

# 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 database of all verified foster homes 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

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

<b>Social Environment</b>	<b>Response to CPS</b>	<b>Maltreatment Pattern</b>
Social climate	Attitude	Chronicity
Social violence	Deception	Current severity
		Trends

## Fiscal Year 2001 Expenditures and Staffing

CPS Staff Costs \$207,746,434

- 4,589 Direct Delivery (supervisors, workers, clerical)
- 4,949 Total Staff

Purchased Services \$49,829,128

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

Foster Care Payments \$244,651,493

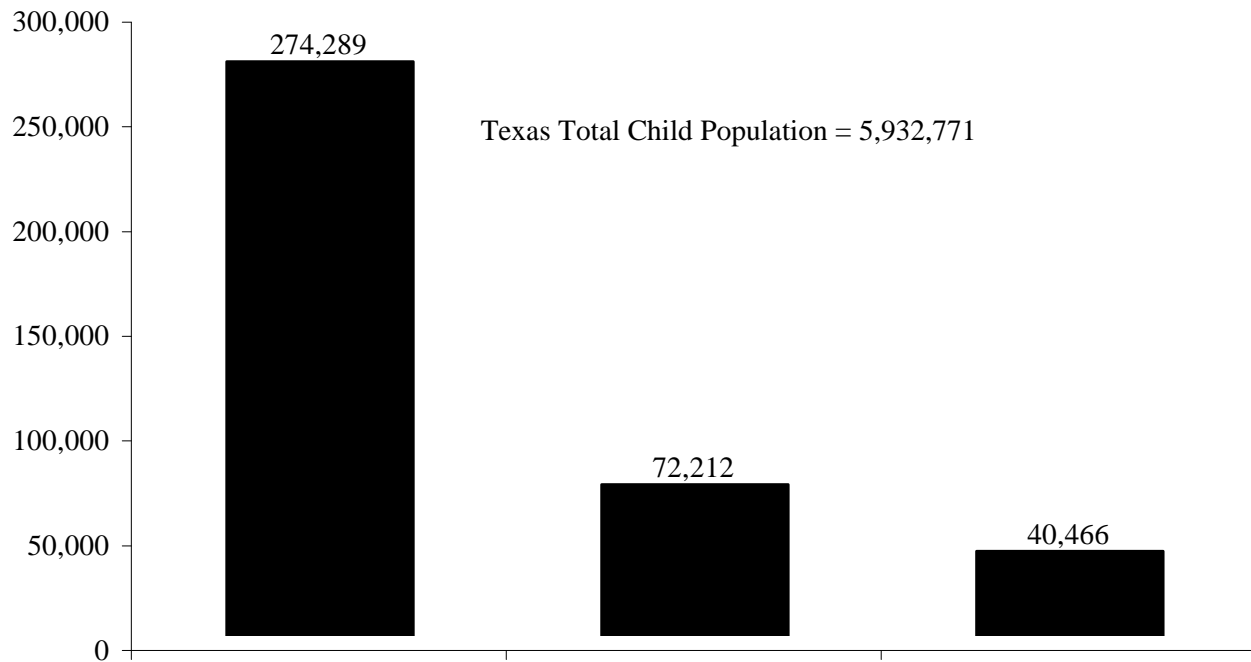
Adoption Subsidy Payments \$71,518,105

Federally Funded Special Projects, Staff Costs and Purchased Services \$2,286,296

26 Total Staff

## Children in Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2001

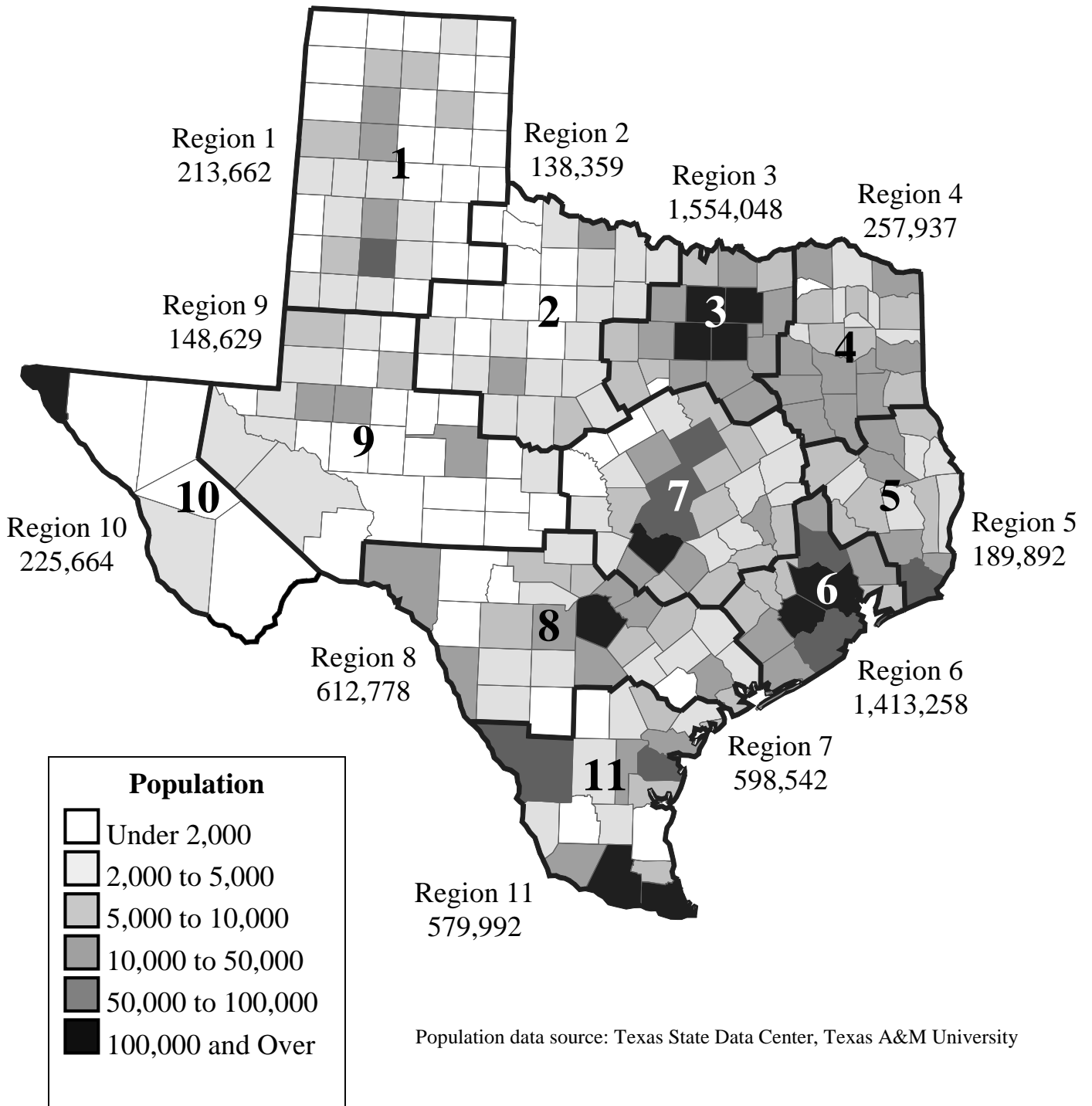
Region	Child Population	Children in Investigations*	Children in Confirmed Investigations*	Children Receiving Services
Lubbock (1)	213,662	11,833	3,175	1,424
Abilene (2)	138,359	7,898	2,435	1,437
Arlington (3)	1,554,048	60,914	15,507	7,285
Tyler (4)	257,937	16,037	4,083	2,547
Beaumont (5)	189,892	11,306	2,995	999
Houston (6)	1,413,258	55,240	15,594	7,503
Austin (7)	598,542	32,777	8,323	3,501
San Antonio (8)	612,788	31,943	8,992	6,529
Midland (9)	148,629	7,166	1,817	1,848
El Paso (10)	225,664	9,227	2,461	1,561
Edinburg (11)	579,992	29,917	6,819	5,831
Other	0	31	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,932,771</b>	<b>274,289</b>	<b>72,212</b>	<b>40,466</b>



\* 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 2001

State Total 5,932,771



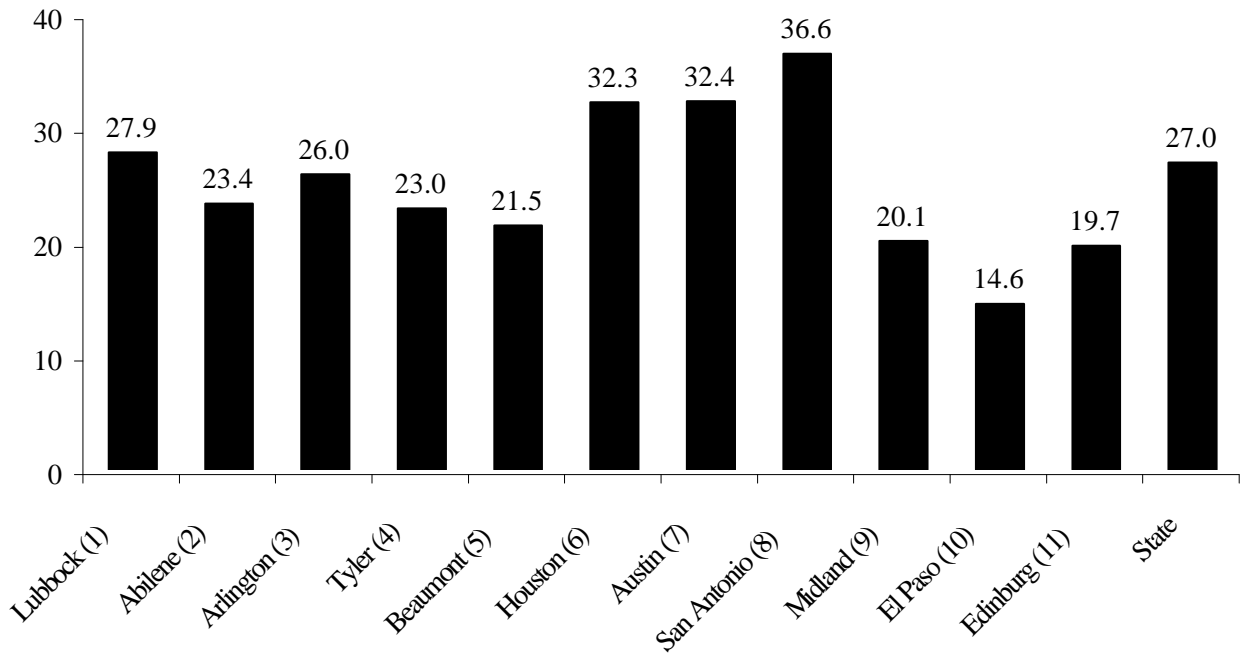
## Average Monthly Number Child Protective Services Direct Delivery Cases\* Fiscal Year 2001

Services	Families	Children
Intakes **	14,605	35,778
Investigations	9,331	22,857
Family Preservation	4,297	12,415
Intensified Services	1,706	4,561
Substitute Care	10,173	13,712
Family Reunification	786	1,895
Plan is Adoption	N/A	4,282
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Total Cases	40,898	95,500

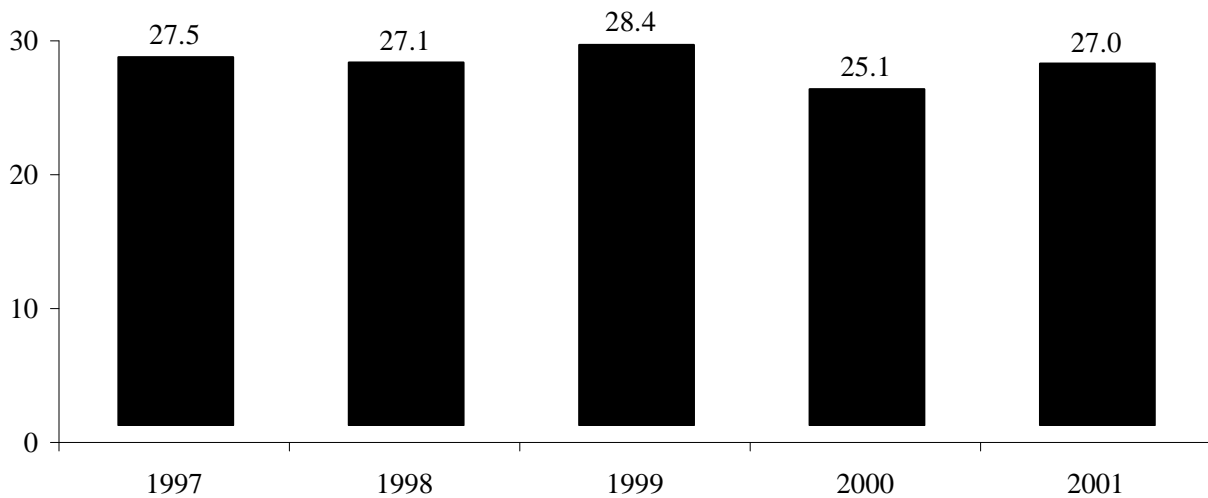
\* Does not include contracted direct delivery services

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

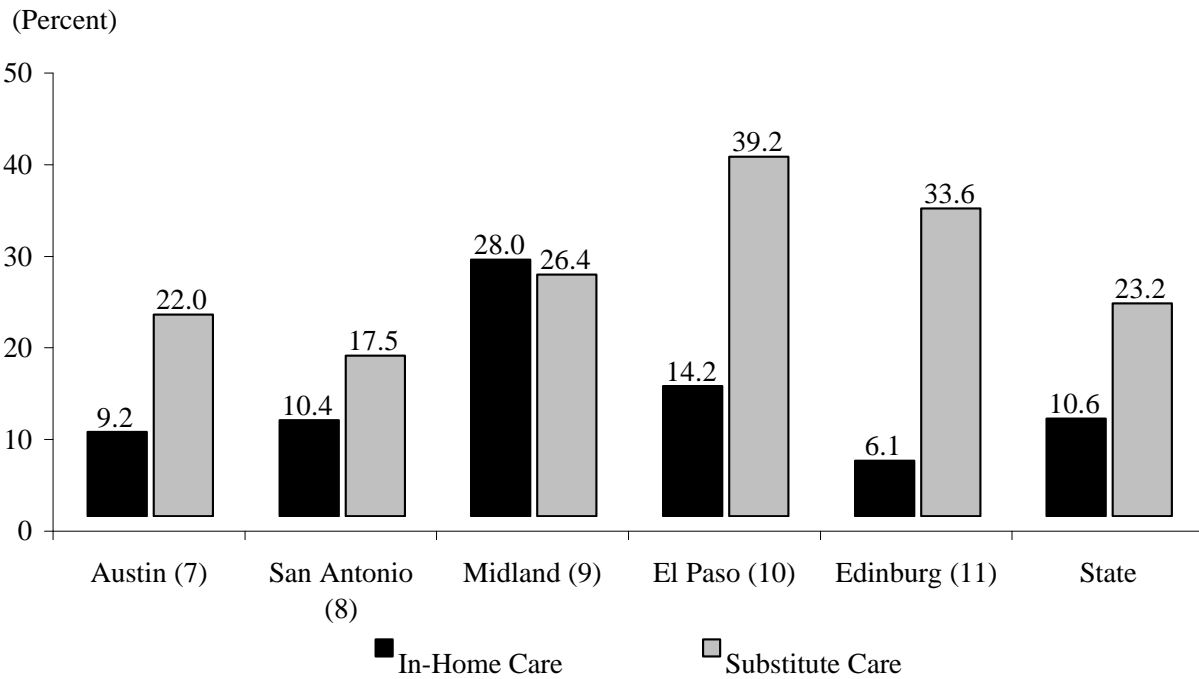
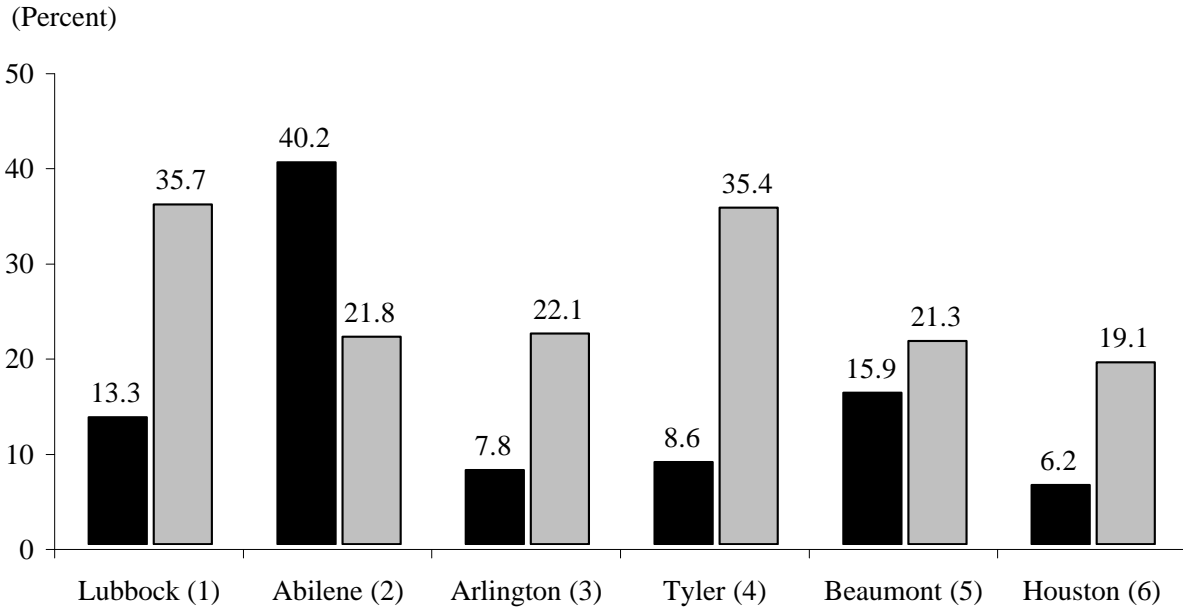
## Average Monthly Weighted CPS Caseload per Worker by Region Fiscal Year 2001



