

# CPS

## Child Protective Services Overview

### Total Average Filled Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff\*

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Caseworkers:                    |                |
| Investigation                   | 2,030.7        |
| Family-Based Safety Services    | 863.6          |
| Conservatorship                 | 1,758.5        |
| FAD                             | 187.5          |
| Kinship                         | 179.6          |
| Other Workers                   | 168.2          |
| Supervisors                     | 809.7          |
| Program Directors/Administrator | 191.9          |
| Admin/Clerical                  | 826.7          |
| Case Aides                      | 561.1          |
| Other Staff                     | 831.5          |
| CPS Program Support             | 522.3          |
| <b>Total CPS Staff</b>          | <b>8,931.3</b> |

### Worker Demographics

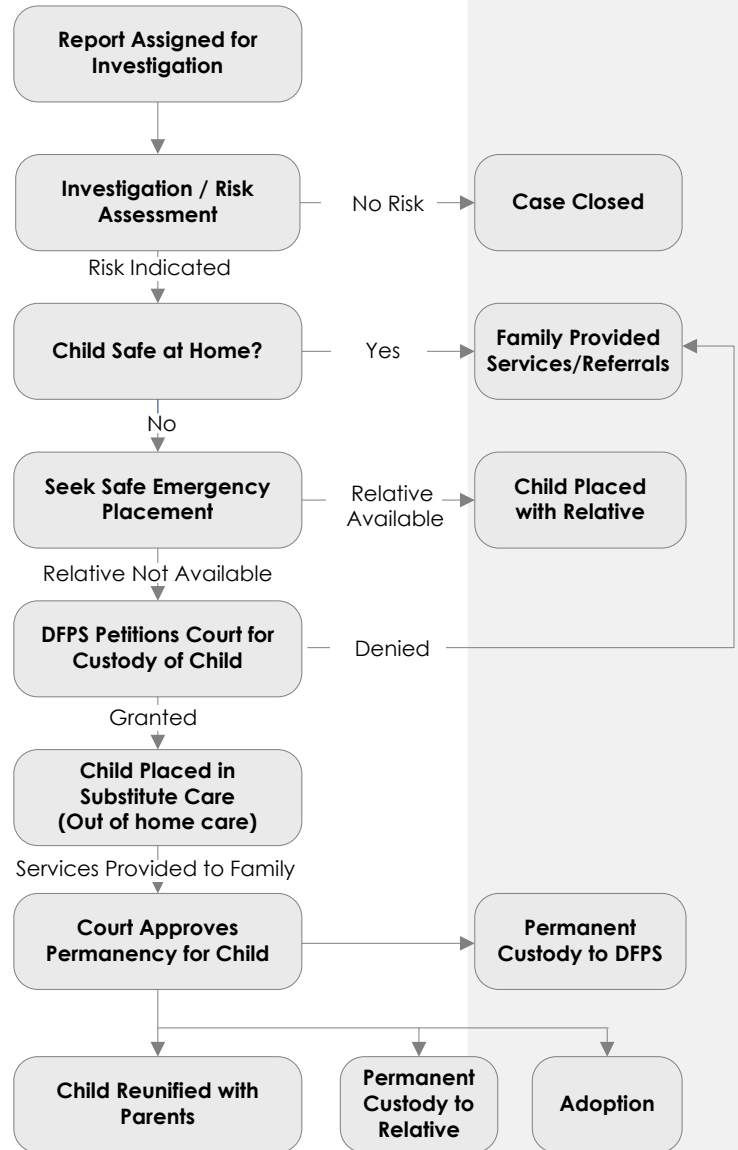
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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Turnover Rate           | 25.2%       |
| Agency Tenure:          |             |
| Less Than 1 Year        | 34.5%       |
| 1 - 3 Years             | 28.0%       |
| Greater than 3 Years    | 37.5%       |
| Entry Salary (INV)*     | \$37,328.96 |
| Entry Salary (Non INV)* | \$32,328.96 |
| Average Age             | 36.1        |
| Race/Ethnicity:         |             |
| African American        | 32.7%       |
| Anglo                   | 37.6%       |
| Hispanic                | 28.1%       |
| Other                   | 1.6%        |

### Supervisor Demographics

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Turnover Rate         | 6.3%        |
| Tenure as Supervisor: |             |
| Less Than 1 Year      | 24.2%       |
| 1 - 3 Years           | 20.0%       |
| Greater than 3 Years  | 55.8%       |
| Entry Salary*         | \$41,416.08 |
| Average Age           | 41.3        |
| Race/Ethnicity:       |             |
| African American      | 26.3%       |
| Anglo                 | 47.0%       |
| Hispanic              | 24.9%       |
| Other                 | 1.7%        |

### CPS Expenditures\*

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| CPS Staff                           | \$525,145,929          |
| Purchased Client Services           | \$102,420,898          |
| Foster Care Payments                | \$399,426,761          |
| Adoption Subsidy Payments           | \$218,382,136          |
| Permanency Care Assistance          | \$7,097,917            |
| Relative/Other Designated Caregiver |                        |
| Reimbursement Program               | \$10,124,858           |
| Other Client Services               | \$6,893,494            |
| <b>Total CPS Expenditures</b>       | <b>\$1,269,491,993</b> |



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

### Statistics FY 2014

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Texas State Child Population         | 7,266,760 |
| Children, Alleged Victims            | 273,091   |
| Children in Confirmed Investigations | 106,318   |
| Children Removed                     | 17,378    |

\* Source: DFPS Office of Finance and  
FY 2016-17 LAR (plus benefit replacement pay)

**The Child Protective Services Vision** is “Children First: Protected and Connected”.

**The Mission of Child Protective Services** is to protect children and to act in the children’s best interest. To seek active involvement of the children’s parents and other family members to solve problems that lead to abuse and neglect.

### **The Child Protective Service 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 for completed investigations**  
School (18.6%)
- **Allegation confirmed**  
Neglectful Supervision (67.3%)
- **Confirmed perpetrator of abuse/neglect**  
Relationship: Parent (78.9%)  
Gender: Female (56.6%)  
Age: Age 26-35 (40.6%)
- **Characteristic of confirmed victim**  
Age: Age 1 to 3 (22.7%)  
Gender: Female (51.1%)

### **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

**The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, requires DFPS to:**

- Provide written notification to maternal and paternal grandparents and other adult relatives regarding a child's removal and placement in state custody and support options
- Ensure youth aging out of state care have a Transition Plan developed within 90 days of turning 18 or the date leaving CPS extended foster care
- Seek to have education stability for children in DFPS custody
- Have a health oversight and coordination plan
- Keep siblings in custody placed together. If this is not possible, the state must provide for frequent visitation or other ongoing interaction between the siblings, unless the state shows frequent visits or other interaction would be contrary to the safety or well-being of any of the siblings
- Make eligibility changes for the Title IV-E adoption assistance program to promote adoption of children with special needs
- Provide information about Adoption Tax Credits during training for adoptive parents

**The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act allows and the Texas Legislature supports:**

- Establishing a relative guardianship subsidy program. For Texas, this is a subsidy program called the Permanency Care Assistance program for relatives taking permanent managing conservatorship of a child. This program is intended to provide an additional option for children and youth who might otherwise remain in kinship foster care. It is not intended to be a long term foster care program.
- Allowing youth aging out of care to stay in extended foster care for a variety of reasons until they turn 21.
- Extending adoption assistance benefits and Permanency Care Assistance benefits until the youth turns 21 if the adoption assistance agreement or Permanency Care Assistance agreement was signed after the youth turns 16.
- Authorizing federally recognized tribes to apply for IV-E funding directly.

## Concepts Guiding Risk Determination

|                             |                                      |                              |                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Child Vulnerability</b>  | <b>Home &amp; Social Environment</b> | <b>Caregiver Capability</b>  | <b>Quality of Care</b> |
| Child fragility             | Stressors                            | Knowledge                    | Quality of connection  |
| Child behavior              | Dangerous exposure                   | Skills                       | Emotional care         |
|                             | Social Climate                       | Capacity                     | Physical care          |
|                             | Social Violence                      |                              |                        |
| <b>Maltreatment Pattern</b> | <b>Response to CPS</b>               | <b>Protective Capacities</b> |                        |
| Chronicity                  | Attitude                             | Protective Capacities        |                        |
| Current Severity            | Deception                            |                              |                        |
| 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.

## Notes About CPS Data

### Caseloads

Average daily caseloads are calculated using the methodology set forth by the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). For each type of caseworker, (Investigation, Family-Based Safety Services, Substitute Care, Foster/Adoptive Home Development and Kinship), the LBB methodology counts the number of open stages. Caseworkers may have more than one type of stage on their workload.

## Intake and Investigation

An intake or investigation represents a report of abuse or neglect and can involve multiple children.

- The data on completed investigations does not include investigative stages that were administratively closed or merged into another investigation.
- All completed investigations have a case disposition and a risk finding.
- A case disposition reflects the finding on the allegations of abuse or neglect and can include any of the following:
  - **Confirmed Investigations**
    - Reason to believe – Based on 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.
- A risk finding reflects whether there is a reasonable likelihood of abuse or neglect in the immediate or foreseeable future. Only those investigations that are identified as risk indicated are eligible to be opened for family preservation or conservatorship services.

**Children in DFPS Custody, Substitute Care and Foster Care**

- DFPS custody includes all children under the age of 18 over whom DFPS has legal custody, regardless of their placement. This includes children living with relatives, in foster care or on a trial home visit with their parents.
- Substitute care includes all children who are living in a DFPS out of home placement. It does not include children in DFPS custody who are living with their parents on a trial home visit. But unless specifically noted, it does include youth over 18 who are in extended foster care but are not in DFPS custody (because they are legal adults).
- Foster care is a subset of substitute care and includes all children living in a verified foster care placement. It includes children living with relatives who are verified foster parents but does not include children living with relative caregivers who have not been verified as foster parents.
- Paid foster care is a subset of foster care and includes all children living in a verified foster care placement where the state is making foster care payments.

**Race and Ethnicity**

As recommended by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to ensure consistency across all HHSC agencies, in 2012 DFPS adopted the HHSC methodology on how to categorize race and ethnicity. As a result, data broken down by race and ethnicity in 2012 and after is not directly comparable to race and ethnicity data in 2011 and before.

**Page References for Data Related to Child Protective Services**

**Prevention and Early Intervention:**

State and Region: .....105-113, 115, 118, 120, 122  
 County:.....244-249

**Staff and Caseloads:**

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**Cross Subject Summaries:**

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**Child Abuse and Neglect Victims and Perpetrators:**

State and Region: .....42-45, 46  
 County:..... 156-161, 162-167, 168-173

**Child Fatalities:**

State and Region:..... 71  
 County:.....174

**Family-Based Safety Services:**

State and Region: ..... 45  
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**Removals:**

State and region: ..... 48  
 County:.....184-189, 190-195

**Children and Youth in DFPS Custody, Substitute Care or Foster Care**

**Number of Children and Youth:**

State and Region:..... 49, 51, 52

County: ..... 184-189

**Legal Status of Children in DFPS Legal Custody:**

State:..... 52

County: ..... 214-219

**Living Arrangements for Children and Youth in Substitute and Foster Care:**

State and Region:..... 49, 53-54, 58-59

County: ..... 184-189

**Characteristics of Children and Youth in Foster Care**

State and Region:..... 50, 58-59, 60

County: ..... 190-201

**Goals and Exits for Children and Youth**

State and Region:..... 55, 61-62

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**Race and ethnicity data:**

State and Region: ..... 42, 44, 46, 50, 58, 60

County:..... 132-137, 168-173, 190-195, 196-201

**Residential Child Care Licensing:**

**Number and Type of Available Residential Child**

**Care Licensing Placements, including Foster Care**

State and Region:..... 55, 92-95

County:..... 220-222, 238-243

**Inspections and Investigations of Residential Child**

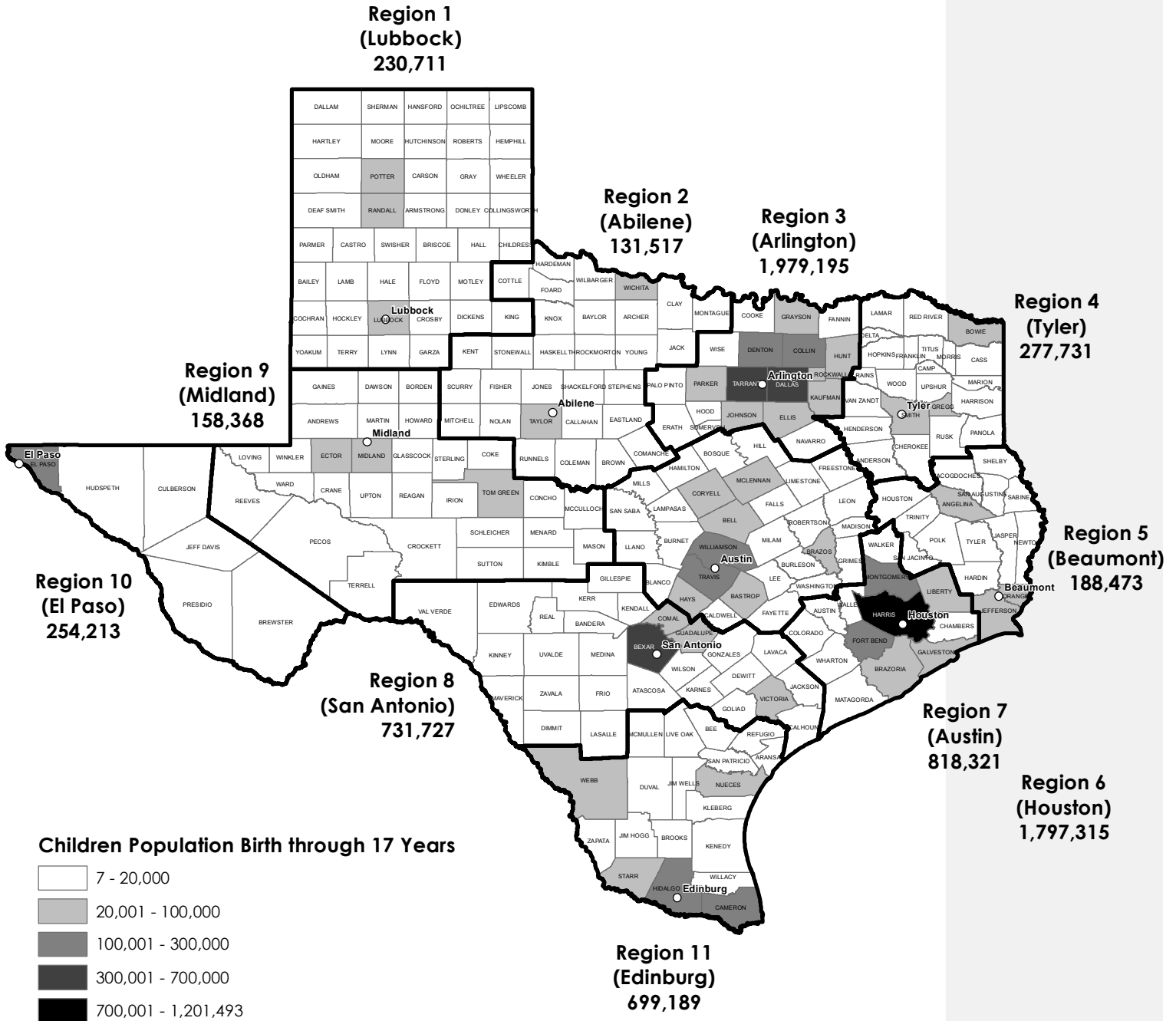
**Care Licensing Operations, including Foster Care**

**Placements**

State and Region:..... 96-103

**Texas Child Population  
Ages Birth through 17 Years  
Fiscal Year 2014**

**State Total: 7,266,760**

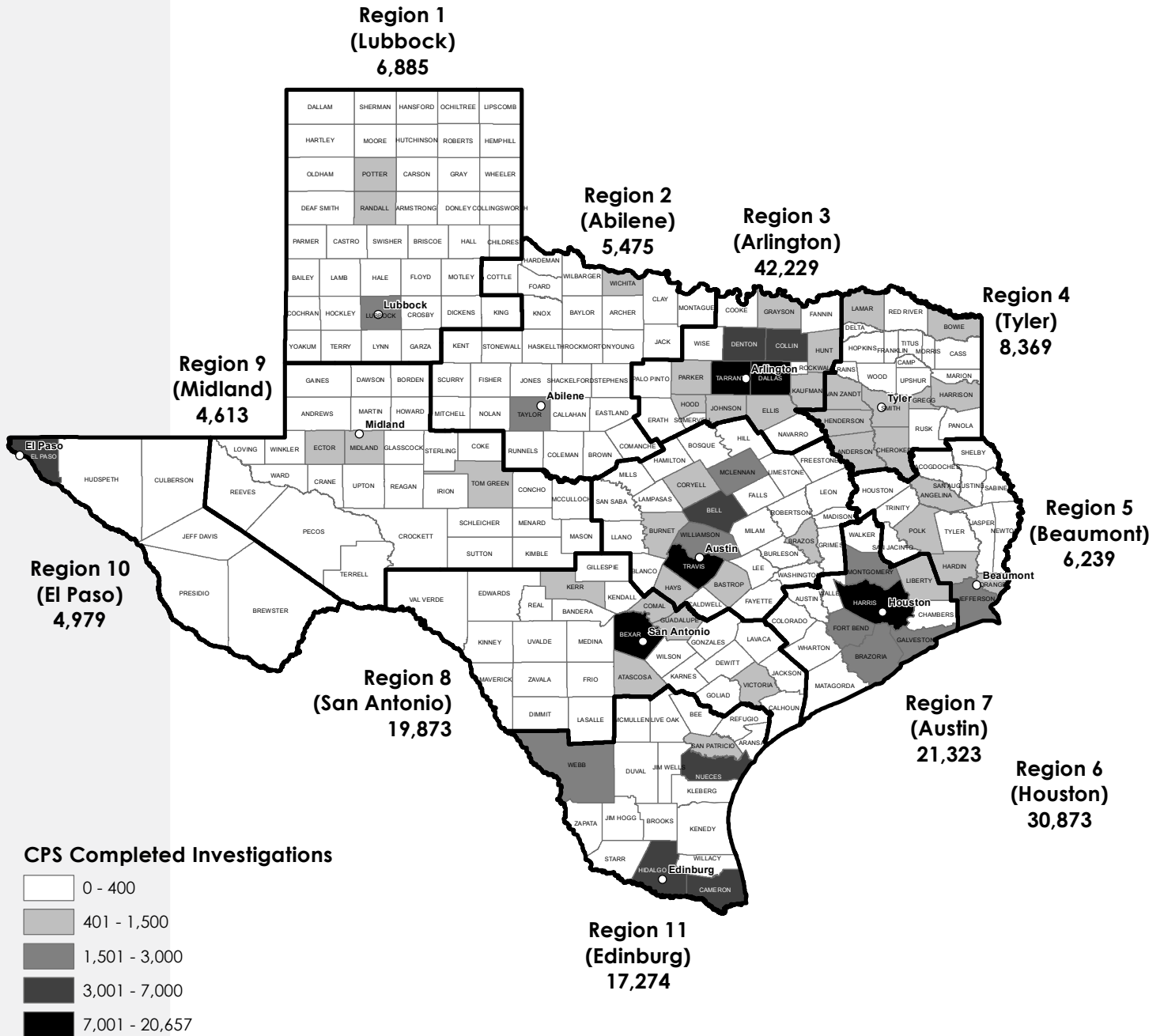


Population Data Source: Texas State Data Center, University of Texas (San Antonio). Based on Census 2010 data.



