	0	2	0	0
Houston (6)	112	27	1	0	1	0
Austin (7)	102	5	2	0	0	0
San Antonio (8)	51	21	4	0	0	0
Midland (9)	16	0	6	3	0	0
El Paso (10)	31	5	0	0	0	0
Edinburg (11)	46	7	1	3	0	1
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Average *	646	101	40	21	2	2

* Average rounded to the nearest whole number.

** Previously calculated as the average number of children, instead of the average number of families. FY 2000 data should not be compared to previous years.

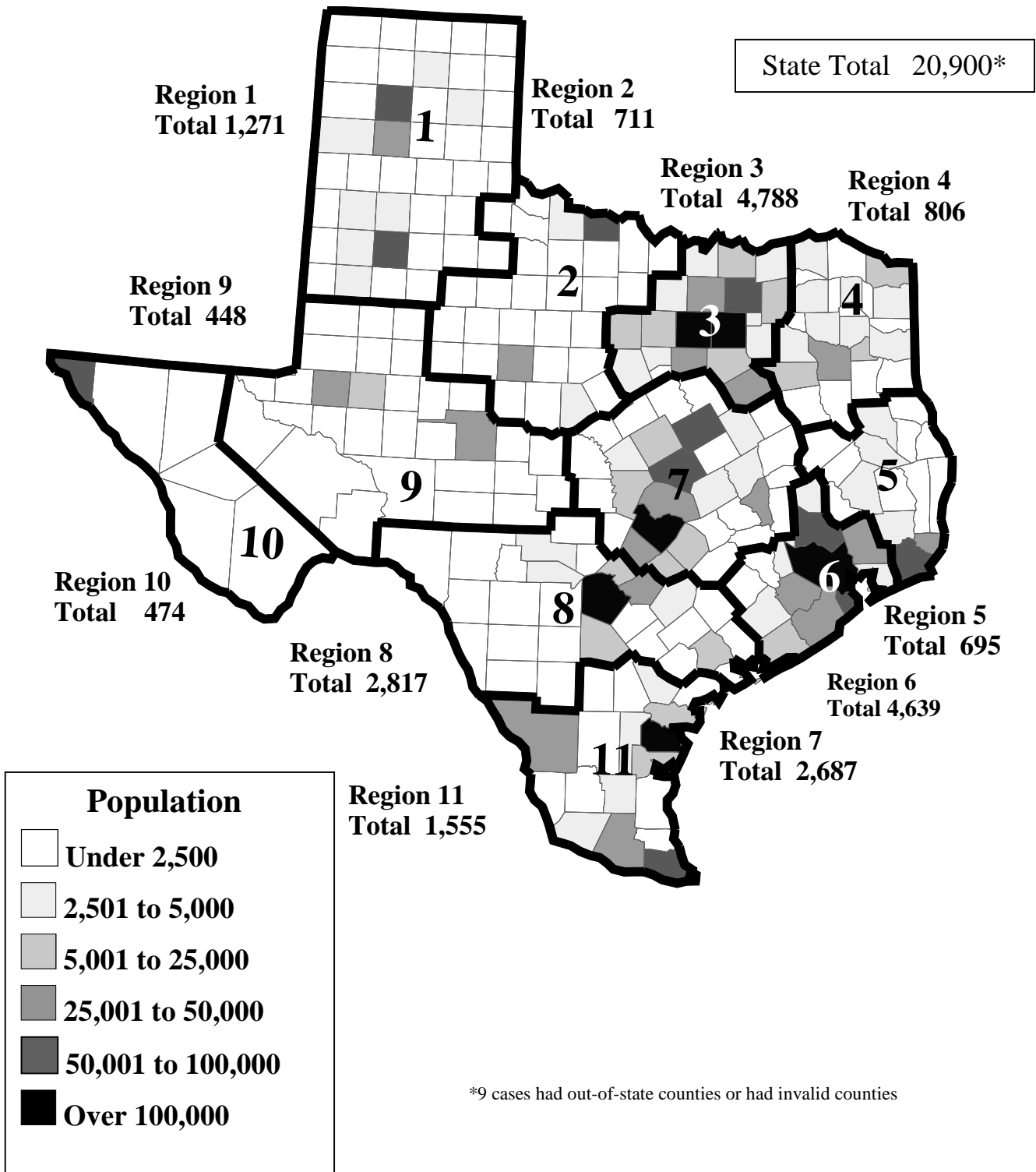
Average Number of Children Receiving Purchased Services per Month

Fiscal Year 2000

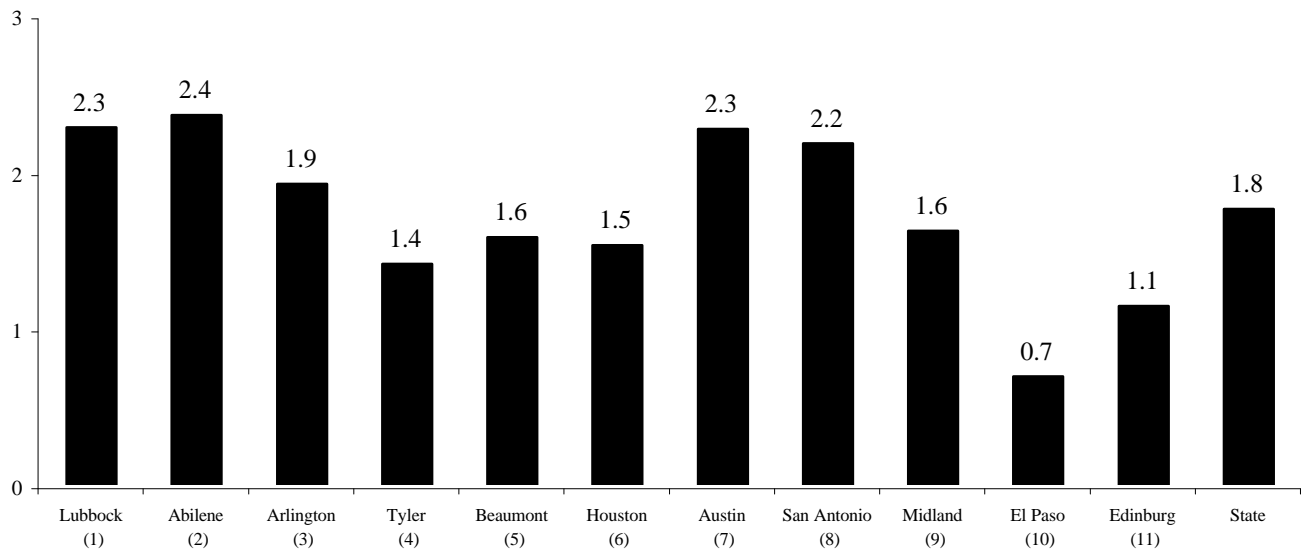
Region	Living At Home	Living Out of Home	Post- Adoption	Total
Lubbock (1)	195	362	6	563
Abilene (2)	310	143	83	536
Arlington (3)	544	778	156	1,478
Tyler (4)	150	230	15	395
Beaumont (5)	139	120	74	333
Houston (6)	522	607	89	1,218
Austin (7)	280	444	58	782
San Antonio (8)	384	379	35	798
Midland (9)	296	86	60	442
El Paso (10)	186	140	16	341
Edinburg (11)	218	317	14	549
Out of State	0	0	0	0
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State Average*	3,224	3,606	605	7,435

* Average rounded to the nearest whole number.

