

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 (Child Safety Specialist) 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 2004 Expenditures and Staffing

CPS Staff Costs \$233,044,138

4,840 Direct Delivery (supervisors, workers, clerical)
5,137 Total Staff

Purchased Services \$51,765,069

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

Foster Care Payments \$329,776,100

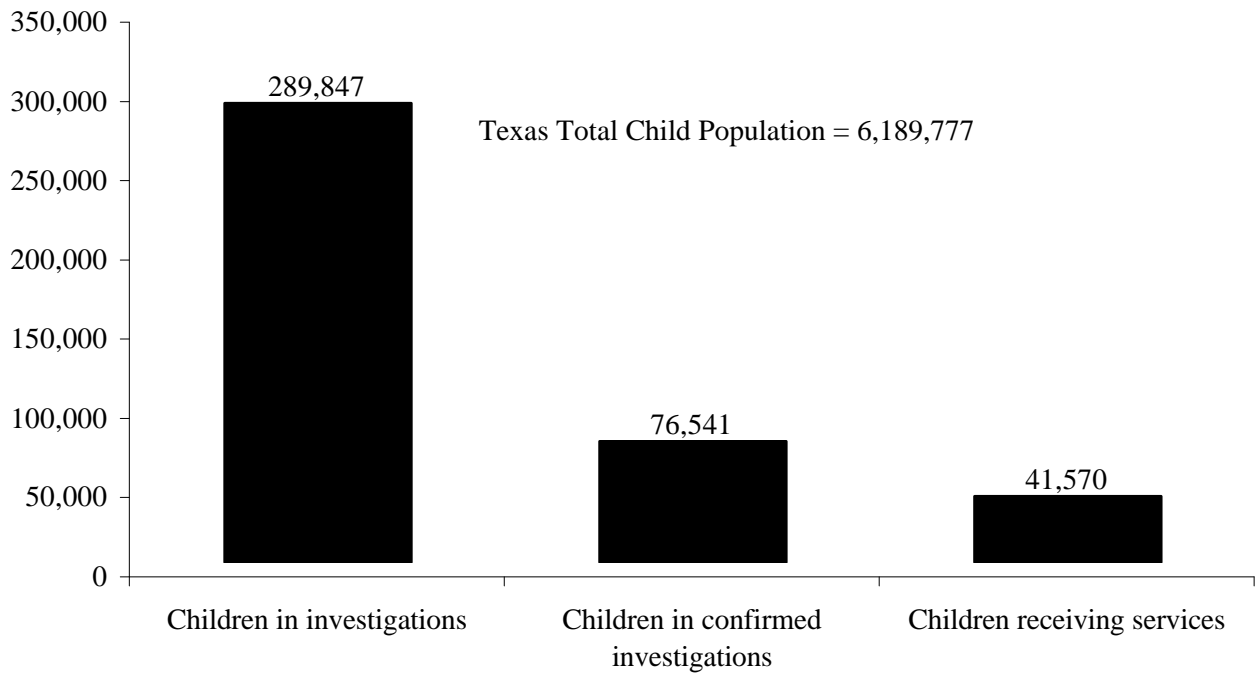
Adoption Subsidy Payments \$98,549,154

Federally Funded Special Projects, Staff Costs and Purchased Services \$4,870,735

38 Total Staff

Children in Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2004

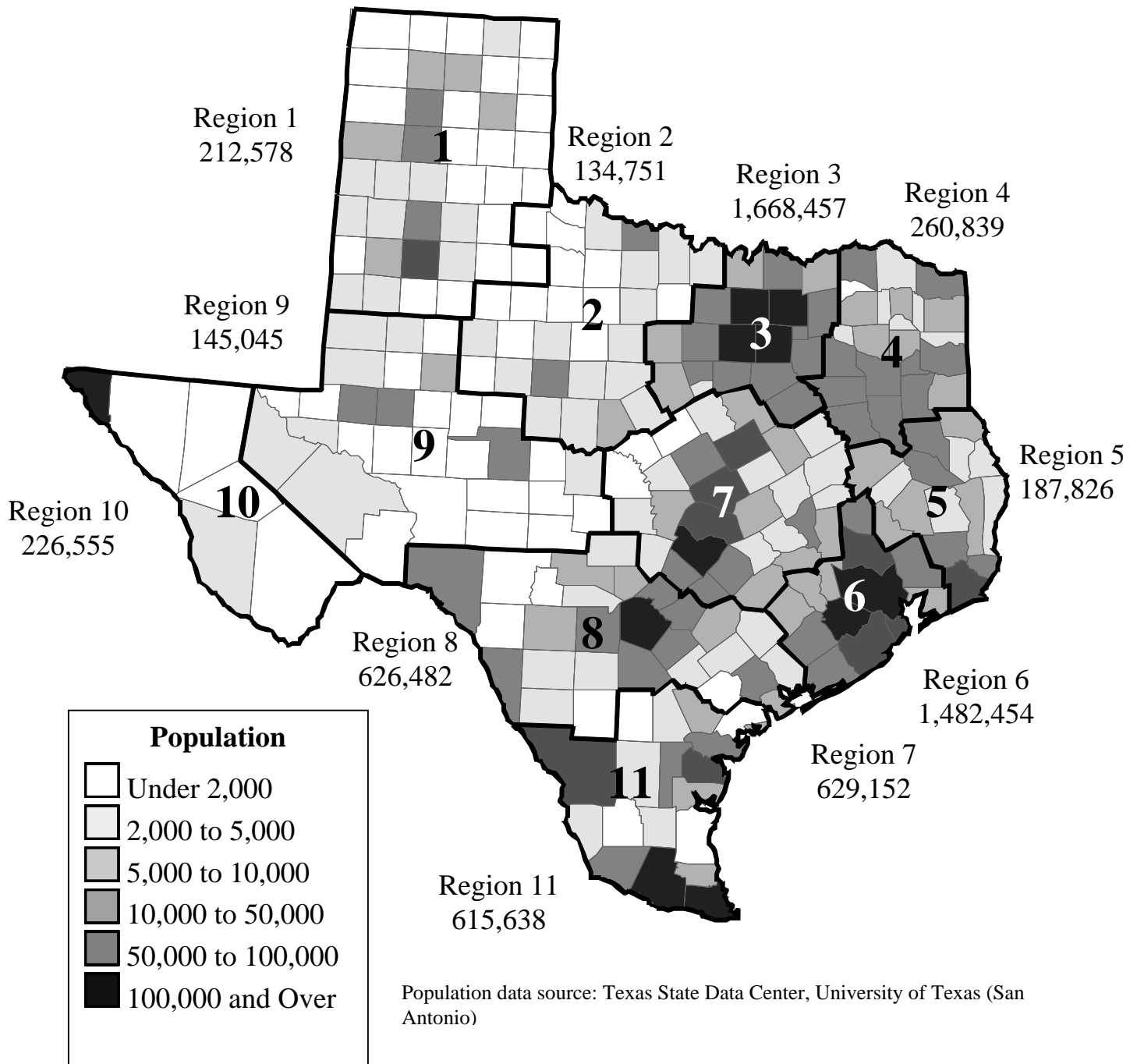
Region	Child Population	Children in Investigations*	Children in Confirmed Investigations*	Children Receiving Services
Lubbock (1)	212,578	13,122	4,143	1,792
Abilene (2)	134,751	8,369	2,758	959
Arlington (3)	1,668,457	68,135	18,899	8,538
Tyler (4)	260,839	16,687	4,053	1,941
Beaumont (5)	187,826	11,023	2,390	1,201
Houston (6)	1,482,454	59,039	14,825	8,267
Austin (7)	629,152	38,104	10,065	3,962
San Antonio (8)	626,482	29,930	7,702	6,664
Midland (9)	145,045	7,536	1,965	885
El Paso (10)	226,555	7,245	1,323	889
Edinburg (11)	615,638	30,552	8,383	6,461
Other		105	35	11
Total	6,189,777	289,847	76,541	41,570



* 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 2004

State Total 6,189,777



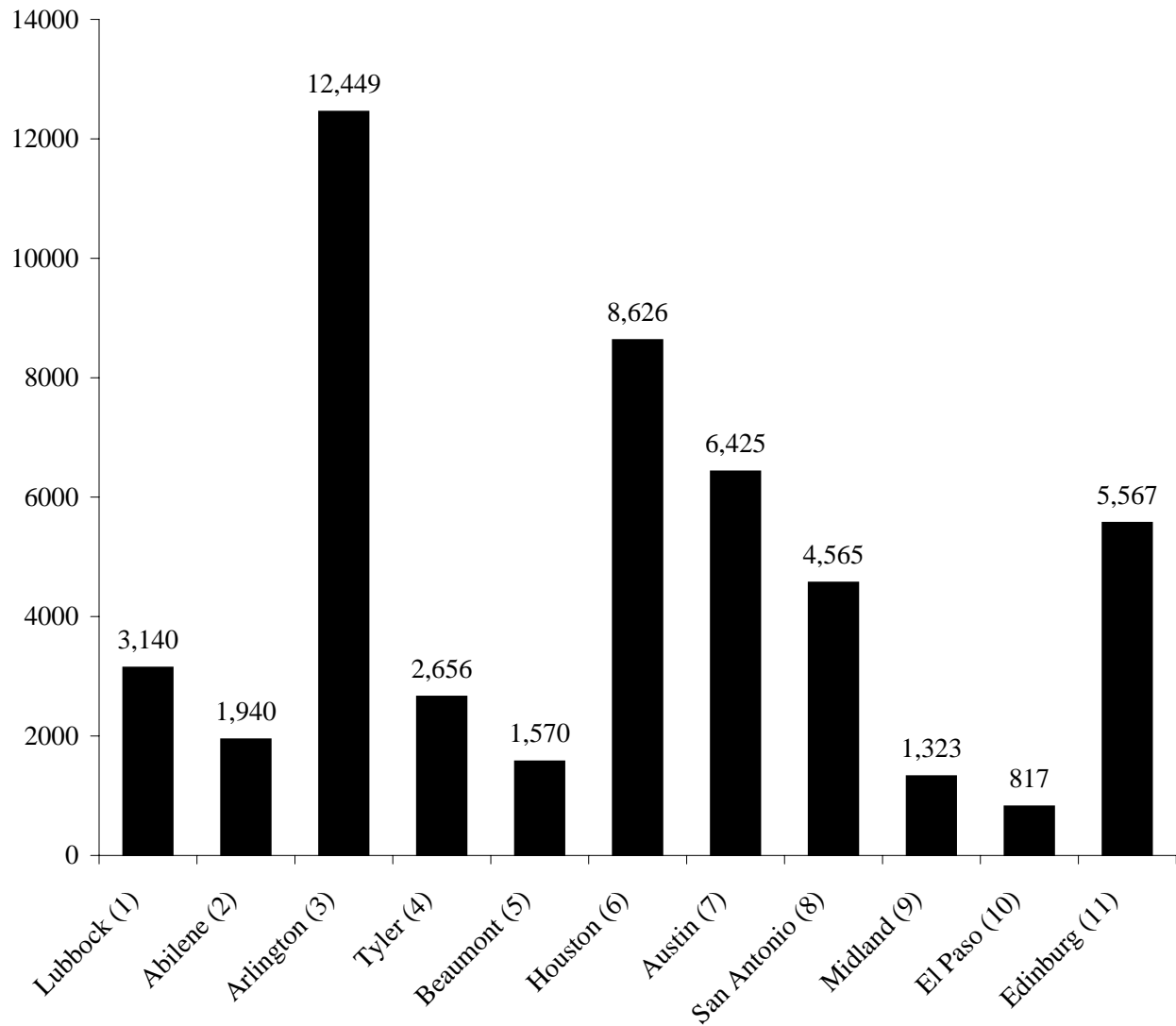
Average Monthly Number Child Protective Services Direct Delivery Cases* Fiscal Year 2004

Services	Families	Children
Intakes **	17,557	42,238
Investigations	11,549	27,784
Family Preservation	4,504	12,677
Intensified Services	2,350	6,489
Substitute Care	12,867	17,429
Family Reunification	1,004	2,451
Plan is Adoption	N/A	5,273
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Total Cases	49,831	114,339

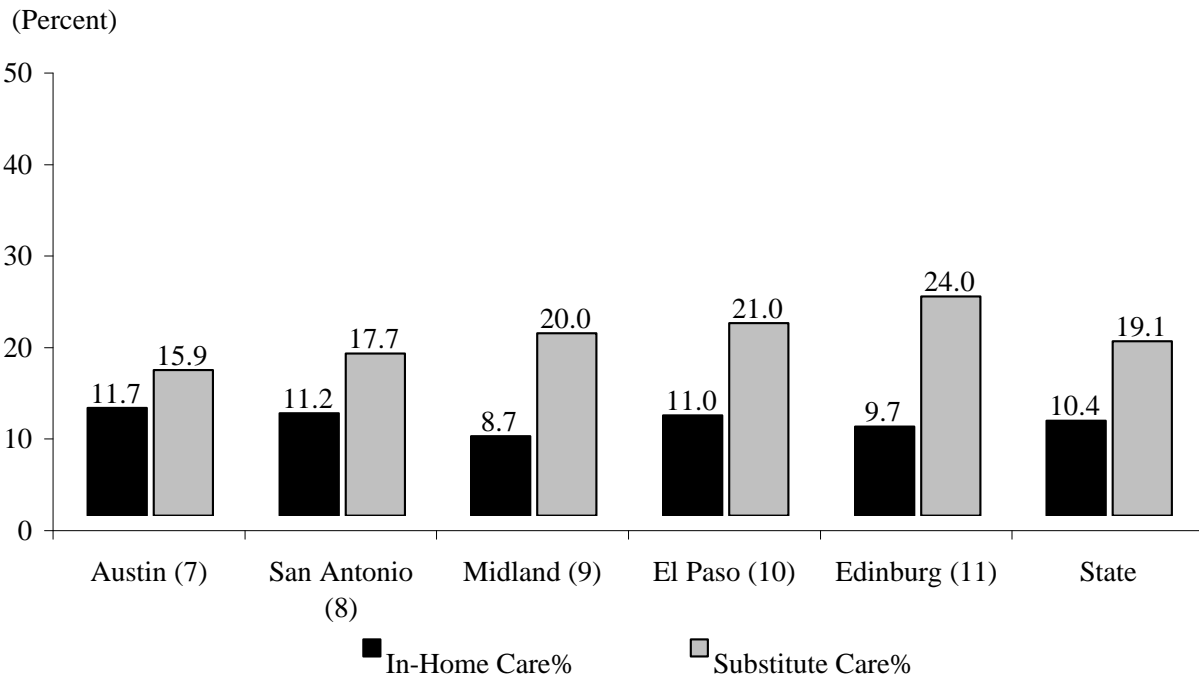
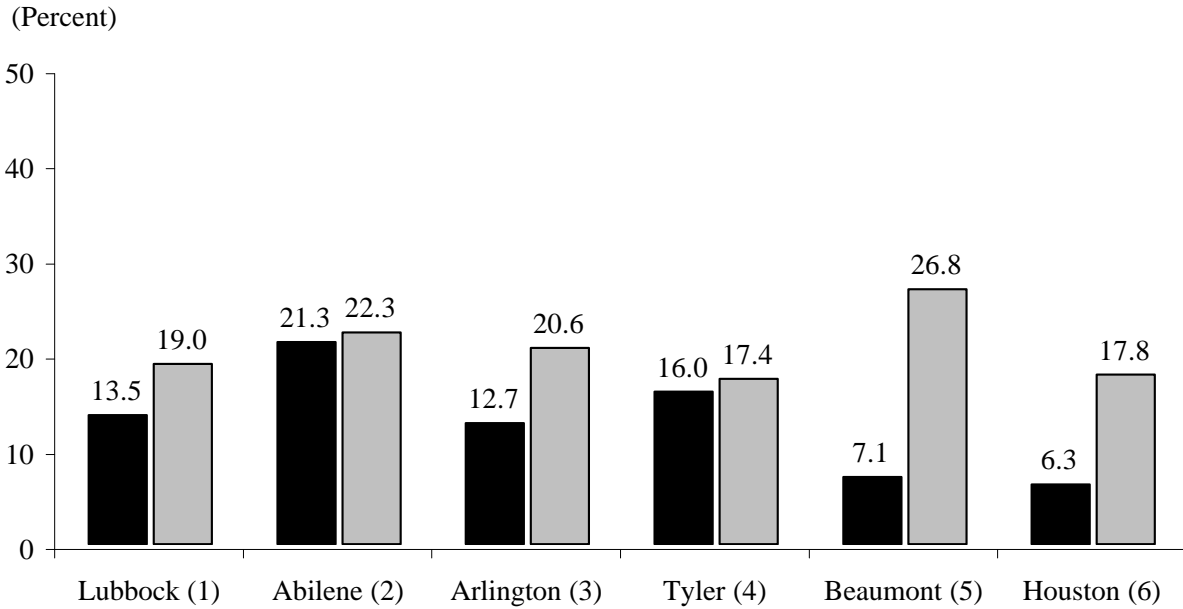
* Does not include contracted direct delivery services

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

CPS Victims of Family Violence in Confirmed Investigations Fiscal Year 2004 State Total: 49,078



Average Monthly Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region Fiscal Year 2004



Total Number of Calls by Region Fiscal Year 2004

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)	2	4	63	1	3	73
Abilene (2)	2	9	101	4	31	147
Arlington (3)	21	30	517	8	368	944
Tyler (4)	3	5	45	2	23	78
Beaumont (5)	8	9	110	9	103	239
Houston (6)	190	35	348	6	75	654
Austin (7)	502	97	235	1	439	1,274
San Antonio (8)	3	5	229	1	40	278
Midland (9)	0	2	34	0	3	39
El Paso (10)	10	15	96	10	6	137
Edinburg (11)	18	6	37	36	76	173
Unknown	639	124	392	2	124	1,281
Statewide Intake	380,054	48,243	1,591	1,032	289,550	720,470
State Total	381,452	48,584	3,798	1,112	290,841	725,787

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.