**Child Protective Services  
Completed Investigations  
Fiscal Year 2014**

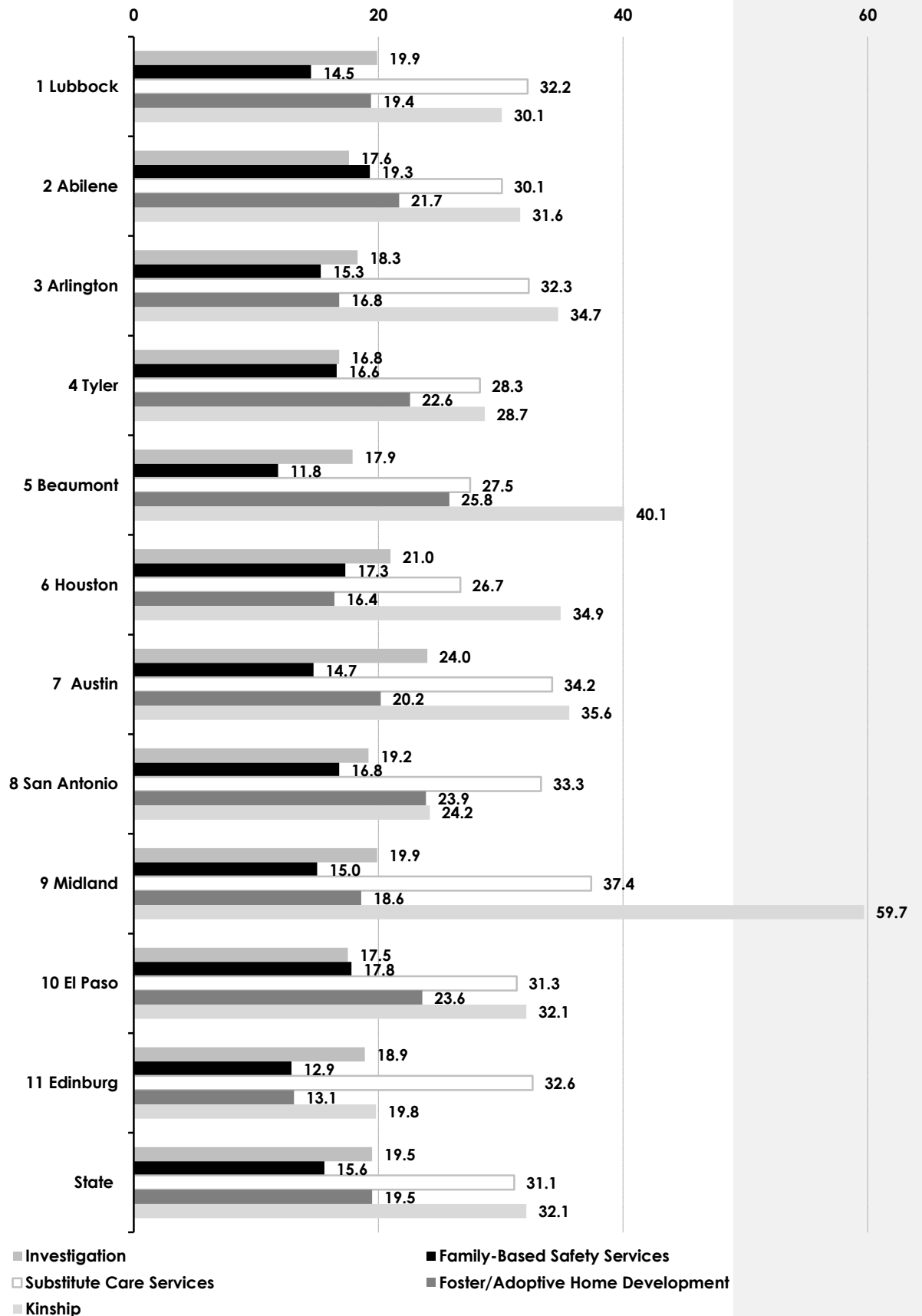
**State Total: 168,164**



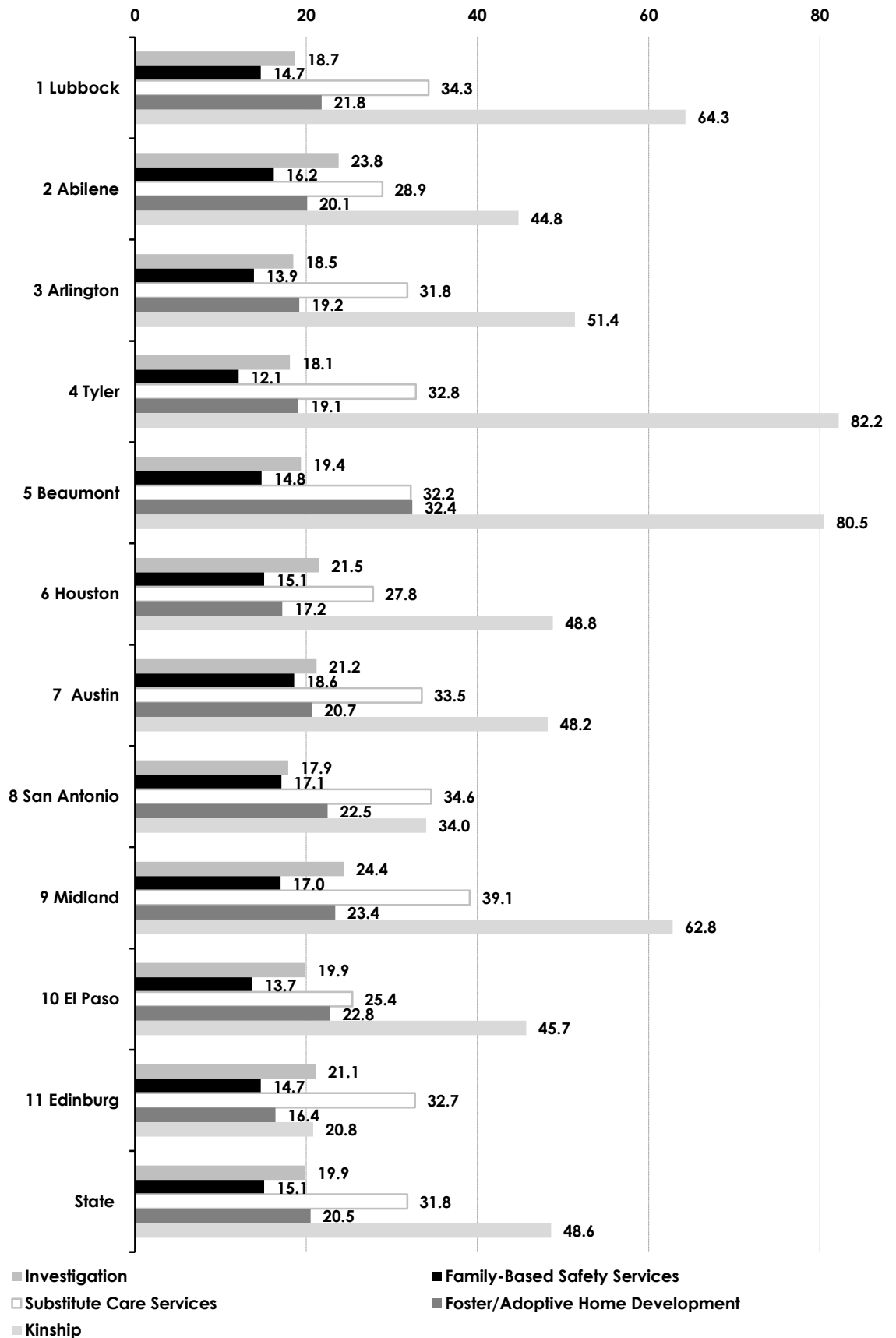
*Note: 32 investigations did not have a Texas county designated.*



**CPS Average Daily Caseload  
Fiscal Year 2014**



**CPS Average Daily Caseload  
Fiscal Year 2013**



**CPS Total Initial Intakes and Screened Out Cases  
Fiscal Year 2014**

**Total Initial Intakes**

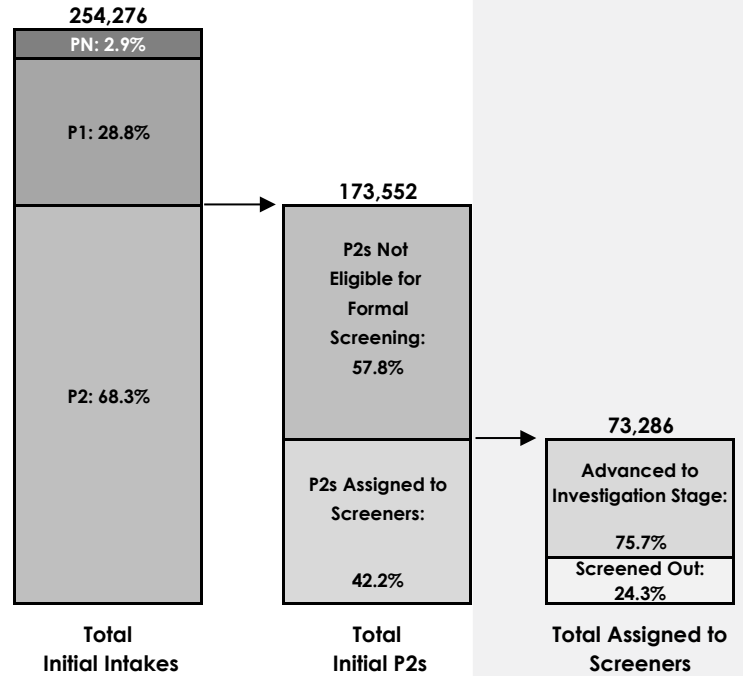
|              | Count          | %     |
|--------------|----------------|-------|
| PN           | 7,439          | 2.9%  |
| P1           | 73,285         | 28.8% |
| P2           | 173,552        | 68.3% |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>254,276</b> |       |

**Total P2 Intakes**

|                                    | Count          | %     |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| Not Eligible for Formal Screening  | 100,266        | 57.8% |
| Eligible and Assigned to Screeners | 73,286         | 42.2% |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>173,552</b> |       |

**Eligible and Assigned to Screeners**

|                                 | Count         | %     |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Advanced to Investigation Stage | 55,449        | 75.7% |
| Screened Out (P2 to PN)         | 17,837        | 24.3% |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>73,286</b> |       |



*Note: When a case is a P2, a formal screening occurs when all alleged victims are age 6 or older and there is not currently an open case. The purpose of the formal screening is to determine if CPS intervention is warranted. There may be P2s that are eligible for formal screening but were not assigned to screeners. A PN is assessed when abuse or neglect is suspected and a key piece of information is needed in order to determine if an assignable allegation exists, or when a situation involves past abuse/neglect. As of Feb. 1 2013, all PNs are being formally screened.*

**Risk Assessment Finding of Completed Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations  
Fiscal Year 2014**

| Disposition of Investigation | No Significant Risk Identified |             | Risk Controlled |              | Risk Indicated |              | Risk Not Applicable Blank/Invalid |              | Total          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                              | #                              | %           | #               | %            | #              | %            | #                                 | %            |                |
| Confirmed                    | 62                             | 0.2%        | 17,586          | 43.6%        | 22,550         | 55.9%        | 171                               | 0.4%         | 40,369         |
| Unconfirmed                  | 8,125                          | 6.4%        | 83,148          | 65.1%        | 6,890          | 5.4%         | 29,632                            | 23.2%        | 127,795        |
| <b>Statewide</b>             | <b>8,187</b>                   | <b>4.9%</b> | <b>100,734</b>  | <b>59.9%</b> | <b>29,440</b>  | <b>17.5%</b> | <b>29,803</b>                     | <b>17.7%</b> | <b>168,164</b> |

**Number of Completed Investigations During Fiscal Year Where  
Family Violence\* Was Indicated in the Risk Assessment**

| Fiscal Year | Completed Investigations | Family Violence Indicated | Family Violence Not Indicated |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2011        | 175,421                  | 56,068                    | 119,353                       |
| 2012        | 166,211                  | 53,705                    | 112,505                       |
| 2013        | 160,240                  | 55,754                    | 104,486                       |
| 2014        | 168,164                  | 57,624                    | 110,540                       |

*\* Family violence risk is determined by a positive response to one of two questions on the risk assessment: (1) Has any person in the home ever been a victim of family violence, and (2) Has any person in the home ever been a perpetrator of family violence.*

### Case Action for Risk Indicated Completed Investigations Fiscal Year 2014

|                         |               |       |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Opened for Services     | 27,796        | 94.4% |
| Not Opened for Services | 1,644         | 5.6%  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>29,440</b> |       |

*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. Reasons for an investigation to be risk indicated but not opened for ongoing services include the family was unwilling to participate in family preservation services and formal legal intervention was not an option, or the family moved and, despite CPS' best efforts, CPS could not locate them to provide services.*

### Source of Report for Completed Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations by Fiscal Year

| Sources                 | 2012           |       | 2013           |       | 2014           |       |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
|                         | Count          | %     | Count          | %     | Count          | %     |
| Medical Personnel       | 33,787         | 16.9% | 33,464         | 17.6% | 35,111         | 17.5% |
| School                  | 35,100         | 17.6% | 33,146         | 17.5% | 37,440         | 18.6% |
| Law Enforcement         | 31,949         | 16.0% | 30,853         | 16.3% | 32,070         | 16.0% |
| Relative                | 23,386         | 11.7% | 21,408         | 11.3% | 22,525         | 11.2% |
| Parent                  | 16,267         | 8.2%  | 15,329         | 8.1%  | 16,211         | 8.1%  |
| Other                   | 14,577         | 7.3%  | 13,482         | 7.1%  | 14,273         | 7.1%  |
| Friend-Neighbor         | 12,638         | 6.3%  | 11,601         | 6.1%  | 11,264         | 5.6%  |
| Anonymous               | 10,751         | 5.4%  | 10,214         | 5.4%  | 10,876         | 5.4%  |
| Community Agency        | 6,647          | 3.3%  | 6,237          | 3.3%  | 6,551          | 3.2%  |
| DFPS Staff              | 5,804          | 2.9%  | 5,688          | 3.0%  | 5,583          | 2.8%  |
| Legal/Court             | 2,500          | 1.3%  | 2,323          | 1.2%  | 2,739          | 1.3%  |
| Day Care Provider       | 1,804          | 0.9%  | 1,769          | 0.9%  | 1,772          | 0.9%  |
| Parent's Paramour       | 960            | 0.5%  | 902            | 0.5%  | 968            | 0.5%  |
| State Agency            | 789            | 0.4%  | 809            | 0.4%  | 998            | 0.5%  |
| Provider                | 706            | 0.4%  | 771            | 0.4%  | 750            | 0.4%  |
| Victim                  | 560            | 0.3%  | 507            | 0.3%  | 532            | 0.3%  |
| Unrelated Home Member   | 451            | 0.2%  | 434            | 0.2%  | 463            | 0.2%  |
| Religious Entity        | 338            | 0.2%  | 390            | 0.2%  | 348            | 0.2%  |
| 24 Hour Care Provider   | 280            | 0.1%  | 277            | 0.1%  | 280            | 0.1%  |
| Institutional Personnel | 148            | 0.1%  | 121            | 0.1%  | 141            | 0.1%  |
| Blank/Unknown           | 18             | 0.0%  | 10             | 0.0%  | 14             | 0.0%  |
| Financial Institution   | 14             | 0.0%  | 13             | 0.0%  | 12             | 0.0%  |
| <b>State Total</b>      | <b>199,474</b> |       | <b>189,748</b> |       | <b>200,921</b> |       |

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

### Child Abuse/Neglect Allegation Dispositions

*The categories used to record the findings of initial assessment/investigation of child abuse neglect are defined as:*

#### **Confirmed Investigations**

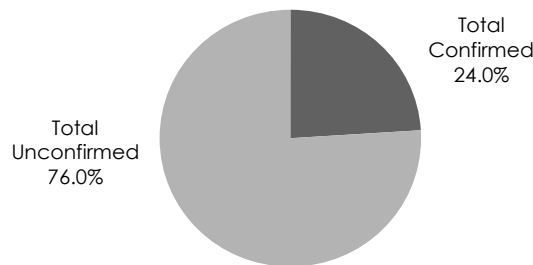
- **Reason to believe** – Based on preponderance of evidence, staff concluded that abuse or neglect occurred.