Annual Number of Children in Foster Care by County Fiscal Year 2000

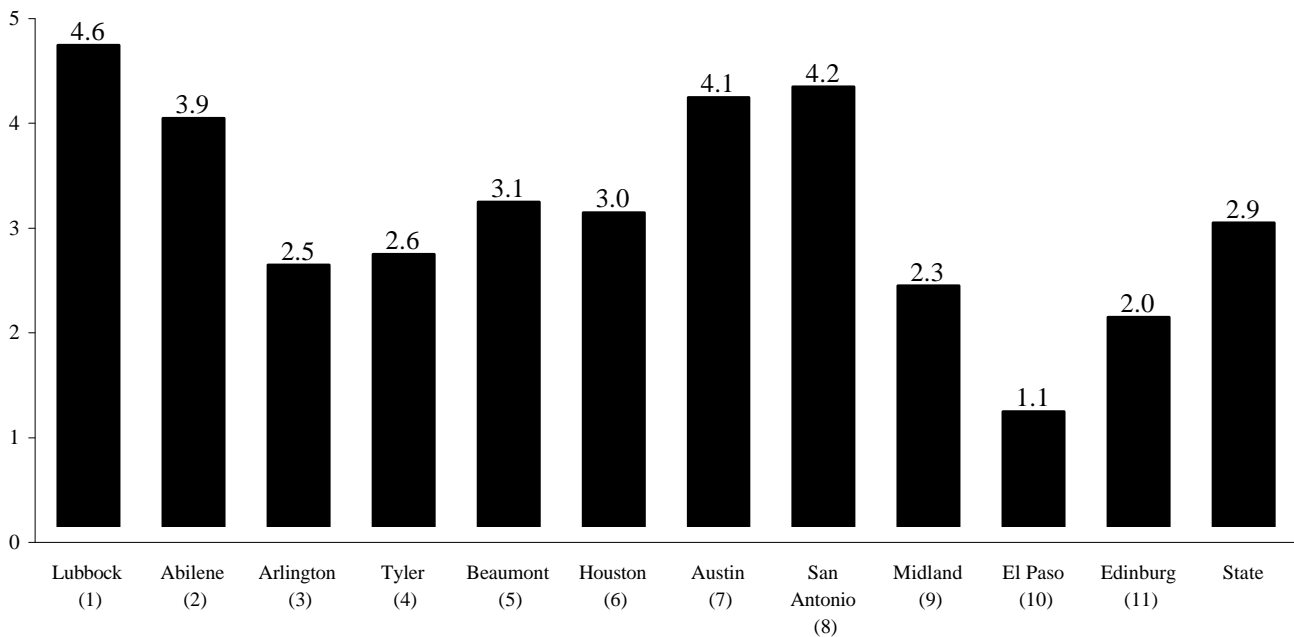


Point Prevalence Rate* for Children Entering Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2000



Total children entering Substitute care 9,330. 87 of these had a blank region, but are included in the state rate.

Point Prevalence Rate* for Children In Substitute Care at the End of Fiscal Year 2000



* Rate per 1,000 children.

Children in PRS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care, and in Foster Care Placements at the End of Fiscal Year 2000

Region	PRS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care*	Foster Care**
Lubbock (Region 1)	1,038	982	846
Abilene (Region 2)	577	523	436
Arlington (Region 3)	3,826	3,632	2,778
Tyler (Region 4)	636	618	540
Beaumont (Region 5)	560	538	419
Houston (Region 6)	4,040	3,892	2,744
Austin (Region 7)	2,255	2,194	1,753
San Antonio (Region 8)	2,610	2,471	1,902
Midland (Region 9)	410	368	286
El Paso (Region 10)	319	285	250
Edinburg (Region 11)	1,126	1,112	902
Blank Region		3	1
Total	17,397	16,618	12,857

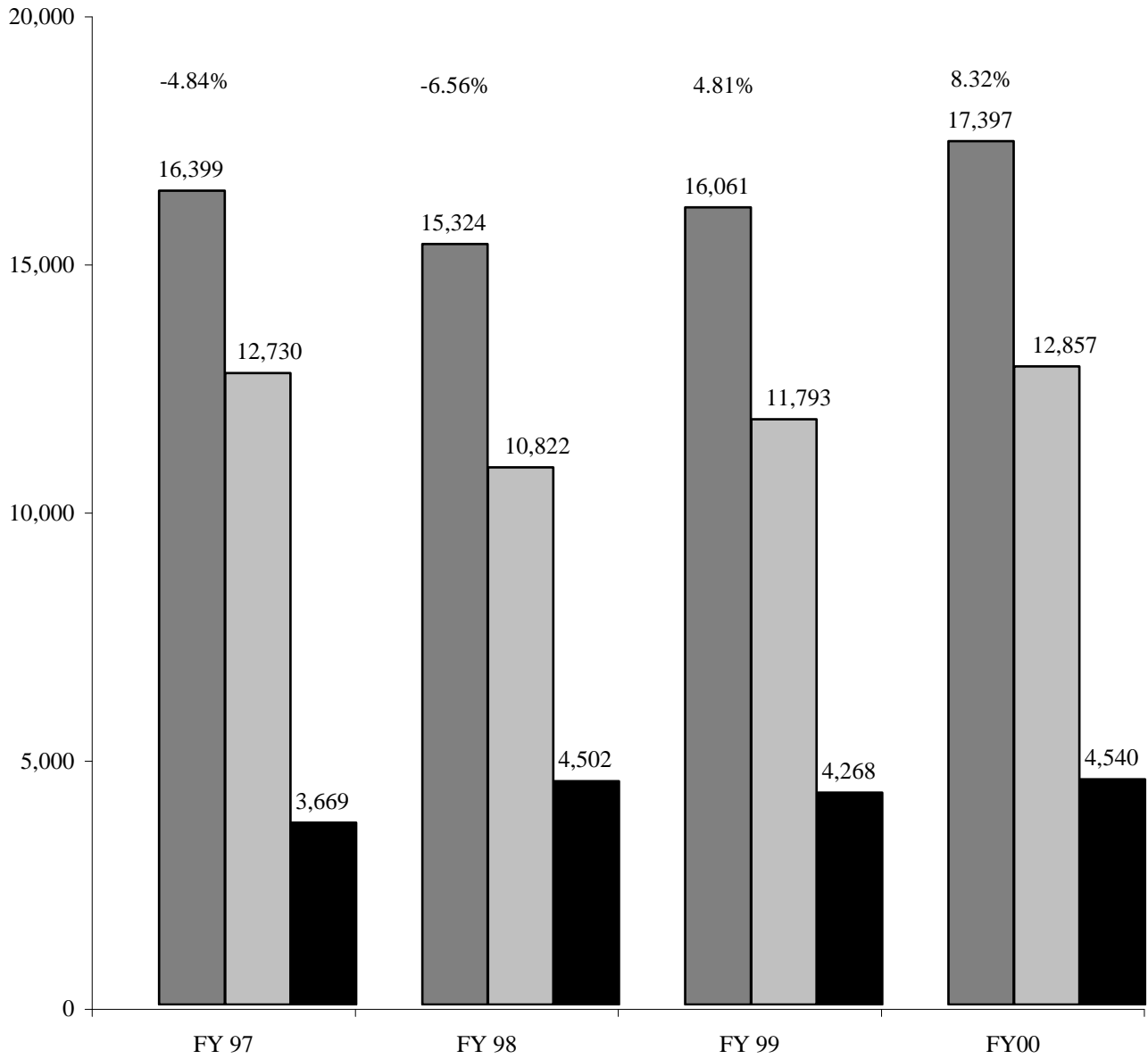
* Substitute Care is a sub-set of PRS Legal Responsibility

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

Legal Status of Children in PRS Legal Responsibility

August 2000		
Legal Status	Number	Percent
Care, Custody & Control	59	0.3%
Temporary Managing Conservatorship	8,141	46.8%
Permanent Managing Conservatorship		
Parental Rights Not Terminated	2,653	15.2%
Parental Rights Terminated (All)	5,810	33.4%
Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent)	411	2.4%
Possessory Conservatorship	323	1.9%
Total	17,397	100.0%