## Average Monthly Weighted CPS Caseload per Worker by Fiscal Year



## Average Monthly Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region Fiscal Year 2001



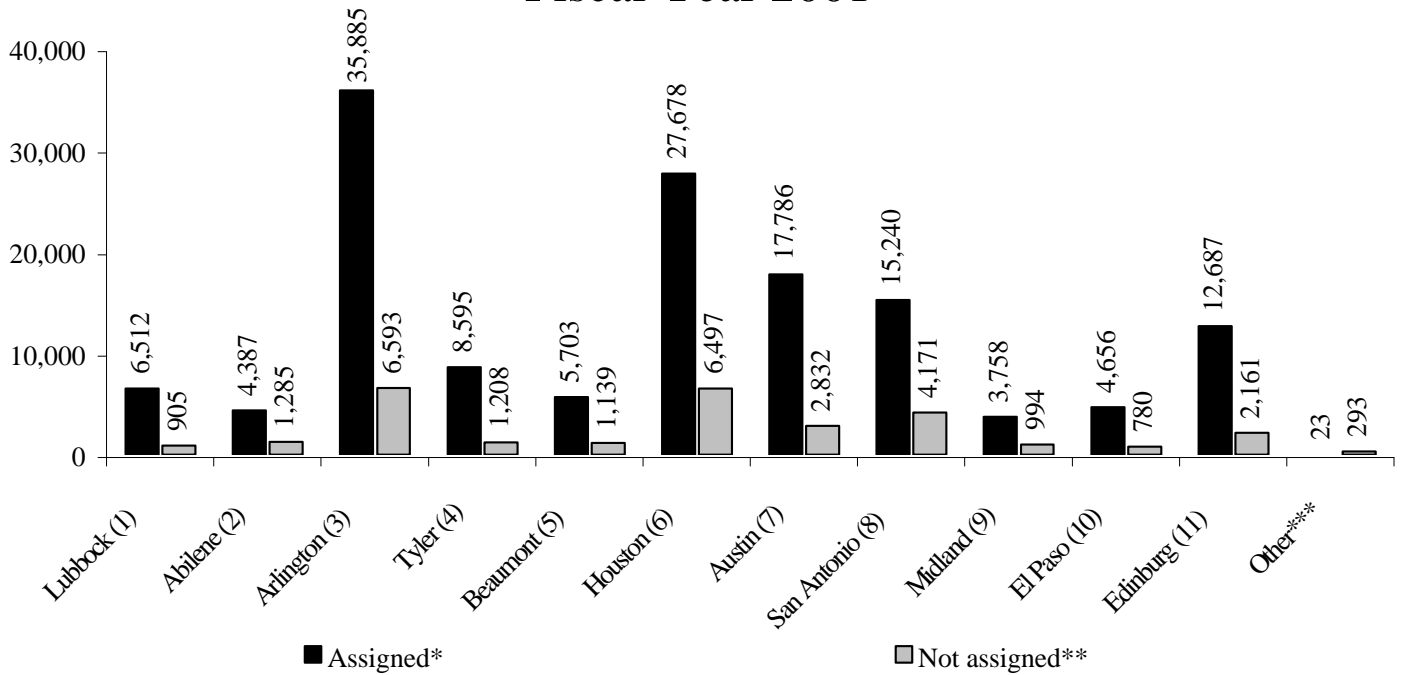
## Total Number of Calls\* by Region Fiscal Year 2001

Region	Information & Referral	Case-related Special Request	Non Case-related Special Request	Reports of Alleged Abuse/Neglect	Total
Lubbock (1)	13	65	8	31	117
Abilene (2)	398	106	3	159	666
Arlington (3)	187	513	50	1,265	2,015
Tyler (4)	30	113	7	317	467
Beaumont (5)	33	97	4	187	321
Houston (6)	2,505	297	3	97	2,902
Austin (7)	47	239	3	238	527
San Antonio (8)	13	153	1	91	258
Midland (9)	7	14	0	21	42
El Paso (10)	189	97	103	100	489
Edinburg (11)	59	94	45	172	370
Unknown	43	369	0	98	510
Statewide Intake	313,606	1,546	305	242,004	557,461
<b>State Total</b>	<b>317,130</b>	<b>3,703</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>244,780</b>	<b>566,145</b>

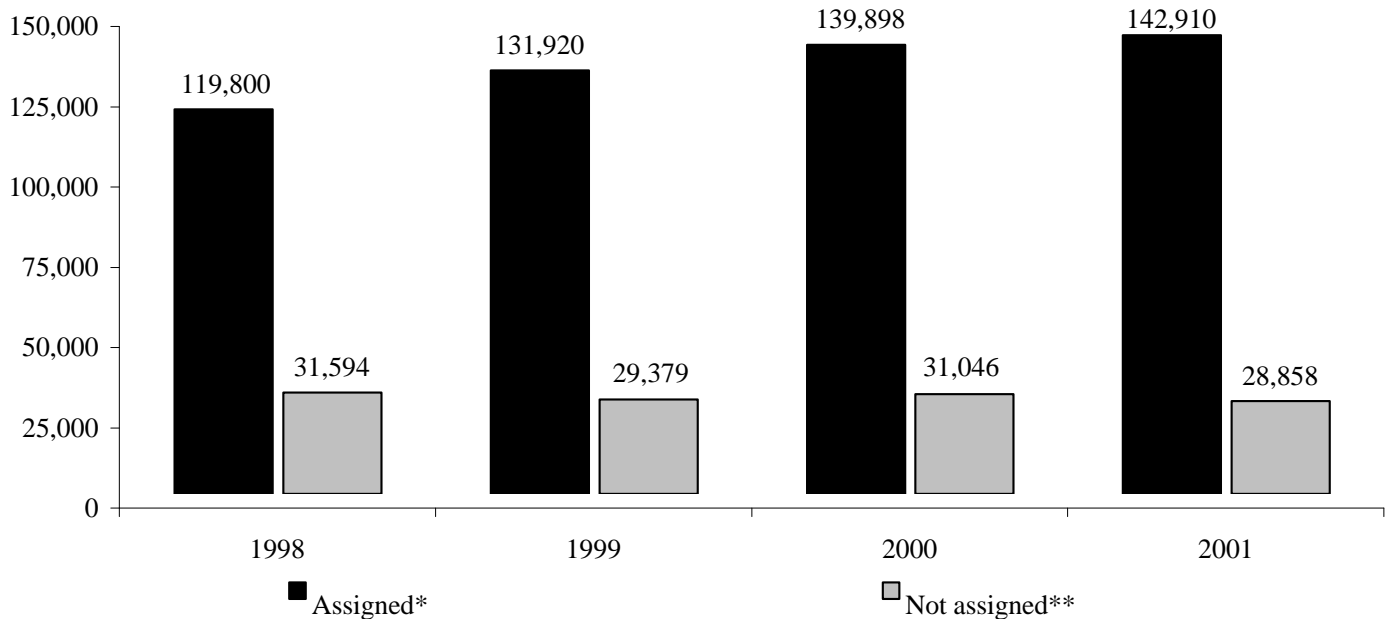
\* Includes Adult Protective, Child Protective, and Licensing Programs



## Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2001



## Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Fiscal Year



\* Reports meeting the statutory definition of child abuse/neglect with sufficient identifying information are assigned.

\*\* Reports not meeting the statutory definition or without 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/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 2001

Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	4,862	1,253	25.8%	3,609
Abilene (2)	3,358	1,007	30.0%	2,351
Arlington (3)	25,788	6,310	24.5%	19,478
Tyler (4)	6,804	1,651	24.3%	5,153
Beaumont (5)	4,803	1,198	24.9%	3,605
Houston (6)	22,754	6,203	27.3%	16,551
Austin (7)	13,436	3,264	24.3%	10,172
San Antonio (8)	12,219	3,228	26.4%	8,991
Midland (9)	2,967	734	24.7%	2,233
El Paso (10)	3,743	944	25.2%	2,799
Edinburg (11)	11,220	2,426	21.6%	8,794
Unknown	16	6	37.5%	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,970</b>	<b>28,224</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>83,746</b>

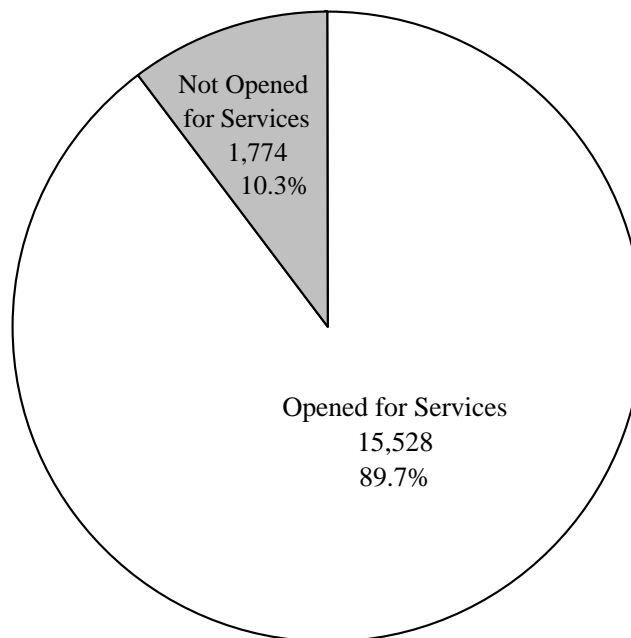
\* PRS licensing staff investigations of child abuse/neglect in licensed child care facilities and registered family homes are not included in the above totals.

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

## Risk Assessment Finding of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Fiscal Year 2001

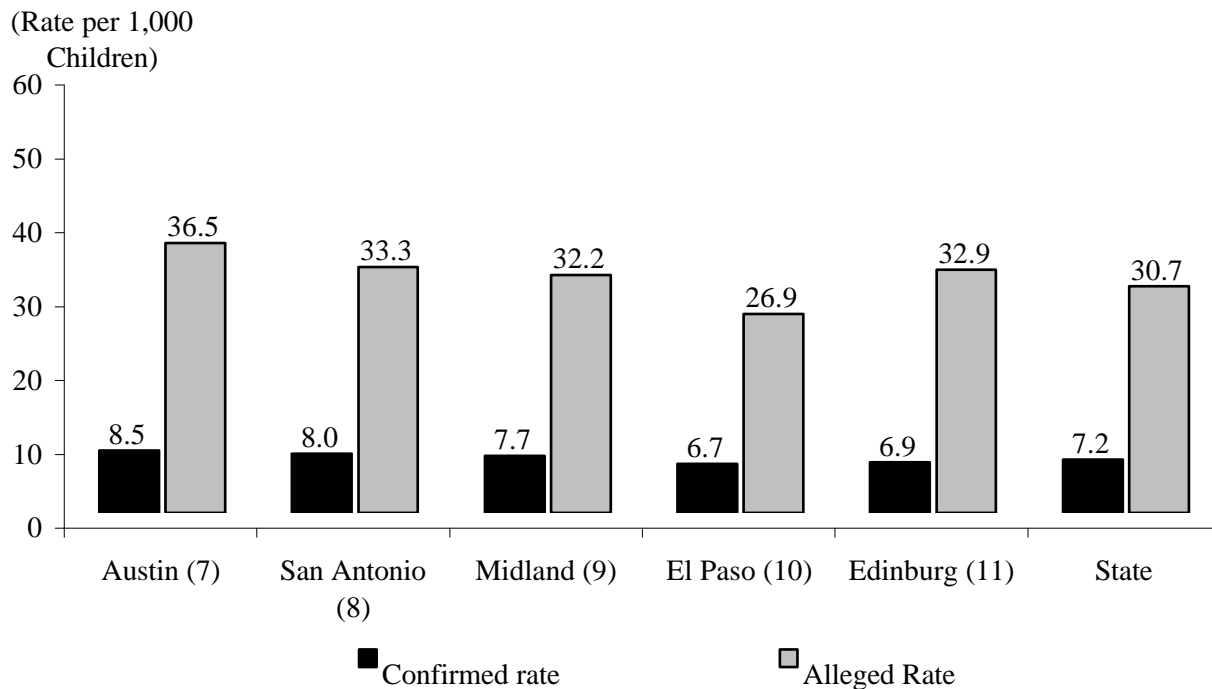
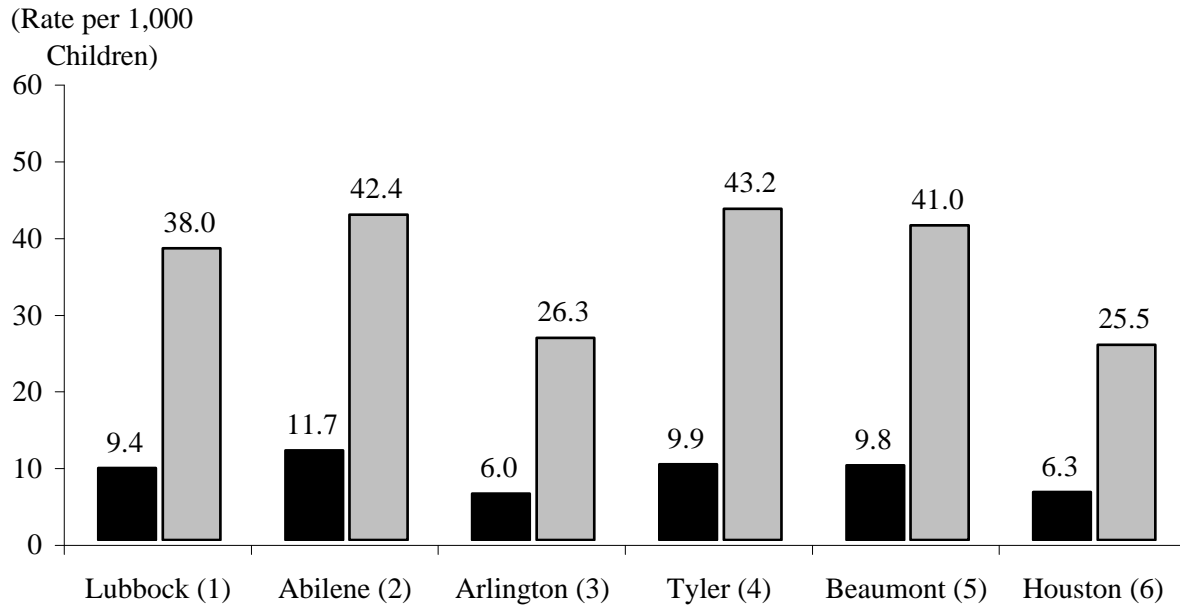
Disposition of Investigation	No Significant Risk Identified	Risk Controlled	Risk Indicated	Risk Not Applicable	Blank/Invalid	Total
Confirmed	499	15,198	12,299	114	114	28,224
Percent of Total	1.5%	28.1%	71.1%	3.5%	2.7%	25.2%
Unconfirmed	32,659	38,802	5,003	3,107	4,175	83,746
Percent of Total	98.5%	71.9%	28.9%	96.5%	97.3%	74.8%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>33,158</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>17,302</b>	<b>3,221</b>	<b>4,289</b>	<b>111,970</b>

