

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

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 2002 Expenditures and Staffing

CPS Staff Costs \$225,453,368

4,689 Direct Delivery (supervisors, workers, clerical)
 5,069 Total Staff

Purchased Services \$50,815,798

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

Foster Care Payments \$300,376,050

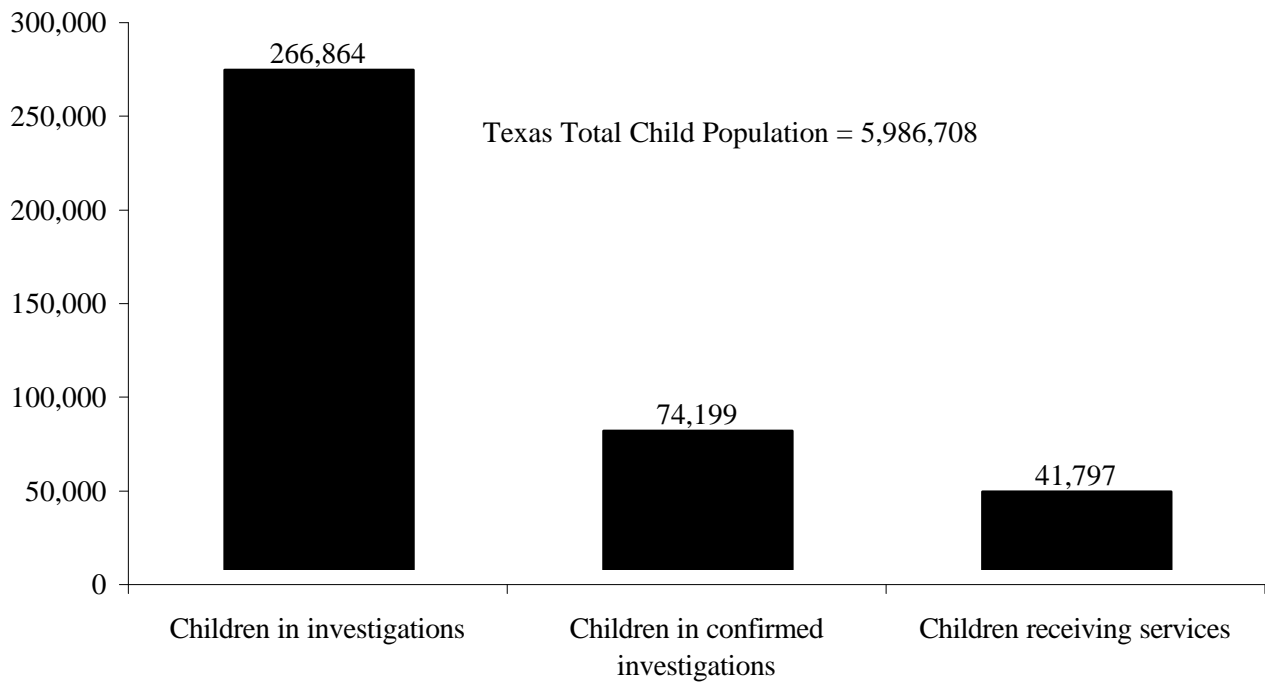
Adoption Subsidy Payments \$83,194,340

Federally Funded Special Projects, Staff Costs and Purchased Services \$2,812,033

21 Total Staff

Children in Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2002

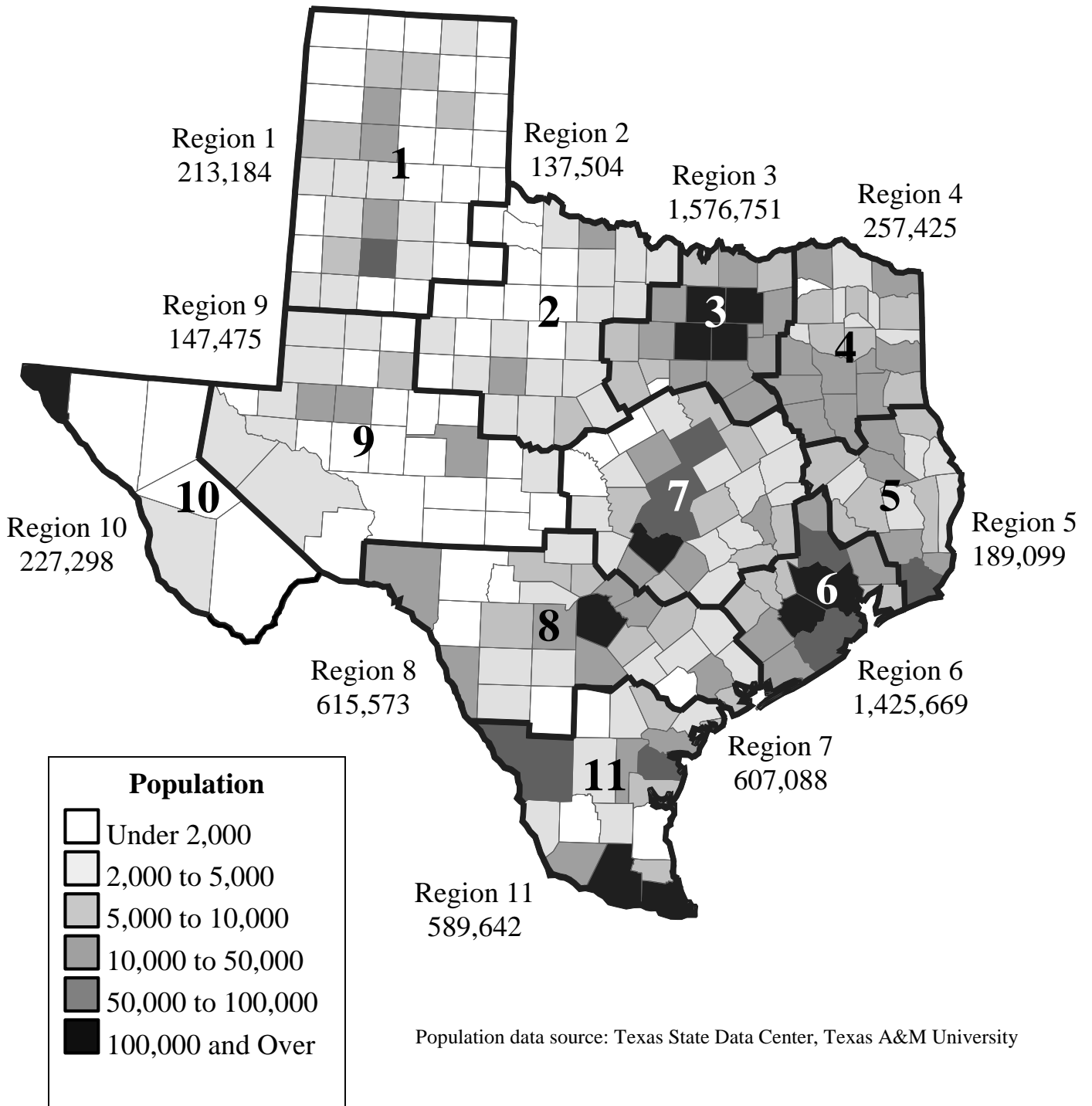
Region	Child Population	Children in Investigations*	Children in Confirmed Investigations*	Children Receiving Services
Lubbock (1)	213,184	12,566	3,845	1,562
Abilene (2)	137,504	7,786	2,626	1,618
Arlington (3)	1,576,751	65,189	17,245	8,062
Tyler (4)	257,425	14,383	3,961	2,555
Beaumont (5)	189,099	10,324	2,697	1,078
Houston (6)	1,425,669	52,631	15,506	8,039
Austin (7)	607,088	31,571	8,425	3,522
San Antonio (8)	615,573	29,881	8,308	6,135
Midland (9)	147,475	7,252	2,064	1,616
El Paso (10)	227,298	8,026	2,017	1,353
Edinburg (11)	589,642	27,236	7,500	6,252
Other	0	19	5	5
Total	5,986,708	266,864	74,199	41,797



* 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 2002

State Total 5,986,708



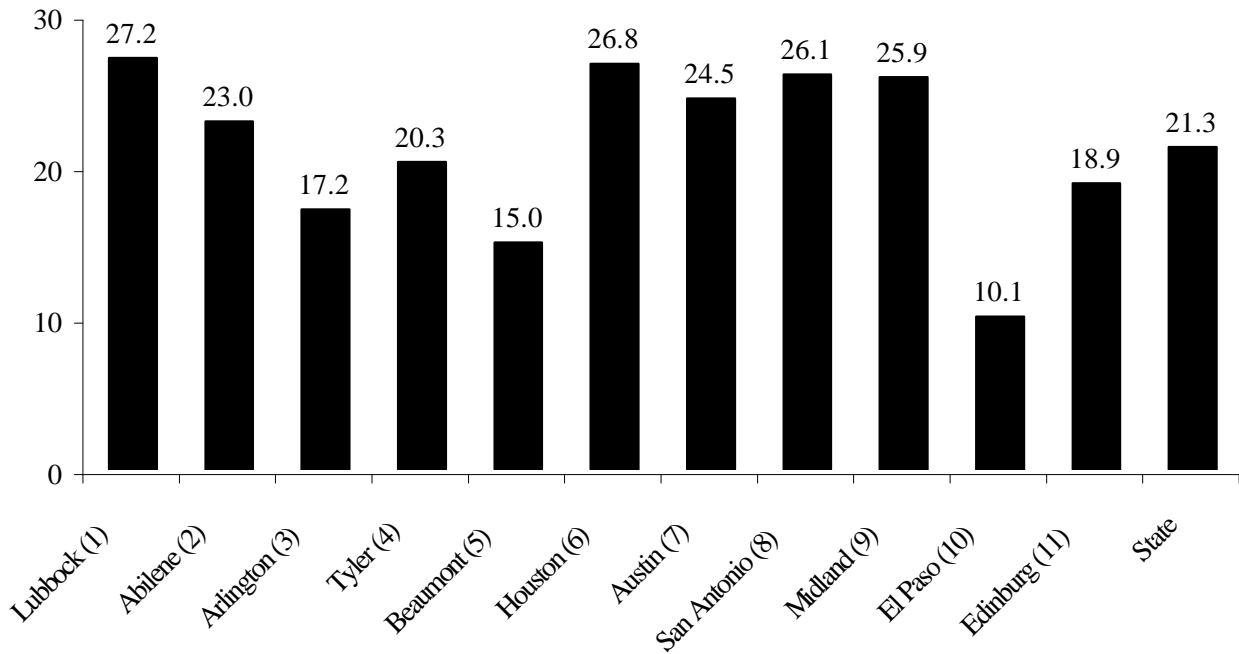
Average Monthly Number Child Protective Services Direct Delivery Cases* Fiscal Year 2002

Services	Families	Children
Intakes **	15,550	38,124
Investigations	10,438	25,592
Family Preservation	4,379	12,679
Intensified Services	1,868	4,984
Substitute Care	11,161	14,983
Family Reunification	884	2,130
Plan is Adoption	N/A	4,709
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Total Cases	44,280	103,201

* Does not include contracted direct delivery services

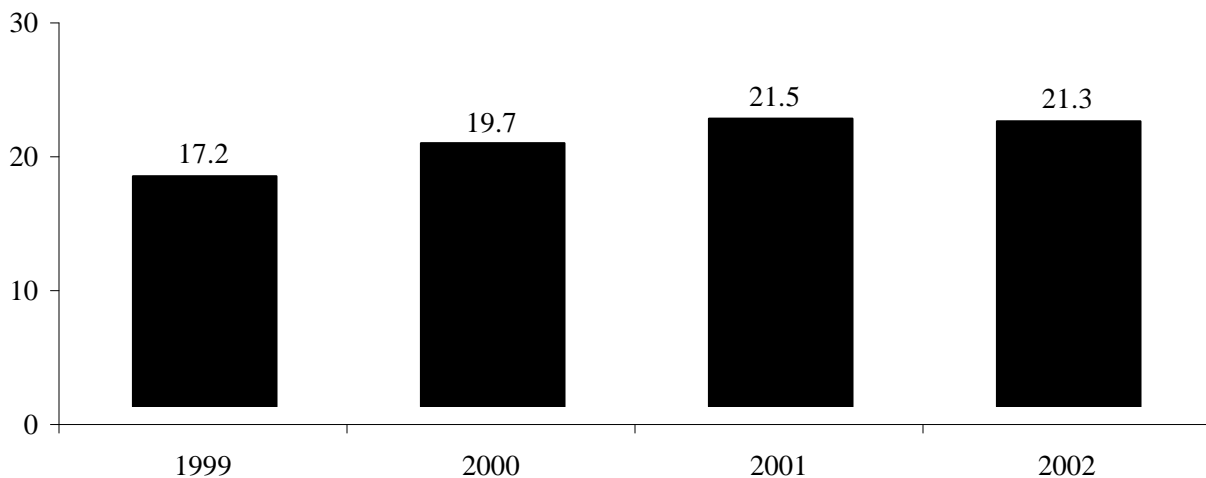
** Includes intakes assigned, intakes not assigned, and case-related special requests

Average Monthly Weighted CPS Caseload per Worker by Region Fiscal Year 2002

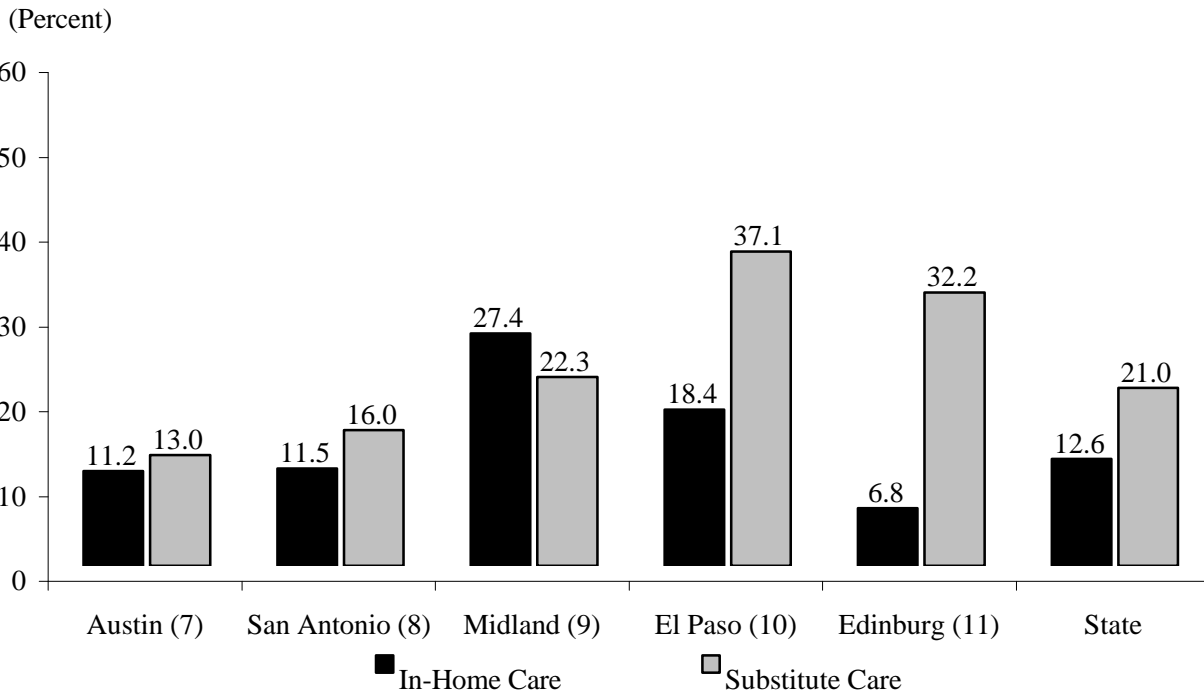
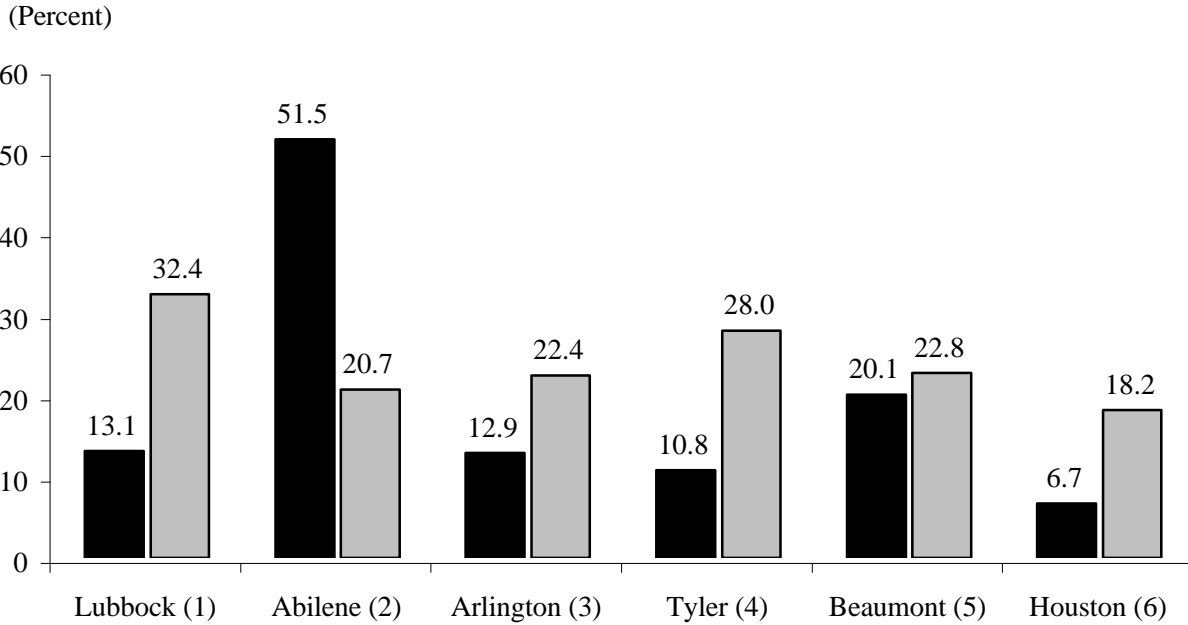


Note: In fiscal year 2002 DPRS implemented a revised methodology for calculation of the weighted caseload. Intake cases which are predominately handled by a centralized hotline were excluded from the case counts as were the workers. Previous fiscal years have been recalculated to be consistent with the revised methodology.