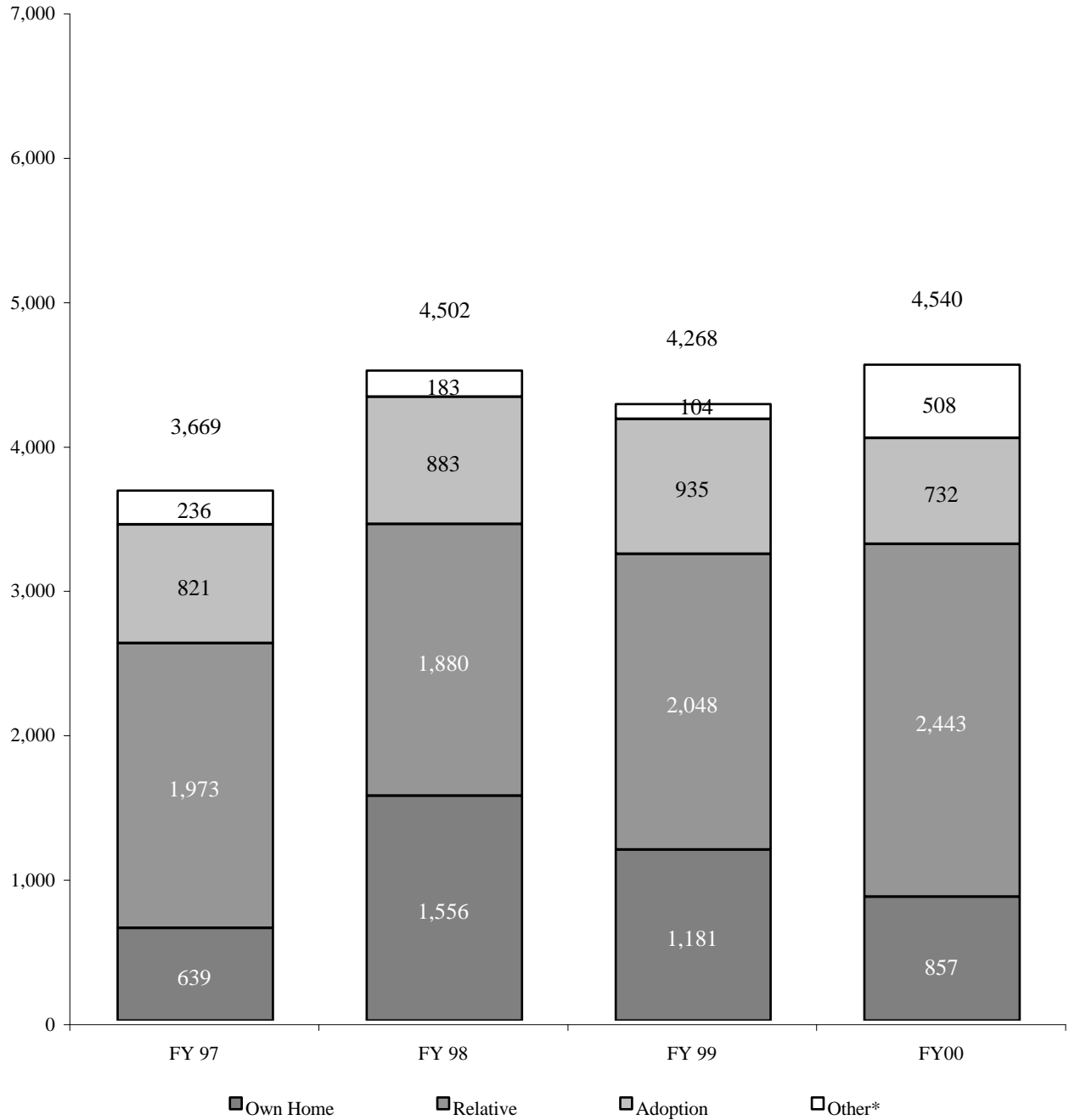
Children in PRS Legal Responsibility by Living Arrangement End of August of Each Year



Increase/Decrease in PRS Legal Responsibility
 Legal Responsibility
 Foster
 Non-Foster

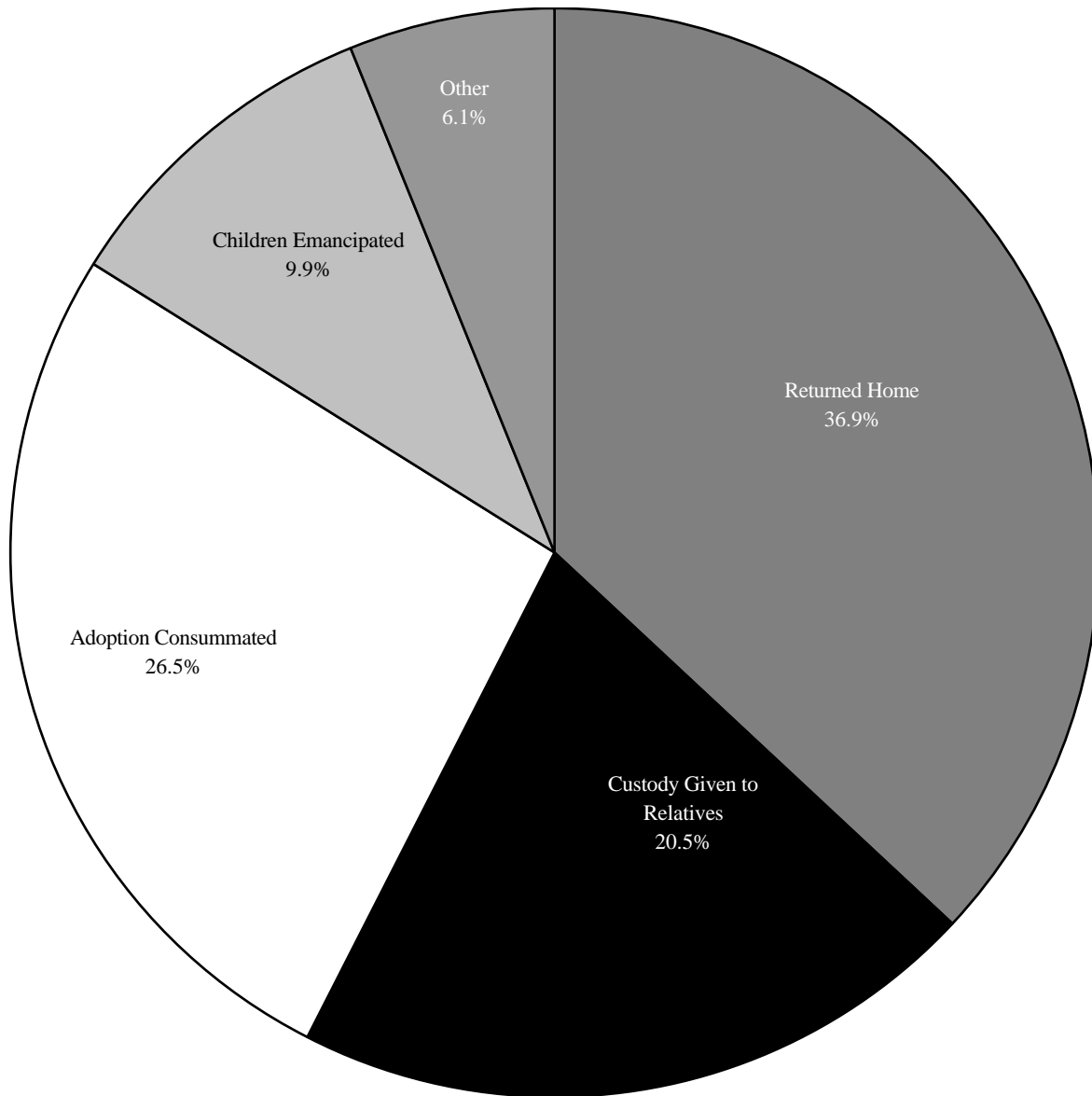
Note: Non-Foster care placements include adoption, relative, own home, and other.

Children in PRS Legal Responsibility in Non-Foster Care Placements by Fiscal Year



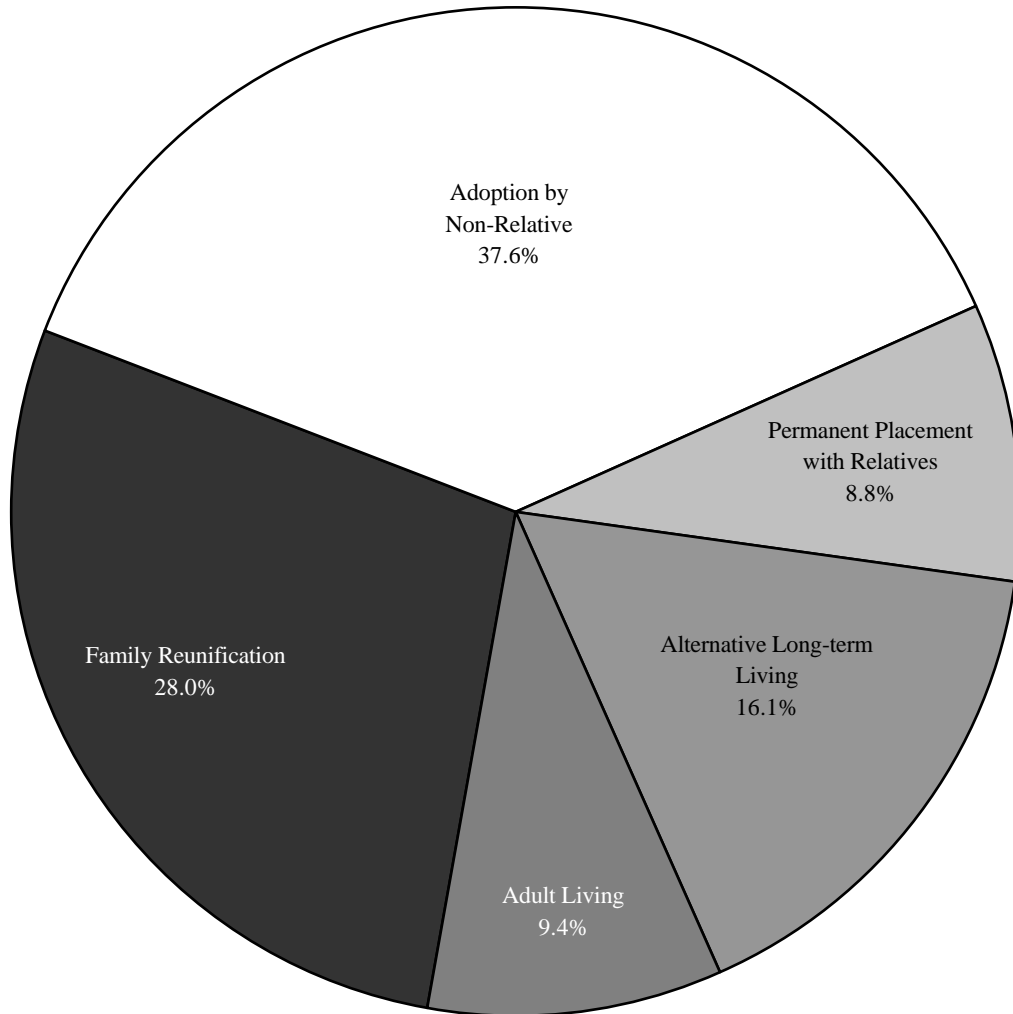
*Other includes independent living, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, and unauthorized absence (left without permission).