#### **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.

### Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Completed Investigations Fiscal Year 2014

| Region           | Total Completed | Confirmed Investigations |              | Unconfirmed Investigations |                     |                    |                   |              |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                  |                 | Total Confirmed          | %            | Ruled Out                  | Unable To Determine | Unable To Complete | Total Unconfirmed | %            |
| 1 Lubbock        | 6,885           | 2,061                    | 29.9%        | 4,105                      | 544                 | 175                | 4,824             | 70.1%        |
| 2 Abilene        | 5,475           | 1,627                    | 29.7%        | 3,268                      | 517                 | 63                 | 3,848             | 70.3%        |
| 3 Arlington      | 42,229          | 11,203                   | 26.5%        | 24,055                     | 6,063               | 908                | 31,026            | 73.5%        |
| 4 Tyler          | 8,369           | 2,257                    | 27.0%        | 5,158                      | 791                 | 163                | 6,112             | 73.0%        |
| 5 Beaumont       | 6,239           | 1,369                    | 21.9%        | 4,161                      | 605                 | 104                | 4,870             | 78.1%        |
| 6 Houston        | 30,873          | 5,901                    | 19.1%        | 20,459                     | 3,433               | 1,080              | 24,972            | 80.9%        |
| 7 Austin         | 21,323          | 4,752                    | 22.3%        | 15,102                     | 1,198               | 271                | 16,571            | 77.7%        |
| 8 San Antonio    | 19,873          | 4,660                    | 23.4%        | 13,756                     | 1,307               | 150                | 15,213            | 76.6%        |
| 9 Midland        | 4,613           | 1,224                    | 26.5%        | 2,964                      | 326                 | 99                 | 3,389             | 73.5%        |
| 10 El Paso       | 4,979           | 1,339                    | 26.9%        | 3,124                      | 453                 | 63                 | 3,640             | 73.1%        |
| 11 Edinburg      | 17,274          | 3,970                    | 23.0%        | 11,631                     | 1,383               | 290                | 13,304            | 77.0%        |
| Out of State     | 32              | 6                        | 18.8%        | 14                         | 2                   | 10                 | 26                | 81.3%        |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>168,164</b>  | <b>40,369</b>            | <b>24.0%</b> | <b>107,797</b>             | <b>16,622</b>       | <b>3,376</b>       | <b>127,795</b>    | <b>76.0%</b> |



### Case Action for Families in Completed Investigations Fiscal Year 2014

| Region           | Not Opened For Services | Family Preservation | Family Substitute Care* | Total          |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Lubbock        | 5,518                   | 1,010               | 357                     | 6,885          |
| 2 Abilene        | 4,266                   | 963                 | 246                     | 5,475          |
| 3 Arlington      | 35,738                  | 4,442               | 2,049                   | 42,229         |
| 4 Tyler          | 7,091                   | 716                 | 562                     | 8,369          |
| 5 Beaumont       | 5,604                   | 327                 | 308                     | 6,239          |
| 6 Houston        | 26,172                  | 3,427               | 1,274                   | 30,873         |
| 7 Austin         | 18,841                  | 1,249               | 1,233                   | 21,323         |
| 8 San Antonio    | 15,805                  | 2,964               | 1,104                   | 19,873         |
| 9 Midland        | 3,750                   | 606                 | 257                     | 4,613          |
| 10 El Paso       | 4,046                   | 822                 | 111                     | 4,979          |
| 11 Edinburg      | 13,506                  | 3,191               | 577                     | 17,274         |
| Other            | 31                      | 0                   | 1                       | 32             |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>140,368</b>          | <b>19,717</b>       | <b>8,079</b>            | <b>168,164</b> |

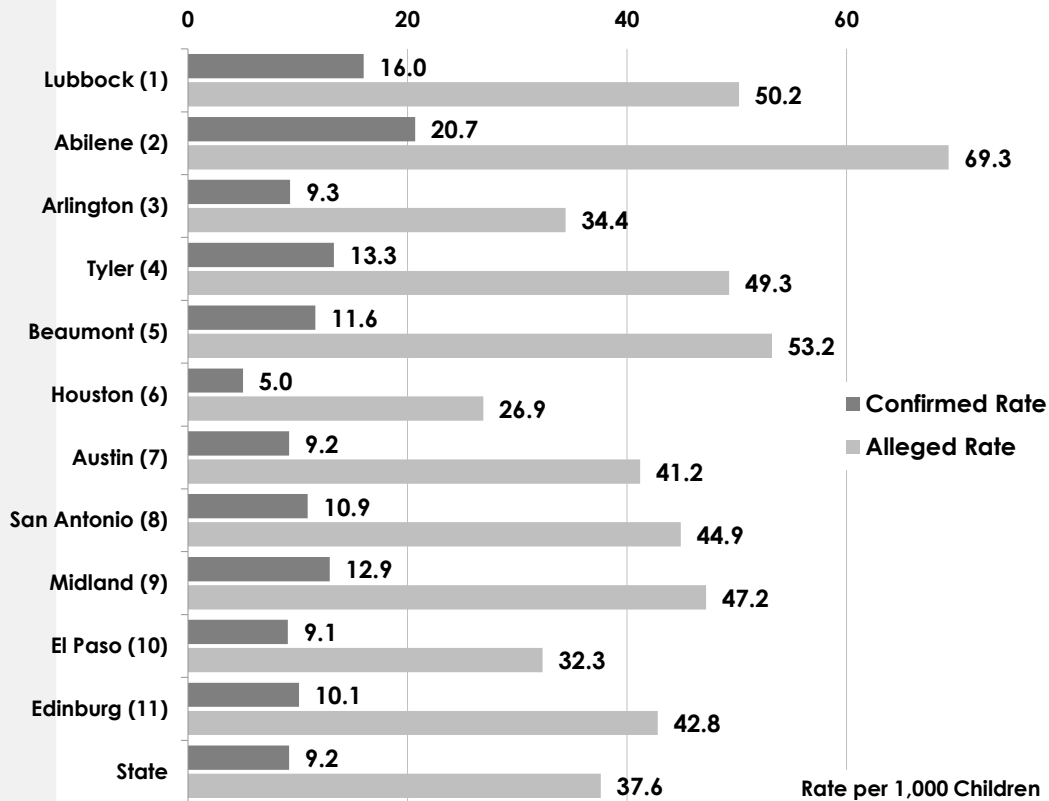
*\*Investigations that resulted in at least one child (not necessarily all children in the home) being removed. Does not equal number of children removed.*

### Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2014

| Region           | Family Preservation | % Family Preservation | Family Substitute Care* | Total         |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Lubbock        | 2,685               | 74.6%                 | 914                     | 3,599         |
| 2 Abilene        | 2,500               | 80.7%                 | 599                     | 3,099         |
| 3 Arlington      | 11,639              | 68.7%                 | 5,305                   | 16,944        |
| 4 Tyler          | 1,805               | 56.1%                 | 1,415                   | 3,220         |
| 5 Beaumont       | 858                 | 53.3%                 | 751                     | 1,609         |
| 6 Houston        | 9,578               | 74.4%                 | 3,298                   | 12,876        |
| 7 Austin         | 3,303               | 50.2%                 | 3,272                   | 6,575         |
| 8 San Antonio    | 8,173               | 72.1%                 | 3,161                   | 11,334        |
| 9 Midland        | 1,569               | 72.1%                 | 608                     | 2,177         |
| 10 El Paso       | 2,247               | 88.4%                 | 295                     | 2,542         |
| 11 Edinburg      | 9,733               | 85.1%                 | 1,699                   | 11,432        |
| Other            | 0                   | 0.0%                  | 1                       | 1             |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>54,090</b>       | <b>71.7%</b>          | <b>21,318</b>           | <b>75,408</b> |

\*Includes all children in the case regardless of victimization. Does not equal the number of children removed.

### Point Prevalence\* Rate of Child Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children in Texas Population per Region Fiscal Year 2014



\* Point Prevalence is the number of children who are alleged/confirmed victims per 1,000 children in the region.

### Confirmed Allegations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type of Abuse Fiscal Year 2014

| Region             | Physical Abuse | Sexual Abuse | Emotional Abuse | Abandonment | Medical Neglect | Physical Neglect |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Lubbock          | 667            | 293          | 38              | 7           | 73              | 351              |
| 2 Abilene          | 427            | 180          | 29              | 11          | 49              | 233              |
| 3 Arlington        | 3,409          | 1,422        | 82              | 42          | 416             | 1,198            |
| 4 Tyler            | 692            | 257          | 20              | 12          | 102             | 340              |
| 5 Beaumont         | 411            | 148          | 6               | 7           | 50              | 234              |
| 6 Houston          | 1,823          | 949          | 61              | 47          | 298             | 695              |
| 7 Austin           | 1,086          | 606          | 35              | 16          | 125             | 328              |
| 8 San Antonio      | 1,157          | 613          | 44              | 19          | 204             | 554              |
| 9 Midland          | 424            | 176          | 37              | 6           | 82              | 217              |
| 10 El Paso         | 379            | 166          | 23              | 0           | 70              | 186              |
| 11 Edinburg        | 1,037          | 750          | 56              | 12          | 230             | 521              |
| Unknown            | 2              | 3            | 0               | 0           | 0               | 0                |
| <b>State Total</b> | <b>11,514</b>  | <b>5,563</b> | <b>431</b>      | <b>179</b>  | <b>1,699</b>    | <b>4,857</b>     |

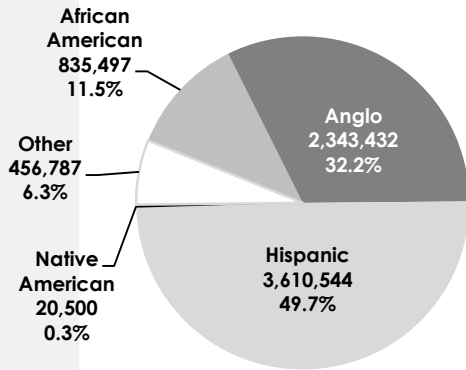
| Region             | Neglectful Supervision | Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility | Total Confirmed Allegations of Child Abuse/Neglect | Percent of Child Abuse/Neglect | *Unduplicated Confirmed Victims |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Lubbock          | 2,914                  | 22  | 4,365  | 5.8%                           | 3,702                           |
| 2 Abilene          | 2,160                  | 24  | 3,113  | 4.2%                           | 2,721                           |
| 3 Arlington        | 14,139                 | 164                                       | 20,872   | 27.5%                          | 18,318                          |
| 4 Tyler            | 2,967                  | 35  | 4,425  | 5.8%                           | 3,696                           |
| 5 Beaumont         | 1,661                  | 17  | 2,534  | 3.3%                           | 2,183                           |
| 6 Houston          | 6,305                  | 102                                       | 10,280   | 13.5%                          | 9,020                           |
| 7 Austin           | 5,984                  | 86  | 8,266  | 10.9%                          | 7,509                           |
| 8 San Antonio      | 6,271                  | 56  | 8,918  | 11.7%                          | 8,012                           |
| 9 Midland          | 1,540                  | 10  | 2,492  | 3.3%                           | 2,038                           |
| 10 El Paso         | 1,830                  | 16  | 2,670  | 3.5%                           | 2,313                           |
| 11 Edinburg        | 5,419                  | 58  | 8,083  | 10.6%                          | 7,050                           |
| Unknown            | 7                      | 0   | 12   | 0.0%                           | 10                              |
| <b>State Total</b> | <b>51,197</b>          | <b>590</b>                                | <b>76,030</b>                                      |                                | <b>66,572</b>                   |

\* Victims have been unduplicated by investigation stage.

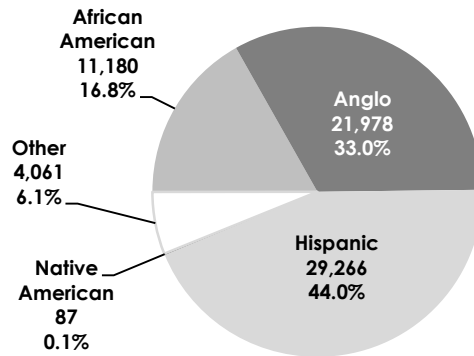


### Race/Ethnicity \* by Selected CPS Statistics Compared to Texas Child Population Fiscal Year 2014

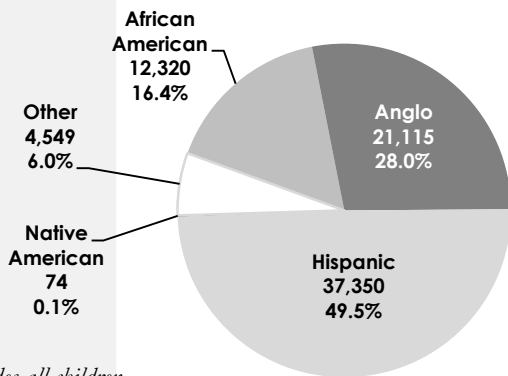
Texas Child Population - **7,266,760**



CPS Confirmed Victims - **66,572**

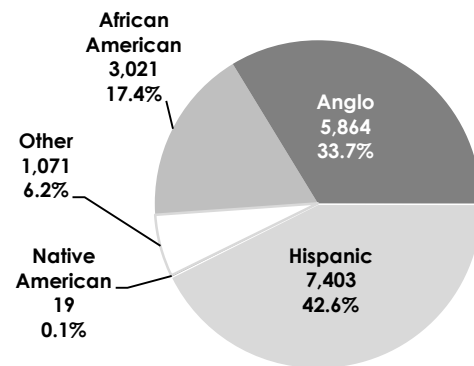


Children in Cases Opened for Services - **75,408**



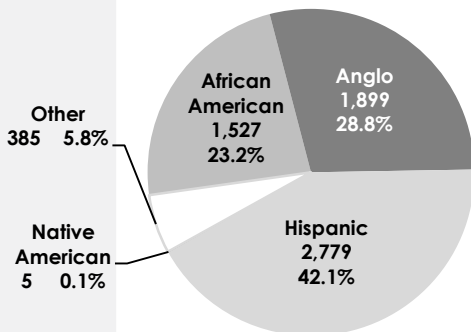
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Number of Removals - **17,378**



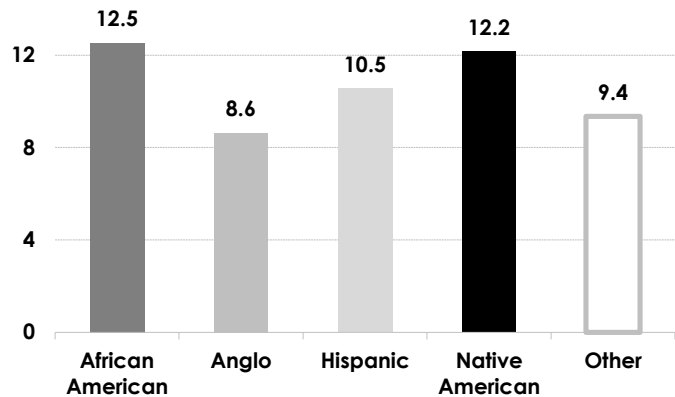
*Includes removals from all stages of service.*

Number of Children Awaiting Adoption on August 31, 2014 - **6,595**



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

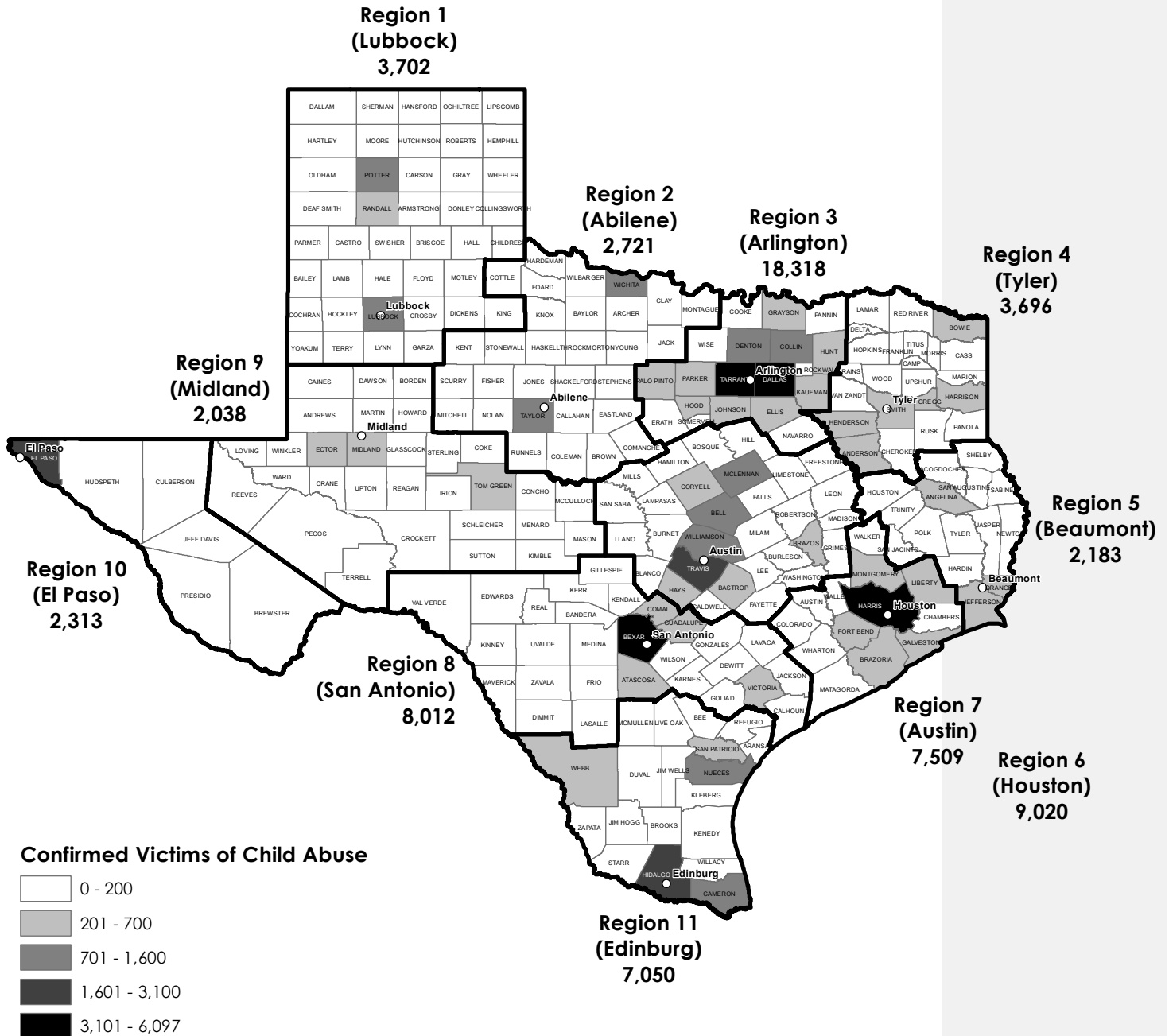
Median Time Children Have Been Awaiting Adoption on August 31, 2014 in Months - **10.5**



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**Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect  
Fiscal Year 2014**

