

CPS

Child Protective Services Overview

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Expenditures and Total Average Filled FTE Staff

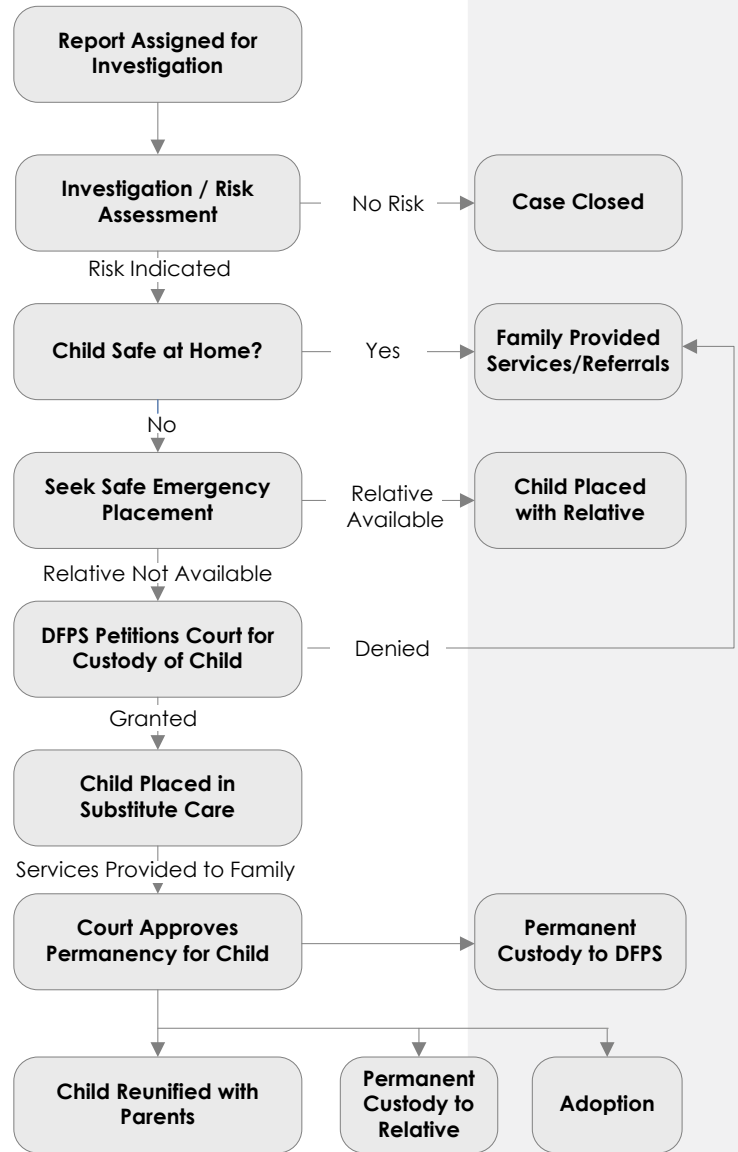
Total Staff	7,046.2
Direct Delivery Total Staff	6,631.3
Caseworkers	
Investigation	1,664.4
Family-Based Safety Services	540.8
Conservatorship	1,173.5
Other Workers	355.7
Supervisors	754.0
Program Directors/Administrators	114.4
Clerical	801.7
Case Aides	607.2
Other Direct Delivery Staff	619.6
CPS Staff Costs	\$376,531,782.00

Worker Demographics

Turnover Rate	34.1%
Tenure:	
Less Than 1 Year	41.0%
1 - 3 Years	37.8%
Greater than 3 Years	21.2%
Entry Salary (INV)	\$34,602.00
Entry Salary (Non INV)	\$31,020.00
Average Age	35.0
Race/Ethnicity:	
African-American	29.5%
Anglo	44.4%
Hispanic	24.2%
Other	1.9%

Supervisor Demographics

Turnover Rate	7.4%
Tenure:	
Less Than 1 Year	2.6%
1 - 3 Years	10.2%
Greater than 3 Years	87.2%
Entry Salary	\$37,599.00
Average Age	40.3
Race/Ethnicity:	
African-American	24.7%
Anglo	50.8%
Hispanic	22.9%
Other	1.6%



Note: This chart is for reference only and does not necessarily represent the flow of a case.

Statistics FY 2007

Texas State Child Population	6,376,086
Children, Alleged Victims	278,303
Children in Confirmed Investigations	102,434
Children Removed	15,920

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The Values are

- Respect for culture
- Inclusiveness of families, youth and community
- Integrity in decision making
- Compassion for all
- Commitment to reducing disproportionality

Most Common...

- **Person reporting abuse/neglect**
School Professional (19.7%)
- **Allegation confirmed**
Neglectful Supervision (58.9%)
- **Confirmed perpetrator of abuse/neglect**
Relationship: Parent (78.4%),
Gender: Female (58.1%)
Age: Age 26-35 (37.0%),
Marital Status: Married (30.7%)
- **Characteristic of confirmed victim**
Age: Age 1 to 3 (23.6%),
Gender: Female (51.9%)

Fiscal Year 2007 Other Expenditures

Purchased Services	\$85,024,302
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling/Evaluation/Testing • Homemaker Services • Parent/Community Groups • Post Adoption Services Program • Day Care Services 	
Foster Care Payments	\$388,551,089
Adoption Subsidy Payments	\$125,555,548
Federally Funded Special Projects	\$2,644,637
Total Staff	29.3

Legal Responsibility for Child Protective Services

Statutory References

Social Security Act
 Texas Family Code
 Human Resources Code
 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
 Indian Child Welfare Act
 Adam Walsh Act

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 Child Safety Specialists 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 that 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;
- Requirements for frequency and location of contact with children in substitute care;
- Requirements for conducting criminal background and central registry checks of foster and adoptive parents.

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

Federal Outcomes Used to Assess Child Welfare Services

Safety Outcomes

- Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.
- Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

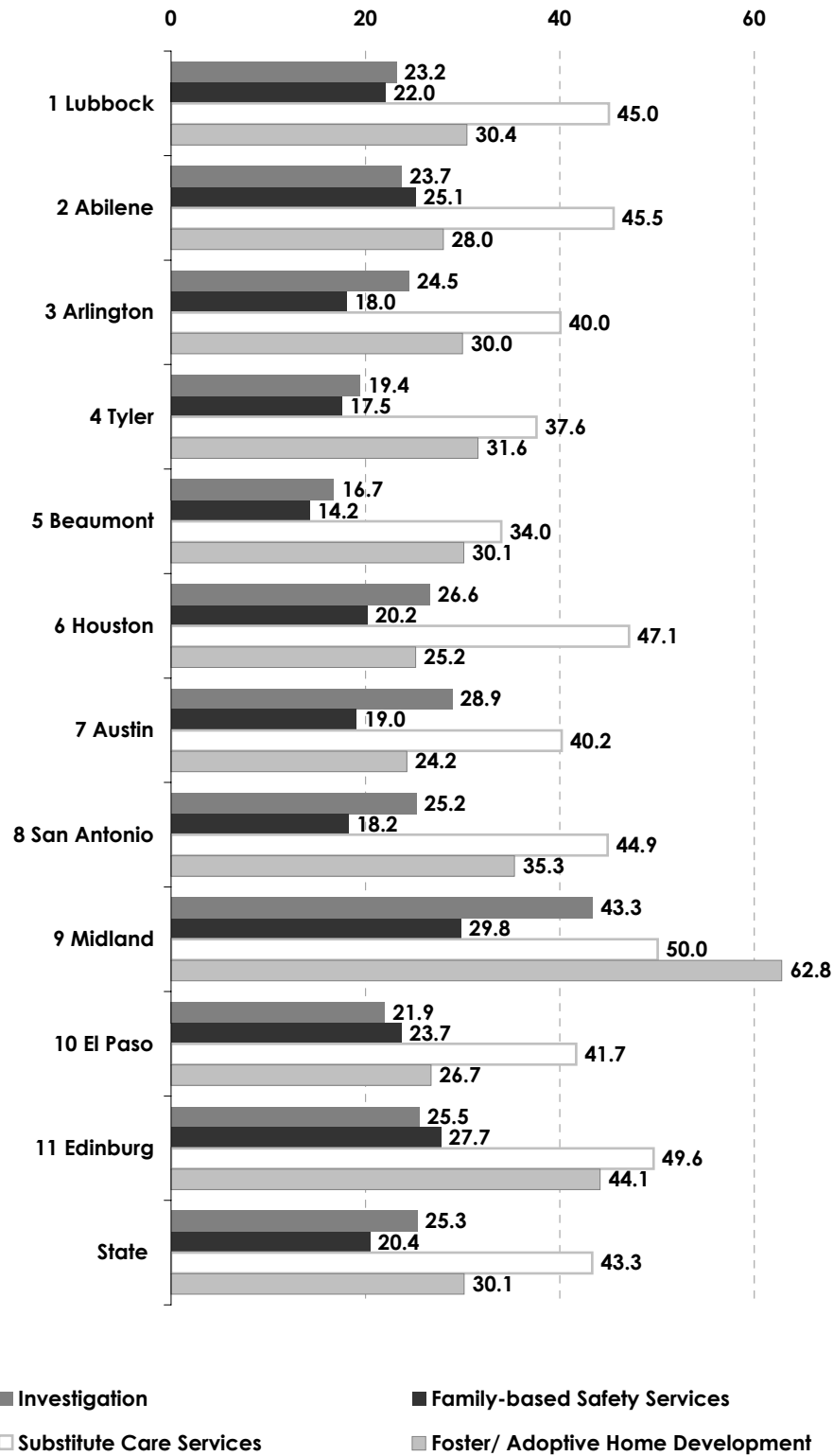
Permanency Outcomes

- Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.
- Permanency Outcome 2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

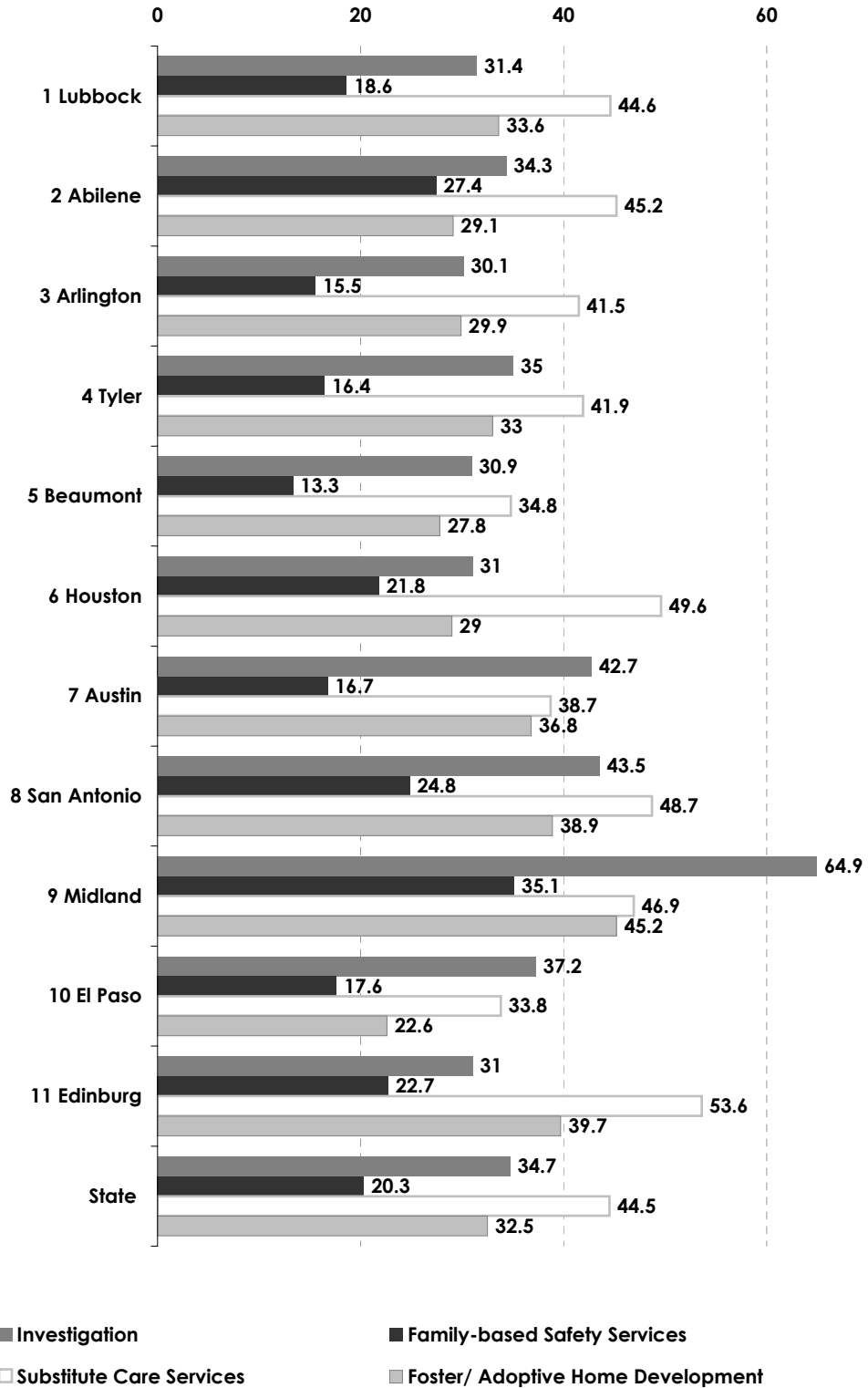
Well-Being Outcomes

- Well-Being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
- Well-Being Outcome 2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.
- Well-Being Outcome 3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