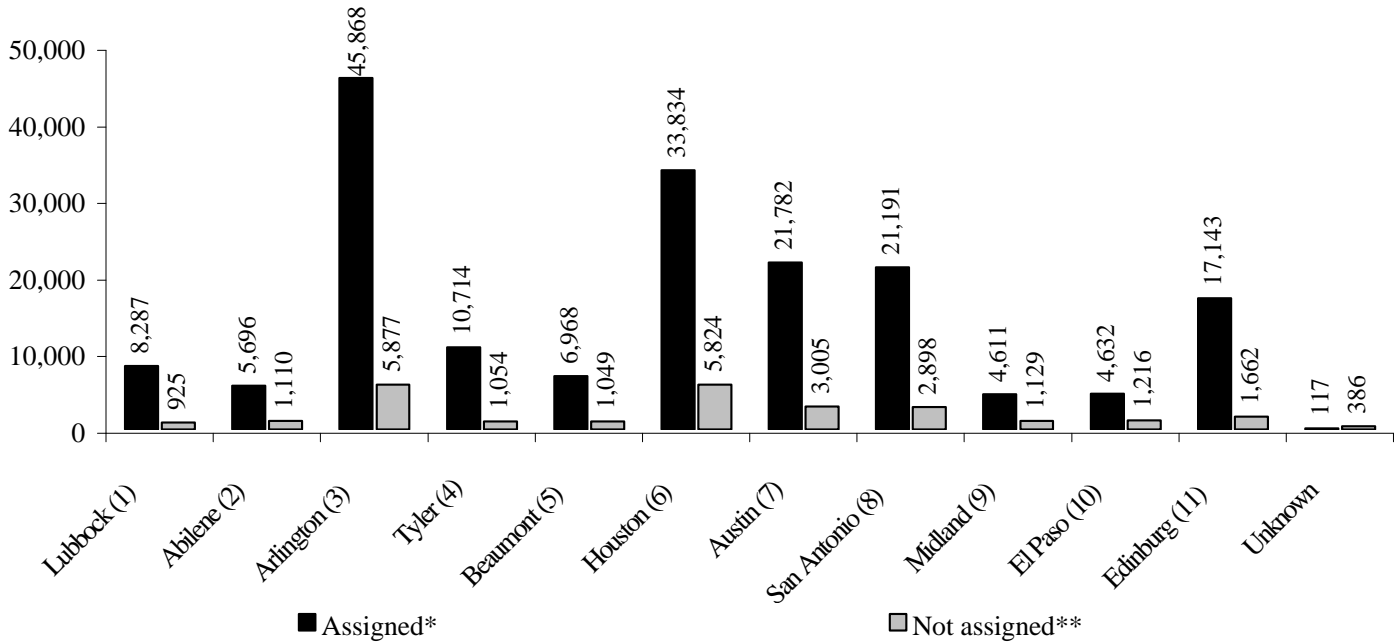
Reports of Alleged Abuse/Neglect Calls by Program Area

Program Area	Number of calls	%
Adult Protective Services (APS and MHMR)	77,724	26.7%
Child Protective Services (CPS)	207,519	71.4%
Licensing (LIC)	5,598	1.9%
Total Abuse/Neglect Related Calls	290,841	100.0%

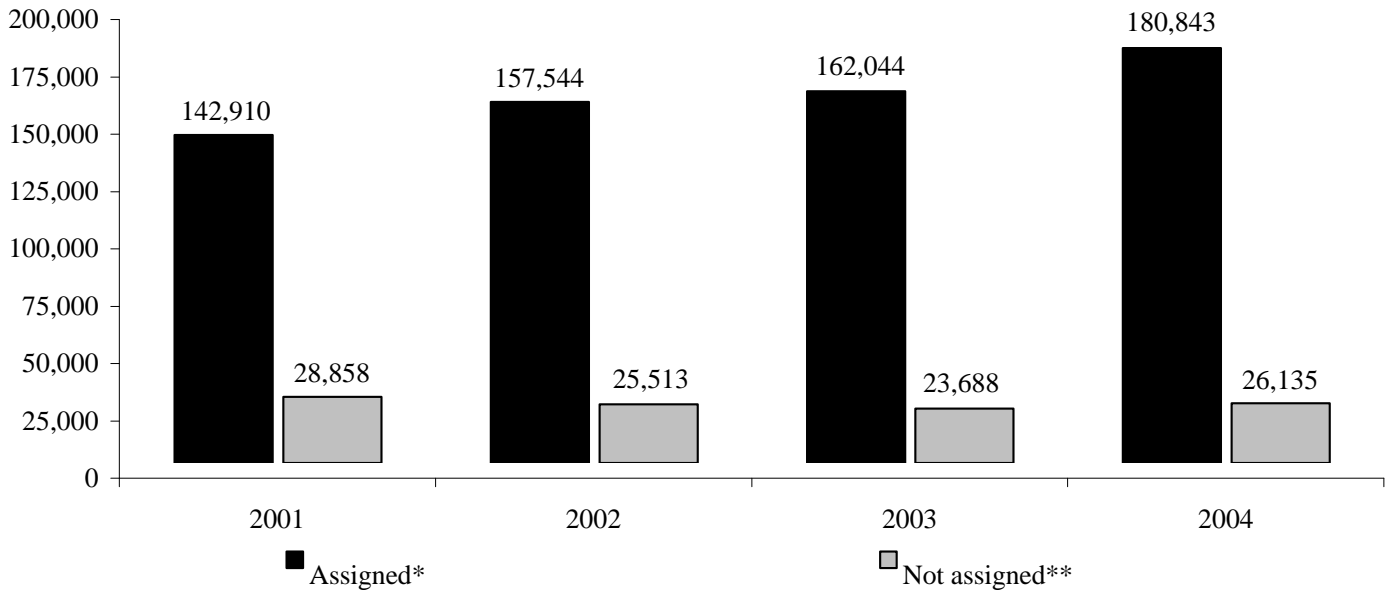
Note: Calls and Reports included by date report received.

Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2004

Total Reports 206,978



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.

Note: Reports included by date Intake closed.

* 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 2004

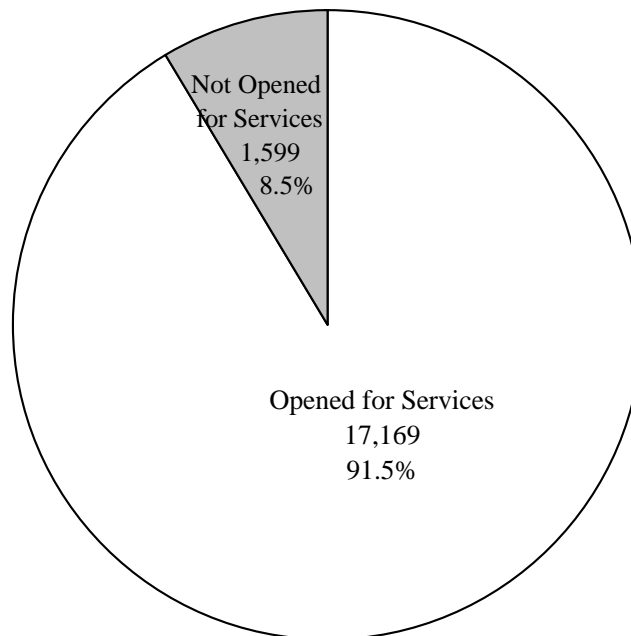
Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	6,406	1,849	28.9%	4,557
Abilene (2)	4,325	1,243	28.7%	3,082
Arlington (3)	33,509	8,428	25.2%	25,081
Tyler (4)	8,561	1,798	21.0%	6,763
Beaumont (5)	5,717	1,079	18.9%	4,638
Houston (6)	27,543	6,241	22.7%	21,302
Austin (7)	18,147	4,279	23.6%	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.

Risk Assessment Finding of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Fiscal Year 2004

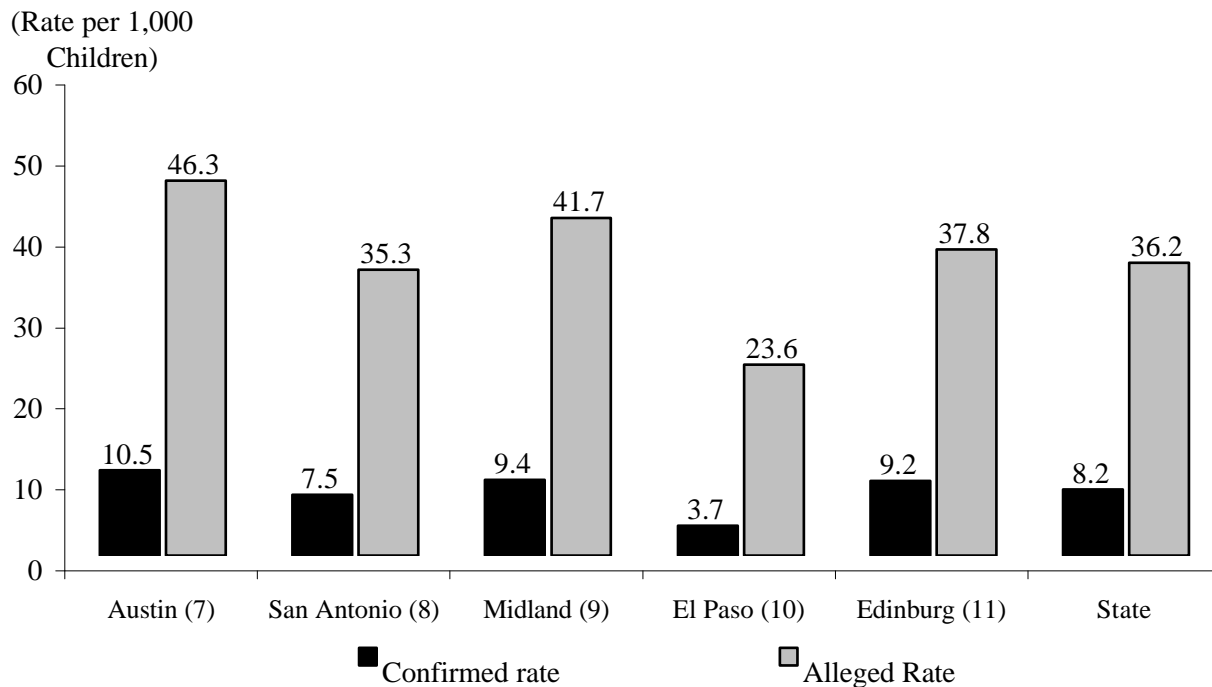
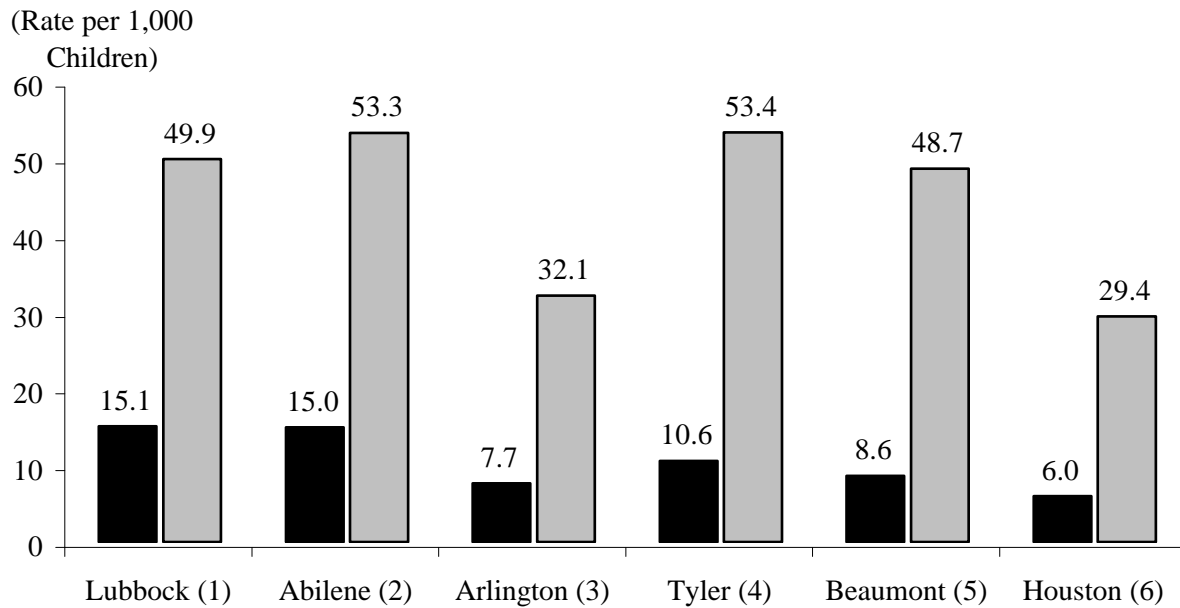
Disposition of Investigation	No Significant Risk Identified	Risk Controlled	Risk Indicated	Risk Not Applicable Blank/ Invalid	Total
Confirmed	318	18,513	13,602	231	32,664
Percent of Total	1.0%	22.8%	72.5%	2.8%	23.6%
Unconfirmed	30,092	62,523	5,166	8,142	105,923
Percent of Total	99.0%	77.2%	27.5%	97.2%	76.4%
State Total	30,410	81,036	18,768	8,373	138,587

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 2004



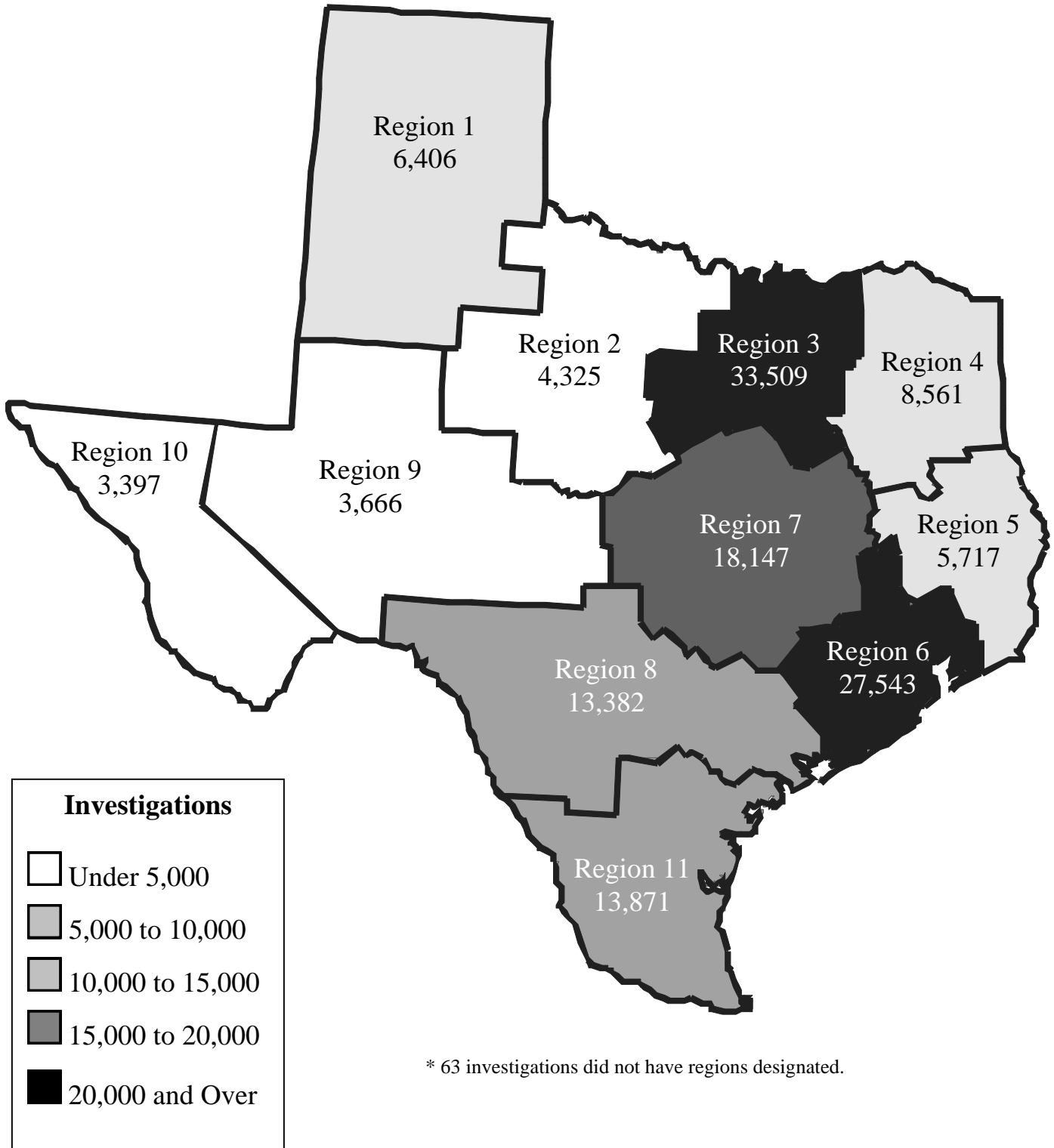
Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2004