**State Total: 66,572**



*Note: 10 Confirmed victims did not have a Texas county designated.*

### Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims \*

#### Fiscal Year 2014

| Age                  | Gender             | Anglo         | African American | Hispanic      | Native American | Asian      | Other        | Total         |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Under 1</b>       |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 1,627         | 1,079            | 1,867         | 4               | 9          | 421          | 5,007         |
|                      | Male               | 1,885         | 1,180            | 2,076         | 9               | 23         | 426          | 5,599         |
|                      | Unknown            | 11            | 8                | 12            | 0               | 0          | 10           | 41            |
|                      | <b>Total</b>       | <b>3,523</b>  | <b>2,267</b>     | <b>3,955</b>  | <b>13</b>       | <b>32</b>  | <b>857</b>   | <b>10,647</b> |
| <b>1-3 Years</b>     |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 2,360         | 1,173            | 3,267         | 6               | 30         | 427          | 7,263         |
|                      | Male               | 2,587         | 1,322            | 3,327         | 9               | 35         | 521          | 7,801         |
|                      | Unknown            | 13            | 8                | 20            | 0               | 1          | 13           | 55            |
|                      | <b>Total</b>       | <b>4,960</b>  | <b>2,503</b>     | <b>6,614</b>  | <b>15</b>       | <b>66</b>  | <b>961</b>   | <b>15,119</b> |
| <b>4-6 Years</b>     |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 2,198         | 1,151            | 3,071         | 6               | 32         | 359          | 6,817         |
|                      | Male               | 2,247         | 1,094            | 3,182         | 7               | 32         | 370          | 6,932         |
|                      | Unknown            | 4             | 3                | 9             | 0               | 0          | 5            | 21            |
|                      | <b>Total</b>       | <b>4,449</b>  | <b>2,248</b>     | <b>6,262</b>  | <b>13</b>       | <b>64</b>  | <b>734</b>   | <b>13,770</b> |
| <b>7-9 Years</b>     |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 1,745         | 776              | 2,450         | 10              | 30         | 231          | 5,242         |
|                      | Male               | 1,731         | 862              | 2,379         | 9               | 30         | 262          | 5,273         |
|                      | Unknown            | 8             | 3                | 5             | 0               | 0          | 2            | 18            |
|                      | <b>Total</b>       | <b>3,484</b>  | <b>1,641</b>     | <b>4,834</b>  | <b>19</b>       | <b>60</b>  | <b>495</b>   | <b>10,533</b> |
| <b>10-12 Years</b>   |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 1,322         | 597              | 2,055         | 5               | 22         | 182          | 4,183         |
|                      | Male               | 1,223         | 589              | 1,538         | 5               | 16         | 146          | 3,517         |
|                      | Unknown            | 1             | 2                | 5             | 0               | 0          | 0            | 8             |
|                      | <b>Total</b>       | <b>2,546</b>  | <b>1,188</b>     | <b>3,598</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>38</b>  | <b>328</b>   | <b>7,708</b>  |
| <b>13-17 Years</b>   |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 1,835         | 803              | 2,606         | 13              | 33         | 226          | 5,516         |
|                      | Male               | 1,176         | 522              | 1,389         | 4               | 17         | 142          | 3,250         |
|                      | Unknown            | 1             | 1                | 3             | 0               | 0          | 3            | 8             |
|                      | <b>Total</b>       | <b>3,012</b>  | <b>1,326</b>     | <b>3,998</b>  | <b>17</b>       | <b>50</b>  | <b>371</b>   | <b>8,774</b>  |
| <b>Age Unknown</b>   |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 2             | 3                | 2             | 0               | 0          | 2            | 9             |
|                      | Male               | 1             | 3                | 3             | 0               | 1          | 0            | 8             |
|                      | Unknown            | 1             | 1                | 0             | 0               | 0          | 2            | 4             |
|                      | <b>Total</b>       | <b>4</b>      | <b>7</b>         | <b>5</b>      | <b>0</b>        | <b>1</b>   | <b>4</b>     | <b>21</b>     |
| <b>Total Victims</b> |                    |               |                  |               |                 |            |              |               |
|                      | Female             | 11,089        | 5,582            | 15,318        | 44              | 156        | 1,848        | 34,037        |
|                      | Male               | 10,850        | 5,572            | 13,894        | 43              | 154        | 1,867        | 32,380        |
|                      | Unknown            | 39            | 26               | 54            | 0               | 1          | 35           | 155           |
|                      | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>21,978</b> | <b>11,180</b>    | <b>29,266</b> | <b>87</b>       | <b>311</b> | <b>3,750</b> | <b>66,572</b> |

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### Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2014

| Region        | Alleged Victims | Unconfirmed Victims | Confirmed Victims | Percent Confirmed |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 11,590          | 7,888               | 3,702             | 31.9%             |
| 2 Abilene     | 9,119           | 6,398               | 2,721             | 29.8%             |
| 3 Arlington   | 68,023          | 49,705              | 18,318            | 26.9%             |
| 4 Tyler       | 13,692          | 9,996               | 3,696             | 27.0%             |
| 5 Beaumont    | 10,028          | 7,845               | 2,183             | 21.8%             |
| 6 Houston     | 48,398          | 39,378              | 9,020             | 18.6%             |
| 7 Austin      | 33,723          | 26,214              | 7,509             | 22.3%             |
| 8 San Antonio | 32,841          | 24,829              | 8,012             | 24.4%             |
| 9 Midland     | 7,473           | 5,435               | 2,038             | 27.3%             |
| 10 El Paso    | 8,219           | 5,906               | 2,313             | 28.1%             |
| 11 Edinburg   | 29,934          | 22,884              | 7,050             | 23.6%             |
| Out of State  | 51              | 41                  | 10                | 19.6%             |
| <b>State</b>  | <b>273,091</b>  | <b>206,519</b>      | <b>66,572</b>     | <b>24.4%</b>      |

### Annual Number of Families and Children Receiving Family Preservation Services Fiscal Year 2014

| Region        | Families      | Children      | Children*<br>Removed From Home | % Removed   |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 1,707         | 4,524         | 272                            | 6.0%        |
| 2 Abilene     | 1,313         | 3,366         | 122                            | 3.6%        |
| 3 Arlington   | 6,484         | 17,128        | 663                            | 3.9%        |
| 4 Tyler       | 1,208         | 3,141         | 233                            | 7.4%        |
| 5 Beaumont    | 552           | 1,470         | 142                            | 9.7%        |
| 6 Houston     | 5,823         | 17,035        | 617                            | 3.6%        |
| 7 Austin      | 2,084         | 5,535         | 375                            | 6.8%        |
| 8 San Antonio | 4,516         | 12,891        | 1,091                          | 8.5%        |
| 9 Midland     | 861           | 2,298         | 164                            | 7.1%        |
| 10 El Paso    | 1,184         | 3,245         | 140                            | 4.3%        |
| 11 Edinburg   | 4,897         | 15,039        | 528                            | 3.5%        |
| Out of State  | 5             | 22            | 1                              | 4.5%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>30,634</b> | <b>85,694</b> | <b>4,348</b>                   | <b>5.1%</b> |

NOTE: Family Preservation Services is under the umbrella of Family Based Safety Services (FBSS).

Family Preservation Services are services provided to the child and the family where the caregiver retains legal custody.

\*Children removed from home during Family Preservation. Does not equal total children removed during fiscal year.

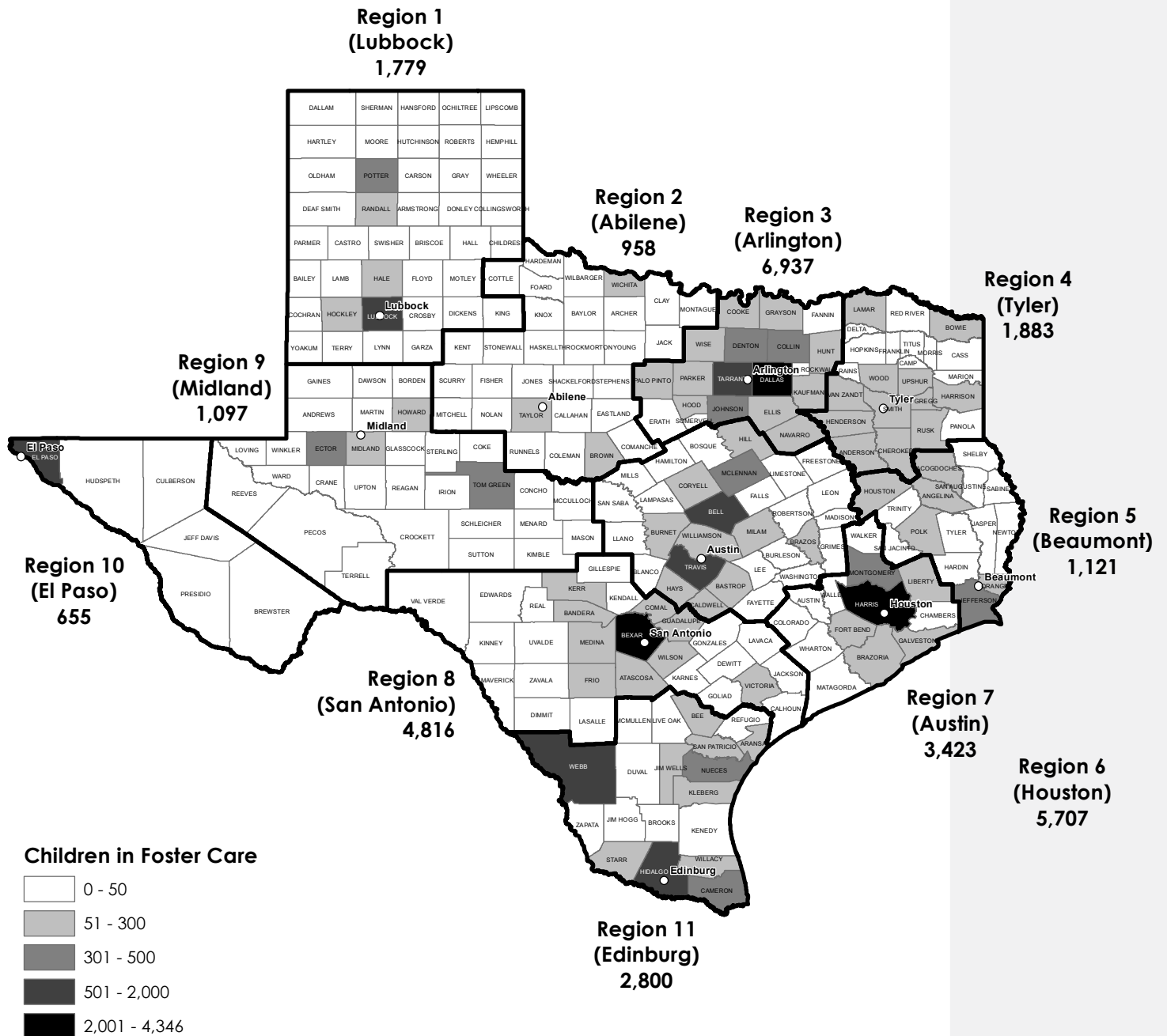
## Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Investigations of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2014

| Characteristic                   | Female        |              | Male          |              | Unknown   |             | Total         |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|
|                                  | Count         | % of Total   | Count         | % of Total   | Count     | % of Total  | Count         | % of Total |
| <b>Age</b>                       |               |              |               |              |           |             |               |            |
| Under 18                         | 592           | 1.1%         | 1,414         | 2.6%         | 5         | 0.0%        | 2,011         | 3.7%       |
| 18-25                            | 10,211        | 19.0%        | 5,280         | 9.8%         | 13        | 0.0%        | 15,504        | 28.8%      |
| 26-35                            | 12,889        | 23.9%        | 8,956         | 16.6%        | 25        | 0.1%        | 21,870        | 40.6%      |
| 36-45                            | 4,753         | 8.8%         | 4,838         | 9.0%         | 12        | 0.0%        | 9,603         | 17.8%      |
| Over 45                          | 2,059         | 3.8%         | 2,827         | 5.3%         | 8         | 0.0%        | 4,894         | 9.1%       |
| Invalid                          | 1             | 0.0%         | 15            | 0.0%         | 18        | 0.0%        | 34            | 0.0%       |
| <b>Marital Status</b>            |               |              |               |              |           |             |               |            |
| Married                          | 6,960         | 12.9%        | 7,251         | 13.5%        | 10        | 0.0%        | 14,221        | 26.4%      |
| Widowed                          | 272           | 0.5%         | 141           | 0.3%         | 0         | 0.0%        | 413           | 0.8%       |
| Separated                        | 1,750         | 3.3%         | 1,186         | 2.2%         | 3         | 0.0%        | 2,939         | 5.5%       |
| Divorced                         | 2,084         | 3.9%         | 1,297         | 2.4%         | 2         | 0.0%        | 3,383         | 6.3%       |
| Single                           | 10,898        | 20.2%        | 5,678         | 10.5%        | 10        | 0.0%        | 16,586        | 30.7%      |
| Unknown                          | 7,875         | 14.6%        | 6,275         | 11.6%        | 55        | 0.1%        | 14,205        | 26.3%      |
| Not Applicable<br>(Under 18)     | 666           | 1.2%         | 1,502         | 2.8%         | 1         | 0.0%        | 2,169         | 4.0%       |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity *</b>          |               |              |               |              |           |             |               |            |
| Anglo                            | 13,088        | 24.3%        | 8,611         | 16.0%        | 20        | 0.0%        | 21,719        | 40.3%      |
| African American                 | 5,492         | 10.2%        | 4,056         | 7.5%         | 5         | 0.0%        | 9,553         | 17.7%      |
| Hispanic                         | 10,879        | 20.2%        | 9,418         | 17.5%        | 15        | 0.0%        | 20,312        | 37.7%      |
| Native American                  | 58            | 0.1%         | 21            | 0.0%         | 0         | 0.0%        | 79            | 0.1%       |
| Asian                            | 163           | 0.3%         | 148           | 0.3%         | 0         | 0.0%        | 311           | 0.6%       |
| Other                            | 825           | 1.5%         | 1,076         | 2.0%         | 41        | 0.1%        | 1,942         | 3.6%       |
| <b>Relation to Oldest Victim</b> |               |              |               |              |           |             |               |            |
| Parent                           | 27,335        | 50.7%        | 15,204        | 28.2%        | 31        | 0.0%        | 42,570        | 78.9%      |
| Grandparent                      | 1,334         | 2.5%         | 811           | 1.5%         | 4         | 0.0%        | 2,149         | 4.0%       |
| Sibling/Other Relative           | 379           | 0.7%         | 1,799         | 3.3%         | 2         | 0.0%        | 2,180         | 4.0%       |
| Aunt/Uncle                       | 529           | 1.0%         | 1,007         | 1.9%         | 1         | 0.0%        | 1,537         | 2.9%       |
| Parent's Paramour                | 379           | 0.7%         | 3,452         | 6.4%         | 3         | 0.0%        | 3,834         | 7.1%       |
| Other                            | 549           | 1.0%         | 1,057         | 2.0%         | 40        | 0.1%        | 1,646         | 3.1%       |
| <b>Total Perpetrators</b>        | <b>30,505</b> | <b>56.6%</b> | <b>23,330</b> | <b>43.3%</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>0.1%</b> | <b>53,916</b> |            |

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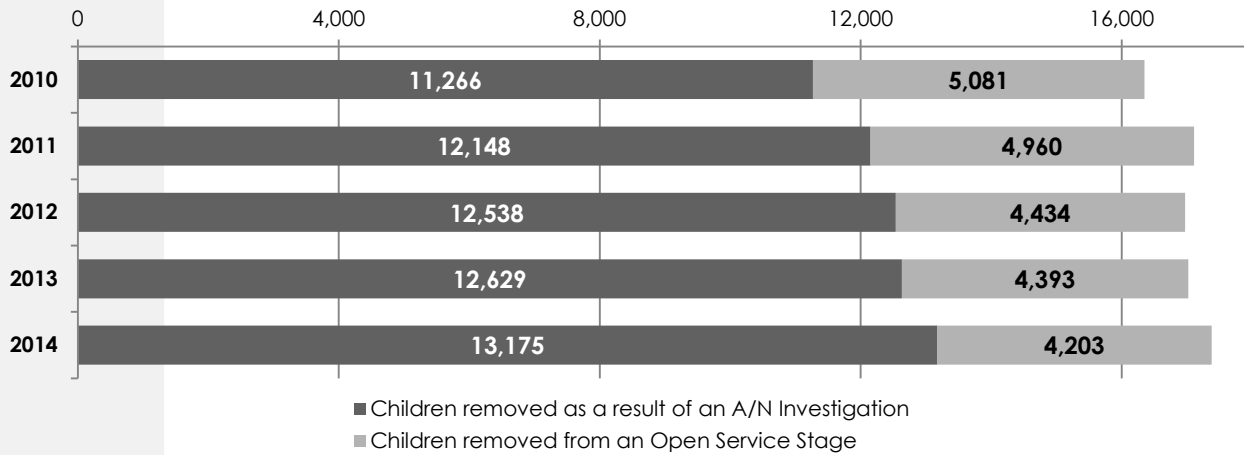
**Children in Foster Care by County  
Fiscal Year 2014**

**State Total: 31,176**



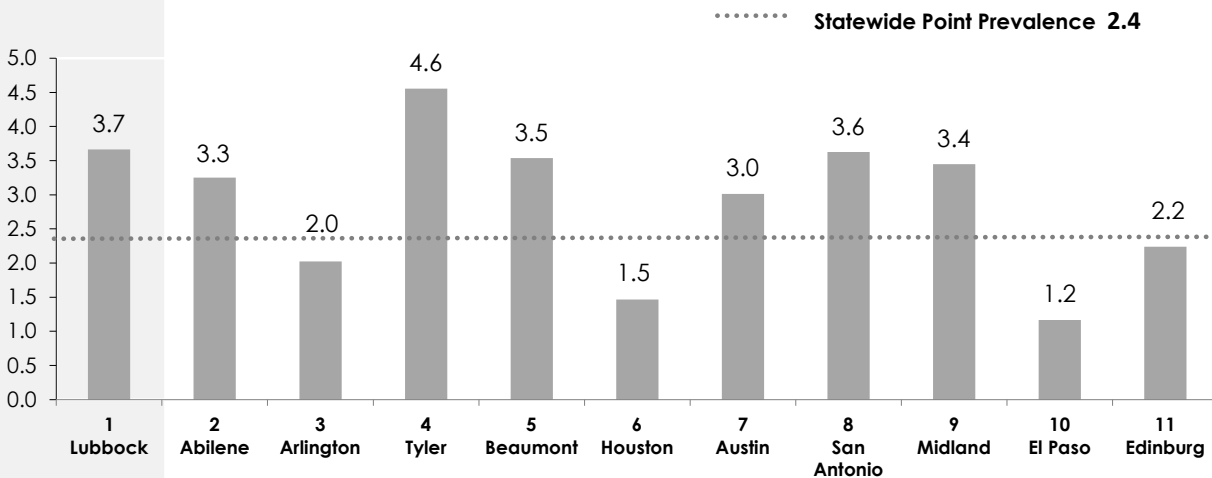
### Number of Children Removed from Home by Fiscal Year

| Fiscal Year | As a Result of an Abuse/Neglect Investigation | From an Open Service Stage* | Total  |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------|--------|
| 2010        | 11,266  | 5,081                       | 16,347 |
| 2011        | 12,148  | 4,960                       | 17,108 |
| 2012        | 12,538  | 4,434                       | 16,972 |
| 2013        | 12,629  | 4,393                       | 17,022 |
| 2014        | 13,175  | 4,203                       | 17,378 |



\*Removals from open service stages include Family Preservation, Family Substitute Care and Family Reunification.  
 Note: The data presented in this chart have been modified to more accurately report where a removal occurred and therefore will not match prior data books.

