

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 2004

Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	6,406	1,849	28.9%	4,557
Abilene (2)	4,325	1,243	28.7%	3,082
Arlington (3)	33,509	8,428	25.2%	25,081
Tyler (4)	8,561	1,798	21.0%	6,763
Beaumont (5)	5,717	1,079	18.9%	4,638
Houston (6)	27,543	6,241	22.7%	21,302
Austin (7)	18,147	4,279	23.6%	13,868
San Antonio (8)	13,382	2,998	22.4%	10,384
Midland (9)	3,666	858	23.4%	2,808
El Paso (10)	3,397	564	16.6%	2,833
Edinburg (11)	13,871	3,307	23.8%	10,564
Unknown	63	20	31.7%	43
State Total	138,587	32,664	23.6%	105,923

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