**CPS Daily Caseload
Fiscal Year 2007**

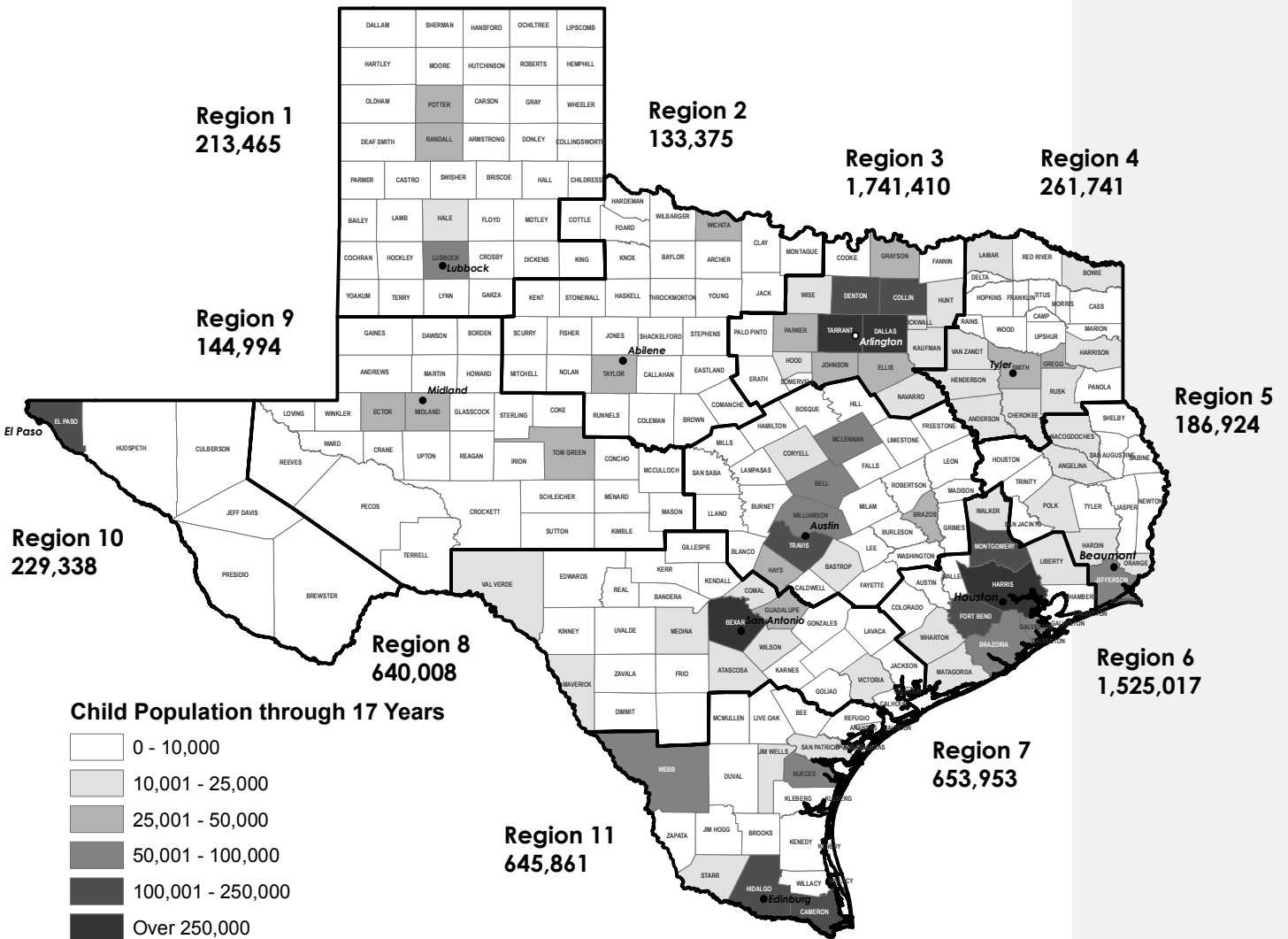


**CPS Daily Caseload
Fiscal Year 2006**



**Texas Child Population
Ages Birth through 17 Years
Fiscal Year 2007**

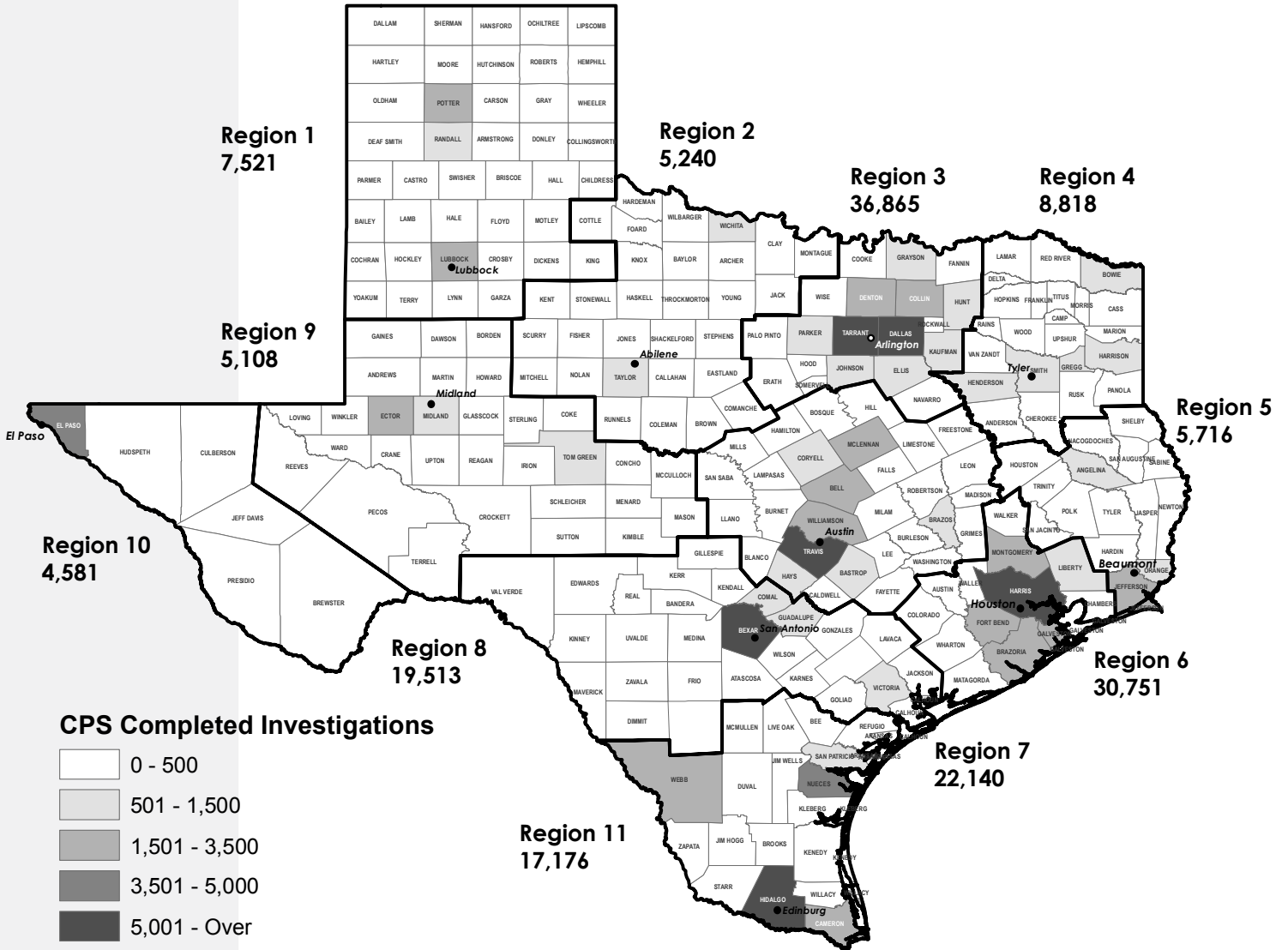
State Total: 6,376,086



Population Data Source: Texas State Data Center, University of Texas (San Antonio)

Child Protective Services Completed Investigations Fiscal Year 2007

State Total: 163,471



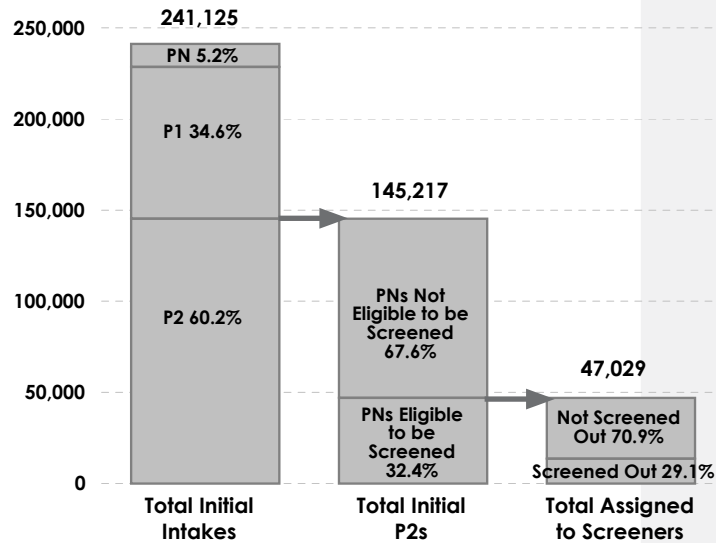
Note: 42 investigations did not have the county designated.

**CPS Total Initial Intakes and Screened Out Cases
Fiscal Year 2007**

Total Initial Intakes	Number	Percent
PN	12,549	5.2%
P1	83,359	34.6%
P2	145,217	60.2%
Total	241,125	100.0%

Initial Priority 2s	Number	Percent
Not Assigned to Screeners	98,188	67.6%
Assigned to Screeners	47,029	32.4%
Total	145,217	100.00%

Assigned to Screeners	Number	Percent
Not Screened Out	33,352	70.9%
Screened Out (P2 to PN)	13,677	29.1%
Total	47,029	100.00%



Note: When a case is a P2, all alleged victims are age 6 or older, and there is not currently an open case, a formal screening occurs. The purpose of the formal screening is to determine if CPS intervention is warranted. There may be eligible P2s not assigned to screeners.

**Risk Assessment Finding of Completed Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations
Fiscal Year 2007**

Disposition of Investigation	No Significant Risk Identified	Risk Controlled	Risk Indicated	Risk Not Applicable Blank/Invalid	Total
Confirmed	146	21,432	20,644	223	42,445
Percent of Total	0.7%	19.8%	77.9%	3.1%	26.0%
Unconfirmed	21,173	86,917	5,871	7,065	121,026
Percent of Total	99.3%	80.2%	22.1%	96.9%	74.0%
State Total	21,319	108,349	26,515	7,288	163,471

**Case Action for Risk Indicated Completed Investigations
Fiscal Year 2007**

Open to Services	25,543	96%
Not Open to Services	1,062	4%
Total	26,515	100%

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.

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

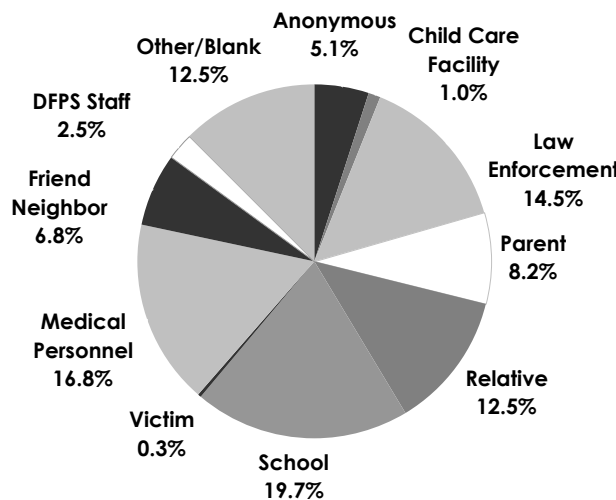
- **Reason to believe** - Based on a preponderance of evidence, staff concluded that abuse or neglect occurred.

Unconfirmed Investigations

- **Ruled out** - Staff determined, based on available information, that it is reasonable to conclude that abuse or neglect has not occurred.
- **Unable to complete** - Before staff could reach a conclusion, the persons involved in the report moved, could not be located or refused to cooperate.
- **Unable-to-determine** - Staff concluded that none of the other dispositions were appropriate.

Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Source of Report for Completed Investigations

Sources	Fiscal Year 2005		Fiscal Year 2006		Fiscal Year 2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Anonymous	15,498	8.0%	11,364	5.8%	9,802	5.1%
Child Care Facility	1,886	1.0%	1,887	1.0%	1,994	1.0%
Law Enforcement	23,614	12.2%	25,965	13.3%	28,177	14.5%
Parent	17,005	8.8%	16,830	8.6%	15,881	8.2%
Relative	25,221	13.1%	25,992	13.3%	24,259	12.5%
School	37,303	19.4%	37,727	19.3%	38,265	19.7%
Victim	903	0.5%	783	0.4%	620	0.3%
Medical Personnel	29,241	15.2%	31,127	15.9%	32,615	16.8%
Friend/Neighbor	14,711	7.6%	14,957	7.7%	13,203	6.8%
DFPS Staff	4,141	2.1%	4,404	2.3%	4,878	2.5%
Other	23,020	11.9%	24,068	12.3%	24,139	12.4%
Blank	228	0.1%	198	0.1%	261	0.1%
State Total	192,771	100.0%	195,302	100.0%	194,094	100.0%



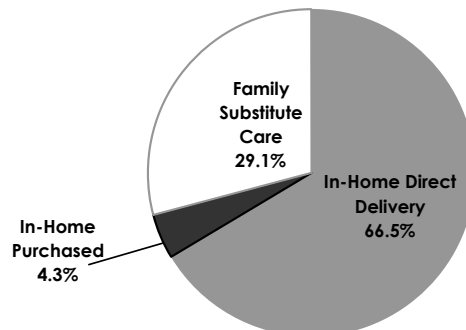
Note: A report of abuse/neglect may come from multiple sources.

**Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Completed Investigations
Fiscal Year 2007**

Region	Total	Confirmed	% Confirmed Investigations	Unconfirmed Investigations
1 Lubbock	7,521	2,236	29.7%	5,285
2 Abilene	5,240	1,597	30.5%	3,643
3 Arlington	36,865	10,091	27.4%	26,774
4 Tyler	8,818	2,496	28.3%	6,322
5 Beaumont	5,716	1,327	23.2%	4,389
6 Houston	30,751	6,350	20.6%	24,401
7 Austin	22,140	5,200	23.5%	16,940
8 San Antonio	19,513	5,270	27.0%	14,243
9 Midland	5,108	1,607	31.5%	3,501
10 El Paso	4,581	1,289	28.1%	3,292
11 Edinburg	17,176	4,965	28.9%	12,211
Unknown	42	17	40.5%	25
State	163,471	42,445	26.0%	121,026

**Family Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation
Fiscal Year 2007**

Region	In-home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	Family Substitute Care	Total
1 Lubbock	789	1	389	1179
2 Abilene	722	2	267	991
3 Arlington	3159	754	2004	5917
4 Tyler	974	36	365	1375
5 Beaumont	399	2	187	588
6 Houston	2802	4	1459	4265
7 Austin	1526	1	1013	2540
8 San Antonio	2758	160	779	3697
9 Midland	767	1	250	1018
10 El Paso	536	0	95	631
11 Edinburg	2497	144	599	3240
Other	1	0	11	12
Total	16,930	1,105	7,418	25,453



Confirmed Allegations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type of Abuse Fiscal Year 2007

Region	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment	Medical Neglect	Physical Neglect
1 Lubbock	936	371	77	15	113	483
2 Abilene	446	267	51	8	117	457
3 Arlington	4,064	1,629	125	83	518	1,624
4 Tyler	805	403	46	9	155	599
5 Beaumont	404	193	29	21	63	198
6 Houston	2,417	1,285	115	72	334	1,088
7 Austin	1,735	814	78	27	255	888
8 San Antonio	1,582	823	79	48	336	911
9 Midland	518	251	31	11	127	414
10 El Paso	574	174	33	8	104	325
11 Edinburg	1,669	836	175	28	318	1,119
Unknown	0	4	0	1	0	1
State Total	15,150	7,050	839	331	2,440	8,107

Region	Neglectful Supervision	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Total Confirmed Allegations of Child Abuse/Neglect	Percent of Child Abuse/Neglect	*Unduplicated Confirmed Victims
1 Lubbock	2,927	30	4,952	5.9%	4,050
2 Abilene	2,016	20	3,382	4.0%	2,760
3 Arlington	11,667	175	19,885	23.6%	16,672
4 Tyler	2,789	48	4,854	5.7%	4,065
5 Beaumont	1,389	26	2,323	2.8%	2,025
6 Houston	5,849	173	11,333	13.4%	9,698
7 Austin	5,880	127	9,804	11.6%	8,496
8 San Antonio	6,930	65	10,774	12.8%	9,332
9 Midland	2,220	27	3,599	4.3%	2,949
10 El Paso	1,458	16	2,692	3.2%	2,197
11 Edinburg	6,564	81	10,790	12.8%	9,071
Unknown	21	4	31	0.0%	29
State Total	49,710	792	84,419	100.0%	71,344

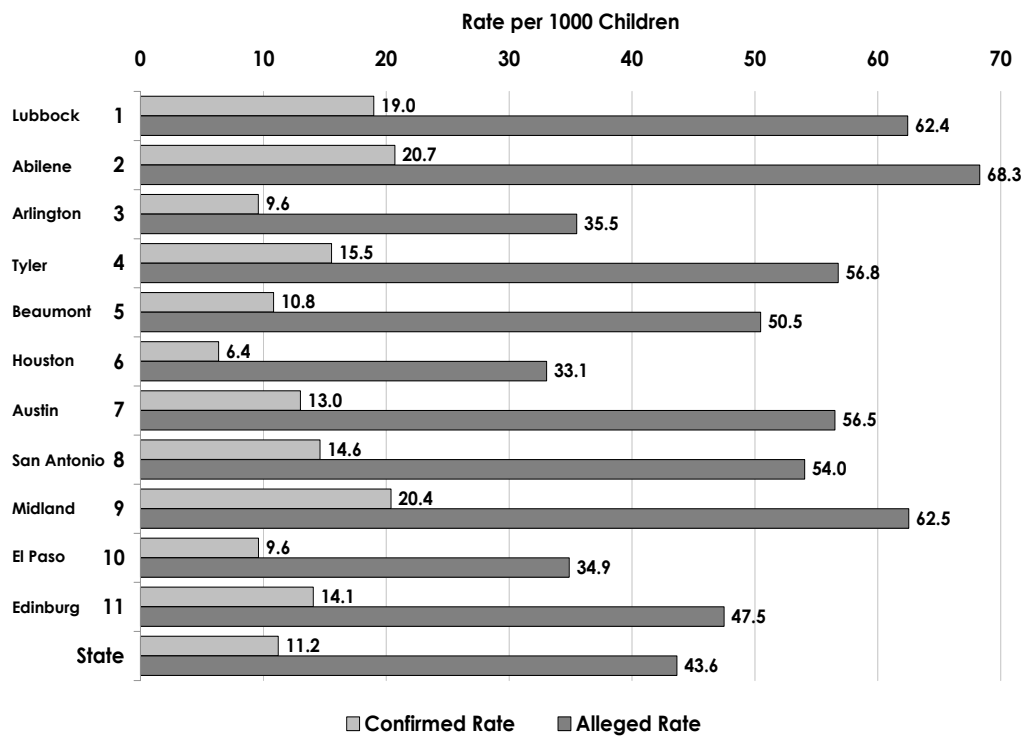
* Victims have been unduplicated by investigation stage.

**Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation
Fiscal Year 2007**

Region	In-home Direct Delivery	In-Home Purchased	% Opened In-Home	Family Substitute Care*	Total
1 Lubbock	2,129	2	68.5%	980	3,111
2 Abilene	1,814	6	75.9%	578	2,398
3 Arlington	8,163	1,940	68.7%	4,596	14,699
4 Tyler	2,338	87	74.0%	851	3,276
5 Beaumont	986	5	70.3%	419	1,410
6 Houston	7,456	14	69.0%	3,355	10,825
7 Austin	4,105	1	62.5%	2,462	6,568
8 San Antonio	7,739	404	79.1%	2,147	10,290
9 Midland	2,014	4	77.0%	604	2,622
10 El Paso	1,484	0	86.5%	232	1,716
11 Edinburg	7,141	385	81.8%	1,676	9,202
Other	3	0	10.3%	26	29
Total	45,372	2,848	72.9%	17,926	66,146

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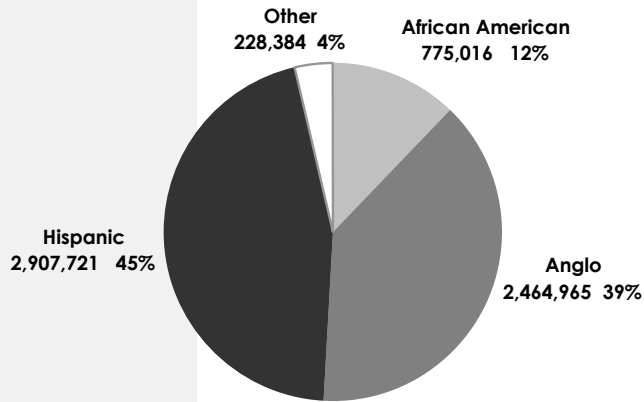
**Point Prevalence* Rate of Child Abuse/Neglect
per 1,000 Children in Texas Population per Region
Fiscal Year 2007**



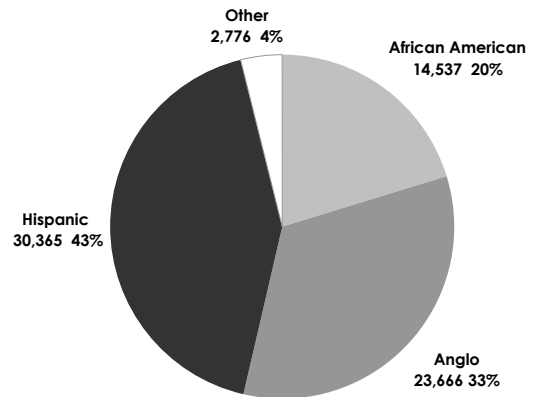
* Point prevalence is calculated by dividing the regional population of children under 18 by the alleged incidence of child abuse per 1,000 children and the confirmed incidence of child abuse per 1,000 children.

Race/Ethnicity of Selected CPS Statistics Compared to Texas Child Population Fiscal Year 2007

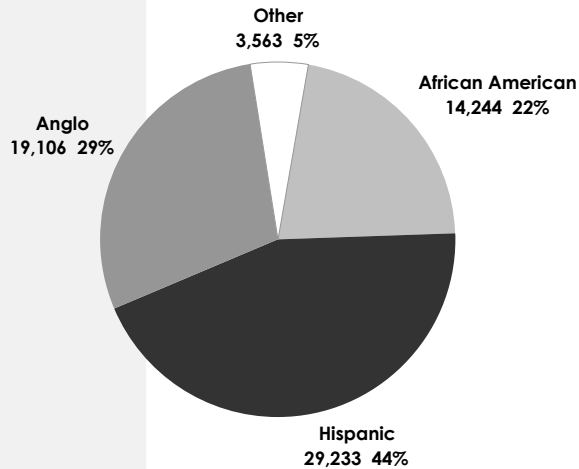
Texas Child Population - 6,376,086



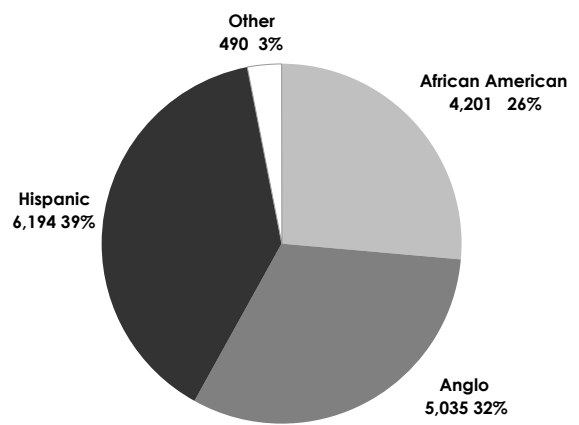
CPS Confirmed Victims - 71,344



Children in Cases Opened for Services - 66,146

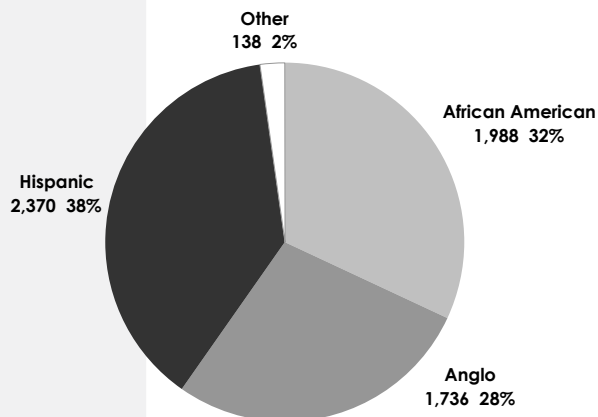


Number of Removals - 15,920

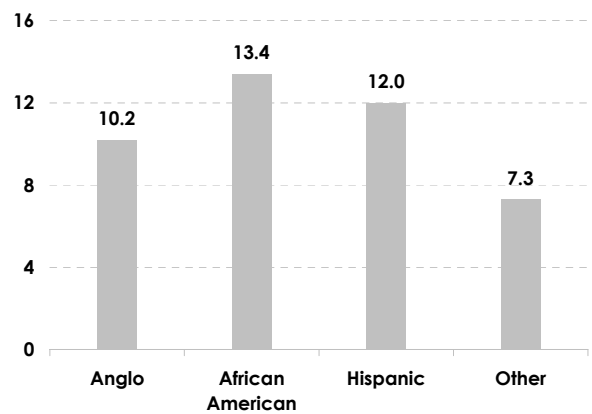


Includes all children in the case regardless of victimization.

Number of Children Awaiting Adoption - 6,232



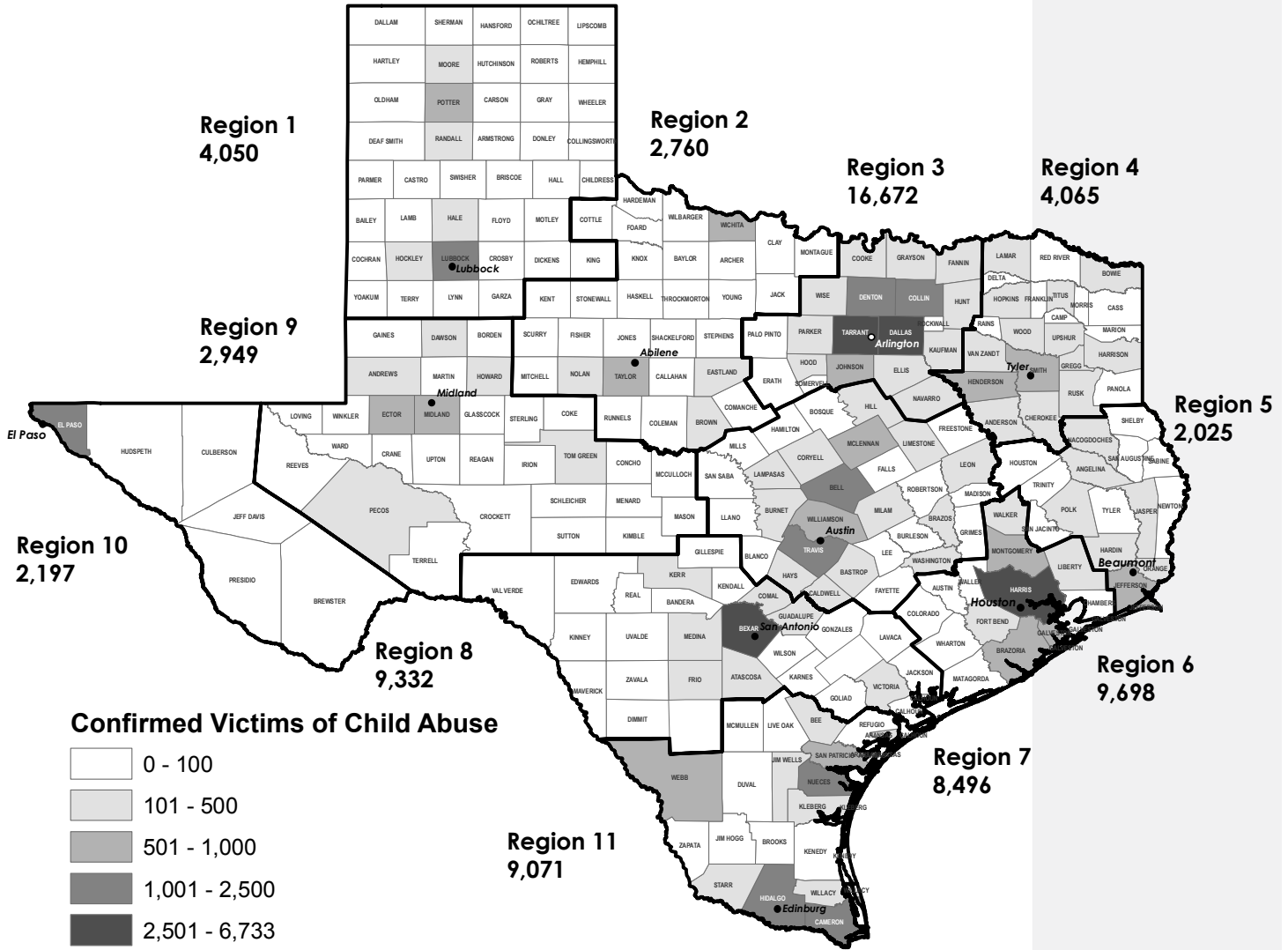
Median Time Waiting for Adoption in Months - 11.6



Note: Other includes anyone not categorized as Anglo, African-American or Hispanic.

**Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect
Fiscal Year 2007**

State Total: 71,344



* 29 confirmed victims did not have a region designated.

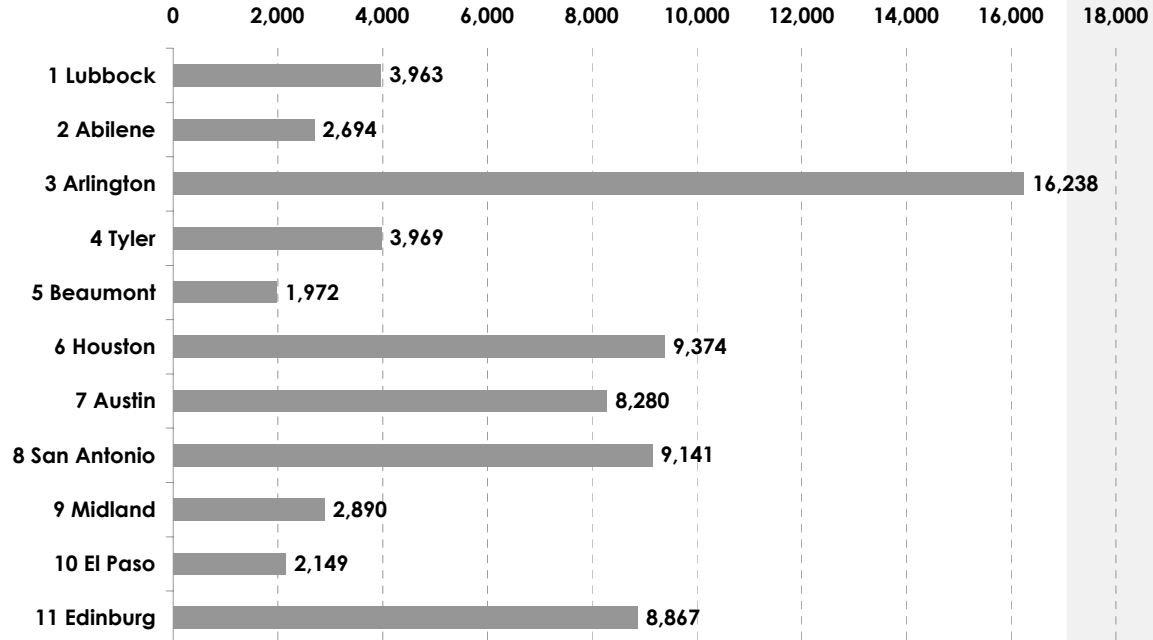
Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Fiscal Year 2007

Age	Gender	Anglo	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Other	Total
Under 1	Female	1,509	1,217	1,918	10	9	298	4,961
	Male	1,577	1,282	2,022	8	21	310	5,220
	Unknown	7	9	8	0	0	6	30
	Total	3,093	2,508	3,948	18	30	614	10,211
1-3 Years	Female	2,635	1,571	3,519	5	18	284	8,032
	Male	2,865	1,770	3,701	16	31	351	8,734
	Unknown	12	12	16	0	0	12	52
	Total	5,512	3,353	7,236	21	49	647	16,818
4-6 Years	Female	2,456	1,411	3,233	10	18	218	7,346
	Male	2,352	1,506	3,147	7	24	212	7,248
	Unknown	7	2	6	0	0	1	16
	Total	4,815	2,919	6,386	17	42	431	14,610
7-9 Years	Female	1,892	1,100	2,673	9	23	125	5,822
	Male	1,899	1,116	2,287	5	18	125	5,450
	Unknown	1	6	7	0	0	3	17
	Total	3,792	2,222	4,967	14	41	253	11,289
10-12 Years	Female	1,476	862	2,015	5	15	113	4,486
	Male	1,369	780	1,600	14	18	88	3,869
	Unknown	1	4	3	0	0	2	10
	Total	2,846	1,646	3,618	19	33	203	8,365
13-17 Years	Female	2,202	1,121	2,732	12	35	135	6,237
	Male	1,323	694	1,353	11	26	106	3,513
	Unknown	2	2	2	0	0	0	6
	Total	3,527	1,817	4,087	23	61	241	9,756
Other	Female	34	34	60	0	0	10	138
	Male	45	37	61	0	0	6	149
	Unknown	2	1	2	0	0	3	8
	Total	81	72	123	0	0	19	295
Total Victims	Female	12,204	7,316	16,150	51	118	1,183	37,022
	Male	11,430	7,185	14,171	61	138	1,198	34,183
	Unknown	32	36	44	0	0	27	139
Grand Total		23,666	14,537	30,365	112	256	2,408	71,344

Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2007

Region	Alleged Victims	Confirmed Victims	Unconfirmed Victims	Percent Confirmed
1 Lubbock	13,327	4,050	9,277	30.4%
2 Abilene	9,109	2,760	6,349	30.3%
3 Arlington	61,810	16,672	45,138	27.0%
4 Tyler	14,857	4,065	10,792	27.4%
5 Beaumont	9,432	2,025	7,407	21.5%
6 Houston	50,411	9,698	40,713	19.2%
7 Austin	36,953	8,496	28,457	23.0%
8 San Antonio	34,593	9,332	25,261	27.0%
9 Midland	9,064	2,949	6,115	32.5%
10 El Paso	8,003	2,197	5,806	27.5%
11 Edinburg	30,675	9,071	21,604	29.6%
Out of State	69	29	40	42.0%
State	278,303	71,344	206,959	25.6%

CPS Victims of Family Violence in Confirmed Investigations Fiscal Year 2007 Total 69,537

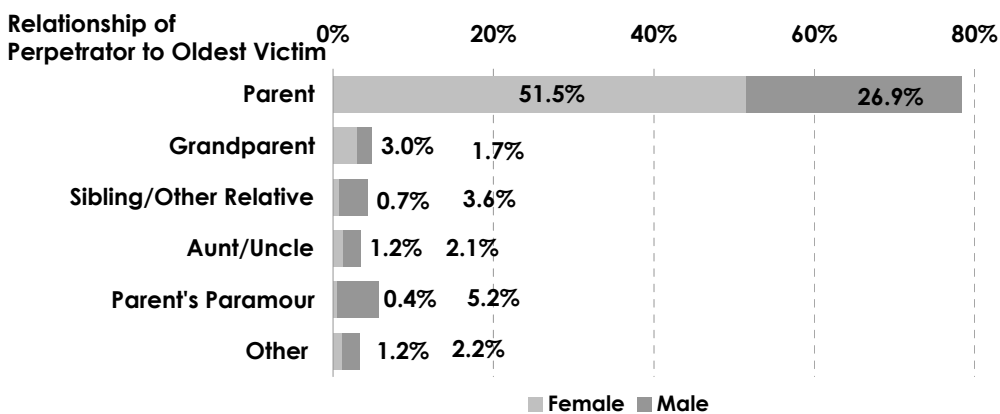
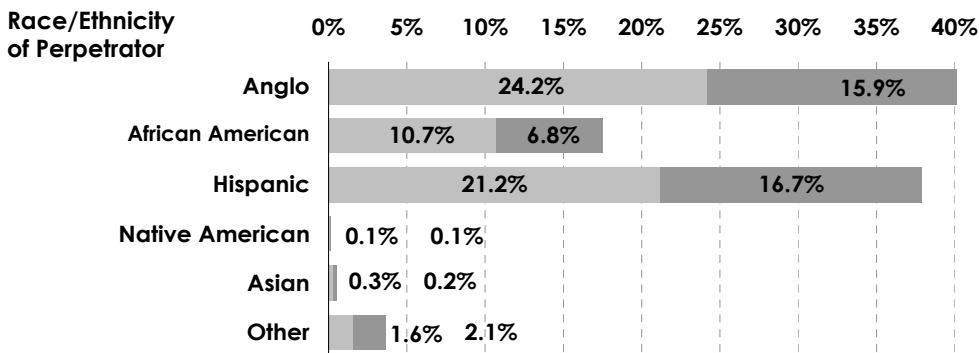
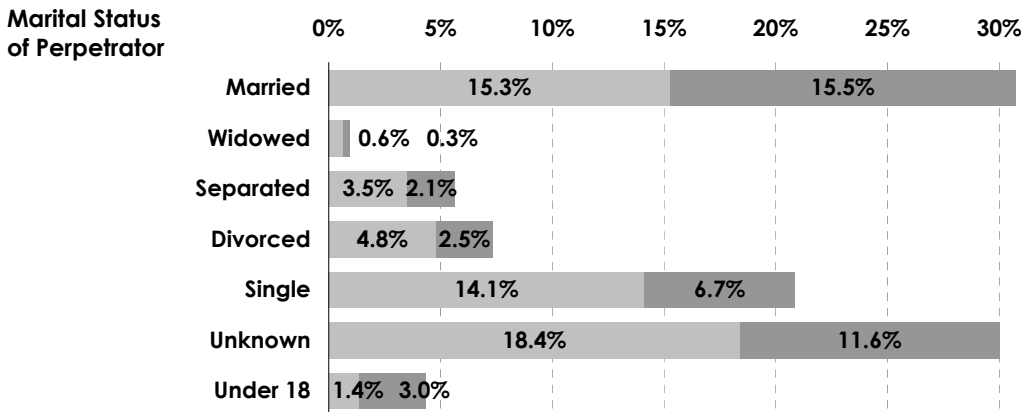
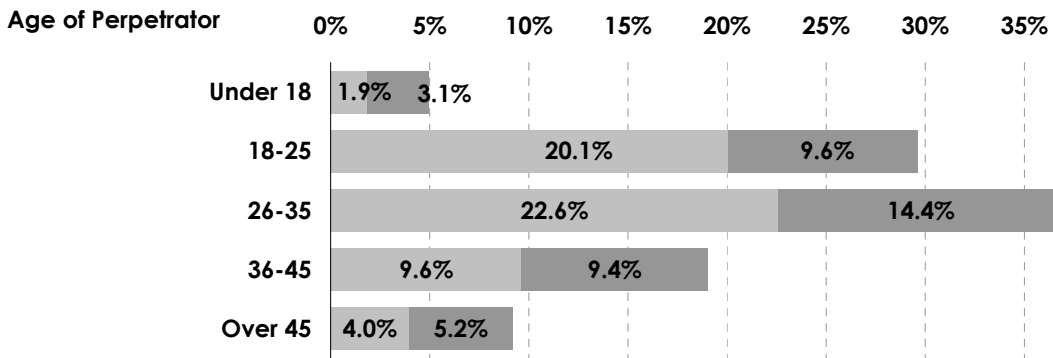


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Characteristics Of Perpetrators In Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2007

Characteristic	Female		Male		Unknown		Total	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Age								
Under 18	1,058	1.9%	1,766	3.1%	5	0.0%	2,829	5.0%
18-25	11,379	20.0%	5,414	9.6%	3	0.0%	16,796	29.6%
26-35	12,799	22.6%	8,172	14.4%	8	0.0%	20,979	37.0%
36-45	5,456	9.6%	5,328	9.4%	16	0.1%	10,800	19.1%
Over 45	2,243	4.0%	2,963	5.2%	1	0.0%	5,207	9.2%
Unknown	10	0.0%	34	0.1%	21	0.0%	65	0.1%
Marital Status								
Married	8,654	15.3%	8,764	15.4%	0	0.0%	17,418	30.7%
Widowed	359	0.6%	172	0.3%	0	0.0%	531	0.9%
Separated	1,994	3.5%	1,218	2.2%	1	0.0%	3,213	5.7%
Divorced	2,726	4.8%	1,445	2.6%	0	0.0%	4,171	7.4%
Single	8,008	14.1%	3,822	6.8%	0	0.0%	11,830	20.9%
Unknown	10,430	18.4%	6,574	11.6%	53	0.1%	17,057	30.1%
Not Applicable (Under 18)	774	1.4%	1,682	2.9%	0	0.0%	2,456	4.3%
Race/Ethnicity								
Anglo	13,713	24.2%	9,028	15.9%	2	0.0%	22,743	40.1%
African American	6,077	10.7%	3,867	6.8%	2	0.0%	9,946	17.5%
Hispanic	12,028	21.2%	9,455	16.7%	3	0.0%	21,486	37.9%
Native American	71	0.1%	36	0.1%	0	0.0%	107	0.2%
Asian	162	0.3%	124	0.2%	0	0.0%	286	0.5%
Other	894	1.6%	1,167	2.1%	47	0.1%	2,108	3.8%
Relationship to Oldest Victim								
Parent	29,200	51.5%	15,221	26.9%	3	0.0%	44,424	78.4%
Grandparent	1,716	3.1%	988	1.7%	0	0.0%	2,704	4.8%
Sibling/Other Relative	420	0.7%	2,025	3.6%	1	0.0%	2,446	4.3%
Aunt/Uncle	705	1.2%	1,217	2.2%	2	0.0%	1,924	3.4%
Parent's Paramour	251	0.4%	2,951	5.2%	1	0.0%	3,203	5.6%
Other	653	1.2%	1,275	2.2%	47	0.1%	1,975	3.5%
Total Perpetrators	32,945	58.1%	23,677	41.8%	54	0.1%	56,676	100.0%