### Point Prevalence\* for Children Entering Substitute Care per 1,000 Children in Texas Population by Region Fiscal Year 2014



\* Point prevalence is the number of children entering substitute care per 1,000 children in the region.



**Where are children in DFPS care?**

....of the 28,523 children in DFPS substitute care on August 31, 2014...

**16,961 children were in Foster Care**

**11,882**  
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 over 100 CPAs.

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

**695** of these children were placed in Kinship Verified Foster Homes

**755**  
children were placed in  
**Basic Child Care**

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

**1,635**  
children were placed in  
**Residential Treatment  
Centers**

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

**640**  
children were placed in  
**Emergency Shelters**

These are intended for stays of less than 30 days.

**467**  
children were placed in  
**Other types of foster care**

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

**1,582**  
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.

**400** of these children were placed in Kinship Verified Foster Homes

**11,562 children were in other types of Substitute Care**

**10,415**  
children were placed in  
**Kinship Care**

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

**197**  
children were in pending adoptions in  
**DFPS Adoptive Homes**

**465**  
children were placed in  
**Other Substitute Care**

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

**485**  
children were in pending adoptions in  
**CPA Adoptive Homes**

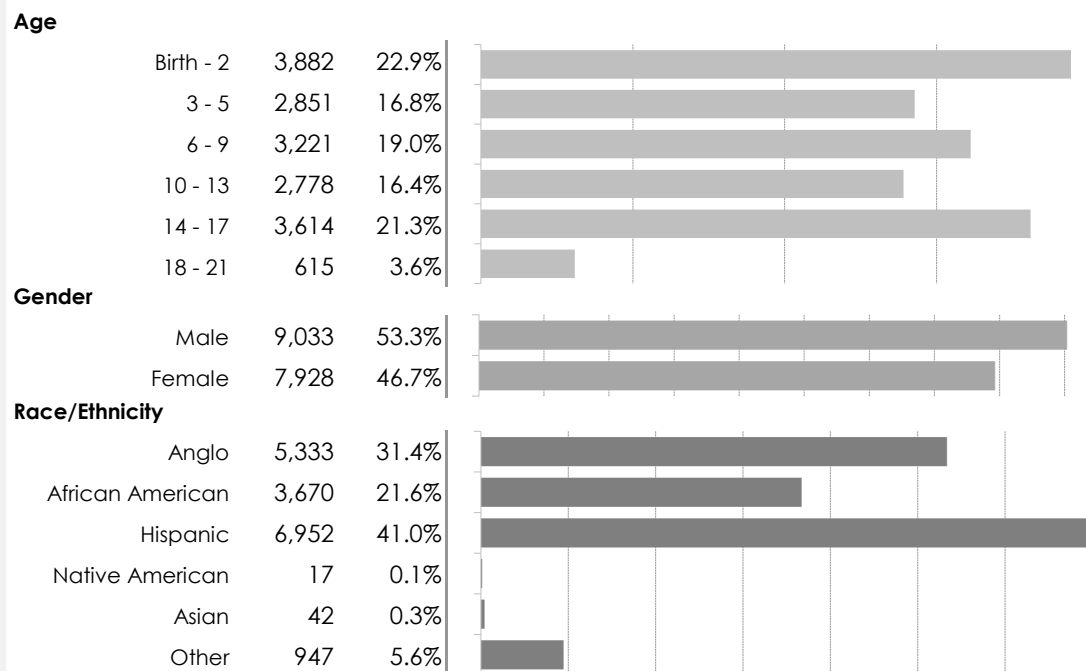
**Notes:**

A. The 28,523 children includes 615 youth over the age of 18 in foster care, but who have "aged-out" of the legal conservatorship of DFPS.

B. There are a total of 30,153 children in DFPS legal responsibility. 2,245 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.

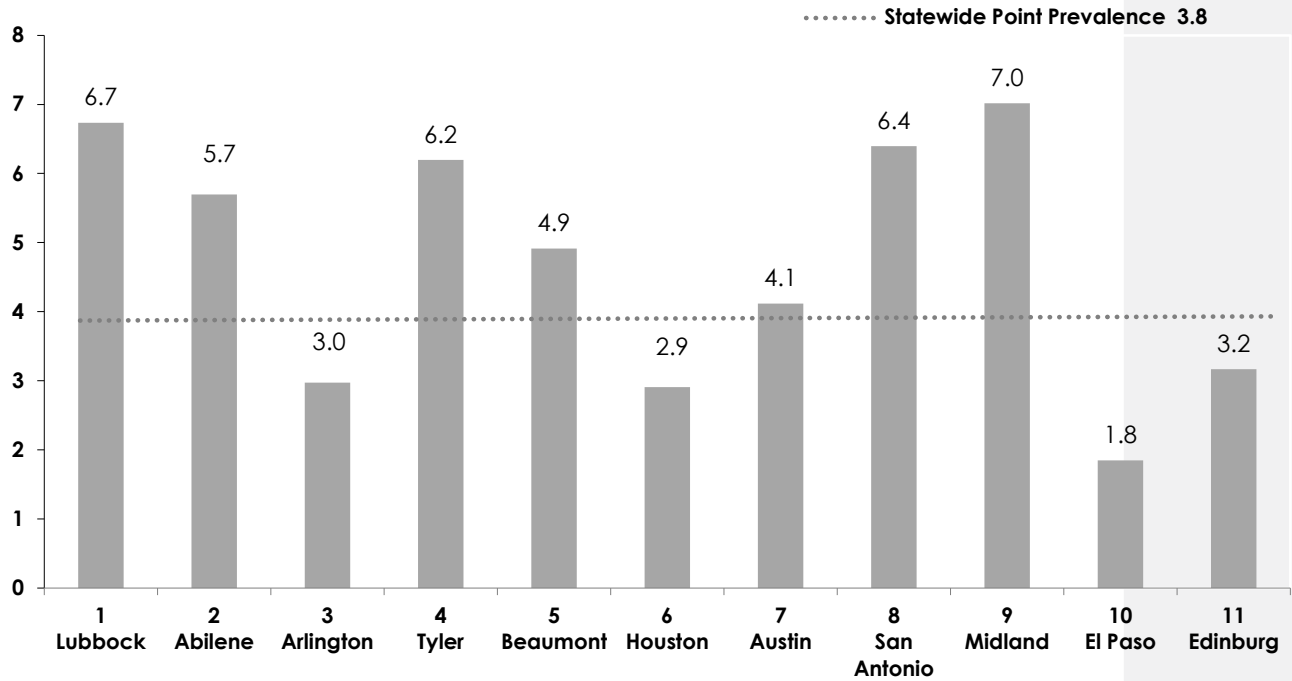
**Demographics of Children in Foster Care on August 31  
by Fiscal Year**

| Characteristic          | 2011          |       | 2012          |       | 2013          |       | 2014          |       |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|                         | #             | %     | #             | %     | #             | %     | #             | %     |
| <b>Age</b>              |               |       |               |       |               |       |               |       |
| Birth - 2               | 3,797         | 22.1% | 3,614         | 21.6% | 3,634         | 21.8% | 3,882         | 22.9% |
| 3 - 5                   | 2,903         | 16.9% | 2,766         | 16.6% | 2,837         | 17.0% | 2,851         | 16.8% |
| 6 - 9                   | 2,948         | 17.2% | 2,948         | 17.7% | 3,050         | 18.3% | 3,221         | 19.0% |
| 10 - 13                 | 2,972         | 17.3% | 2,820         | 16.9% | 2,774         | 16.6% | 2,778         | 16.4% |
| 14 - 17                 | 3,976         | 23.1% | 3,947         | 23.6% | 3,747         | 22.5% | 3,614         | 21.3% |
| 18 - 21                 | 587           | 3.4%  | 602           | 3.6%  | 634           | 3.8%  | 615           | 3.6%  |
| <b>Gender</b>           |               |       |               |       |               |       |               |       |
| Male                    | 9,308         | 54.2% | 9,030         | 54.1% | 8,886         | 53.3% | 9,033         | 53.3% |
| Female                  | 7,874         | 45.8% | 7,667         | 45.9% | 7,790         | 46.7% | 7,928         | 46.7% |
| Unknown                 | 1             | 0.0%  | 0             | 0.0%  | 0             | 0.0%  | 0             | 0.0%  |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity *</b> |               |       |               |       |               |       |               |       |
| Anglo                   | 5,044         | 29.3% | 5,048         | 30.3% | 4,970         | 29.8% | 5,333         | 31.4% |
| African American        | 4,126         | 24.0% | 3,825         | 22.9% | 3,858         | 23.1% | 3,670         | 21.6% |
| Hispanic                | 6,995         | 40.7% | 6,813         | 40.8% | 6,882         | 41.3% | 6,952         | 41.0% |
| Native American         | 31            | 0.2%  | 22            | 0.1%  | 17            | 0.1%  | 17            | 0.1%  |
| Asian                   | 44            | 0.3%  | 38            | 0.2%  | 47            | 0.3%  | 42            | 0.3%  |
| Other                   | 943           | 5.5%  | 951           | 5.7%  | 902           | 5.4%  | 947           | 5.6%  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>17,183</b> |       | <b>16,697</b> |       | <b>16,676</b> |       | <b>16,961</b> |       |



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**Point Prevalence for Children in Substitute Care per 1,000 Children in Texas Population by Region on August 31, 2014**



Note: Point prevalence is the number of children (ages 0-17) in substitute care per 1,000 children in the region.

**Legal Status of Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility on August 31, by Fiscal Year**

| Legal Status                            | 2012          |       | 2013          |       | 2014          |       |
|---|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|   | Count         | %     | Count         | %     | Count         | %     |
| Care, Custody & Control*                | 49            | 0.2%  | 65            | 0.2%  | 55            | 0.2%  |
| Temporary Managing Conservatorship**    | 17,332        | 58.2% | 17,572        | 59.5% | 18,214        | 60.4% |
| Permanent Managing Conservatorship***   |               |       |               |       |               |       |
| Parental Rights Not Terminated          | 2,863         | 9.6%  | 2,732         | 9.3%  | 2,829         | 9.4%  |
| Parental Rights Terminated (All)        | 9,105         | 30.6% | 8,772         | 29.7% | 8,695         | 28.8% |
| Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent) | 400           | 1.3%  | 366           | 1.2%  | 341           | 1.1%  |
| Possessory Conservatorship****          | 26            | 0.1%  | 16            | 0.1%  | 19            | 0.1%  |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>29,775</b> |       | <b>29,523</b> |       | <b>30,153</b> |       |

\* 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, and education.

\*\* Temporary Managing Conservatorship (TMC) - is a court ordered legal relationship between a child and a parent or nonparent. If a judge appoints DFPS as Temporary Managing Conservator, the court will order DFPS to exercise specific rights and duties, which include but are not limited to the right to have physical possession of the child, the duty of care, control, and protection of the child, the right to designate the primary residence of the child, and the right to make decisions concerning the child's health-care and education. Generally, TMC continues for up to 12 to 18 months at which time the judge issues a final order returning the child home, appointing an individual or DFPS as a Permanent Managing Conservator, and/or terminating parental rights thereby making the child eligible for adoption.

\*\*\* Permanent Managing Conservatorship (PMC) - is the status a court awards to DFPS in a final order. DFPS can be awarded PMC with or without termination of the rights of the child's parents. The rights and duties of a PMC are typically the same as those of the TMC; however, as the PMC, DFPS continues to exercise those rights until the child is adopted, until PMC is transferred to a suitable individual, or the child becomes a legal adult at age 18.

\*\*\*\* Possessory Conservatorship - Although uncommon, DFPS may be appointed Possessory Conservator (PC) in certain situations. As PC, DFPS has more limited rights and duties with respect to the child, as enumerated in the court's order naming DFPS as PC.

### Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care or in Foster Care Placements on August 31, 2014

| Region           | DFPS Legal Responsibility | Substitute Care | Foster Care*  |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Lubbock        | 1,719                     | 1,582           | 1,038         |
| 2 Abilene        | 843                       | 765             | 533           |
| 3 Arlington      | 6,405                     | 6,003           | 3,679         |
| 4 Tyler          | 1,845                     | 1,753           | 1,026         |
| 5 Beaumont       | 1,009                     | 941             | 612           |
| 6 Houston        | 5,555                     | 5,381           | 3,203         |
| 7 Austin         | 3,639                     | 3,437           | 1,738         |
| 8 San Antonio    | 4,998                     | 4,796           | 2,647         |
| 9 Midland        | 1,189                     | 1,127           | 656           |
| 10 El Paso       | 520                       | 482             | 342           |
| 11 Edinburg      | 2,431                     | 2,256           | 1,487         |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>30,153</b>             | <b>28,523</b>   | <b>16,961</b> |

*Note: Includes youth who have aged out of DFPS legal responsibility but remain in substitute care.*

*\* Foster Care is a subset of Substitute Care*

### Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care or in Foster Care Placements during Fiscal Year

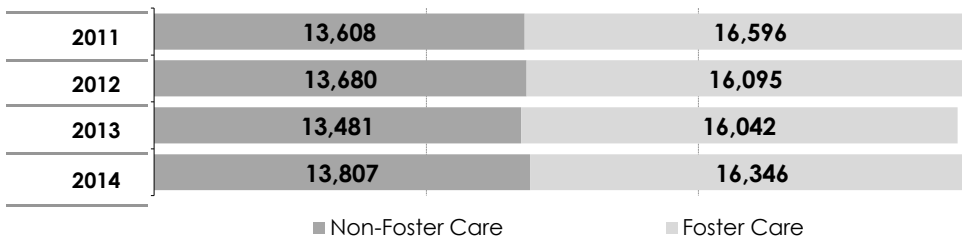
| Region        | DFPS Legal Responsibility | Substitute Care | Foster Care*  |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 2,545                     | 2,469           | 1,779         |
| 2 Abilene     | 1,249                     | 1,211           | 958           |
| 3 Arlington   | 9,976                     | 9,683           | 6,937         |
| 4 Tyler       | 2,984                     | 2,875           | 1,883         |
| 5 Beaumont    | 1,477                     | 1,438           | 1,121         |
| 6 Houston     | 8,568                     | 8,408           | 5,707         |
| 7 Austin      | 5,865                     | 5,677           | 3,423         |
| 8 San Antonio | 7,766                     | 7,610           | 4,816         |
| 9 Midland     | 1,749                     | 1,703           | 1,097         |
| 10 El Paso    | 870                       | 842             | 655           |
| 11 Edinburg   | 3,774                     | 3,709           | 2,800         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>46,823</b>             | <b>45,625</b>   | <b>31,176</b> |

*Note: Includes youth who have aged out of DFPS legal responsibility but remain in substitute care.*

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**Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility by Living Arrangement on August 31, by Fiscal Year**

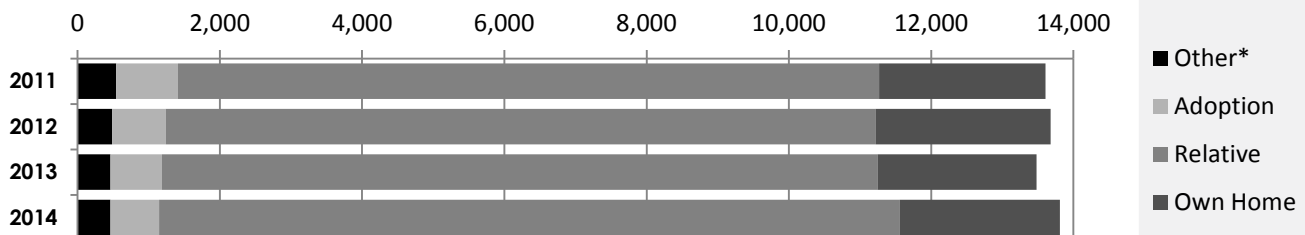
| Fiscal Year | Non-Foster Care | Foster Care | Total         | % Change |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| 2011        | 13,608          | 16,596      | <b>30,204</b> | 4.5%     |
| 2012        | 13,680          | 16,095      | <b>29,775</b> | -1.4%    |
| 2013        | 13,481          | 16,042      | <b>29,523</b> | -0.8%    |
| 2014        | 13,807          | 16,346      | <b>30,153</b> | 2.1%     |



*Note: Foster care totals exclude youth over 18 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 on August 31, by Fiscal Year**

| Fiscal Year | Total Non-Foster Care | Other* | Adoption | Relative | Own Home |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2011        | 13,608                | 543    | 868      | 9,858    | 2,339    |
| 2012        | 13,680                | 484    | 756      | 9,982    | 2,458    |
| 2013        | 13,481                | 465    | 722      | 10,059   | 2,235    |
| 2014        | 13,807                | 465    | 682      | 10,415   | 2,245    |



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

### Children\* in Substitute Care Placements by Living Arrangement Categories on August 31, 2014

| Region        | CPA Foster - Group Homes & Independent Homes | DFPS Foster & Foster Group Homes | DFPS Adoptive Homes | Private Adoptive Homes | Kinship       |
|---------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 555  | 166                              | 6                   | 32                     | 475           |
| 2 Abilene     | 386  | 24                               | 0                   | 5                      | 216           |
| 3 Arlington   | 2,792  | 313                              | 19                  | 76                     | 2,135         |
| 4 Tyler       | 592  | 171                              | 11                  | 21                     | 676           |
| 5 Beaumont    | 315  | 189                              | 6                   | 11                     | 293           |
| 6 Houston     | 2,329  | 195                              | 76                  | 240                    | 1,789         |
| 7 Austin      | 1,117  | 217                              | 27                  | 24                     | 1,603         |
| 8 San Antonio | 1,673  | 144                              | 28                  | 47                     | 1,970         |
| 9 Midland     | 475  | 16                               | 7                   | 15                     | 431           |
| 10 El Paso    | 213  | 54                               | 3                   | 6                      | 123           |
| 11 Edinburg   | 1,116  | 82                               | 14                  | 8                      | 704           |
| Out of State  | 0  | 0                                | 0                   | 0                      | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>11,563</b>                                | <b>1,571</b>                     | <b>197</b>          | <b>485</b>             | <b>10,415</b> |

| Region        | General Residential Operation | Emergency Shelters | Residential Treatment | Other**    | Total         |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 130                           | 30                 | 110                   | 50         | 1,554         |
| 2 Abilene     | 6                             | 23                 | 74                    | 15         | 749           |
| 3 Arlington   | 83                            | 73                 | 237                   | 160        | 5,888         |
| 4 Tyler       | 67                            | 37                 | 97                    | 49         | 1,721         |
| 5 Beaumont    | 33                            | 15                 | 36                    | 28         | 926           |
| 6 Houston     | 50                            | 70                 | 342                   | 133        | 5,224         |
| 7 Austin      | 34                            | 49                 | 218                   | 81         | 3,370         |
| 8 San Antonio | 220                           | 187                | 255                   | 157        | 4,681         |
| 9 Midland     | 21                            | 46                 | 67                    | 33         | 1,111         |
| 10 El Paso    | 8                             | 8                  | 37                    | 18         | 470           |
| 11 Edinburg   | 39                            | 82                 | 113                   | 56         | 2,214         |
| Out of State  | 0                             | 0                  | 0                     | 0          | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>691</b>                    | <b>620</b>         | <b>1,586</b>          | <b>780</b> | <b>27,908</b> |

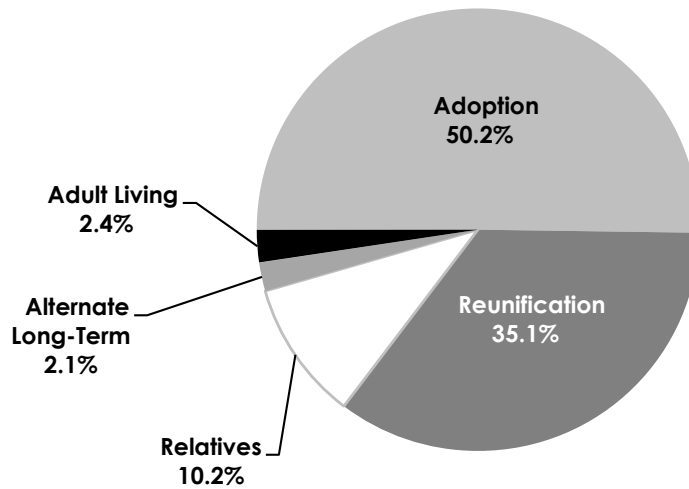
\* Excludes 615 young adults over 18 who have aged out of DFPS conservatorship but remain in DFPS care.