Average Monthly Weighted CPS Caseload per Worker by Fiscal Year



Average Monthly Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region Fiscal Year 2002

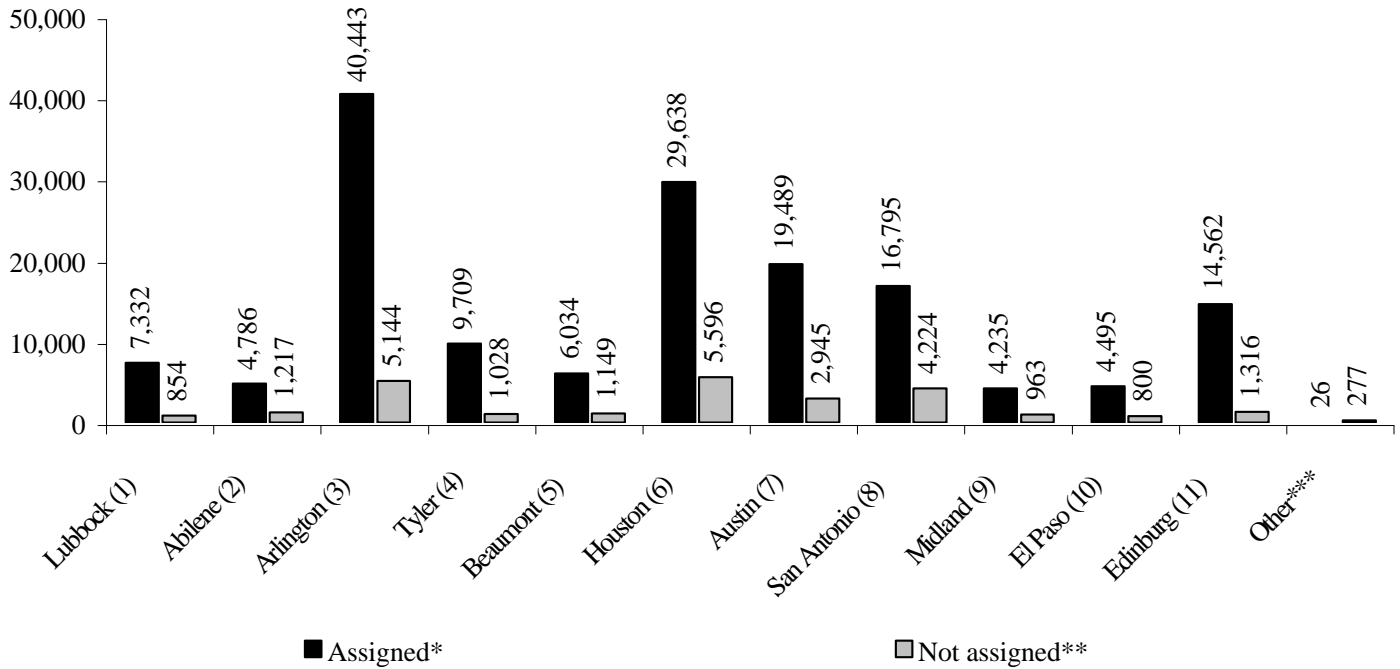


Total Number of Calls* by Region Fiscal Year 2002

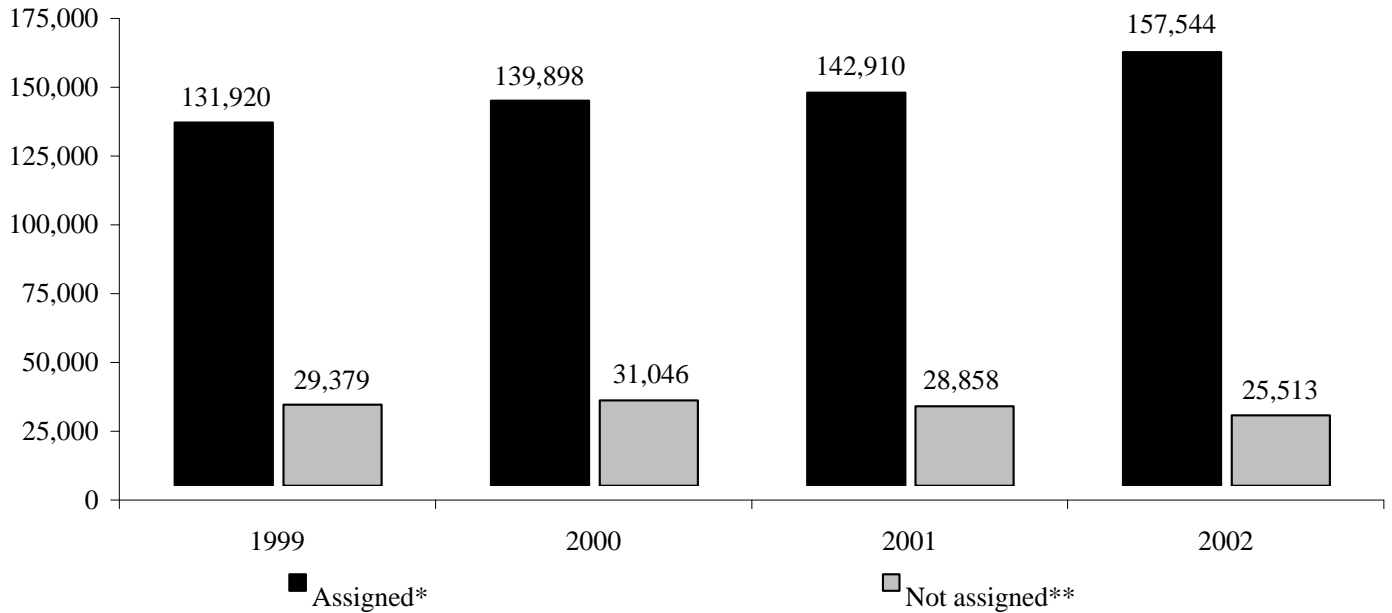
Region	Information & Referral	Case-related Special Request	Non Case-related Special Request	Reports of Alleged Abuse/Neglect	Total
Lubbock (1)	6	67	3	18	94
Abilene (2)	17	93	0	93	203
Arlington (3)	99	536	1	834	1,470
Tyler (4)	15	93	3	331	442
Beaumont (5)	17	82	4	170	273
Houston (6)	1,872	346	3	81	2,302
Austin (7)	35	229	0	216	480
San Antonio (8)	16	156	1	58	231
Midland (9)	2	12	2	14	30
El Paso (10)	52	82	13	40	187
Edinburg (11)	48	128	23	132	331
Unknown	22	328	2	251	603
Statewide Intake	328,594	1,544	275	257,789	588,202
State Total	330,795	3,696	330	260,027	594,848

* Includes Adult Protective, Child Protective, and Licensing Programs

Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2002



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 2002

Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	6,069	1,670	27.5%	4,399
Abilene (2)	3,965	1,179	29.7%	2,786
Arlington (3)	31,306	7,415	23.7%	23,891
Tyler (4)	7,370	1,762	23.9%	5,608
Beaumont (5)	5,062	1,164	23.0%	3,898
Houston (6)	24,395	6,485	26.6%	17,910
Austin (7)	14,710	3,479	23.7%	11,231
San Antonio (8)	13,213	3,202	24.2%	10,011
Midland (9)	3,506	871	24.8%	2,635
El Paso (10)	3,534	780	22.1%	2,754
Edinburg (11)	12,119	2,890	23.8%	9,229
Unknown	9	2	22.2%	7
State Total	125,258	30,899	24.7%	94,359

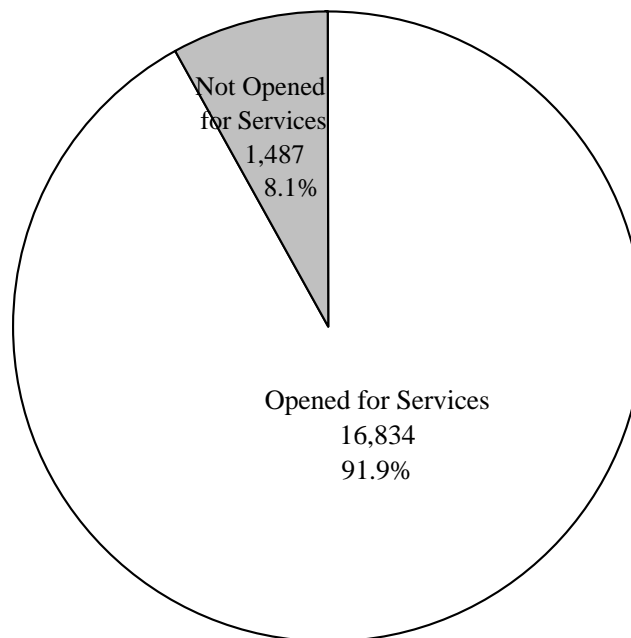
* PRS licensing staff investigations of child abuse/neglect in licensed child care facilities and registered family homes are not included in the above totals.

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 2002

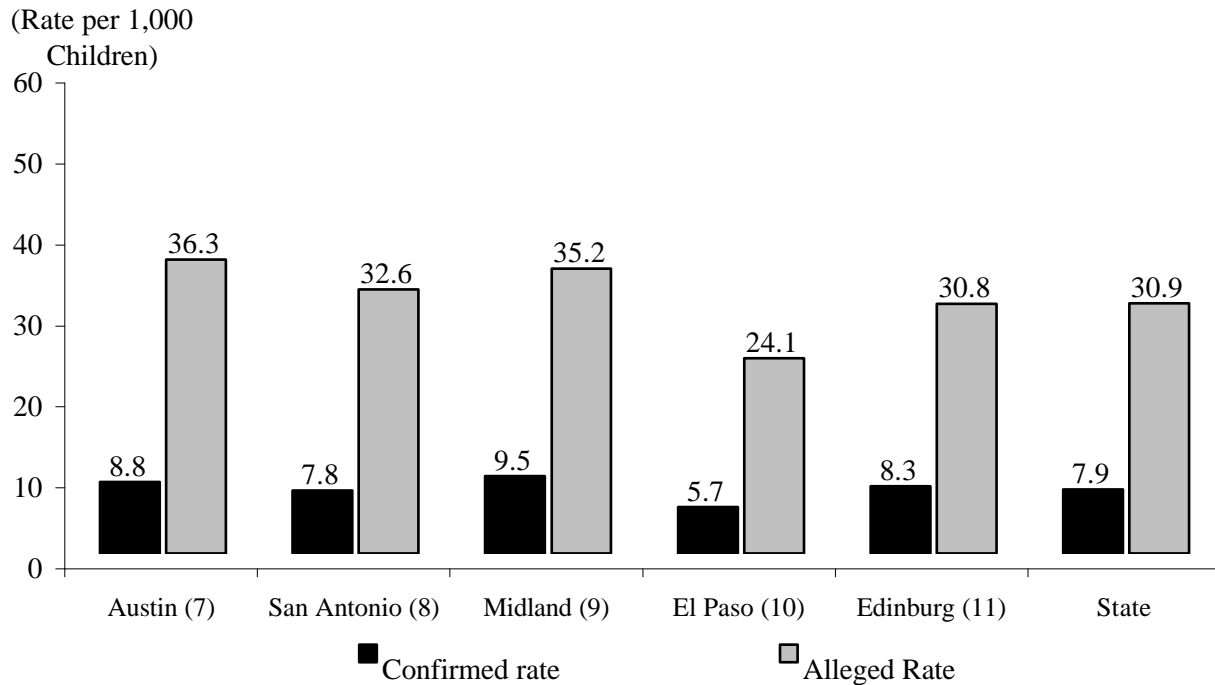
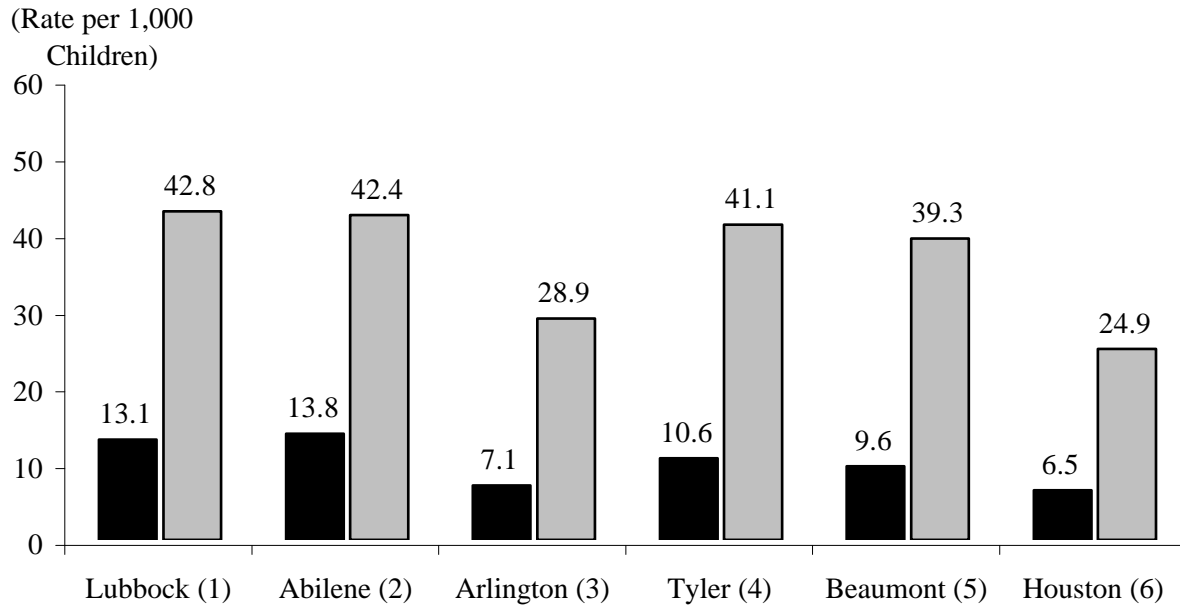
Disposition of Investigation	No Significant Risk Identified	Risk Controlled	Risk Indicated	Risk Not Applicable	Blank/Invalid	Total
Confirmed	546	16,928	13,119	243	63	30,899
Percent of Total	1.6%	26.2%	71.6%	3.4%	3.7%	24.7%
Unconfirmed	32,768	47,788	5,202	6,949	1,652	94,359
Percent of Total	98.4%	73.8%	28.4%	96.6%	96.3%	75.3%
State Total	33,314	64,716	18,321	7,192	1,715	125,258

