

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 2003 Expenditures and Staffing

CPS Staff Costs \$231,974,998

4,762 Direct Delivery (supervisors, workers, clerical)
 5,142 Total Staff

Purchased Services \$51,048,549

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

Foster Care Payments \$322,015,364

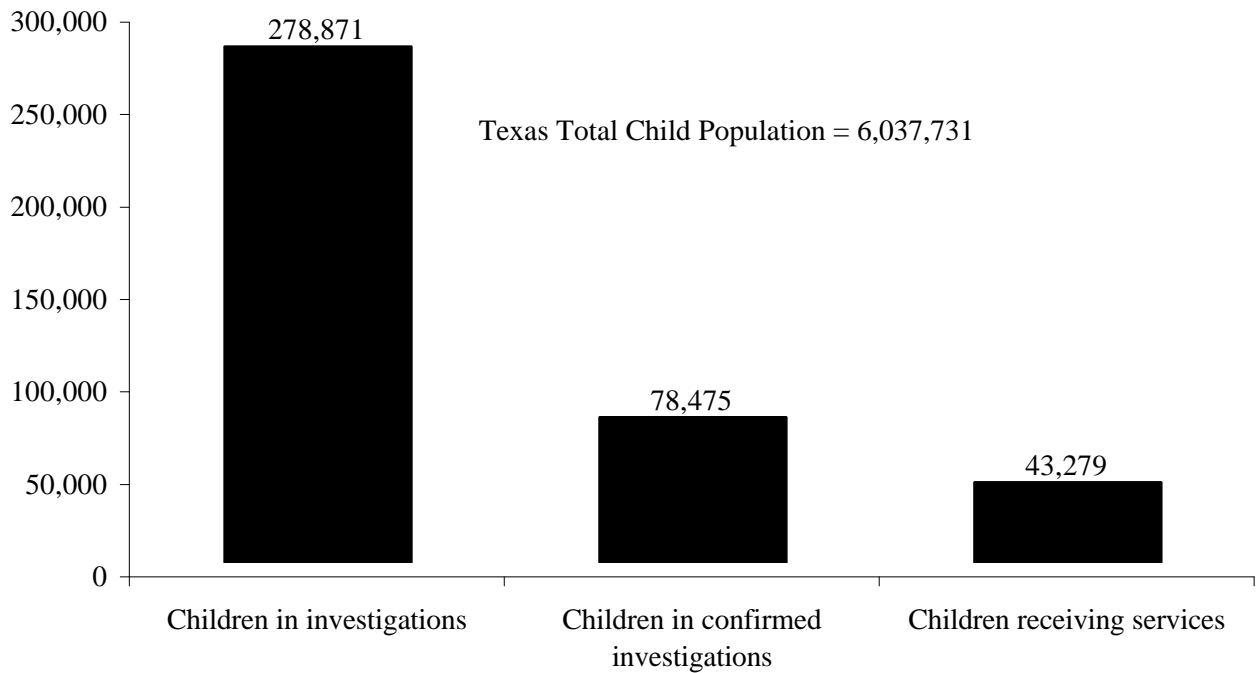
Adoption Subsidy Payments \$92,058,686

Federally Funded Special Projects, Staff Costs and Purchased Services \$3,267,757

19 Total Staff

Children in Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2003

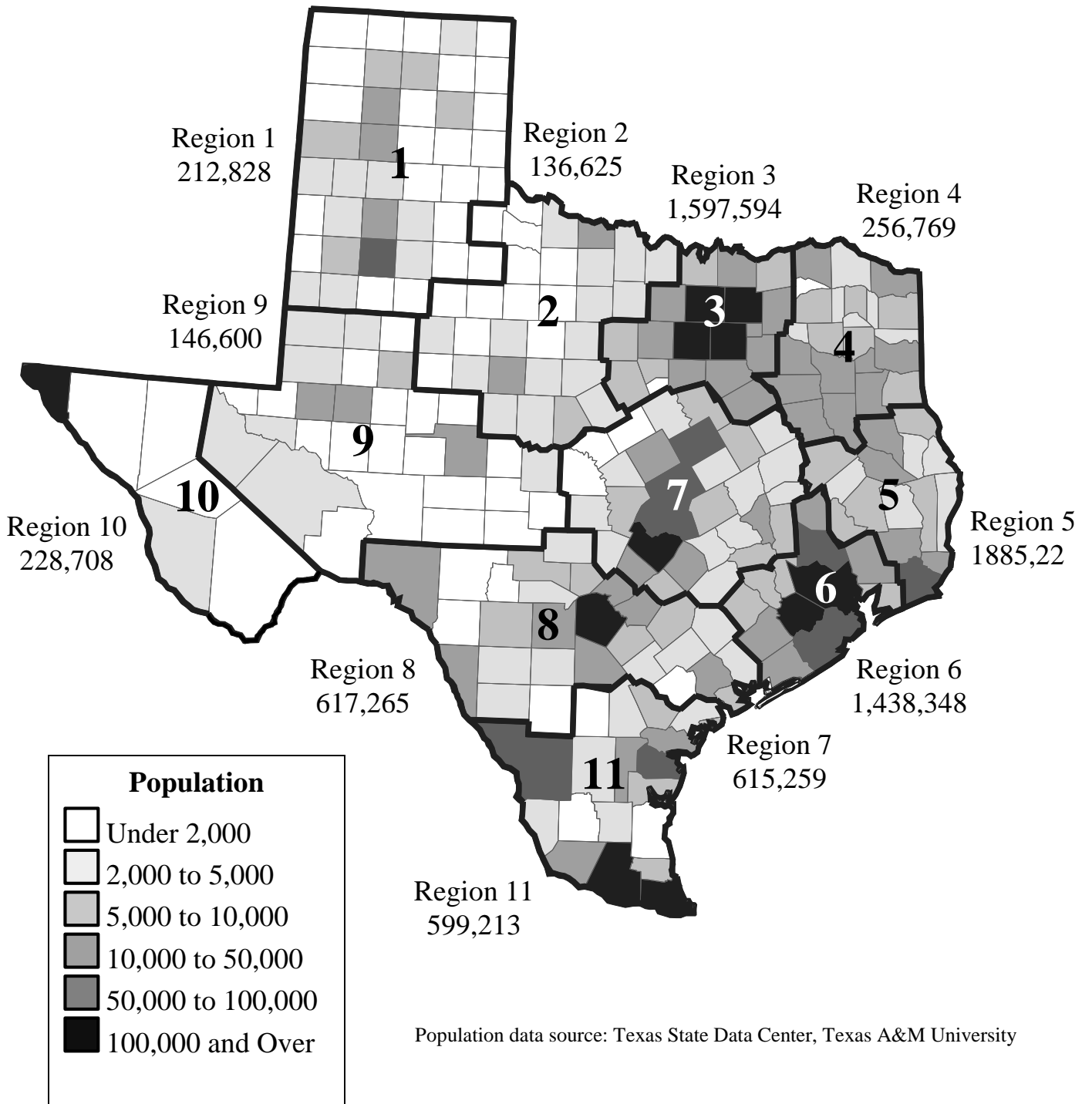
Region	Child Population	Children in Investigations*	Children in Confirmed Investigations*	Children Receiving Services
Lubbock (1)	212,828	12,426	4,045	1,635
Abilene (2)	136,625	7,899	2,887	1,648
Arlington (3)	1,597,594	66,397	18,316	8,072
Tyler (4)	256,769	14,069	3,491	1,972
Beaumont (5)	188,522	10,223	2,468	1,235
Houston (6)	1,438,348	55,576	15,927	8,781
Austin (7)	615,259	32,243	9,210	3,934
San Antonio (8)	617,265	33,698	8,815	6,408
Midland (9)	146,600	7,231	2,332	1,629
El Paso (10)	228,708	9,195	2,068	1,301
Edinburg (11)	599,213	29,903	8,916	6,663
Other	0	11	0	1
Total	6,037,731	278,871	78,475	43,279



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

Texas Total Child Population Ages Birth Through 17 Years by County Fiscal Year 2003

State Total 6,037,731



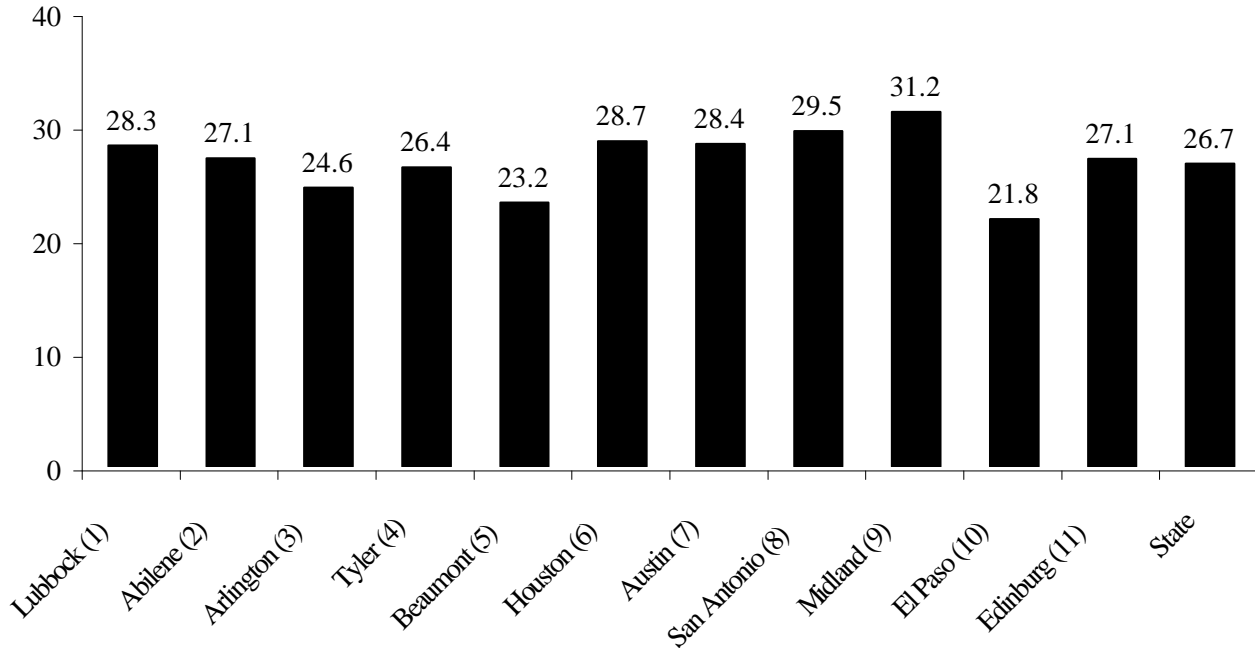
Average Monthly Number Child Protective Services Direct Delivery Cases* Fiscal Year 2003

Services	Families	Children
Intakes **	15,777	33,552
Investigations	10,928	23,239
Family Preservation	4,734	13,568
Intensified Services	2,096	5,829
Substitute Care	12,120	16,534
Family Reunification	920	2,230
Plan is Adoption	N/A	4,883
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Total Cases	46,575	99,835

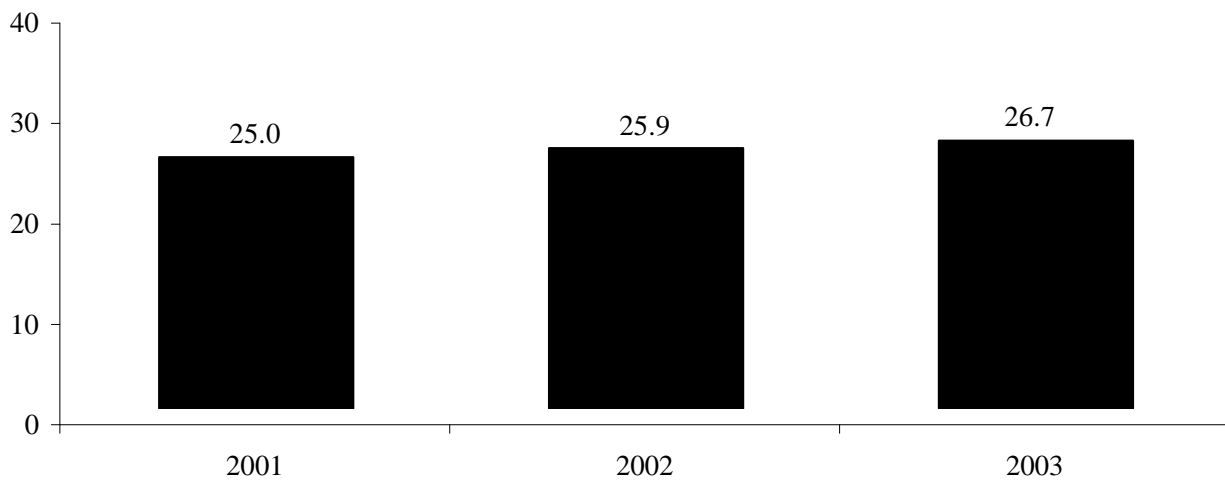
* Does not include contracted direct delivery services

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

CPS Average Monthly Weighted Workload per Worker by Region Fiscal Year 2003

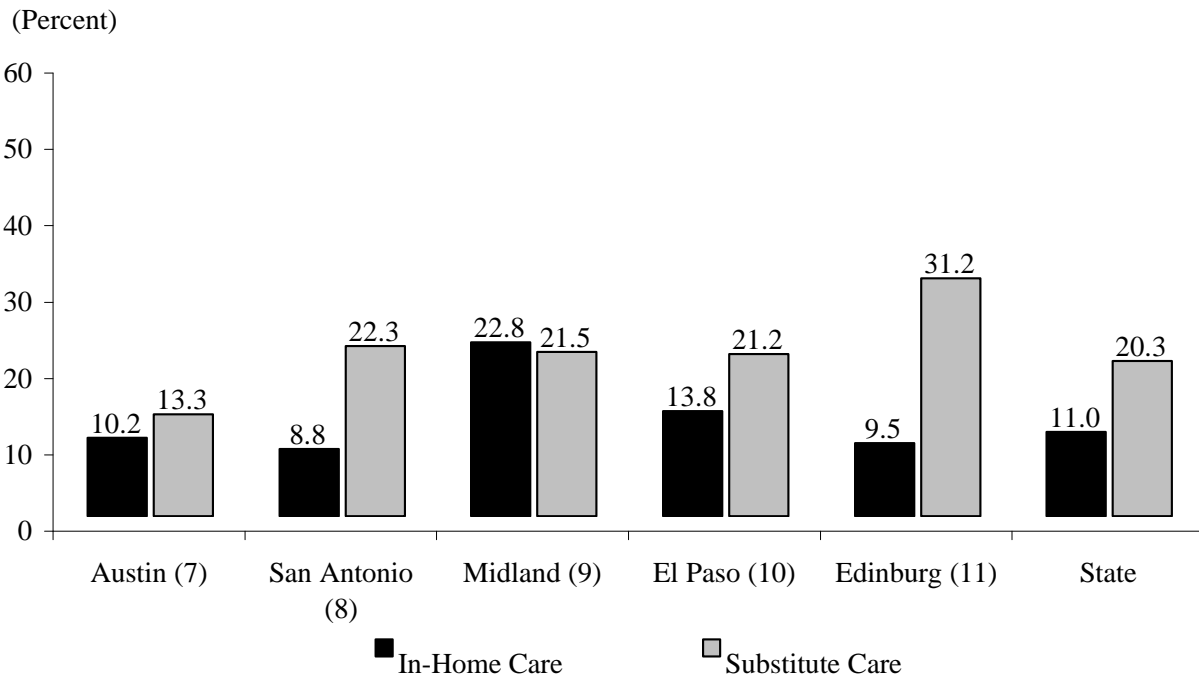
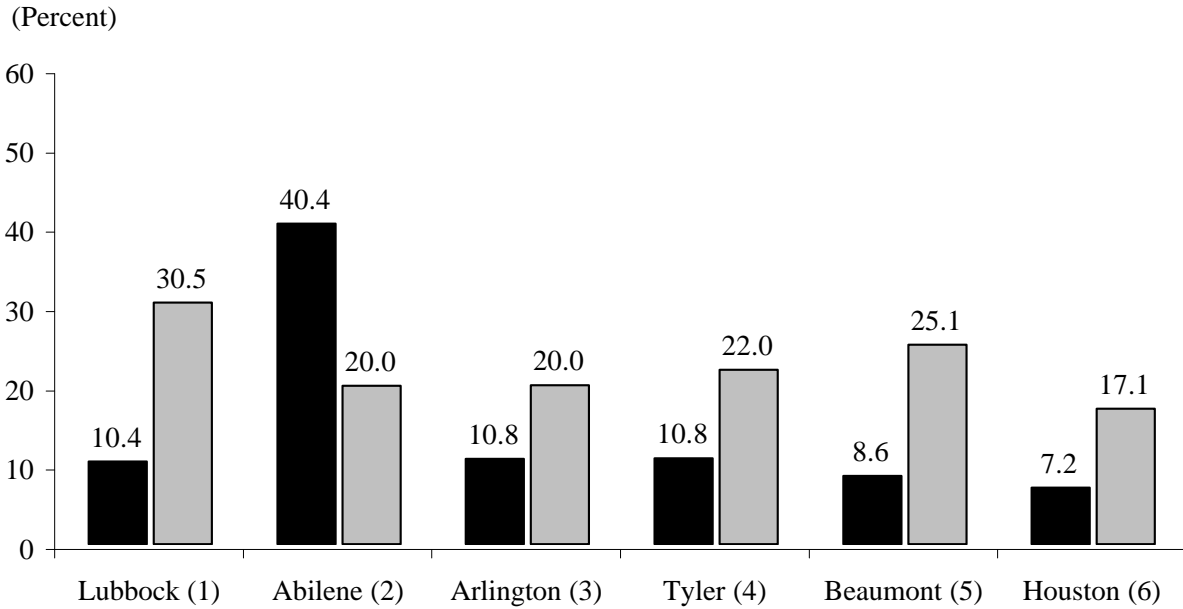


Average Monthly Weighted CPS Workload per Worker by Fiscal Year



Note: In fiscal year 2003 DFPS implemented a new methodology for calculation of the Average Monthly Workload Equivalency Measure caseload per worker (WEM Caseload). Previous fiscal years have been recalculated to be consistent with the new methodology.