\*\* Other living arrangement types include: Camps, maternity homes, hospitals, juvenile detention, ICF-IID, HSC homes, state schools, hospitals, independent living programs, unauthorized absences, and court ordered placements.

### Permanency Goal of Children in Substitute Care for Whom DFPS had Legal Responsibility on August 31, 2014

Total Children: 22,110

| Goal  | #             | %     |
|---|---------------|-------|
| Adoption  | 11,102        | 50.2% |
| Reunification   | 7,767         | 35.1% |
| Permanent Placement with Relatives and Other Caregivers | 2,253         | 10.2% |
| Alternative Long-Term Living Arrangement                | 463           | 2.1%  |
| Adult Living  | 525           | 2.4%  |
| <b>Total Children</b>                                   | <b>22,110</b> |       |



### Number of DFPS Foster, Foster/Adoptive and Adoptive Homes on August 31, 2014

| Region        | Foster Homes* | Foster/Adoptive Homes** | Adoptive Homes*** |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 3             | 109                     | 15                |
| 2 Abilene     | 0             | 15                      | 6                 |
| 3 Arlington   | 31            | 192                     | 66                |
| 4 Tyler       | 5             | 100                     | 35                |
| 5 Beaumont    | 14            | 108                     | 22                |
| 6 Houston     | 21            | 160                     | 95                |
| 7 Austin      | 11            | 130                     | 106               |
| 8 San Antonio | 4             | 98                      | 203               |
| 9 Midland     | 0             | 1                       | 14                |
| 10 El Paso    | 1             | 32                      | 11                |
| 11 Edinburg   | 4             | 35                      | 25                |
| Out of State  | 42            | 77                      | 9                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>136</b>    | <b>1,057</b>            | <b>607</b>        |

\*Includes 67 verified kinship homes.

\*\*Includes 3 legal risk homes and 354 verified kinship homes.

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



## CPS Outcomes Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2014

### Child Safety

Percentage of children who remained safe in substitute care  
(children in care during FY14 who did not experience a confirmed incident of maltreatment) 99.9%

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment  
(child victims without a subsequent confirmed allegation within 6 months of the prior confirmed allegation) 97.1%

### Initial Placement Stability

Percentage of children in substitute care 12 months or less with 2 or fewer placements 84.3%

### Family Preservation

(measured from start of services to end of services)

Average length of service 7.4 months

### Family Reunification

(measured from removal to placement in own home)

Percentage of children returned to own home 30.7%

Average number of placements per child 1.9 placements

Average length of service 13.2 months

Median length of service 12.2 months

Percentage of children reunified with family, with DFPS conservatorship terminated,  
within 12 months of removal 62.1%

### Adoption Services

(measured from removal to adoption consummation)

Percentage of children who left DFPS legal responsibility with an adoption consummation 30.6%

Average number of placements per child 2.6 placements

Average length of service 28.7 months

From removal to final order 13.8 months

From final order to adoption placement 13.6 months

From placement to adoption consummated 1.3 months

Median length of service 24.2 months

Percentage of children adopted within 24 months of removal 49.0%

### Relative As Permanent Managing Conservator

(measured from removal to date Relative takes legal custody as Permanent Managing Conservator)

Percentage of children who left DFPS legal responsibility to a relative placement 30.1%

Average number of placements per child 1.9 placements

Average length of service 14.4 months

Median length of service 11.7 months

## CPS Outcomes Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2014

### 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)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Percentage of children who left DFPS legal responsibility | 7.4%           |
| Average number of placements per child                    | 6.4 placements |
| Average length of service                                 | 54.0 months    |
| Median length of service                                  | 38.9 months    |

#### Other Long-term Substitute Care

(measured from removal to date DFPS legal responsibility ended. Includes children/youth who left DFPS legal responsibility due to one of the following reasons: runaway, death, an individual taking legal custody that is not included in one of the other exit categories, and transfer to another state agency.)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Percentage of children who left DFPS legal responsibility | 1.2%           |
| Average number of placements per child                    | 1.5 placements |
| Average length of service                                 | 13.2 months    |
| Median length of service                                  | 6.0 months     |

### Fiscal Year 2014 Recidivism Outcomes

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Percentage of children re-entering foster care within 12 months of discharge from a previous episode of foster care. | 5.7% |
|--|------|

#### 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) | 8.0% |
|--|------|

#### For Family Preservation:

|  |      |
|--|------|
| (measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation within 12 months of the end Family Preservation services or new Family Preservation services provided) | 7.4% |
|--|------|

#### For Reunification:

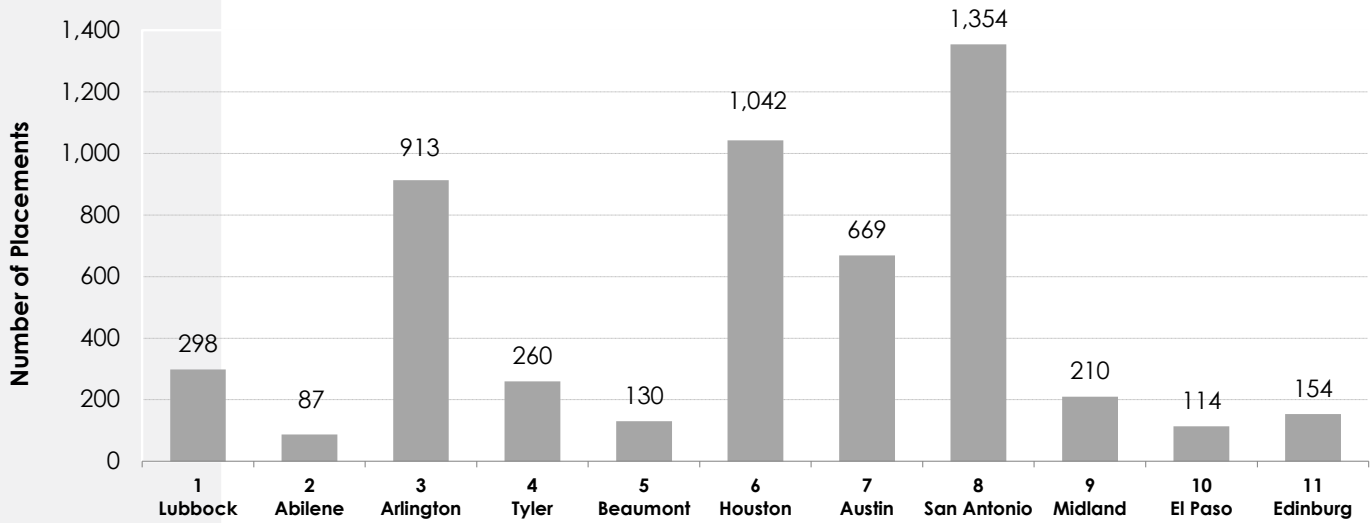
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|---|-------|
| (measured as a new confirmed reason to believe allegation or a return to substitute care within 12 months of the end of Family Reunification) | 16.1% |
|---|-------|

### Length of Time in Substitute Care for children in DFPS Custody on August 31, 2014

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Average length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship | 6.9 months  |
| Median length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship  | 5.8 months  |
| Average length of service for children in permanent managing conservatorship | 37.0 months |
| Median length of service for children in permanent managing conservatorship  | 25.6 months |

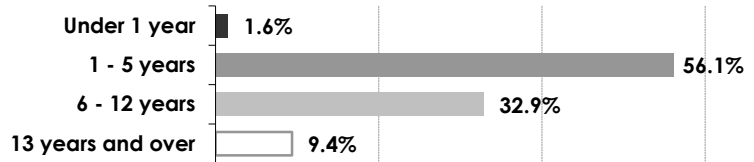
### Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region Fiscal Year 2014

Total Adoptive Placements **5,231**  
Total Unique Children **5,224**

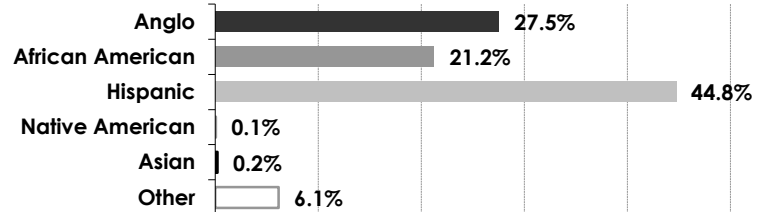


### Demographics of 5,224 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2014

| Age               | Count        |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Under 1 year      | 82           |
| 1 - 5 years       | 2,933        |
| 6 - 12 years      | 1,718        |
| 13 years and over | 491          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>5,224</b> |



| Race/Ethnicity * | Count        |
|------------------|--------------|
| Anglo            | 1,438        |
| African American | 1,110        |
| Hispanic         | 2,341        |
| Native American  | 3            |
| Asian            | 11           |
| Other            | 321          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>5,224</b> |



| Child Characteristics      | Count        |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Disabling Condition        | 1,623        |
| No Special Characteristics | 3,601        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>5,224</b> |



| Gender       | Count        |
|--------------|--------------|
| Female       | 2,571        |
| Male         | 2,653        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5,224</b> |

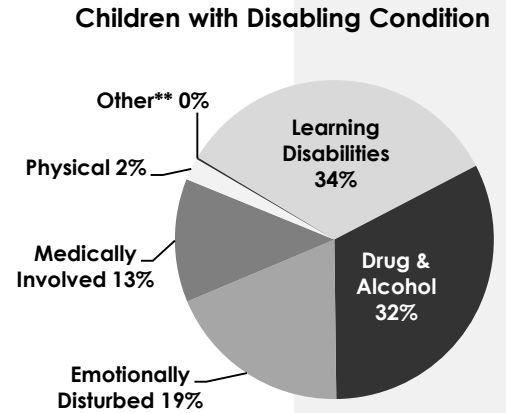


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### Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2014

Total number of children placed in adoptive homes **5,224**  
 Number of unique children with  
 disabling conditions placed in adoptive homes **1,623**

| Disabling Condition   | % of all Children Placed in Adoptive Homes | Children with Disabling Condition |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Learning Disabilities | 13.8%                                      | 720                               |
| Drug/Alcohol*         | 13.2%                                      | 692                               |
| Emotionally Disturbed | 7.7%                                       | 402                               |
| Medically Involved    | 5.1%                                       | 267                               |
| Physical              | 0.9%                                       | 48                                |
| Other**               | 0.1%                                       | 4                                 |



\* Drug/Alcohol disabling condition can either be due to self-abuse or exposure to an individual with the condition.

\*\* Other includes teen parent or pregnant.

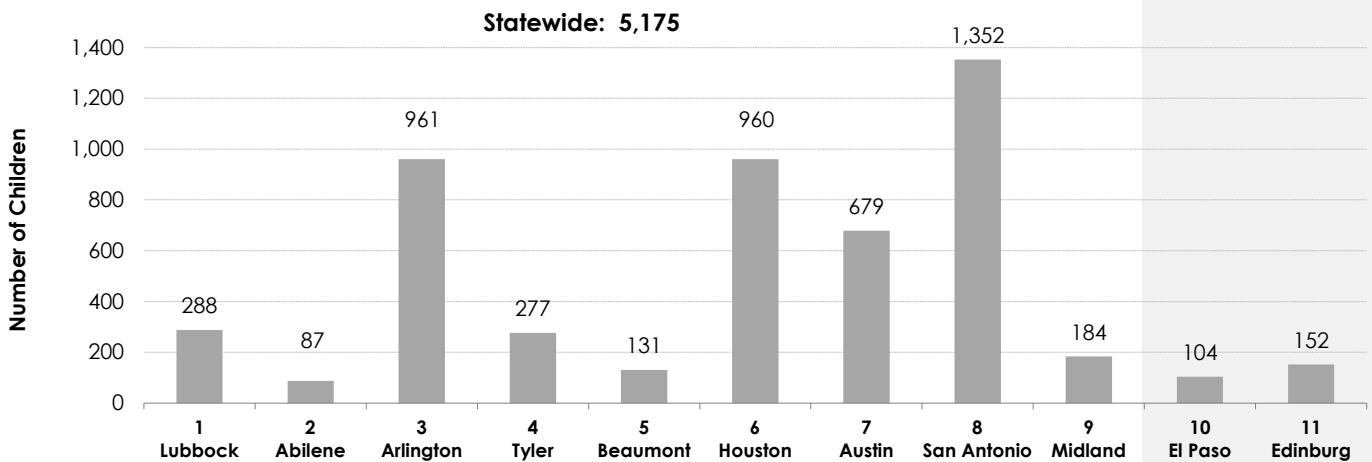
Note: Children may be duplicated across categories because some may have more than one disabling condition.

### Children with a Consummated Adoption by Type of Agency by Fiscal Year

|                            | 2011         |       | 2012         |       | 2013         |       | 2014         |       |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
|                            | #            | %     | #            | %     | #            | %     | #            | %     |
| DFPS                       | 2,563        | 55.3% | 2,823        | 56.0% | 2,770        | 51.6% | 2,337        | 45.2% |
| Non DFPS*                  | 2,072        | 44.7% | 2,217        | 44.0% | 2,594        | 48.4% | 2,838        | 54.8% |
| <b>Total Consummations</b> | <b>4,635</b> |       | <b>5,040</b> |       | <b>5,364</b> |       | <b>5,175</b> |       |

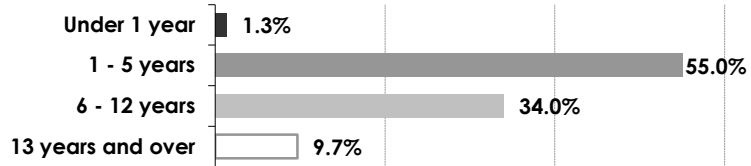
\* Non DFPS includes private agency adoptions, relative adoptions and out of state adoptions.

### Children with a Consummated Adoption by Region Fiscal Year 2014



## Demographics of 5,175 Children With A Consummated Adoption Fiscal Year 2014

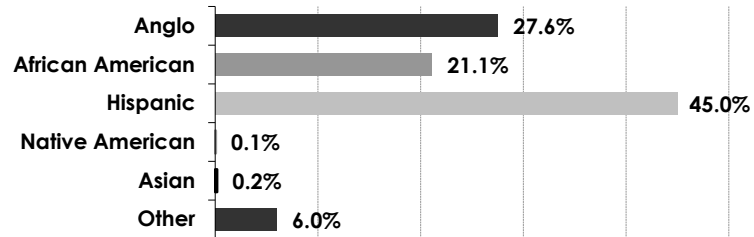
| Age               | Count        |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Under 1 year      | 69           |
| 1 - 5 years       | 2,848        |
| 6 - 12 years      | 1,758        |
| 13 years and over | 500          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>5,175</b> |



| Gender       | Count        |
|--------------|--------------|
| Male         | 2,661        |
| Female       | 2,514        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5,175</b> |



| Race/Ethnicity * | Count        |
|------------------|--------------|
| Anglo            | 1,426        |
| African American | 1,093        |
| Hispanic         | 2,330        |
| Native American  | 3            |
| Asian            | 13           |
| Other            | 310          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>5,175</b> |



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### Race/Ethnicity\* of Children and Adoptive Parents for Adoptions Consummated by Fiscal Year

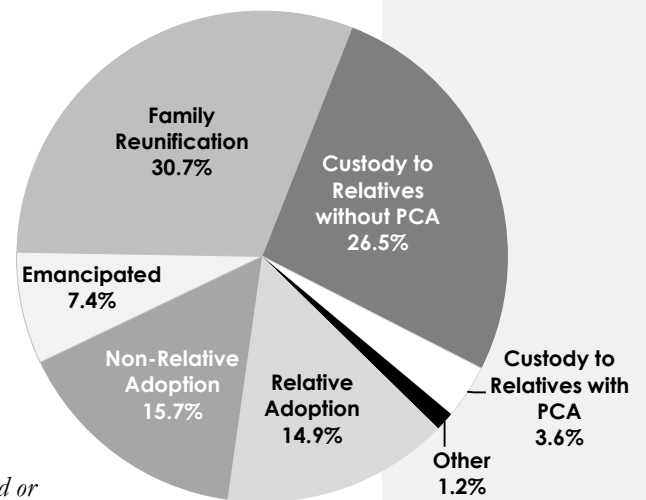
|   | 2011         |       | 2012         |       | 2013         |       | 2014         |       |
|---|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
|   | #            | %     | #            | %     | #            | %     | #            | %     |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child</b>                               | 2,718        | 58.6% | 3,071        | 60.9% | 3,295        | 61.4% | 3,141        | 60.7% |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Multiracial)**</b> | 1,917        | 41.4% | 1,969        | 39.1% | 2,069        | 38.6% | 2,034        | 39.3% |
| <b>Total Adoptions</b>  | <b>4,635</b> |       | <b>5,040</b> |       | <b>5,364</b> |       | <b>5,175</b> |       |

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\*\*Includes when Race/Ethnicity was not determined.