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 2002

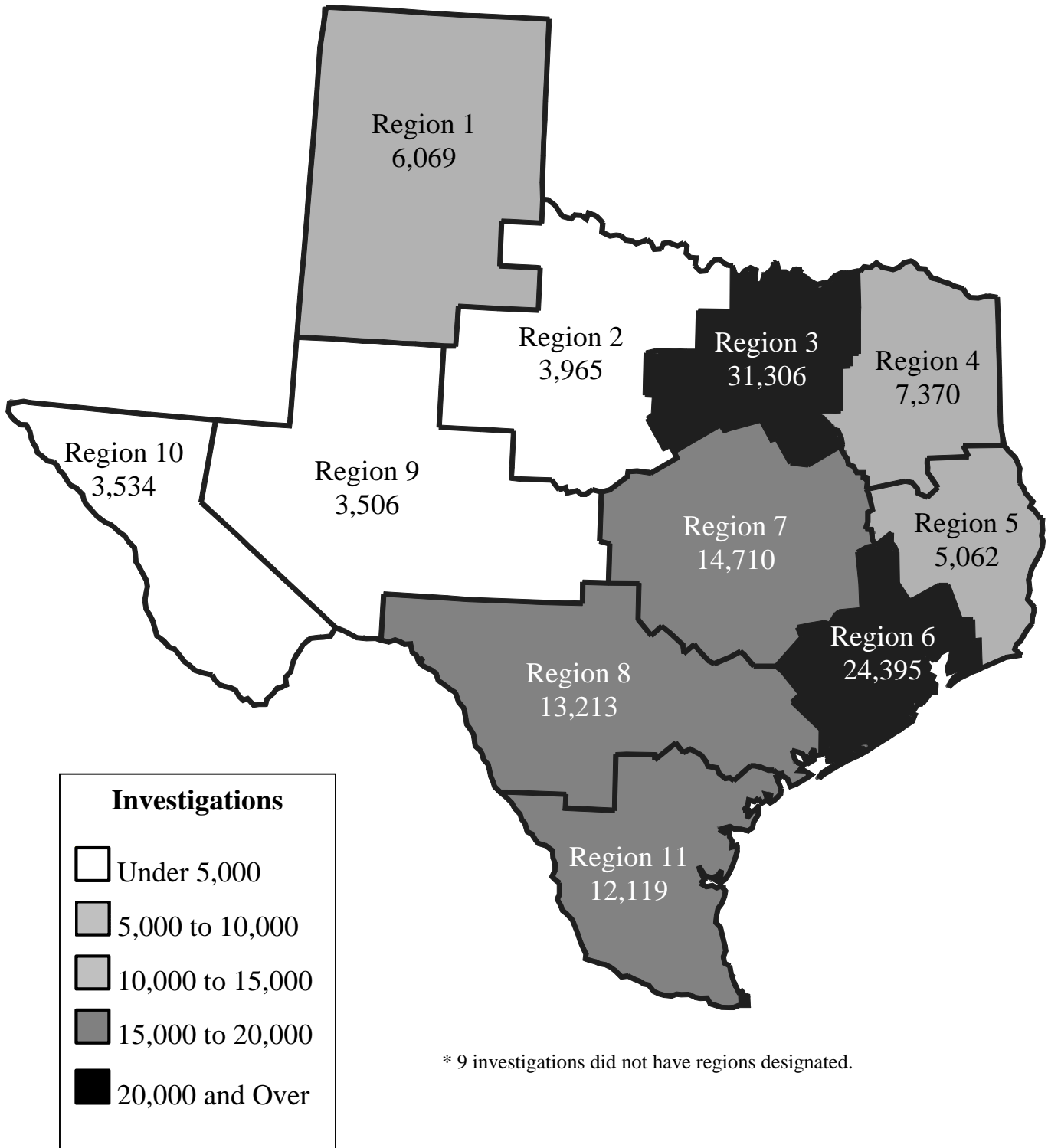


Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2002

Region	Alleged Victims	Confirmed Victims	Unconfirmed Victims	Percent Confirmed
Lubbock (1)	9,124	2,784	6,340	30.5%
Abilene (2)	5,824	1,901	3,923	32.6%
Arlington (3)	45,531	11,209	34,322	24.6%
Tyler (4)	10,575	2,740	7,835	25.9%
Beaumont (5)	7,429	1,817	5,612	24.5%
Houston (6)	35,502	9,207	26,295	25.9%
Austin (7)	22,046	5,351	16,695	24.3%
San Antonio (8)	20,051	4,781	15,270	23.8%
Midland (9)	5,186	1,405	3,781	27.1%
El Paso (10)	5,478	1,301	4,177	23.7%
Edinburg (11)	18,161	4,908	13,253	27.0%
Other	17	5	12	29.4%
State Total	184,924	47,409	137,515	25.6%

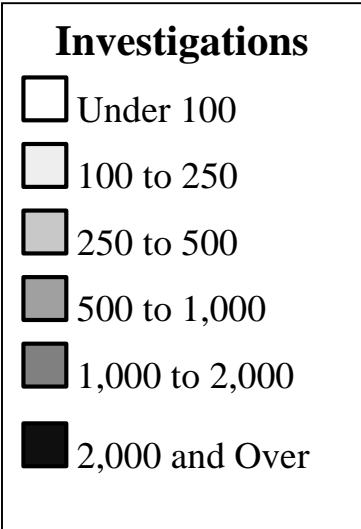
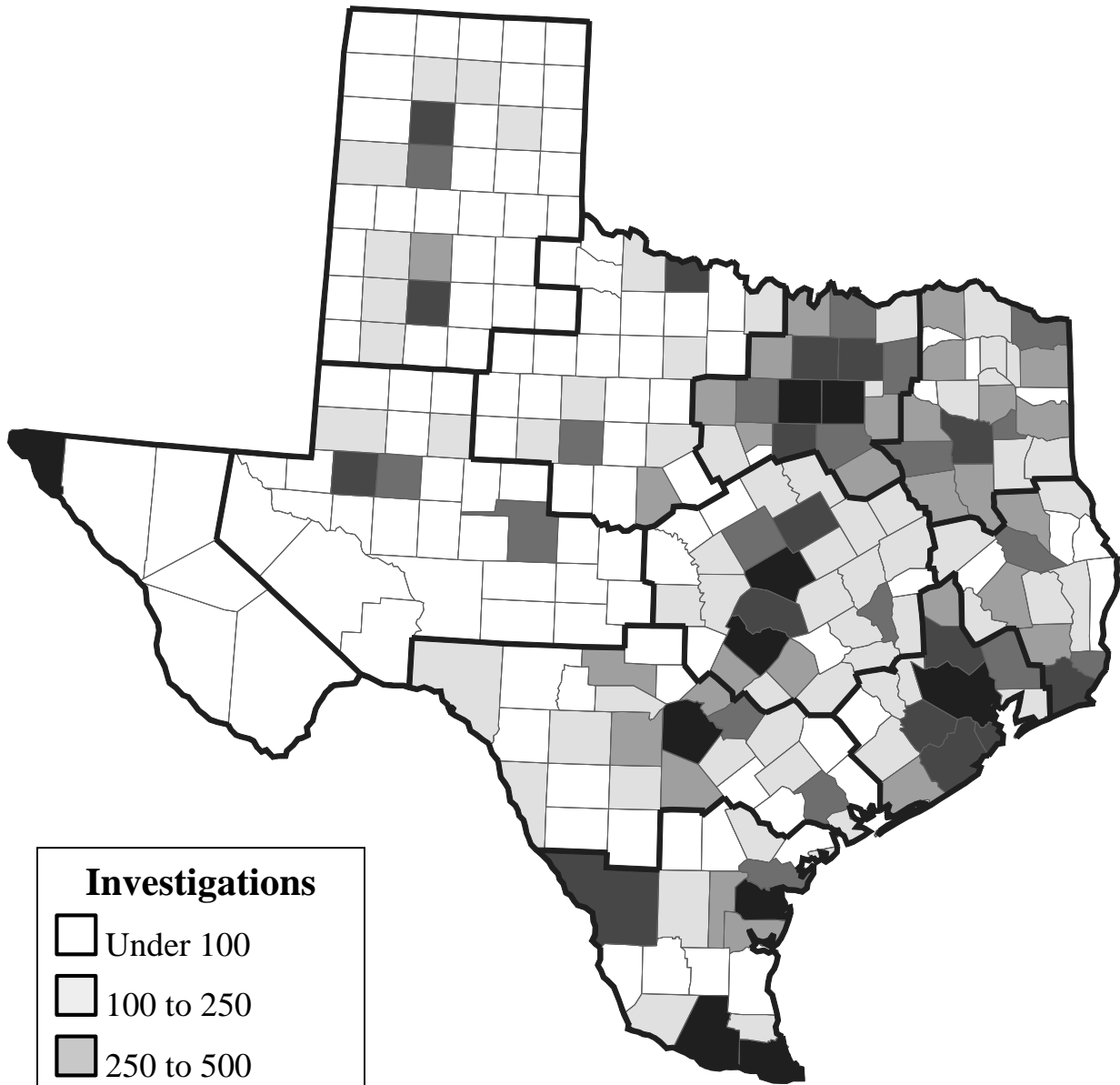
Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2002

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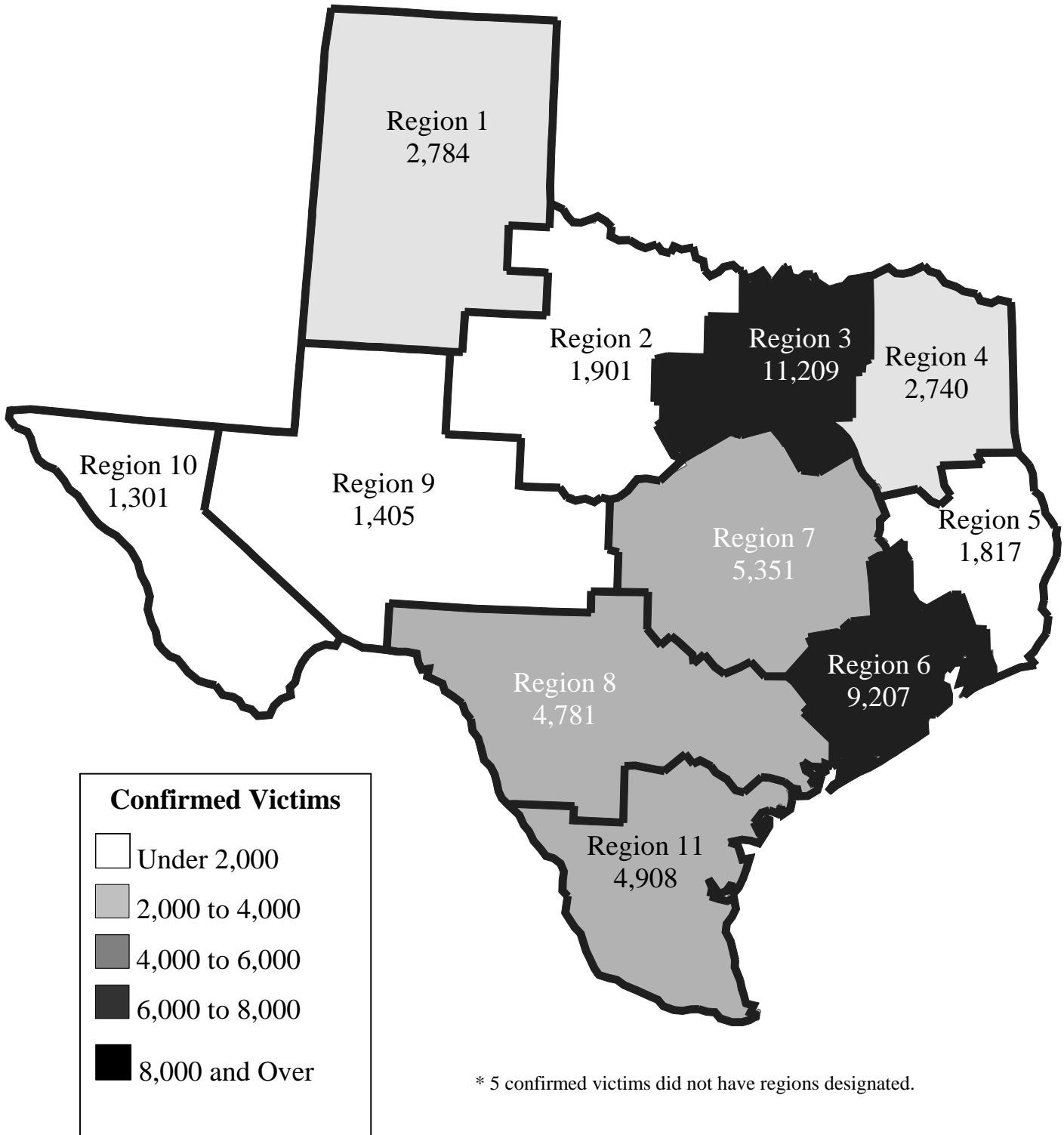
Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Source of Report

Sources	Fiscal Year 2000		Fiscal Year 2001		Fiscal Year 2002	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Anonymous	10,030	7.1%	7,858	6.0%	10,079	6.8%
Child Care Facility	1,956	1.4%	1,777	1.4%	1,836	1.2%
Law Enforcement	17,464	12.3%	16,978	13.0%	18,878	12.8%
Parent	12,914	9.1%	11,378	8.7%	13,337	9.0%
Relative	16,769	11.8%	17,915	13.8%	20,038	13.7%
School	28,285	20.0%	26,957	20.7%	29,704	20.2%
Victim	970	0.7%	689	0.5%	807	0.5%
Medical Personnel	19,460	13.7%	15,594	12.0%	18,522	12.6%
Friend/Neighbor	12,486	8.8%	10,659	8.2%	11,440	7.8%
PRS Staff	634	0.4%	448	0.3%	476	0.3%
Other	16,707	11.8%	15,851	12.2%	18,113	12.3%
Blank	3,979	2.8%	4,090	3.1%	4,186	2.8%
State Total	141,654	100.0%	130,194	100.0%	147,416	100.0%

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

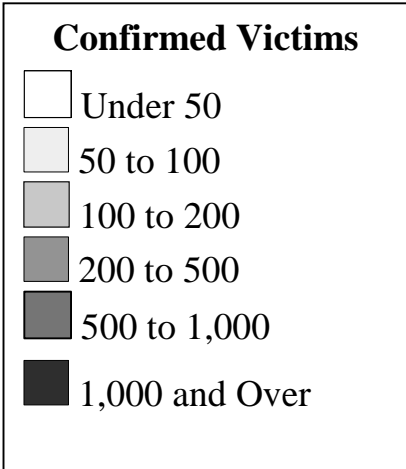
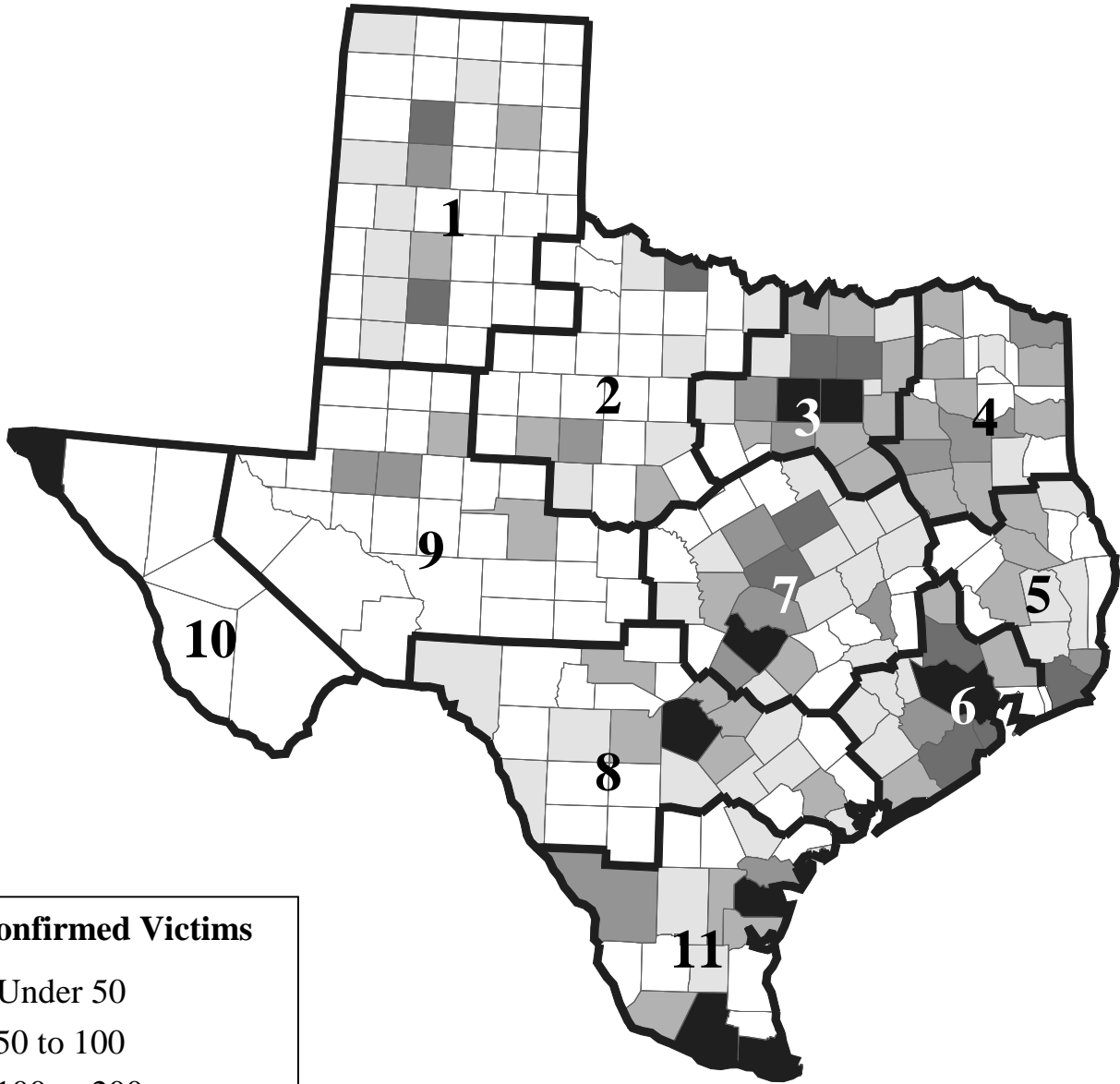
Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2002

State Total: 47,409



Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by County Fiscal Year 2002

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* 5 confirmed victims did not have a county designated.

Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Fiscal Year 2002

Age	Sex	Anglo	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Other	Total
Under 1								
	Female	964	801	1,091	2	14	57	2,929
	Male	1,038	805	1,097	6	8	95	3,049
	Unknown	13	11	16	0	0	4	44
	Total	2,015	1,617	2,204	8	22	156	6,022
1-3 Years								
	Female	1,783	1,110	1,843	9	24	79	4,848
	Male	1,958	1,086	2,008	11	18	94	5,175
	Unknown	20	12	27	0	0	2	61
	Total	3,761	2,208	3,878	20	42	175	10,084
4-6 Years								
	Female	1,661	1,038	1,804	8	32	69	4,612
	Male	1,754	1,051	1,728	12	44	72	4,661
	Unknown	11	8	16	0	0	3	38
	Total	3,426	2,097	3,548	20	76	144	9,311
7-9 Years								
	Female	1,568	912	1,645	8	20	51	4,204
	Male	1,446	956	1,401	5	18	58	3,884
	Unknown	14	3	14	0	0	1	32
	Total	3,028	1,871	3,060	13	38	110	8,120
10-12 Years								
	Female	1,421	677	1,508	12	15	40	3,673
	Male	1,204	615	1,023	11	16	47	2,916
	Unknown	3	5	8	0	0	0	16
	Total	2,628	1,297	2,539	23	31	87	6,605
13-17 Years								
	Female	2,004	911	2,002	7	40	70	5,034
	Male	1,015	470	669	3	6	42	2,205
	Unknown	1	2	1	0	0	1	5
	Total	3,020	1,383	2,672	10	46	113	7,244
Age Unknown								
	Female	4	1	3	0	0	0	8
	Male	9	2	3	0	0	0	14
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Total	13	3	6	0	0	1	23
Total Victims								
	Female	9,405	5,450	9,896	46	145	366	25,308
	Male	8,424	4,985	7,929	48	110	408	21,904
	Unknown	62	41	82	0	0	12	197
	Grand Total	17,891	10,476	17,907	94	255	786	47,409

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type Fiscal Year 2002

Region	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment	Medical Neglect
Lubbock (1)	655	361	82	27	124
Abilene (2)	438	213	44	14	83
Arlington (3)	3,177	1,702	322	153	460
Tyler (4)	674	442	74	10	170
Beaumont (5)	364	281	36	12	100
Houston (6)	2,963	1,716	202	103	421
Austin (7)	1,497	750	109	44	218
San Antonio (8)	1,312	855	113	70	296
Midland (9)	313	190	95	13	76
El Paso (10)	320	124	70	13	62
Edinburg (11)	1,087	656	113	27	234
Other	0	0	0	0	0
State Total	12,800	7,290	1,260	486	2,244

Region	Physical Neglect	Neglectful Supervision	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Unduplicated Confirmed Victims*
Lubbock (1)	509	1,630	45	2,784
Abilene (2)	464	994	24	1,901
Arlington (3)	1,624	5,665	160	11,209
Tyler (4)	385	1,496	45	2,740
Beaumont (5)	301	997	38	1,817
Houston (6)	1,072	3,898	217	9,207
Austin (7)	591	2,950	120	5,351
San Antonio (8)	569	2,274	85	4,781
Midland (9)	263	750	10	1,405
El Paso (10)	215	705	15	1,301
Edinburg (11)	766	2,824	55	4,908
Other	4	0	1	5
State Total	6,763	24,183	815	47,409

* Victims have been unduplicated by investigation stage.

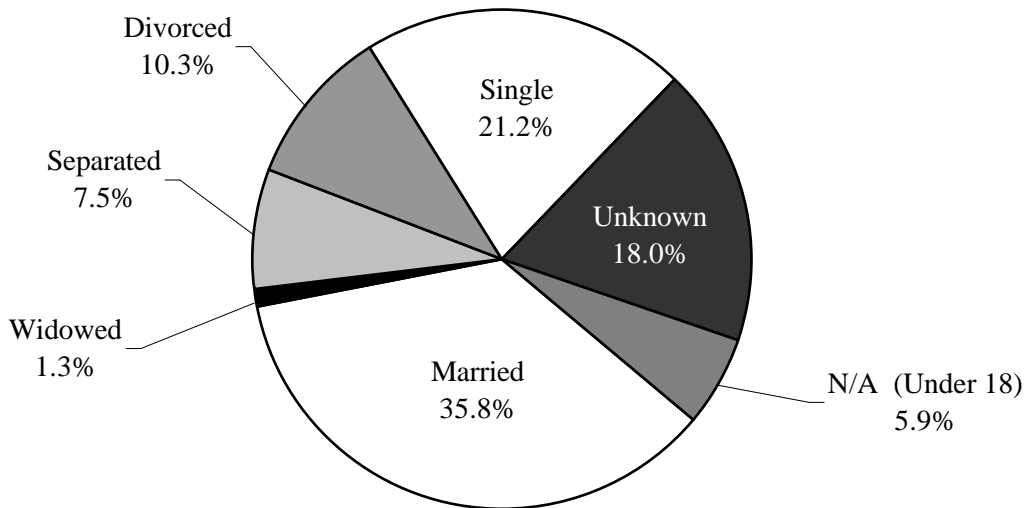
Note: Victims of different types of abuse and neglect are not additive because one victim may have multiple types of child abuse/neglect.

Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2002

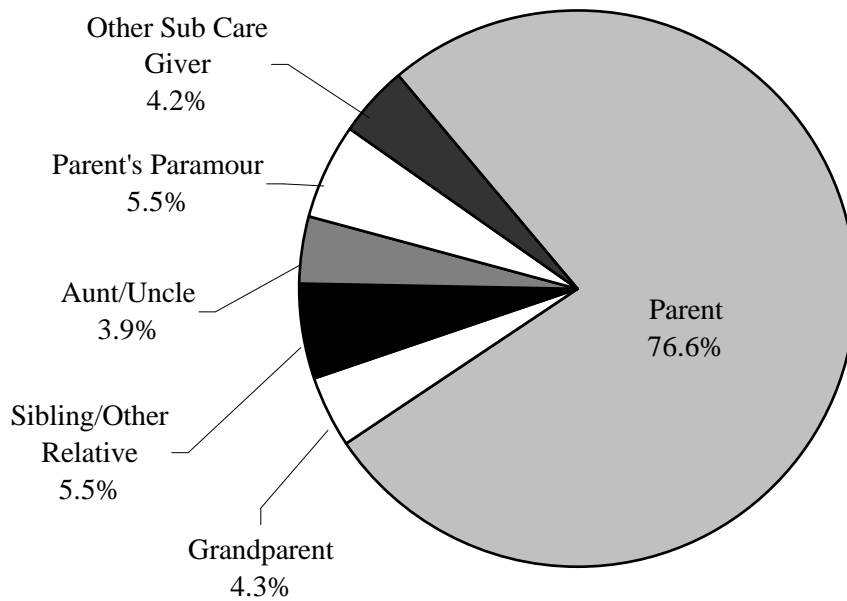
Characteristic	Female		Male		Unknown		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Age								
Under 18	724	1.8%	1,741	4.4%	7	0.0%	2,472	6.3%
18-25	6,843	17.5%	3,181	8.1%	23	0.1%	10,047	25.7%
26-35	8,586	21.9%	5,408	13.8%	41	0.1%	14,035	35.8%
36-45	4,382	11.2%	4,503	11.5%	15	0.0%	8,900	22.7%
Over 45	1,482	3.8%	2,184	5.6%	6	0.0%	3,672	9.4%
Unknown	11	0.0%	15	0.0%	13	0.0%	39	0.1%
Marital Status								
Married	6,872	17.5%	7,148	18.3%	12	0.0%	14,032	35.8%
Widowed	367	0.9%	123	0.3%	0	0.0%	490	1.3%
Separated	1,849	4.7%	1,104	2.8%	1	0.0%	2,954	7.5%
Divorced	2,617	6.7%	1,397	3.6%	5	0.0%	4,019	10.3%
Single	5,855	14.9%	2,455	6.3%	10	0.0%	8,320	21.2%
Unknown	3,916	10.0%	3,061	7.8%	73	0.2%	7,050	18.0%
N/A (Under 18)	552	1.4%	1,744	4.5%	4	0.0%	2,300	5.9%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	9,473	24.2%	7,410	18.9%	21	0.1%	16,904	43.2%
African American	4,789	12.2%	2,847	7.3%	12	0.0%	7,648	19.5%
Hispanic	7,260	18.5%	6,208	15.9%	15	0.0%	13,483	34.4%
Native American	47	0.1%	30	0.1%	0	0.0%	77	0.2%
Asian	143	0.4%	119	0.3%	2	0.0%	264	0.7%
Other	316	0.8%	418	1.1%	55	0.1%	789	2.0%
Relationship to Oldest Victim								
Parent	19,560	49.9%	10,405	26.6%	32	0.1%	29,997	76.6%
Grandparent	1,010	2.6%	665	1.7%	1	0.0%	1,676	4.3%
Sibling/Other Relative	326	0.8%	1,838	4.7%	1	0.0%	2,165	5.5%
Aunt/Uncle	472	1.2%	1,059	2.7%	1	0.0%	1,532	3.9%
Parent's Paramour	182	0.5%	1,975	5.0%	4	0.0%	2,161	5.5%
Other Sub Care Giver	478	1.2%	1,090	2.8%	66	0.2%	1,634	4.2%
Total Perpetrators	22,028	56.2%	17,032	43.5%	105	0.3%	39,165	100.0%

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Marital Status

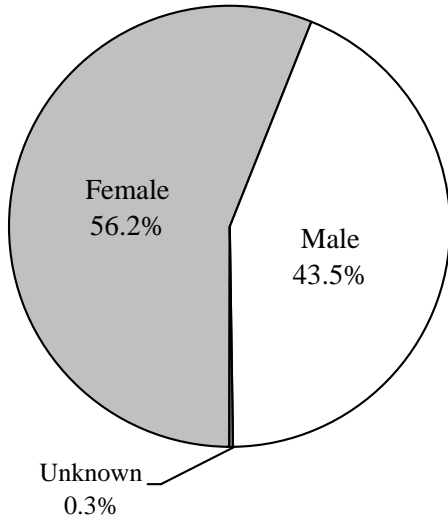


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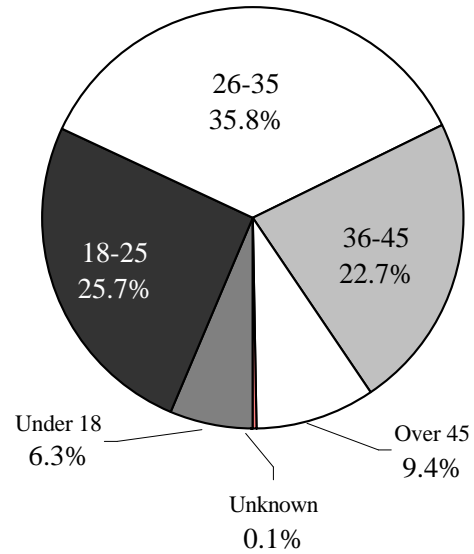


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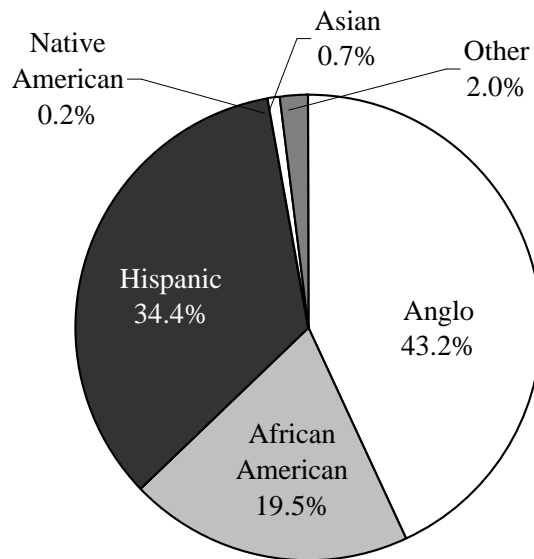
Sex



Age

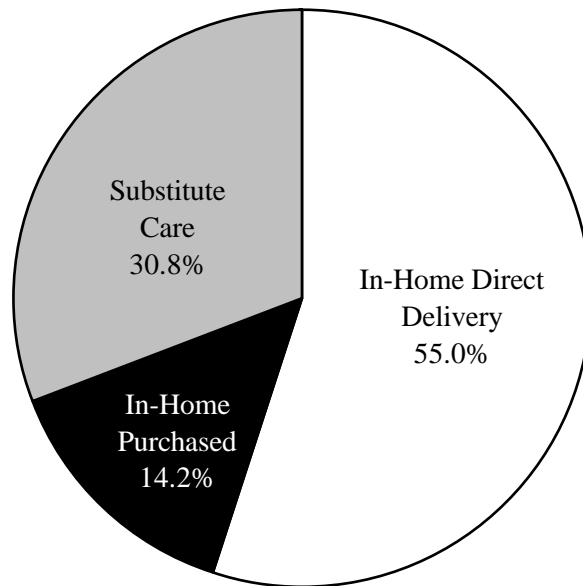


Ethnicity



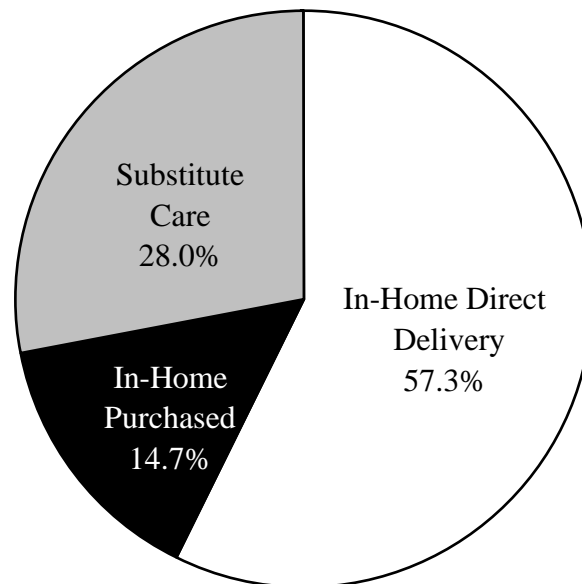
Family Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2002

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	372	7	288	667
Abilene (2)	188	398	145	731
Arlington (3)	1,484	450	1,475	3,409
Tyler (4)	648	143	272	1,063
Beaumont (5)	179	140	121	440
Houston (6)	1,885	38	1,344	3,267
Austin (7)	724	1	701	1,426
San Antonio (8)	1,879	166	363	2,408
Midland (9)	243	326	99	668
El Paso (10)	413	24	57	494
Edinburg (11)	1,240	705	315	2,260
Other	0	0	2	2
State Total	9,255	2,398	5,182	16,835



Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2002

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	933	15	683	1,631
Abilene (2)	467	994	332	1,793
Arlington (3)	3,811	1,262	3,387	8,460
Tyler (4)	1,685	346	631	2,662
Beaumont (5)	490	352	291	1,133
Houston (6)	5,171	100	3,122	8,393
Austin (7)	1,919	2	1,711	3,632
San Antonio (8)	5,279	438	941	6,658
Midland (9)	609	859	226	1,694
El Paso (10)	1,180	62	143	1,385
Edinburg (11)	3,627	2,032	814	6,473
Other	0	0	5	5
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State Total	25,171	6,462	12,286	43,919



Average Number of Families Receiving Preservation/Reunification Services per Month Fiscal Year 2002

Family Preservation Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	197	18	88	1	0	0	304
Abilene (2)	55	2	29	189	1	20	296
Arlington (3)	381	164	425	408	3	42	1,423
Tyler (4)	182	57	110	192	1	2	544
Beaumont (5)	34	9	38	113	0	1	194
Houston (6)	1,157	92	164	2	5	25	1,445
Austin (7)	365	35	153	2	0	0	556
San Antonio (8)	1,025	27	82	97	1	1	1,232
Midland (9)	54	8	66	189	2	26	344
El Paso (10)	240	1	28	69	0	1	339
Edinburg (11)	689	33	100	451	1	3	1,278
Out of State	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
State Average	4,379	446	1,285	1,712	13	121	7,956

Family Reunification Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	68	0	0	0	0	0	68
Abilene (2)	45	1	1	2	0	0	49
Arlington (3)	215	13	28	10	0	0	266
Tyler (4)	33	1	1	3	0	0	38
Beaumont (5)	19	1	0	1	0	0	21
Houston (6)	155	26	3	0	4	0	188
Austin (7)	134	15	3	0	0	0	152
San Antonio (8)	99	3	10	0	0	0	112
Midland (9)	26	0	4	2	0	0	32
El Paso (10)	19	8	0	0	0	0	27
Edinburg (11)	71	11	8	1	0	0	91
State Average	884	79	58	19	4	0	1,044

Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

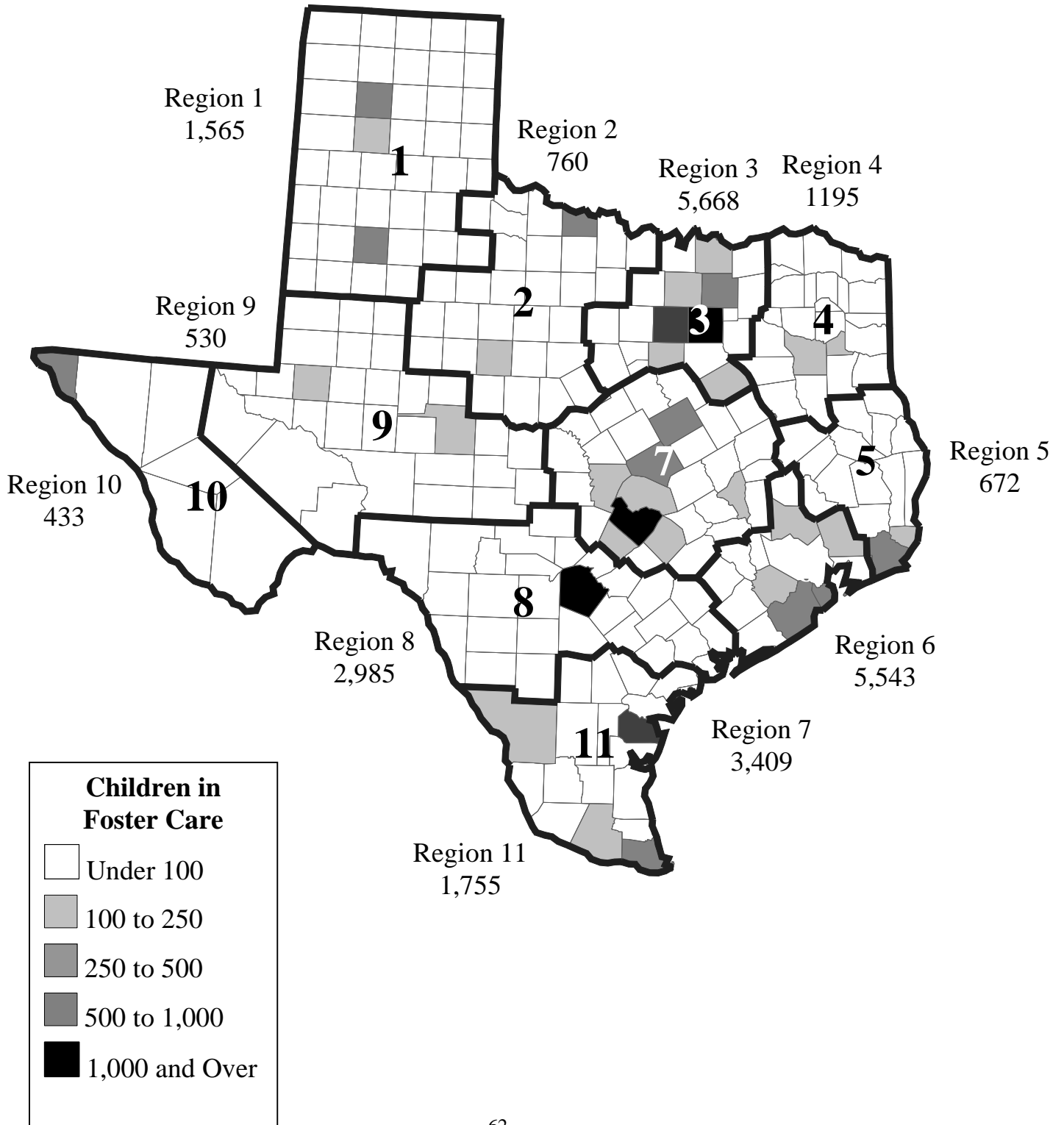
Average Number of Children Receiving Purchased Services per Month Fiscal Year 2002

Region	Living At Home	Living Out of Home	Post Adoption	Total
Lubbock (1)	124	415	7	546
Abilene (2)	453	121	99	674
Arlington (3)	566	927	147	1,640
Tyler (4)	167	251	15	433
Beaumont (5)	110	118	130	357
Houston (6)	306	879	103	1,289
Austin (7)	217	349	54	621
San Antonio (8)	460	424	37	920
Midland (9)	275	107	55	437
El Paso (10)	194	124	25	342
Edinburg (11)	278	418	5	701
State Average	3,149	4,133	677	7,959

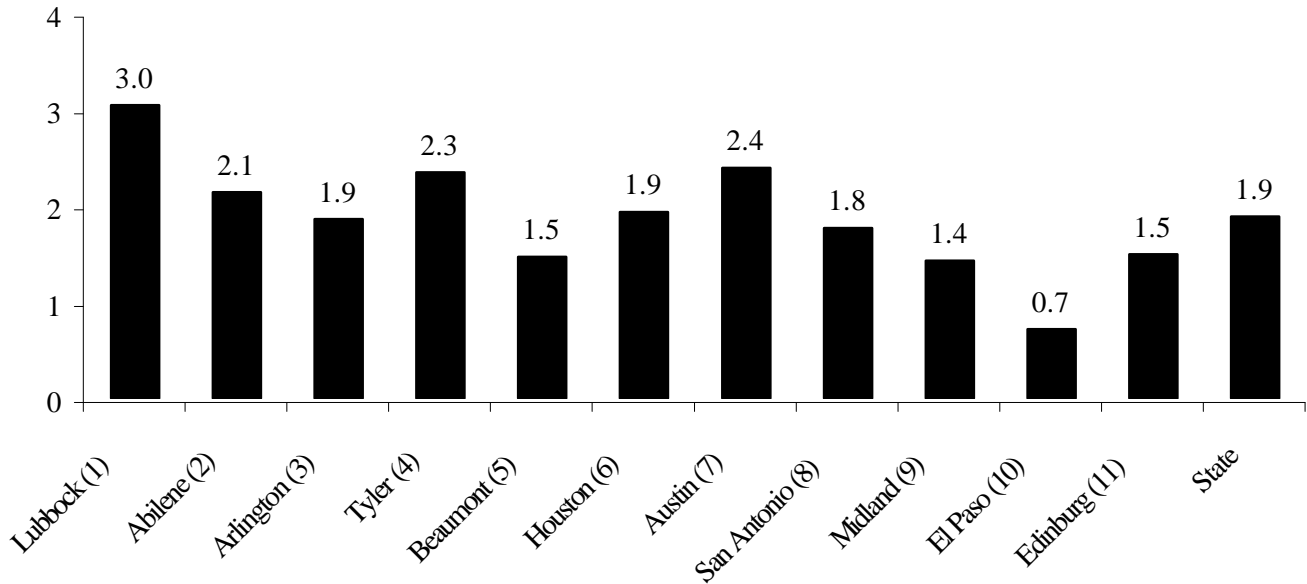
Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Annual Number of Children in Foster Care by County Fiscal Year 2002

State Total: 24,515

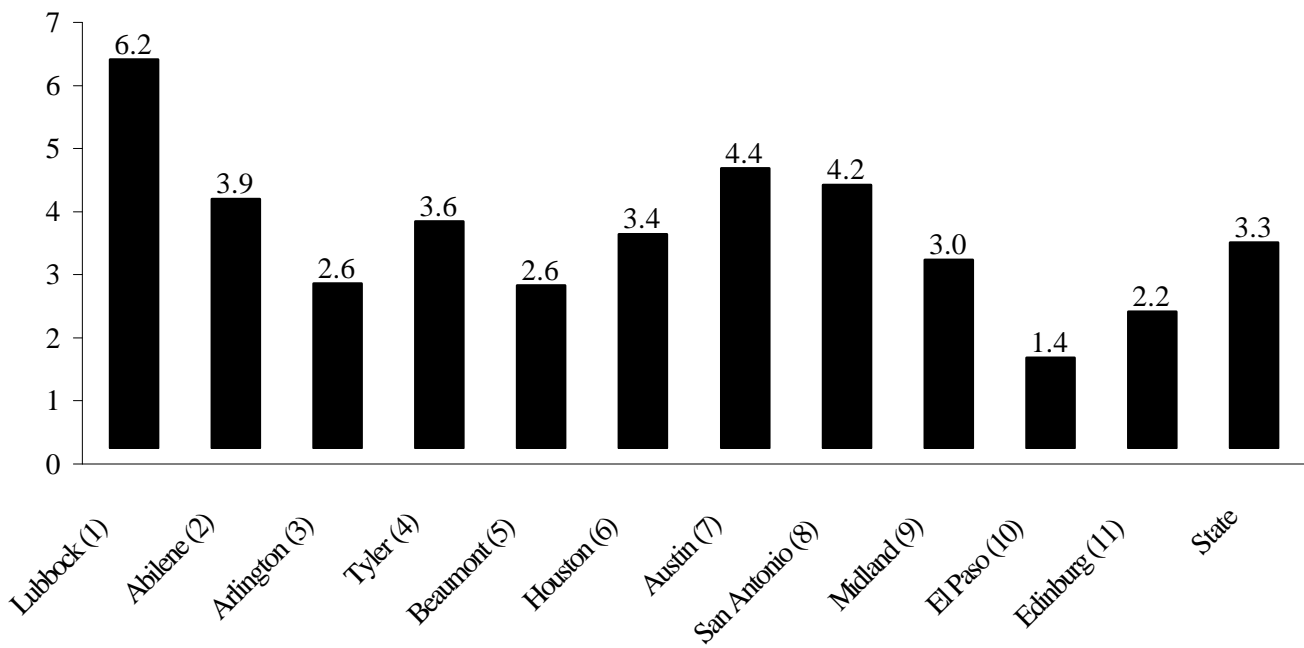


Point Prevalence Rate* for Children Entering Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2002



Note: A total of 11,309 children entered substitute care.

Point Prevalence Rate* for Children in Substitute Care at the End of Fiscal Year 2002



* Rate per 1,000 children

Children in PRS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care, and in Foster Care Placements at the End of Fiscal Year 2002

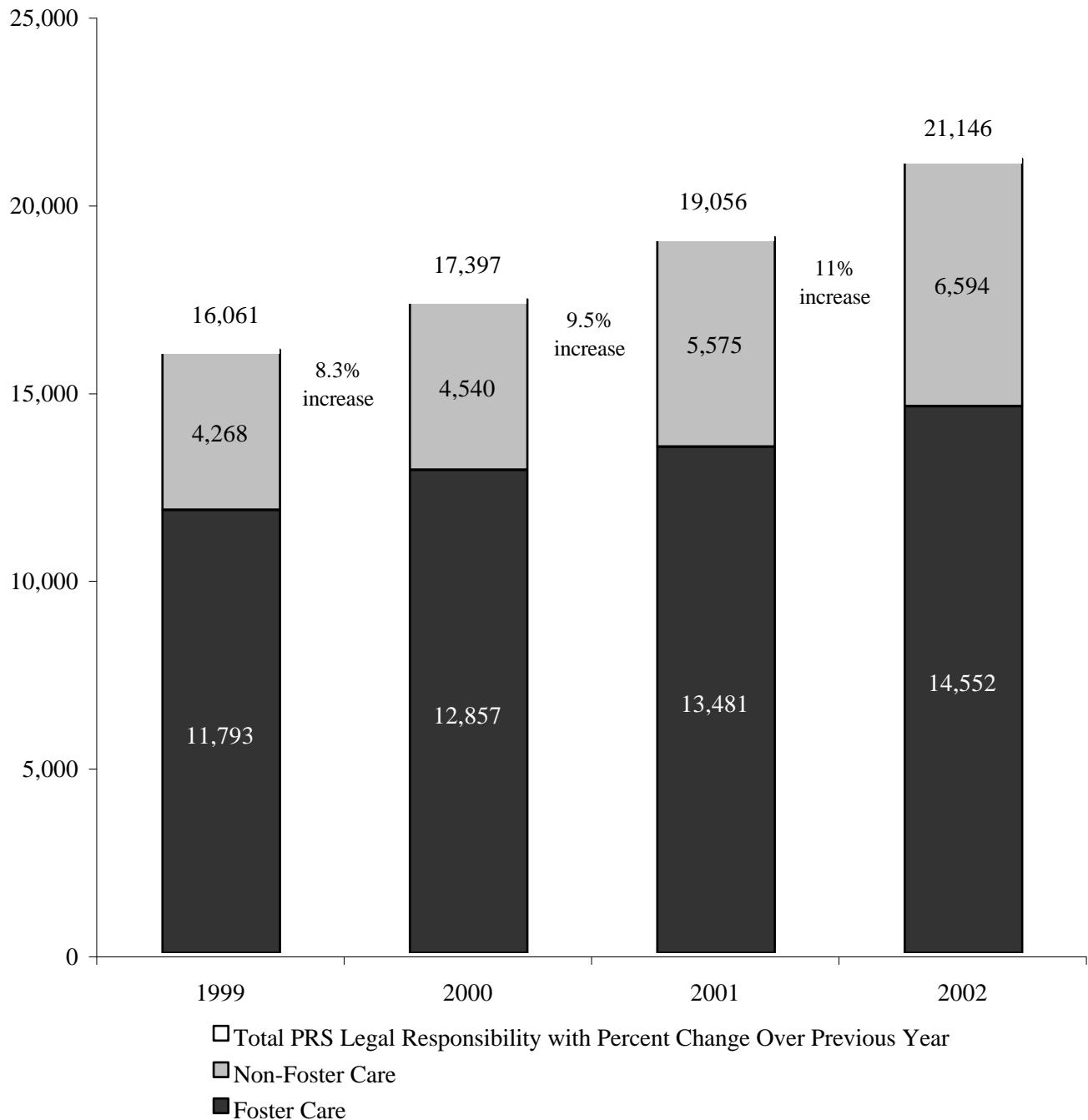
Region	PRS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care	Foster Care
Lubbock (1)	1,408	1,312	1,095
Abilene (2)	609	543	465
Arlington (3)	4,567	4,115	3,048
Tyler (4)	989	924	742
Beaumont (5)	526	488	401
Houston (6)	5,218	4,837	3,319
Austin (7)	2,873	2,689	2,151
San Antonio (8)	2,722	2,565	1,994
Midland (9)	472	440	347
El Paso (10)	346	326	281
Edinburg (11)	1,416	1,277	1,000
Total	21,146	19,516	14,843

Note: Foster Care is a sub-set of Substitute Care, and includes youth who have aged out of PRS legal responsibility but remain in foster care.