Region	Alleged Victims	Confirmed Victims	Unconfirmed Victims	Percent Confirmed
Lubbock (1)	10,606	3,202	7,404	30.2%
Abilene (2)	7,182	2,017	5,165	28.1%
Arlington (3)	53,570	12,795	40,775	23.9%
Tyler (4)	13,933	2,755	11,178	19.8%
Beaumont (5)	9,147	1,615	7,532	17.7%
Houston (6)	43,564	8,905	34,659	20.4%
Austin (7)	29,135	6,621	22,514	22.7%
San Antonio (8)	22,107	4,712	17,395	21.3%
Midland (9)	6,044	1,360	4,684	22.5%
El Paso (10)	5,343	841	4,502	15.7%
Edinburg (11)	23,293	5,678	17,615	24.4%
Other	86	28	58	32.6%
State Total	224,010	50,529	173,481	22.6%

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

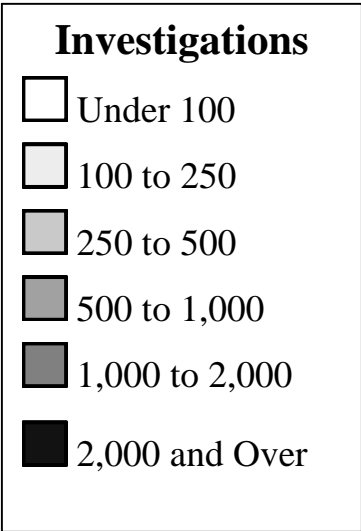
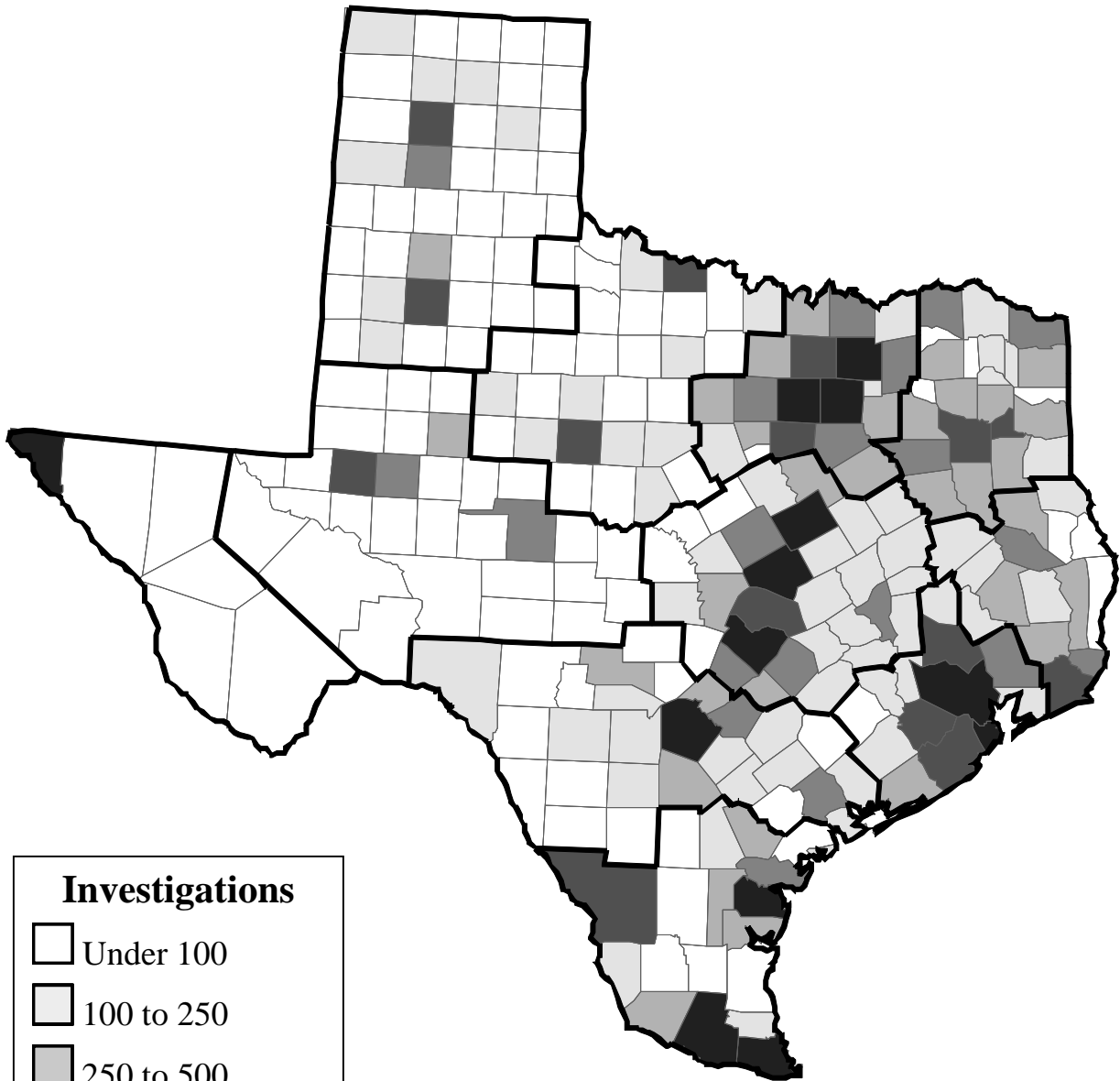
Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2004

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Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by County Fiscal Year 2004

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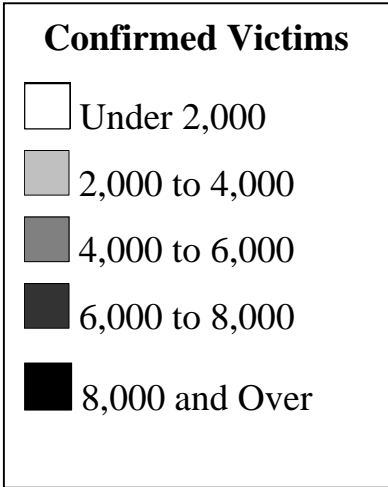
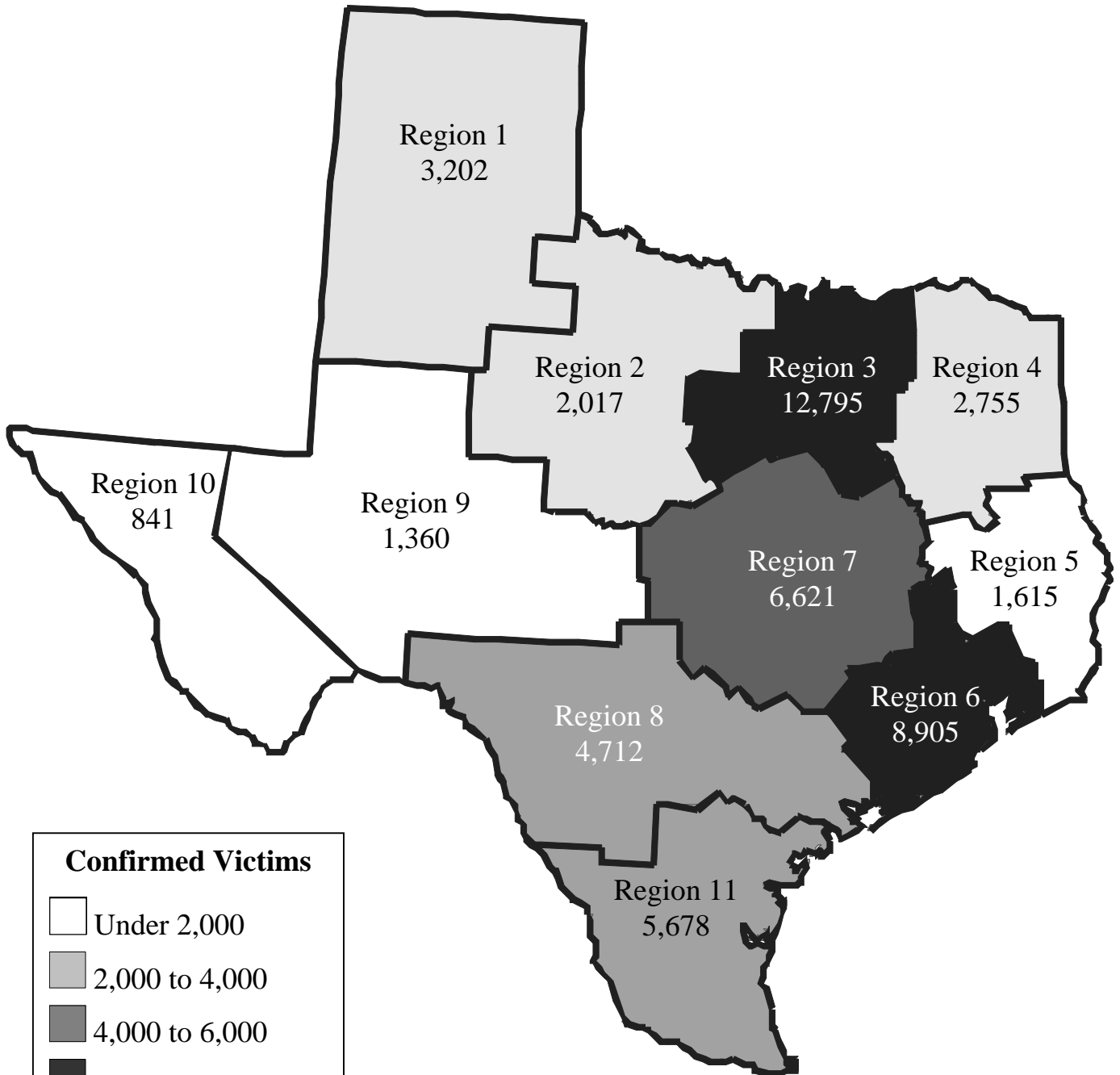
Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Source of Report

Sources	Fiscal Year 2002		Fiscal Year 2003		Fiscal Year 2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Anonymous	10,079	6.8%	11,159	7.2%	12,239	7.4%
Child Care Facility	1,836	1.2%	1,792	1.2%	1,688	1.0%
Law Enforcement	18,878	12.8%	20,660	13.3%	21,187	12.9%
Parent	13,337	9.0%	13,895	8.9%	14,083	8.5%
Relative	20,038	13.7%	18,677	12.0%	20,222	12.3%
School	29,704	20.2%	31,797	20.4%	32,663	19.8%
Victim	807	0.5%	800	0.5%	982	0.6%
Medical Personnel	18,522	12.6%	22,657	14.6%	23,756	14.5%
Friend/Neighbor	11,440	7.8%	10,741	6.9%	11,582	7.0%
DFPS Staff	476	0.3%	403	0.3%	432	0.3%
Other	18,113	12.3%	18,415	11.9%	18,819	11.4%
Blank	4,186	2.8%	4,341	2.8%	7,077	4.3%
State Total	147,416	100.0%	155,337	100.0%	164,730	100.0%

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

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Region Fiscal Year 2004

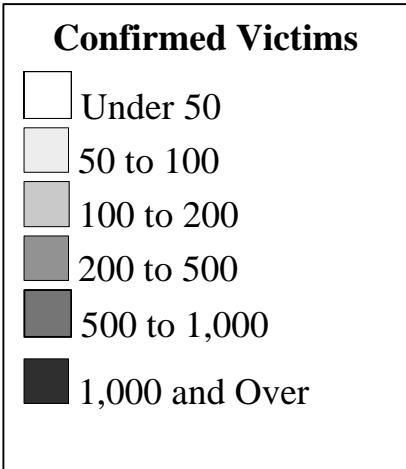
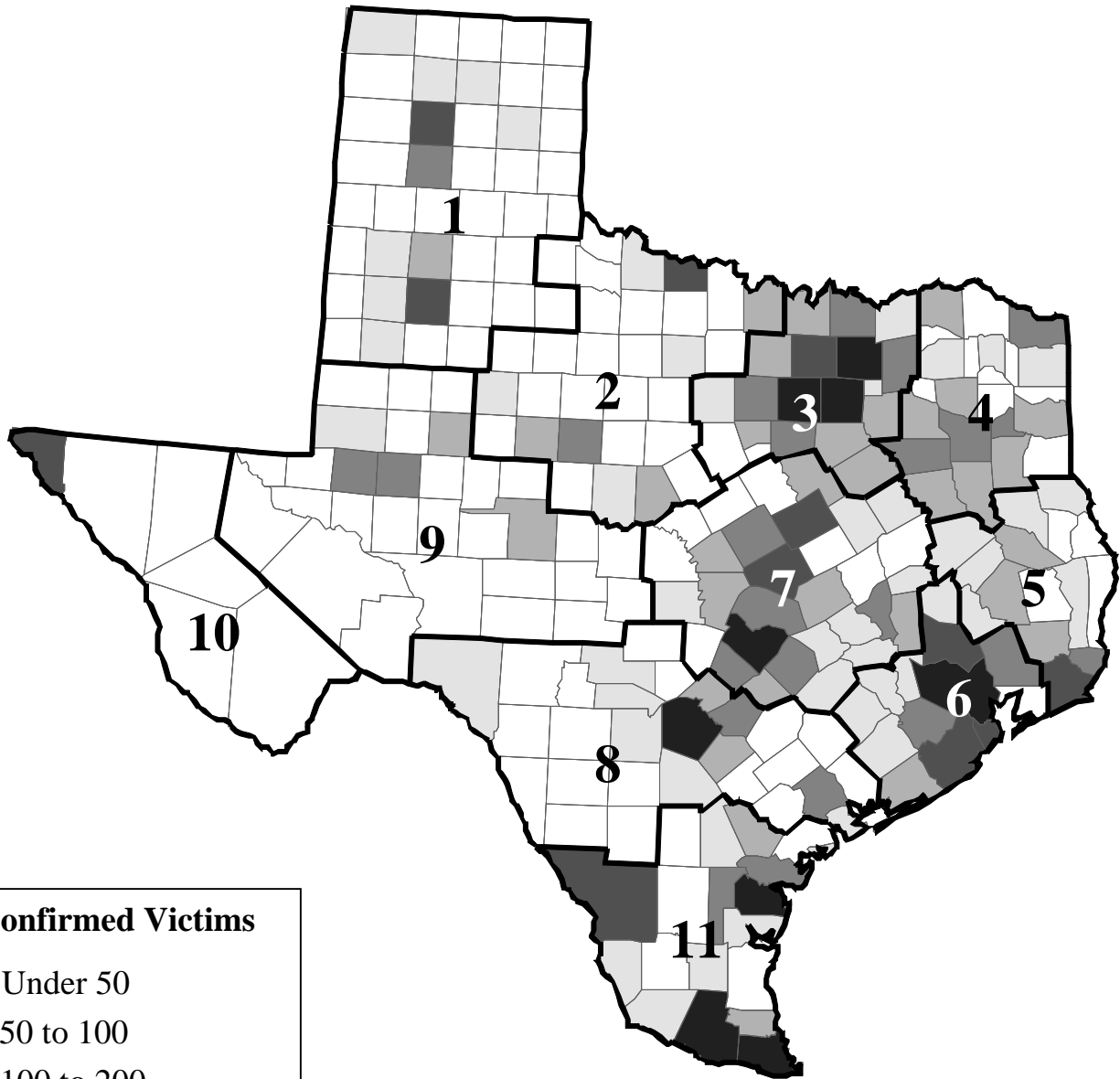
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Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by County Fiscal Year 2004