**Status of Children Who Exited DFPS Legal Custody  
Fiscal Year 2014**

| Outcome                           | #             | %     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Family Reunification              | 5,192         | 30.7% |
| Custody to Relatives with PCA     | 601           | 3.6%  |
| Custody to Relatives without PCA  | 4,488         | 26.5% |
| Relative Adoption Consummated     | 2,528         | 14.9% |
| Non-Relative Adoption Consummated | 2,647         | 15.7% |
| Youth Emancipated*                | 1,246         | 7.4%  |
| Other**                           | 210           | 1.2%  |
| <b>Total Children</b>             | <b>16,912</b> |       |



\* Of the 1,246 youth emancipated in FY14, 929 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, Race/Ethnicity\*\*\*  
Fiscal Year 2014**

| Race/Ethnicity   | Family Reunification | Relative Care |             | Adoption    |                 | Long Term Care |             |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
|                  |                      | With PCA      | Without PCA | By Relative | By Non-Relative | Emancipation   | Other       |
| Anglo            | 12.4                 | 23.1          | 12.4        | 24.6        | 28.0            | 53.8           | 11.1        |
| African American | 13.5                 | 26.1          | 15.0        | 30.6        | 35.6            | 57.0           | 17.0        |
| Hispanic         | 13.7                 | 23.5          | 13.0        | 25.3        | 31.4            | 52.8           | 12.2        |
| Native American  | 44.6                 | 0.0           | 0.6         | 21.0        | 59.0            | 19.5           | 24.7        |
| Asian            | 10.2                 | 0.0           | 11.8        | 34.1        | 35.5            | 72.6           | 0.2         |
| Other            | 12.6                 | 25.9          | 12.2        | 29.5        | 26.2            | 47.4           | 15.4        |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>13.2</b>          | <b>24.2</b>   | <b>13.1</b> | <b>26.6</b> | <b>30.8</b>     | <b>54.0</b>    | <b>13.2</b> |

**Average Length of Time in Months for Children Who Exited DFPS Custody by Type of Exit and Region  
Fiscal Year 2014**

| Region           | Family Reunification | Relative Care |             | Adoption    |                 | Long Term Care |             |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
|                  |                      | With PCA      | Without PCA | By Relative | By Non-Relative | Emancipation   | Other       |
| 1 Lubbock        | 15.1                 | 34.4          | 16.5        | 29.1        | 31.3            | 66.8           | 30.9        |
| 2 Abilene        | 14.6                 | 24.2          | 16.3        | 30.9        | 30.2            | 55.3           | 17.0        |
| 3 Arlington      | 12.9                 | 27.0          | 12.2        | 24.9        | 28.2            | 49.0           | 9.9         |
| 4 Tyler          | 12.5                 | 21.2          | 9.8         | 24.0        | 30.1            | 54.2           | 11.8        |
| 5 Beaumont       | 11.2                 | 21.4          | 12.7        | 23.7        | 29.3            | 71.6           | 9.0         |
| 6 Houston        | 13.7                 | 22.3          | 15.5        | 32.5        | 34.9            | 61.3           | 13.8        |
| 7 Austin         | 12.2                 | 23.2          | 12.1        | 25.8        | 29.6            | 47.3           | 14.4        |
| 8 San Antonio    | 14.6                 | 23.7          | 13.7        | 23.3        | 28.0            | 49.1           | 7.2         |
| 9 Midland        | 14.2                 | 29.2          | 16.1        | 27.9        | 33.9            | 50.2           | 14.7        |
| 10 El Paso       | 12.0                 | 23.3          | 12.0        | 25.8        | 32.3            | 53.2           | 1.5         |
| 11 Edinburg      | 12.7                 | 19.6          | 11.7        | 30.4        | 51.1            | 50.5           | 10.6        |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>13.2</b>          | <b>24.2</b>   | <b>13.1</b> | <b>26.6</b> | <b>30.8</b>     | <b>54.0</b>    | <b>13.2</b> |

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### Average Number of Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Exited DFPS Legal Custody\* Fiscal Year 2014

| Region           | Family Reunification | Relative Care With PCA | Relative Care Without PCA | Adoption by Relative | Adoption by Non-Relative | Long Term Care - Emancipation | Long Term Care - Other |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Lubbock        | 2.1                  | 2.2                    | 2.2                       | 2.7                  | 3.0                      | 8.2                           | 1.4                    |
| 2 Abilene        | 2.0                  | 1.5                    | 2.4                       | 2.3                  | 2.8                      | 5.6                           | 2.5                    |
| 3 Arlington      | 1.8                  | 1.9                    | 1.9                       | 2.2                  | 2.8                      | 6.3                           | 1.1                    |
| 4 Tyler          | 1.8                  | 1.8                    | 1.7                       | 2.1                  | 3.0                      | 6.1                           | 2.0                    |
| 5 Beaumont       | 1.9                  | 2.1                    | 2.2                       | 2.5                  | 2.9                      | 6.0                           | 1.0                    |
| 6 Houston        | 1.8                  | 1.8                    | 1.8                       | 2.3                  | 2.8                      | 6.8                           | 1.8                    |
| 7 Austin         | 1.7                  | 2.2                    | 1.8                       | 2.2                  | 2.7                      | 5.9                           | 1.8                    |
| 8 San Antonio    | 2.1                  | 1.7                    | 1.7                       | 2.2                  | 3.1                      | 6.3                           | 0.9                    |
| 9 Midland        | 1.8                  | 1.9                    | 2.0                       | 2.2                  | 2.8                      | 5.3                           | 1.8                    |
| 10 El Paso       | 2.0                  | 1.5                    | 2.0                       | 2.4                  | 3.1                      | 5.9                           | 1.0                    |
| 11 Edinburg      | 2.0                  | 1.8                    | 2.3                       | 2.5                  | 4.0                      | 6.2                           | 1.4                    |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>1.9</b>           | <b>1.9</b>             | <b>1.9</b>                | <b>2.3</b>           | <b>2.9</b>               | <b>6.4</b>                    | <b>1.5</b>             |

Note: The average number of placements per child in substitute care for all children who attained permanency is 2.4 placements.

### Length of Time in Care for Children Who Exited DFPS Legal Custody\* to a Permanent Home\*\* by Fiscal Year

| Length of Time in Care | % of Total Children |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2014</b>            |                     |
| 0 - 12 Months          | 52.9%               |
| 13 to 24 months        | 29.2%               |
| 25+ months             | 17.9%               |
| <b>2013</b>            |                     |
| 0 - 12 Months          | 52.9%               |
| 13 to 24 months        | 29.8%               |
| 25+ months             | 17.3%               |
| <b>2012</b>            |                     |
| 0 - 12 Months          | 55.1%               |
| 13 to 24 months        | 28.8%               |
| 25+ months             | 16.1%               |
| <b>2011</b>            |                     |
| 0 - 12 Months          | 57.1%               |
| 13 to 24 months        | 25.6%               |
| 25+ months             | 17.2%               |
| <b>2010</b>            |                     |
| 0 - 12 Months          | 51.1%               |
| 13 to 24 months        | 26.1%               |
| 25+ months             | 22.8%               |

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

\*\*Permanent home means an exit to reunification, an individual taking custody as a permanent managing conservator, or adoption.



## Average Monthly Number of Children and Young Adults, FTEs\* in Paid Foster Care Fiscal Year 2014

| State Payment Rate                                     | Children & Young Adults | FTEs          |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| Basic  | 10,948                  | 9,654         |
| Moderate   | 2,909                   | 2,630         |
| Specialized  | 2,575                   | 2,311         |
| Intense  | 350                     | 301           |
| Child Specific**                                       | 34                      | 30            |
| Emergency Shelter                                      | 864                     | 543           |
| Psychiatric Transition                                 | 39                      | 27            |
| Blended Rate (Single Stream Continuum Contract - SSCC) | 910                     | 752           |
| Exceptional Rate (SSCC)                                | 3                       | 2             |
| Supported Independent Living (SSCC and Legacy)         | 32                      | 28            |
| <b>Total Average Monthly Counts***</b>                 | <b>18,664</b>           | <b>16,278</b> |
| <b>Unduplicated Count</b>                              | <b>18,038</b>           |               |

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

\*Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) are calculated by dividing the number of paid foster care days in the month by the number of days in a month.

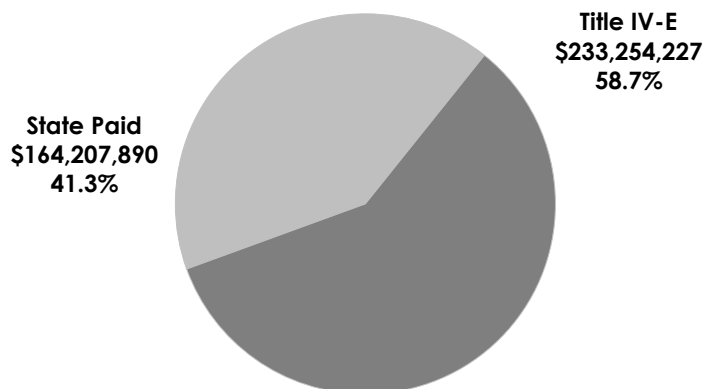
\*\* Child Specific, Emergency Shelters, SIL and Blended Rate contracts do not have an actual level of care.

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

Note: For HHSC 24-Hour Residential Child Care Facilities Rates go to [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/PCS/rates\\_childcare\\_reimbursement.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/PCS/rates_childcare_reimbursement.asp)

## Foster Care Expenditures by Source Fiscal Year 2014

Total Expenditures: \$397,462,117



### Title IV-E Foster Care Program Description

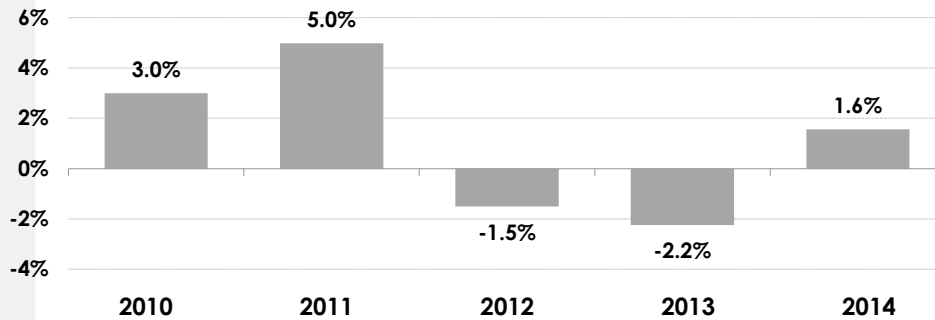
The Foster Care Program helps States to provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children until the children are safely returned home, placed permanently with adoptive families or placed in other planned arrangements for permanency. Funds are available for: monthly maintenance payments to eligible 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).

### Monthly Average Number of Children and Young Adults in Paid Foster Care by Payment Source

| Fiscal Year | State Paid Foster Care** |               | Title IV-E Paid Foster Care |               | Total Monthly Average*** | % Annual Change |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
|             | Children                 | Young Adults* | Children                    | Young Adults* |                          |                 |
| 2010        | 4,308                    | 783           | 11,936                      | 558           | <b>17,585</b>            | 3.0%            |
| 2011        | 4,562                    | 821           | 12,569                      | 509           | <b>18,461</b>            | 5.0%            |
| 2012        | 4,649                    | 726           | 12,283                      | 525           | <b>18,183</b>            | -1.5%           |
| 2013        | 5,357                    | 703           | 11,192                      | 524           | <b>17,776</b>            | -2.2%           |
| 2014        | 6,403                    | 714           | 10,506                      | 431           | <b>18,054</b>            | 1.6%            |

### Percent Annual Change in Monthly Average Number of Children and Young Adults in Paid Foster Care by Fiscal Year



### Monthly Average Number of Children and Young Adults in Paid Foster Care by Payment Source and Region Fiscal Year 2014

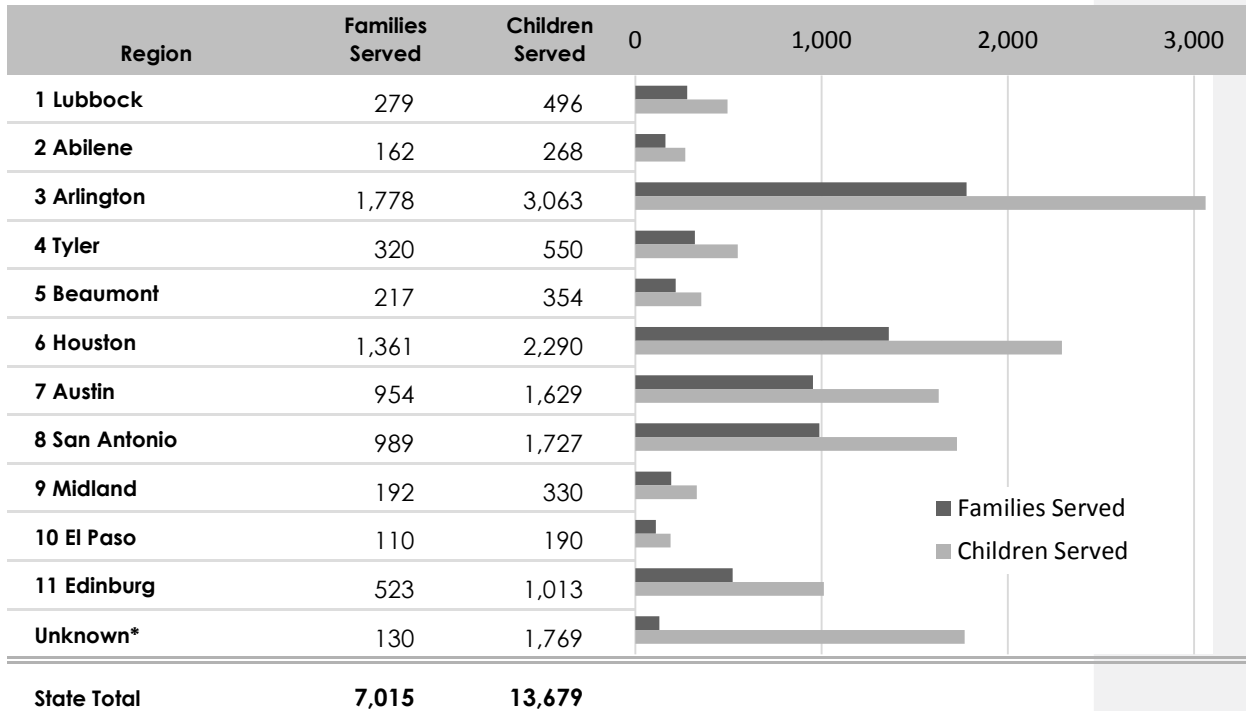
| Region                                 | State Paid Foster Care** |               | Title IV-E Paid Foster Care |               | Total Monthly Average |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|  | Children                 | Young Adults* | Children                    | Young Adults* |                       |
| 1 Lubbock                              | 394                      | 38            | 670                         | 33            | 1,135                 |
| 2 Abilene                              | 164                      | 20            | 388                         | 14            | 586                   |
| 3 Arlington                            | 1,333                    | 137           | 2,230                       | 81            | 3,781                 |
| 4 Tyler                                | 463                      | 40            | 515                         | 20            | 1,038                 |
| 5 Beaumont                             | 267                      | 22            | 319                         | 10            | 618                   |
| 6 Houston                              | 1,011                    | 145           | 2,281                       | 124           | 3,561                 |
| 7 Austin                               | 908                      | 108           | 772                         | 25            | 1,813                 |
| 8 San Antonio                          | 1,021                    | 111           | 1,682                       | 67            | 2,881                 |
| 9 Midland                              | 230                      | 24            | 453                         | 13            | 720                   |
| 10 El Paso                             | 67                       | 10            | 291                         | 10            | 378                   |
| 11 Edinburg                            | 548                      | 59            | 911                         | 35            | 1,553                 |
| <b>Statewide</b>                       | <b>6,406</b>             | <b>714</b>    | <b>10,512</b>               | <b>432</b>    | <b>18,064</b>         |
| <b>Unduplicated Monthly Average***</b> |                          |               |                             |               | <b>18,038</b>         |

\* A young adult is any person in foster care who was 18 to 21 years of age at any time during the fiscal year.

\*\* 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.

**Families and Children Receiving Kinship Caregiver Monetary Assistance  
Fiscal Year 2014**



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**Kinship Caregiver Monetary Assistance Payments  
Fiscal Year 2014**

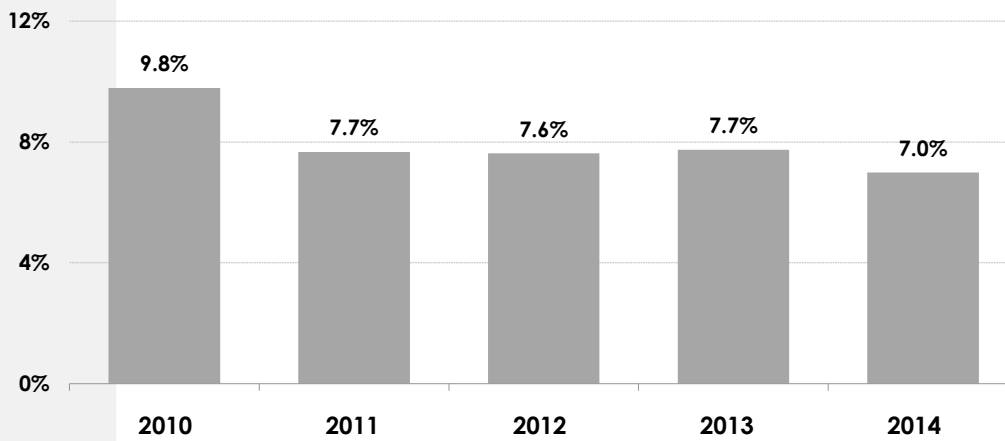
| Region           | Integration Payments  | Flexible Support Payments | Total Relative Caregiver Support |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Lubbock        | \$146,880.00          | \$202,500.00              | \$349,380.00                     |
| 2 Abilene        | 110,900.00            | 132,500.00                | 243,400.00                       |
| 3 Arlington      | 1,040,475.00          | 1,342,000.00              | 2,382,475.00                     |
| 4 Tyler          | 195,395.00            | 258,000.00                | 453,395.00                       |
| 5 Beaumont       | 127,405.00            | 146,500.00                | 273,905.00                       |
| 6 Houston        | 441,050.00            | 1,075,500.00              | 1,516,550.00                     |
| 7 Austin         | 663,895.00            | 876,000.00                | 1,539,895.00                     |
| 8 San Antonio    | 814,140.00            | 463,500.00                | 1,277,640.00                     |
| 9 Midland        | 108,405.00            | 167,000.00                | 275,405.00                       |
| 10 El Paso       | 83,910.00             | 82,500.00                 | 166,410.00                       |
| 11 Edinburg      | 208,770.00            | 532,500.00                | 741,270.00                       |
| Unknown*         | 834,120.00            | 88,000.00                 | 922,120.00                       |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>\$4,775,345.00</b> | <b>\$5,366,500.00</b>     | <b>\$10,141,845.00</b>           |