Average Monthly Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region Fiscal Year 2003



Total Number of Calls by Region Fiscal Year 2003

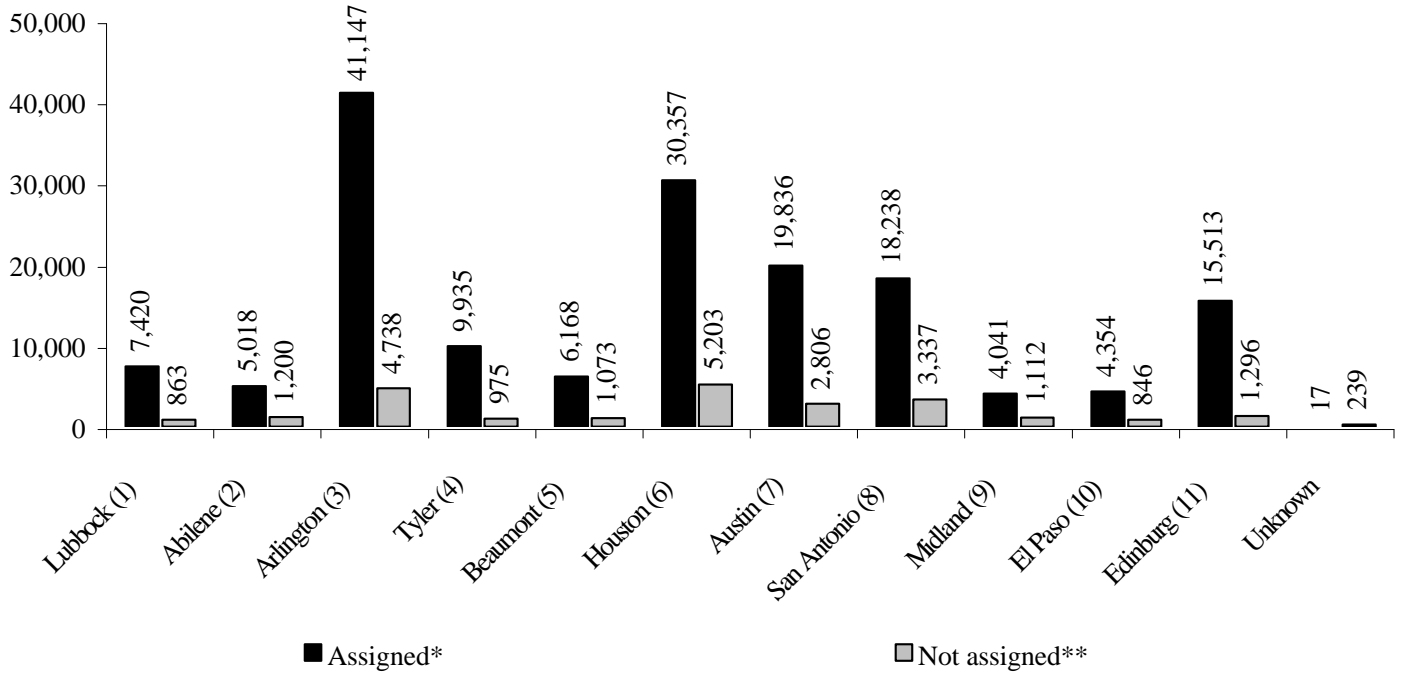
Region	Information & Referral Related to Protective Services	Information & Referral Not Related to Protective Services	Case-related Special Request	Non Case-related Special Request	Reports of Alleged Abuse/Neglect	Total
Lubbock (1)	11	0	71	0	17	99
Abilene (2)	4	6	87	0	35	132
Arlington (3)	42	25	509	0	586	1,162
Tyler (4)	5	11	95	0	292	403
Beaumont (5)	12	4	89	1	145	251
Houston (6)	686	72	332	2	106	1,198
Austin (7)	31	6	216	2	165	420
San Antonio (8)	8	0	193	1	59	261
Midland (9)	2	1	22	0	7	32
El Paso (10)	8	16	98	6	22	150
Edinburg (11)	16	8	73	30	134	261
Unknown	12	27	377	0	292	708
Statewide Intake	322,736	53,412	1,530	615	265,102	643,395
State Total	323,573	53,588	3,692	657	266,962	648,472

Note: The term "calls" represents information received by DFPS and then entered in the IMPACT system. Information may be received in the form of a telephone call, regular mail, via the Internet reporting system or via fax.

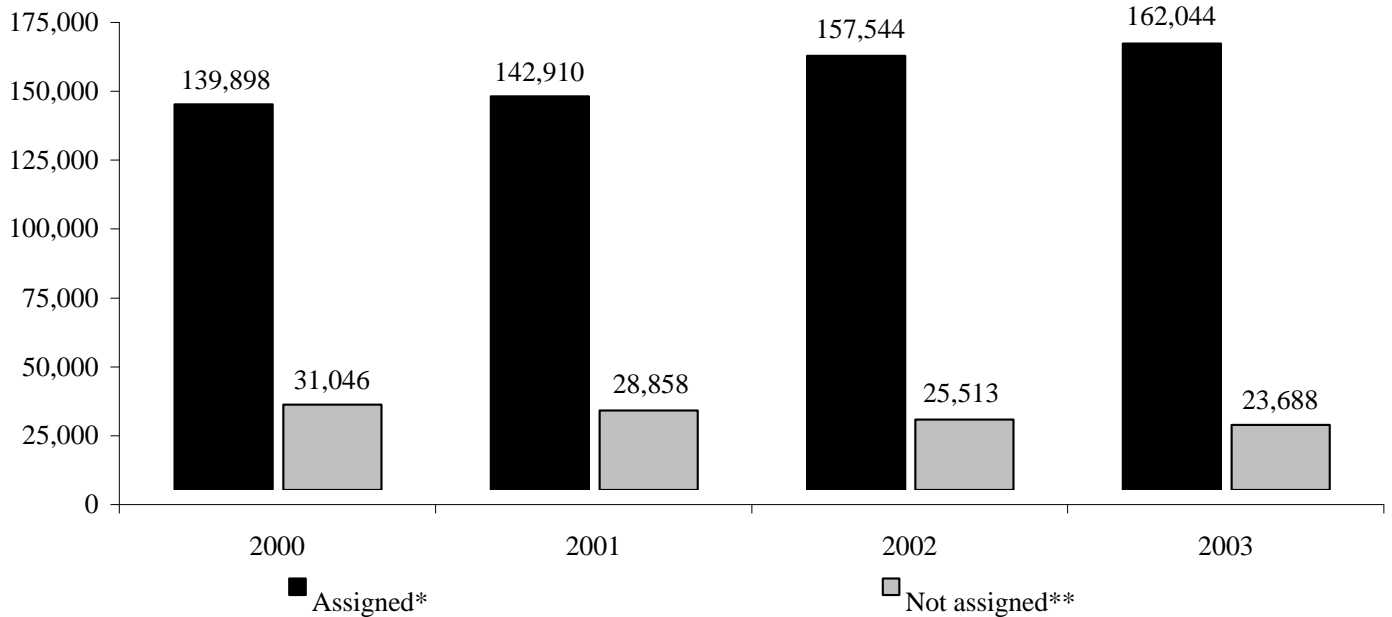
Reports of Alleged Abuse/Neglect Calls by Program Area

Program Area	Number of calls	%
Adult Protective Services (APS and MHMR)	75,664	28.3%
Child Protective Services (CPS)	186,160	69.8%
Licensing (LIC)	5,138	1.9%
Total Abuse/Neglect Related Calls	266,962	100.0%

Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2003



Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Fiscal Year



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

* Assigned reports meet the statutory definition of child abuse/neglect with sufficient identifying information.

** Not Assigned reports do not meet the statutory definition or do not have sufficient identifying information to locate the family.

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 2003

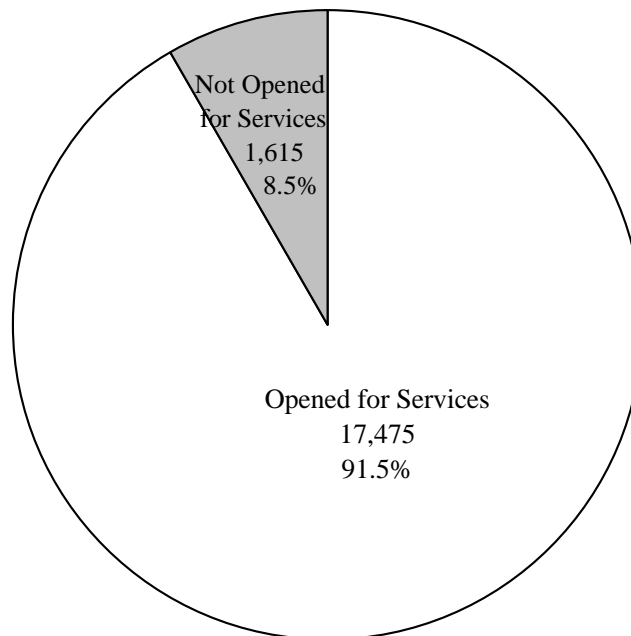
Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	5,980	1,780	29.8%	4,200
Abilene (2)	4,002	1,319	33.0%	2,683
Arlington (3)	32,303	8,086	25.0%	24,217
Tyler (4)	7,200	1,629	22.6%	5,571
Beaumont (5)	5,149	1,081	21.0%	4,068
Houston (6)	25,332	6,541	25.8%	18,791
Austin (7)	14,938	3,789	25.4%	11,149
San Antonio (8)	15,039	3,404	22.6%	11,635
Midland (9)	3,496	970	27.7%	2,526
El Paso (10)	4,191	805	19.2%	3,386
Edinburg (11)	13,491	3,388	25.1%	10,103
Unknown	9	0	0.0%	9
State Total	131,130	32,792	25.0%	98,338

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 2003

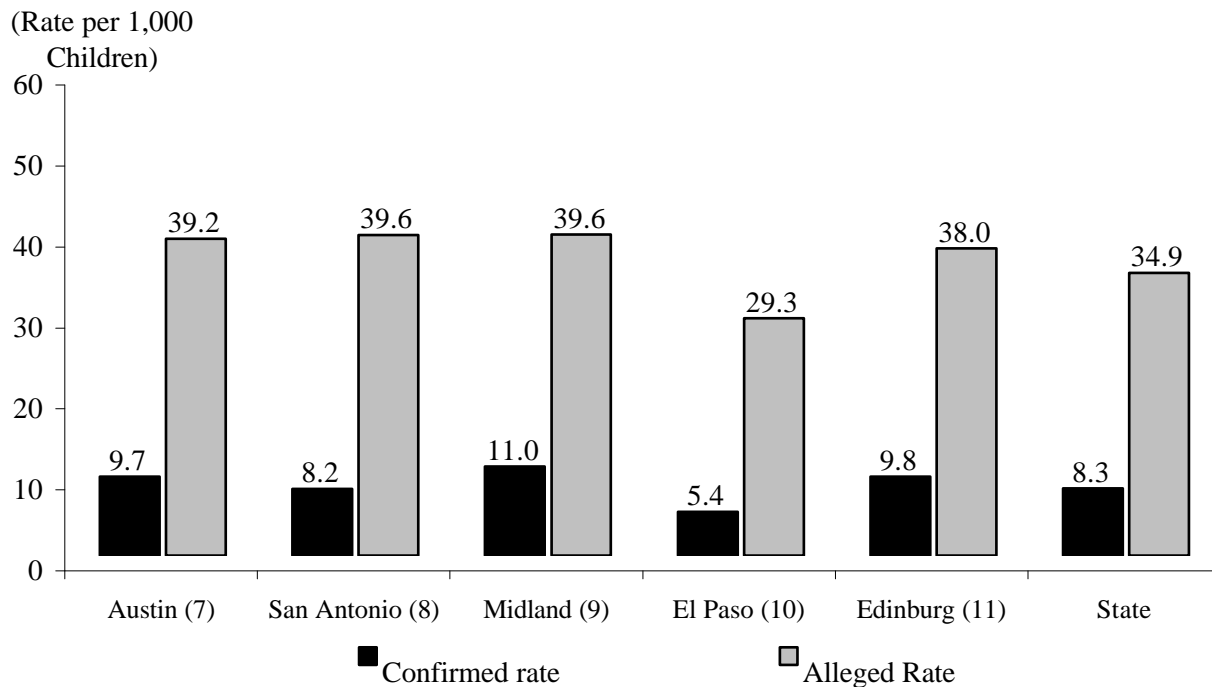
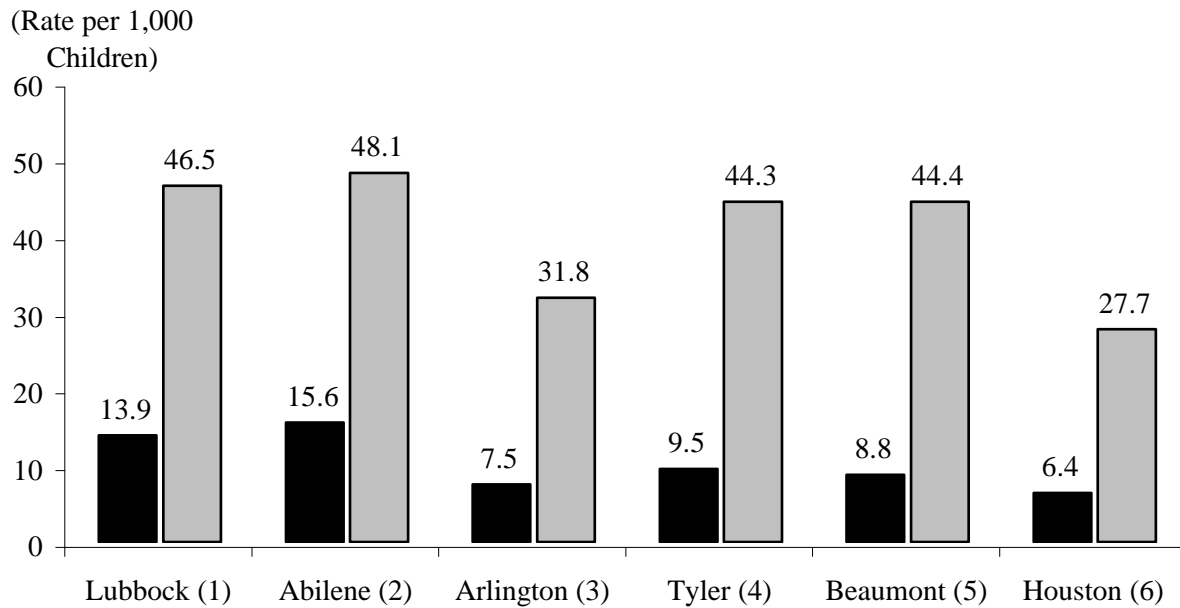
Disposition of Investigation	No Significant Risk Identified	Risk Controlled	Risk Indicated	Risk Not Applicable Blank/ Invalid	Total
Confirmed	427	18,239	13,862	264	32,792
Percent of Total	1.4%	24.9%	72.6%	3.1%	25.0%
Unconfirmed	30,097	54,891	5,228	8,122	98,338
Percent of Total	98.6%	75.1%	27.4%	96.9%	75.0%
State Total	30,524	73,130	19,090	8,386	131,130