Legal Status of Children in PRS Legal Responsibility

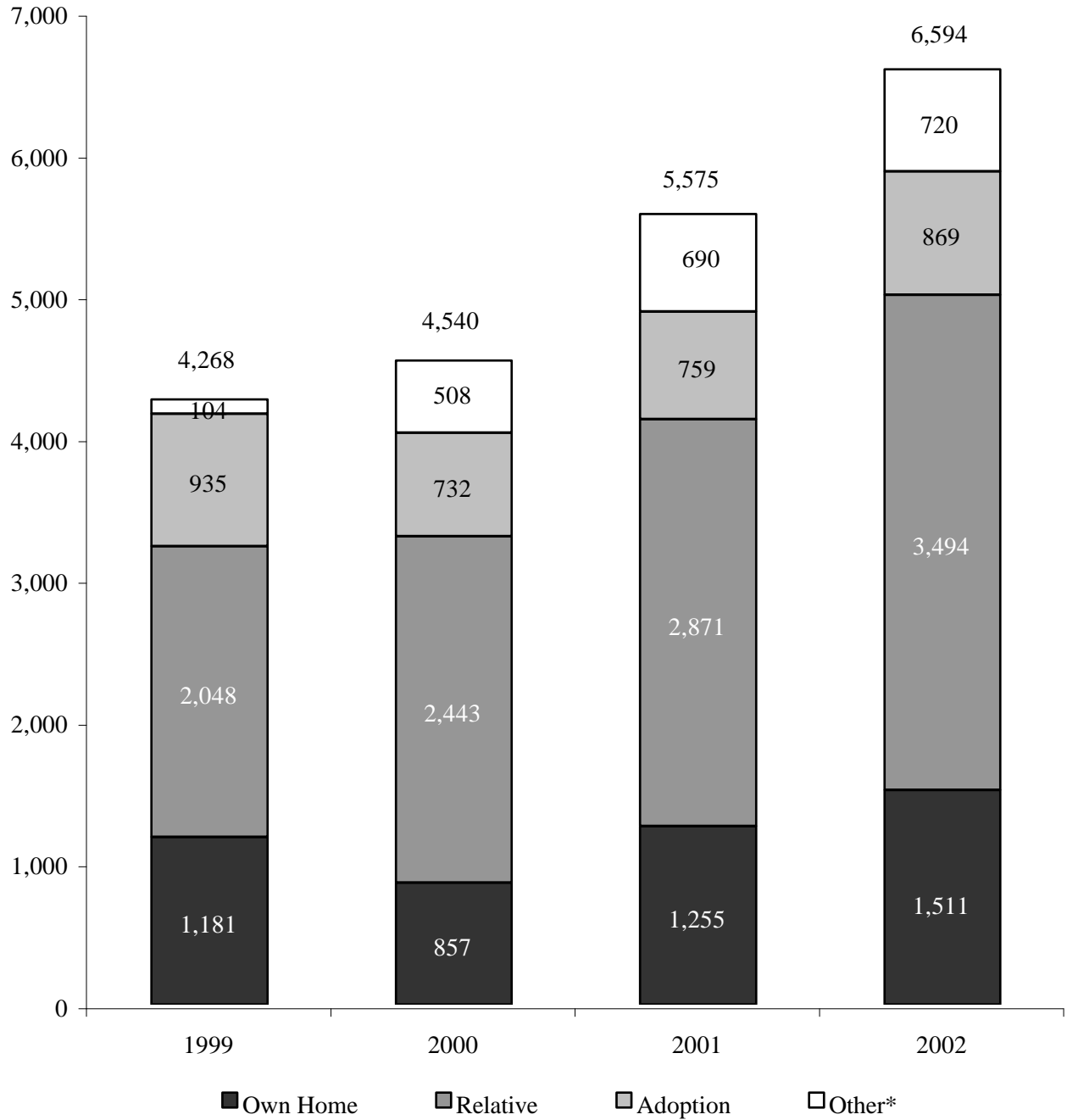
Legal Status	August 2002	
	Number	Percent
Care, Custody & Control	123	0.6%
Temporary Managing Conservatorship	10,448	49.4%
Permanent Managing Conservatorship		
Parental Rights Not Terminated	3,186	15.1%
Parental Rights Terminated (All)	6,442	30.5%
Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent)	538	2.5%
Possessory Conservatorship	409	1.9%
Total	21,146	100.0%

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



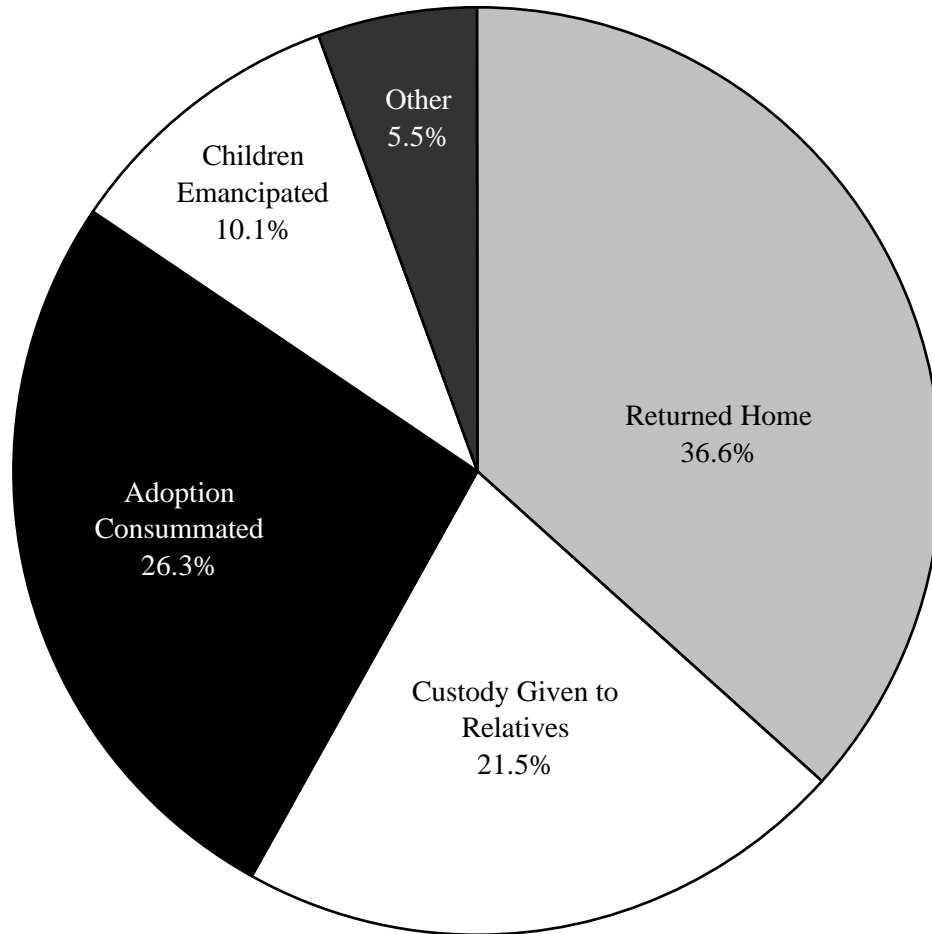
Note: Foster care totals exclude youth age 18 or 19 who remain in foster care but have aged out of PRS legal responsibility. Non-foster care placements include adoption, relative, own home, and other.

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



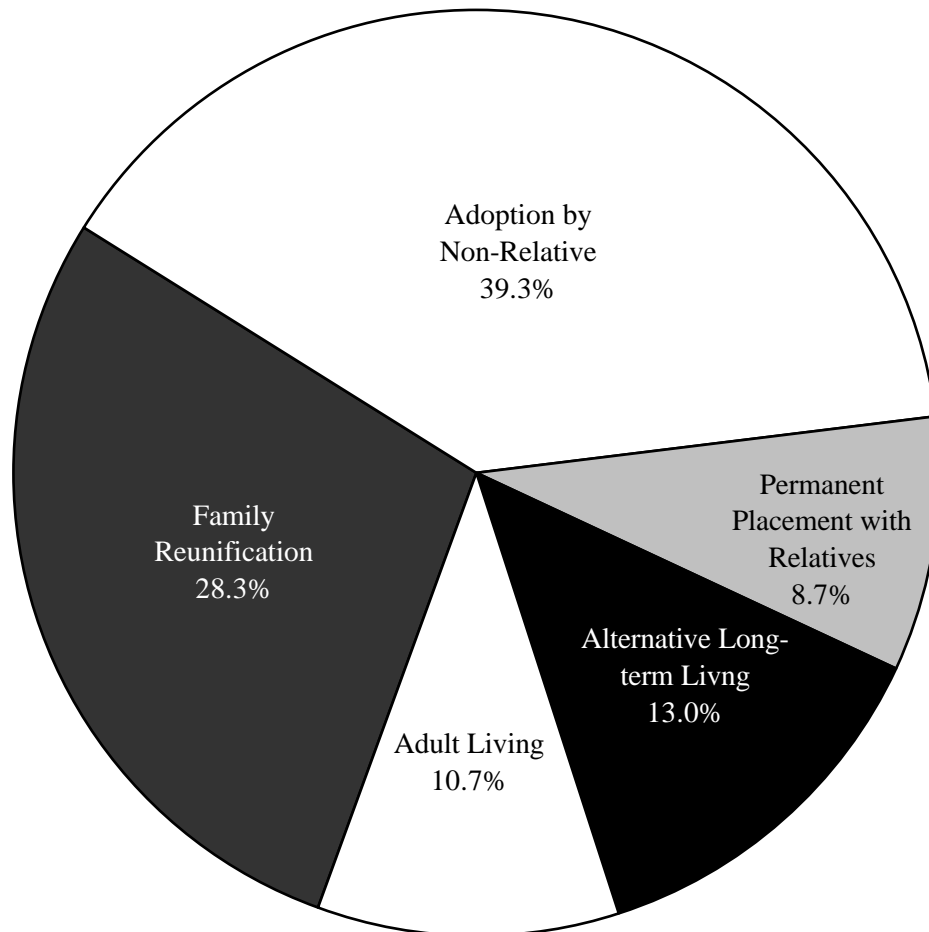
* Other includes independent living, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, and unauthorized absence (left without permission).

Status of Children No Longer in PRS Legal Responsibility Fiscal Year 2002



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, 2002



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
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%
2002	6,304	8,884	87	15,274	15.6%

Children in Foster Care Monthly Average by Region Fiscal Year 2002

Region	State Paid Foster Care**	Title IV-E Foster Care	Other Care*
Lubbock (1)	368	685	6
Abilene (2)	218	289	3
Arlington (3)	1,450	1,677	18
Tyler (4)	386	338	5
Beaumont (5)	185	233	2
Houston (6)	1,426	1,943	17
Austin (7)	943	1,237	14
San Antonio (8)	695	1,387	8
Midland (9)	137	229	3
El Paso (10)	111	172	2
Edinburg (11)	374	687	8
Blank Region	8	8	0
Total	6,304	8,884	87

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

** State Paid Foster Care may be funded with Federal Block Grant (TANF).

Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Demographics of Children in Foster Care by Fiscal Year

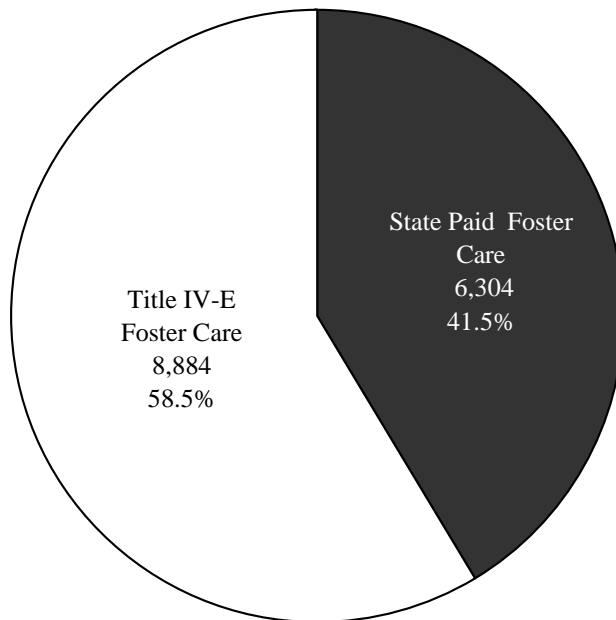
Characteristic	August 1999		August 2000		August 2001		August 2002	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age								
Birth - 2	1,696	15.7%	2,016	17.2%	2,622	19.1%	2,893	19.5%
3 - 5	1,452	13.4%	1,452	12.4%	1,775	12.9%	1,905	12.8%
6 - 9	2,196	20.3%	2,329	19.8%	2,287	16.7%	2,448	16.5%
10 - 13	2,493	23.0%	2,637	22.5%	3,129	22.8%	3,293	22.2%
14 - 17	2,889	26.7%	3,116	26.1%	3,668	26.7%	4,013	27.0%
18 - 20	96	0.9%	243	2.0%	248	1.8%	291	2.0%
Sex								
Male	5,692	52.6%	6,216	52.6%	7,299	53.2%	7,782	52.4%
Female	5,130	47.4%	5,556	47.2%	6,423	46.8%	7,052	47.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%	21	0.2%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	3,600	33.3%	3,980	33.8%	4,615	33.6%	4,886	32.9%
African American	3,579	33.1%	3,916	33.2%	4,322	31.5%	4,654	31.4%
Hispanic	3,248	30.0%	3,613	30.6%	4,547	33.1%	4,994	33.6%
Native American	43	0.4%	60	0.5%	53	0.4%	52	0.4%
Asian	25	0.2%	50	0.4%	66	0.5%	75	0.5%
Other	327	3.0%	174	1.5%	126	0.9%	182	1.2%
Total	10,822	100.0%	11,793	100.0%	13,729	100.0%	14,843	100.0%

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

Level of Care	2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
LOC 01	5,359	\$16.96	5,548	\$16.96	6,050	\$19.97
LOC 02	1,579	\$36.33	1,564	\$36.33	1,632	\$47.73
LOC 03	2,391	\$62.15	2,737	\$62.15	3,042	\$67.99
LOC 04	2,150	\$88.42	2,348	\$88.42	2,579	\$88.42
LOC 05	644	\$106.66	704	\$106.66	762	\$121.55
LOC 06	192	\$200.98	185	\$200.98	246	\$209.84
E2	14	\$62.15	33	\$62.15	40	\$67.10
E3	783	\$97.50	798	\$97.50	837	\$99.47
All levels	13,112		13,917		15,190	

Note: Calculations exclude children where cost of care was not covered by Title IV-E or state paid foster care. State Paid Foster Care may be funded with Federal Block Grant (TANF). Also, averages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Sources of Foster Care as of August 31, 2002