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Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Fiscal Year 2004

Age	Sex	Anglo	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Other	Total
Under 1								
	Female	1,137	878	1,210	8	5	112	3,350
	Male	1,172	902	1,259	9	9	89	3,440
	Unknown	15	13	11	0	0	7	46
	Total	2,324	1,793	2,480	17	14	208	6,836
1-3 Years								
	Female	2,060	1,115	2,139	5	28	110	5,457
	Male	2,282	1,251	2,439	16	30	113	6,131
	Unknown	13	10	20	0	0	6	49
	Total	4,355	2,376	4,598	21	58	229	11,637
4-6 Years								
	Female	1,936	925	1,961	12	32	84	4,950
	Male	1,897	1,112	2,064	7	36	76	5,192
	Unknown	6	10	5	0	0	3	24
	Total	3,839	2,047	4,030	19	68	163	10,166
7-9 Years								
	Female	1,549	740	1,566	6	27	66	3,954
	Male	1,449	884	1,443	4	22	43	3,845
	Unknown	3	1	7	0	1	2	14
	Total	3,001	1,625	3,016	10	50	111	7,813
10-12 Years								
	Female	1,339	645	1,529	5	15	47	3,580
	Male	1,213	613	1,031	4	23	52	2,936
	Unknown	3	1	4	0	1	0	9
	Total	2,555	1,259	2,564	9	39	99	6,525
13-17 Years								
	Female	1,912	947	1,976	7	46	81	4,969
	Male	1,052	529	783	4	19	38	2,425
	Unknown	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Total	2,964	1,477	2,761	11	65	119	7,397
Age Unknown								
	Female	23	15	31	0	0	5	74
	Male	32	13	23	0	1	4	73
	Unknown	1	1	4	0	0	2	8
	Total	56	29	58	0	1	11	155
Total Victims								
	Female	9,956	5,265	10,412	43	153	505	26,334
	Male	9,097	5,304	9,042	44	140	415	24,042
	Unknown	41	37	53	0	2	20	153
	Grand Total	19,094	10,606	19,507	87	295	940	50,529

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type Fiscal Year 2004

Region	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment	Medical Neglect
Lubbock (1)	783	272	90	10	128
Abilene (2)	408	233	71	11	108
Arlington (3)	3,664	1,866	248	113	587
Tyler (4)	663	378	39	22	80
Beaumont (5)	341	220	24	10	99
Houston (6)	2,723	1,386	181	75	388
Austin (7)	1,733	800	88	31	268
San Antonio (8)	1,137	670	84	58	244
Midland (9)	330	195	35	13	64
El Paso (10)	213	99	27	12	30
Edinburg (11)	1,201	670	123	36	296
Blank or Invalid	5	5	0	2	0
State Total	13,201	6,794	1,010	393	2,292

Region	Physical Neglect	Neglectful Supervision	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Unduplicated Confirmed Victims*
Lubbock (1)	581	2,111	69	3,202
Abilene (2)	455	1,135	20	2,017
Arlington (3)	1,735	7,178	175	12,795
Tyler (4)	461	1,586	35	2,755
Beaumont (5)	286	942	16	1,615
Houston (6)	1,106	4,143	195	8,905
Austin (7)	794	3,941	110	6,621
San Antonio (8)	566	2,624	69	4,712
Midland (9)	225	807	21	1,360
El Paso (10)	135	436	17	841
Edinburg (11)	935	3,448	60	5,678
Blank or Invalid	0	19	5	28
State Total	7,279	28,370	792	50,529

* Victims have been unduplicated by investigation stage.

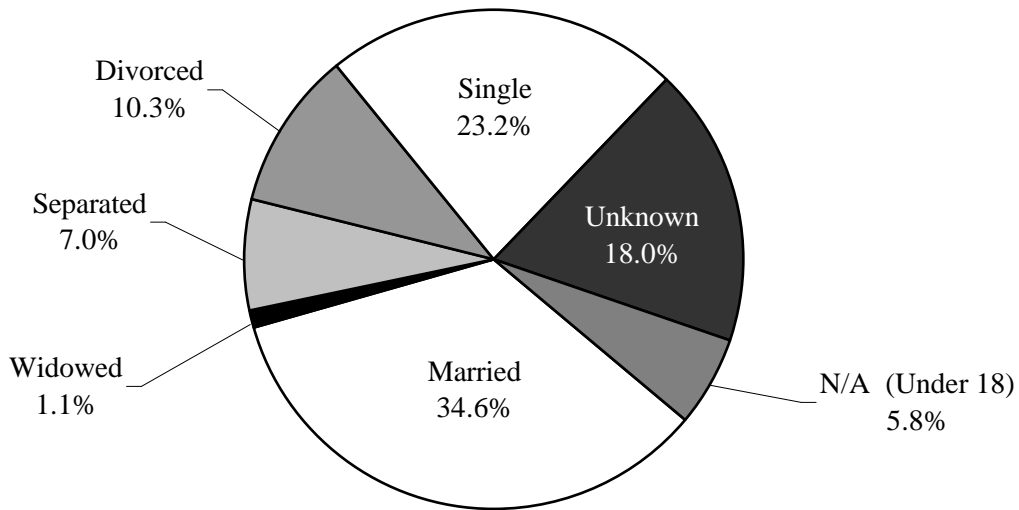
Note: Victims of different types of abuse and neglect are not additive because one victim may have multiple types of child abuse/neglect.

Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2004

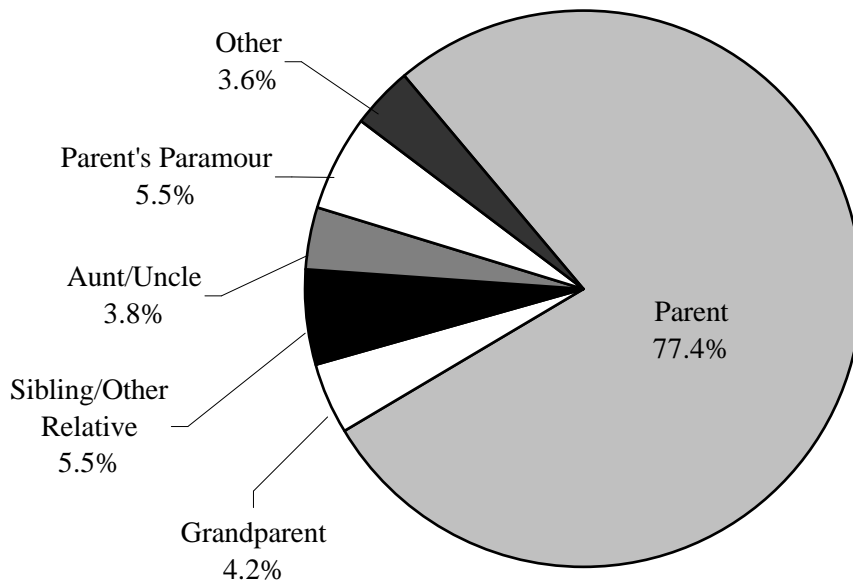
Characteristic	Female		Male		Unknown		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Age								
Under 18	773	1.9%	1,687	4.0%	1	0.0%	2,461	5.9%
18-25	8,174	19.6%	3,719	8.9%	21	0.1%	11,914	28.6%
26-35	9,205	22.1%	5,788	13.9%	27	0.1%	15,020	36.0%
36-45	4,188	10.0%	4,315	10.3%	12	0.0%	8,515	20.4%
Over 45	1,460	3.5%	2,273	5.4%	9	0.0%	3,742	9.0%
Unknown	13	0.0%	31	0.1%	12	0.0%	56	0.1%
Marital Status								
Married	7,138	17.1%	7,269	17.4%	16	0.0%	14,423	34.6%
Widowed	347	0.8%	106	0.3%	1	0.0%	454	1.1%
Separated	1,879	4.5%	1,056	2.5%	2	0.0%	2,937	7.0%
Divorced	2,771	6.6%	1,507	3.6%	6	0.0%	4,284	10.3%
Single	6,767	16.2%	2,900	7.0%	16	0.0%	9,683	23.2%
Unknown	4,153	10.0%	3,297	7.9%	40	0.1%	7,490	18.0%
N/A (Under 18)	758	1.8%	1,678	4.0%	1	0.0%	2,437	5.8%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	10,669	25.6%	7,809	18.7%	18	0.0%	18,496	44.3%
African American	4,693	11.3%	2,936	7.0%	6	0.0%	7,635	18.3%
Hispanic	7,929	19.0%	6,457	15.5%	29	0.1%	14,415	34.6%
Native American	60	0.1%	20	0.0%	0	0.0%	80	0.2%
Asian	141	0.3%	131	0.3%	0	0.0%	272	0.7%
Other	321	0.8%	460	1.1%	29	0.1%	810	1.9%
Relationship to Oldest Victim								
Parent	21,228	50.9%	11,017	26.4%	38	0.1%	32,283	77.4%
Grandparent	1,069	2.6%	701	1.7%	2	0.0%	1,772	4.2%
Sibling/Other Relative	358	0.9%	1,925	4.6%	3	0.0%	2,286	5.5%
Aunt/Uncle	522	1.3%	1,071	2.6%	3	0.0%	1,596	3.8%
Parent's Paramour	171	0.4%	2,105	5.0%	1	0.0%	2,277	5.5%
Other Sub Care Giver	465	1.1%	994	2.4%	35	0.1%	1,494	3.6%
Total Perpetrators	23,813	57.1%	17,813	42.7%	82	0.2%	41,708	100.0%

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Marital Status

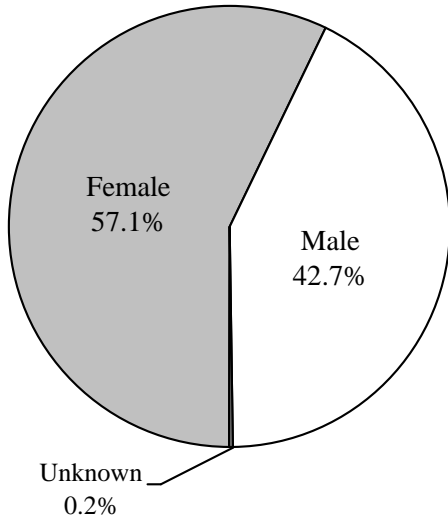


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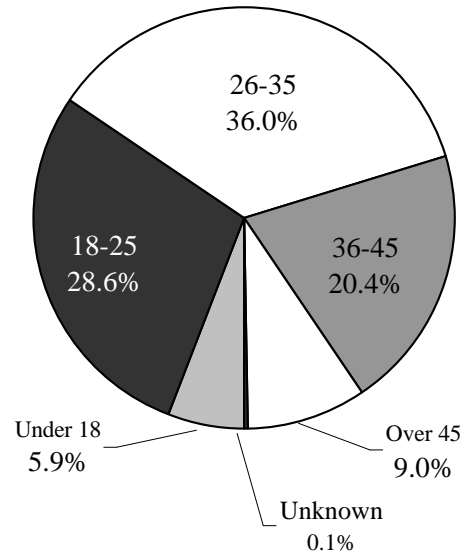


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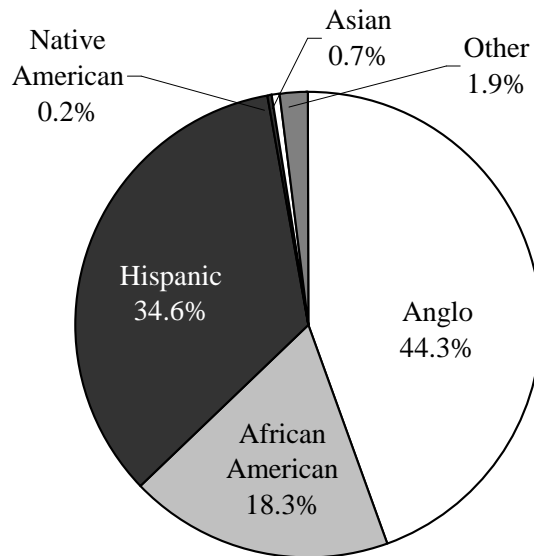
Sex



Age

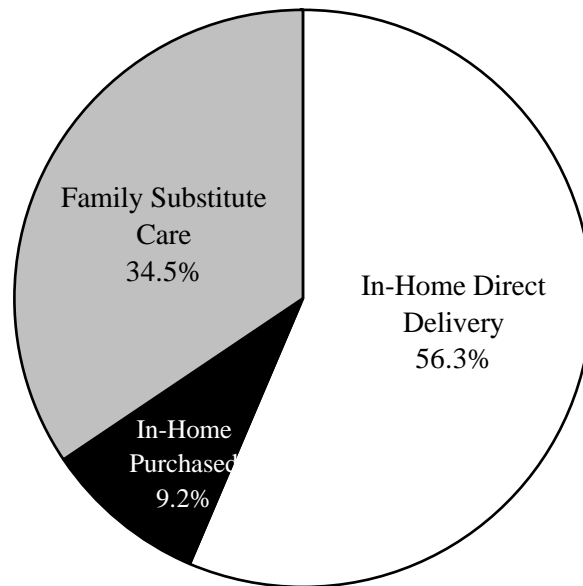


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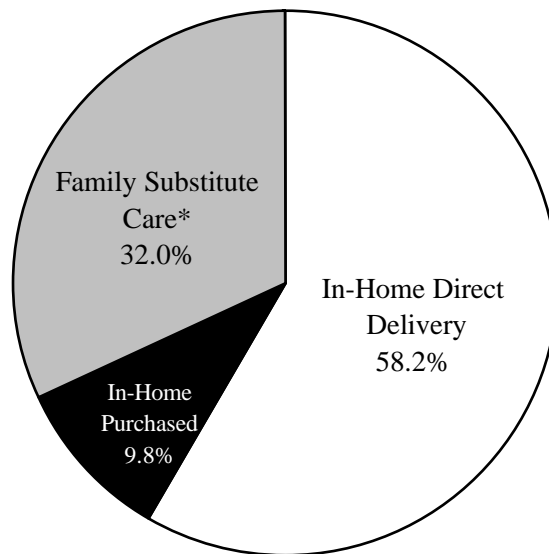
Family Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2004

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Family Substitute Care	Total
Lubbock (1)	429	0	338	767
Abilene (2)	260	1	175	436
Arlington (3)	1,618	469	1,665	3,752
Tyler (4)	417	83	341	841
Beaumont (5)	332	24	165	521
Houston (6)	2,161	16	1,293	3,470
Austin (7)	855	3	810	1,668
San Antonio (8)	1,810	180	586	2,576
Midland (9)	264	1	106	371
El Paso (10)	306	0	55	361
Edinburg (11)	1,208	801	389	2,398
Other	1	0	7	8
State Total	9,661	1,578	5,930	17,169



Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2004

Region	In-Home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Family Substitute Care*	Total
Lubbock (1)	1,121	0	756	1,877
Abilene (2)	608	2	413	1,023
Arlington (3)	4,081	1,209	3,622	8,912
Tyler (4)	1,030	214	768	2,012
Beaumont (5)	828	63	375	1,266
Houston (6)	5,553	44	2,948	8,545
Austin (7)	2,256	9	1,889	4,154
San Antonio (8)	4,892	506	1,745	7,143
Midland (9)	696	1	246	943
El Paso (10)	783	0	119	902
Edinburg (11)	3,480	2,201	1,018	6,699
Other	2	0	9	11
State Total	25,330	4,249	13,908	43,487



* Includes all children in the case regardless of victimization.

