

## 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 2005

Region	Total	Confirmed	Percent Confirmed	Unconfirmed
Lubbock (1)	7,489	2,200	29.4%	5,289
Abilene (2)	5,045	1,471	29.2%	3,574
Arlington (3)	35,887	8,630	24.0%	27,257
Tyler (4)	8,876	1,894	21.3%	6,982
Beaumont (5)	5,846	1,113	19.0%	4,733
Houston (6)	31,315	7,138	22.8%	24,177
Austin (7)	18,908	4,654	24.6%	14,254
San Antonio (8)	20,590	4,774	23.2%	15,816
Midland (9)	4,215	1,069	25.4%	3,146
El Paso (10)	4,156	901	21.7%	3,255
Edinburg (11)	17,656	4,646	26.3%	13,010
Unknown	86	32	37.2%	54
<b>State Total</b>	<b>160,069</b>	<b>38,522</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>121,547</b>

*Note:* For information regarding child abuse/neglect investigations in child care facilities see "Complaint Investigations in Child-Care Facilities" on page 99.