Characteristics Of Perpetrators In Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2007



Average Number of Families Receiving Preservation/ Reunification Services per Month Fiscal Year 2007

Family Preservation Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Intensive	Contracted Moderate	Total
1 Lubbock	371	5	187	0	1	0	564
2 Abilene	220	2	190	0	0	0	412
3 Arlington	1,091	16	866	601	2	50	2,626
4 Tyler	418	1	113	147	0	3	682
5 Beaumont	147	1	55	0	0	0	203
6 Houston	1,881	3	504	1	0	1	2,390
7 Austin	338	2	586	2	0	0	928
8 San Antonio	1,672	6	101	94	0	0	1,873
9 Midland	240	2	195	0	0	0	437
10 El Paso	329	0	43	0	0	0	372
11 Edinburg	1,661	6	122	130	0	0	1,919
Out of State	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	8,370	44	2,962	975	3	54	12,408

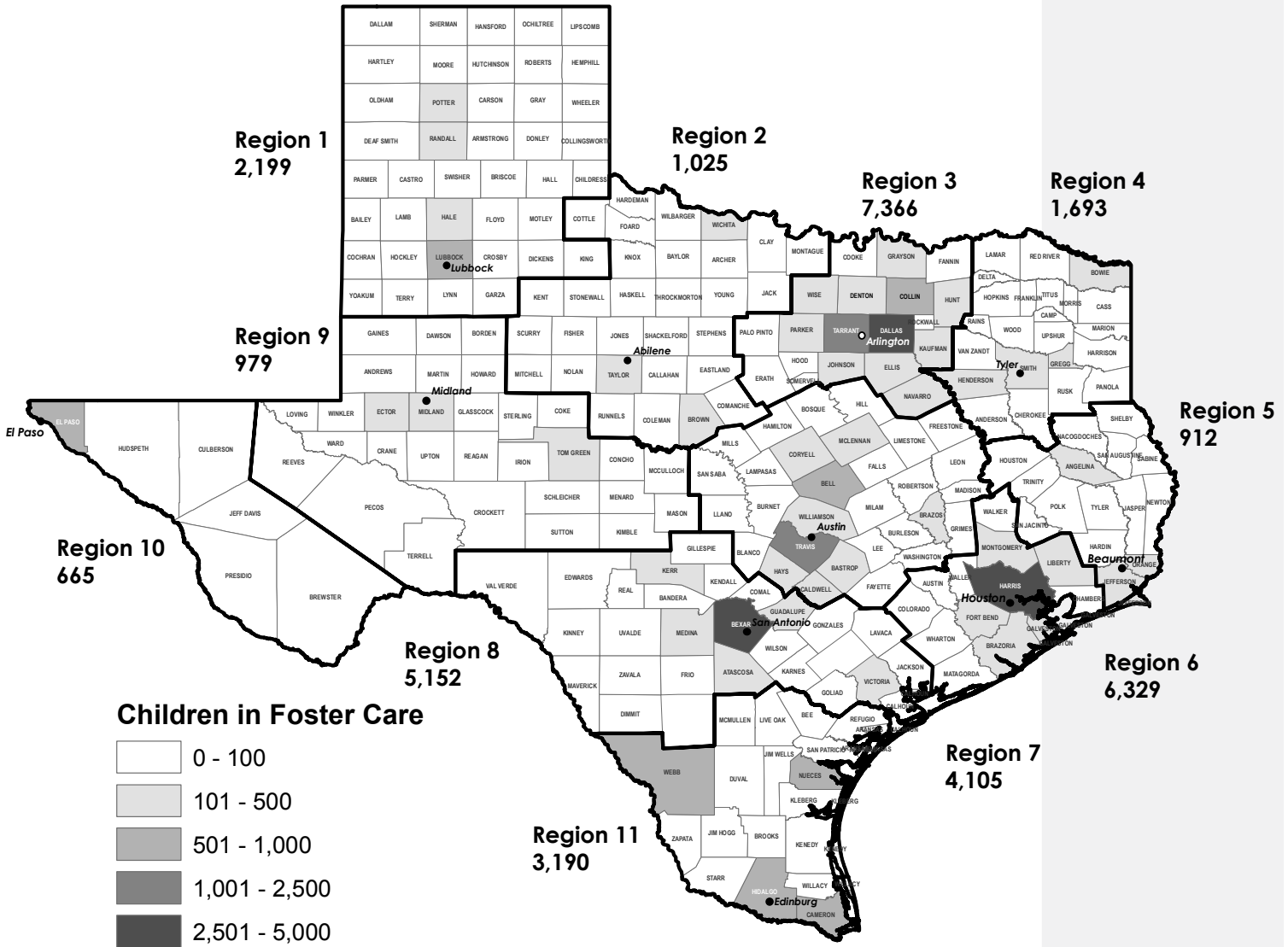
Family Reunification Services

Region	Regular	Intensive	Moderate	Contracted Regular	Contracted Moderate	Total
1 Lubbock	111	1	6	0	0	118
2 Abilene	81	0	0	0	0	81
3 Arlington	330	1	12	4	1	348
4 Tyler	80	0	2	0	1	83
5 Beaumont	40	0	0	0	0	40
6 Houston	217	0	35	0	0	252
7 Austin	286	1	9	0	0	296
8 San Antonio	161	0	1	0	0	162
9 Midland	60	0	0	0	0	60
10 El Paso	30	0	0	0	0	30
11 Edinburg	186	0	18	0	0	204
Out of State	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	1,584	3	83	4	2	1,676

Both Family Preservation Services and Family Reunification Services are under the umbrella of Family Based Safety Services (FBSS). Family Preservation Services are services provided to the child and the family without removing the child from the home. Family Reunification Services are provided to the family as a child is returning home from court-ordered substitute care.

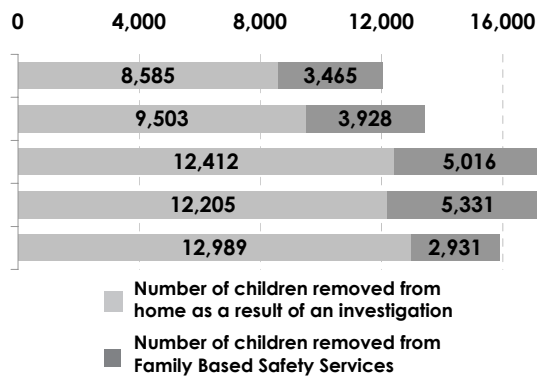
**Children in Foster Care by County
Fiscal Year 2007**

State Total: 33,615

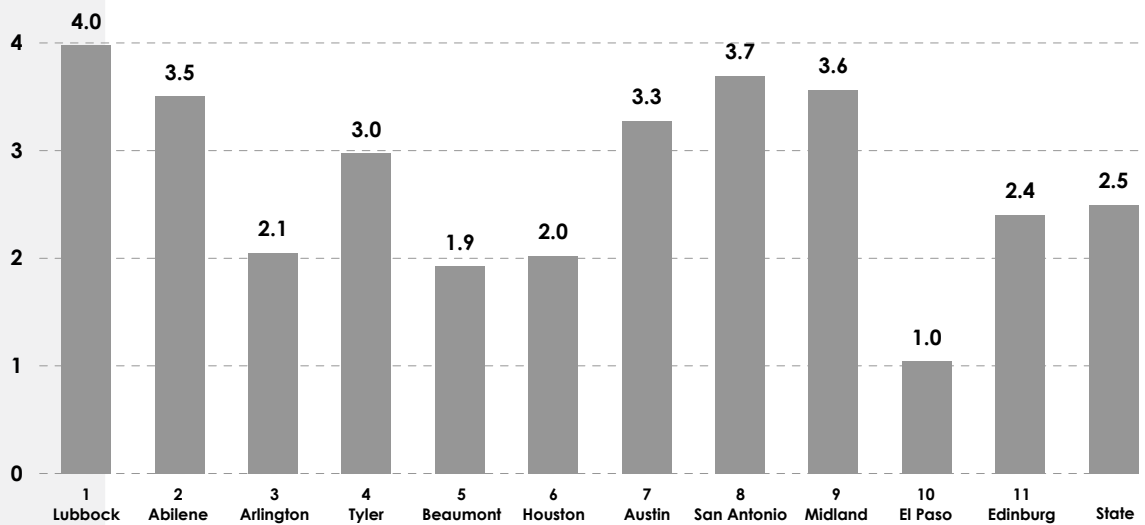


Number of Children Removed from Home as a Result of a Completed CPS Abuse/Neglect Investigation

Fiscal Year	as a Result of a Completed Investigation	from Family Based Safety Services	Total
2003	8,585	3,465	12,050
2004	9,503	3,928	13,431
2005	12,412	5,016	17,428
2006	12,205	5,331	17,536
2007	12,989	2,931	15,920



Point of Prevalence* for Children Entering Substitute Care Fiscal Year 2007



* Point prevalence is calculated by dividing the regional population of children under 18 by the alleged incidence of child abuse per 1,000 children and the confirmed incidence of child abuse per 1,000 children.

Where are Children in DFPS Care?

...of the 28,904 children in DFPS substitute care on August 31, 2007

18,462 children were in Foster Care

12,257
children were placed in
**Child Placing Agency
(CPA) Foster Homes**

Foster homes are families who accept foster children into their homes. These foster homes are recruited, trained, verified and managed by private CPAs.

DFPS has contracts with just over 100 CPAs.

The majority of CPA foster homes are verified to provide *therapeutic* foster care services.

861

children were placed in
Basic Child Care

These are typically cottage and campus type settings meeting basic child needs

1,438

children were placed in
**Residential Treatment
Centers**

An RTC is a very structured setting for children with serious emotional disturbance or mental health issues.

712

children were placed in
Emergency Shelters

These are intended for stays of less than 30 days.

2,699

children were placed in
DFPS Foster Homes

These are families who accept foster children into their homes and are recruited, trained, verified and managed by DFPS. The majority provide *basic* foster care services.

495

children were placed in
other types of foster care

such as camps, maternity homes, hospitals, juvenile detention, ICF-MR, HCS homes, state schools & hospitals.

10,442 children were in other types of Substitute Care

8,801

children were placed in
Kinship Care

DFPS supports relative caregivers by assisting with initial costs of accepting a child and through ongoing case management.

332

children were in pending adoptions in
DFPS Adoptive Homes

786

children were placed in
Other Substitute Care

which includes independent living programs, unauthorized absences and court ordered placements.

523

children were in pending adoptions in
CPA Adoptive Homes

Notes:

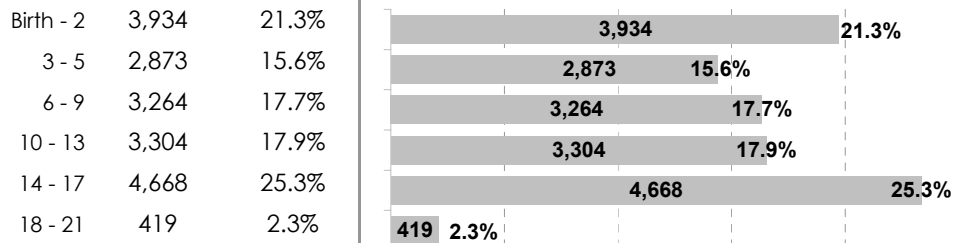
A. There were also 419 youth **over the age of 18** in foster care, but who had "aged-out" of the legal conservatorship of DFPS.

B. There are a total of 30,743 children in DFPS legal responsibility. 2,258 are in the legal conservatorship of DFPS but **not** in substitute care; the majority of these children are in a reunification stage and are living with their families of origin.