Average Number of Families Receiving Preservation/Reunification Services per Month Fiscal Year 2004

Family Preservation Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	134	2	179	0	0	0	315
Abilene (2)	77	2	70	10	0	1	160
Arlington (3)	303	166	482	259	2	36	1,248
Tyler (4)	114	23	123	136	0	3	399
Beaumont (5)	66	8	123	44	0	1	243
Houston (6)	1,392	83	330	2	1	63	1,869
Austin (7)	359	10	276	2	0	0	646
San Antonio (8)	1,066	27	78	88	0	0	1,258
Midland (9)	89	3	58	16	0	2	168
El Paso (10)	182	1	24	15	0	0	222
Edinburg (11)	722	14	139	474	1	8	1,357
Out of State	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
State Average	4,504	338	1,882	1,045	4	114	7,886

Family Reunification Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
Lubbock (1)	82	0	1	0	0	0	83
Abilene (2)	39	1	1	0	0	0	41
Arlington (3)	193	11	34	4	0	1	244
Tyler (4)	41	0	4	2	0	0	47
Beaumont (5)	20	2	1	0	0	0	23
Houston (6)	219	10	23	0	1	0	253
Austin (7)	181	4	5	0	0	0	190
San Antonio (8)	95	0	8	0	0	0	103
Midland (9)	24	0	1	0	0	0	24
El Paso (10)	14	9	0	0	0	0	24
Edinburg (11)	95	4	11	0	0	0	110
Out of State	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
State Average	1,004	42	88	6	1	1	1,143

Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

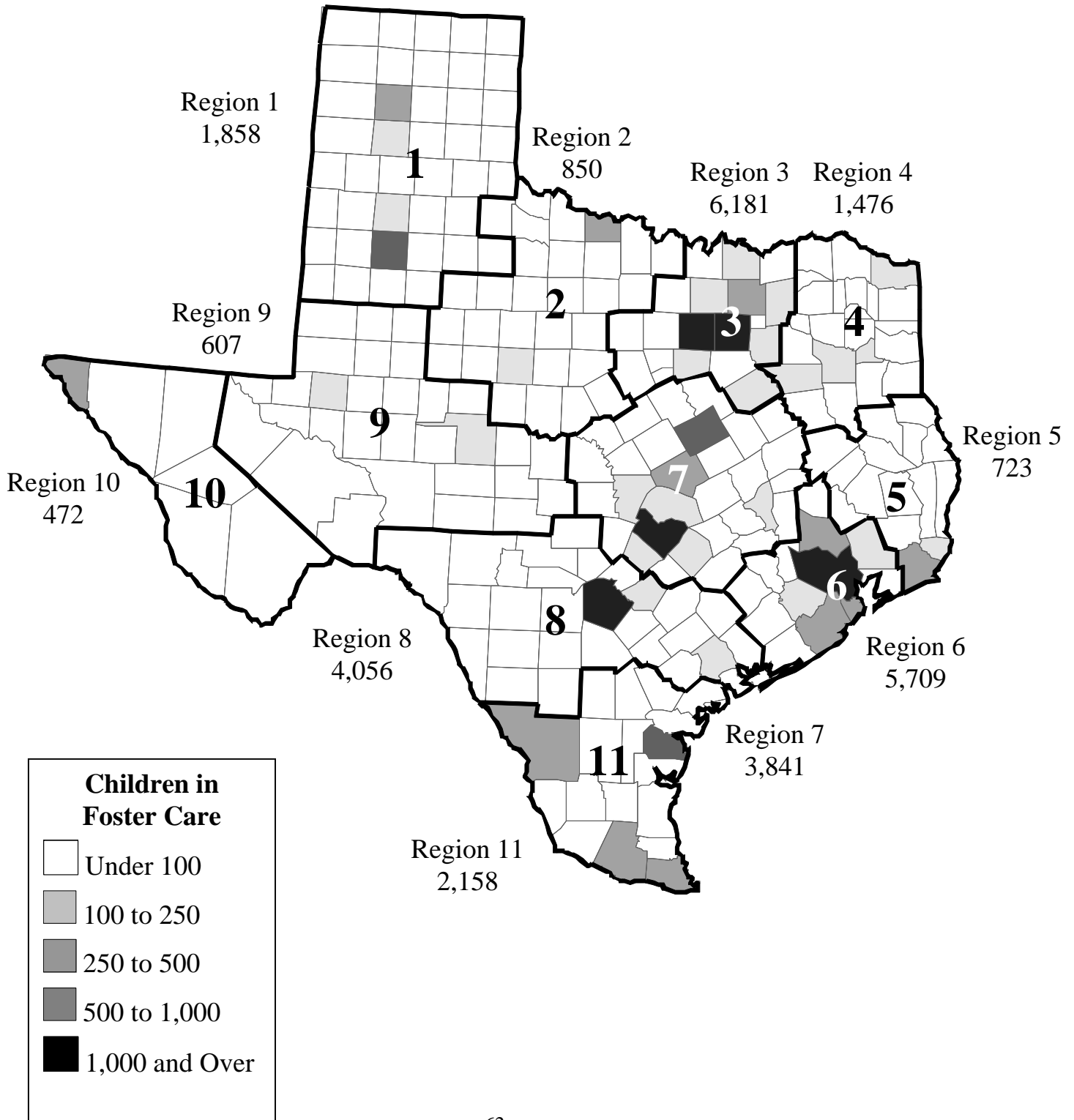
Average Number of Children Receiving Purchased Services per Month Fiscal Year 2004

Region	Living At Home	Living Out of Home	Post Adoption	Total
Lubbock (1)	140	282	7	429
Abilene (2)	103	137	143	384
Arlington (3)	486	1,009	133	1,628
Tyler (4)	176	202	13	392
Beaumont (5)	48	152	117	317
Houston (6)	371	914	236	1,520
Austin (7)	275	500	59	834
San Antonio (8)	444	587	126	1,157
Midland (9)	45	101	70	215
El Paso (10)	73	82	56	212
Edinburg (11)	418	363	39	819
State Average	2,578	4,328	998	7,904

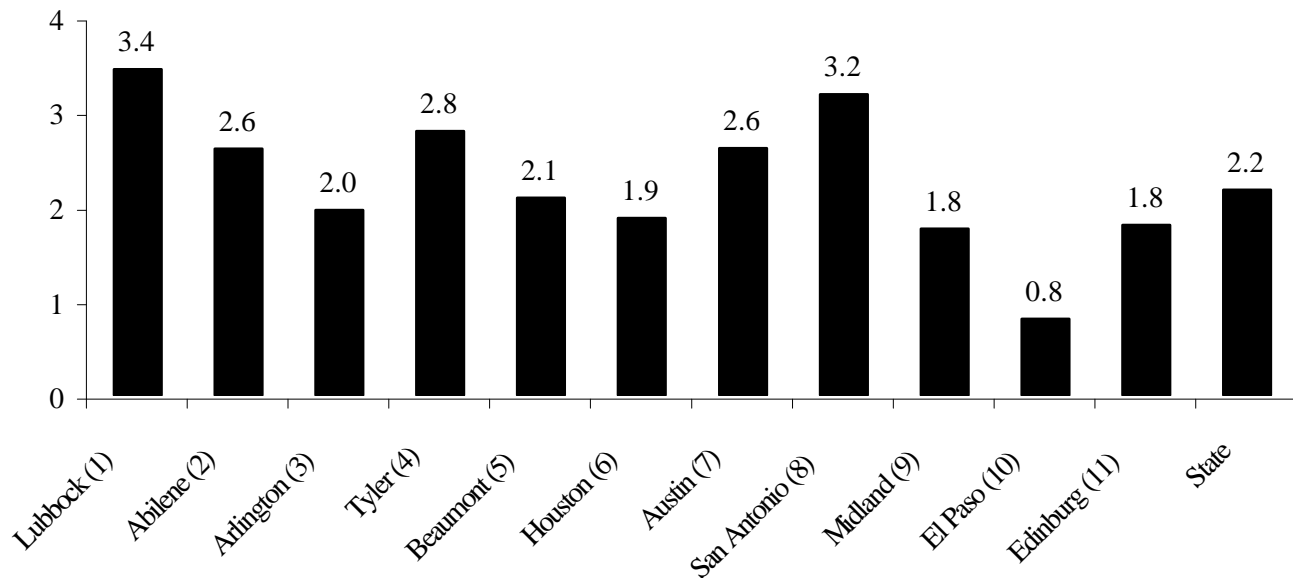
Note: All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Annual Number of Children in Foster Care by County Fiscal Year 2004

State Total: 27,931

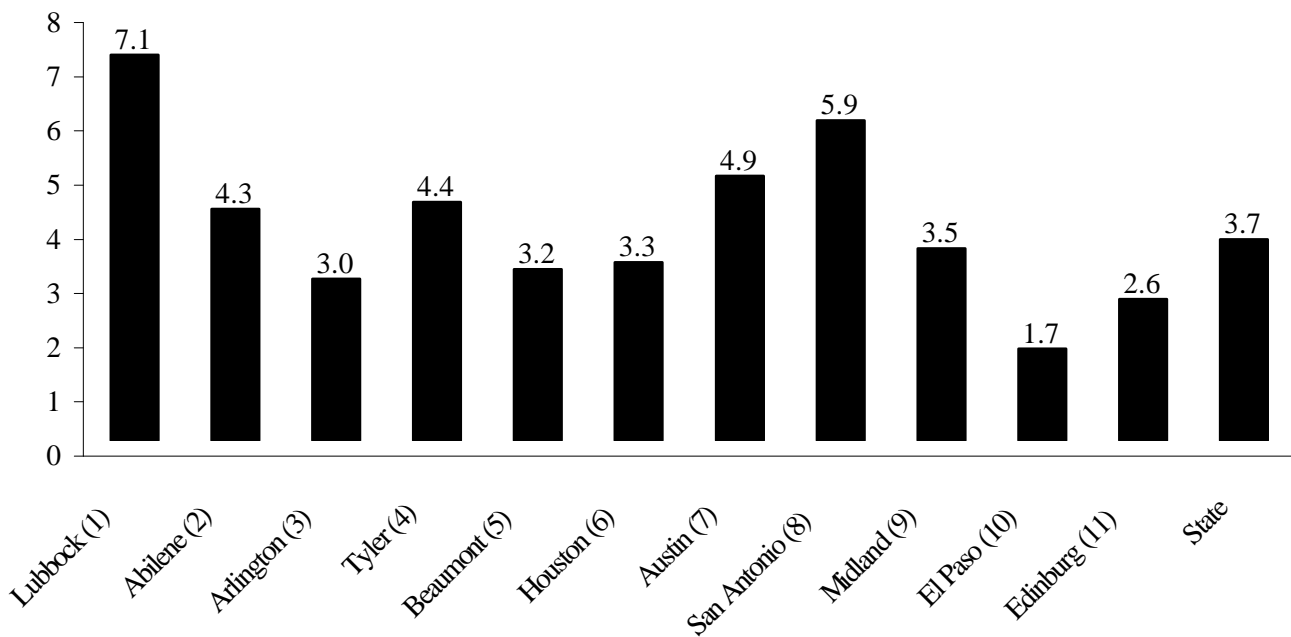


Point Prevalence Rate* for Children Entering Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2004



Note: A total of 13,431 children entered substitute care.

Point Prevalence Rate* for Children in Substitute Care at the End of Fiscal Year 2004



* Rate per 1,000 children

Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care, and in Foster Care Placements at the End of Fiscal Year 2004

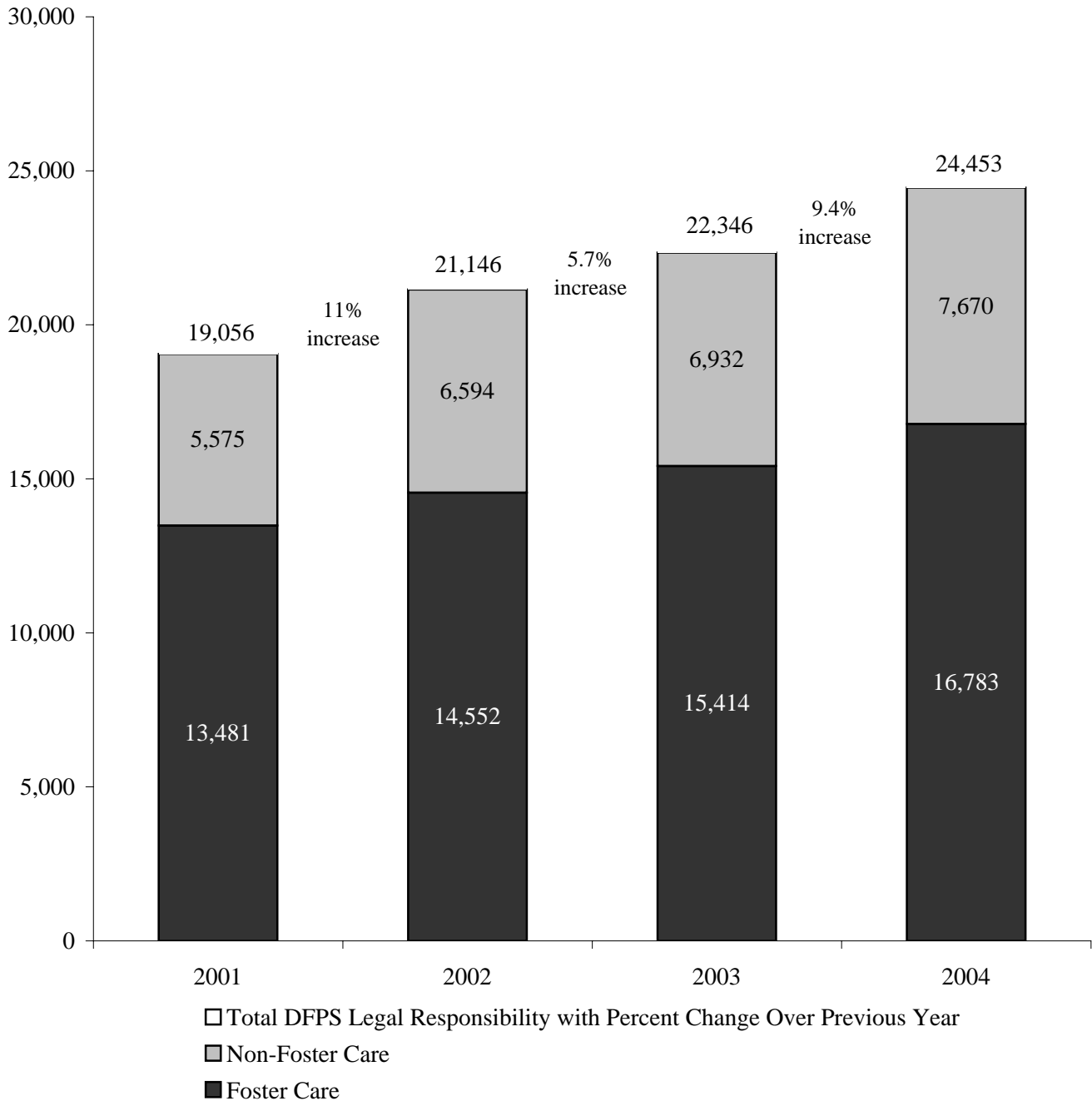
Region	DFPS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care	Foster Care
Lubbock (1)	1,618	1,512	1,227
Abilene (2)	614	575	478
Arlington (3)	5,195	4,968	3,575
Tyler (4)	1,210	1,147	883
Beaumont (5)	640	593	458
Houston (6)	5,206	4,879	3,297
Austin (7)	3,304	3,068	2,314
San Antonio (8)	3,955	3,698	2,830
Midland (9)	557	514	395
El Paso (10)	406	383	328
Edinburg (11)	1,748	1,608	1,324
Total	24,453	22,945	17,109

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

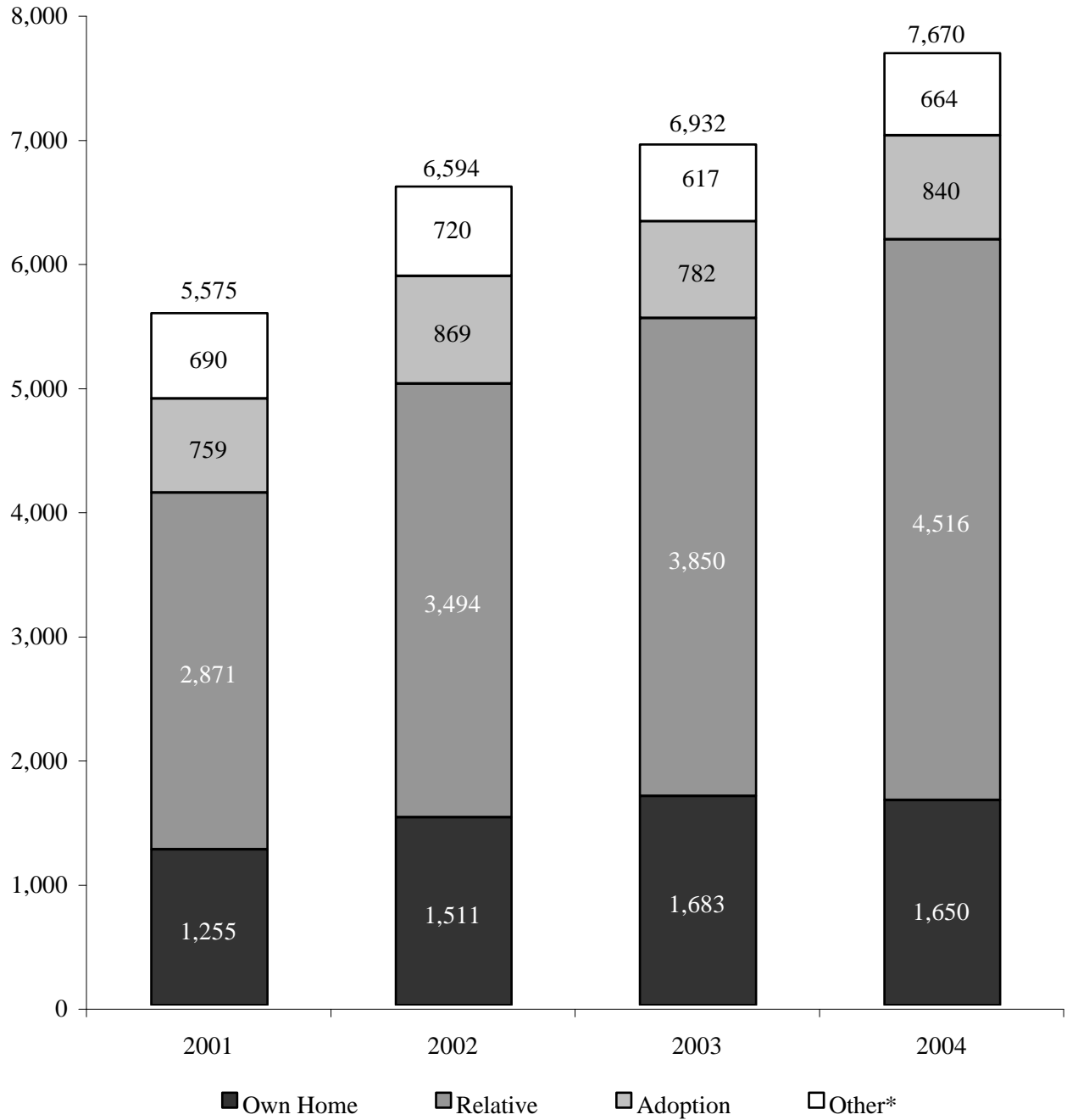
Legal Status	August 2004	
	Number	Percent
Care, Custody & Control	121	0.5%
Temporary Managing Conservatorship	12,555	51.3%
Permanent Managing Conservatorship		
Parental Rights Not Terminated	3,660	15.0%
Parental Rights Terminated (All)	7,421	30.4%
Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent)	636	2.6%
Possessory Conservatorship	60	0.2%
Total	24,453	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.