Status of Children No Longer in PRS Legal Responsibility Fiscal Year 2000



Note: Averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Permanency Goal of Children in Substitute Care for Whom PRS Had Legal Responsibility on August 31, 2000*



* For whom an approved permanency goal is recorded. Policy allows up to 45 days from entry into care to record the permanency goal.

Children in Foster Care Monthly Average by Fiscal Year with Percent Increase/Decrease Over Previous Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	State Paid Foster Care	Title IV-E Foster Care	*Other Care	Total Children in Foster Care	Percent Increase Over Previous Fiscal Year
1996	5,285	6,457	182	11,924	2.2%
1997	5,002	6,811	546	12,359	3.7%
1998	4,810	7,099	240	12,149	-1.7%
1999	4,795	7,187	58	12,040	-0.9%
2000	5,272	7,842	103	13,218	9.8%

* Cost of care not covered by Title IV-E or State Paid Foster Care

Note: Numbers are averaged to the nearest whole number.

Children in Foster Care Monthly Average by Region Fiscal Year 2000

Region	State Paid Foster Care	Title IV-E Foster Care	*Other Care
Lubbock (Region 1)	309	562	5
Abilene (Region 2)	185	248	3
Arlington (Region 3)	1,289	1,522	39
Tyler (Region 4)	285	227	3
Beaumont (Regior	155	286	3
Houston (Region 6)	1,158	1,742	18
Austin (Region 7)	667	1,084	11
San Antonio (Region 8)	662	1,191	11
Midland (Region 9)	90	194	2
El Paso (Region 10)	136	138	2
Edinburg (Region 11)	334	647	8
Blank Region	1	1	0
Total	5,272	7,842	103

* Cost of care not covered by Title IV-E or State Paid Foster Care

Demographics of Children in Foster Care by Fiscal Year

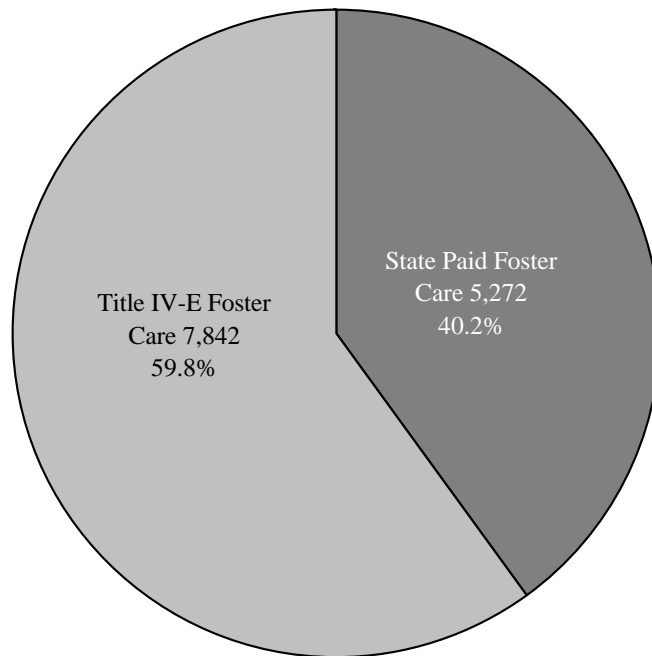
Characteristic	August 1997		August 1998		August 1999		August 2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Age								
Birth - 2	1,999	15.7%	1,696	15.7%	2,016	17.2%	2,395	18.6%
3 - 5	1,948	15.3%	1,452	13.4%	1,452	12.4%	1,645	12.8%
6 - 9	2,648	20.8%	2,196	20.3%	2,329	19.8%	2,310	18.0%
10 - 13	2,762	21.7%	2,493	23.0%	2,637	22.5%	2,882	22.4%
14 - 17	3,246	25.5%	2,889	26.7%	3,116	26.1%	3,411	26.5%
18 - 20	127	1.0%	96	0.9%	243	2.0%	214	1.7%
Sex								
Male	6,594	51.8%	5,692	52.6%	6,216	52.6%	6,859	53.3%
Female	6,136	48.2%	5,130	47.4%	5,556	47.2%	5,991	46.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21	0.2%	7	0.1%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	4,239	33.3%	3,600	33.3%	3,980	33.8%	4,354	33.9%
African American	4,290	33.5%	3,579	33.1%	3,916	33.2%	4,190	32.6%
Hispanic	3,743	29.4%	3,248	30.0%	3,613	30.6%	4,040	31.4%
Native American	64	0.5%	43	0.4%	60	0.5%	66	0.5%
Asian	38	0.5%	25	0.2%	50	0.4%	44	0.3%
Other	356	2.8%	327	3.0%	174	1.5%	163	1.3%
Total	12,730	100.0%	10,822	100.0%	11,793	100.0%	12,857	100.0%

Average Monthly Number of Children in Paid Foster Care by Level of Care (LOC)

Level of Care	Fiscal Year 1998		Fiscal Year 1999		Fiscal Year 2000	
	Average Monthly	Rate	Average Monthly	Rate	Average Monthly	Rate
LOC 01	5,334	\$15.85	5,050	\$15.85	5,359	\$16.96
LOC 02	1,469	\$33.95	1,562	\$33.95	1,579	\$36.33
LOC 03	1,982	\$58.08	2,127	\$58.08	2,391	\$62.15
LOC 04	1,701	\$82.64	1,789	\$82.64	2,150	\$88.42
LOC 05	609	\$99.68	594	\$99.68	644	\$106.66
LOC 06	184	\$187.83	194	\$187.83	192	\$200.98
E2	9	\$58.08	12	\$58.08	14	\$62.15
E3	621	\$91.12	656	\$91.12	783	\$97.50
Total	11,909		11,983		13,112	

Note: Excludes children where cost of care was not covered by Title IVE or state paid foster care

Sources of Foster Care as of August 31, 2000



Number of PRS Foster, Foster/Adoptive, and Adoptive Homes as of August 31, 2000

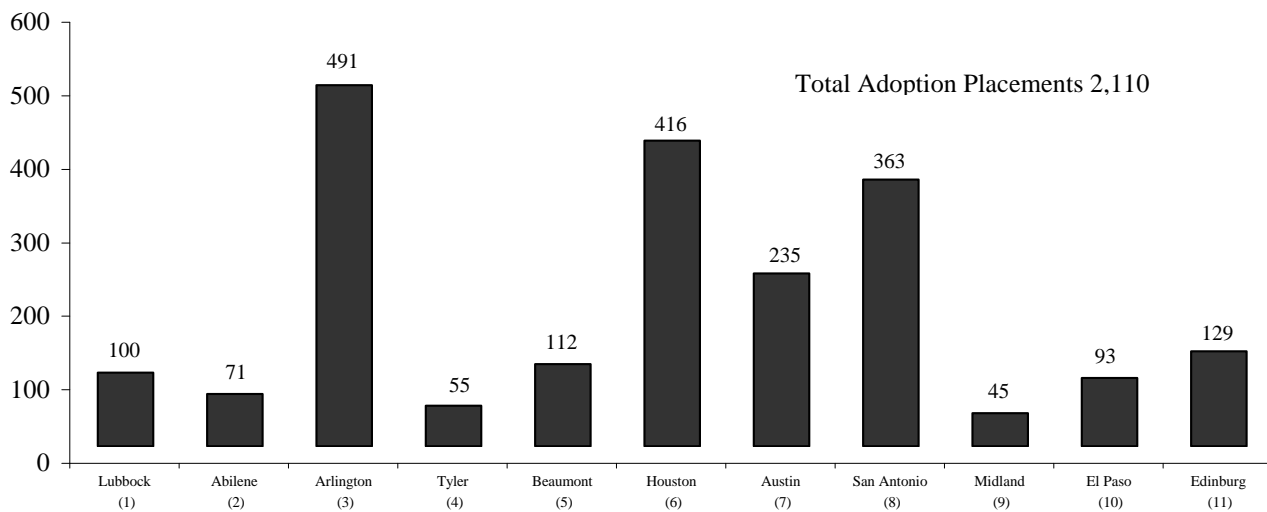
Region	Foster Homes	Foster/Adoptive Homes **	Adoptive Homes ***
Lubbock (Region 1)	59	152	112
Abilene (Region 2)	26	141	60
Arlington (Region 3)	99	936	609
Tyler (Region 4)	79	149	132
Beaumont (Region 5)	84	165	157
Houston (Region 6)	271	452	731
Austin (Region 7)	170	207	345
San Antonio (Region 8)	118	231	241
Midland (Region 9)	34	69	78
El Paso (Region 10)	87	187	75
Edinburg (Region 11)	84	144	120
Out of State	17	95	375
*Total	1,128	2,928	3,035

*Homes may be duplicated across Foster and Adoptive categories.