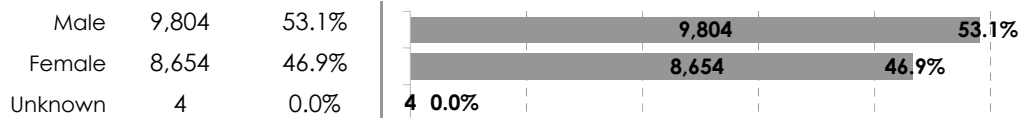
Demographics of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Year By Fiscal Year

Characteristic	August 2004		August 2005		August 2006		August 2007	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age								
Birth - 2	3,467	20.3%	4,161	21.8%	4,404	22.1%	3,934	21.3%
3 - 5	2,489	14.5%	2,798	14.6%	3,025	15.2%	2,873	15.6%
6 - 9	2,777	16.2%	3,267	17.1%	3,534	17.7%	3,264	17.7%
10 - 13	3,402	19.9%	3,560	18.6%	3,519	17.6%	3,304	17.9%
14 - 17	4,648	27.2%	4,988	26.1%	5,040	25.3%	4,668	25.3%
18 - 21	326	1.9%	339	1.8%	420	2.1%	419	2.3%
Gender								
Male	8,095	47.3%	10,064	52.7%	10,532	52.8%	9,804	53.1%
Female	9,010	52.7%	9,045	47.3%	9,408	47.2%	8,654	46.9%
Unknown	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	4	0.0%
Ethnicity								
Anglo	5,619	32.9%	6,201	32.4%	6,439	32.3%	5,762	31.2%
African American	4,958	29.0%	5,484	28.7%	5,581	28.0%	5,342	28.9%
Hispanic	6,232	36.4%	7,101	37.2%	7,509	37.6%	6,938	37.6%
Native American	55	0.3%	45	0.2%	50	0.3%	46	0.2%
Asian	53	0.3%	55	0.3%	68	0.3%	59	0.3%
Other	192	1.1%	227	1.2%	295	1.5%	315	1.7%
Total	17,109	100.0%	19,113	100.0%	19,942	100.0%	18,462	100.0%

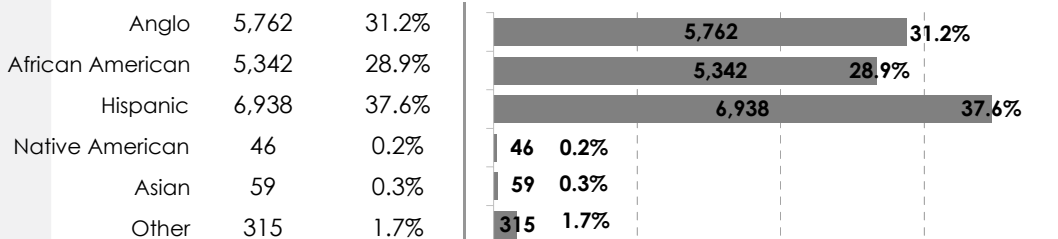
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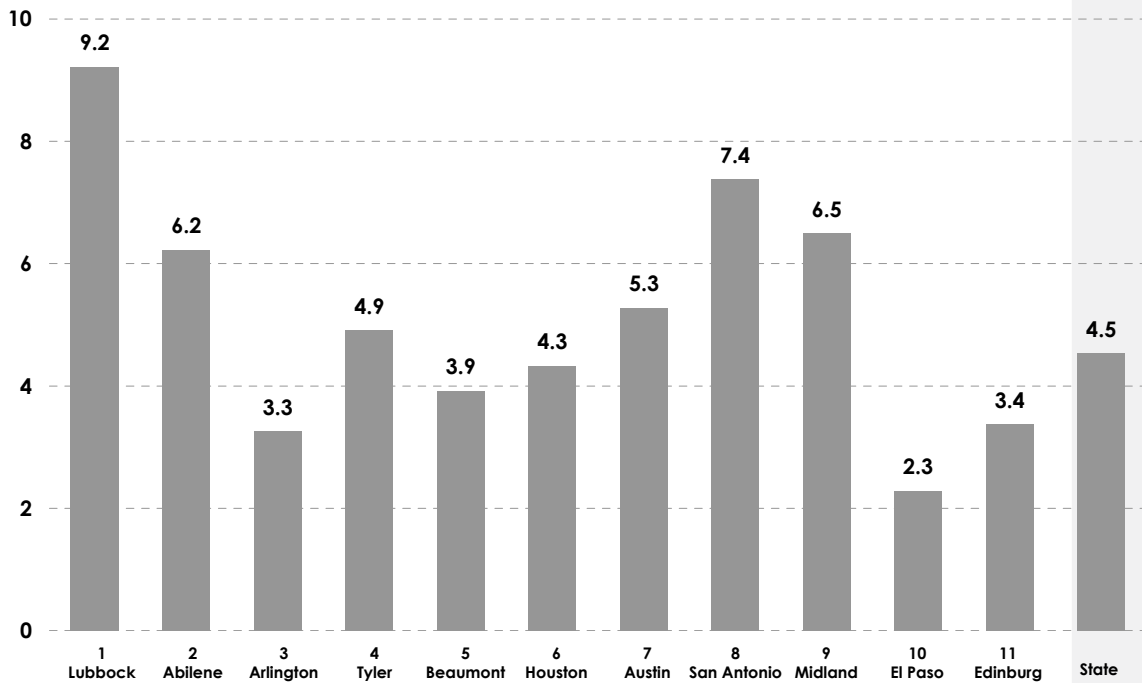
Gender



Race/Ethnicity



Point of Prevalence for Children in Substitute Care at the End of Fiscal Year 2007



Note: Point prevalence is calculated by dividing the regional population of children under 18 by the alleged incidence of child abuse per 1,000 children and the confirmed incidence of child abuse per 1,000 children.

Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care or in Foster Care Placements at the End of Fiscal Year 2007

Region	DFPS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care	Foster Care
1 Lubbock	2,107	1,967	1,463
2 Abilene	908	830	584
3 Arlington	6,003	5,674	3,702
4 Tyler	1,379	1,285	946
5 Beaumont	770	733	528
6 Houston	6,903	6,601	3,588
7 Austin	3,785	3,451	2,067
8 San Antonio	4,937	4,719	2,973
9 Midland	998	942	614
10 El Paso	552	523	375
11 Edinburg	2,401	2,179	1,622
Total	30,743	28,904	18,462

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 2005		August 2006		August 2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Care, Custody & Control*	302	1.0%	361	1.1%	327	1.1%
Temporary Managing Conservatorship**	16,403	56.4%	17,011	54.2%	15,595	50.7%
Permanent Managing Conservatorship***						
Parental Rights Not Terminated	3,806	13.1%	4,232	13.5%	4,201	13.7%
Parental Rights Terminated (All)	7,933	27.3%	9,070	28.9%	9,961	32.4%
Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent)	575	2.0%	682	2.2%	623	2.0%
Possessory Conservatorship****	40	0.1%	42	0.1%	36	0.1%
Total	29,059	100.0%	31,398	100.0%	30,743	100.0%

* *Care, Custody and Control* – In some counties in Texas, this type of custody is given at an Ex Parte Hearing rather than appointing a temporary managing conservator. This provides legal authority for DFPS to ensure a child's safety and meet a child's basic needs for shelter, food, education.

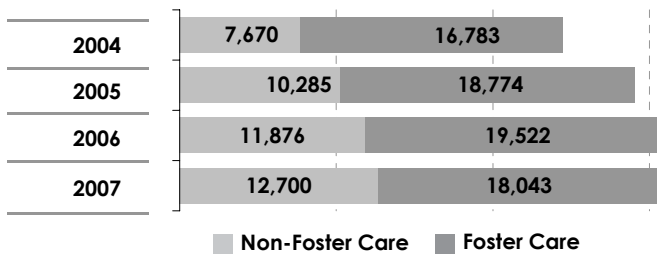
** *Temporary Managing Conservatorship* – TMC is awarded to DFPS as a result of a court hearing and written order and continues until a judge issues another order changing the legal status. It authorizes DFPS to act in the child's best interest and has exclusive rights including the following and others: designating the primary residence of a child, make decisions concerning the child's education, consent to marriage or enlistment in the armed forces.

*** *Permanent Managing Conservatorship* – PMC is awarded to DFPS as a result of a court hearing and written order. PMC authorizes DFPS to act in the child's best interest and have the rights of a Managing Conservator on a permanent basis.

**** *Possessory Conservatorship* – The court appoints a parent as Possessory Conservator who is not appointed as a sole or joint managing conservator, unless this appointment is not in the best interest of the child. Possessory Conservators are provided with visitation orders, unless access would endanger the child physically or emotionally.

Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility by Living Arrangement at the End of Each Fiscal Year

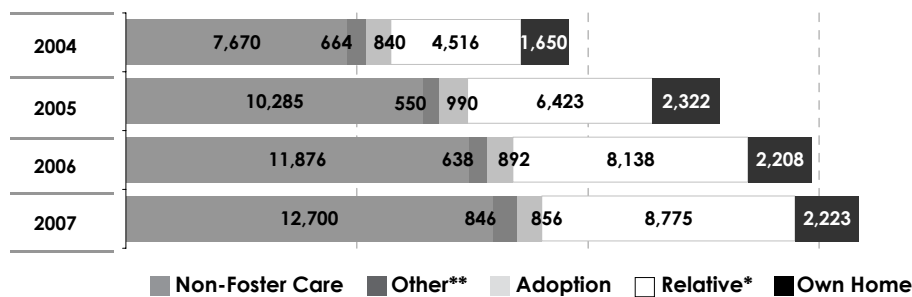
	Non-Foster Care	Foster Care	Total	% Change
2004	7,670	16,783	24,453	
2005	10,285	18,774	29,059	18.8%
2006	11,876	19,522	31,398	8.0%
2007	12,700	18,043	30,743	-2.1%



Note: Foster care totals exclude youth 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

	Total Non-Foster Care	Other	Adoption	Relative	Own Home
2004	7,670	664	840	4,516	1,650
2005	10,285	550	990	6,423	2,322
2006	11,876	638	892	8,138	2,208
2007	12,700	846	856	8,775	2,223

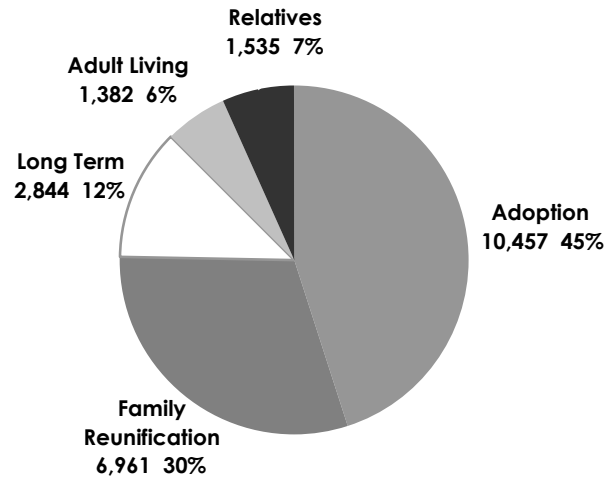


* Relative includes children placed with a non-custodial parent.

** Other includes independent living, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities and unauthorized absences.

**Permanency Goal of Children in Substitute Care for Whom DFPS had Legal Responsibility
Fiscal Year End 2007
Total Children: 23,179**

Goal	Count	Percent
Adoption	10,457	45.1%
Family Reunification	6,961	30.0%
Alternative Long Term Living	2,844	12.3%
Adult Living	1,382	6.0%
Permanent Placement w Relatives	1,535	6.6%
Total Children	23,179	100%



Number of DFPS Foster, Foster/Adoptive and Adoptive Homes as of August 31, 2007

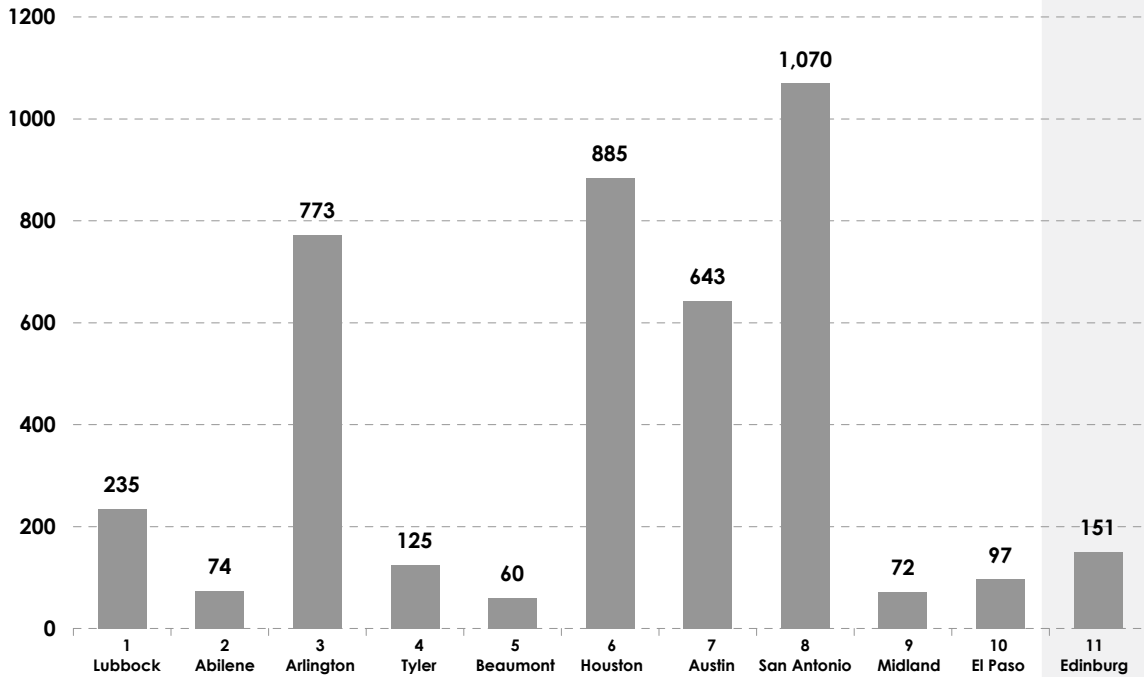
Region	Foster Homes	Foster/Adoptive Homes*	Adoptive Homes**
1 Lubbock	10	172	8
2 Abilene	9	93	10
3 Arlington	54	385	96
4 Tyler	18	123	23
5 Beaumont	24	111	12
6 Houston	105	305	136
7 Austin	22	120	60
8 San Antonio	40	166	81
9 Midland	10	79	49
10 El Paso	18	52	36
11 Edinburg	35	66	44
Out of State	9	26	42
Total	354	1,698	597

* Includes 41 legal risk homes and 161 kinship homes.