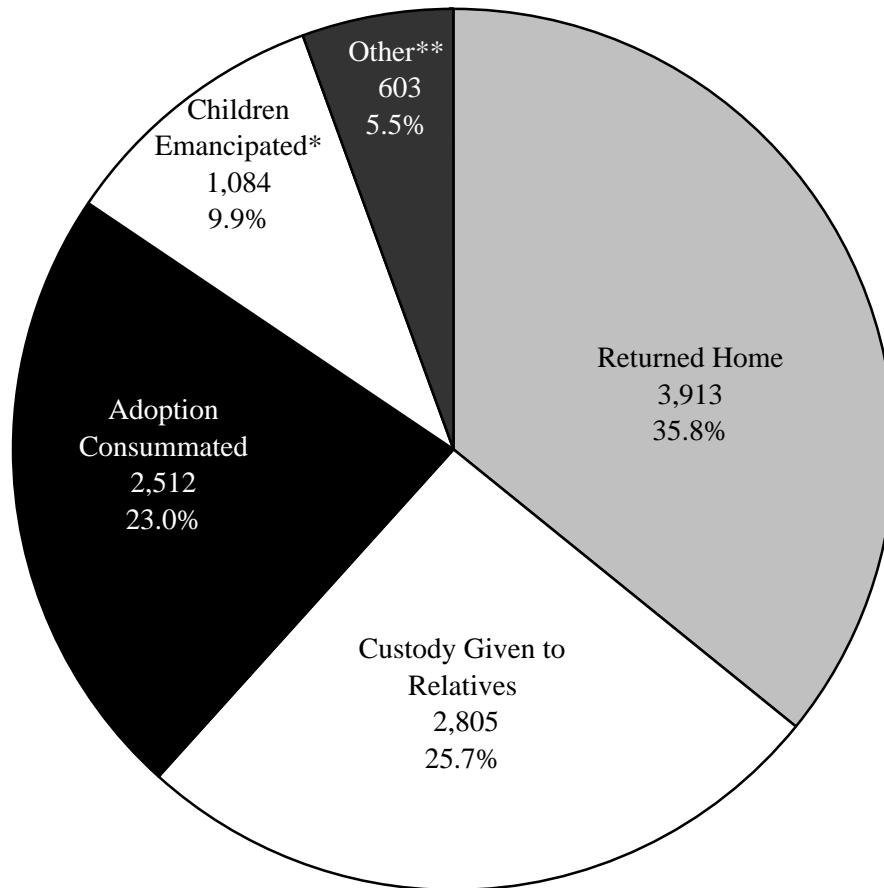
Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility in Non-Foster Care Placements by Fiscal Year



* 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 2004

Total Children: 10,917

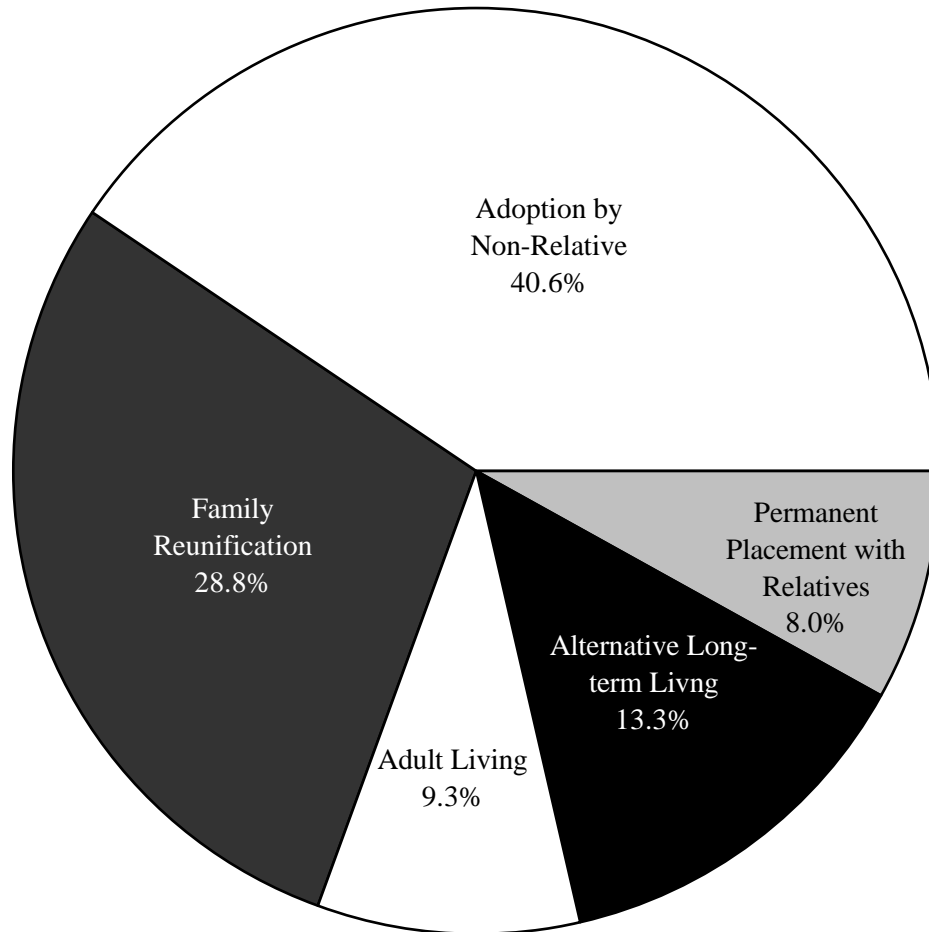


Note: Averages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

* Of the 1,084 youth emancipated in FY04, 884 were emancipated from paid foster care.

** Other includes children absent without permission, children in court ordered or independent living placement; 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, 2004



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
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	8.0%
2003	6,420	9,794	53	16,267	6.5%
2004	5,734	11,505	0	17,239	6.0%

Children in Paid Foster Care Monthly Average by Region Fiscal Year 2004

Region	State Paid Foster Care**	Title IV-E Foster Care
Lubbock (1)	375	862
Abilene (2)	188	340
Arlington (3)	1,242	2,365
Tyler (4)	425	504
Beaumont (5)	173	282
Houston (6)	1,241	2,231
Austin (7)	879	1,558
San Antonio (8)	640	1,960
Midland (9)	96	295
El Paso (10)	110	215
Edinburg (11)	365	893
Blank Region	0	0
Total	5,734	11,505

* 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 2001		August 2002		August 2003		August 2004	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age								
Birth - 2	2,622	19.1%	2,893	19.5%	3,110	19.8%	3,467	20.3%
3 - 5	1,775	12.9%	1,905	12.8%	2,165	13.8%	2,489	14.5%
6 - 9	2,287	16.7%	2,448	16.5%	2,503	15.9%	2,777	16.2%
10 - 13	3,129	22.8%	3,293	22.2%	3,322	21.1%	3,402	19.9%
14 - 17	3,668	26.7%	4,013	27.0%	4,314	27.5%	4,648	27.2%
18 - 20	248	1.8%	291	2.0%	295	1.9%	326	1.9%
Sex								
Male	7,299	53.2%	7,782	52.4%	8,331	53.0%	8,095	47.3%
Female	6,423	46.8%	7,052	47.5%	7,368	46.9%	9,010	52.7%
Unknown	7	0.1%	9	0.1%	10	0.1%	4	0.0%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	4,615	33.6%	4,886	32.9%	5,201	33.1%	5,619	32.8%
African American	4,322	31.5%	4,654	31.4%	4,707	30.0%	4,958	29.0%
Hispanic	4,547	33.1%	4,994	33.6%	5,503	35.0%	6,232	36.4%
Native American	53	0.4%	52	0.4%	41	0.3%	55	0.3%
Asian	66	0.5%	75	0.5%	80	0.5%	53	0.3%
Other	126	0.9%	182	1.2%	177	1.1%	192	1.1%
Total	13,729	100.0%	14,843	100.0%	15,709	100.0%	17,109	100.0%

Average Monthly Number of Children and FTEs in Paid Foster Care by Service Level Fiscal Year 2004

Service Level	Number of Children	Number of FTEs*	Avg. Daily Rate
Basic	8,866	7,952	\$28.39
Moderate	4,676	4,341	\$66.23
Specialized	2,835	2,601	\$98.28
Intense	258	234	\$204.03
Emergency Shelter	1,192	705	\$94.00
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All levels	17,826**	15,833	
Total Unduplicated Children	17,239		

Note: Calculations exclude children where cost of care was not covered by Title IV-E or state paid foster care.

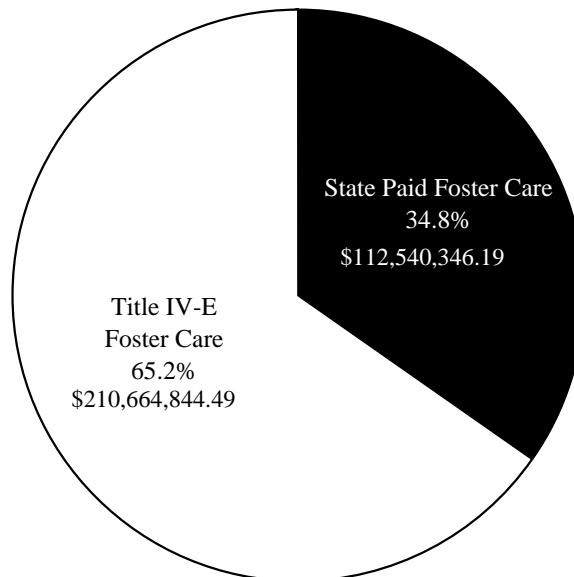
DFPS changed from a level of care system to a service level system in FY 2004.

*An FTE is calculated by dividing the number of paid foster care days in month by the number of days in a month.

**Duplicated count due to changes in service levels during the month.

Foster Care Expenditures by Source Fiscal Year 2004

Total Expenditures \$323,205,190.68



Expenditures are actual expenditures as of November 7, 2004.

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

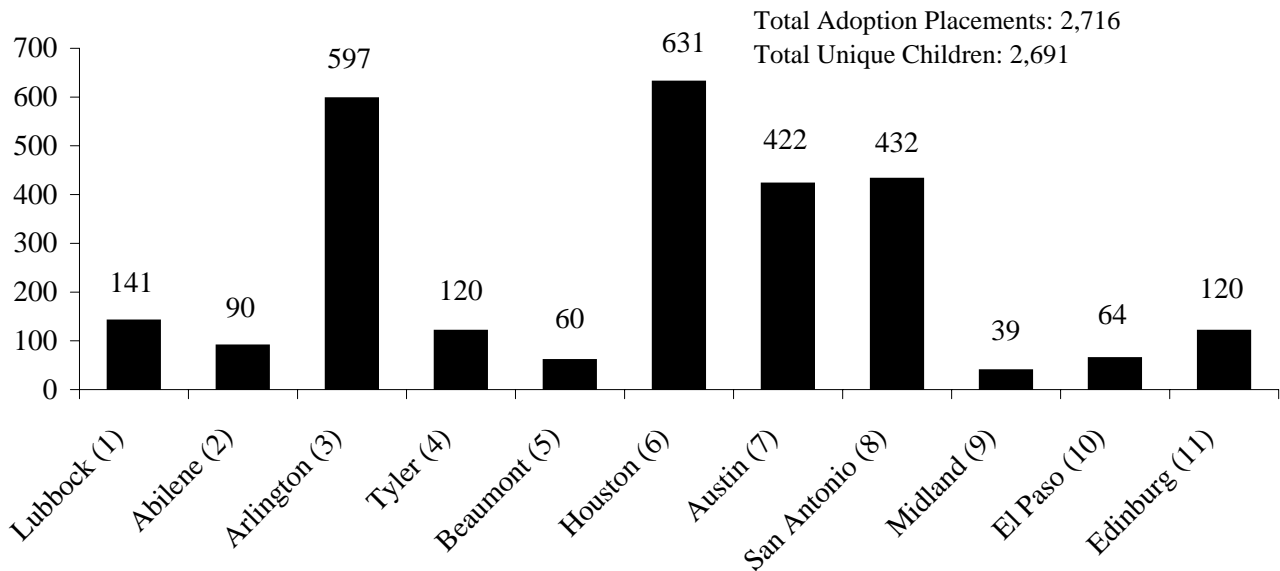
Number of DFPS Foster, Foster/Adoptive, and Adoptive Homes as of August 31, 2004

Region	Foster Homes	Foster/Adoptive Homes*	Adoptive Homes**
Lubbock (1)	28	187	10
Abilene (2)	17	149	56
Arlington (3)	75	646	107
Tyler (4)	38	197	19
Beaumont (5)	44	144	22
Houston (6)	195	405	138
Austin (7)	96	291	88
San Antonio (8)	87	202	69
Midland (9)	20	83	47
El Paso (10)	29	54	13
Edinburg (11)	43	103	53
Out of State	8	34	27
Total	680	2,495	649

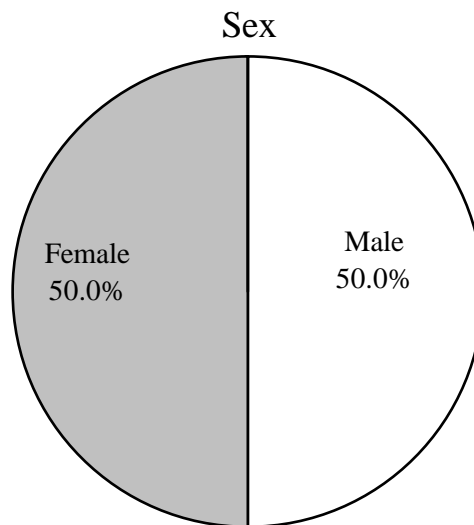
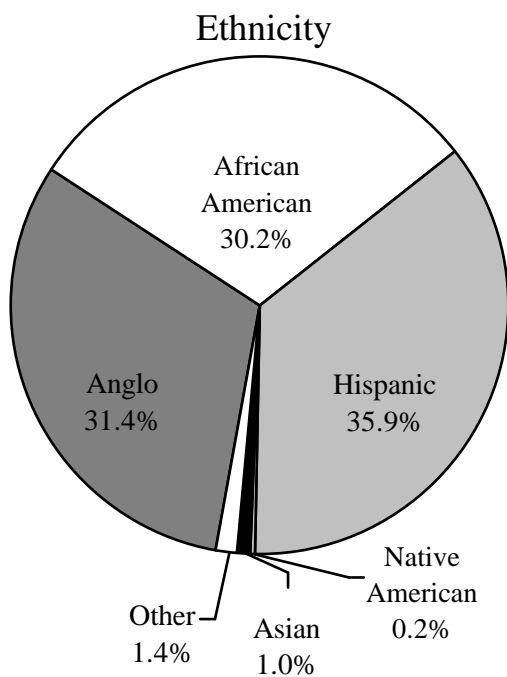
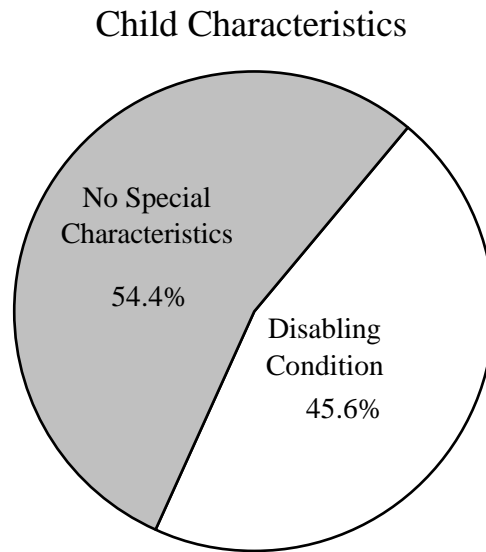
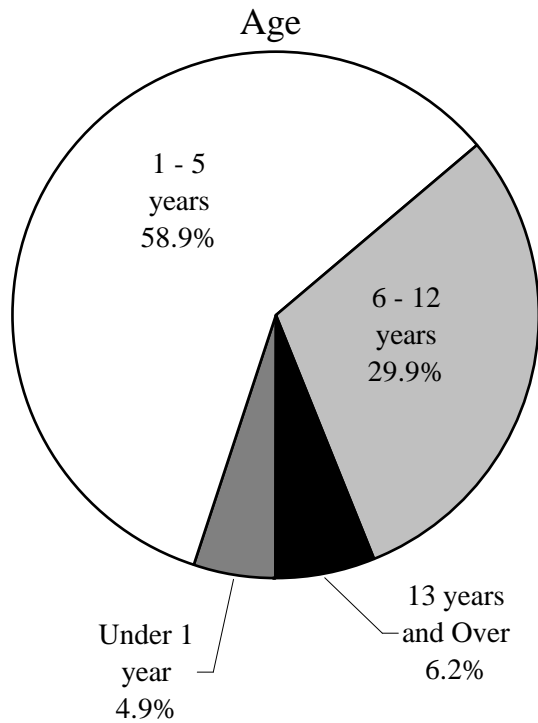
* Includes 22 legal risk homes and 187 kinship homes.