** Foster/Adopt Homes includes Legal Risk Homes and a new category of Kinship Homes.

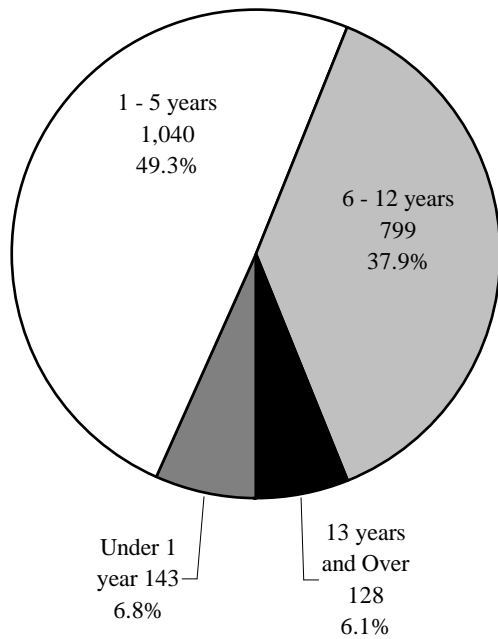
*** Total Adoptive Homes includes 1,576 homes open only for receipt of adoption subsidy.

Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region During Fiscal Year 2000

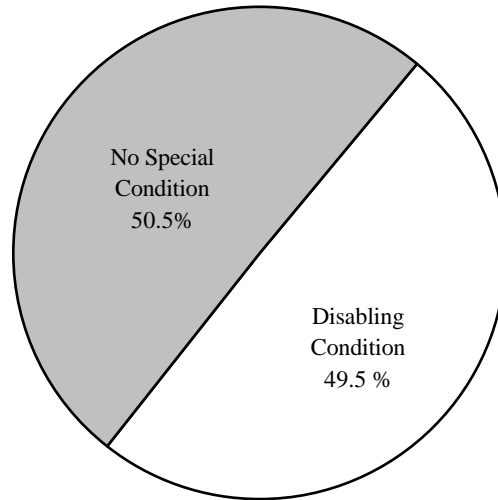


Demographics of 2,110 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes During Fiscal Year 2000

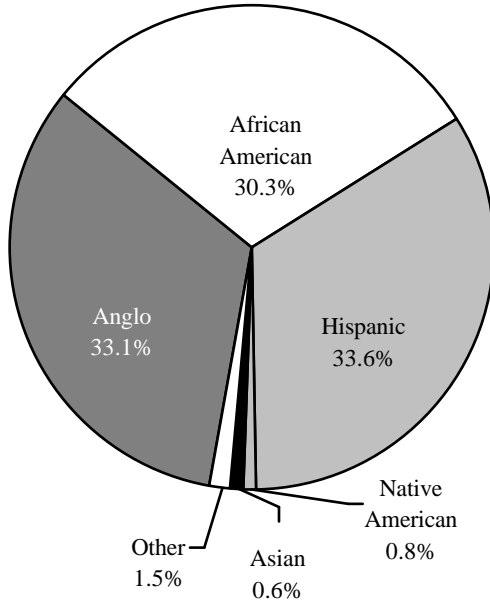
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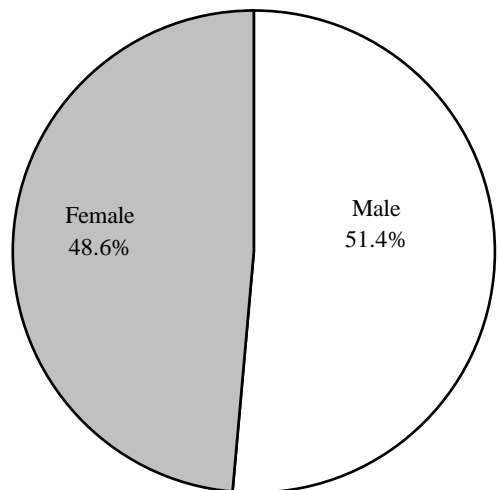
Child Characteristics