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 2003



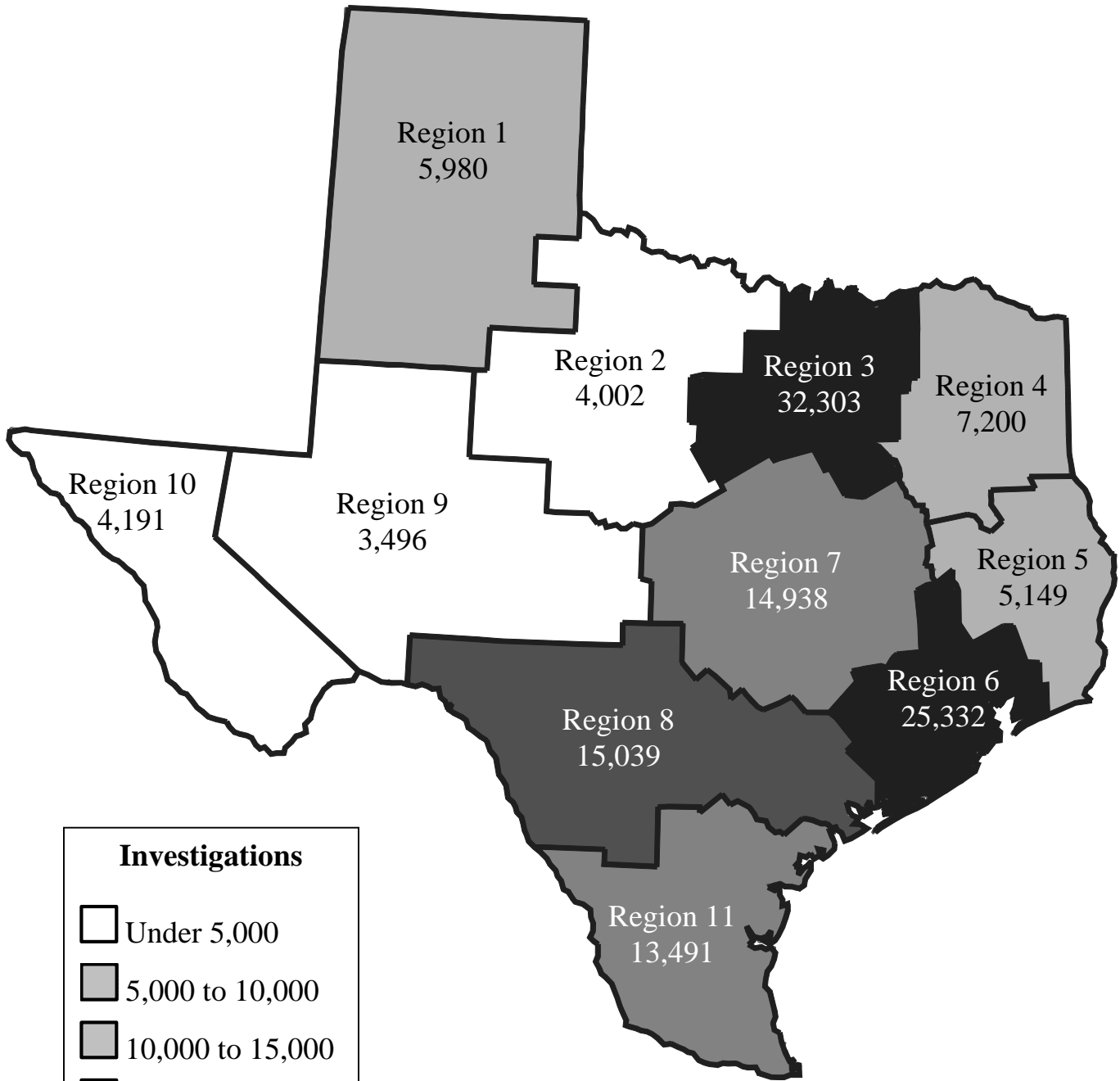
Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2003

Region	Alleged Victims	Confirmed Victims	Unconfirmed Victims	Percent Confirmed
Lubbock (1)	9,888	2,957	6,931	29.9%
Abilene (2)	6,575	2,129	4,446	32.4%
Arlington (3)	50,847	12,041	38,806	23.7%
Tyler (4)	11,381	2,444	8,937	21.5%
Beaumont (5)	8,367	1,656	6,711	19.8%
Houston (6)	39,865	9,232	30,633	23.2%
Austin (7)	24,088	5,985	18,103	24.8%
San Antonio (8)	24,434	5,071	19,363	20.8%
Midland (9)	5,808	1,612	4,196	27.8%
El Paso (10)	6,701	1,238	5,463	18.5%
Edinburg (11)	22,742	5,843	16,899	25.7%
Other	11	0	11	0.0%
State Total	210,707	50,208	160,499	23.8%

Note: Victims in more than one investigation are counted in each investigation.

Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2003

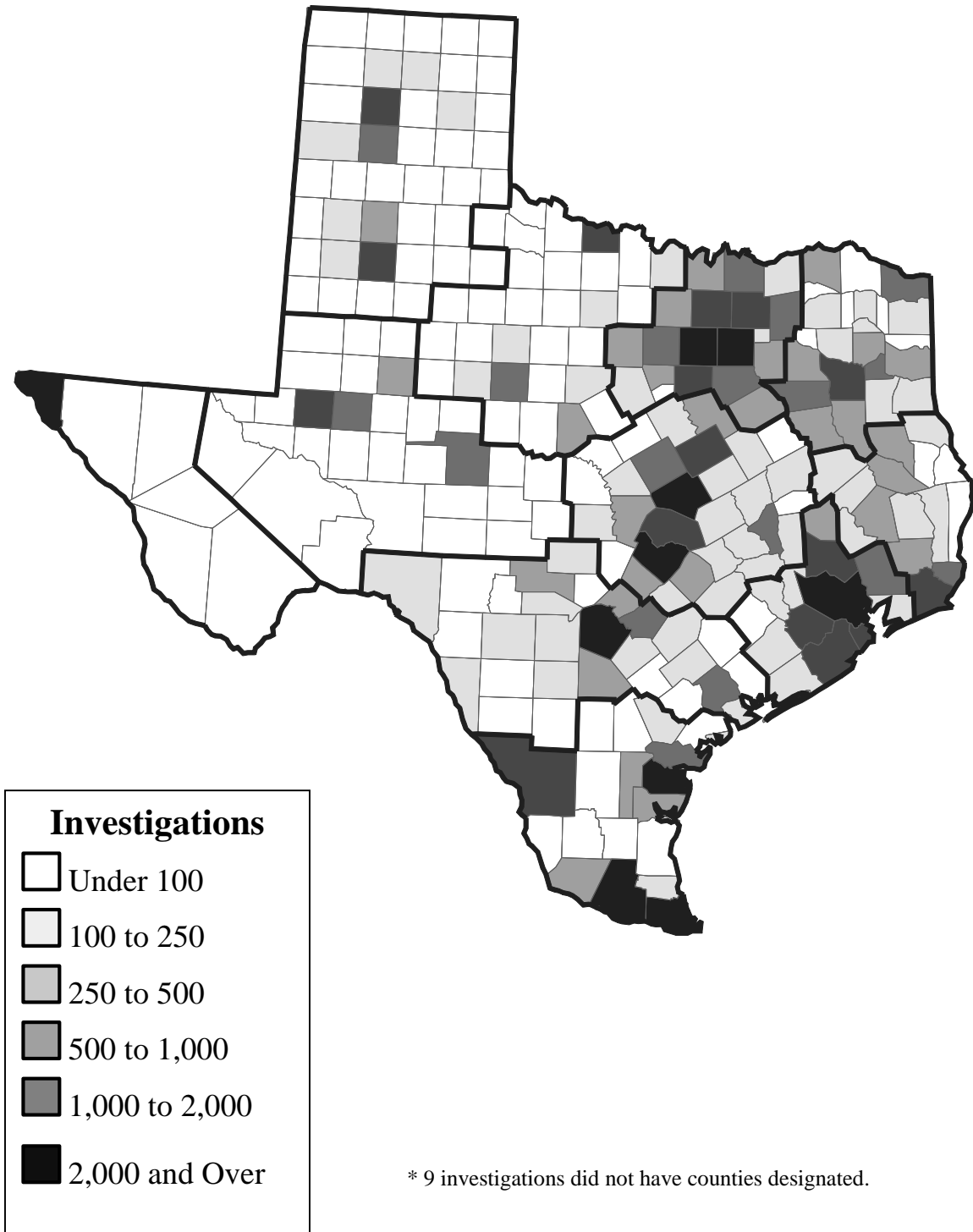
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* 9 investigations did not have regions designated.

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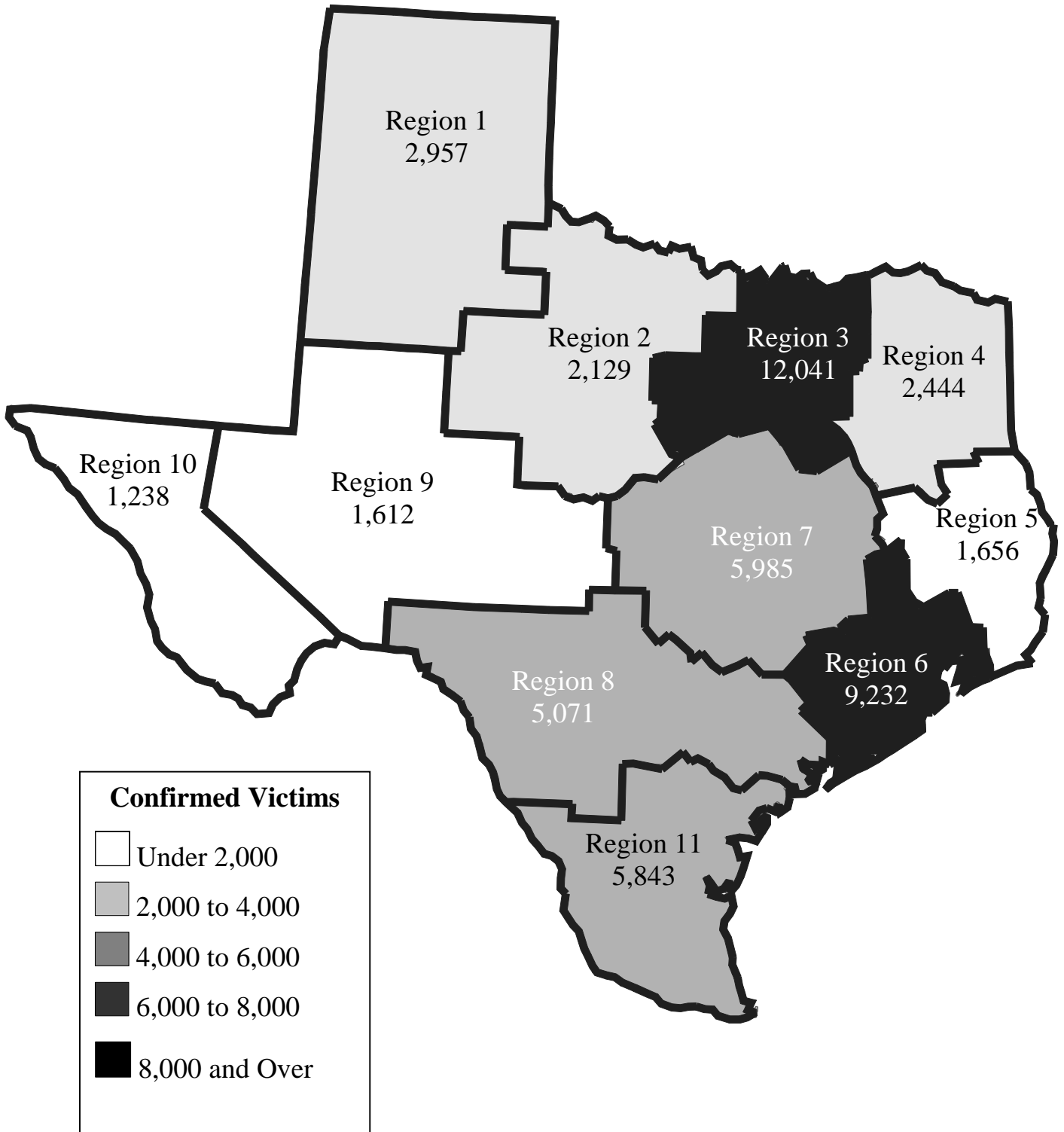
Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Source of Report

Sources	Fiscal Year 2001		Fiscal Year 2002		Fiscal Year 2003	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Anonymous	7,858	6.0%	10,079	6.8%	11,159	7.2%
Child Care Facility	1,777	1.4%	1,836	1.2%	1,792	1.2%
Law Enforcement	16,978	13.0%	18,878	12.8%	20,660	13.3%
Parent	11,378	8.7%	13,337	9.0%	13,895	8.9%
Relative	17,915	13.8%	20,038	13.7%	18,677	12.0%
School	26,957	20.7%	29,704	20.2%	31,797	20.4%
Victim	689	0.5%	807	0.5%	800	0.5%
Medical Personnel	15,594	12.0%	18,522	12.6%	22,657	14.6%
Friend/Neighbor	10,659	8.2%	11,440	7.8%	10,741	6.9%
PRS Staff	448	0.3%	476	0.3%	403	0.3%
Other	15,851	12.2%	18,113	12.3%	18,415	11.9%
Blank	4,090	3.1%	4,186	2.8%	4,341	2.8%
State Total	130,194	100.0%	147,416	100.2%	155,337	100.0%

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

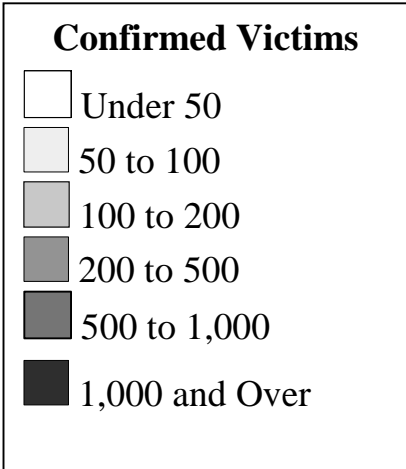
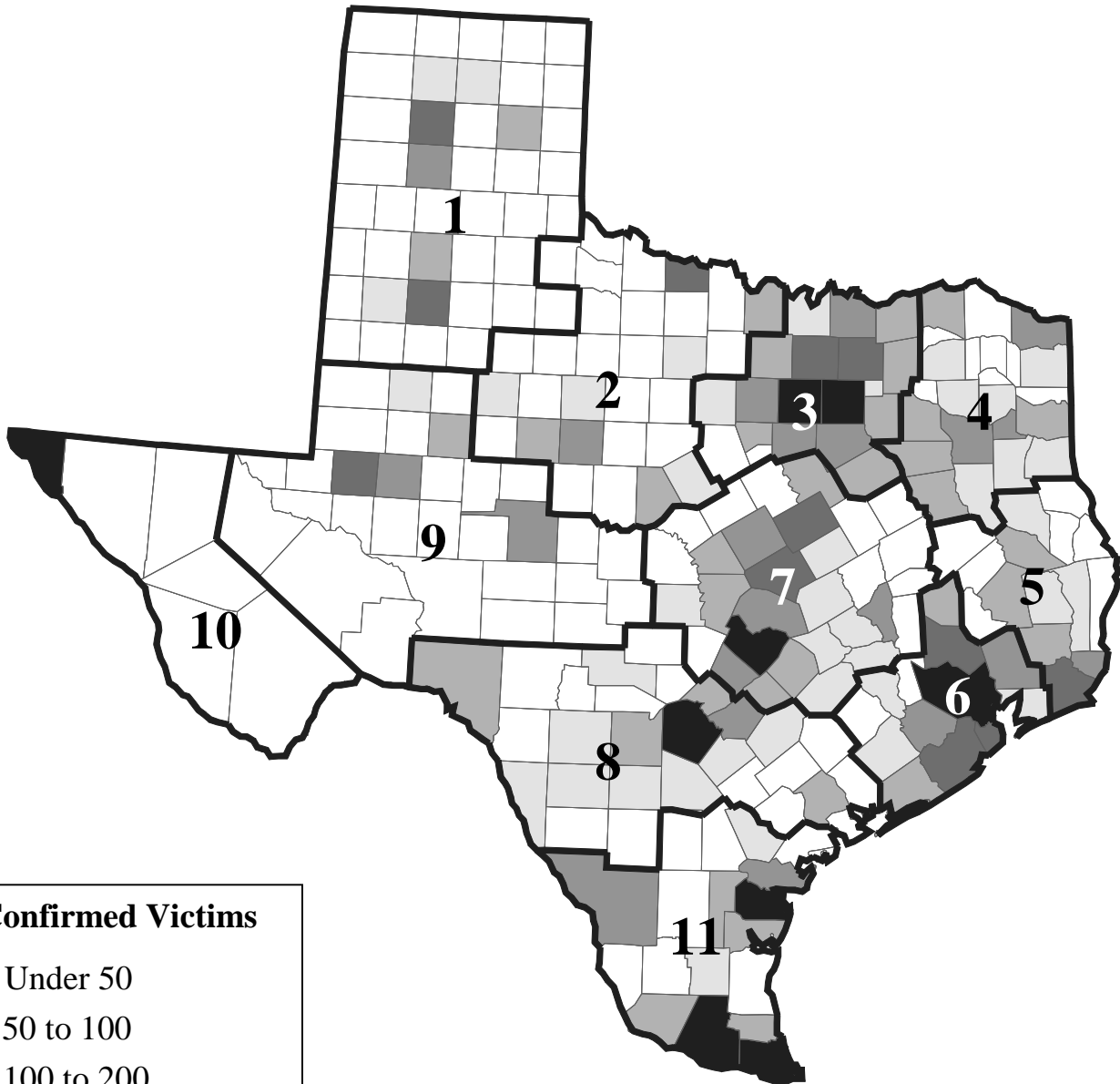
Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2002