### 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 2001

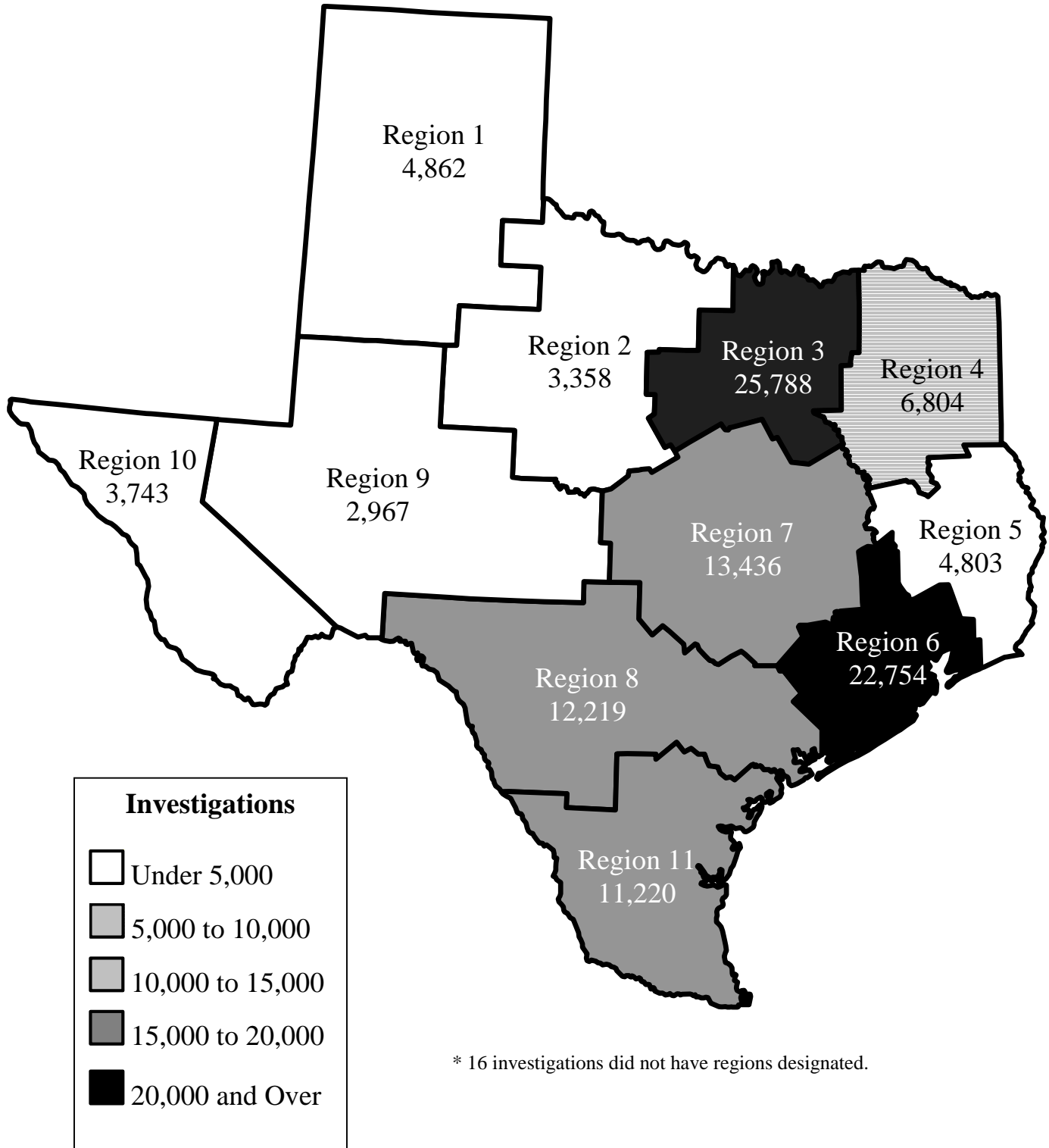


## Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2001

<b>Region</b>	<b>Alleged Victims</b>	<b>Confirmed Victims</b>	<b>Unconfirmed Victims</b>	<b>Percent Confirmed</b>
Lubbock (1)	8,123	1,999	6,124	24.6%
Abilene (2)	5,871	1,613	4,258	27.5%
Arlington (3)	40,904	9,383	31,521	22.9%
Tyler (4)	11,138	2,541	8,597	22.8%
Beaumont (5)	7,790	1,852	5,938	23.8%
Houston (6)	36,007	8,834	27,173	24.5%
Austin (7)	21,849	5,059	16,790	23.2%
San Antonio (8)	20,382	4,897	15,485	24.0%
Midland (9)	4,784	1,150	3,634	24.0%
El Paso (10)	6,079	1,502	4,577	24.7%
Edinburg (11)	19,089	3,974	15,115	20.8%
Other	26	9	17	34.6%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>182,042</b>	<b>42,813</b>	<b>139,229</b>	<b>23.5%</b>

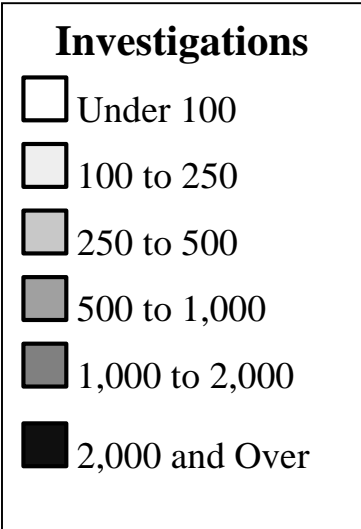
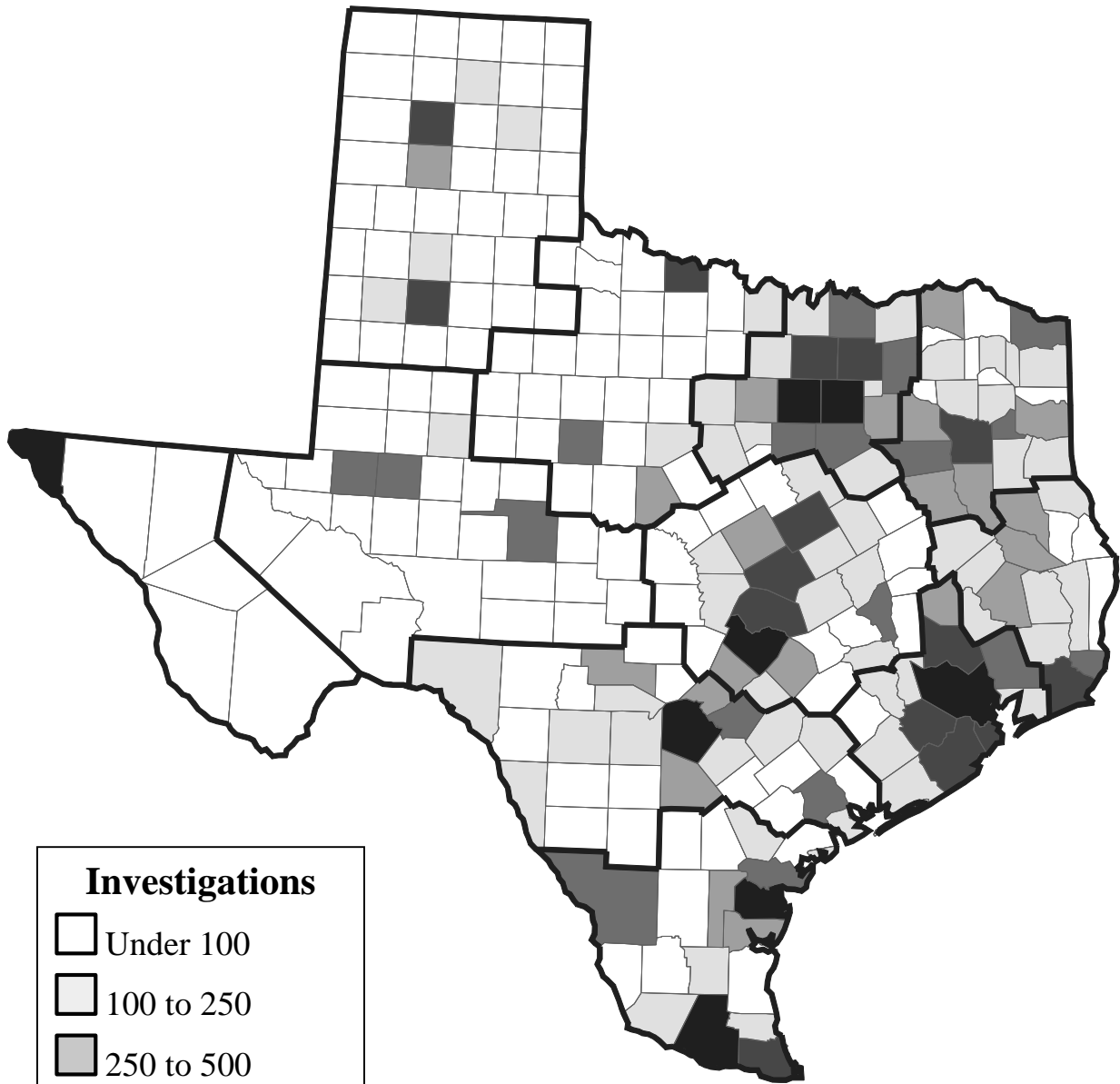
# Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2001

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# Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by County Fiscal Year 2001

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## Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Source of Report

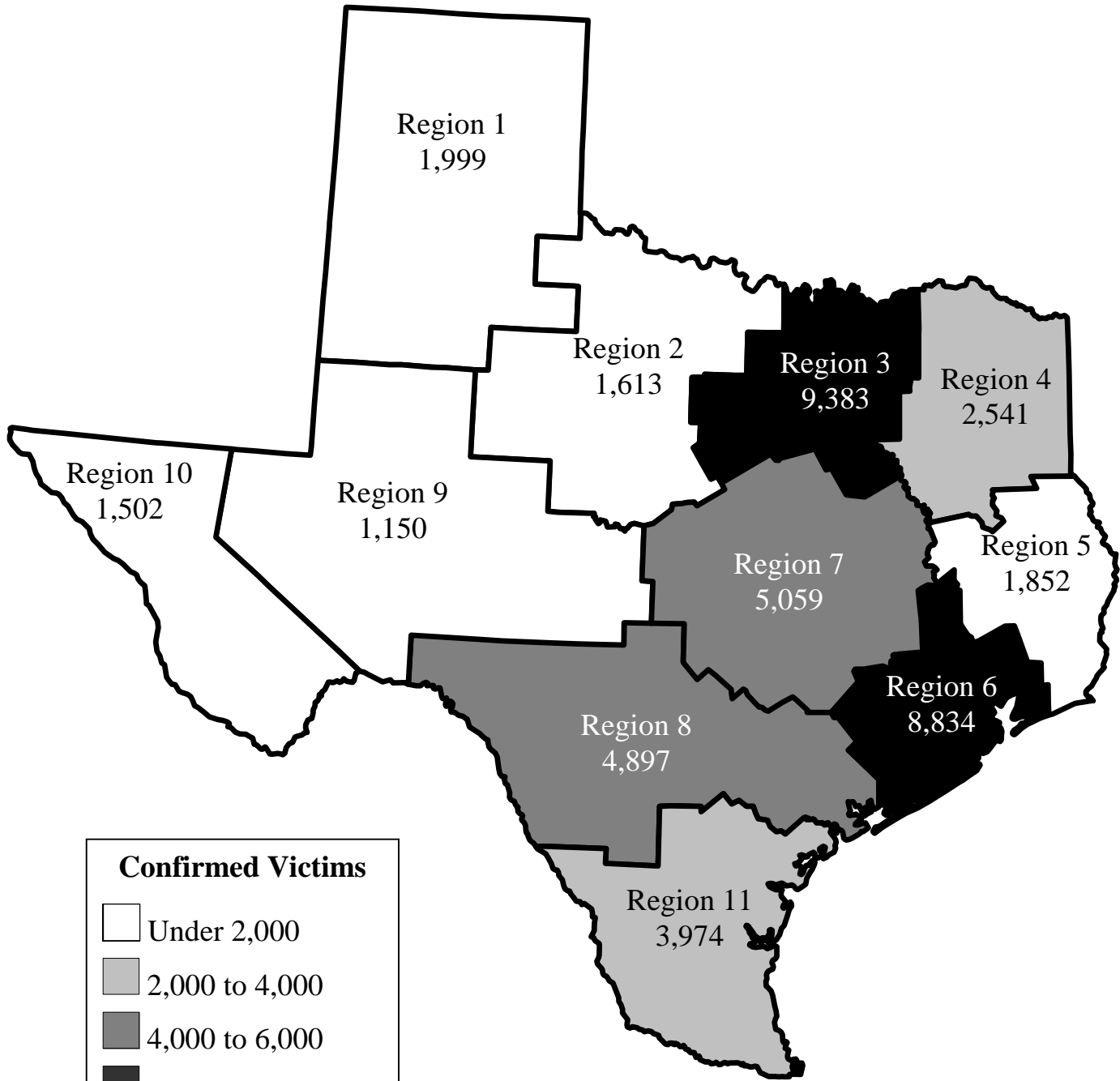
Sources	Fiscal Year 1999		Fiscal Year 2000		Fiscal Year 2001	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Anonymous	8,124	6.7%	10,030	7.1%	7,858	6.0%
Child Care Facility	1,592	1.3%	1,956	1.4%	1,777	1.4%
Law Enforcement	14,470	11.9%	17,464	12.3%	16,978	13.1%
Parent	11,121	9.1%	12,914	9.1%	11,378	8.7%
Relative	13,474	11.1%	16,769	11.8%	17,915	13.8%
School	23,647	19.4%	28,285	20.0%	26,957	20.7%
Victim	914	0.8%	970	0.7%	689	0.5%
Medical Personnel	18,112	14.8%	19,460	13.7%	15,594	12.0%
Friend/Neighbor	11,421	9.3%	12,486	8.8%	10,659	8.2%
PRS Staff	843	0.7%	634	0.5%	448	0.3%
Other	13,894	11.4%	16,707	11.8%	15,851	12.2%
Blank	4,223	3.5%	3,979	2.8%	4,090	3.1%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>121,835</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>141,654</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>130,194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*Note:* Reports of Abuse/Neglect situations may come from multiple sources.



# Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2001

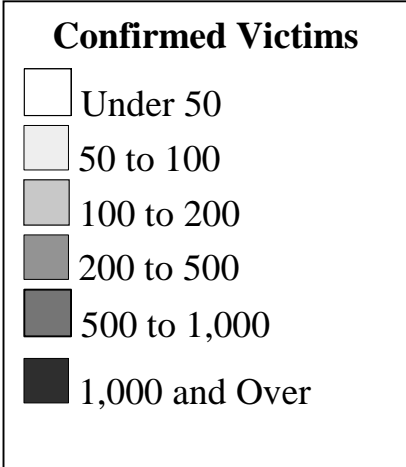
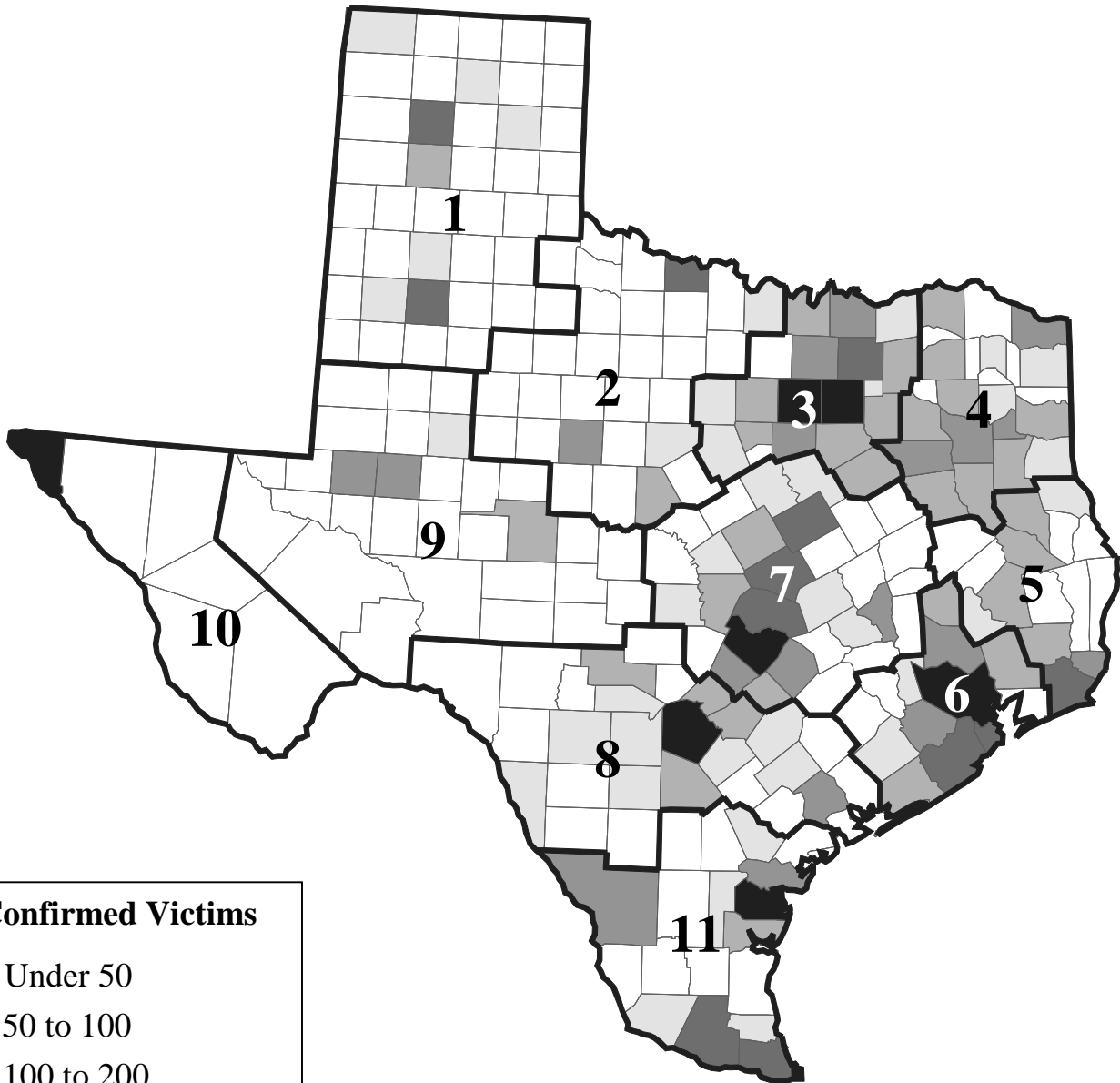
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\* 9 confirmed victims did not have regions designated.

# Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by County Fiscal Year 2001

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## Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Fiscal Year 2001

Age	Sex	Anglo	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Other	Total
<b>Under 1</b>								
	Female	871	700	891	5	9	73	2,549
	Male	970	774	972	5	13	64	2,798
	Unknown	11	9	14	0	0	4	38
	Total	1,852	1,483	1,877	10	22	141	5,385
<b>1-3 Years</b>								
	Female	1,621	934	1,619	8	31	51	4,264
	Male	1,848	1,041	1,789	10	28	76	4,792
	Unknown	11	9	18	0	0	1	39
	Total	3,480	1,984	3,426	18	59	128	9,095
<b>4-6 Years</b>								
	Female	1,673	956	1,593	10	31	67	4,330
	Male	1,465	1,030	1,555	13	29	53	4,145
	Unknown	8	1	13	0	0	1	23
	Total	3,146	1,987	3,161	23	60	121	8,498
<b>7-9 Years</b>								
	Female	1,432	887	1,558	14	31	44	3,966
	Male	1,363	936	1,276	15	31	45	3,666
	Unknown	4	4	6	0	0	1	15
	Total	2,799	1,827	2,840	29	62	90	7,647
<b>10-12 Years</b>								
	Female	1,281	654	1,224	14	26	49	3,248
	Male	1,071	603	859	6	21	40	2,600
	Unknown	1	3	6	0	0	0	10
	Total	2,353	1,260	2,089	20	47	89	5,858
<b>13-17 Years</b>								
	Female	1,699	784	1,703	6	28	73	4,293
	Male	879	436	633	11	12	32	2,003
	Unknown	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
	Total	2,582	1,220	2,337	17	40	105	6,301
<b>Age Unknown</b>								
	Female	2	3	5	0	0	0	10
	Male	8	6	3	0	0	0	17
	Unknown	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	Total	10	9	9	0	0	1	29
<b>Total Victims</b>								
	Female	8,579	4,918	8,593	57	156	357	22,660
	Male	7,604	4,826	7,087	60	134	310	20,021
	Unknown	39	26	59	0	0	8	132
	Grand Total	16,222	9,770	15,739	117	290	675	42,813

## Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type Fiscal Year 2001

Region	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment	Medical Neglect
Lubbock (1)	602	285	94	11	91
Abilene (2)	361	185	35	19	59
Arlington (3)	2,845	1,637	320	115	419
Tyler (4)	635	375	103	32	143
Beaumont (5)	391	266	51	17	96
Houston (6)	3,004	1,412	205	131	411
Austin (7)	1,380	663	136	66	234
San Antonio (8)	1,426	803	156	82	289
Midland (9)	284	155	55	9	71
El Paso (10)	388	118	59	15	95
Edinburg (11)	905	489	91	18	201
Other	0	2	0	1	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>12,221</b>	<b>6,390</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>2,109</b>

Region	Physical Neglect	Neglectful Supervision	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Unduplicated Confirmed Victims*
Lubbock (1)	385	1,015	33	1,999
Abilene (2)	407	867	29	1,613
Arlington (3)	1,370	4,413	119	9,383
Tyler (4)	461	1,259	54	2,541
Beaumont (5)	212	1,071	25	1,852
Houston (6)	1,047	3,703	165	8,834
Austin (7)	641	2,710	131	5,059
San Antonio (8)	605	2,222	74	4,897
Midland (9)	239	537	23	1,150
El Paso (10)	290	722	21	1,502
Edinburg (11)	676	2,206	46	3,974
Other	0	6	0	9
<b>State Total</b>	<b>6,333</b>	<b>20,731</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>42,813</b>

\* Victims have been unduplicated by investigation stage.

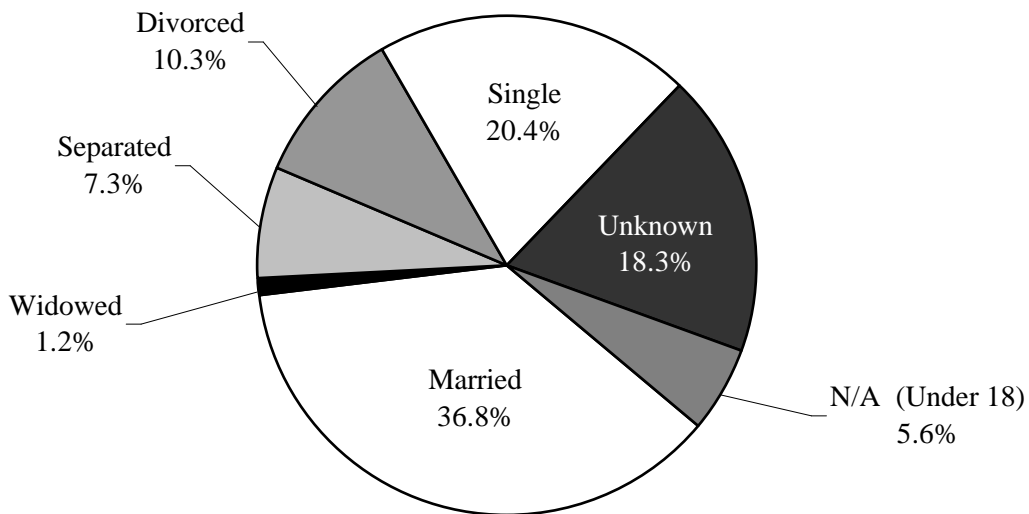
*Note:* Victims of different types of abuse and neglect are not additive because one victim may have multiple types of child abuse/neglect.

## Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2001

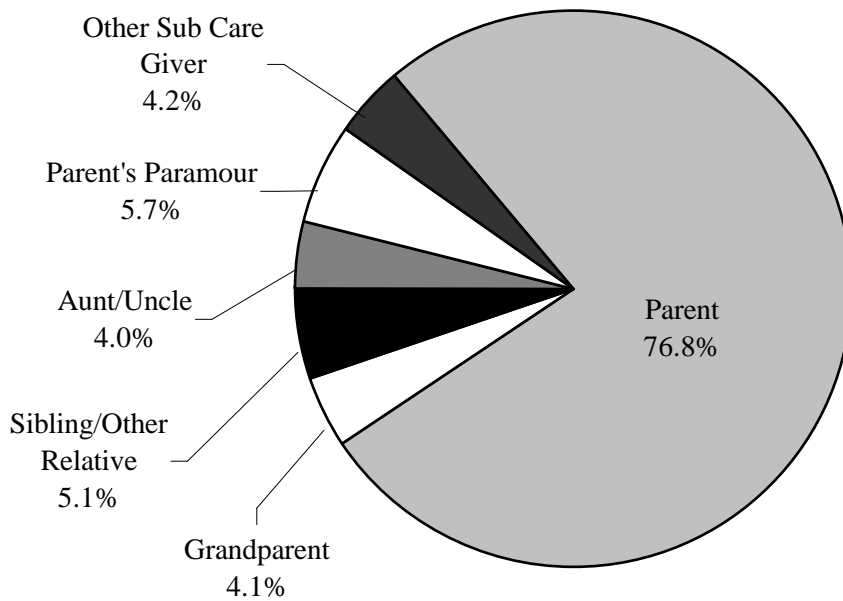
Characteristic	Female		Male		Unknown		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18	703	2.0%	1,483	4.2%	7	0.0%	2,193	6.2%
18-25	6,261	17.6%	2,779	7.8%	27	0.1%	9,067	25.5%
26-35	7,930	22.3%	5,140	14.4%	38	0.1%	13,108	36.8%
36-45	3,885	10.9%	4,118	11.6%	18	0.1%	8,021	22.5%
Over 45	1,310	3.7%	1,900	5.3%	7	0.0%	3,217	9.0%
Invalid	3	0.0%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	0.0%
<b>Marital Status</b>								
Married	6,436	18.1%	6,670	18.7%	11	0.0%	13,117	36.8%
Widowed	313	0.9%	121	0.3%	0	0.0%	434	1.2%
Separated	1,659	4.7%	945	2.7%	1	0.0%	2,605	7.3%
Divorced	2,322	6.5%	1,332	3.7%	0	0.0%	3,654	10.3%
Single	5,158	14.5%	2,110	5.9%	13	0.0%	7,281	20.4%
Unknown	3,684	10.3%	2,781	7.8%	68	0.2%	6,533	18.3%
N/A (Under 18)	520	1.5%	1,465	4.1%	4	0.0%	1,989	5.6%
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Anglo	8,446	23.7%	6,759	19.0%	13	0.0%	15,218	42.7%
African American	4,621	13.0%	2,679	7.5%	17	0.0%	7,317	20.5%
Hispanic	6,544	18.4%	5,406	15.2%	18	0.1%	11,968	33.6%
Native American	59	0.2%	33	0.1%	0	0.0%	92	0.3%
Asian	125	0.4%	123	0.3%	0	0.0%	248	0.7%
Other	297	0.8%	424	1.2%	49	0.1%	770	2.2%
<b>Relationship to Oldest Victim</b>								
Parent	17,818	50.0%	9,498	26.7%	27	0.1%	27,343	76.8%
Grandparent	916	2.6%	553	1.6%	0	0.0%	1,469	4.1%
Sibling/Other Relative	285	0.8%	1,526	4.3%	5	0.0%	1,816	5.1%
Aunt/Uncle	464	1.3%	975	2.7%	2	0.0%	1,441	4.0%
Parent's Paramour	158	0.4%	1,885	5.3%	1	0.0%	2,044	5.7%
Other Sub Care Giver	451	1.3%	987	2.8%	62	0.2%	1,500	4.2%
<b>Total Perpetrators</b>	<b>20,092</b>	<b>56.4%</b>	<b>15,424</b>	<b>43.3%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>35,613</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2001

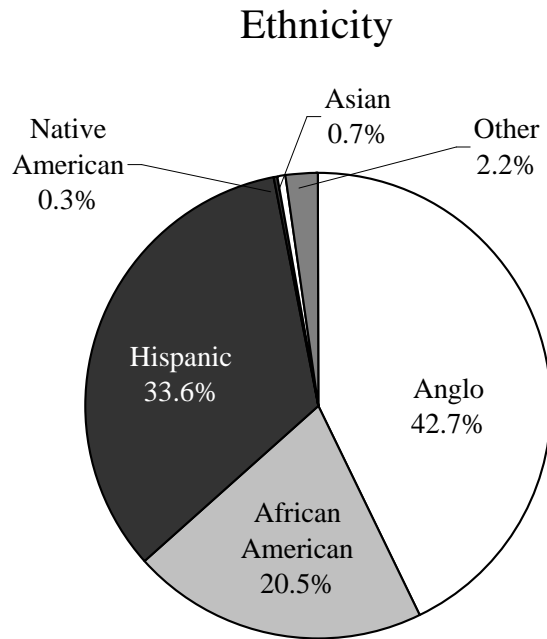
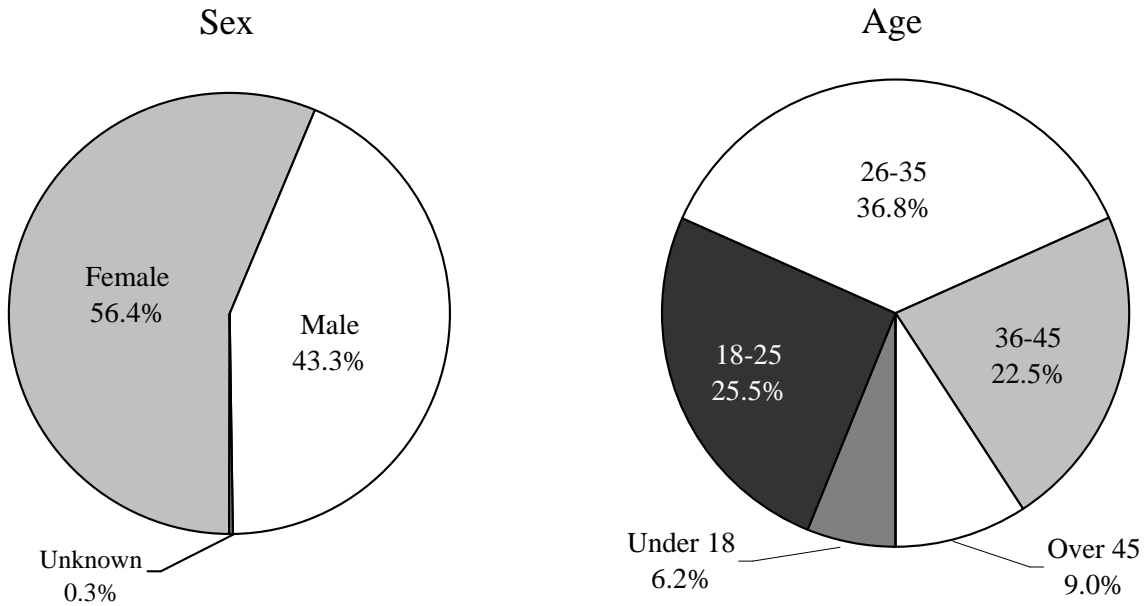
### Marital Status



### Relationship to Oldest Victim

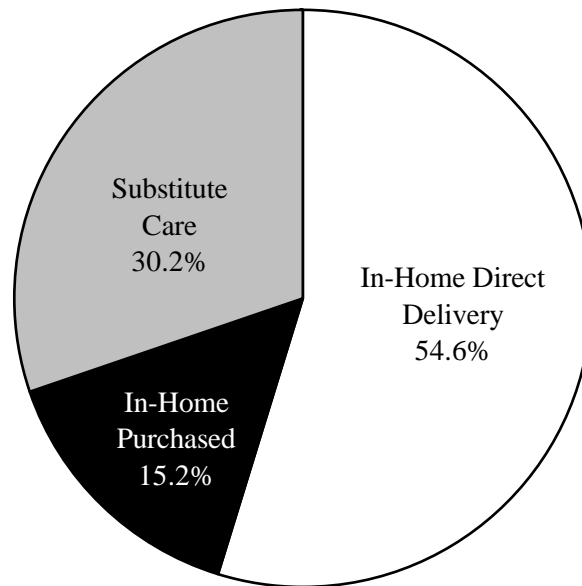


# Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2001



## Family Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2001

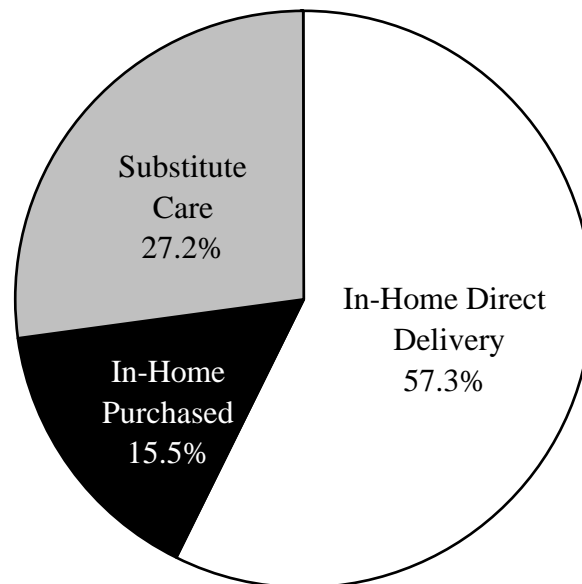
Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	341	0	238	579
Abilene (2)	170	285	143	598
Arlington (3)	1,212	473	1,312	2,997
Tyler (4)	559	250	212	1,021
Beaumont (5)	131	159	125	415
Houston (6)	1,721	30	1,181	2,932
Austin (7)	735	6	605	1,346
San Antonio (8)	1,730	132	426	2,288
Midland (9)	250	360	117	727
El Paso (10)	488	10	75	573
Edinburg (11)	1,147	656	250	2,053
Other	0	0	1	1
<b>State Total</b>	<b>8,484</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>4,685</b>	<b>15,530</b>





## Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2001

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	889	0	535	1,424
Abilene (2)	438	691	308	1,437
Arlington (3)	3,135	1,223	2,924	7,282
Tyler (4)	1,420	653	474	2,547
Beaumont (5)	345	375	279	999
Houston (6)	4,642	106	2,752	7,500
Austin (7)	2,038	12	1,451	3,501
San Antonio (8)	4,959	372	1,182	6,513
Midland (9)	648	931	269	1,848
El Paso (10)	1,330	31	193	1,554
Edinburg (11)	3,304	1,878	646	5,828
Other	0	0	1	1
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State Total	23,148	6,272	11,014	40,434



## Average Number of Families Receiving Preservation/Reunification Services per Month Fiscal Year 2001

### Family Preservation Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	249	37	66	0	0	0	352
Abilene (2)	93	3	25	169	2	14	305
Arlington (3)	363	155	344	605	3	24	1,494
Tyler (4)	194	34	117	220	1	2	567
Beaumont (5)	49	15	2	137	0	1	203
Houston (6)	1,104	84	115	7	34	1	1,344
Austin (7)	359	49	169	11	0	0	588
San Antonio (8)	942	23	49	82	0	0	1,096
Midland (9)	70	18	50	203	4	25	371
El Paso (10)	256	5	52	77	0	0	390
Edinburg (11)	617	46	98	516	0	1	1,280
Out of State	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>State Average</b>	<b>4,297</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7,991</b>

### Family Reunification Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	71	0	1	0	0	0	72
Abilene (2)	47	0	3	4	0	1	55
Arlington (3)	193	17	27	11	0	1	249
Tyler (4)	20	2	5	3	0	0	31
Beaumont (5)	25	2	0	3	0	0	29
Houston (6)	143	13	3	0	4	0	163
Austin (7)	121	5	3	0	0	0	129
San Antonio (8)	68	12	28	0	0	0	108
Midland (9)	19	1	4	3	0	0	27
El Paso (10)	24	8	0	0	0	0	32
Edinburg (11)	54	11	5	4	0	0	74
<b>State Average</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>969</b>

*Note:* All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

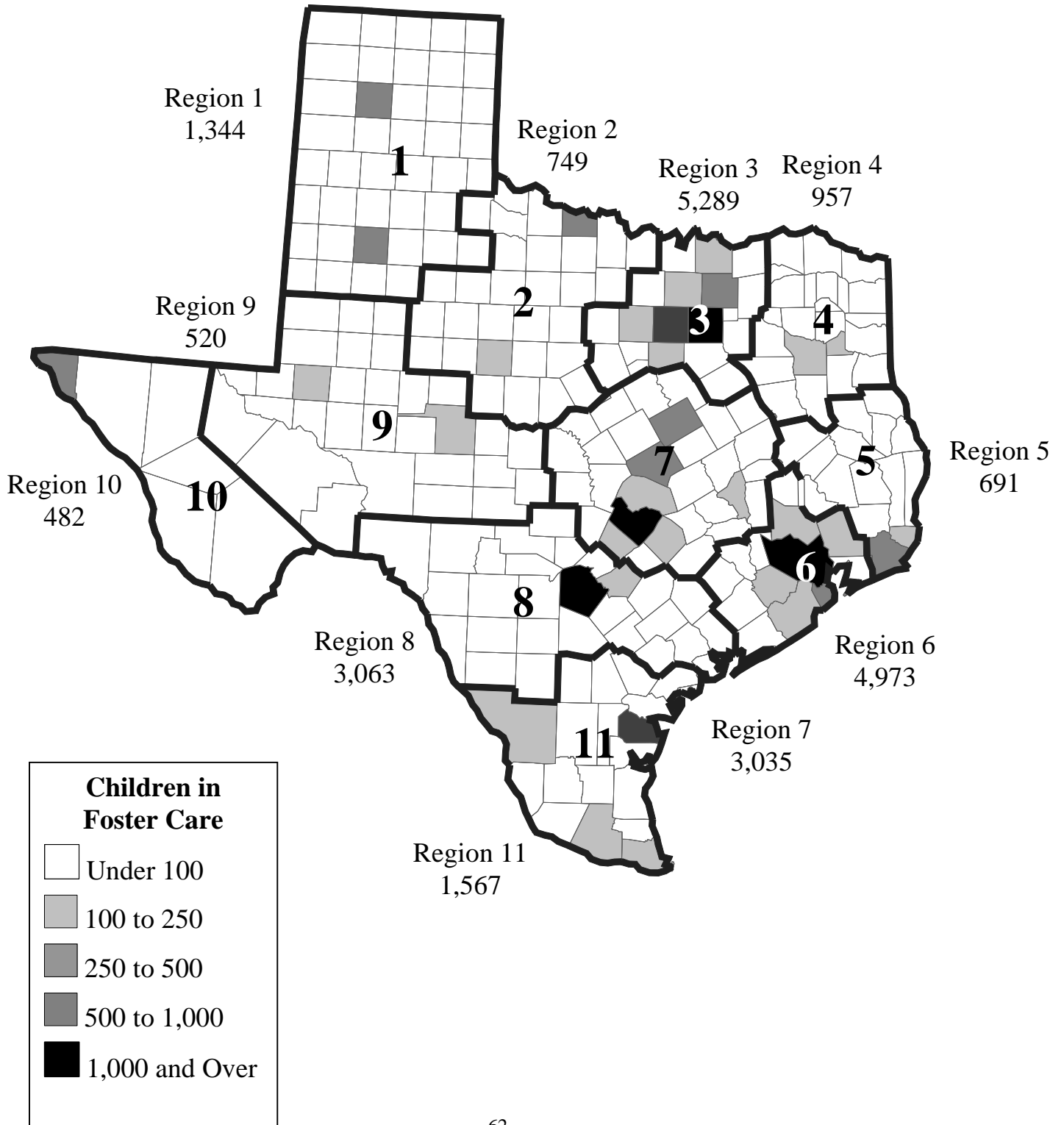
## Average Number of Children Receiving Purchased Services per Month Fiscal Year 2001

<b>Region</b>	<b>Living At Home</b>	<b>Living Out of Home</b>	<b>Post Adoption</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lubbock (1)	150	388	7	545
Abilene (2)	385	132	107	625
Arlington (3)	355	851	193	1,399
Tyler (4)	138	257	16	411
Beaumont (5)	96	115	101	312
Houston (6)	266	805	96	1,168
Austin (7)	183	536	52	771
San Antonio (8)	390	459	37	886
Midland (9)	302	121	62	486
El Paso (10)	168	129	28	325
Edinburg (11)	247	382	10	640
<b>State Average</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>7,567</b>

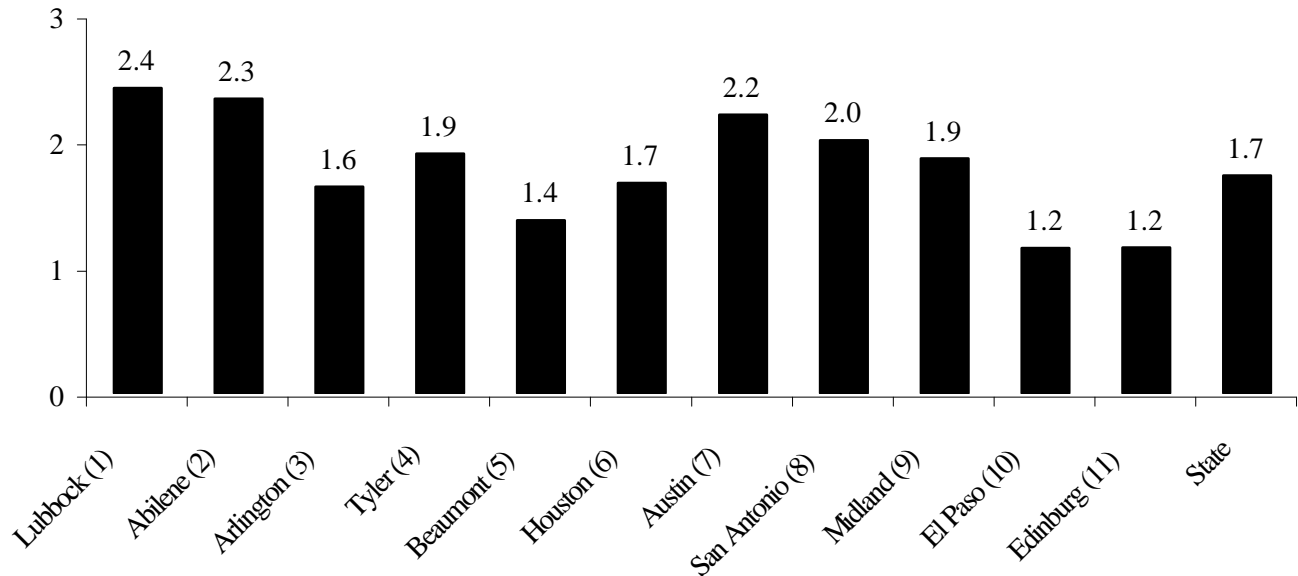
*Note:* All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

# Annual Number of Children in Foster Care by County Fiscal Year 2001

State Total: 22,670

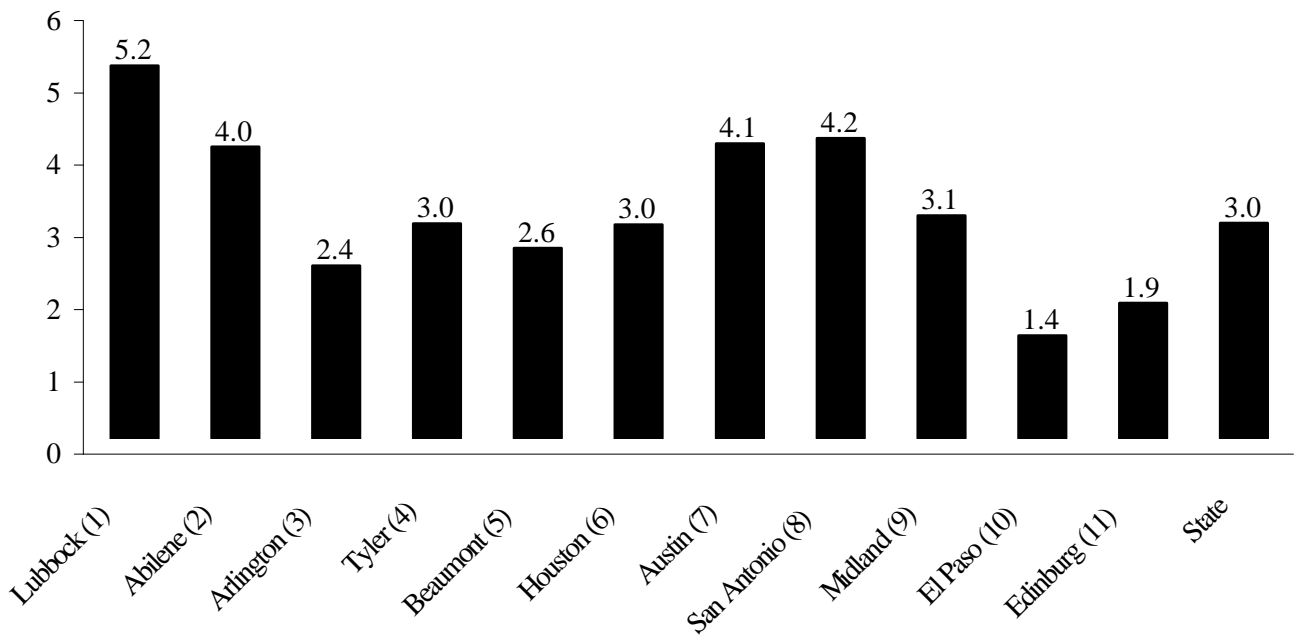


## Point Prevalence Rate\* for Children Entering Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2001



Note: A total of 10,249 children entered substitute care.

## Point Prevalence Rate\* for Children in Substitute Care at the End of Fiscal Year 2001



\* Rate per 1,000 children

## Children in PRS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care, and in Foster Care Placements at the End of Fiscal Year 2001

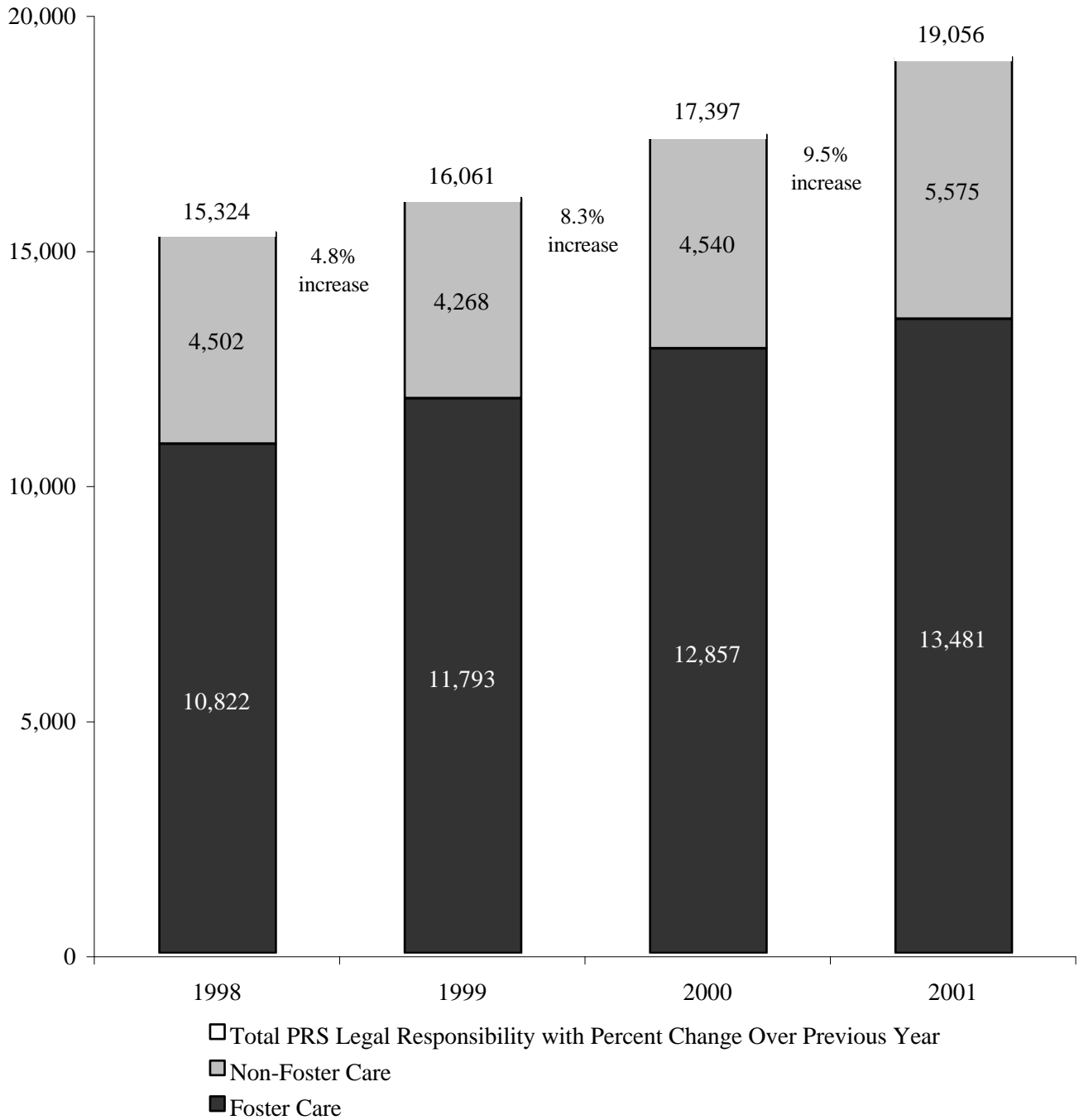
Region	PRS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care	Foster Care
Lubbock (1)	1,156	1,103	895
Abilene (2)	595	559	485
Arlington (3)	4,119	3,721	2,810
Tyler (4)	819	767	605
Beaumont (5)	512	500	405
Houston (6)	4,541	4,181	3,008
Austin (7)	2,593	2,443	2,021
San Antonio (8)	2,703	2,548	1,977
Midland (9)	503	458	330
El Paso (10)	358	321	274
Edinburg (11)	1,157	1,087	919
Blank Region			
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,056</b>	<b>17,688</b>	<b>13,729</b>

*Note:* Foster Care is a sub-set of Substitute Care.