Ethnicity

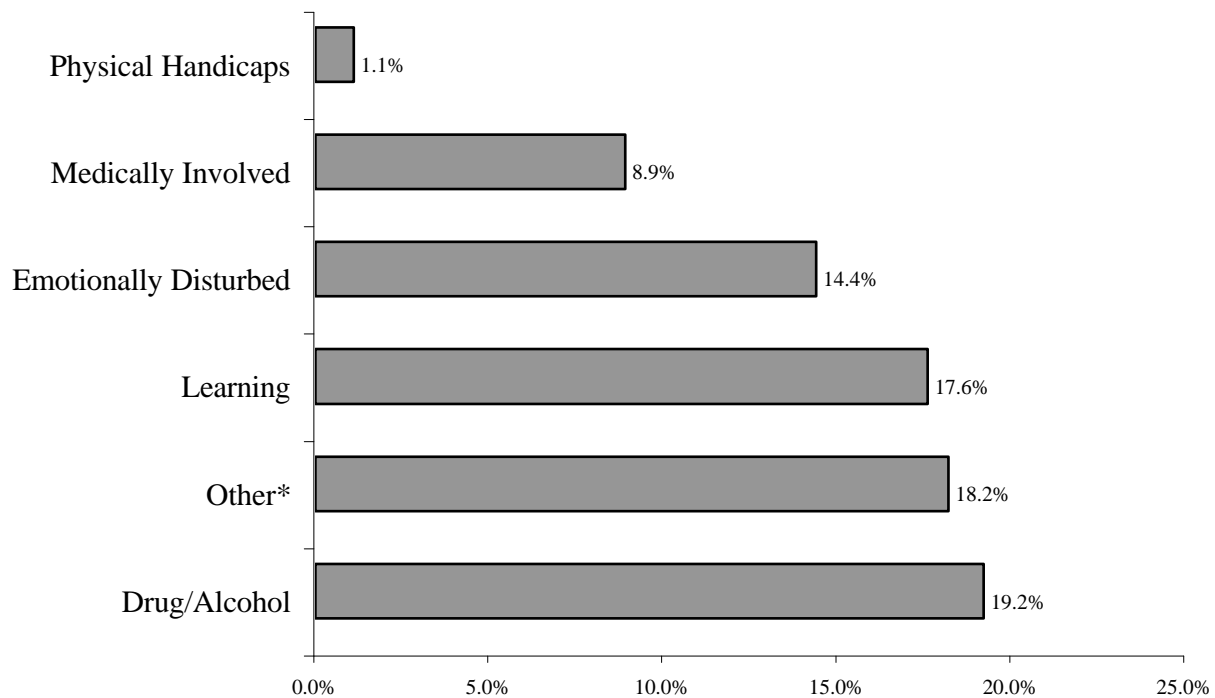


Sex



Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes During Fiscal Year 2000

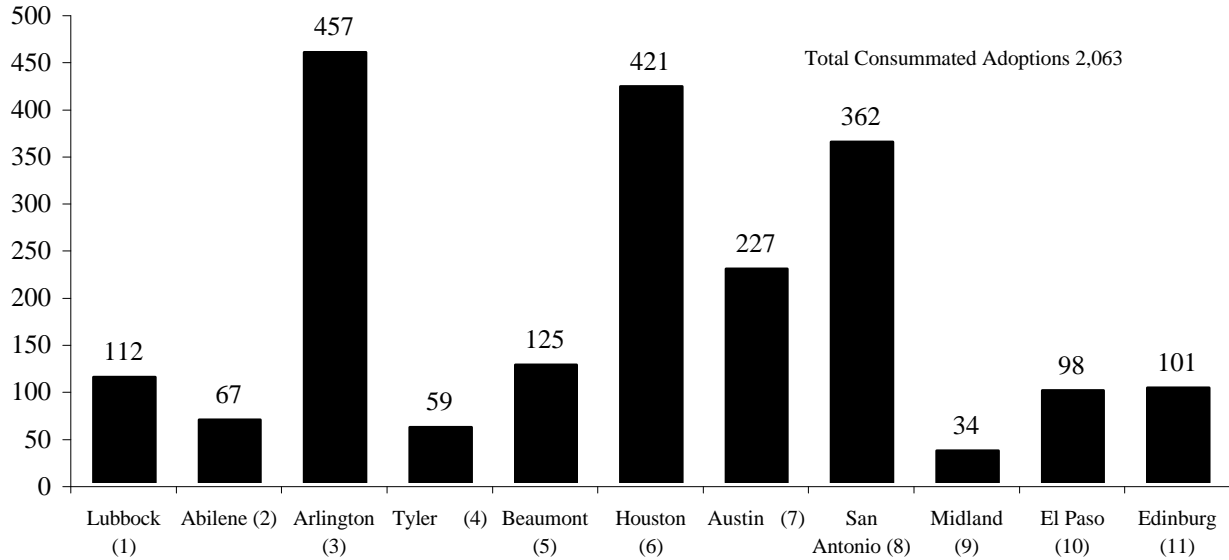
Disabling Condition	Percentage	Number
Emotionally Disturbed	14.4%	303
Drug/Alcohol	19.2%	405
Physical Handicaps	1.1%	24
Medically Involved	8.9%	188
Learning	17.6%	372
Other	18.2%	384



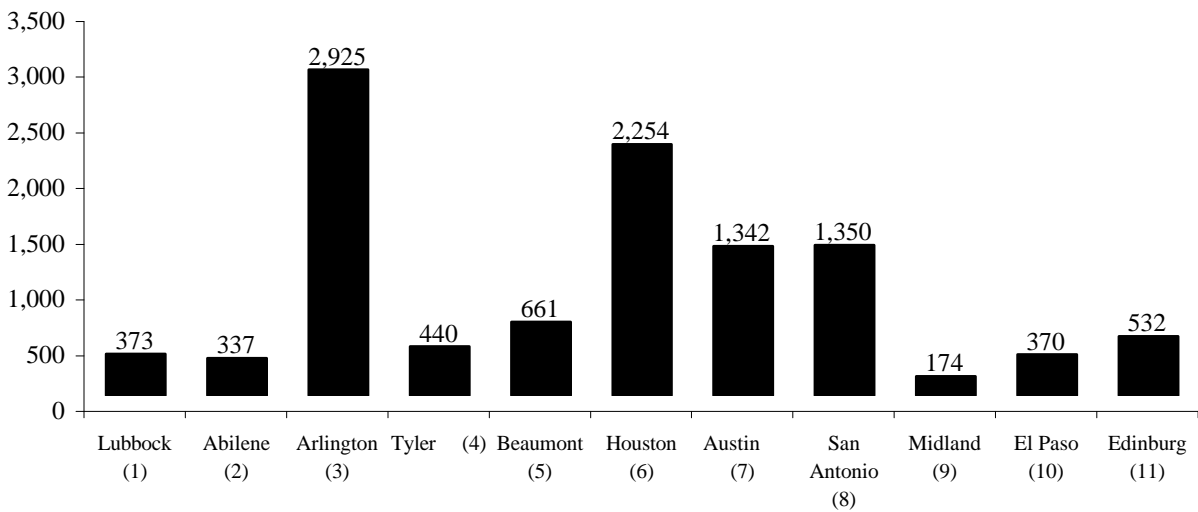
Note: Some children may have more than one disabling condition.

*Other includes sibling group, teen parent or pregnant.

Children in Consummated Adoptions by Region During Fiscal Year 2000

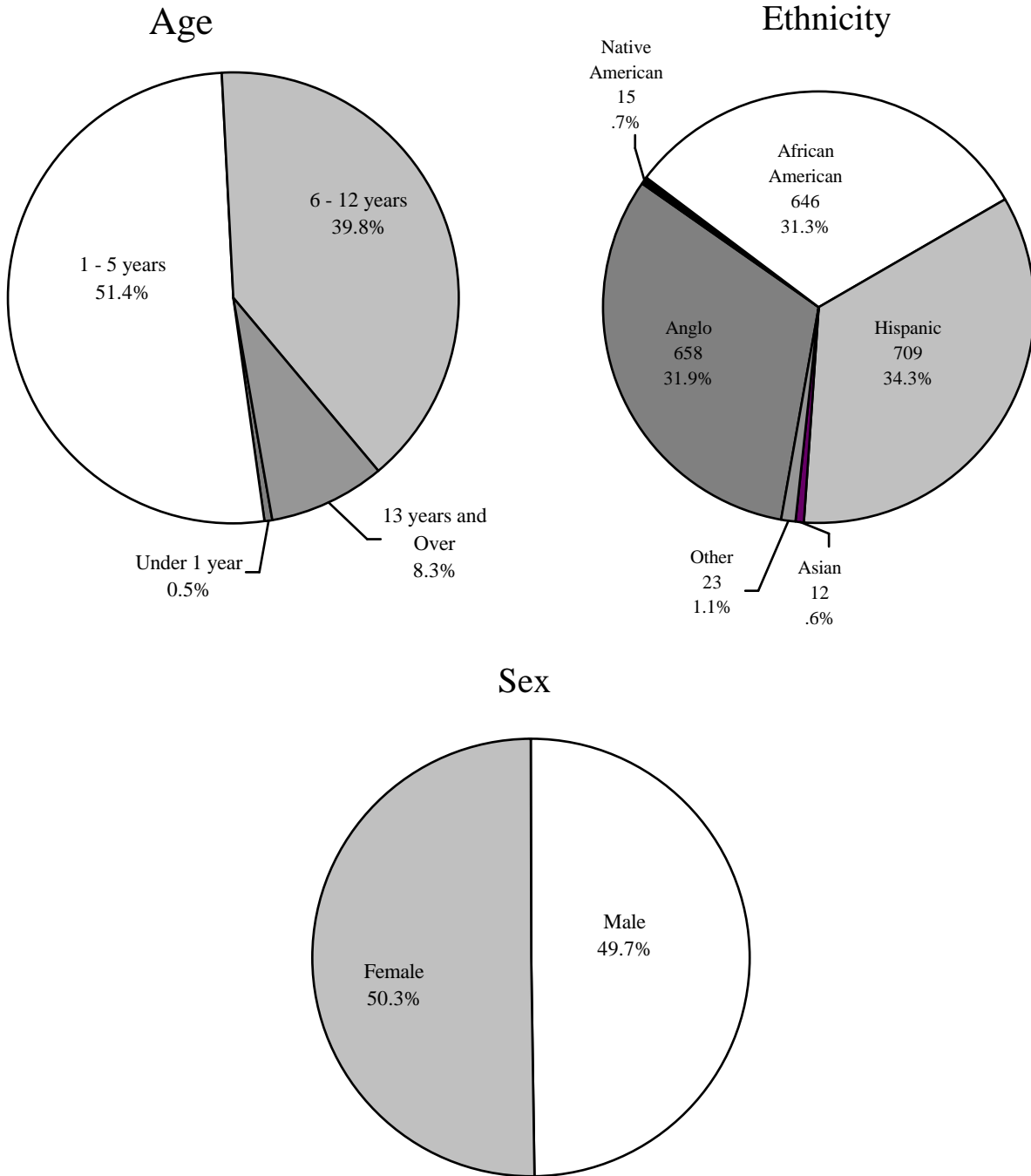


Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Per Month During Fiscal Year 2000



Note: Subsidies include financial payments only. Does not include medical and non-recurring subsidies.

Demographics Of Children in Consummated Adoptions During Fiscal Year 2000 Total 2,063



Race/Ethnicity of Children and Adoptive Parents by Fiscal Year

	1996		1997		1998*		1999*		2000	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race/ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child	364	54.1%	501	55.4%	938	63.0%	1,347	68.3%	1,253	63.4%
Race/ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Transracial)	309	45.9%	403	44.6%	550	37.0%	626	31.7%	722	36.6%
Total adoptions where race/ethnicity can be determined	673	100.0%	904	100.0%	1,488	100.0%	1,973	100.0%	1,975	100.0%

*Methodology was changed in FY99, and used to re-calculate FY98 data. FY96-97 data should not be compared to 98-00.