Number of PRS Foster, Foster/Adoptive, and Adoptive Homes as of August 31, 2002

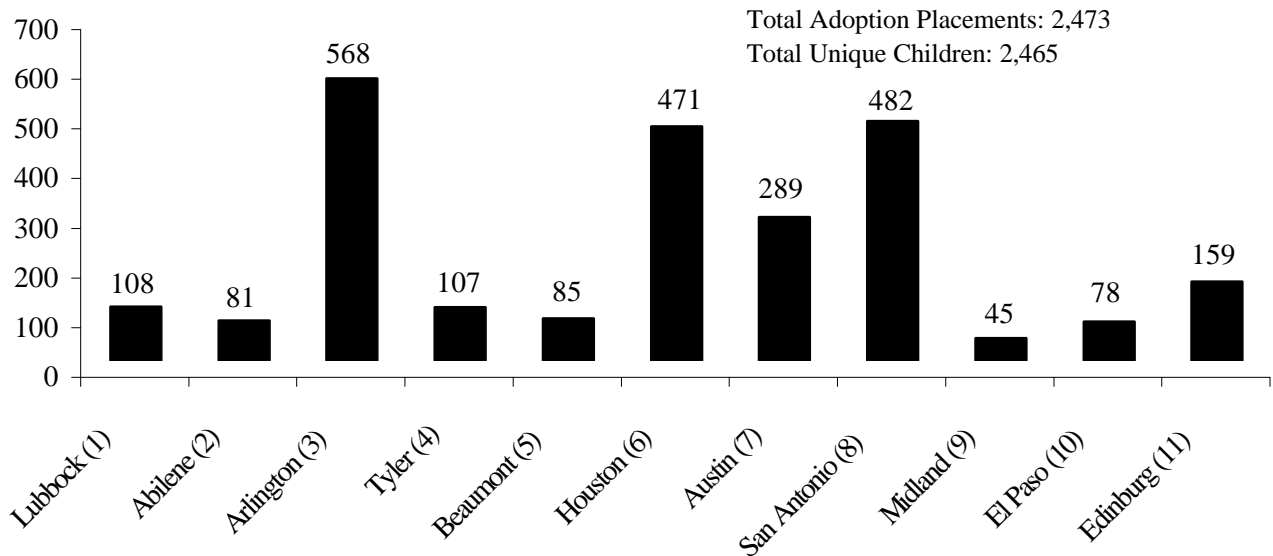
Region	Foster Homes	Foster/Adoptive Homes*	Adoptive Homes**
Lubbock (1)	47	162	9
Abilene (2)	18	135	30
Arlington (3)	97	845	86
Tyler (4)	65	197	28
Beaumont (5)	49	144	15
Houston (6)	253	433	119
Austin (7)	137	233	98
San Antonio (8)	103	207	59
Midland (9)	23	66	34
El Paso (10)	38	76	15
Edinburg (11)	50	140	41
Out of State	0	1	0
Total	880	2,639	534

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

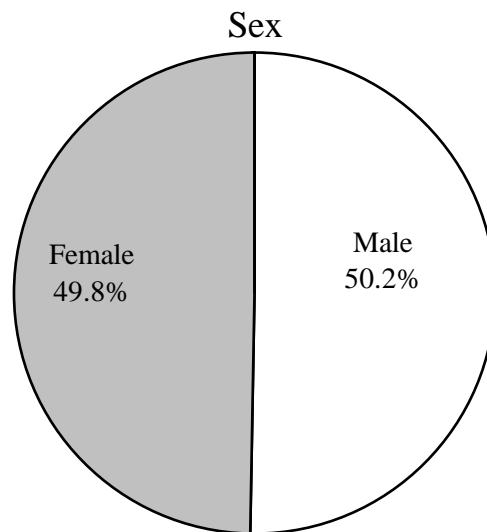
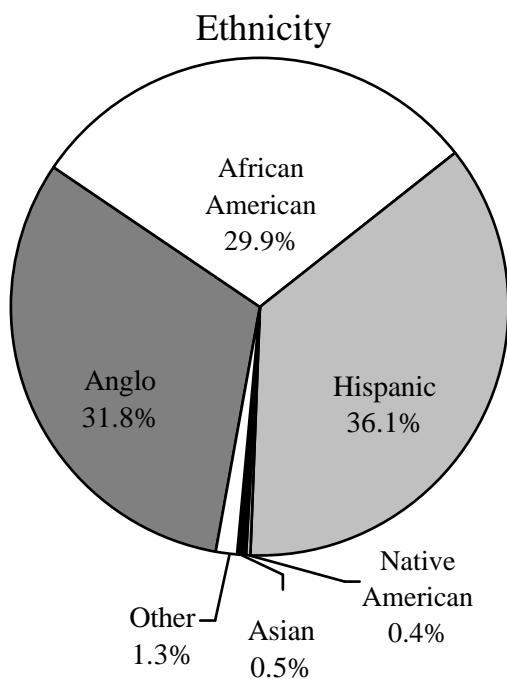
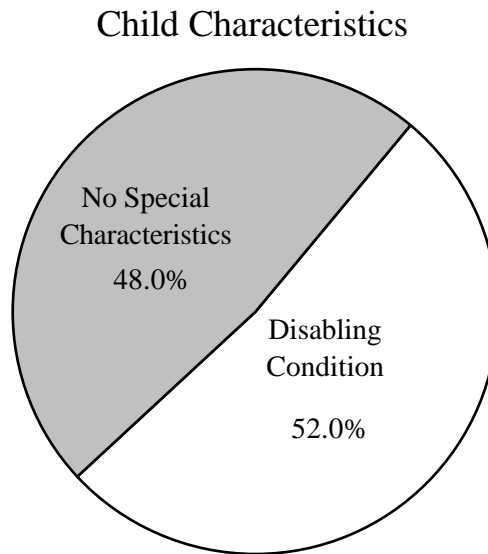
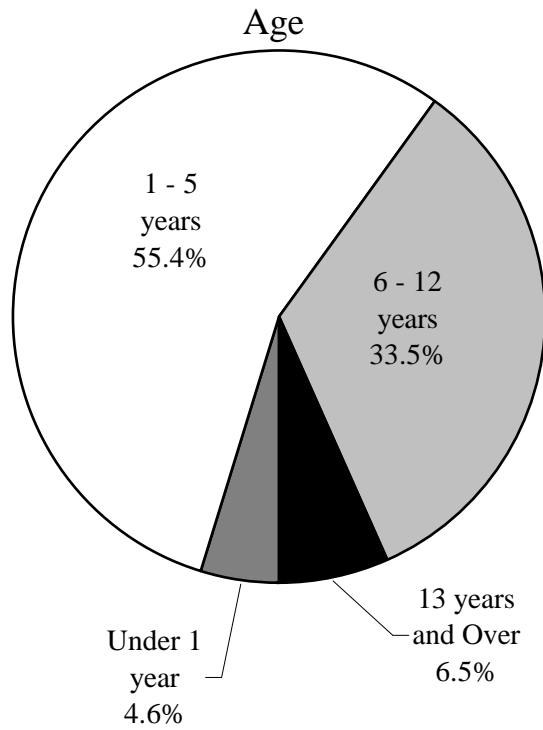
** This number does not include the homes open only for receipt of adoption subsidy.

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

Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region Fiscal Year 2002

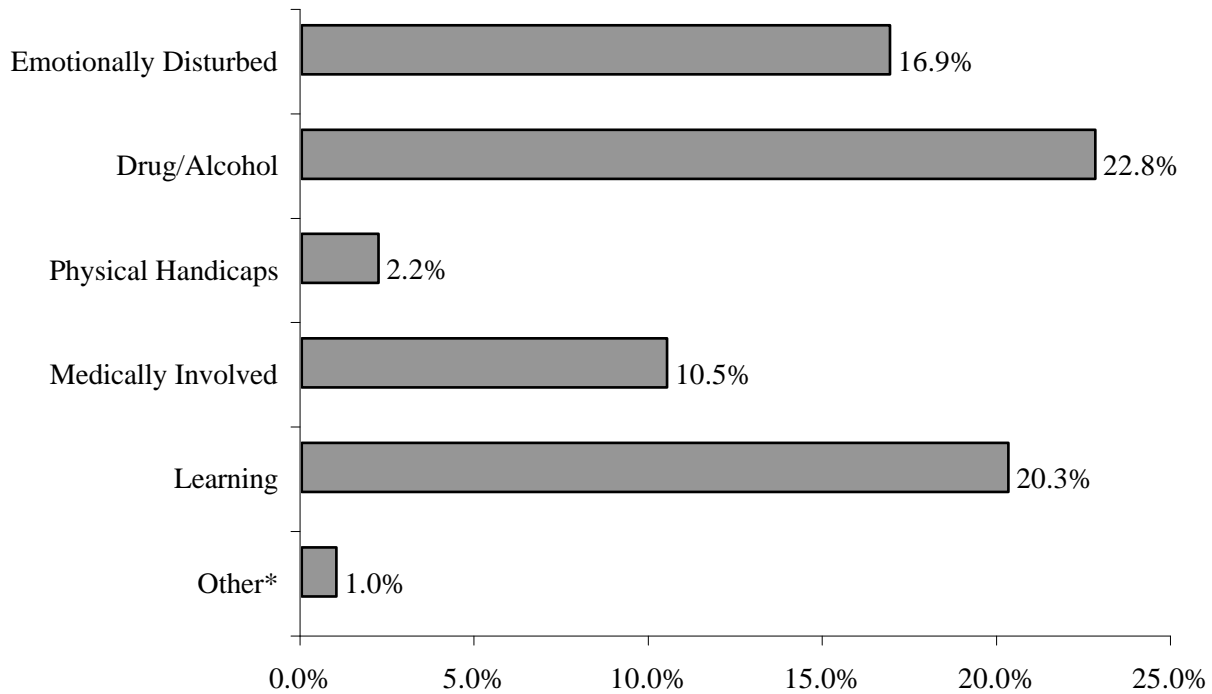


Demographics of 2,465 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2002



Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2002

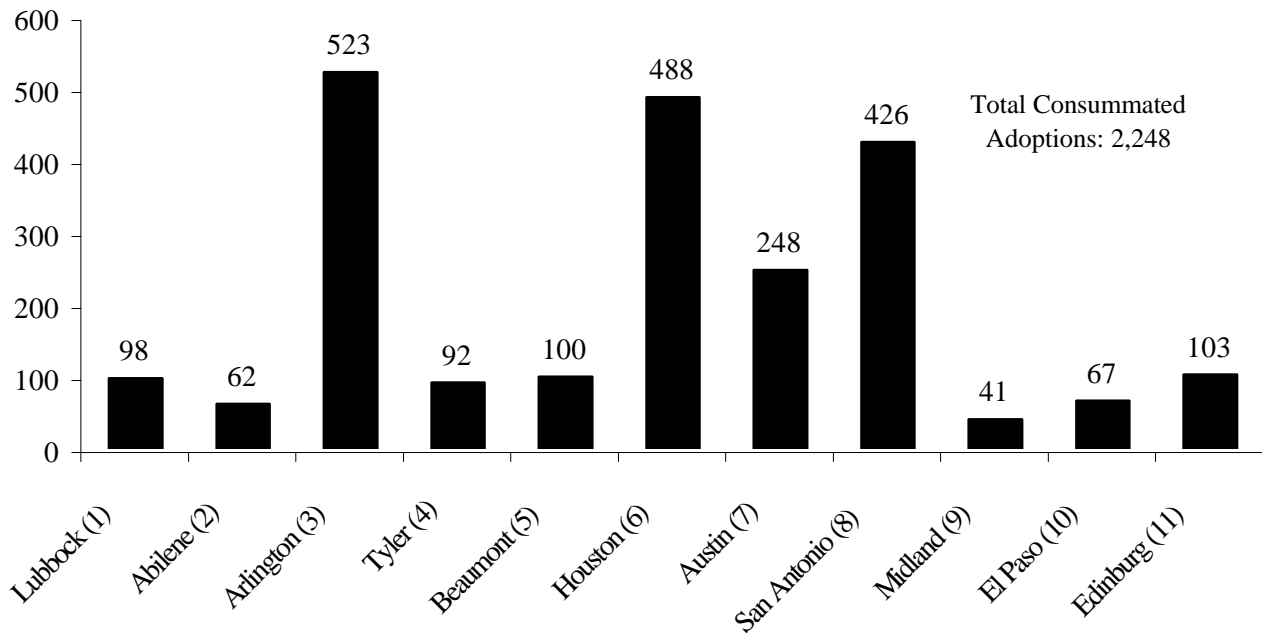
Disabling Condition	Percentage	Number
Emotionally Disturbed	16.9%	417
Drug/Alcohol	22.8%	563
Physical Handicaps	2.2%	53
Medically Involved	10.5%	259
Learning	20.3%	500
Other*	1.0%	24



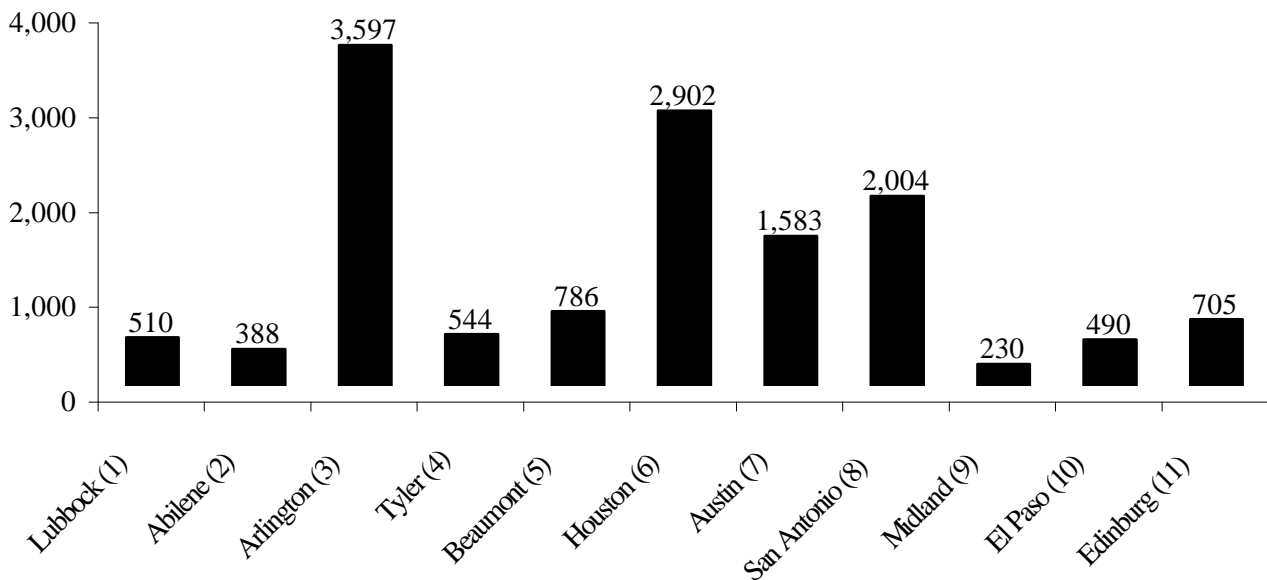
* Other includes teen parent or pregnant.

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

Children in Consummated Adoptions by Region Fiscal Year 2002



Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Per Month Fiscal Year 2002

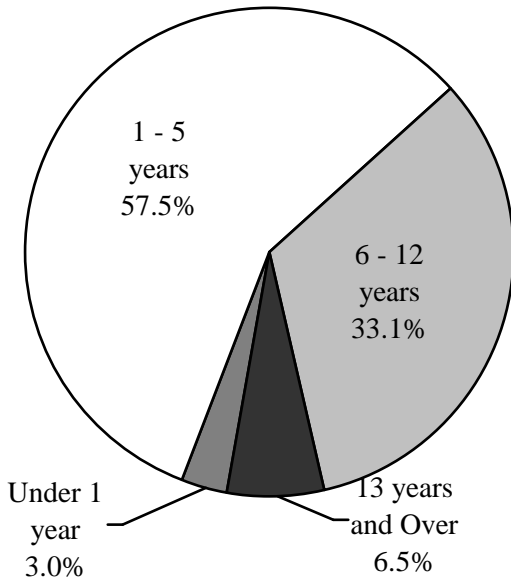


Note: Subsidies include financial payments only, not medical and non-recurring subsidies.

