



Texas Department of
Family and Protective Services

Child Protective Services

Youth Parents and Pregnant Youth in DFPS Conservatorship: Fiscal Year 2023

Pursuant to Family Code §264.017 (11), the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is providing the following data:

- Number of children who are a parent while in DFPS managing conservatorship;
- Number of the children born to a parent in DFPS managing conservatorship who are placed in DFPS managing conservatorship; and
- Number of children who are pregnant while in DFPS managing conservatorship.

Statute requires DFPS to submit this report to the Legislature and publish it electronically to the public not later than February 1 of each year. The fiscal year 2023 report will be posted online by February 1, 2024, at:

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About_DFPS/Reports_and_Presentations/CPS/default.asp

Table 1: Fiscal Year 2023: Youth Who are Pregnant or Parenting

Fiscal Year 2023	Youth Who are Pregnant or Parenting
Number of youth parents who were in DFPS conservatorship and the parent of a child ¹	171
Number of children born to youth parents while in DFPS conservatorship and who were also placed in DFPS conservatorship ¹	83
Number of pregnant youths in DFPS conservatorship ²	408

¹ Source: DFPS Office of Data and Systems Improvement (ODSI) - Data and Decision Support (DRIT #104084)

² Source: Health and Human Services

The number of youth parents who were in DFPS conservatorship and a parent of the child includes mothers and fathers who were the under the age of 18. The count excludes youth in DFPS conservatorship who are parents of a child without DFPS's knowledge of parenting a child (i.e., male youth who may not know he has a child or DFPS may not be aware of the youth having a child in the past).

The number of children born to a youth parent while in DFPS Conservatorship only includes those infants born in fiscal year 2023 and subsequently placed in DFPS conservatorship.

The Health and Human Services Commission Center for Analytics and Decision Support provided the data for the number of pregnant youth while in DFPS managing conservatorship by utilizing paid Medicaid encounters for inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, and professional services selected for female clients, under the age of 19 years, enrolled in STAR Health (Medicaid managed care plan code 1E) during state fiscal year 2023. Encounter codes were used for procedures associated with pregnancy-related services.