Adoption Consummations by Type of Agency by Fiscal Year

	1996		1997		1998*		1999*		2000	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
PRS	673	90.2%	945	86.6%	1,282	82.8%	1,626	79.2%	1,590	77.1%
Private Agency	73	9.8%	146	13.4%	266	17.2%	428	20.8%	473	22.9%
Total Consummations	746	100.0%	1,091	100.0%	1,548	100.0%	2,054	100.0%	2,063	100.0%

* Methodology was changed in FY99, and used to re-calculate FY98 data. FY96-97 data should not be compared to 98-00.

CPS Outcomes - 5 Year Average

Based on data from Fiscal Years 1996-2000

Family Preservation Outcomes

Average length of service of Family Preservation (in-home) cases for which services have been completed.	12 months
Abuse and/or neglect recidivism for victims for whom Family Preservation Services have been completed.	16.3 %

Family Reunification Outcomes

Percent of children returned to family or relative home after substitute care.	37.9 %
Percent of children returned to family or relative home with no further incidence of abuse or neglect or return to foster care.	74.5 %
Average number of placements per child in temporary substitute care prior to return to family or relative home.	2.3
Average total of length of service for children placed in temporary substitute care and returned to parents or relatives.	10.9 months
Median length of service for children placed in temporary substitute care and returned to parents or relatives.	6.7 months

Adoption Services Outcomes

Percent of children who left care whose adoption was consummated.	22.9 %
Average number of placements per child while in substitute care whose adoption was consummated.	3.4
Average length of service for children whose adoption was consummated.	37.5 months
Median length of service for children whose adoption was consummated.	32 months
Average length of time from first substitute care placement to termination of parental rights.	22.2 months
Average of length of time from termination of parental rights to adoptive placement.	10.7 months
Average of length of time adoptive placement to adoption consummation.	4.7 months

Permanent Relative Care Outcomes

Percent of children who left PRS legal responsibility while in long-term relative care.	21.9 %
Average number of placements in long-term substitute care at termination of PRS legal responsibility.	2.8
Average length of service in long-term substitute care at termination of PRS legal responsibility.	19.1 months
Median length of service in long-term substitute care at termination of PRS legal responsibility.	13 months

Long-term Substitute Care Outcomes

Emancipation (includes children who left PRS legal responsibility by emancipation or turning 18.)

Percent of children who left PRS legal responsibility by emancipation or turning 18.	10.2 %
Average number of placements in long-term substitute care for children emancipated.	7.6
Average length of service in long-term substitute care for children emancipated.	63.6 months
Median length of service in long-term substitute care for children emancipated.	55.1 months

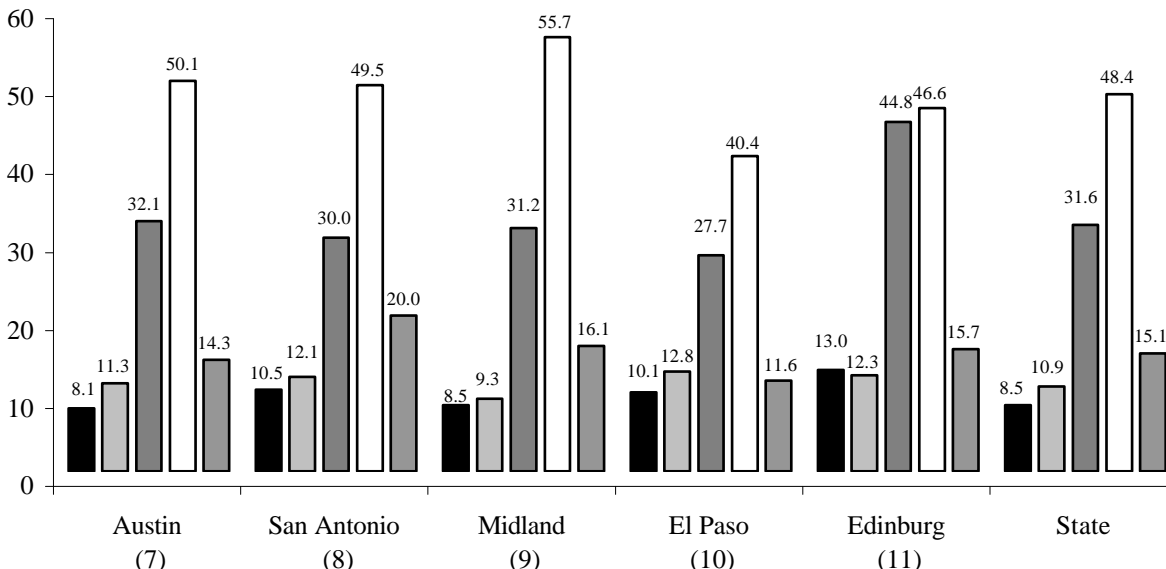
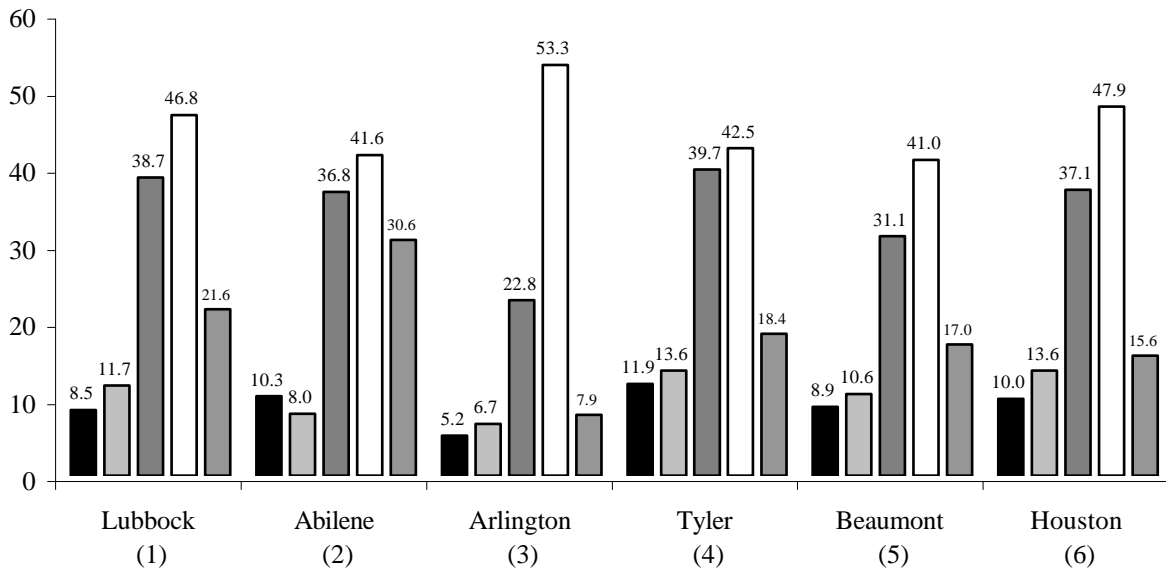
Other Long-term Substitute Care

Percent of children who left PRS legal responsibility.	7.1 %
Average number of placements in long-term substitute care for children leaving PRS legal responsibility.	3.7
Average length of service in long-term substitute care for children leaving PRS legal responsibility.	24.5 months
Median length of service in long-term substitute care for children leaving PRS legal responsibility.	13.6 months