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

Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region Fiscal Year 2004

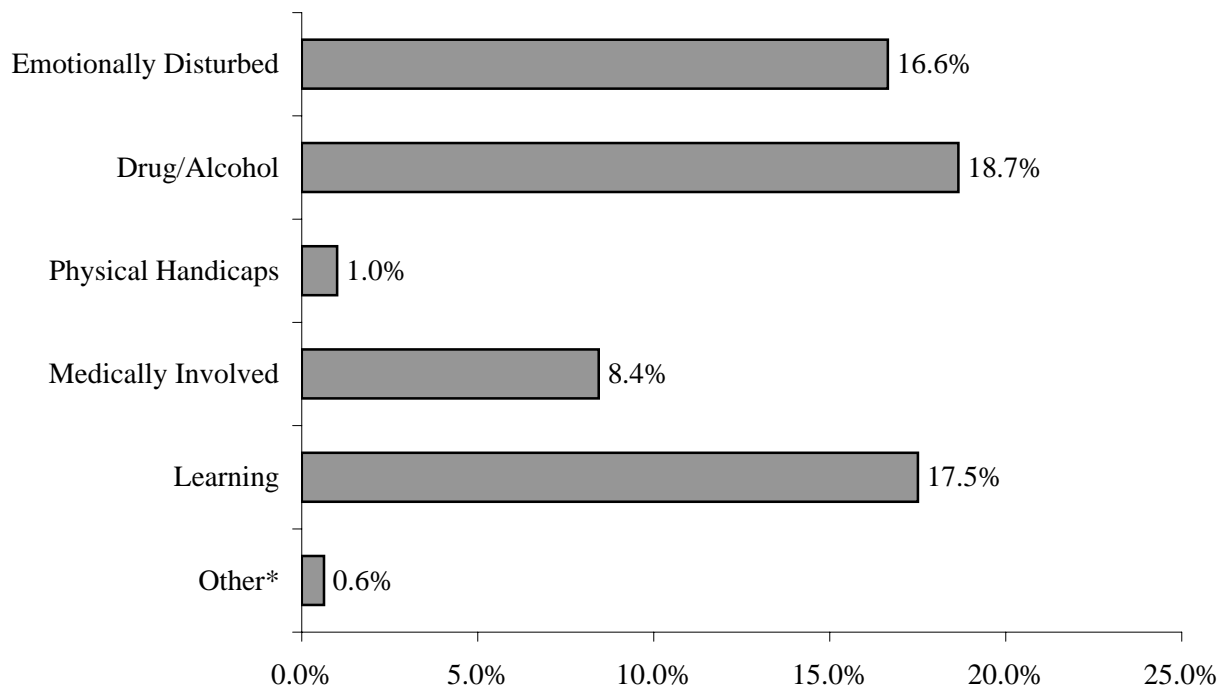


Demographics of 2,691 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2004



Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2004

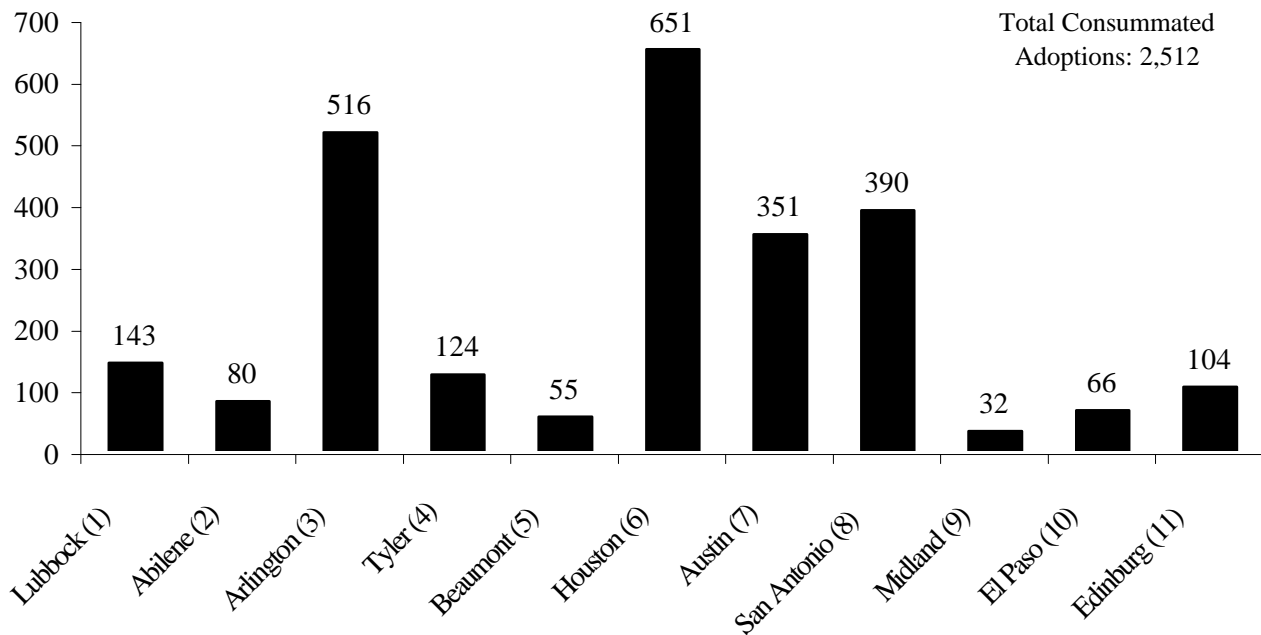
Disabling Condition	Percentage	Number
Emotionally Disturbed	16.6%	448
Drug/Alcohol	18.7%	502
Physical Handicaps	1.0%	27
Medically Involved	8.4%	227
Learning	17.5%	471
Other*	0.6%	17



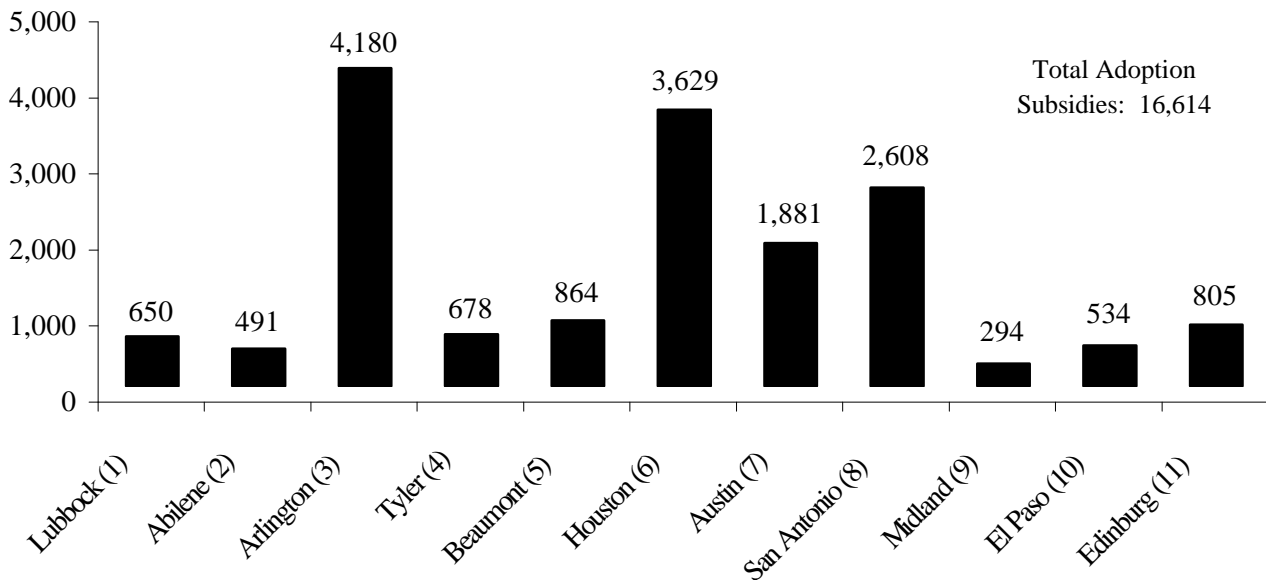
* Other includes teen parent or pregnant.

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

Children in Consummated Adoptions by Region Fiscal Year 2004



Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Per Month Fiscal Year 2004

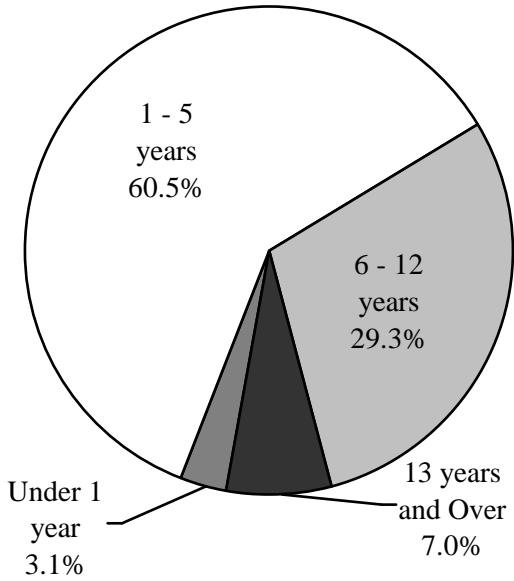


Note: Subsidies include financial payments only, not medical and non-recurring subsidies.

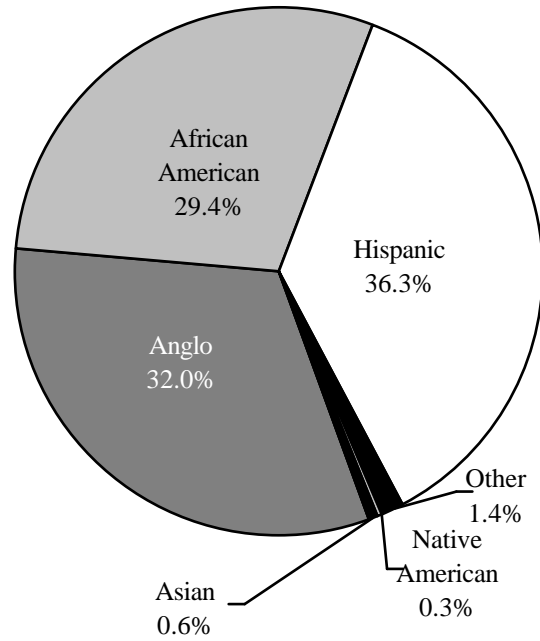
Demographics of Children in Consummated Adoptions Fiscal Year 2004

Total Consummated Adoptions: 2,512

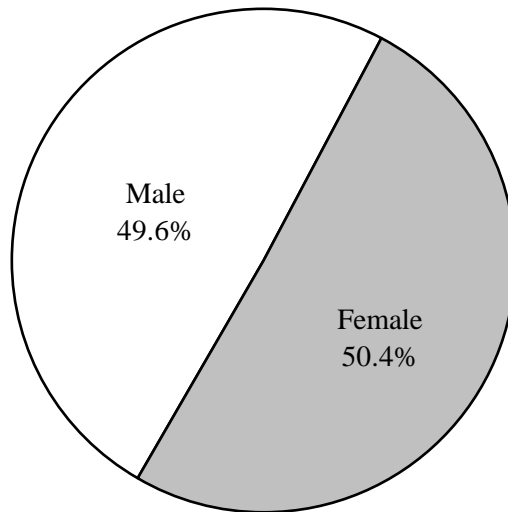
Age



Ethnicity



Sex



Race/Ethnicity of Children and Adoptive Parents by Fiscal Year

	2001		2002		2003		2004	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race/ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child	1,393	65.5%	1,347	65.1%	1,388	62.7%	1,473	60.5%
Race/ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Transracial)	733	34.5%	721	34.9%	826	37.3%	961	39.5%
Total adoptions where race/ethnicity can be determined	2,126	100.0%	2,068	100.0%	2,214	100.0%	2,434	100.0%

Adoption Consummations by Type of Agency by Fiscal Year

	2001		2002		2003		2004	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
DFPS	1,632	72.2%	1,513	67.3%	1,716	70.2%	1,715	68.3%
Non DFPS*	629	27.8%	735	32.7%	728	29.8%	797	31.7%
Total Consummations	2,261	100.0%	2,248	100.0%	2,444	100.0%	2,512	100.0%

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

CPS Outcomes

Based on data from Fiscal Year 2004

Family Preservation Outcomes

(measured from start of services to end of services)

Average length of service 7.8 months

Family Reunification Outcomes

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

Percent of children returned to own home 35.8 %
 Average number of placements per child 2.3
 Average length of service 9.3 months
 Median length of service 7.5 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 %
 Average number of placements per child 3.3
 Average length of service 28.9 months
 From Removal to Final Order 13.2 months
 From Final Order to Adoption Placement 12.7 months
 From Placement to Adoption Consummation 3 months
 Median length of service 24.5 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 25.7 %
 Average number of placements 2.4
 Average length of service 12.2 months
 Median length of service 10.7 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	9.9 %
Average number of placements	8.1
Average length of service	63.3 months
Median length of service	50.6 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	5.5 %
Average number of placements	2.4
Average length of service	11.2 months
Median length of service	4.9 months

Fiscal Year 2004 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)

8.7 %

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)