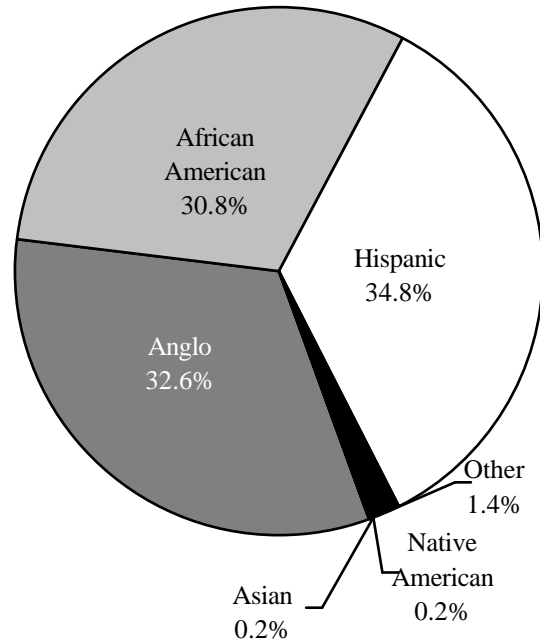
Demographics of Children in Consummated Adoptions Fiscal Year 2002

Total Consummated Adoptions: 2,248

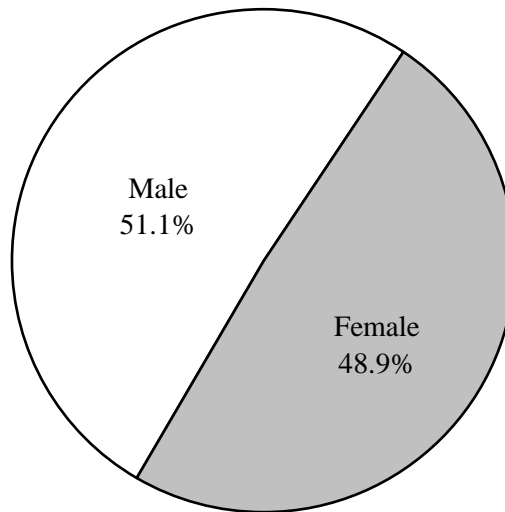
Age



Ethnicity



Sex



Race/Ethnicity of Children and Adoptive Parents by Fiscal Year

	1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race/ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child	1347	68.3%	1,253	63.4%	1,393	65.5%	1,347	65.1%
Race/ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Transracial)	626	31.7%	722	36.6%	733	34.5%	721	34.9%
Total adoptions where race/ethnicity can be determined	1,973	100.0%	1,975	100.0%	2,126	100.0%	2,068	100.0%

Adoption Consummations by Type of Agency by Fiscal Year

	1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
PRS	1,626	79.2%	1,590	77.1%	1,632	72.2%	1,513	67.3%
Private Agency	428	20.8%	473	22.9%	629	27.8%	735	32.7%
Total Consummations	2,054	100.0%	2,063	100.0%	2,261	100.0%	2,248	100.0%

CPS Outcomes

Based on data from Fiscal Year 2002

Family Preservation Outcomes

(measured from start of services to end of services)

Average length of service 8.7 months

Family Reunification Outcomes

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

Percent of children returned to own home 36.6 %
 Average number of placements per child 2.5
 Average length of service 9.8 months
 Median length of service 7.8 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 26.3 %
 Average number of placements per child 3.4
 Average length of service 28.8 months
 From Removal to Final Order 14.1 months
 From Final Order to Adoption Placement 11.3 months
 From Placement to Adoption Consummation 3.5 months
 Median length of service 24.1 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 21.5 %
 Average number of placements 2.5
 Average length of service 12.9 months
 Median length of service 11.3 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	10.1 %
Average number of placements	8.8
Average length of service	66 months
Median length of service	55.4 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	5.5 %
Average number of placements	3.3
Average length of service	12.6 months
Median length of service	5 months

Fiscal Year 2002 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)

9.6 %

For Family Preservation:

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

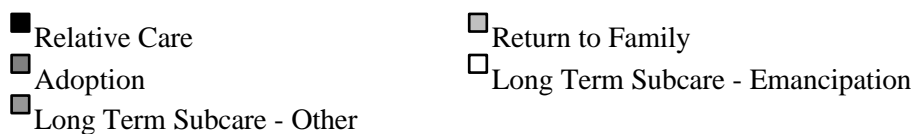
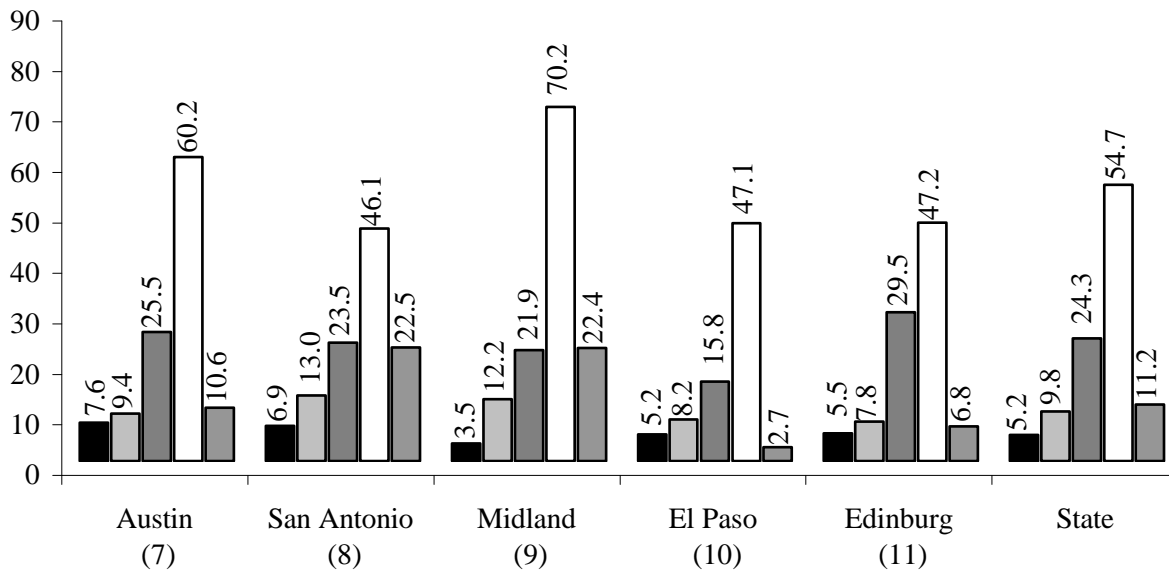
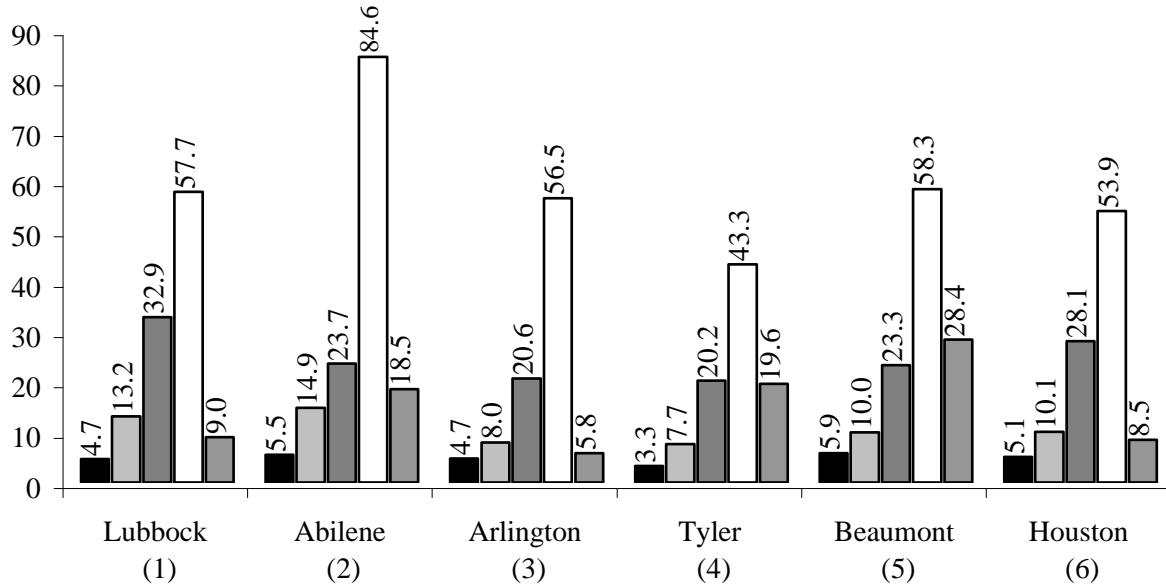
7.8 %

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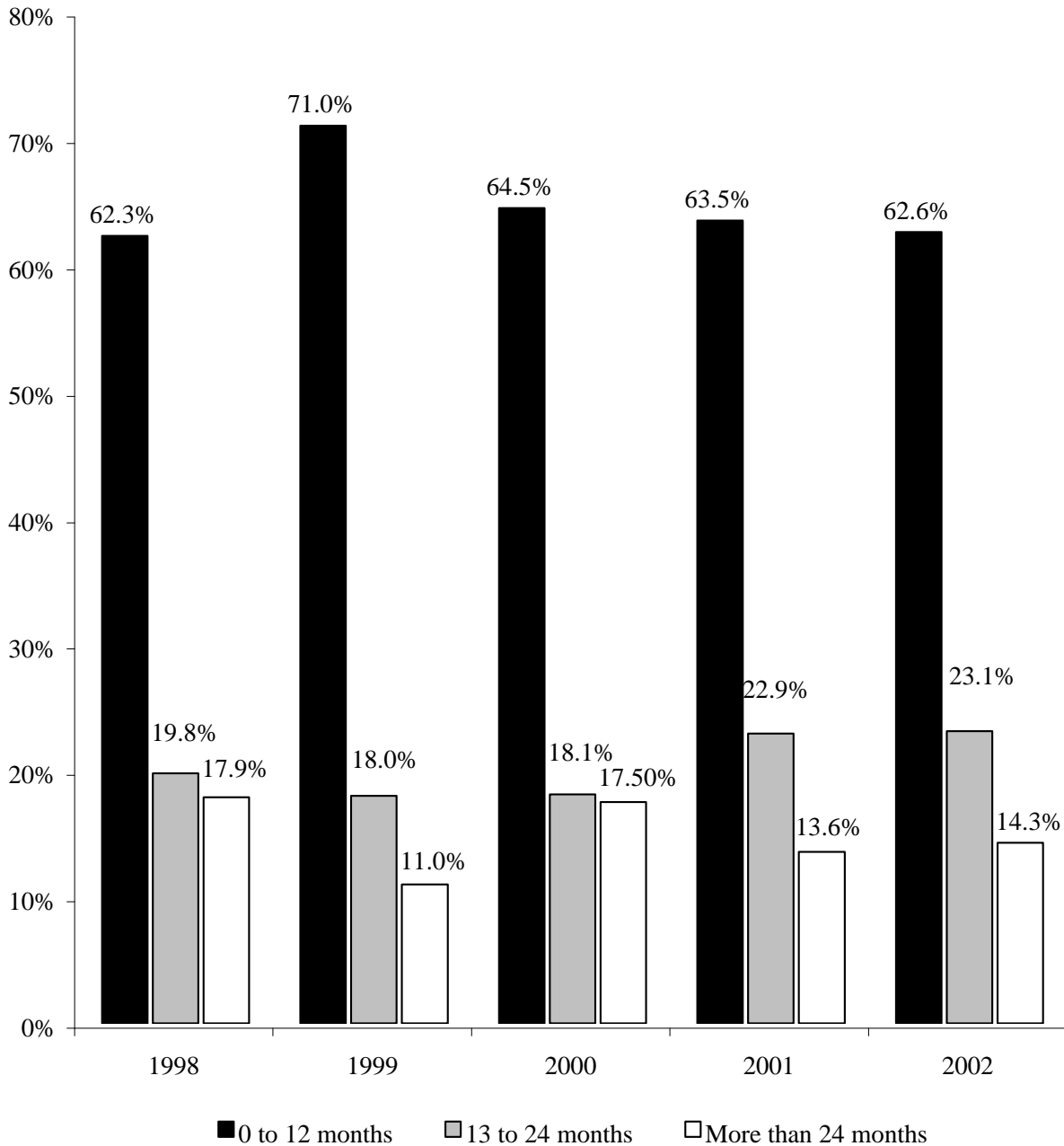
(measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation or a return to substitute care within 12 months of the end of family reunification services)

14.4 %

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 2002



Length of Time in Care for Children Who Achieved Permanency Status* During Fiscal Year 2002



* 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 2002**

Region	Family Preservation	Family Reunification	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Subcare - Emancipation	Long Term Subcare - Other
Lubbock (1)	10.2	13.2	37.4	12.7	71.1	15.6
Abilene (2)	6.1	14.9	30.4	12.7	101.4	21.8
Arlington (3)	15.2	8.0	23.8	12.9	66.8	9.2
Tyler (4)	7.4	7.7	27.5	9.3	54.6	24.2
Beaumont (5)	6.9	10.0	28.8	11.9	72.3	31.2
Houston (6)	8.1	10.1	33.0	14.3	68.7	10.9
Austin (7)	8.5	9.4	30.6	14.0	67.3	9.2
San Antonio (8)	6.9	13.0	26.5	15.0	59.5	19.9
Midland (9)	6.7	12.2	32.6	12.7	69.8	15.8
El Paso (10)	8.5	8.2	19.9	14.3	55.6	2.6
Edinburg (11)	7.4	7.8	36.1	10.2	53.7	6.5
State	8.7	9.8	28.8	12.9	66.0	12.6

Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Attained Permanency Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2002

Region	Return Home	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Care - Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
Lubbock (1)	2.9	3.3	2.7	8.3	2.5
Abilene (2)	2.9	3.3	2.8	10.1	3.1
Arlington (3)	2.1	2.7	2.6	8.2	2.6
Tyler (4)	2.1	2.4	1.9	7.3	4.5
Beaumont (5)	2.4	3.0	2.4	6.8	6.4
Houston (6)	2.5	3.5	2.5	9.3	3.0
Austin (7)	2.6	3.5	2.8	9.7	3.4
San Antonio (8)	3.0	3.9	2.7	8.2	4.4
Midland (9)	2.4	3.0	2.2	11.3	4.7
El Paso (10)	2.8	3.5	2.1	7.4	2.8
Edinburg (11)	2.3	4.2	2.7	8.6	2.4
State	2.5	3.4	2.5	8.8	3.3

Note: The average number of placements per child in substitute care for all children who attained permanency is 3.4 placements.

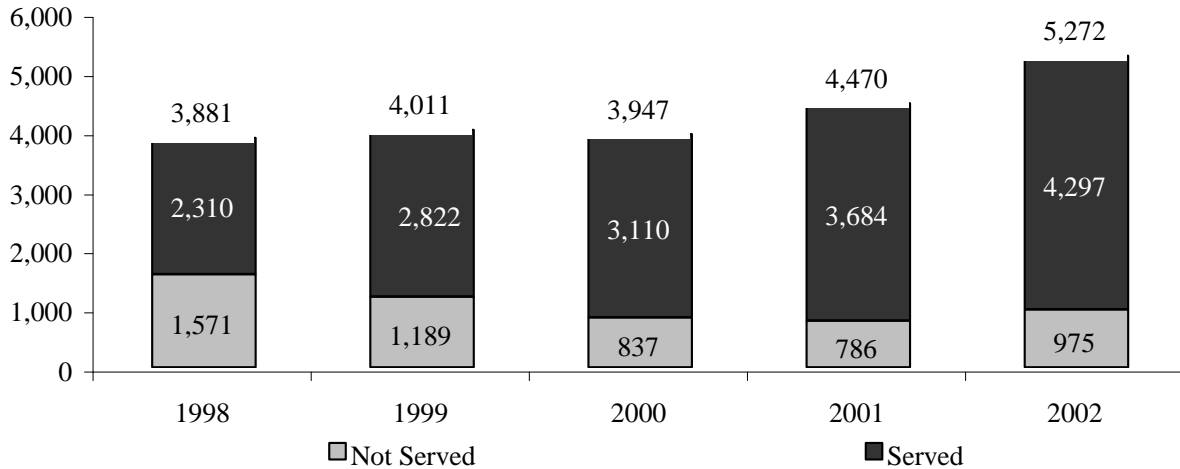
Substitute Care Outcomes for Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year 2002

Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.	9.7 months
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Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in temporary substitute care.	7.5 months
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Average length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.	45.8 months
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Median length of service for children whose cases are still open in long-term substitute care.	33.3 months
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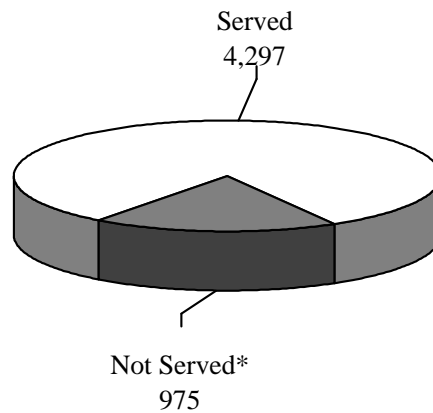
Average Number of Placements for Children Who Left Substitute Care Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2002

Region	Temporary Care	Long-term Care	Adoption Consummated
Lubbock (1)	2.8	7.4	3.3
Abilene (2)	2.9	8.7	3.3
Arlington (3)	2.3	6.3	2.7
Tyler (4)	2.0	6.4	2.4
Beaumont (5)	2.4	6.6	3.0
Houston (6)	2.5	6.8	3.5
Austin (7)	2.7	8.5	3.5
San Antonio (8)	3.0	7.8	3.9
Midland (9)	2.3	10.0	3.0
El Paso (10)	2.7	6.2	3.5
Edinburg (11)	2.4	7.4	4.2
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State	2.5	7.3	3.4

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



Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Fiscal Year 2002



* 685 youth who were not served in FY 2002 received services prior to FY 2002.

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 2002