State Total: 50,208



Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by County Fiscal Year 2003

State Total: 50,208



Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Fiscal Year 2003

Age	Sex	Anglo	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Other	Total
Under 1								
	Female	937	752	992	11	11	88	2,791
	Male	1,040	847	1,112	12	12	83	3,106
	Unknown	10	14	24	0	1	4	53
	Total	1,987	1,613	2,128	23	24	175	5,950
1-3 Years								
	Female	1,956	1,102	2,052	10	19	88	5,227
	Male	2,139	1,164	2,294	14	30	94	5,735
	Unknown	26	14	26	0	1	11	78
	Total	4,121	2,280	4,372	24	50	193	11,040
4-6 Years								
	Female	1,911	1,010	2,046	16	31	86	5,100
	Male	1,761	1,080	2,091	12	26	89	5,059
	Unknown	6	8	15	0	0	5	34
	Total	3,678	2,098	4,152	28	57	180	10,193
7-9 Years								
	Female	1,524	882	1,728	10	25	51	4,220
	Male	1,484	918	1,519	8	20	41	3,990
	Unknown	4	1	9	0	0	3	17
	Total	3,012	1,801	3,256	18	45	95	8,227
10-12 Years								
	Female	1,377	704	1,583	6	22	52	3,744
	Male	1,182	632	1,051	9	13	33	2,920
	Unknown	4	5	5	0	0	1	15
	Total	2,563	1,341	2,639	15	35	86	6,679
13-17 Years								
	Female	2,064	1,039	2,194	16	44	71	5,428
	Male	1,114	571	849	4	17	38	2,593
	Unknown	1	3	4	0	0	0	8
	Total	3,179	1,613	3,047	20	61	109	8,029
Age Unknown								
	Female	21	10	28	0	0	0	59
	Male	11	6	9	0	0	3	29
	Unknown	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	Total	32	17	37	0	0	4	90
Total Victims								
	Female	9,790	5,499	10,623	69	152	436	26,569
	Male	8,731	5,218	8,925	59	118	381	23,432
	Unknown	51	46	83	0	2	25	207
	Grand Total	18,572	10,763	19,631	128	272	842	50,208

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type Fiscal Year 2003

Region	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment	Medical Neglect
Lubbock (1)	706	332	72	7	150
Abilene (2)	444	220	91	7	109
Arlington (3)	3,540	1,928	220	136	522
Tyler (4)	562	392	57	13	114
Beaumont (5)	356	207	37	16	80
Houston (6)	2,959	1,628	188	107	387
Austin (7)	1,588	777	95	30	277
San Antonio (8)	1,446	910	88	37	305
Midland (9)	376	198	73	10	75
El Paso (10)	281	183	54	17	52
Edinburg (11)	1,348	698	92	40	300
State Total	13,606	7,473	1,067	420	2,371

Region	Physical Neglect	Neglectful Supervision	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Unduplicated Confirmed Victims*
Lubbock (1)	511	1,828	34	2,957
Abilene (2)	496	1,162	20	2,129
Arlington (3)	1,643	6,291	210	12,041
Tyler (4)	370	1,332	47	2,444
Beaumont (5)	216	966	25	1,656
Houston (6)	1,109	3,966	215	9,232
Austin (7)	807	3,439	119	5,985
San Antonio (8)	536	2,475	76	5,071
Midland (9)	286	953	24	1,612
El Paso (10)	199	647	12	1,238
Edinburg (11)	1,025	3,279	63	5,843
State Total	7,198	26,338	845	50,208

* Victims have been unduplicated by investigation stage.

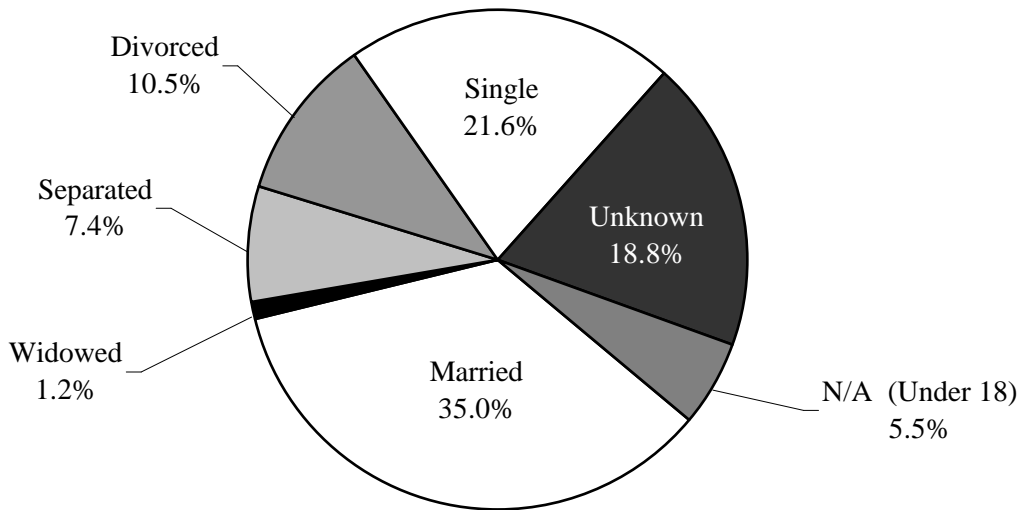
Note: Victims of different types of abuse and neglect are not additive because one victim may have multiple types of child abuse/neglect.

Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2003

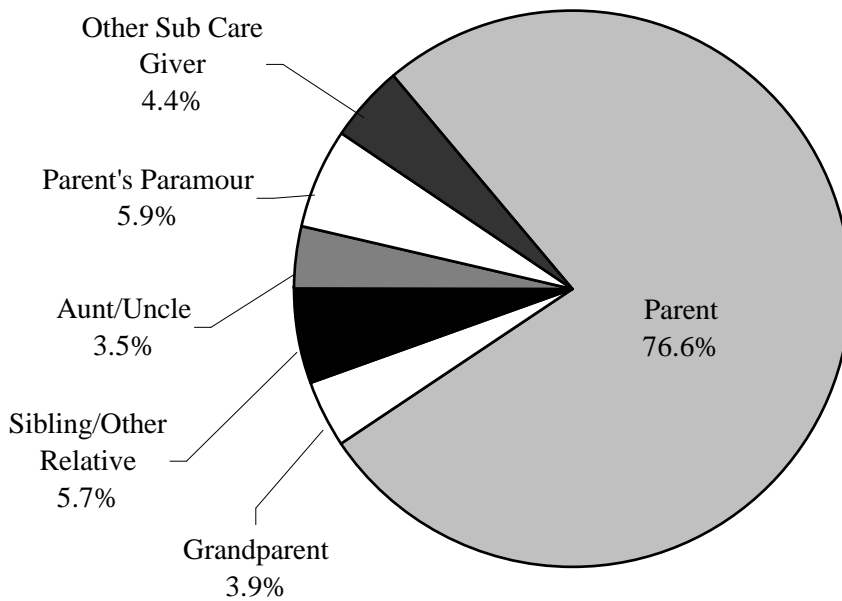
Characteristic	Female		Male		Unknown		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Age								
Under 18	787	1.8%	1,731	4.0%	5	0.0%	2,523	5.8%
18-25	7,817	18.1%	3,582	8.3%	13	0.0%	11,412	26.4%
26-35	9,581	22.2%	6,236	14.4%	37	0.1%	15,854	36.7%
36-45	4,587	10.6%	4,710	10.9%	19	0.0%	9,316	21.6%
Over 45	1,661	3.8%	2,420	5.6%	6	0.0%	4,087	9.5%
Marital Status								
Married	7,374	17.1%	7,744	17.9%	9	0.0%	15,127	35.0%
Widowed	353	0.8%	150	0.3%	0	0.0%	503	1.2%
Separated	2,050	4.7%	1,141	2.6%	2	0.0%	3,193	7.4%
Divorced	2,975	6.9%	1,570	3.6%	1	0.0%	4,546	10.5%
Single	6,508	15.1%	2,804	6.5%	7	0.0%	9,319	21.6%
Unknown	4,529	10.5%	3,531	8.2%	57	0.1%	8,117	18.8%
N/A (Under 18)	644	1.5%	1,739	4.0%	4	0.0%	2,387	5.5%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	10,629	24.6%	8,033	18.6%	11	0.0%	18,673	43.3%
African American	4,950	11.5%	3,058	7.1%	8	0.0%	8,016	18.6%
Hispanic	8,260	19.1%	6,992	16.2%	13	0.0%	15,265	35.3%
Native American	97	0.2%	33	0.1%	0	0.0%	130	0.3%
Asian	176	0.4%	140	0.3%	0	0.0%	316	0.7%
Other	321	0.7%	423	1.0%	48	0.1%	792	1.8%
Relationship to Oldest Victim								
Parent	21,738	50.3%	11,307	26.2%	15	0.0%	33,060	76.5%
Grandparent	985	2.3%	690	1.6%	4	0.0%	1,679	3.9%
Sibling/Other Relative	421	1.0%	2,034	4.7%	4	0.0%	2,459	5.7%
Aunt/Uncle	397	0.9%	1,112	2.6%	2	0.0%	1,511	3.5%
Parent's Paramour	243	0.6%	2,317	5.4%	2	0.0%	2,562	5.9%
Other Sub Care Giver	649	1.5%	1,219	2.8%	53	0.1%	1,921	4.4%
Total Perpetrators	24,433	56.6%	18,679	43.2%	80	0.2%	43,192	100.0%

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Marital Status

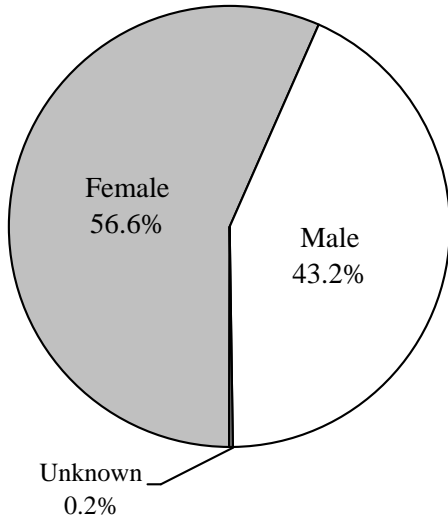


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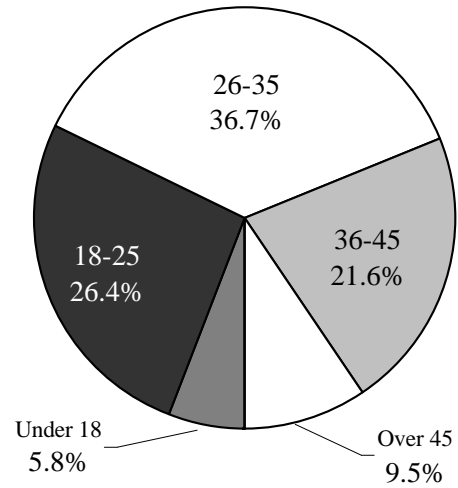


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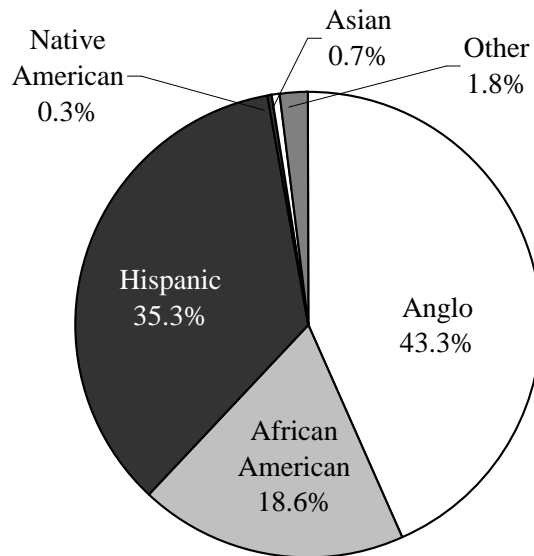
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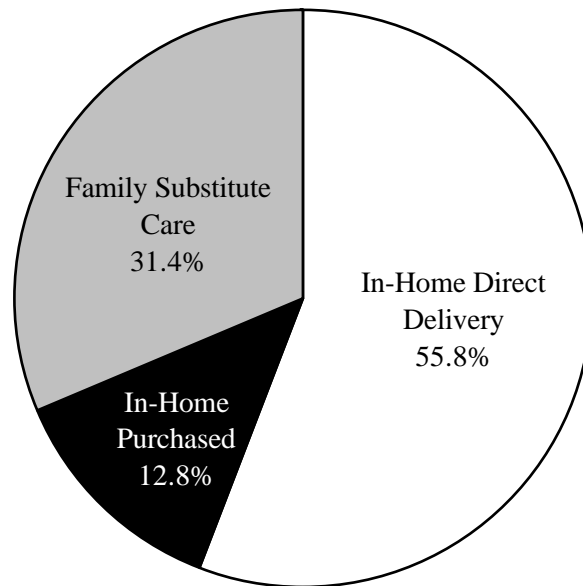


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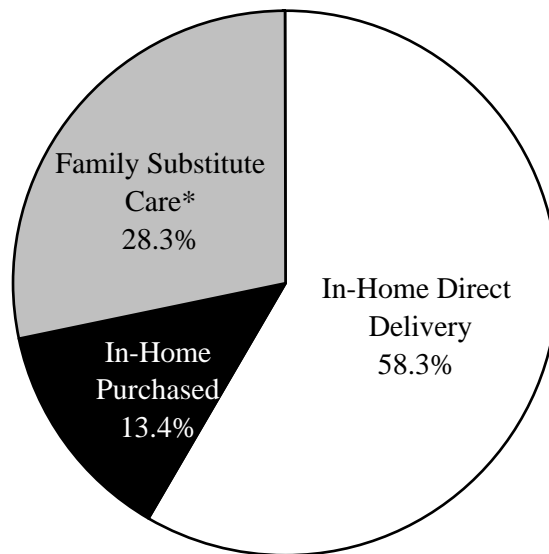
Family Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2003

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Family Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	430	1	289	720
Abilene (2)	288	291	157	736
Arlington (3)	1,653	385	1,492	3,530
Tyler (4)	498	113	299	910
Beaumont (5)	228	133	157	518
Houston (6)	2,086	73	1,354	3,513
Austin (7)	802	1	748	1,551
San Antonio (8)	1,859	165	437	2,461
Midland (9)	263	294	128	685
El Paso (10)	394	24	67	485
Edinburg (11)	1,252	763	350	2,365
Other	0	0	1	1
State Total	9,753	2,243	5,479	17,475



Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2003

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Family Substitute Care*	Total
Lubbock (1)	1,038	3	687	1,728
Abilene (2)	721	757	318	1,796
Arlington (3)	4,173	996	3,280	8,449
Tyler (4)	1,192	290	612	2,094
Beaumont (5)	608	333	354	1,295
Houston (6)	5,828	199	3,136	9,163
Austin (7)	2,265	4	1,842	4,111
San Antonio (8)	5,172	467	1,256	6,895
Midland (9)	689	766	315	1,770
El Paso (10)	1,104	71	140	1,315
Edinburg (11)	3,748	2,240	959	6,947
Other	0	0	1	1
State Total	26,538	6,126	12,900	45,564



* Includes all children in the case regardless of victimization.