Recidivism All Stages

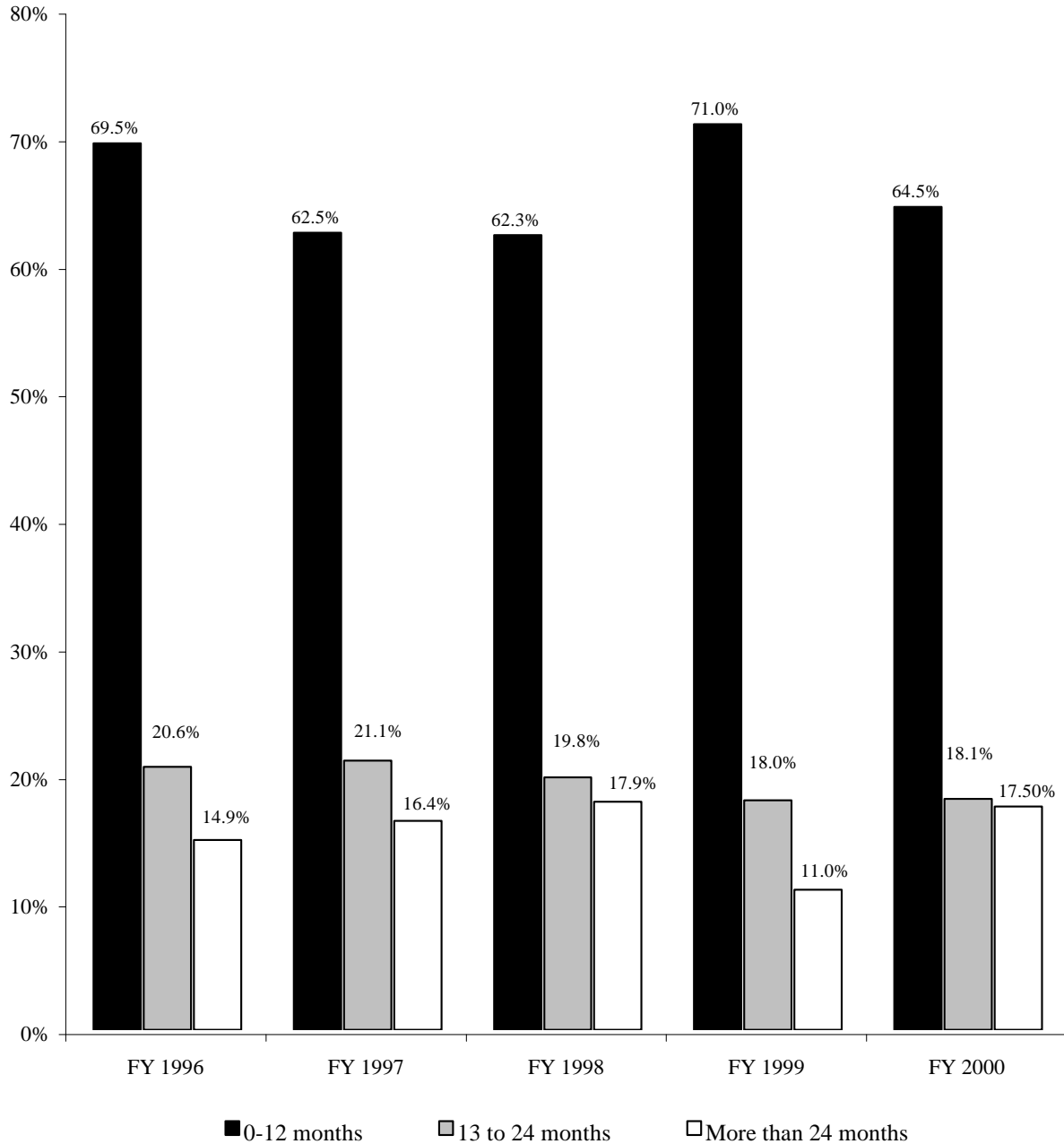
Abuse and/or neglect recidivism at any time after initial contact by PRS for all cases open or closed.	14.9 %
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Average Length of Time in Months Children are in Temporary Substitute Care until Placed in a Permanent Living Arrangement by Region Based on Data From Fiscal Years 1996-2000



Relative Care
 Return to Family
 Adoption
 Long Term Subcare - Emancipation
 Long Term Subcare - Other

Length of Time in Care for Children Who Achieved Permanency Status* During Fiscal Year 2000



*Children who left substitute care via an own home, permanent relative placement or adoption consummation and PRS legal responsibility was ended.

Average Length of Time in Months for Children Leaving PRS Responsibility by Type of Exit Based on data from Fiscal Years 1996-2000

Region	Family Preservation	Family Reunification	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Subcare - Emancipation	Long Term Subcare - Other
Lubbock (1)	13.6	11.7	43.3	15.2	60.6	29.8
Abilene (2)	8.7	8.0	44.3	17.7	65.7	37.4
Arlington (3)	11.7	6.7	27.6	14.9	67.6	16.5
Tyler (4)	9.9	13.6	44.1	21.3	63.2	30.9
Beaumont (5)	13.1	10.6	37.9	20.7	60.2	24.6
Houston (6)	14.0	13.6	44.7	24.4	64.9	24.8
Austin (7)	19.0	11.3	38.6	16.4	60.1	26.5
San Antonio (8)	10.6	12.1	34.6	20.4	63.1	27.0
Midland (9)	8.0	9.3	39.4	15.5	73.2	29.8
El Paso (10)	10.2	12.8	31.6	17.2	57.1	16.9
Edinburg (11)	10.6	12.3	51.8	20.8	60.5	23.9
State	12.0	10.9	37.5	19.1	63.6	24.5

Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Attained Permanency Based on data from Fiscal Years 1996-2000

	Return Home	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Care - Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
Lubbock (1)	2.3	3.1	2.7	6.6	5.2
Abilene (2)	2.0	3.4	2.8	5.5	5.0
Arlington (3)	1.9	2.9	2.5	7.9	2.7
Tyler (4)	2.4	3.0	2.8	6.0	4.1
Beaumont (5)	2.0	3.1	2.5	5.6	4.3
Houston (6)	2.6	3.6	2.9	8.0	3.8
Austin (7)	2.6	3.8	2.9	7.9	3.7
San Antonio (8)	2.7	4.0	3.1	8.7	4.5
Midland (9)	2.1	2.9	2.6	6.8	3.8
El Paso (10)	2.5	3.1	2.9	7.6	3.2
Edinburg (11)	2.3	3.5	3.0	7.0	3.7
State	2.3	3.4	2.8	7.6	3.7

Note: The average number of placements per child in substitute care for children for whom services have been completed is 3.3

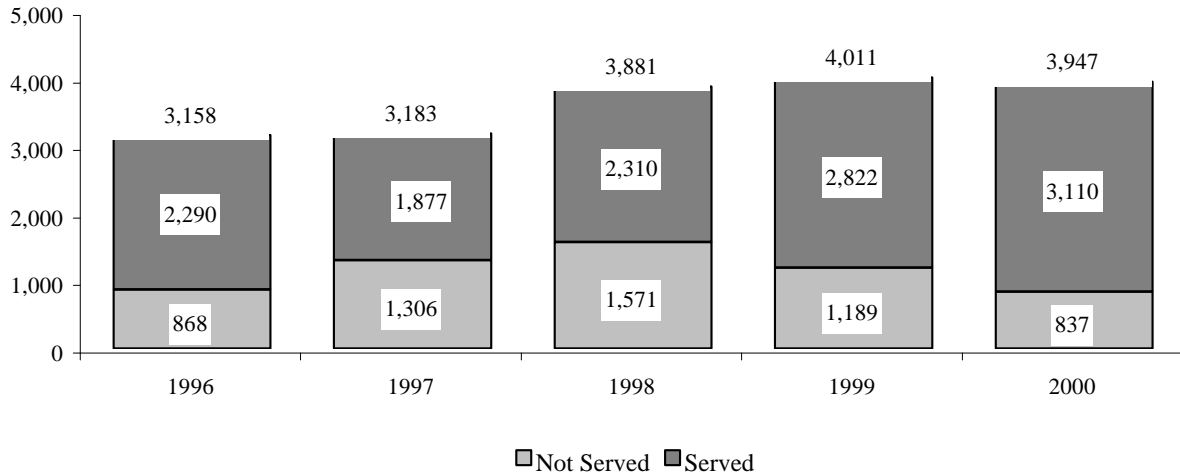
Substitute Care Outcomes for Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year 2000

Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.	8.1 months
Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.	7 months
Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.	45.7 months
Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.	32.7 months

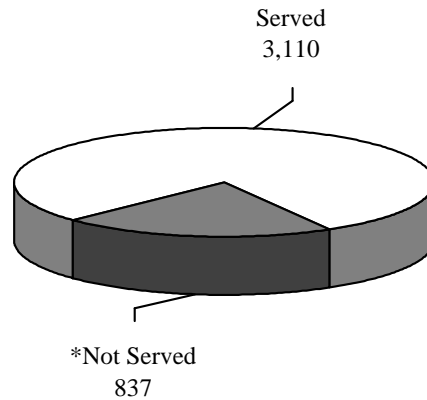
Average Number of Placements for Children Who Left Substitute Care Based on data from Fiscal Years 1996-2000

Region	Temporary Care	Long-term Care	Adoption Consummated
Lubbock (1)	2.3	4.8	3.1
Abilene (2)	2.2	5.4	3.4
Arlington (3)	2.2	4.6	2.9
Tyler (4)	2	4.6	3.0
Beaumont (5)	2.2	4.5	3.1
Houston (6)	2.2	5.3	3.6
Austin (7)	2.3	5.6	3.8
San Antonio (8)	2.4	5.3	4.0
Midland (9)	2.1	5.4	2.9
El Paso (10)	2.4	5.1	3.1
Edinburg (11)	2.4	5.0	3.5
State	2.3	5.1	3.4

Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Youth Ages 16 through 20 by Fiscal Year



Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Fiscal Year 2000



*698 youth who were not served in FY00 received services prior to FY00.

The Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) program was implemented to ensure that older youth 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 the youth with the skills and resources they will need to be a productive adult. Youth 16 and older who are residing in PRS paid substitute care are required to be provided PAL services.

Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Movement of Youth in FY 2000