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

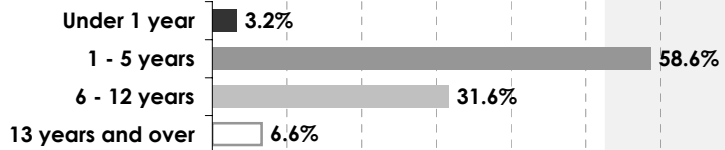
Children Placed In Adoptive Homes By Region Fiscal Year 2007

Total Adoptive Placements 4,185
Total Unique Children: 4,158

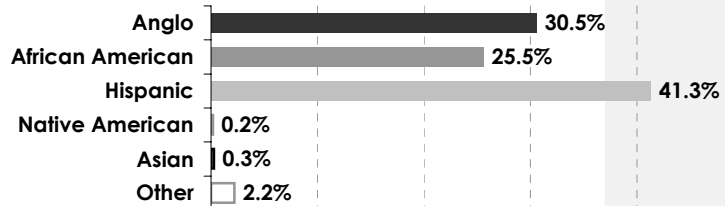


Demographics of 4,158 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2007

Age	Count
Under 1 year	134
1 - 5 years	2,437
6 - 12 years	1,312
13 years and over	275
Total	4,158



Race/Ethnicity	Count
Anglo	1,270
African American	1,062
Hispanic	1,716
Native American	8
Asian	11
Other	91
Total	4,158



Child Characteristics	Count
Disabling Condition	1,689
No Special Characteristics	2,469
Total	4,158



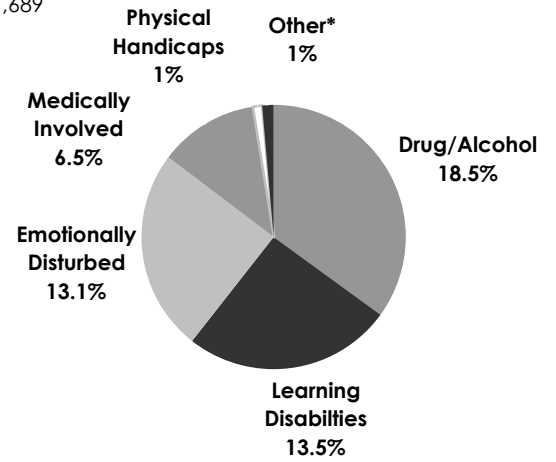
Sex	Count
Female	2,092
Male	2,066
Total	4,158



Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2007

Total number of children placed in adoptive homes 4,158
 Number of unique children with disabling conditions placed in adoptive homes 1,689

Disabling Condition	Percentage of all Children Placed in Adoptive Homes	Number of Children with Disabling Condition
Drug/Alcohol	18.5%	770
Learning Disabilities	13.5%	563
Emotionally Disturbed	13.1%	545
Medically Involved	6.5%	271
Physical Handicaps	0.6%	27
Other*	0.7%	29



* Other includes teen parent or pregnant.

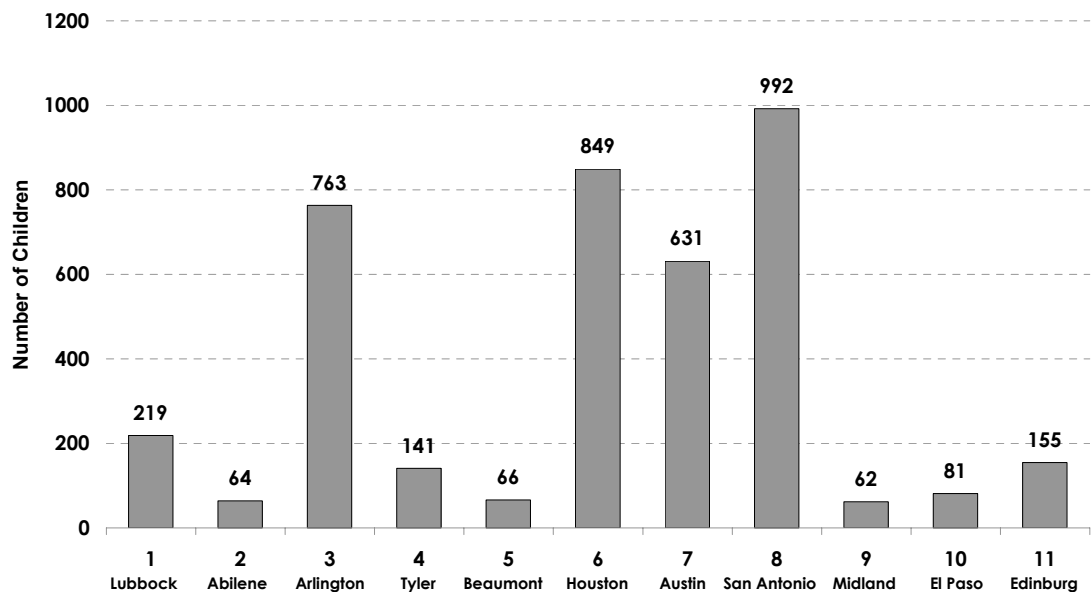
Note: Children may be duplicated across categories because some may have more than one disabling condition. Total number of unique children with at least one disabling condition: 1,689

Children in Consummated Adoptions by Type of Agency by Fiscal Year

	2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
DFPS	1,715	68.3%	2,148	67.7%	2,149	63.7%	2,267	56.4%
Non DFPS*	797	31.7%	1,025	32.3%	1,227	36.3%	1,756	43.6%
Total Consummations	2,512	100.0%	3,173	100.0%	3,376	100.0%	4,023	100.0%

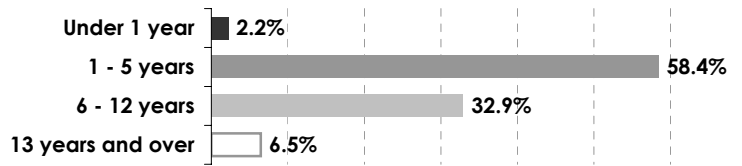
* Non DFPS includes private agency adoptions, relative adoptions and out of state adoptions.

Children in Consummated Adoptions by Region Fiscal Year 2007 Total: 4,023



Demographics of 4,023 Children in Consummated Adoptions Fiscal Year 2007

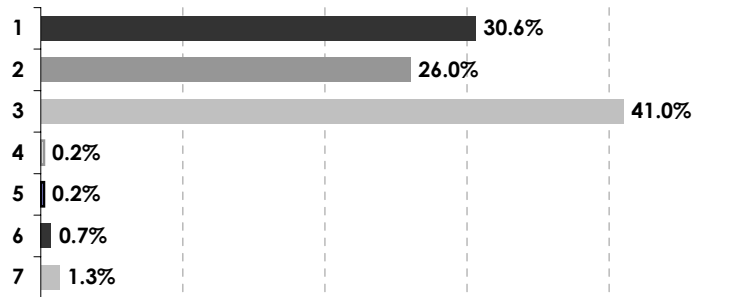
Age	Count
Under 1 year	89
1 - 5 years	2,350
6 - 12 years	1,324
13 years and over	260
Total	4,023



Gender	Count
Male	1,995
Female	2,028
Total	4,023



Race/Ethnicity	Count
Anglo	1,230
African American	1,046
Hispanic	1,649
Native American	9
Asian	9
Other	28
Unknown	52
Total	4,023



Race/Ethnicity of Children and Adoptive Parents by Fiscal Year

	2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Race/Ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child	1,473	60.5%	1,881	60.5%	1,951	58.3%	1,146	57.1%
Race/Ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Transracial)	961	39.5%	1,227	36.5%	1,397	41.7%	861	42.9%
Total Adoptions Where Race/Ethnicity Can Be Determined	2,434	100.0%	3,108	100.0%	3,348	100.0%	2,007	100.0%

CPS Outcomes Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2007

Child Safety Outcomes

Percent of children who remained safe in substitute care
(children in care during FY07 who did not experience a confirmed incident of maltreatment) 99.6%

Incidence of Repeat Maltreatment
(child victims with a confirmed allegation within the prior 6 months; applies to children in any stage of care) 4.0%

Permanency Services

Percentage of children with 2 or fewer placements that have been in care 12 months or less 77.3%

Family Preservation Outcomes

(measured from start of services to end of services)
Average length of Service 7.9 months

Family Reunification Outcomes

(measured from removal to placement in own home)
Percent of children returned to own home 36.3%
Average number of placements per child 2.2 placements
Average length of service 9.6 months
Median length of service 8.5 months
Children reunified with family, with DFPS conservatorship terminated, within 12 months of removal 64.8%

Adoption Services Outcomes

(measured from removal to adoption consummation)
Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility with an adoption consummation 24.8%
Average number of placements per child 3.4 placements
Average length of service 28.2 months
From removal to final order 13.0 months
From final order to adoption placement 13.1 months
From placement to adoption consummated 2.2 months
Median length of service 24.3 months
Children adopted within 24 months of removal 48.6%

Permanent Relative Care Outcomes

(measured from removal to date DFPS legal responsibility ended)
Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility to a relative placement 26.4%
Average number of placements 2.4 placements
Average length of service 12.8 months
Median length of service 11.4 months

Children re-entering foster care within 12 months of discharge from a previous episode of foster care 3.3%

Long-term Substitute Care Outcomes

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

(measured from removal to date DFPS legal responsibility ended or date child turns 18 years of age)

Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility	8.7%
Average number of placements	8.3 placements
Average length of service	60.9 months
Median length of service	48.9 months

Other Long-term Substitute Care

(measured from removal to date DFPS legal responsibility ended)

Percent of children who left DFPS legal responsibility	3.8%
Average number of placements	3.3 placements
Average length of service	15.1 months
Median length of service	7.3 months

Fiscal Year 2007 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)

9.4%

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)

9.8%

For Family Reunification:

(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 or new Family Preservation services provided)

18.2%

Substitute Care Outcomes for Cases Open at the End of Fiscal Year 2007

Average length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship	7.0 months
Median length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship	6.2 months
Average length of service for children in permanent managing conservatorship	39.6 months
Median length of service for children in permanent managing conservatorship	29.0 months

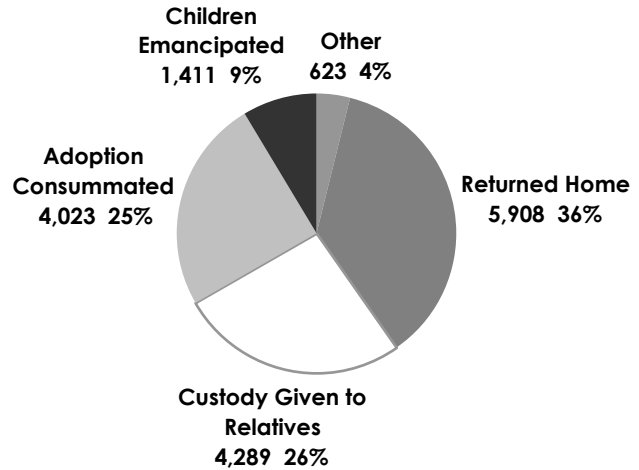
Status of Children No Longer in DFPS Legal Responsibility Fiscal Year 2007

Total Children: 16,254

Outcome	Count	Percent
Returned Home	5,908	36.3%
Custody Given To Relatives	4,289	26.4%
Adoption Consummated	4,023	24.8%
Children Emancipated	1,411	8.7%
Other	623	3.8%
Total Children	16,254	100%

* Of the 1,411 youth emancipated in FY07, 1077 were emancipated from paid foster care

** 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.



Average Length of Time in Months for Children Leaving DFPS Responsibility by Type of Exit and Region Fiscal Year 2007

Region	Family Reunification	Relative Care	Adoption	Long Term Care - Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
1 Lubbock	11.0	13.6	31.1	69.8	15.5
2 Abilene	8.4	14.6	29.2	67.6	11.6
3 Arlington	8.0	11.5	27.7	57.0	15.3
4 Tyler	10.0	10.2	31.0	53.5	20.8
5 Beaumont	8.8	15.4	31.1	67.7	34.3
6 Houston	10.6	14.3	29.0	66.1	17.3
7 Austin	9.3	13.0	27.5	53.8	12.3
8 San Antonio	10.8	15.3	23.8	61.6	17.0
9 Midland	8.9	13.3	29.0	62.4	7.1
10 El Paso	11.0	14.1	27.1	56.7	15.9
11 Edinburg	9.7	13.2	33.4	61.4	7.2
State	9.6	12.8	28.2	60.9	15.1

Average Length of Time in Months for Children Leaving DFPS Responsibility by Type of Exit and Race/Ethnicity Fiscal Year 2007

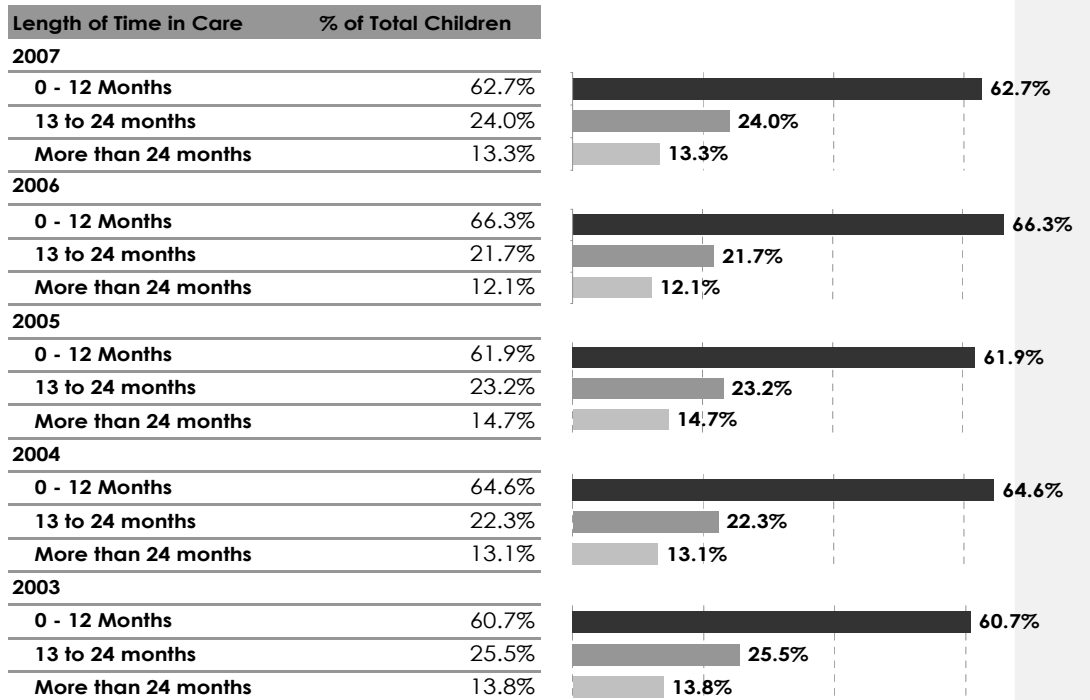
Race / Ethnicity	Family Reunification	Relative Care	Adoption	Long Term Care - Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
Anglo	9.1	12.3	28.4	57.2	15.2
African American	9.9	13.2	30.0	66.8	17.7
Hispanic	9.9	12.9	27.0	59.5	13.9
Native American	8.5	12.4	28.2	101.1	26.9
Asian	9.4	10.9	23.1	45.0	2.9
Other	6.4	11.3	25.3	25.6	1.3
State	9.6	12.8	28.2	60.9	15.1

Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Attained Permanency Fiscal Year 2007

Region	Return Home	Relative Care	Long Term Care -		
			Adoption	Emancipation	Long Term Care - Other
1 Lubbock	2.5	2.4	3.3	8.8	3.7
2 Abilene	2.0	2.9	3.1	7.1	3.4
3 Arlington	2.0	2.3	3.2	8.3	2.5
4 Tyler	2.1	2.1	2.9	6.6	4.6
5 Beaumont	2.1	3.3	2.5	6.3	6.4
6 Houston	2.3	2.2	3.2	9.1	3.9
7 Austin	2.2	2.6	3.6	8.0	3.1
8 San Antonio	2.7	2.6	3.4	8.4	3.9
9 Midland	1.8	2.2	2.8	7.7	1.9
10 El Paso	1.8	2.0	2.9	7.3	3.2
11 Edinburg	2.1	2.4	3.8	8.5	2.4
State	2.2	2.4	3.4	8.3	3.3

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

Length of Time in Care for Children Who Achieved Permanency Status* Fiscal Year 2007



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

Average Monthly Number of Children and FTEs* in Paid Foster Care by Service Levels Fiscal Year 2007

Service Level	Number of Children	Number of FTEs	Avg. Daily Rate
Basic	12,468	11,195	\$32.55
Emergency Shelter	1,315	797	\$96.44
Intense	257	229	\$200.83
Moderate	4,251	3,905	\$68.57
Specialized	2,831	2,572	\$101.04
	22,122**	18,698	
Unduplicated	20,467		

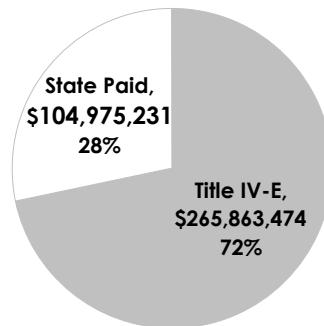
Note: Calculations exclude children where cost of care was not covered by Title IV-E or state paid foster care.