## Legal Status of Children in PRS Legal Responsibility

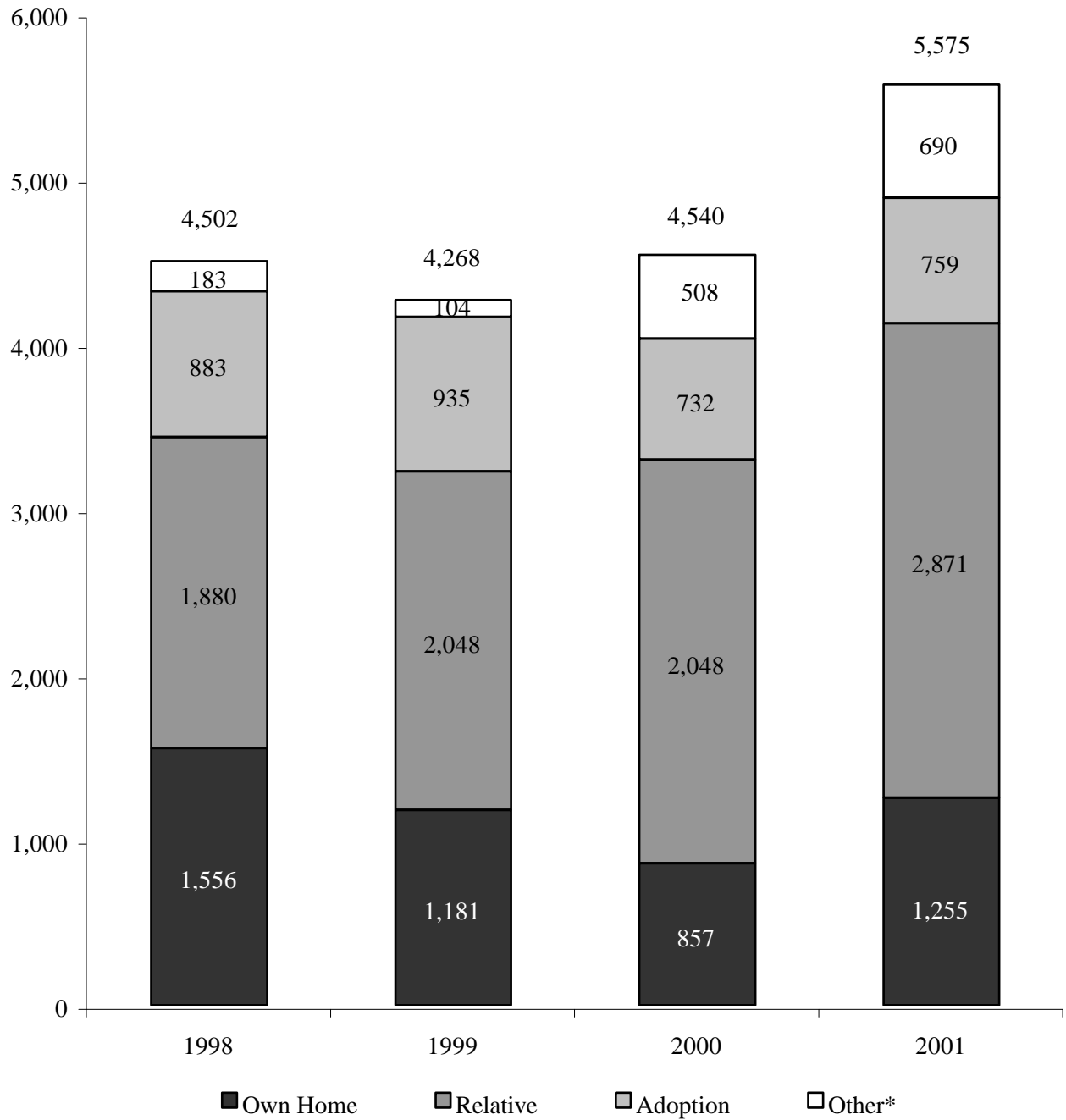
Legal Status	August 2001	
	Number	Percent
Care, Custody & Control	54	0.3%
Temporary Managing Conservatorship	9,256	48.6%
Permanent Managing Conservatorship		
Parental Rights Not Terminated	2,935	15.4%
Parental Rights Terminated (All)	5,961	31.3%
Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent)	473	2.4%
Possessory Conservatorship	377	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,056</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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



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

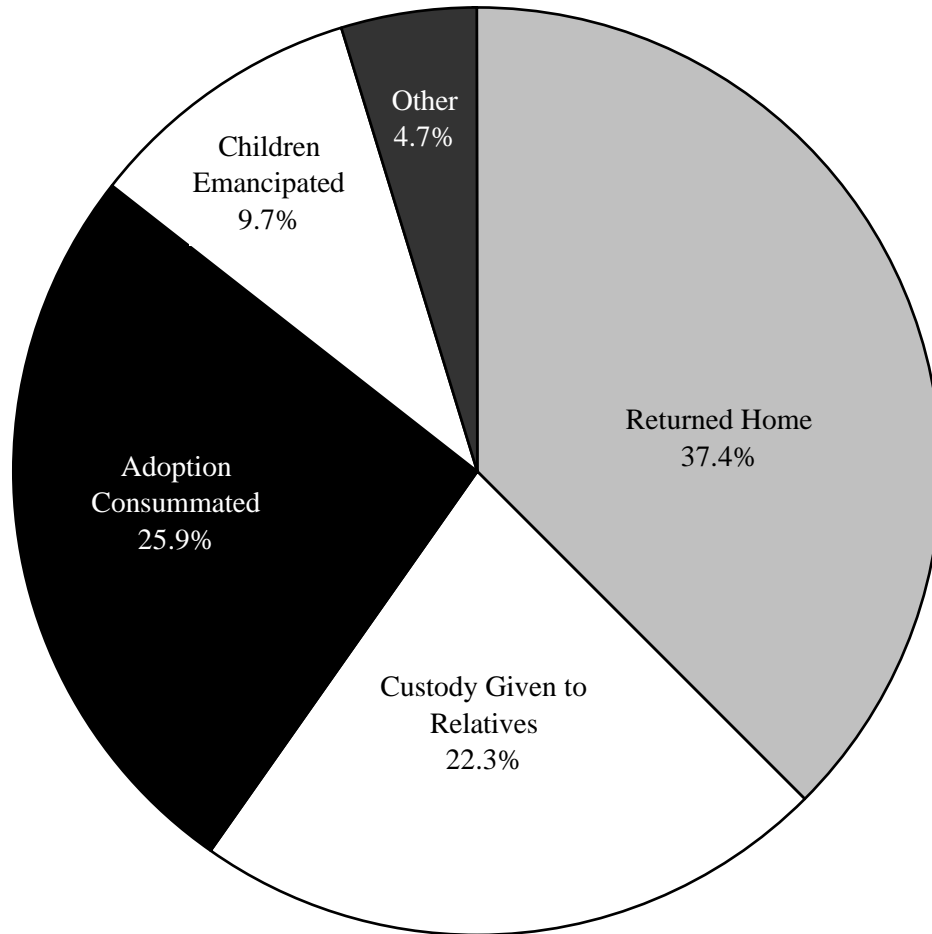
## Children in PRS Legal Responsibility in Non-Foster Care Placements by Fiscal Year



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

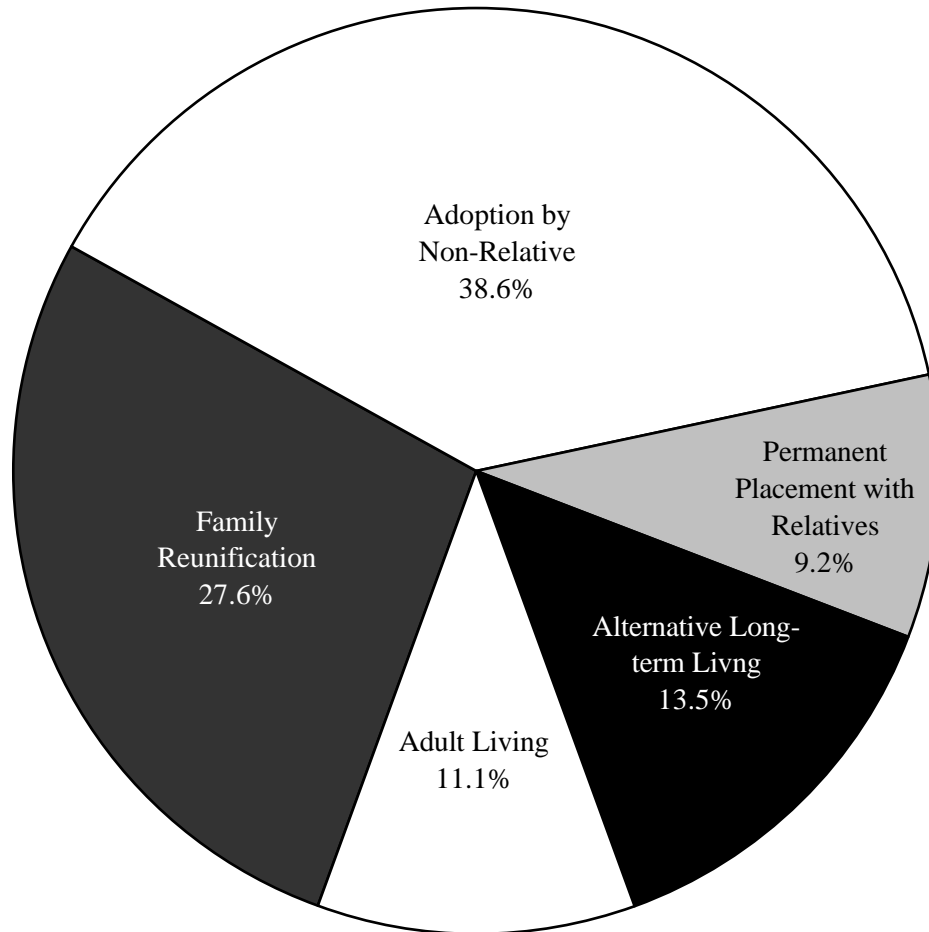


## Status of Children No Longer in PRS Legal Responsibility Fiscal Year 2001



*Note:* Averages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

## Permanency Goal of Children in Substitute Care for Whom PRS Had Legal Responsibility on August 31, 2001



*Note:* Children counted had an approved permanency goal 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

Fiscal Year	State Paid Foster Care	Title IV-E Foster Care	Other Care*	Total Children in Foster Care	Percent Change from 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%
2001	5,727	8,187	234	14,148	7.0%

## Children in Foster Care Monthly Average by Region Fiscal Year 2001

Region	State Paid Foster Care	Title IV-E Foster Care	Other Care*
Lubbock (1)	321	575	15
Abilene (2)	216	287	8
Arlington (3)	1,382	1,542	54
Tyler (4)	323	254	10
Beaumont (5)	180	246	7
Houston (6)	1,239	1,747	48
Austin (7)	775	1,172	31
San Antonio (8)	717	1,332	31
Midland (9)	115	237	6
El Paso (10)	127	152	5
Edinburg (11)	326	633	19
Blank Region	7	10	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>8,187</b>	<b>234</b>

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

Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

## Demographics of Children in Foster Care by Fiscal Year

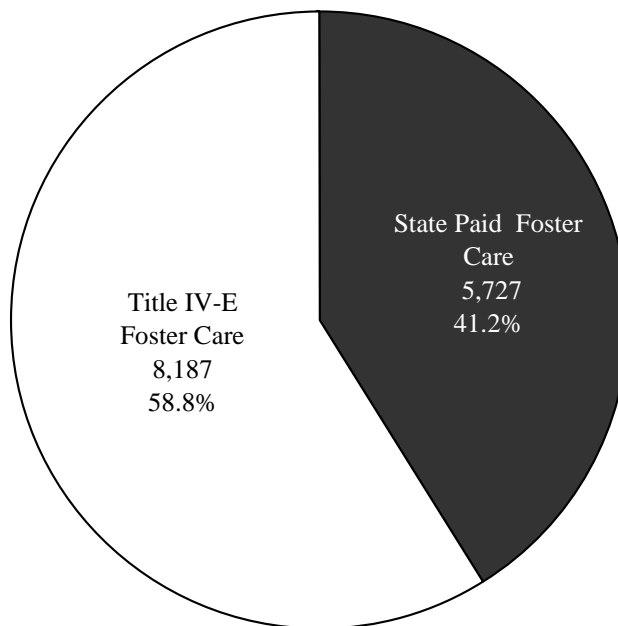
Characteristic	August 1998		August 1999		August 2000		August 2001	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Age</b>								
Birth - 2	1,696	15.7%	2,016	17.2%	2,395	18.6%	2,622	19.1%
3 - 5	1,452	13.4%	1,452	12.4%	1,645	12.8%	1,775	12.9%
6 - 9	2,196	20.3%	2,329	19.8%	2,310	18.0%	2,287	16.7%
10 - 13	2,493	23.0%	2,637	22.5%	2,882	22.4%	3,129	22.8%
14 - 17	2,889	26.7%	3,116	26.1%	3,411	26.5%	3,668	26.7%
18 - 20	96	0.9%	243	2.0%	214	1.7%	248	1.8%
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	5,692	52.6%	6,216	52.6%	6,859	53.3%	7,299	53.2%
Female	5,130	47.4%	5,556	47.2%	5,991	46.6%	6,423	46.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%	21	0.2%	7	0.1%	7	0.1%
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Anglo	3,600	33.3%	3,980	33.8%	4,354	33.9%	4,615	33.6%
African American	3,579	33.1%	3,916	33.2%	4,190	32.6%	4,322	31.5%
Hispanic	3,248	30.0%	3,613	30.6%	4,040	31.4%	4,547	33.1%
Native American	43	0.4%	60	0.5%	66	0.5%	53	0.4%
Asian	25	0.2%	50	0.4%	44	0.3%	66	0.5%
Other	327	3.0%	174	1.5%	163	1.3%	126	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,822</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,793</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,857</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13,729</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Average Monthly Number of Children in Paid Foster Care by Level of Care (LOC) Each Fiscal Year

Level of Care	1999		2000		2001	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
LOC 01	5,050	\$15.85	5,359	\$16.96	5,548	\$16.96
LOC 02	1,562	\$33.95	1,579	\$36.33	1,564	\$36.33
LOC 03	2,127	\$58.08	2,391	\$62.15	2,737	\$62.15
LOC 04	1,789	\$82.64	2,150	\$88.42	2,348	\$88.42
LOC 05	594	\$99.68	644	\$106.66	704	\$106.66
LOC 06	194	\$187.83	192	\$200.98	185	\$200.98
E2	12	\$58.08	14	\$62.15	33	\$62.15
E3	656	\$91.12	783	\$97.50	798	\$97.50
<b>All levels</b>	<b>11,983</b>		<b>13,112</b>		<b>13,917</b>	

*Note:* Calculations exclude children where cost of care was not covered by Title IV-E or state paid foster care. Also, averages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

## Sources of Foster Care as of August 31, 2001



## Number of PRS Foster, Foster/Adoptive, and Adoptive Homes as of August 31, 2001

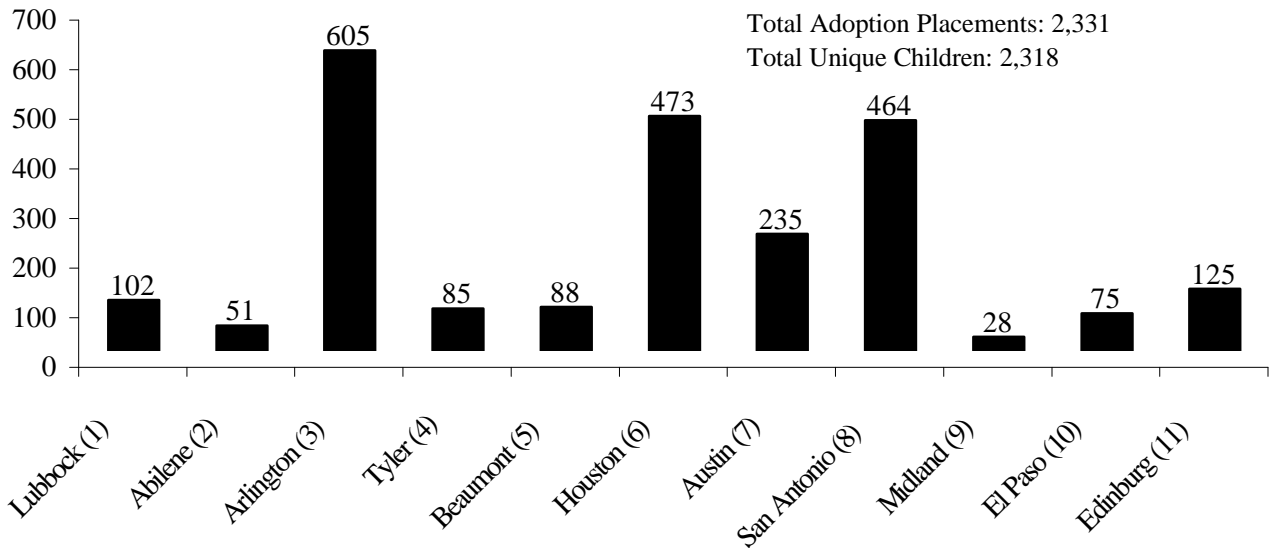
Region	Foster Homes	Foster/Adoptive Homes*	Adoptive Homes**
Lubbock (1)	60	125	8
Abilene (2)	33	108	12
Arlington (3)	130	853	108
Tyler (4)	73	142	18
Beaumont (5)	69	135	21
Houston (6)	307	336	129
Austin (7)	168	184	78
San Antonio (8)	115	175	49
Midland (9)	33	51	8
El Paso (10)	68	106	11
Edinburg (11)	60	117	28
Out of State	18	33	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>488</b>

\* The Foster/Adopt Homes category includes legal risk homes and kinship homes.