Average Number of Families Receiving Preservation/Reunification Services per Month Fiscal Year 2003

Family Preservation Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	205	7	148	1	0	1	361
Abilene (2)	97	2	44	167	1	18	329
Arlington (3)	378	174	480	278	1	46	1,357
Tyler (4)	182	39	136	163	0	0	521
Beaumont (5)	29	9	89	112	0	1	239
Houston (6)	1,294	92	230	3	0	60	1,679
Austin (7)	425	27	161	1	0	0	614
San Antonio (8)	1,087	18	93	104	0	0	1,302
Midland (9)	99	7	42	167	0	17	331
El Paso (10)	210	4	16	80	0	1	311
Edinburg (11)	727	36	92	489	0	8	1,353
Out of State	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
State Average	4,734	414	1,532	1,564	3	152	8,399

Family Reunification Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	83	0	1	0	0	0	83
Abilene (2)	33	1	1	3	0	0	38
Arlington (3)	199	22	44	5	0	1	270
Tyler (4)	36	0	1	1	0	0	37
Beaumont (5)	20	3	1	1	0	0	24
Houston (6)	181	19	13	0	1	0	214
Austin (7)	150	12	3	0	0	0	165
San Antonio (8)	80	0	3	0	0	0	84
Midland (9)	32	0	0	1	0	0	34
El Paso (10)	20	8	0	0	0	0	27
Edinburg (11)	88	8	10	2	0	0	108
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State Average	920	73	77	12	1	1	1,085

Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

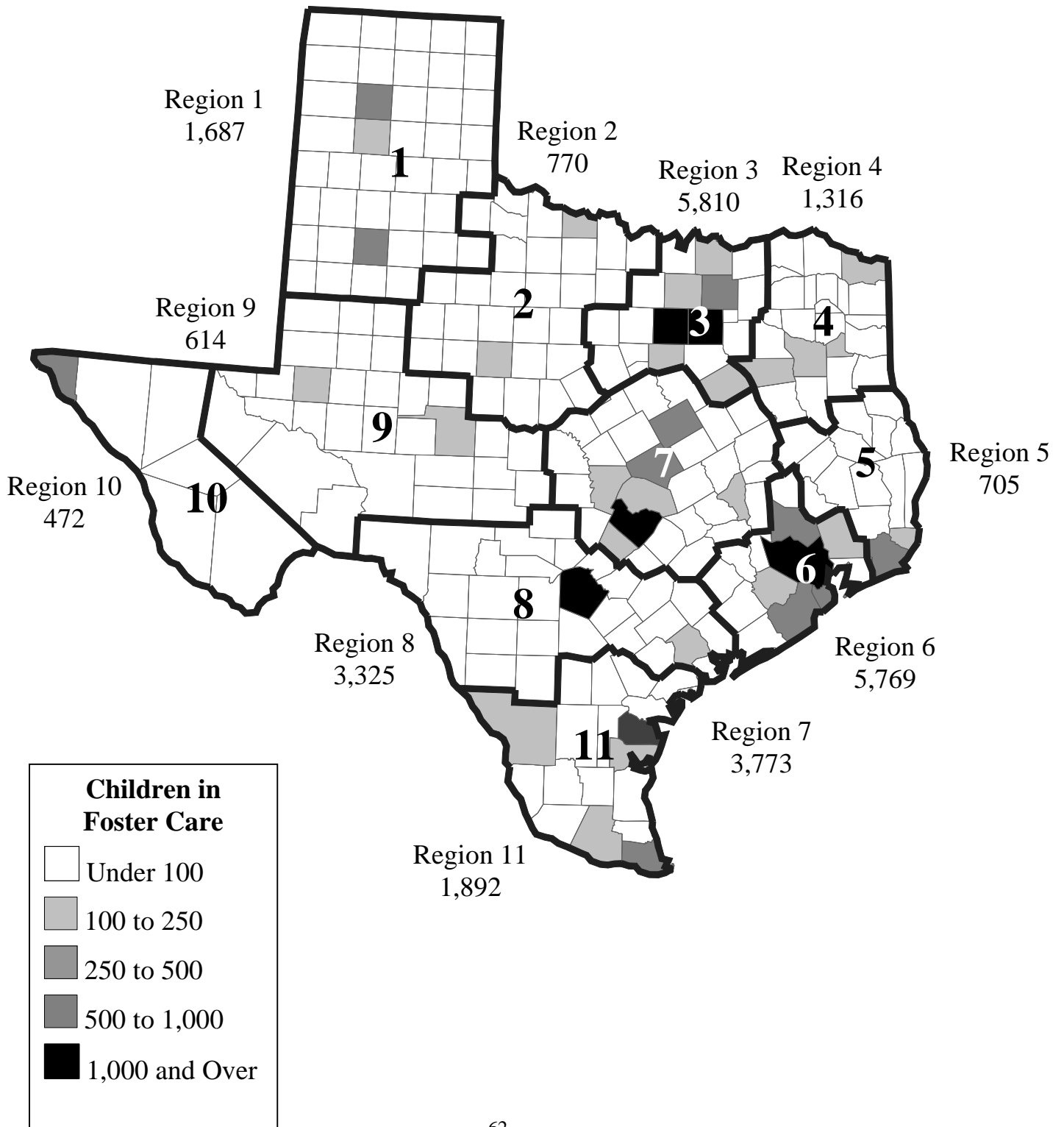
Average Number of Children Receiving Purchased Services per Month Fiscal Year 2003

Region	Living At Home	Living Out of Home	Post Adoption	Total
Lubbock (1)	119	420	7	546
Abilene (2)	388	120	103	611
Arlington (3)	457	903	139	1,499
Tyler (4)	156	228	14	398
Beaumont (5)	63	131	119	313
Houston (6)	386	896	116	1,398
Austin (7)	231	397	59	687
San Antonio (8)	365	638	52	1,054
Midland (9)	224	110	57	391
El Paso (10)	135	79	65	279
Edinburg (11)	427	434	4	865
State Average	2,951	4,356	733	8,040

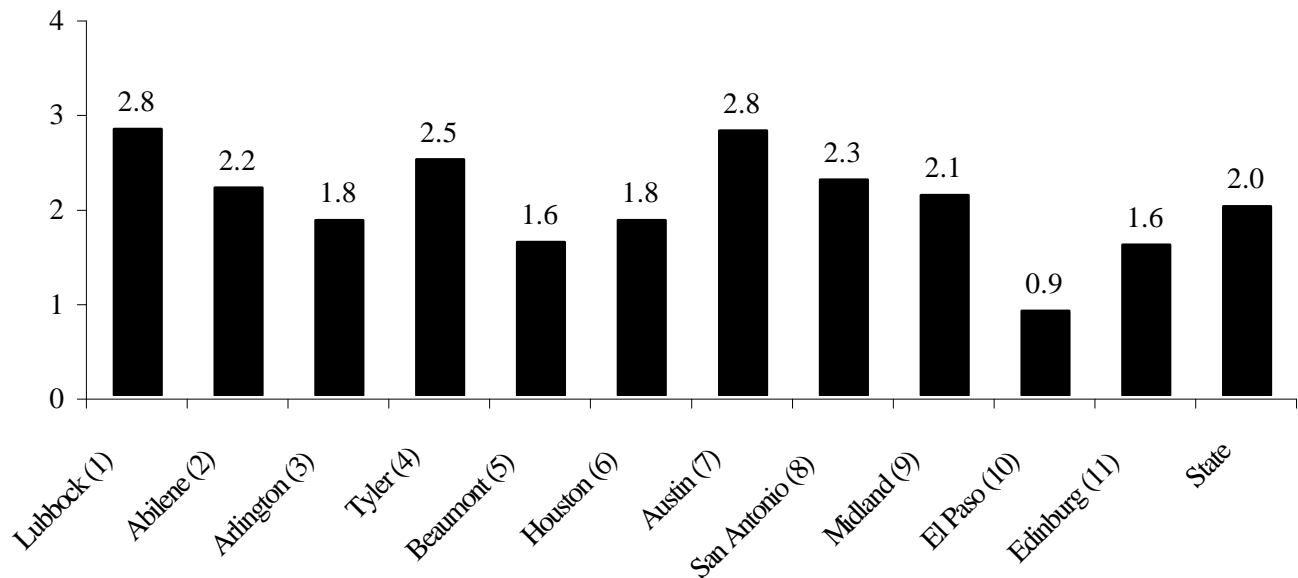
Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Annual Number of Children in Foster Care by County Fiscal Year 2003

State Total: 26,133

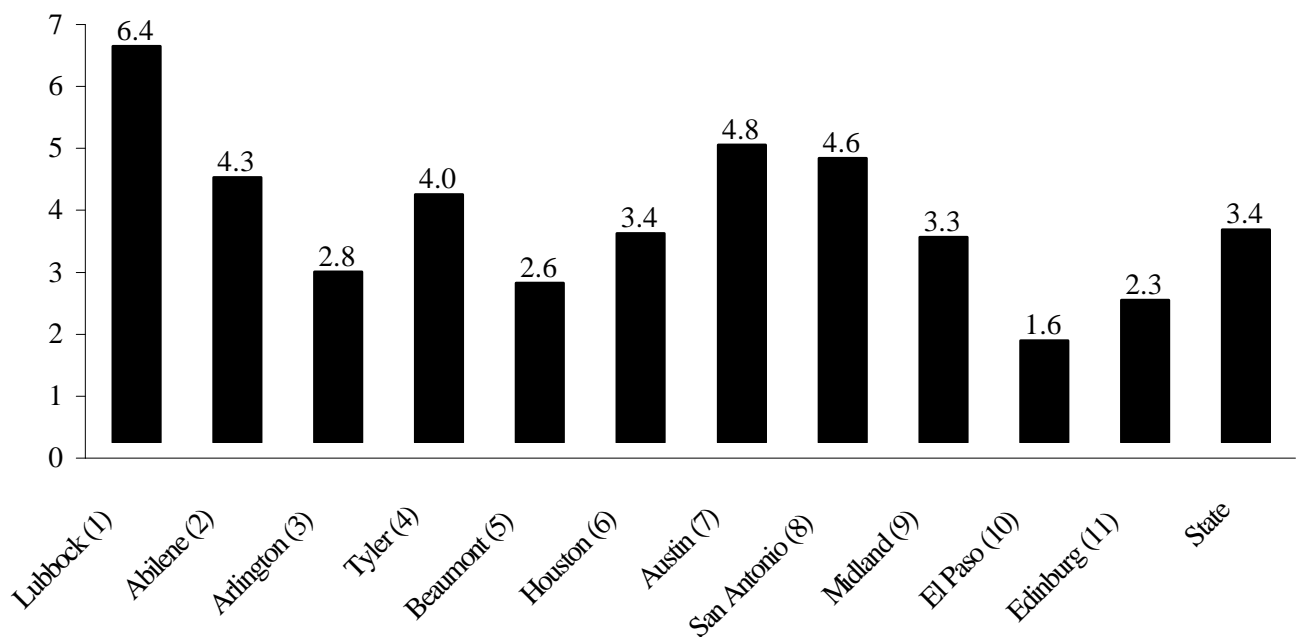


Point Prevalence Rate* for Children Entering Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2003



Note: A total of 12,050 children entered substitute care.

Point Prevalence Rate* for Children in Substitute Care at the End of Fiscal Year 2003



* Rate per 1,000 children

Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care, and in Foster Care Placements at the End of Fiscal Year 2003

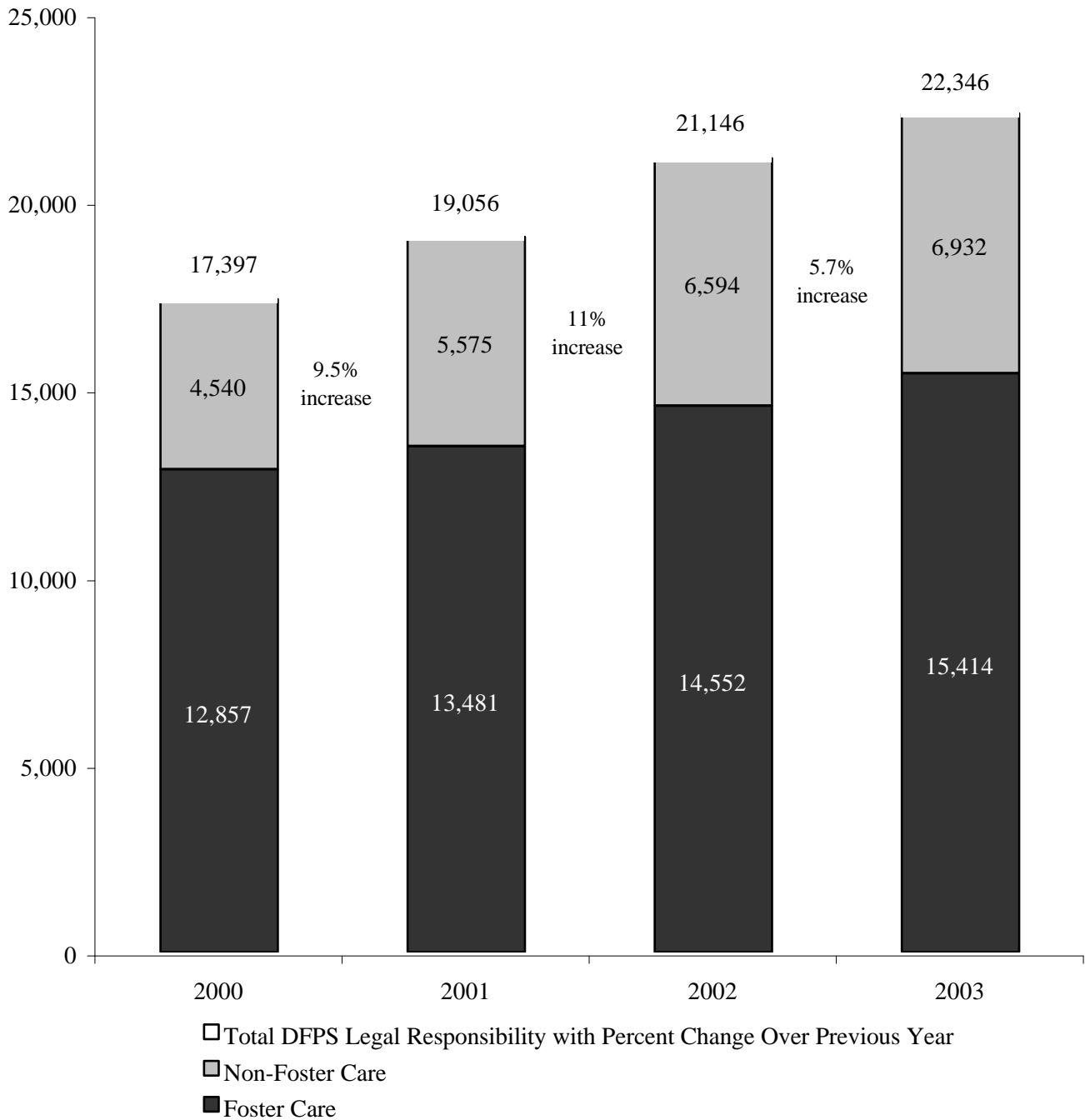
Region	DFPS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care	Foster Care
Lubbock (1)	1,454	1,355	1,127
Abilene (2)	614	585	513
Arlington (3)	4,777	4,403	3,226
Tyler (4)	1,075	1,029	835
Beaumont (5)	520	485	392
Houston (6)	5,312	4,857	3,258
Austin (7)	3,165	2,958	2,287
San Antonio (8)	2,984	2,832	2,287
Midland (9)	527	486	368
El Paso (10)	410	377	319
Edinburg (11)	1,508	1,373	1,097
Total	22,346	20,740	15,709

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

Legal Status of Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility

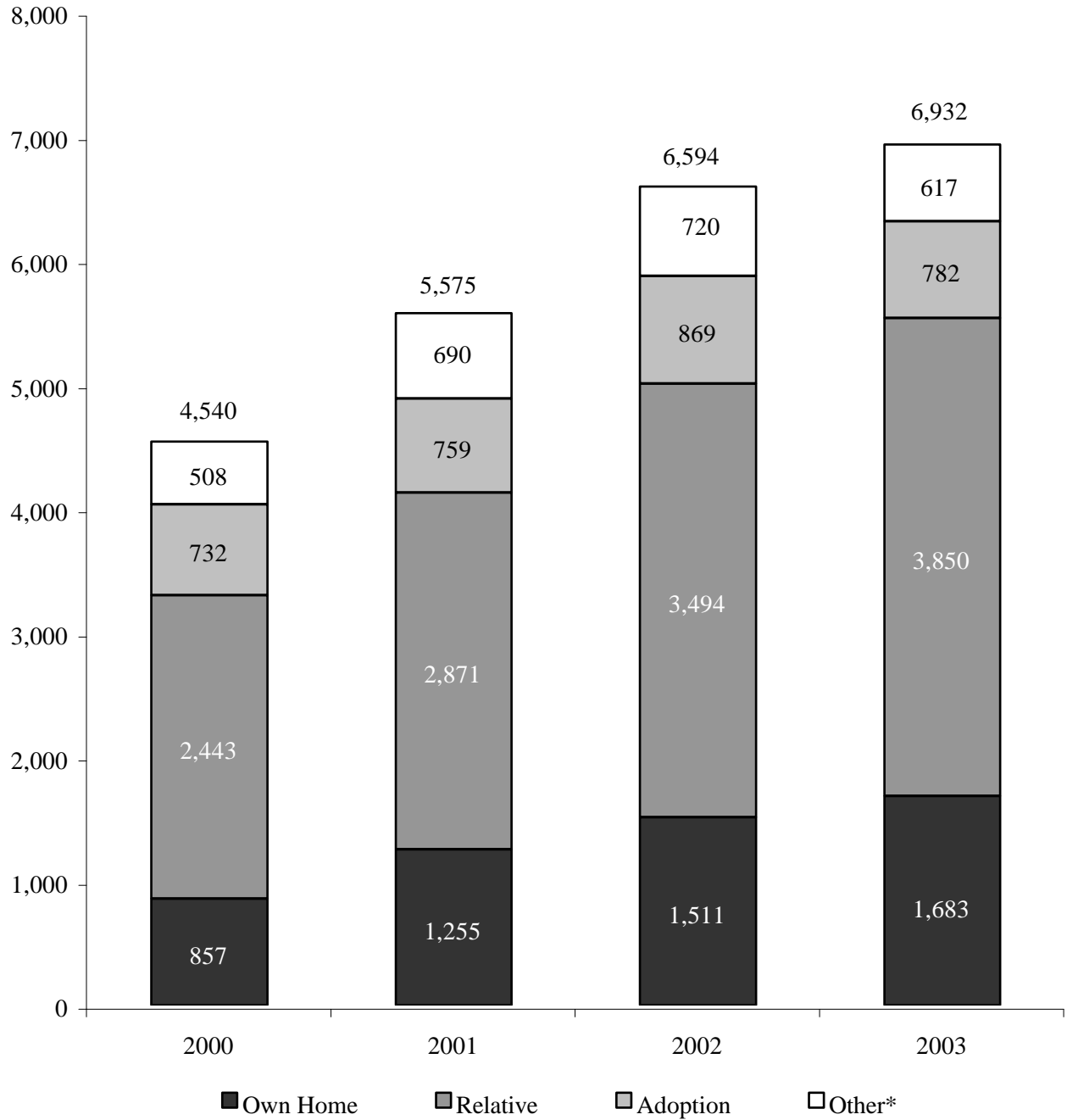
Legal Status	August 2003	
	Number	Percent
Care, Custody & Control	97	0.4%
Temporary Managing Conservatorship	11,272	50.5%
Permanent Managing Conservatorship		
Parental Rights Not Terminated	3,508	15.7%
Parental Rights Terminated (All)	6,765	30.3%
Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent)	585	2.6%
Possessory Conservatorship	119	0.5%
Total	22,346	100.0%

Children in DFPS 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 DFPS legal responsibility
 Non-foster care placements include adoption, relative, own home, and other.