* An FTE is calculated by dividing the number of paid foster care days in the 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 2007

Total Expenditures: \$370,838,705



Title IV-E Foster Care Program Description

The Foster Care Program helps States to provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children until the children are safely returned home, placed permanently with adoptive families or placed in other planned arrangements for permanency. Funds are available for: monthly maintenance payments to eligible foster care providers; administrative costs to manage the program; training staff and foster parents; foster parent recruitment; and other related expenses.

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

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	% Change from Previous Fiscal Year
2003	6,420	9,794	53	16,267	6.5%
2004	5,734	11,505	0	17,239	6.0%
2005	5,578	13,775	0	19,353	12.3%
2006	5,604	14,911	0	20,515	6.0%
2007	5,620	14,868	0	20,488	-0.1%

Percent of Change in the Number of Children in Paid Foster Care by Fiscal Year

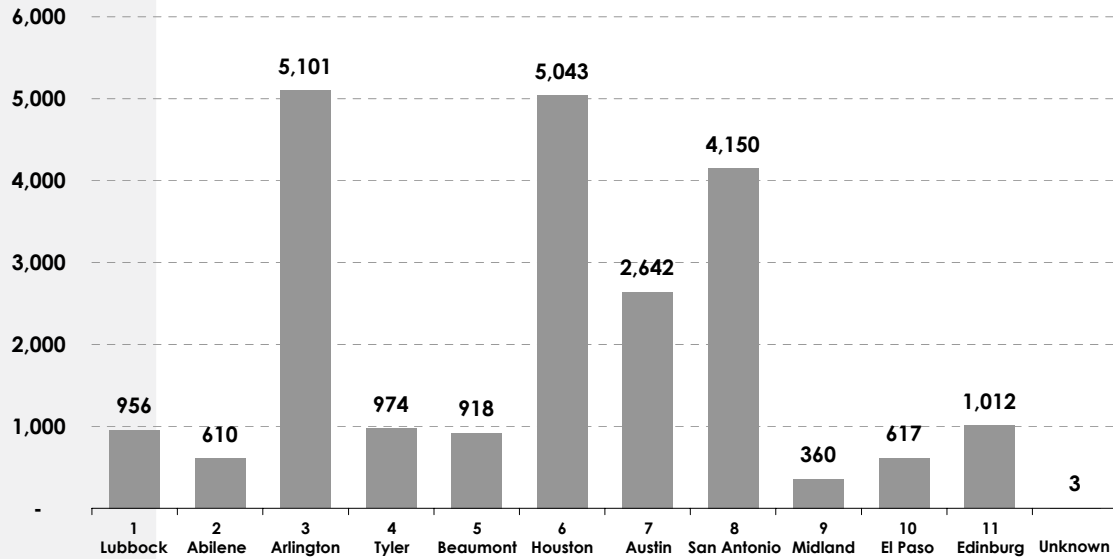


**Children in Paid Foster Care Monthly Average by Region
Fiscal Year 2007
Total Unduplicated Children - 20,467**

Region	State Paid Foster Care**	Title IV-E Foster Care*
1 Lubbock	377	1,134
2 Abilene	162	499
3 Arlington	1,238	3,012
4 Tyler	398	604
5 Beaumont	169	404
6 Houston	1,141	2,833
7 Austin	856	1,525
8 San Antonio	675	2,546
9 Midland	117	476
10 El Paso	71	380
11 Edinburg	416	1,456
Unknown	1	0
Total***	5,621	14,869

* 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).
 *** Some children are served in more than one region and/or eligibility type in a month.

**Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy* per Month
Fiscal Year 2007
Total - 22,386**



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

**Families and Children Receiving Kinship Caregiver Monetary Assistance
Fiscal Year 2007**

Region	Families Served	Children Served	Total Integration Payments	Total Flexible Support Payments	Total Relative Caregiver Support
1 Lubbock	132	220	\$94,000.00	\$67,150.00	\$161,150.00
2 Abilene	140	224	\$112,000.00	\$104,000.00	\$216,000.00
3 Arlington	774	1,404	\$660,000.00	\$666,000.00	\$1,326,000.00
4 Tyler	172	269	\$137,000.00	\$118,000.00	\$255,000.00
5 Beaumont	5	5	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
6 Houston	674	1,208	\$512,000.00	\$558,000.00	\$1,070,000.00
7 Austin	405	732	\$283,000.00	\$362,702.90	\$645,702.90
8 San Antonio	425	845	\$374,000.00	\$392,435.19	\$766,435.19
9 Midland	155	269	\$133,000.00	\$137,000.00	\$270,000.00
10 El Paso	31	67	\$17,000.00	\$28,500.00	\$45,500.00
11 Edinburg	224	446	\$172,000.00	\$199,920.00	\$371,920.00
Total	3,137	5,689	\$2,497,000.00	\$2,636,708.09	\$5,133,708.09

Average Number of Children and Families Receiving Purchased Services per Month Fiscal Year 2007

Region	Living at Home	Living Out of Home	Post Adoption	Total Children	Total Adults	Total Clients
1 Lubbock	234	348	6	588	984	1,572
2 Abilene	126	215	131	472	628	1,100
3 Arlington	671	1,065	119	1,855	2,800	4,655
4 Tyler	296	307	28	631	1,094	1,725
5 Beaumont	68	212	99	379	342	721
6 Houston	610	861	137	1,608	1,970	3,578
7 Austin	480	551	66	1,097	1,253	2,350
8 San Antonio	527	608	71	1,206	2,457	3,663
9 Midland	46	171	73	290	632	922
10 El Paso	153	118	61	332	390	722
11 Edinburg	824	439	3	1,266	1,661	2,927
Total	4,035	4,895	794	9,724	14,211	23,935

Note: Averages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Average Monthly Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region

Region	Number of In-Home Children Receiving Purchased Services	Total Number of In-Home Children	% of In-Home Children Receiving Purchased Services	Number of Children in Substitute Care Receiving Purchased Services	Total Number of Children in Substitute Care	% of Children in Substitute Care Receiving Purchased Services
1 Lubbock	234	1,862	12.6%	348	2,018	17.3%
2 Abilene	126	1,267	9.9%	215	906	23.7%
3 Arlington	671	7,880	8.5%	1,065	6,519	16.3%
4 Tyler	296	1,955	15.2%	307	1,360	22.5%
5 Beaumont	68	618	11.0%	212	777	27.2%
6 Houston	610	7,513	8.1%	861	7,064	12.2%
7 Austin	480	3,409	14.1%	551	3,799	14.5%
8 San Antonio	527	6,138	8.6%	608	4,877	12.5%
9 Midland	46	1,277	3.6%	171	936	18.3%
10 El Paso	153	1,144	13.3%	118	563	20.9%
11 Edinburg	824	6,225	13.2%	439	2,502	17.5%
Total	4,034	39,288	10.3%	4,894	31,322	15.6%

CPS Expenditures as of 11/30/2007 Fiscal Year 2007

CPS Categories	FY 2007 Expenditures
Substitute Care Services	\$ 38,038,236.43
Title IV-E	\$ 32,131,531.45
Evaluation/Treatment Services	\$ 20,236,387.04
Client Support Services	\$ 7,047,652.03
Adoption	\$ 6,213,573.00
OTHER	\$ 5,383,694.50
Studies/Assessments	\$ 5,021,102.55
Program Support Services	\$ 2,043,418.61
Total	\$ 116,115,595.61

Family Group Decision-Making Conferences Conducted by Stage of Service Fiscal Year 2007

Region	Total # Held	INV	FPR	FSU/SUB	FRE	ADO
1 Lubbock	125	70	5	50		
2 Abilene	42		4	38		
3 Arlington	451	47	34	367	2	
4 Tyler	63	15	7	41		
5 Beaumont	138	44	18	76		
6 Houston	342	3	3	335	1	
7 Austin	289	64	35	182	8	
8 San Antonio	273	73	63	136	1	
9 Midland	19	8	4	7		
10 El Paso	98	13	53	28	3	1
11 Edinburg	171	10	24	136	1	
Total	2011	347	250	1396	16	1

Family Group Decision-Making Conferences Conducted by Race/Ethnicity Fiscal Year 2007

Region	Anglo	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Other	Total # Held
1 Lubbock	57	9	51	0	0	8	125
2 Abilene	29	8	4	0	0	1	42
3 Arlington	207	111	89	0	2	42	451
4 Tyler	41	10	8	0	0	4	63
5 Beaumont	64	54	13	1	0	6	138
6 Houston	158	108	62	1	0	13	342
7 Austin	106	58	105	3	0	17	289
8 San Antonio	112	20	136	2	0	3	273
9 Midland	13	0	6	0	0	0	19
10 El Paso	10	0	85	0	0	3	98
11 Edinburg	21	9	139	0	0	2	171
Total	818	387	698	7	2	99	2,011

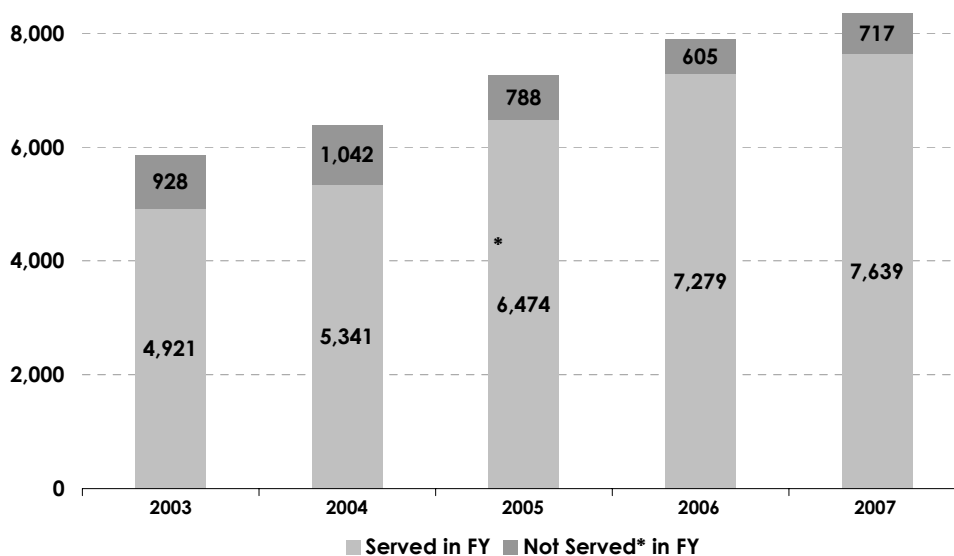
**Circles of Support Conducted by Race/Ethnicity
Fiscal Year 2007**

Region	Anglo	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Other	Total
1 Lubbock	16	13	9	0	0	2	40
2 Abilene	16	12	11	0	0	2	41
3 Arlington	94	76	21	2	1	10	204
4 Tyler	50	20	5	1	0	2	78
5 Beaumont	28	14	2	0	1	0	45
6 Houston	163	244	153	2	5	10	577
7 Austin	105	84	59	2	1	4	255
8 San Antonio	44	26	92	0	0	5	167
9 Midland	30	6	13	0	0	0	49
10 El Paso	14	9	68	0	0	1	92
11 Edinburg	11	3	48	0	0	1	63
Total	571	507	481	7	8	37	1,611

Note: A Circle of Support (COS) is a youth-focused and youth-driven meeting with the primary purpose of developing a transition plan for older youth as they move from foster care to adulthood. It may also be used to address other issues the youth may have. It includes broad participation of the youth's support network. The COS is the preferred service planning model for developing or reviewing a transition plan.

**Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Services
Youth Ages 16 through 20**

The Transitional Services Program includes Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) program services to help youth aging out of foster care prepare for adult life, and assist with the initial transition to adult living. PAL services ensure that DFPS foster youth and those aging out of care receive the tools, resources, supports, and personal and community connections they need to become self-sufficient adult. Supportive services and benefits are provided to eligible youth ages 16 to 21, and in some cases up to age 23 for certain educational/vocational needs, to assist when they leave foster care.



* 551 youth who were not served in FY 2007 received services prior to FY 2007.