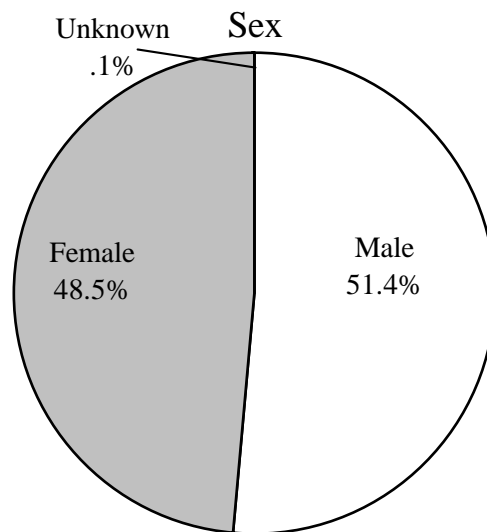
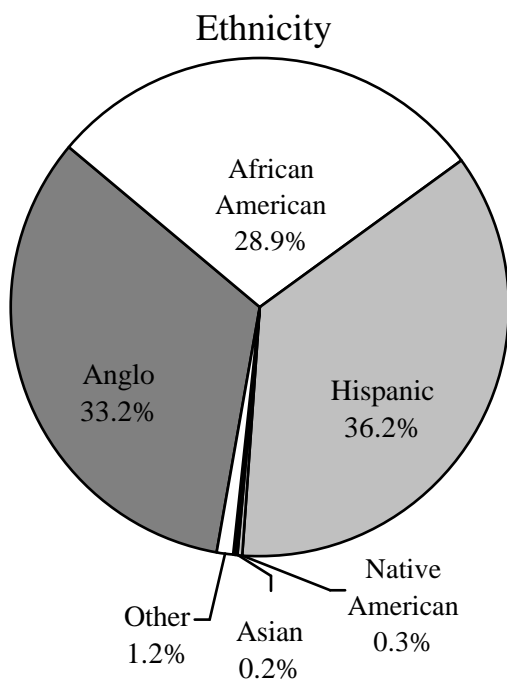
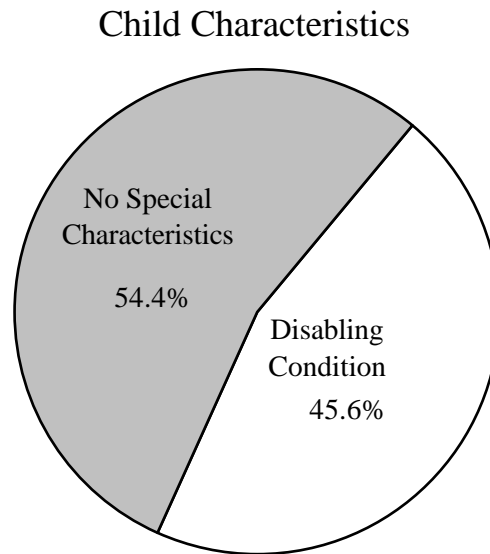
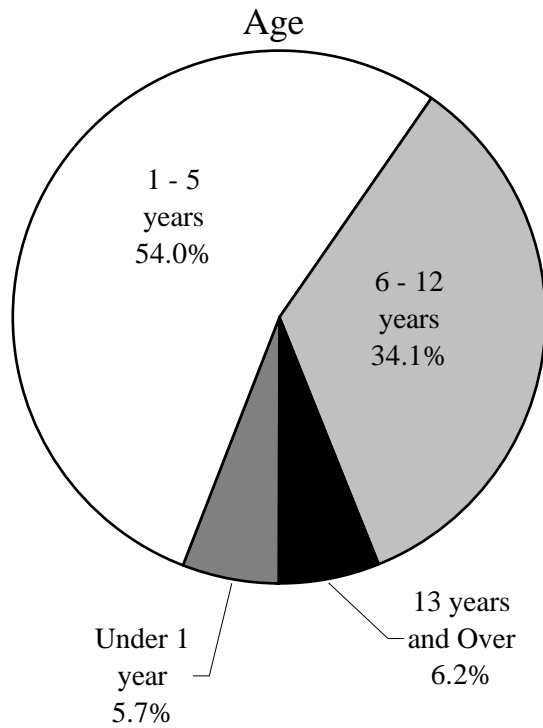
\*\* This number does not include the 2,264 homes open only for receipt of adoption subsidy.

*Note:* Homes may be duplicated across Foster and Adoptive categories.

## Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region Fiscal Year 2001

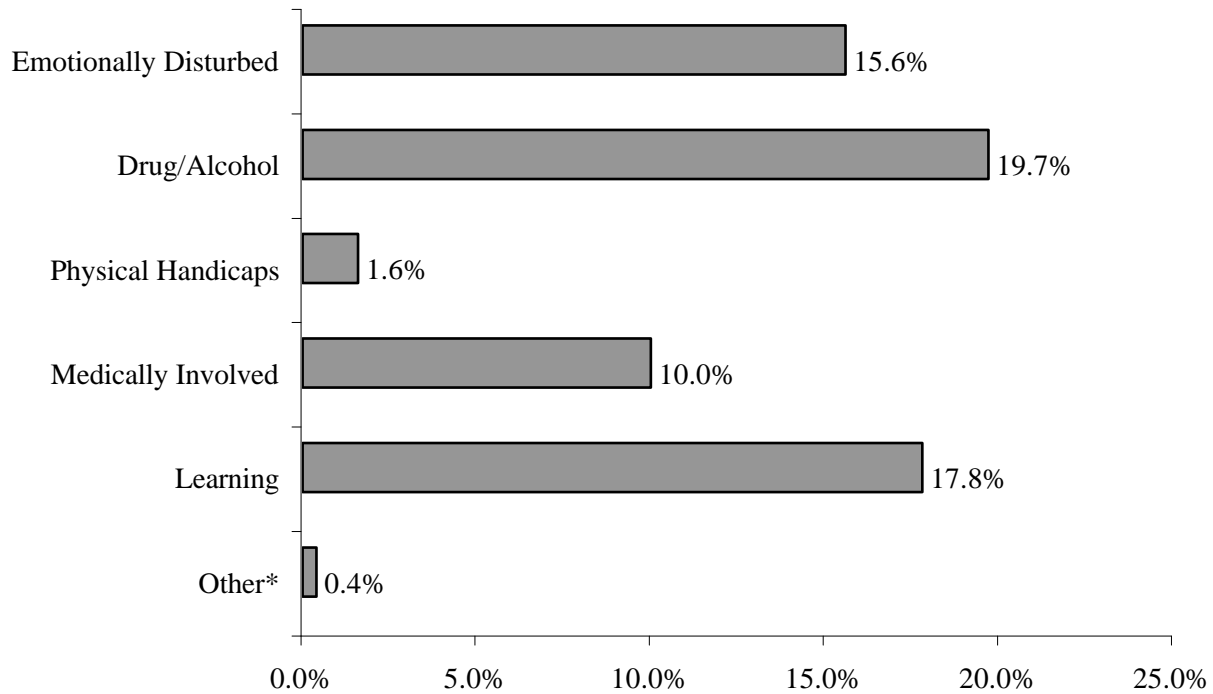


# Demographics of 2,318 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2001



## Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2001

Disabling Condition	Percentage	Number
Emotionally Disturbed	15.6%	362
Drug/Alcohol	19.7%	457
Physical Handicaps	1.6%	36
Medically Involved	10.0%	231
Learning	17.8%	412
Other*	0.4%	10

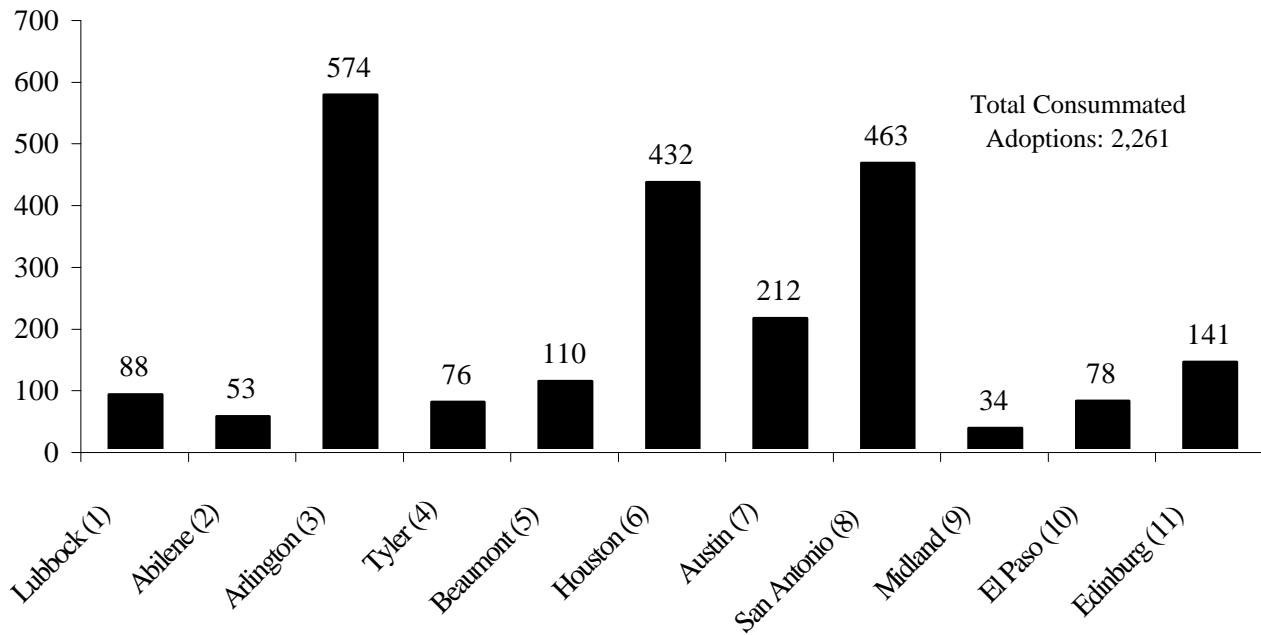


\* Other includes teen parent or pregnant.

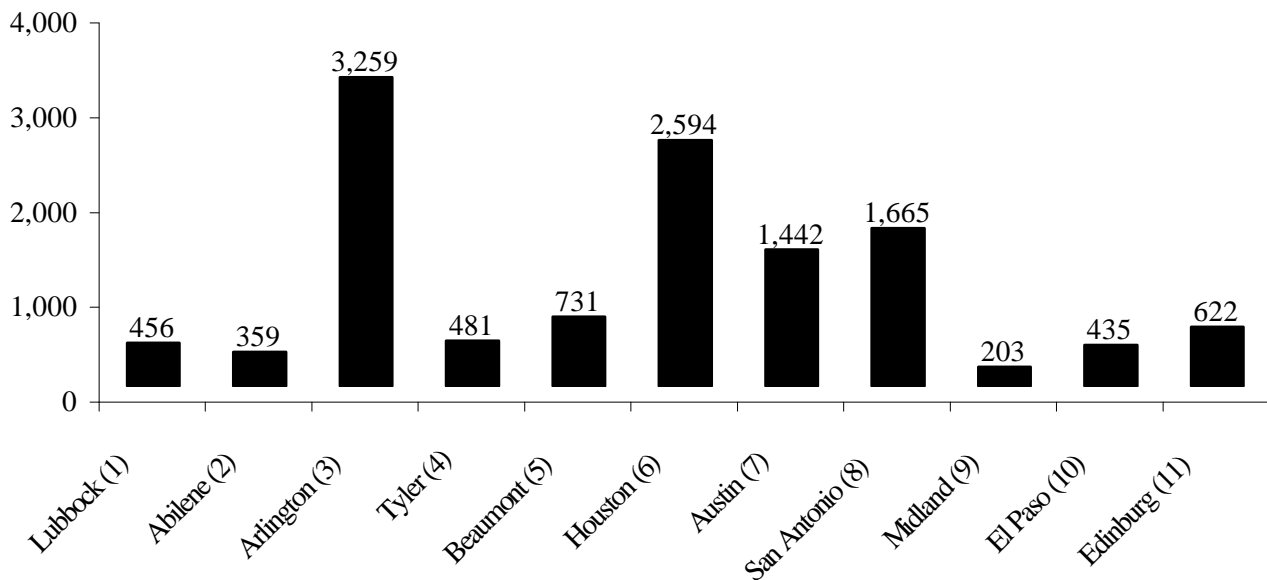
*Note:* Children may be duplicated across categories because some may have more than one disabling condition.



## Children in Consummated Adoptions by Region Fiscal Year 2001



## Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Per Month Fiscal Year 2001

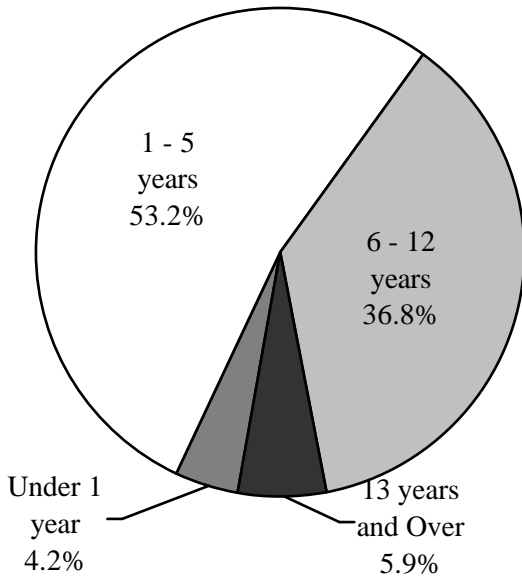


*Note:* Subsidies include financial payments only, not medical and non-recurring subsidies.