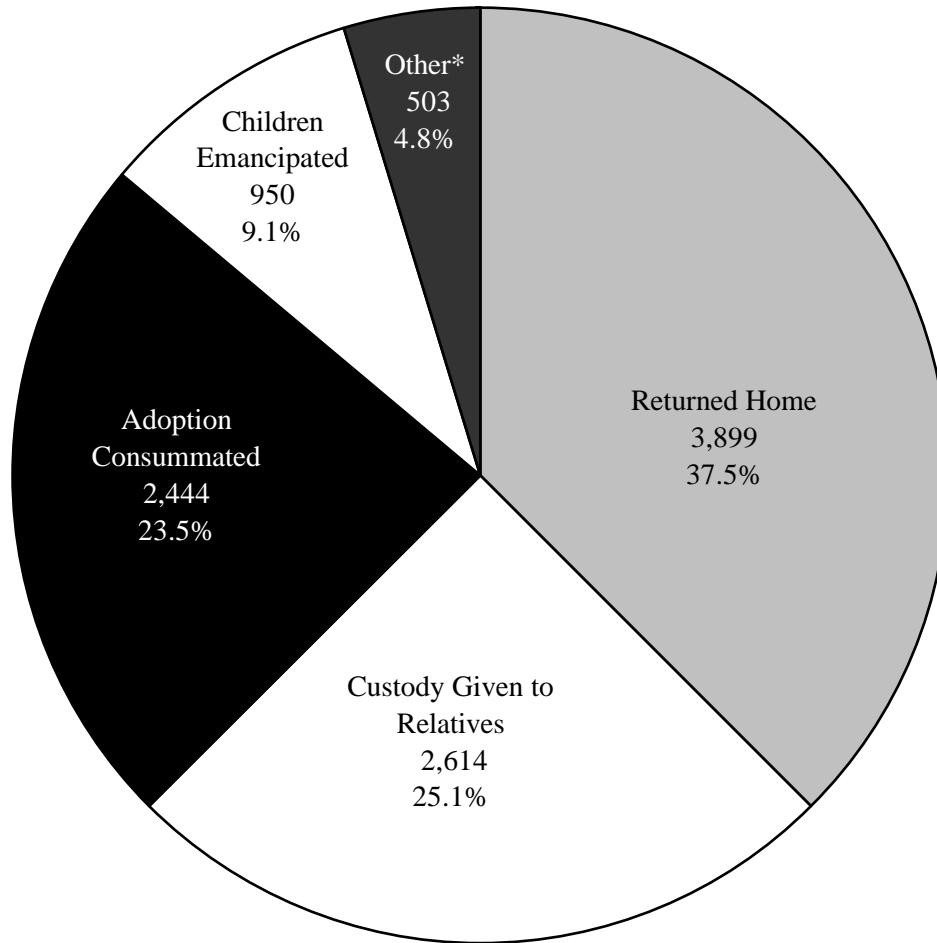
Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility in Non-Foster Care Placements by Fiscal Year



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

Status of Children No Longer in DFPS Legal Responsibility Fiscal Year 2003

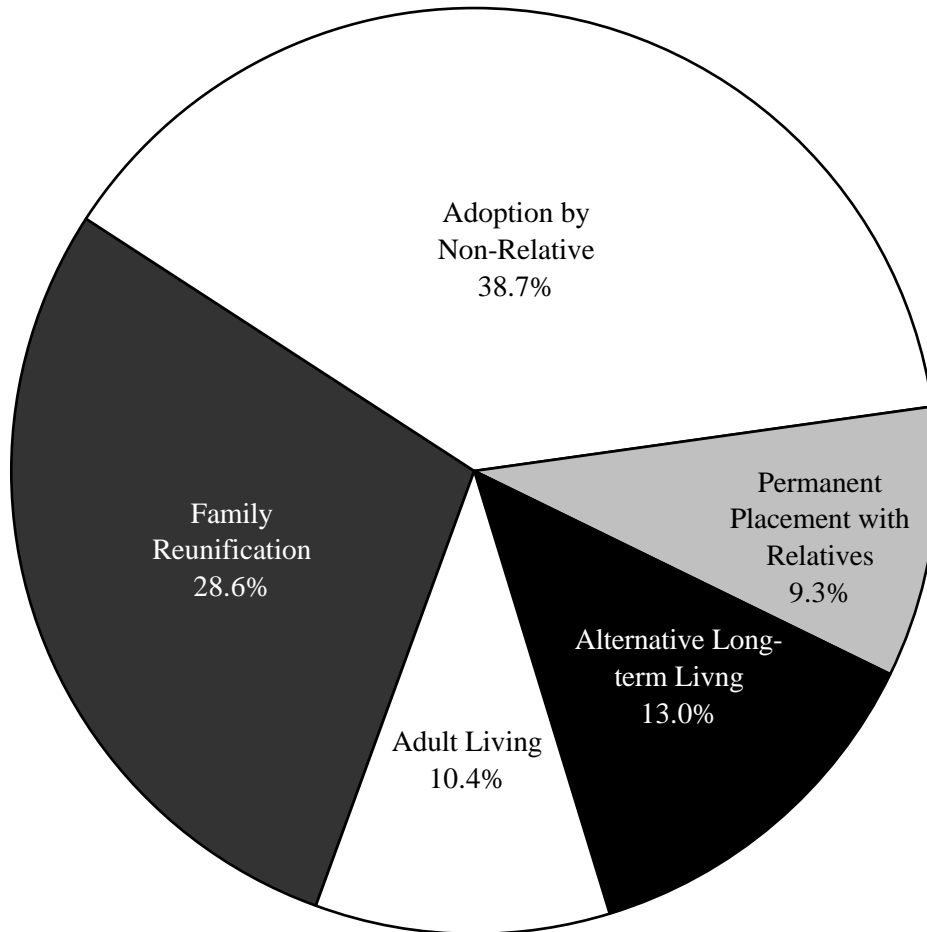
Total Children: 10,410



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

* Other includes children absent without permission, children in court ordered or independent living placements, children for whom conservatorship was never obtained and children with a missing discharge reason.

Permanency Goal of Children in Substitute Care for Whom DFPS Had Legal Responsibility on August 31, 2003



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 Paid 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
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%
2003	6,420	9,794	53	16,267	15.0%

Children in Paid Foster Care Monthly Average by Region Fiscal Year 2003

Region	State Paid Foster Care**	Title IV-E Foster Care	Other Care*
Lubbock (1)	403	752	4
Abilene (2)	198	313	2
Arlington (3)	1,438	1,920	13
Tyler (4)	428	391	3
Beaumont (5)	190	239	1
Houston (6)	1,442	2,095	12
Austin (7)	973	1,358	8
San Antonio (8)	706	1,554	5
Midland (9)	131	263	1
El Paso (10)	122	190	1
Edinburg (11)	382	710	4
Blank Region	7	9	0
Total	6,420	9,794	53

* 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

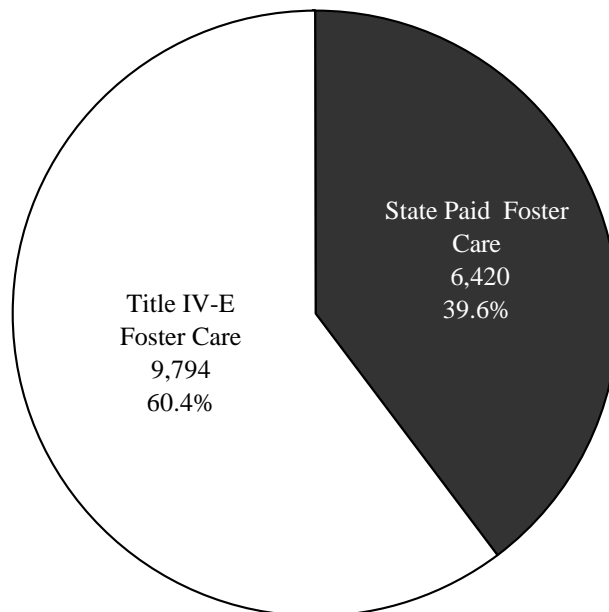
Characteristic	August 2000		August 2001		August 2002		August 2003	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age								
Birth - 2	2,395	18.6%	2,622	19.1%	2,893	19.5%	3,110	19.8%
3 - 5	1,645	12.8%	1,775	12.9%	1,905	12.8%	2,165	13.8%
6 - 9	2,310	18.0%	2,287	16.7%	2,448	16.5%	2,503	15.9%
10 - 13	2,882	22.4%	3,129	22.8%	3,293	22.2%	3,322	21.1%
14 - 17	3,411	26.5%	3,668	26.7%	4,013	27.0%	4,314	27.5%
18 - 20	214	1.7%	248	1.8%	291	2.0%	295	1.9%
Sex								
Male	6,859	53.3%	7,299	53.2%	7,782	52.4%	8,331	53.0%
Female	5,991	46.6%	6,423	46.8%	7,052	47.5%	7,368	46.9%
Unknown	7	0.1%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%	10	0.1%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	4,354	33.9%	4,615	33.6%	4,886	32.9%	5,201	33.1%
African American	4,190	32.6%	4,322	31.5%	4,654	31.4%	4,707	30.0%
Hispanic	4,040	31.4%	4,547	33.1%	4,994	33.6%	5,503	35.0%
Native American	66	0.5%	53	0.4%	52	0.4%	41	0.3%
Asian	44	0.3%	66	0.5%	75	0.5%	80	0.5%
Other	163	1.3%	126	0.9%	182	1.2%	177	1.1%
Total	12,857	100.0%	13,729	100.0%	14,843	100.0%	15,709	100.0%

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

Level of Care	2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
LOC 01	5,548	\$16.96	6,050	\$19.97	6,189	\$20.70
LOC 02	1,564	\$36.33	1,632	\$47.73	1,631	\$50.24
LOC 03	2,737	\$62.15	3,042	\$67.99	3,612	\$67.59
LOC 04	2,348	\$88.42	2,579	\$88.42	2,821	\$87.72
LOC 05	704	\$106.66	762	\$121.55	905	\$121.55
LOC 06	185	\$200.98	246	\$209.84	237	\$209.18
E2	33	\$62.15	40	\$67.10	26	\$67.10
E3	798	\$97.50	837	\$99.47	793	\$99.47
All levels	13,917		15,190		16,214	

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 Paid Foster Care as of August 31, 2003

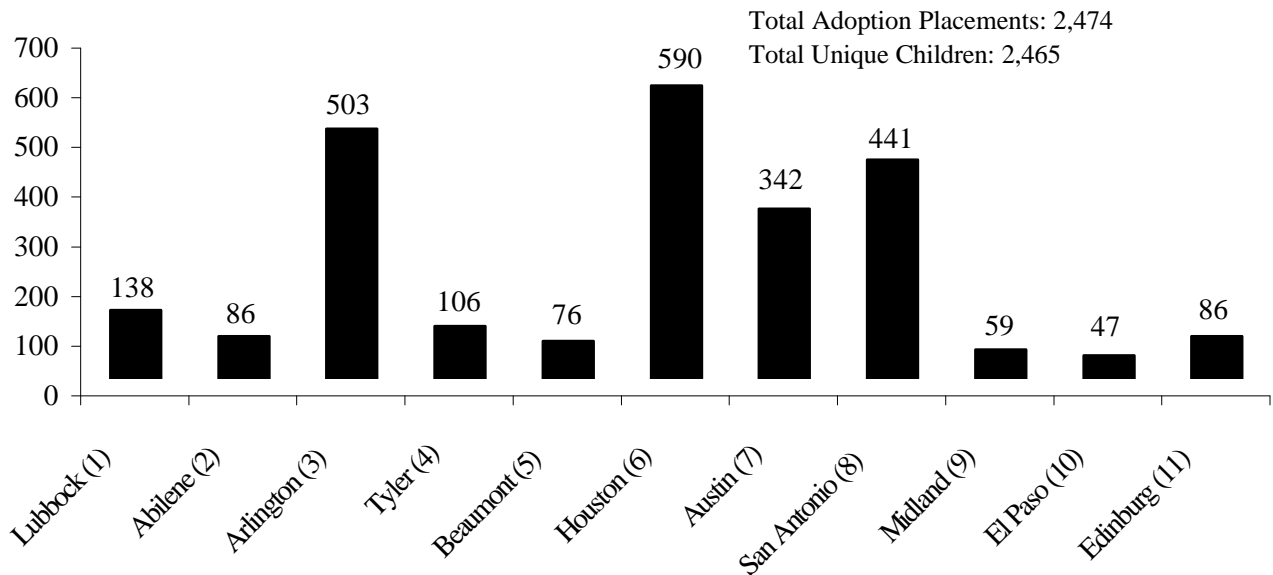


Number of DFPS Foster, Foster/Adoptive, and Adoptive Homes as of August 31, 2003

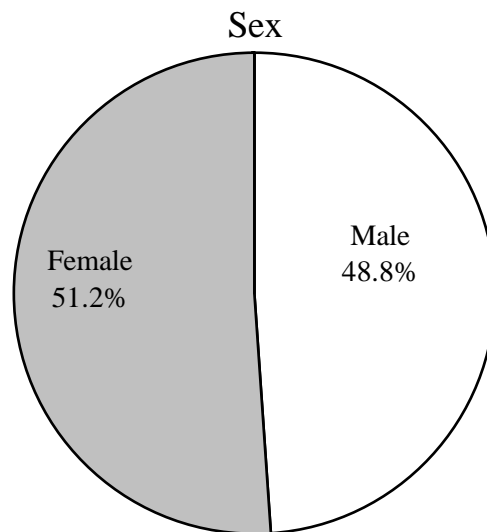
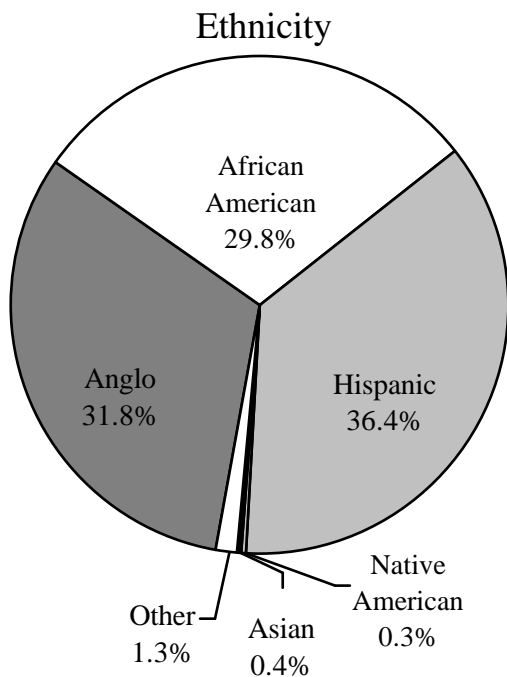
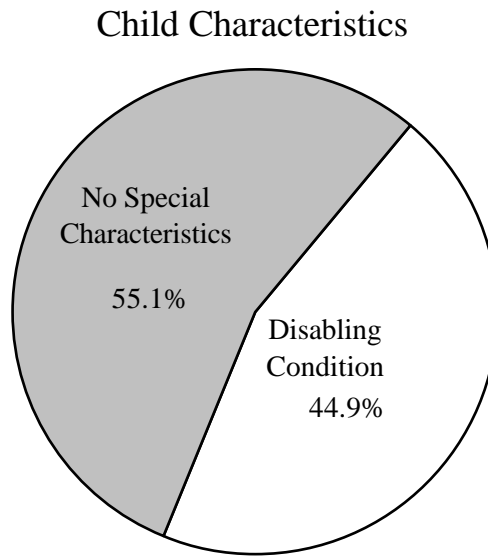
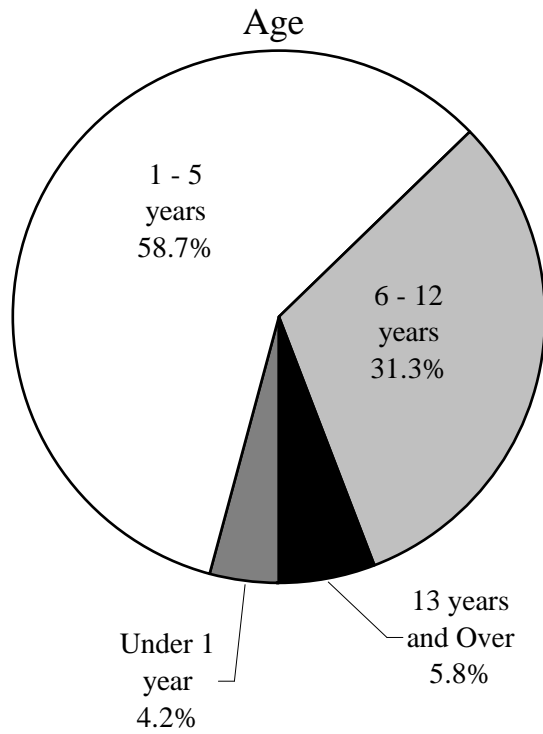
Region	Foster Homes	Foster/Adoptive Homes	Adoptive Homes
Lubbock (1)	40	178	10
Abilene (2)	24	148	44
Arlington (3)	75	724	76
Tyler (4)	54	200	20
Beaumont (5)	42	143	14
Houston (6)	232	430	143
Austin (7)	115	251	101
San Antonio (8)	86	214	47
Midland (9)	19	75	34
El Paso (10)	39	59	10
Edinburg (11)	42	105	52
Out of State	10	32	17
Total	778	2,559	568

Note: Homes may be duplicated across Foster and Adoptive categories. The Foster/Adopt Homes category includes legal risk and kinship homes.

Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region Fiscal Year 2003

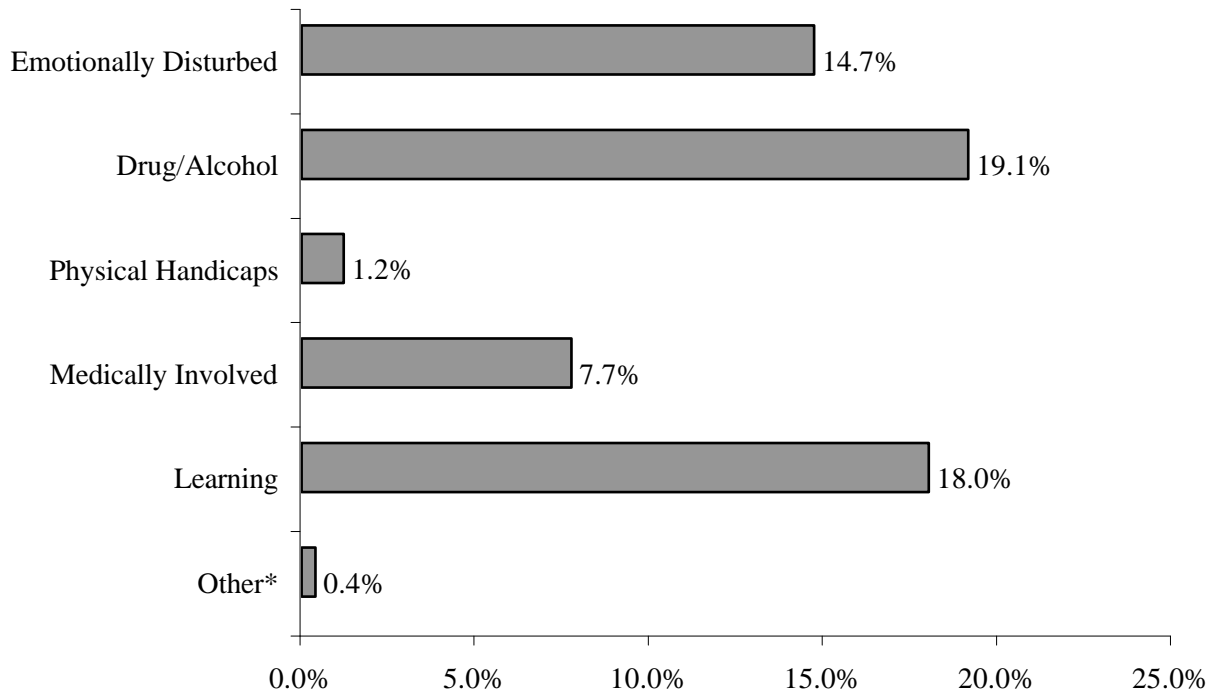


Demographics of 2,465 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2003



Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2003

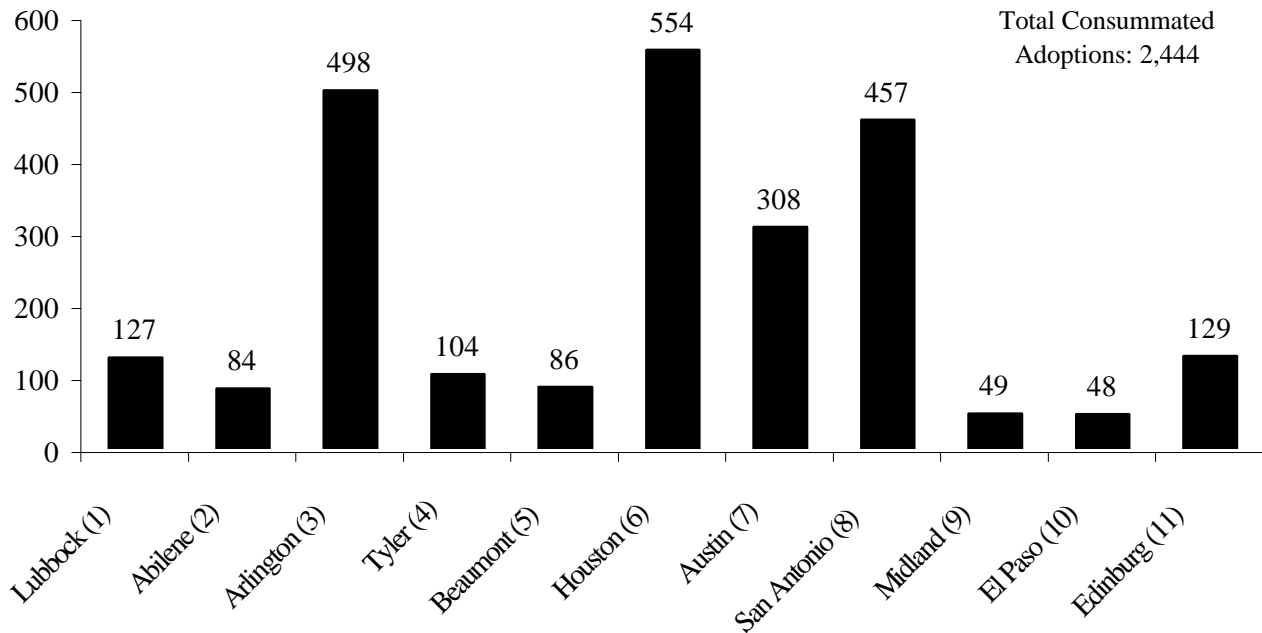
Disabling Condition	Percentage	Number
Emotionally Disturbed	14.7%	363
Drug/Alcohol	19.1%	472
Physical Handicaps	1.2%	30
Medically Involved	7.7%	191
Learning	18.0%	444
Other*	0.4%	10



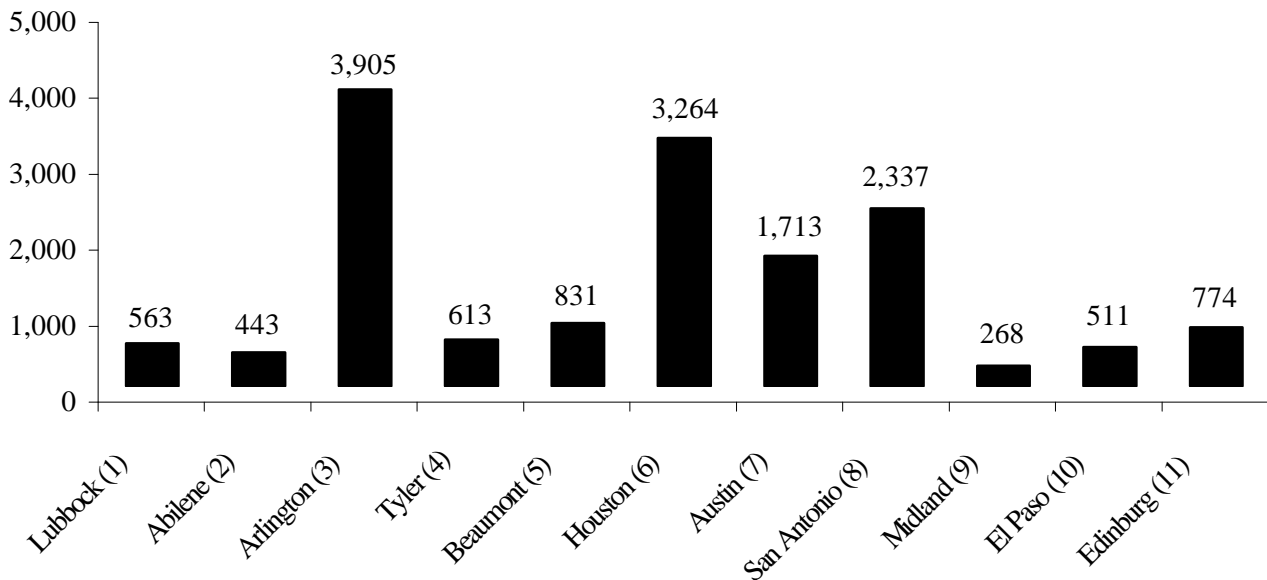
* Other includes teen parent or pregnant.

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

Children in Consummated Adoptions by Region Fiscal Year 2003



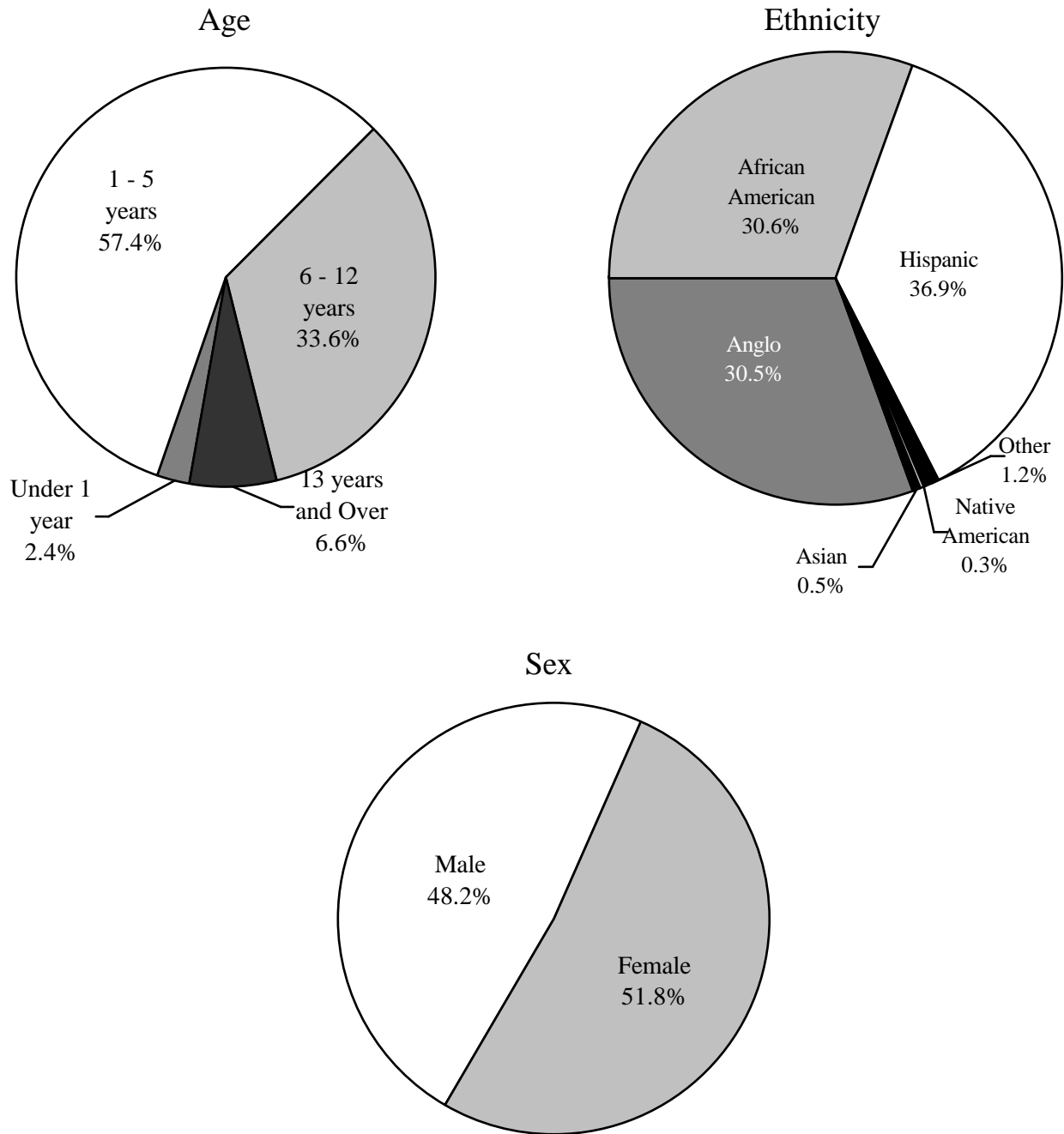
Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Per Month Fiscal Year 2003



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

Demographics of Children in Consummated Adoptions Fiscal Year 2003

Total Consummated Adoptions: 2,444



Race/Ethnicity of Children and Adoptive Parents by Fiscal Year

	2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race/ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child	1,253	63.4%	1,393	65.5%	1,347	65.1%	1,388	62.7%
Race/ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Transracial)	722	36.6%	733	34.5%	721	34.9%	826	37.3%
Total adoptions where race/ethnicity can be determined	1,975	100.0%	2,126	100.0%	2,068	100.0%	2,214	100.0%

Adoption Consummations by Type of Agency by Fiscal Year

	2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
DFPS	1,590	77.1%	1,632	72.2%	1,513	67.3%	1,716	70.2%
Non DFPS*	473	22.9%	629	27.8%	735	32.7%	728	29.8%
Total Consummations	2,063	100.0%	2,261	100.0%	2,248	100.0%	2,444	100.0%

* Non DFPS includes private agency adoptions, relative adoptions and out of state adoptions.