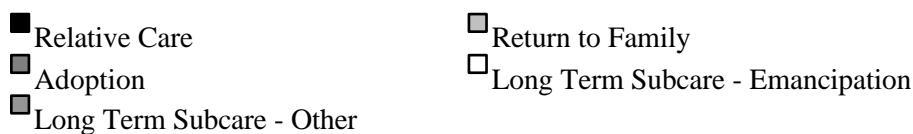
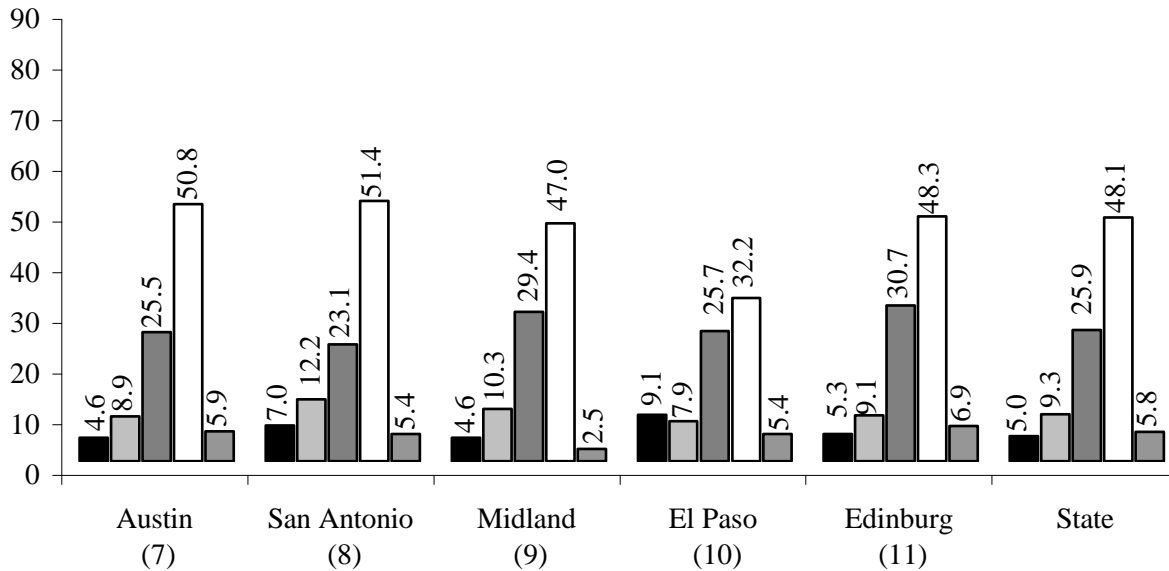
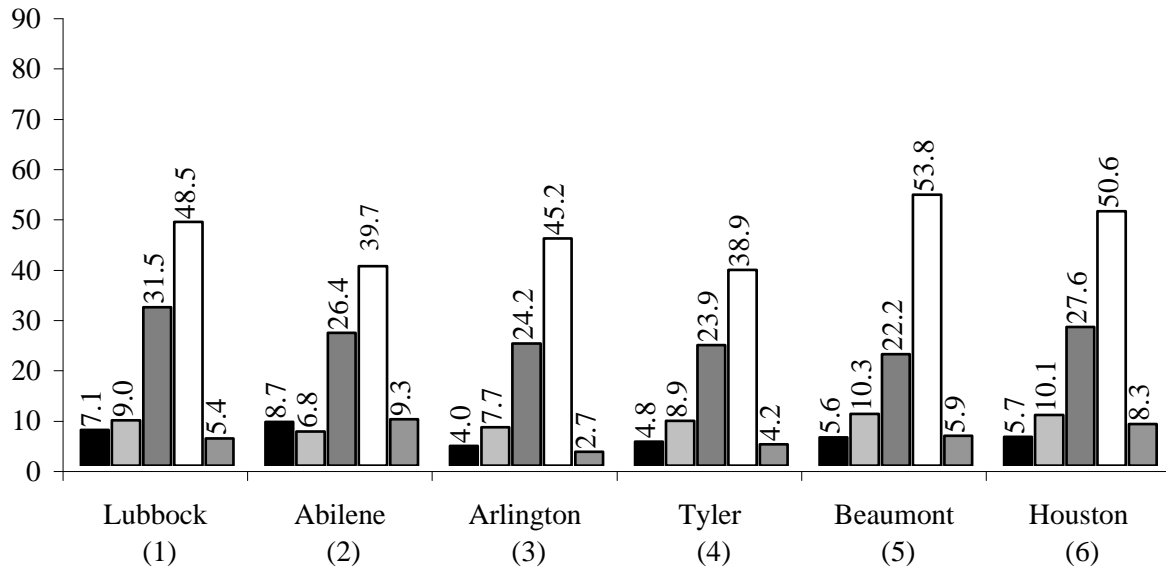
8.8 %

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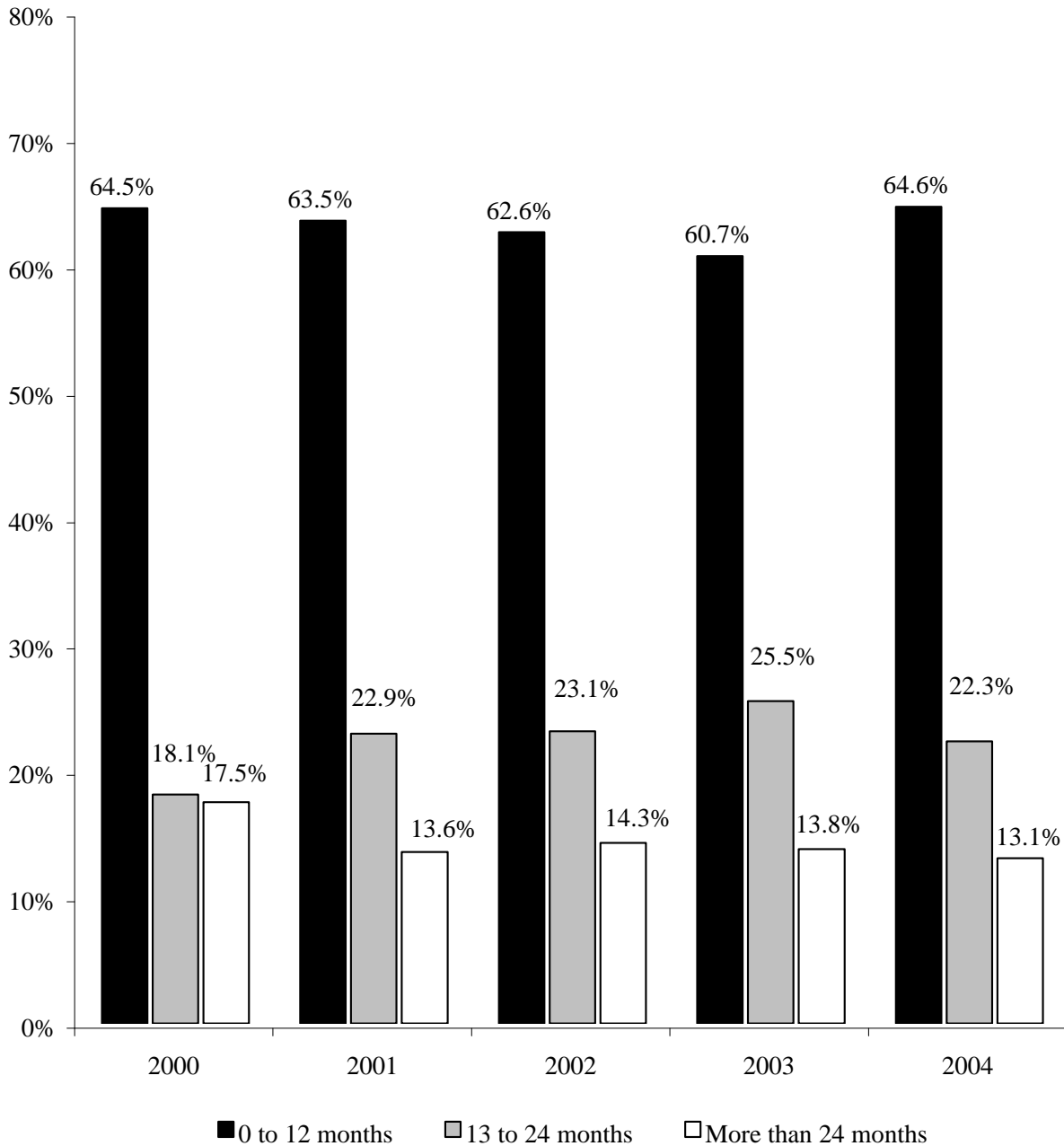
(measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation or a return to substitute care within 12 months of the end of family reunification services)

16.5 %

Average Length of Time in Months Children are in Temporary Substitute Care until Placed in a Permanent Living Arrangement by Region Fiscal Year 2004



Length of Time in Care for Children Who Achieved Permanency Status* During Fiscal Year 2004



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

Average Length of Time in Months for Children Leaving DFPS Responsibility by Type of Exit Fiscal Year 2004

Region	Family Preservation	Family Reunification	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Subcare - Emancipation	Long Term Subcare - Other
Lubbock (1)	9.2	9.0	33.5	13.8	66.0	11.3
Abilene (2)	5.6	6.8	29.4	14.3	57.3	16.4
Arlington (3)	6.8	7.7	26.8	11.2	59.9	8.9
Tyler (4)	8.8	8.9	26.8	10.0	56.2	7.8
Beaumont (5)	7.5	10.3	25.3	12.9	71.9	6.8
Houston (6)	9.5	10.1	30.9	14.1	69.1	15.6
Austin (7)	8.3	8.9	28.9	11.5	62.3	9.6
San Antonio (8)	7.5	12.2	25.8	13.8	62.7	9.5
Midland (9)	6.8	10.3	34.3	12.4	59.3	6.4
El Paso (10)	7.2	7.9	27.8	14.2	55.3	7.3
Edinburg (11)	7.5	9.1	36.0	11.9	61.2	10.8
State	7.8	9.3	28.9	12.2	63.3	11.2

Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Attained Permanency Fiscal Year 2004

Region	Return Home	Adoption	Relative Care	Long Term Care - Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
Lubbock (1)	2.6	2.9	2.8	8.0	2.2
Abilene (2)	2.1	3.0	3.2	6.0	3.3
Arlington (3)	2.1	3.1	2.3	7.6	1.8
Tyler (4)	2.4	2.8	2.3	6.4	2.9
Beaumont (5)	2.0	2.3	2.2	6.8	2.3
Houston (6)	2.2	3.4	2.4	8.5	2.9
Austin (7)	2.2	3.5	2.5	8.3	2.3
San Antonio (8)	2.7	3.8	2.6	9.3	2.3
Midland (9)	2.5	3.7	2.1	8.3	1.5
El Paso (10)	2.0	3.4	2.8	6.3	1.6
Edinburg (11)	2.3	3.3	2.1	8.0	2.6
State	2.3	3.3	2.4	8.1	2.4

Note: The average number of placements per child in substitute care for all children who attained permanency is 3.1 placements.

Substitute Care Outcomes for Cases Open at the End of Fiscal Year 2004

Average length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship.	6.3 months
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Median length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship.	5.2 months
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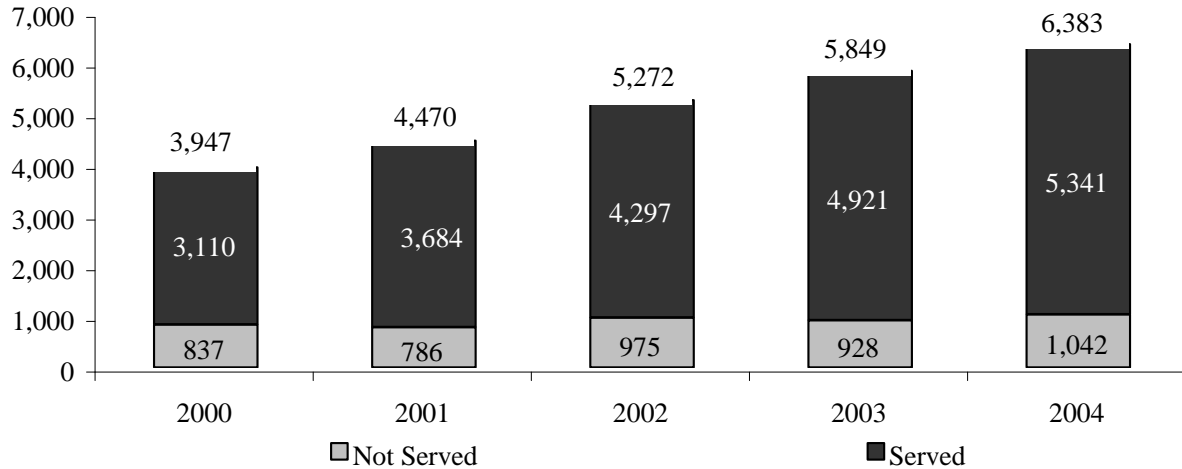
Average length of service for children in permanent managing conservatorship.	42.9 months
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Median length of service for children in permanent managing conservatorship.	31.3 months
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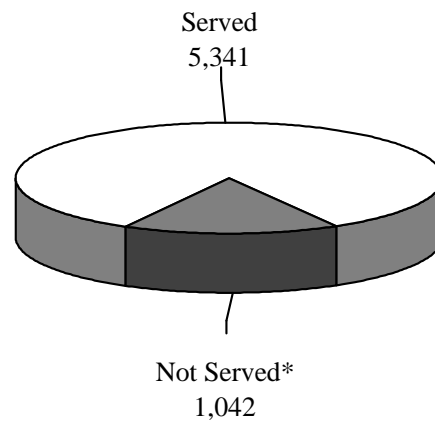
Average Number of Placements for Children Who Left Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2004

Region	Return Home/ Relative Care	Emancipated/ Other	Adoption Consummated
Lubbock (1)	2.6	6.5	2.9
Abilene (2)	2.5	5.4	3.0
Arlington (3)	2.2	5.3	3.1
Tyler (4)	2.4	4.9	2.8
Beaumont (5)	2.1	5.3	2.3
Houston (6)	2.3	6.2	3.4
Austin (7)	2.3	6.2	3.5
San Antonio (8)	2.7	7.5	3.8
Midland (9)	2.3	5.4	3.7
El Paso (10)	2.2	4.8	3.4
Edinburg (11)	2.2	6.3	3.3
State	2.3	6.0	3.3

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



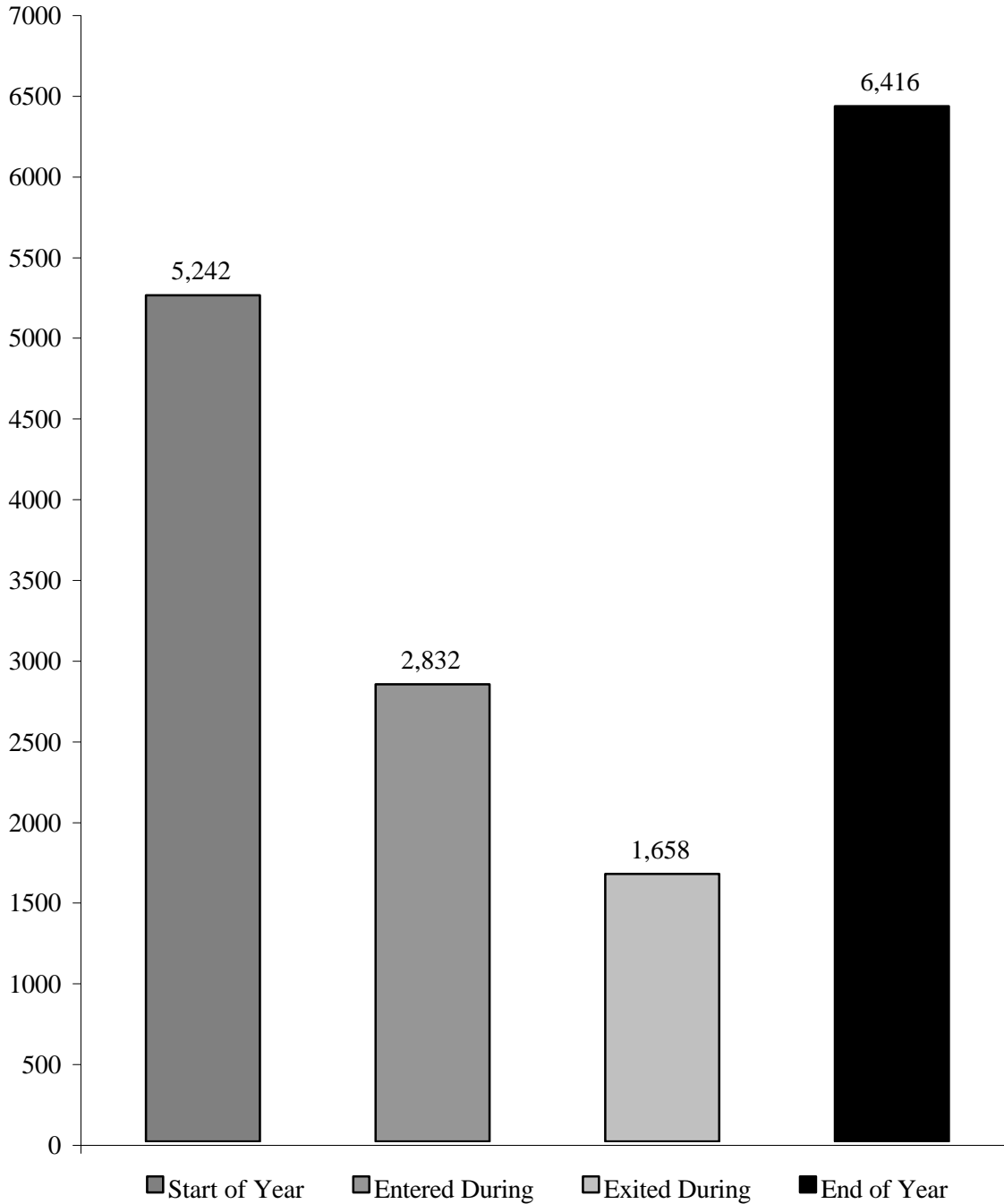
Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services Fiscal Year 2004



* 735 youth who were not served in FY 2004 received services prior to FY 2004.

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 2004



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