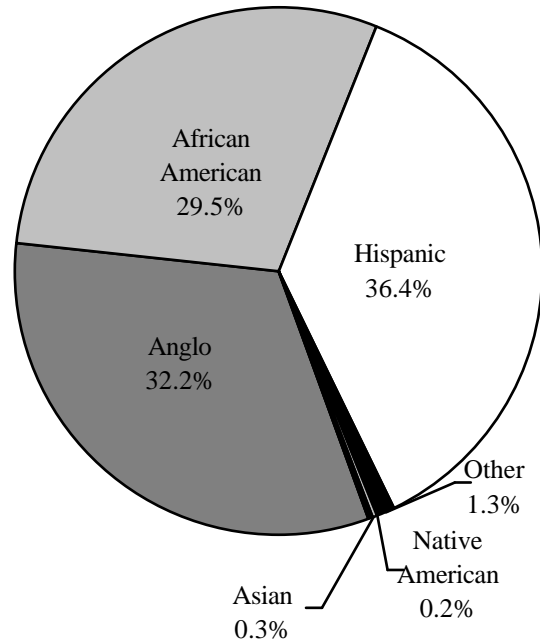
# Demographics of Children in Consummated Adoptions Fiscal Year 2001

Total Consummated Adoptions: 2,261

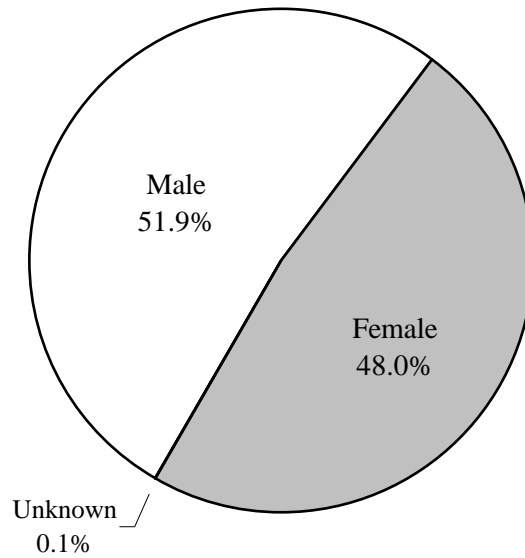
Age



Ethnicity



Sex



## Race/Ethnicity of Children and Adoptive Parents by Fiscal Year

	1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race/ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child	938	63.0%	1,347	68.3%	1,253	63.4%	1,393	65.5%
Race/ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Transracial)	550	37.0%	626	31.7%	722	36.6%	733	34.5%
Total adoptions where race/ethnicity can be determined	1,488	100.0%	1,973	100.0%	1,975	100.0%	2,126	100.0%

## Adoption Consummations by Type of Agency by Fiscal Year

	1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
PRS	1,282	82.8%	1,626	79.2%	1,590	77.1%	1,632	72.2%
Private Agency	266	17.2%	428	20.8%	473	22.9%	629	27.8%
Total Consummations	1,548	100.0%	2,054	100.0%	2,063	100.0%	2,261	100.0%

# CPS Outcomes

*Based on data from Fiscal Year 2001*

## Family Preservation Outcomes

*(measured from start of services to end of services)*

Average length of service 7.5 months

## Family Reunification Outcomes

*(measured from first substitute care placement to placement in own home)*

Percent of children returned to own home 37.4 %  
 Average number of placements per child 2.3  
 Average length of service 9.2 months  
 Median length of service 7.2 months

## Adoption Services Outcomes

*(measured from first substitute care placement to adoption consummation)*

Percent of children who left PRS legal responsibility with an adoption consummation 25.9 %  
 Average number of placements per child 3.3  
 Average length of service 29.5 months  
     From Removal to Final Order 15.5 months  
     From Final Order to Adoption Placement 10.3 months  
     From Placement to Adoption Consummation 3.6 months  
 Median length of service 23.2 months

## Permanent Relative Care Outcomes

*(measured from first substitute care placement to date PRS legal responsibility ended)*

Percent of children who left PRS legal responsibility to a relative placement 22.3 %  
 Average number of placements 2.5  
 Average length of service 13 months  
 Median length of service 11.7 months

## Long-term Substitute Care Outcomes

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

*(measured from first substitute care placement to date PRS legal responsibility ended or date child turns 18 years of age)*

Percent of children who left PRS legal responsibility	9.7 %
Average number of placements	8.2
Average length of service	65.3 months
Median length of service	54.4 months

### Other Long-term Substitute Care

*(measured from first substitute care placement to date PRS legal responsibility ended)*

Percent of children who left PRS legal responsibility	4.7 %
Average number of placements	3.9
Average length of service	18.6 months
Median length of service	12.4 months

## Fiscal Year 2001 Recidivism Outcomes

### For All Stages:

*(measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation within 12 months of the end of services or a return to substitute care or new Family Preservation services provided)*

9.0 %

### For Family Preservation:

*(measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation within 12 months of the end of family preservation services)*

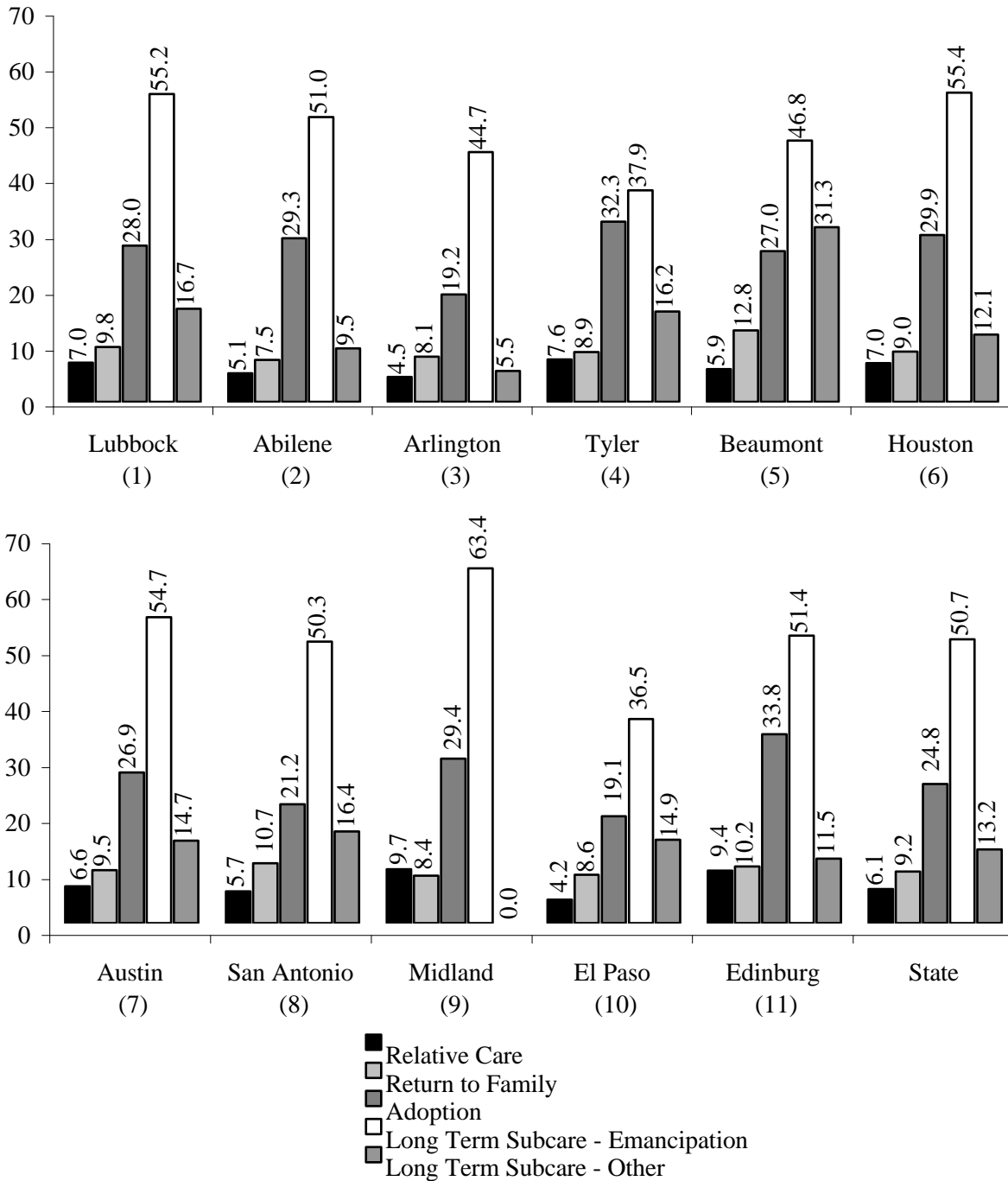
7.6 %

### For Family Reunification:

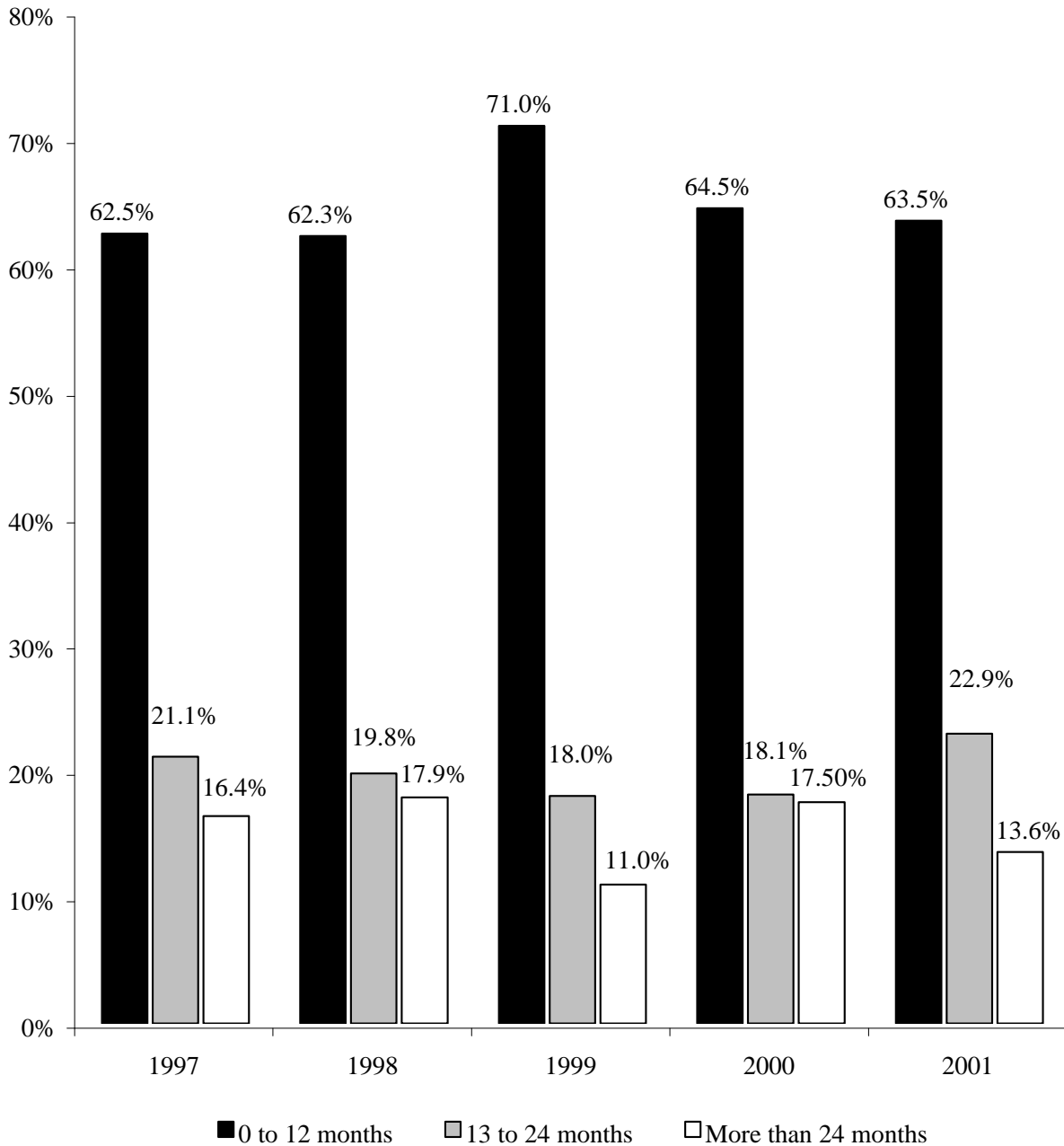
*(measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation or a return to substitute care within 12 months of the end of family reunification services)*

16.9 %

## 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 Year 2001



## Length of Time in Care for Children Who Achieved Permanency Status\* During Fiscal Year 2001



\* 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 Year 2001**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Family Preservation</b>	<b>Family Reunification</b>	<b>Adoption</b>	<b>Relative Care</b>	<b>Long Term Subcare - Emancipation</b>	<b>Long Term Subcare - Other</b>
Lubbock (1)	8.7	9.8	33.3	14.5	74.1	28.7
Abilene (2)	6.5	7.5	38.9	13.7	68.8	21.7
Arlington (3)	7.5	8.1	22.5	12.2	59.6	11.6
Tyler (4)	6.7	8.9	38.4	11.5	58.8	19.6
Beaumont (5)	7.2	12.8	32.4	12.9	70.6	36.1
Houston (6)	9.2	9.0	35.5	14.7	70.2	16.2
Austin (7)	7.9	9.5	33.5	12.6	62.1	16.7
San Antonio (8)	7.1	10.7	24.4	9.7	63.5	21.5
Midland (9)	5.8	8.4	38.6	14.1	82.5	19.6
El Paso (10)	7.2	8.6	23.6	7.6	45.3	25.7
Edinburg (11)	7.5	10.2	40.4	13.9	69.9	16.0
<b>State</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>18.6</b>



## Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Attained Permanency Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2001

Region	Return Home	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Care - Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
Lubbock (1)	2.5	3.0	2.5	7.8	3.2
Abilene (2)	2.0	4.3	2.3	6.8	2.4
Arlington (3)	2.2	2.8	2.5	7.6	2.2
Tyler (4)	2.2	3.4	2.3	6.1	3.9
Beaumont (5)	2.5	3.4	2.5	5.4	5.9
Houston (6)	2.1	3.5	2.6	9.5	4.0
Austin (7)	2.4	3.5	2.6	8.3	4.7
San Antonio (8)	2.7	3.7	2.6	9.0	4.9
Midland (9)	2.4	3.1	2.4	8.5	1.0
El Paso (10)	2.5	2.8	2.0	8.1	3.6
Edinburg (11)	2.8	3.6	3.0	7.5	4.7
State	2.3	3.3	2.5	8.2	3.9

*Note:* The average number of placements per child in substitute care for all children who attained permanency is 3.3 placements.

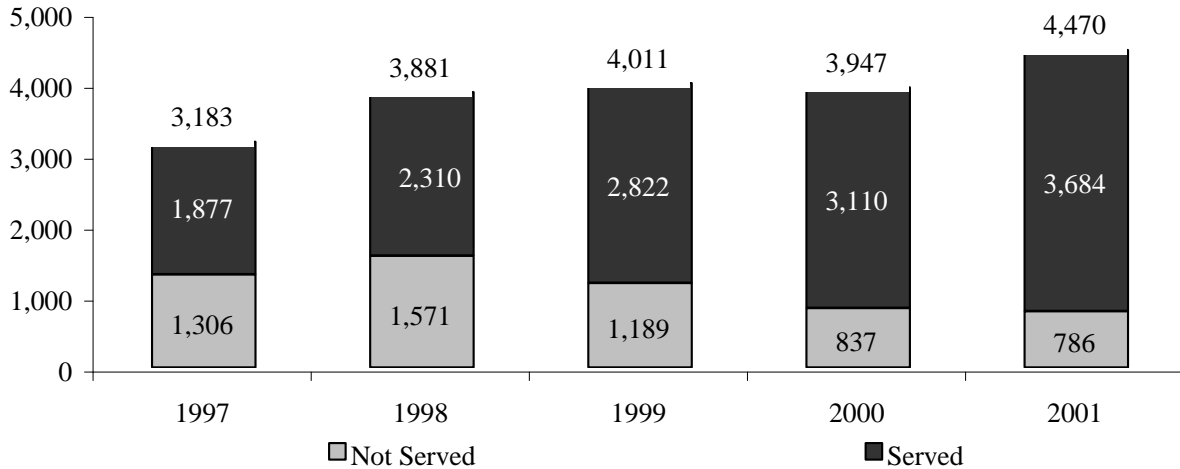
## Substitute Care Outcomes for Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year 2001

Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.	10.3 months
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Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.	9.9 months
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Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.	47.7 months
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Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.	34.3 months
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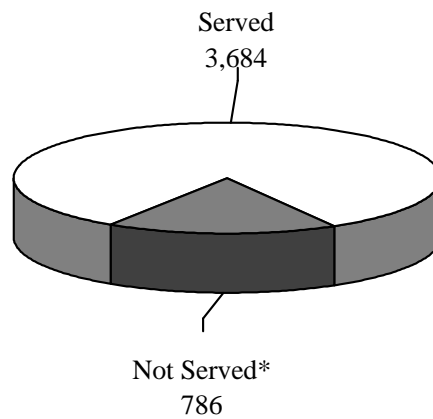
## Average Number of Placements for Children Who Left Substitute Care Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2001

Region	Temporary Care	Long-term Care	Adoption Consummated
Lubbock (1)	2.5	5.9	3.0
Abilene (2)	2.1	5.7	4.2
Arlington (3)	2.3	6.0	2.8
Tyler (4)	2.2	5.8	3.4
Beaumont (5)	2.5	5.6	3.4
Houston (6)	2.3	7.1	3.5
Austin (7)	2.4	7.2	3.5
San Antonio (8)	2.6	8.2	3.7
Midland (9)	2.4	8.1	3.1
El Paso (10)	2.4	5.6	2.8
Edinburg (11)	2.8	6.6	3.6
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State	2.4	6.8	3.3

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



## Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Fiscal Year 2001



\* 524 youth who were not served in FY 2001 received services prior to FY 2001.

The Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) program was implemented to ensure that older youth in substitute care are prepared for their departure from the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services' care and support. The PAL program's goal is to provide each youth with the skills and resources they will need to be a productive adult. The agency is required to provide PAL services to youth aged 16 and older who reside in PRS paid substitute care.

## Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Movement of Youth in Fiscal Year 2001