CPS Outcomes

Based on data from Fiscal Year 2003

Family Preservation Outcomes

(measured from start of services to end of services)

Average length of service 7.6 months

Family Reunification Outcomes

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

Percent of children returned to own home 37.5 %
 Average number of placements per child 2.5
 Average length of service 10 months
 Median length of service 7.6 months

Adoption Services Outcomes

(measured from first substitute care placement to adoption consummation)

Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility with an adoption consummation 23.5 %
 Average number of placements per child 3.3
 Average length of service 29.6 months
 From Removal to Final Order 14 months
 From Final Order to Adoption Placement 12.2 months
 From Placement to Adoption Consummation 3.5 months
 Median length of service 25.6 months

Permanent Relative Care Outcomes

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

Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility to a relative placement 25.1 %
 Average number of placements 2.6
 Average length of service 12.6 months
 Median length of service 11 months

Long-term Substitute Care Outcomes

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

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

Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility	9.1 %
Average number of placements	8.8
Average length of service	62.9 months
Median length of service	49.2 months

Other Long-term Substitute Care

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

Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility	4.8 %
Average number of placements	3.1
Average length of service	13.3 months
Median length of service	3.8 months

Fiscal Year 2003 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)

8.4 %

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)

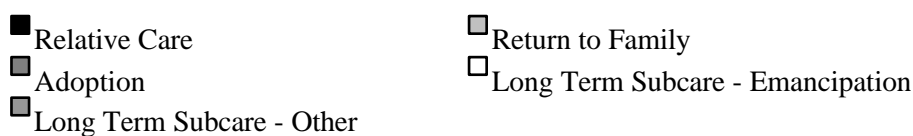
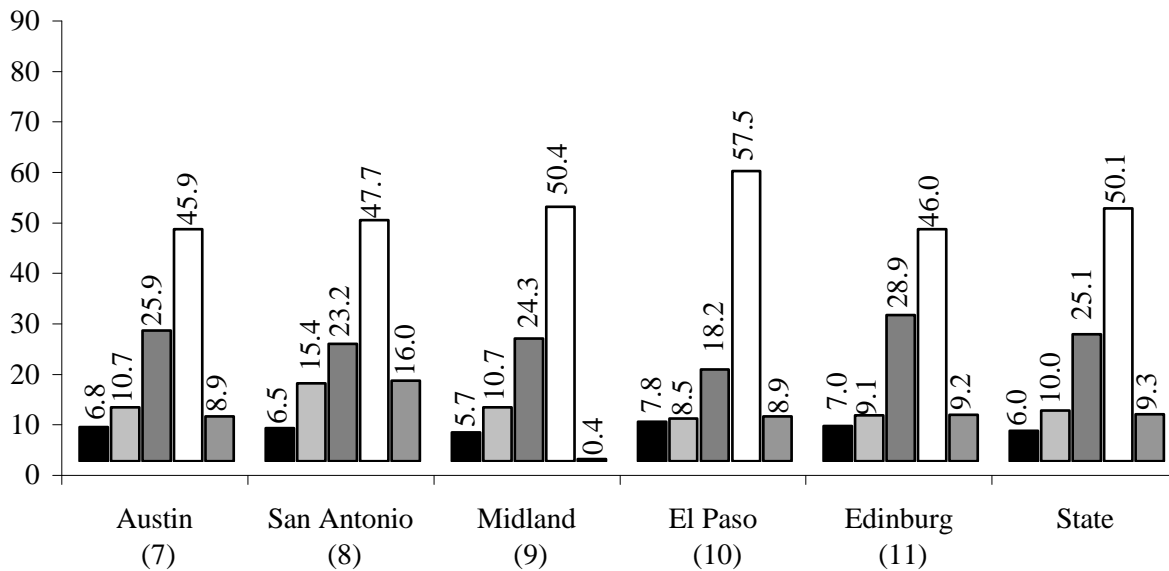
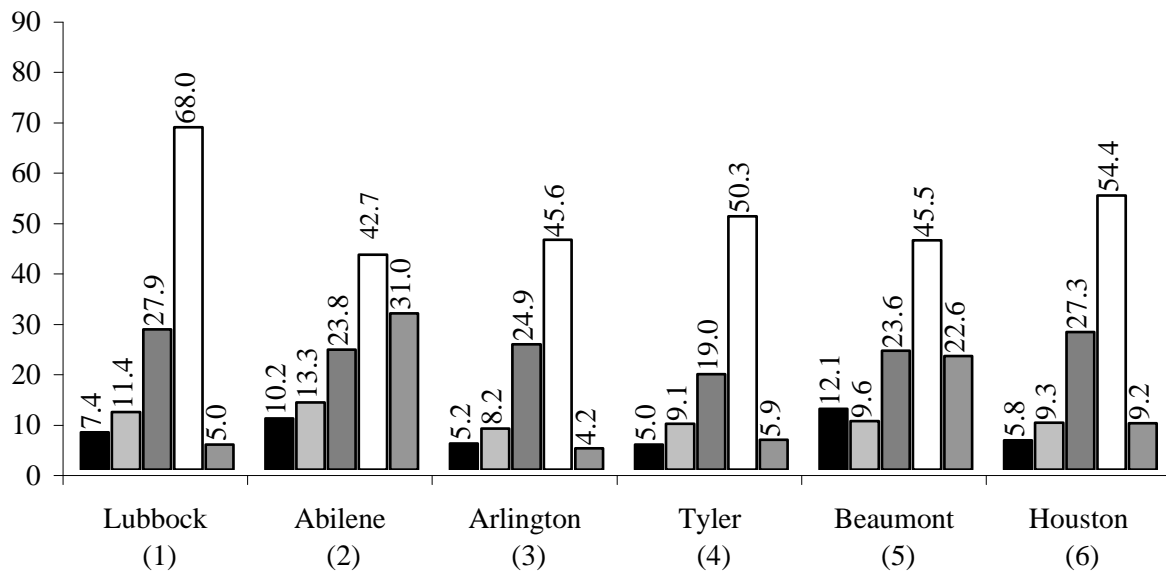
5.9 %

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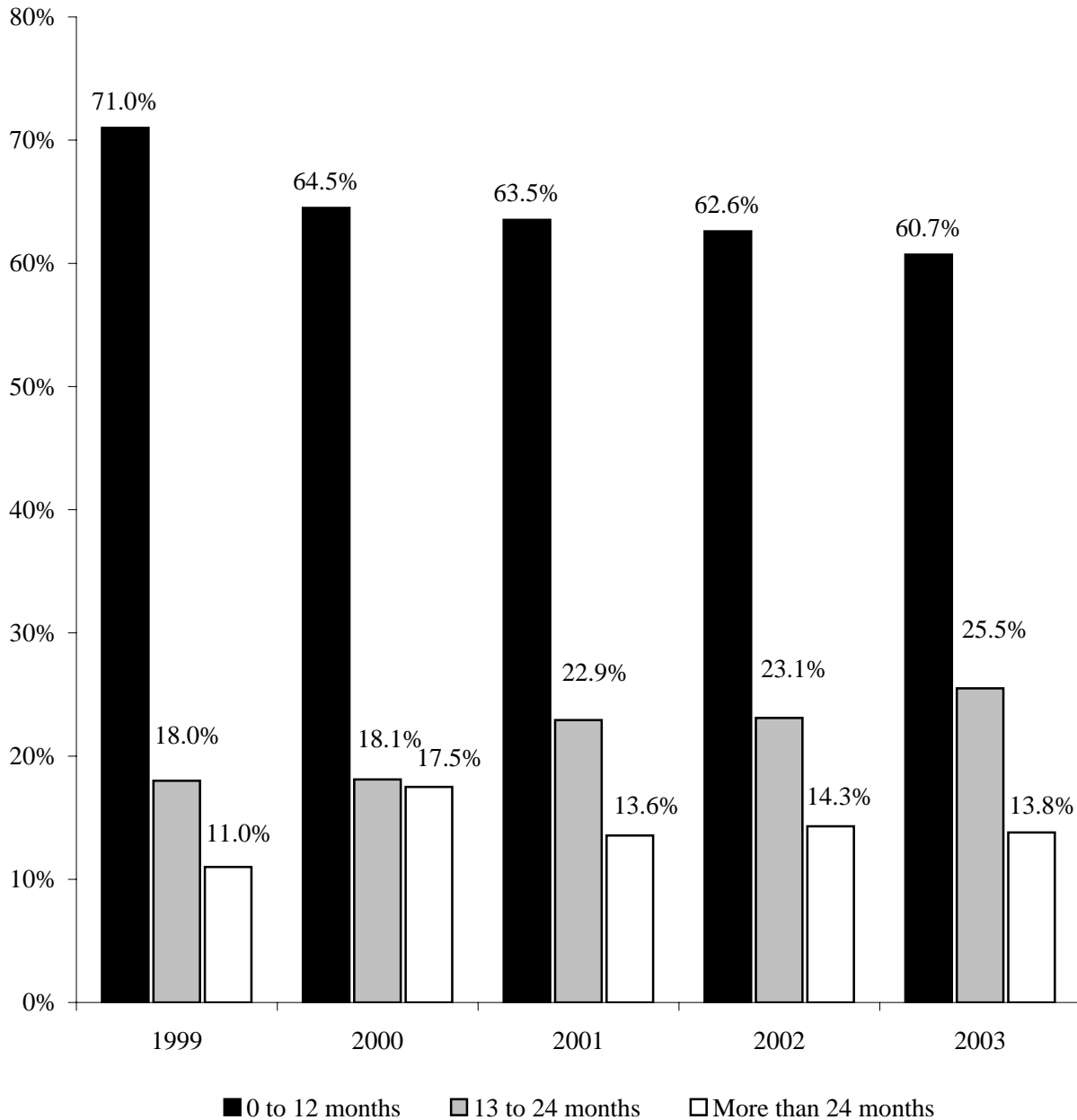
(measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation or a return to substitute care within 12 months of the end of family reunification services)

17.9 %

Average Length of Time in Months Children are in Temporary Substitute Care until Placed in a Permanent Living Arrangement by Region Fiscal Year 2003



Length of Time in Care for Children Who Achieved Permanency Status* During Fiscal Year 2003



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

Note: Fiscal Year 2003 data was revised on 7/30/2004.

Average Length of Time in Months for Children Leaving DFPS Responsibility by Type of Exit Fiscal Year 2003

Region	Family Preservation	Family Reunification	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Subcare - Emancipation	Long Term Subcare - Other
Lubbock (1)	9.3	11.4	31.6	15.6	76.9	20.9
Abilene (2)	5.8	13.3	30.3	16.6	52.5	36.4
Arlington (3)	7.0	8.2	28.9	11.0	61.8	8.3
Tyler (4)	8.5	9.1	27.4	9.4	69.4	13.6
Beaumont (5)	6.8	9.7	29.3	17.0	59.6	24.5
Houston (6)	9.1	9.3	31.6	14.4	71.0	13.0
Austin (7)	8.9	10.7	30.1	12.6	52.4	9.8
San Antonio (8)	7.2	15.4	26.1	13.9	59.8	20.1
Midland (9)	6.4	10.7	32.1	12.5	57.8	1.7
El Paso (10)	9.2	8.5	24.4	13.1	70.8	9.4
Edinburg (11)	7.1	9.1	35.1	12.1	53.7	15.2
State	7.6	10.0	29.6	12.6	62.9	13.3

Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Attained Permanency Fiscal Year 2003

Region	Return Home	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Care - Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
Lubbock (1)	2.7	3.1	2.7	9.5	2.7
Abilene (2)	2.5	3.4	2.7	6.4	9.7
Arlington (3)	2.3	3.0	2.5	7.3	2.1
Tyler (4)	2.4	2.6	2.4	7.9	2.7
Beaumont (5)	2.2	2.3	3.3	8.7	4.6
Houston (6)	2.4	3.4	2.5	9.0	3.1
Austin (7)	2.5	3.7	2.7	9.1	3.0
San Antonio (8)	2.9	3.6	2.3	9.8	4.3
Midland (9)	2.5	3.7	2.5	7.9	1.4
El Paso (10)	2.1	3.4	2.6	9.1	2.9
Edinburg (11)	2.3	3.9	2.7	9.3	2.3
State	2.5	3.3	2.6	8.8	3.1

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 the End of Fiscal Year 2003

Average length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship.	8.8 months
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Median length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship.	8.1 months
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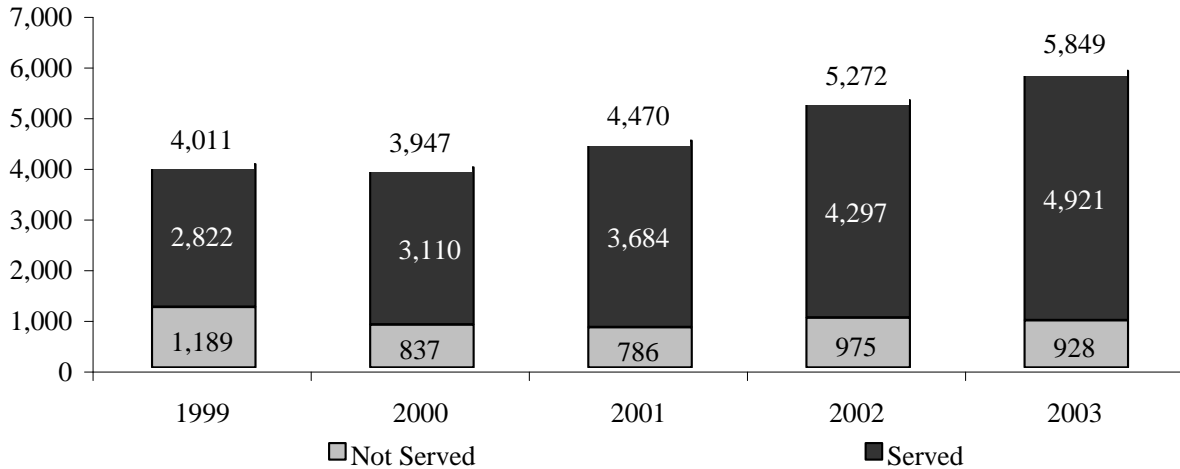
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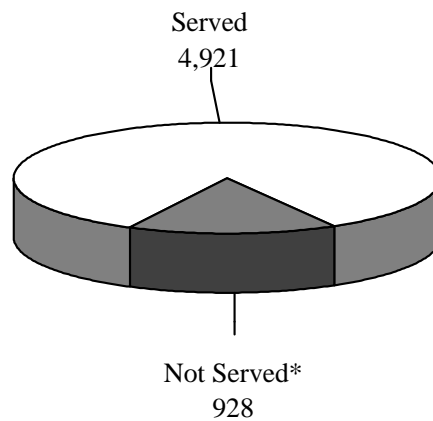
Average Number of Placements for Children Who Left Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2003

Region	Temporary Managing Conservatorship	Permanent Managing Conservatorship	Adoption Consummated
Lubbock (1)	2.7	7.9	3.1
Abilene (2)	2.5	7.4	3.4
Arlington (3)	2.4	5.3	3.0
Tyler (4)	2.4	6.1	2.6
Beaumont (5)	2.6	6.7	2.3
Houston (6)	2.5	6.7	3.4
Austin (7)	2.6	6.9	3.7
San Antonio (8)	2.8	8.7	3.6
Midland (9)	2.5	5.7	3.7
El Paso (10)	2.2	6.3	3.4
Edinburg (11)	2.4	6.8	3.9
State	2.5	6.8	3.3

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



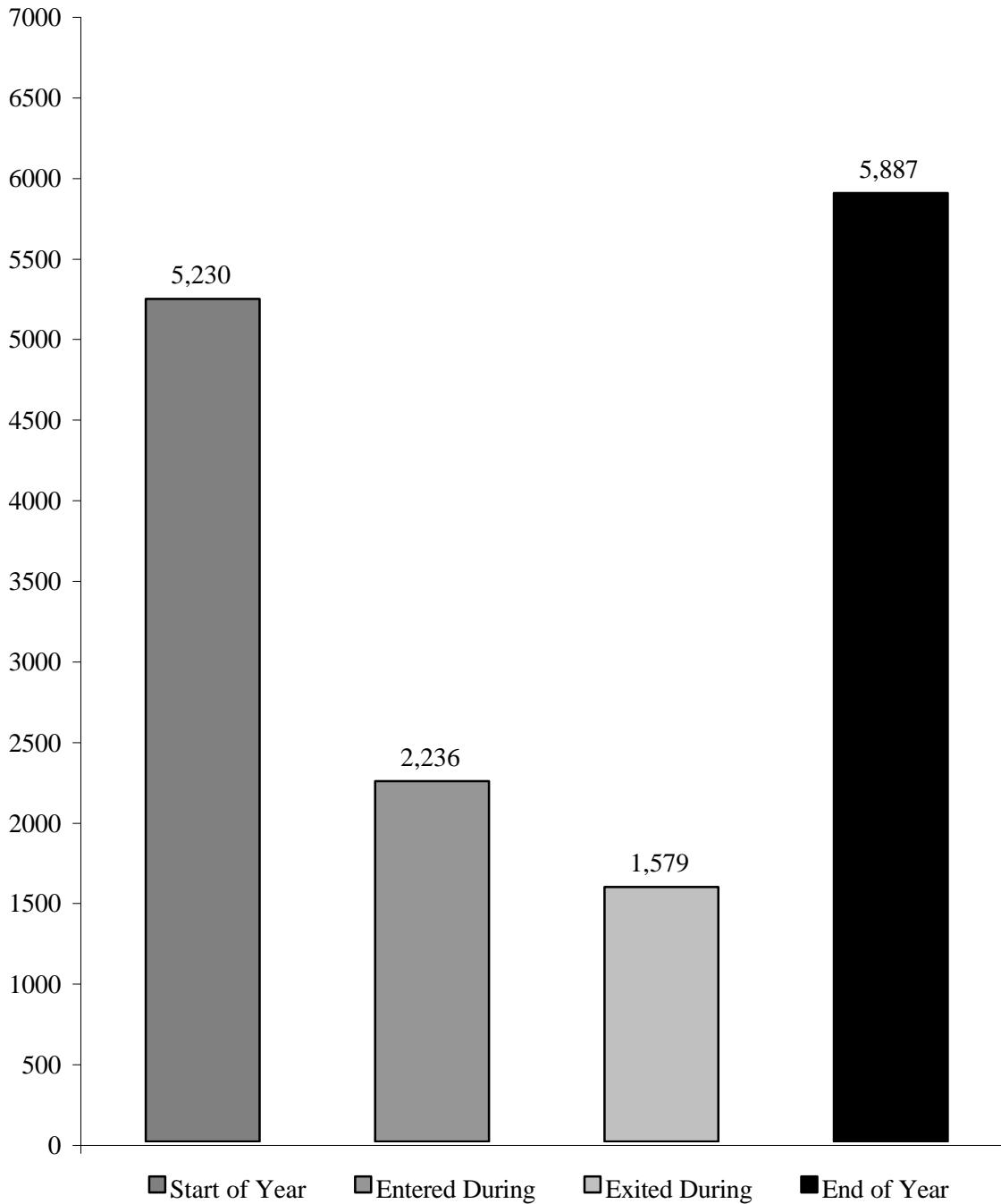
Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Fiscal Year 2003



* 650 youth who were not served in FY 2003 received services prior to FY 2003.

The Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) program was implemented to ensure that older youth in substitute care are prepared for their departure from the Texas Department of Family and Protective 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 DFPS paid substitute care.

Movement of Youth Eligible for Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services in Fiscal Year 2003



Note: Youth are eligible for PAL services at age 14.