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**Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy\* by Payment Source and Fiscal Year**

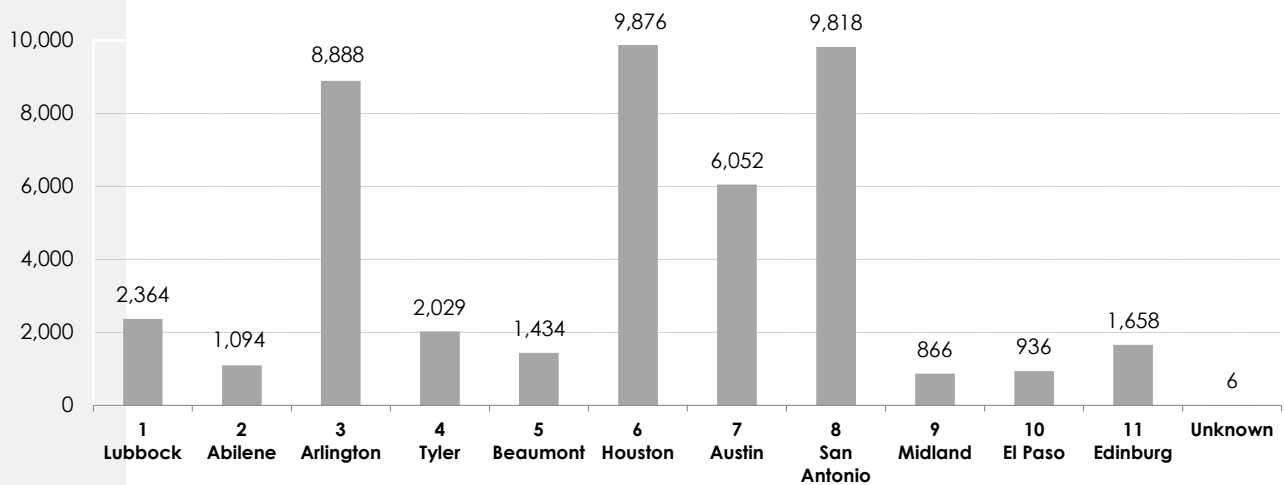
| Fiscal Year | State Paid Adoption Subsidies | Title IV-E Adoption Subsidies | Total Children Provided Adoption Subsidy | % Change from Previous Fiscal Year |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 2010        | 7,146                         | 26,558                        | 33,704                                   | 9.8%                               |
| 2011        | 7,296                         | 28,994                        | 36,290                                   | 7.7%                               |
| 2012        | 7,550                         | 31,506                        | 39,056                                   | 7.6%                               |
| 2013        | 7,795                         | 34,284                        | 42,079                                   | 7.7%                               |
| 2014        | 7,987                         | 37,034                        | 45,021                                   | 7.0%                               |

**Percent Change of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Monthly Total by Fiscal Year**



**Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy\* by Region Fiscal Year 2014**

Statewide: 45,021



\*Subsidy includes financial payments only, not medical and non-recurring subsidies.

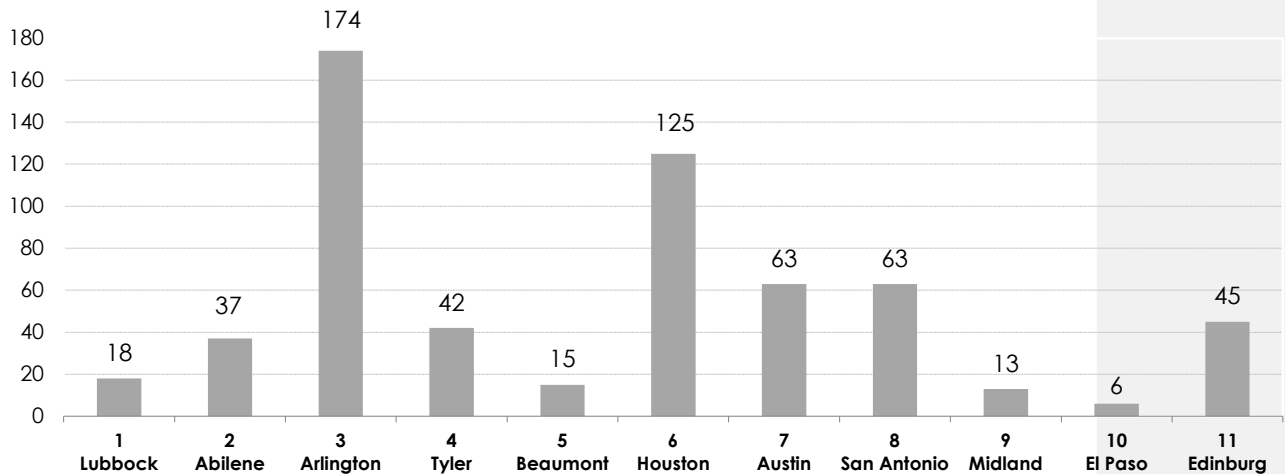
### Number of Children Provided Permanency Care Assistance\* by Fiscal Year

| Fiscal Year | State Paid | Title IV-E | Total Children | % Change |
|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| 2011        | 33         | 168        | 201            | N/A      |
| 2012        | 118        | 417        | 535            | 166.2%   |
| 2013        | 123        | 459        | 582            | 8.8%     |
| 2014        | 194        | 407        | 601            | 3.3%     |

Note: The Permanency Care Assistance program began in Fiscal Year 2011.

### Number of Children Provided Permanency Care Assistance\* by Region Fiscal Year 2014

State Total: 601



\*Does not include non-recurring payments.

For children who cannot reunify and for who adoption has been ruled out, the Permanency Care Assistance (PCA) Program provides a monthly subsidy to relatives and fictive kin that take legal custody as a permanent managing conservator and have been a verified foster care provider for the child for at least 6 months. The PCA subsidy is similar to an adoption subsidy.

### Average Number of Children and Families Receiving Purchased Services per Month Fiscal Year 2014

| Region        | Living at Home | Living Out of Home | Post Adoption | Children     | Adults        | Total Clients |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 153            | 394                | 13            | 560          | 1,014         | 1,574         |
| 2 Abilene     | 57             | 195                | 9             | 261          | 533           | 794           |
| 3 Arlington   | 274            | 1,793              | 83            | 2,150        | 2,442         | 4,592         |
| 4 Tyler       | 159            | 338                | 8             | 505          | 1,337         | 1,842         |
| 5 Beaumont    | 58             | 194                | 67            | 319          | 521           | 840           |
| 6 Houston     | 352            | 1,203              | 147           | 1,702        | 3,419         | 5,121         |
| 7 Austin      | 447            | 791                | 26            | 1,264        | 2,280         | 3,544         |
| 8 San Antonio | 420            | 978                | 18            | 1,416        | 1,983         | 3,399         |
| 9 Midland     | 105            | 214                | 18            | 337          | 570           | 907           |
| 10 El Paso    | 26             | 142                | 10            | 178          | 211           | 389           |
| 11 Edinburg   | 239            | 376                | 3             | 618          | 2,383         | 3,001         |
| Unknown       | 0              | 0                  | 3             | 3            | 0             | 3             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,290</b>   | <b>6,618</b>       | <b>405</b>    | <b>9,313</b> | <b>16,693</b> | <b>26,006</b> |

Note: Averages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

### Average Monthly Number and Percent of Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region Fiscal Year 2014

| Region           | In-Home Children |                              |             | Children in Substitute Care |                              |              |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
|                  | Total            | Receiving Purchased Services |             | Total                       | Receiving Purchased Services |              |
|                  |                  | #                            | %           |                             | #                            | %            |
| 1 Lubbock        | 2,386            | 153                          | 6.4%        | 1,689                       | 394                          | 23.3%        |
| 2 Abilene        | 1,812            | 57                           | 3.1%        | 828                         | 195                          | 23.5%        |
| 3 Arlington      | 7,879            | 274                          | 3.5%        | 6,098                       | 1,793                        | 29.4%        |
| 4 Tyler          | 1,640            | 159                          | 9.7%        | 1,719                       | 338                          | 19.7%        |
| 5 Beaumont       | 715              | 58                           | 8.1%        | 913                         | 194                          | 21.3%        |
| 6 Houston        | 8,426            | 352                          | 4.2%        | 5,816                       | 1,203                        | 20.7%        |
| 7 Austin         | 2,979            | 447                          | 15.0%       | 3,473                       | 791                          | 22.8%        |
| 8 San Antonio    | 6,158            | 420                          | 6.8%        | 5,102                       | 978                          | 19.2%        |
| 9 Midland        | 1,106            | 105                          | 9.5%        | 1,176                       | 214                          | 18.2%        |
| 10 El Paso       | 1,666            | 26                           | 1.6%        | 548                         | 142                          | 25.9%        |
| 11 Edinburg      | 6,466            | 239                          | 3.7%        | 2,293                       | 376                          | 16.4%        |
| Unknown          | 8                | 0                            | 0.0%        | 0                           | 0                            | 0.0%         |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>41,243</b>    | <b>2,290</b>                 | <b>5.6%</b> | <b>29,654</b>               | <b>6,618</b>                 | <b>22.3%</b> |

**Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)** is a part of the CPS process to be family-centered. The goal is to enhance safety, permanency, and well-being for children by providing direct services and support services to their caregivers, whether biological or through affinity. FGDM describes a variety of practices to work with and engage families in problem solving, including Family Team Meetings (FTM), Family Group Conferences (FGC), and Circles of Support (COS):

- **Family Team Meeting (FTM)** is designed as a rapid response to child safety and placement concerns, and is used to achieve positive outcomes for children in the earliest stages of interaction between CPS and families.
- **Family Group Conference (FGC)** is a process where families join with relatives, friends, and others in the community to develop a plan to ensure children are cared for and protected from future harm. This broader constellation of “family” convenes with information providers/community supports and CPS caseworkers in a unique partnership that empowers the “family group” with a high degree of decision-making authority and responsibility.
- **Circles of Support (COS)** is a youth-focused, youth-driven meeting with the primary purpose of developing a plan for older youth to transition from foster care to adulthood. It may be used for other purposes as well. It includes broader participation of the youth’s support network.

### Family Team Meetings Conducted By Race/Ethnicity

Fiscal Year 2014

| Region        | Anglo        | African American | Hispanic     | Native American | Asian     | Other      | Total        |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 178          | 37               | 224          | 1               | 1         | 39         | 480          |
| 2 Abilene     | 312          | 34               | 114          | 0               | 0         | 19         | 479          |
| 3 Arlington   | 887          | 334              | 415          | 0               | 4         | 148        | 1,788        |
| 4 Tyler       | 442          | 113              | 61           | 0               | 1         | 65         | 682          |
| 5 Beaumont    | 113          | 75               | 16           | 0               | 0         | 19         | 223          |
| 6 Houston     | 367          | 326              | 291          | 2               | 6         | 69         | 1,061        |
| 7 Austin      | 681          | 263              | 614          | 1               | 2         | 127        | 1,688        |
| 8 San Antonio | 309          | 75               | 1,016        | 0               | 3         | 57         | 1,460        |
| 9 Midland     | 75           | 11               | 118          | 0               | 0         | 6          | 210          |
| 10 El Paso    | 24           | 6                | 214          | 4               | 0         | 5          | 253          |
| 11 Edinburg   | 117          | 11               | 946          | 0               | 0         | 28         | 1,102        |
| Other/Unknown | 2            | 0                | 0            | 0               | 0         | 0          | 2            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3,507</b> | <b>1,285</b>     | <b>4,029</b> | <b>8</b>        | <b>17</b> | <b>582</b> | <b>9,428</b> |

### Family Group Conferences Conducted By Race/Ethnicity

Fiscal Year 2014

| Region        | Anglo        | African American | Hispanic     | Native American | Asian     | Other      | Total        |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 160          | 21               | 210          | 0               | 1         | 38         | 430          |
| 2 Abilene     | 318          | 28               | 111          | 2               | 0         | 43         | 502          |
| 3 Arlington   | 458          | 202              | 232          | 2               | 5         | 81         | 980          |
| 4 Tyler       | 426          | 90               | 73           | 0               | 1         | 82         | 672          |
| 5 Beaumont    | 156          | 72               | 36           | 2               | 0         | 35         | 301          |
| 6 Houston     | 310          | 438              | 344          | 2               | 3         | 102        | 1,199        |
| 7 Austin      | 351          | 125              | 258          | 0               | 1         | 99         | 834          |
| 8 San Antonio | 295          | 76               | 903          | 0               | 2         | 69         | 1,345        |
| 9 Midland     | 140          | 31               | 177          | 0               | 0         | 25         | 373          |
| 10 El Paso    | 8            | 11               | 108          | 1               | 0         | 6          | 134          |
| 11 Edinburg   | 202          | 14               | 1,491        | 1               | 1         | 58         | 1,767        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,824</b> | <b>1,108</b>     | <b>3,943</b> | <b>10</b>       | <b>14</b> | <b>638</b> | <b>8,537</b> |

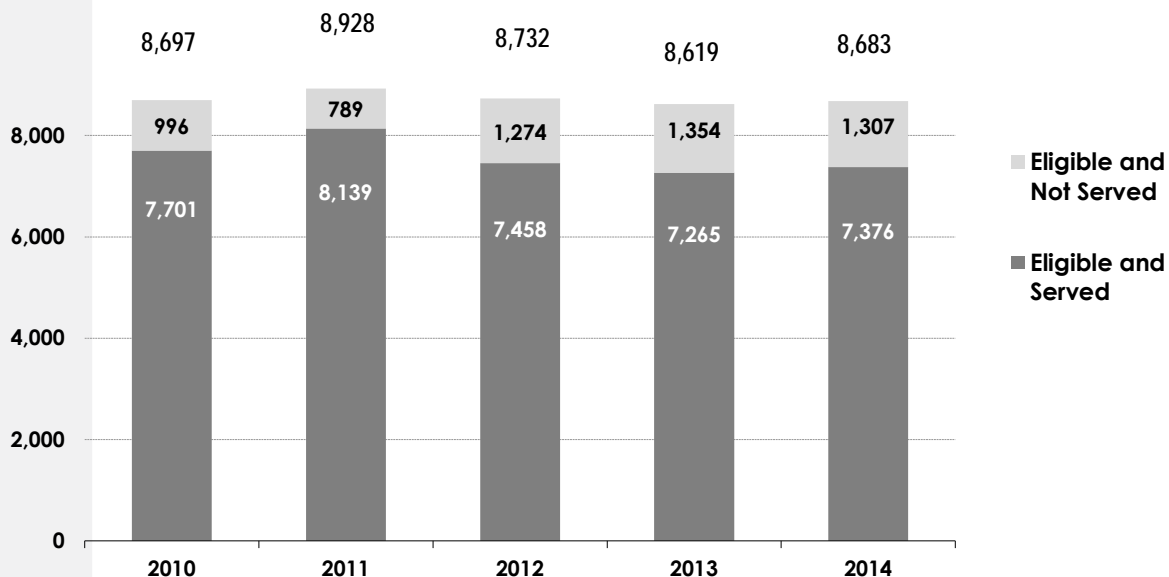
### Circles of Support Conducted by Race/Ethnicity\* Fiscal Year 2014

| Region        | Anglo      | African American | Hispanic   | Native American | Asian    | Other      | Total        |
|---------------|------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 Lubbock     | 51         | 18               | 28         | 0               | 0        | 9          | 106          |
| 2 Abilene     | 30         | 9                | 18         | 0               | 0        | 8          | 65           |
| 3 Arlington   | 206        | 205              | 122        | 0               | 4        | 49         | 586          |
| 4 Tyler       | 88         | 52               | 32         | 0               | 0        | 18         | 190          |
| 5 Beaumont    | 39         | 21               | 6          | 0               | 0        | 10         | 76           |
| 6 Houston     | 154        | 269              | 170        | 0               | 3        | 68         | 664          |
| 7 Austin      | 101        | 104              | 86         | 0               | 2        | 47         | 340          |
| 8 San Antonio | 60         | 56               | 207        | 0               | 0        | 33         | 356          |
| 9 Midland     | 43         | 4                | 20         | 0               | 0        | 4          | 71           |
| 10 El Paso    | 2          | 3                | 35         | 0               | 0        | 3          | 43           |
| 11 Edinburg   | 18         | 1                | 184        | 0               | 0        | 26         | 229          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>792</b> | <b>742</b>       | <b>908</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>9</b> | <b>275</b> | <b>2,726</b> |

\* As recommended by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to ensure consistency across all HHSC agencies, in 2012, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) adopted the HHSC methodology on how to categorize race and ethnicity. As a result, data broken down by race/ethnicity in 2012 and after is not directly comparable to race/ethnicity data in 2011 and before.

### 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 adults. 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.



Note: 907 youth who were not served in FY 2014 received services prior to FY 2014.



## DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities Fiscal Year 2014

| Statewide  | 2010      | 2011      | 2012      | 2013      | 2014      |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Texas Child Population*  | 6,584,709 | 6,663,942 | 7,054,634 | 7,159,172 | 7,266,760 |
| DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities**                                  | 227       | 231       | 212       | 156       | 151       |
| Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities<br>per 100,000 Texas children | 3.4       | 3.5       | 3.0       | 2.2       | 2.1       |

## DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities by Region Fiscal Year 2014

| Region           | Texas Child<br>Population (ages<br>0-17)* | DFPS Child<br>Abuse/Neglect<br>Related Fatalities** | Confirmed Child<br>Abuse/Neglect Related<br>Fatalities per 100,000 Texas<br>children |
|------------------|---|---|--|
| 1 Lubbock        | 230,711                                   | 3   | 1.3  |
| 2 Abilene        | 131,517                                   | 8   | 6.1  |
| 3 Arlington      | 1,979,195                                 | 37  | 1.9  |
| 4 Tyler          | 277,731                                   | 13  | 4.7  |
| 5 Beaumont       | 188,473                                   | 12  | 6.4  |
| 6 Houston        | 1,797,315                                 | 27  | 1.5  |
| 7 Austin         | 818,321                                   | 22  | 2.7  |
| 8 San Antonio    | 731,727                                   | 17  | 2.3  |
| 9 Midland        | 158,368                                   | 3   | 1.9  |
| 10 El Paso       | 254,213                                   | 4   | 1.6  |
| 11 Edinburg      | 699,189                                   | 5   | 0.7  |
| <b>Statewide</b> | <b>7,266,760</b>                          | <b>151</b>  | <b>2.1</b>   |

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

\*\* Includes child fatalities investigated and confirmed by Child Protective Services (143), Adult Protective Services (0), Child Day Care Licensing (4) and Residential Child Care Licensing (4). Fatality information does not include corrections or updates, if any, that may subsequently be made to DFPS data after fiscal year end.

