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Child Protective Services Overview

Total Average Filled Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff*

Caseworkers:	
Investigation	2,133.6
Family-Based Safety Services	871.5
Conservatorship	1,837.9
FAD	192.5
Kinship	196.9
Other Workers	128.1
Supervisors	835.3
Program Directors/Administrators	154.0
Admin/Clerical	790.9
Case Aides	574.4
Other Staff	981.3
CPS Program Support	515.0
Total CPS Staff	9,211.4

Worker Demographics

Turnover Rate	25.7%
Agency Tenure:	
Less Than 1 Year	21.8%
1 - 3 Years	37.2%
Greater than 3 Years	41.0%
Entry Salary*	\$32,976
Average Age	36.4
Race/Ethnicity:	
Anglo	37.6%
African-American	32.9%
Hispanic	28.1%
Other	1.4%

Supervisor Demographics

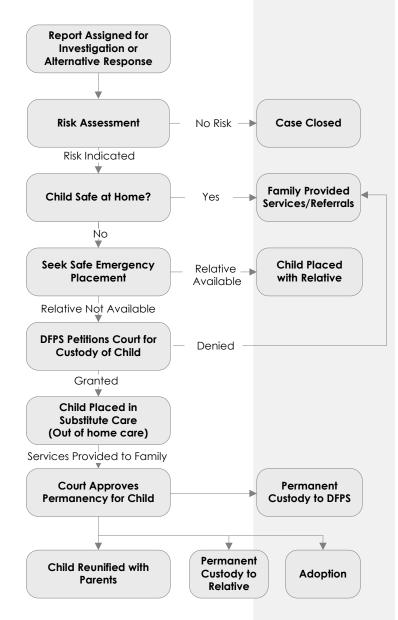
Turnover Rate	9.5%
Tenure as Supervisor:	
Less Than 1 Year	15.9%
1 - 3 Years	28.5%
Greater than 3 Years	55.6%
Entry Salary*	\$42,244
Average Age	41.6
Race/Ethnicity:	
Anglo	46.6%
Hispanic	26.6%
African-American	25.2%
Other	1.5%

CPS Expenditures*

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CPS Staff	\$550,144,621
TWC Purchased Day Care Service	s \$49,390,967
Purchased Client Services	\$72,158,900
Foster Care Payments	\$402,938,794
Adoption Subsidy/PCA Payments	\$240,370,491
Relative Caregiver Payments	\$11,849,600
Total CPS Expenditures	\$1,326,853,373

^{*} Source: DFPS Office of Finance and FY 2016 Operating Budget (plus benefit replacement pay).

NOTE: Investigators receive a \$5,000 stipend the first of the month following their 120th day of employment.



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

Statistics FY 2015

7,311,923
290,471
108,167
17,151

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 (20%)

Allegation confirmed

Neglectful Supervision (69%)

Confirmed perpetrator of abuse/neglect

Relationship: Parent (79%) Gender: Female (56%) Age: Age 26 to 35 (42%)

Characteristic of confirmed victim

Age: Age 1 to 3 (22%) Gender: Female (51%)

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 support:

- 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

Child Vulnerability	Home & Social Environment	Caregiver Capability	Quality of Care
Child fragility	Stressors	Knowledge	Quality of connection
Child behavior	Dangerous exposure	Skills	Emotional care
	Social Climate	Capacity	Physical care

Maltreatment PatternResponse to CPSProtective CapacitiesChronicityAttitudeProtective CapacitiesCurrent SeverityDeception

Social Violence

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.

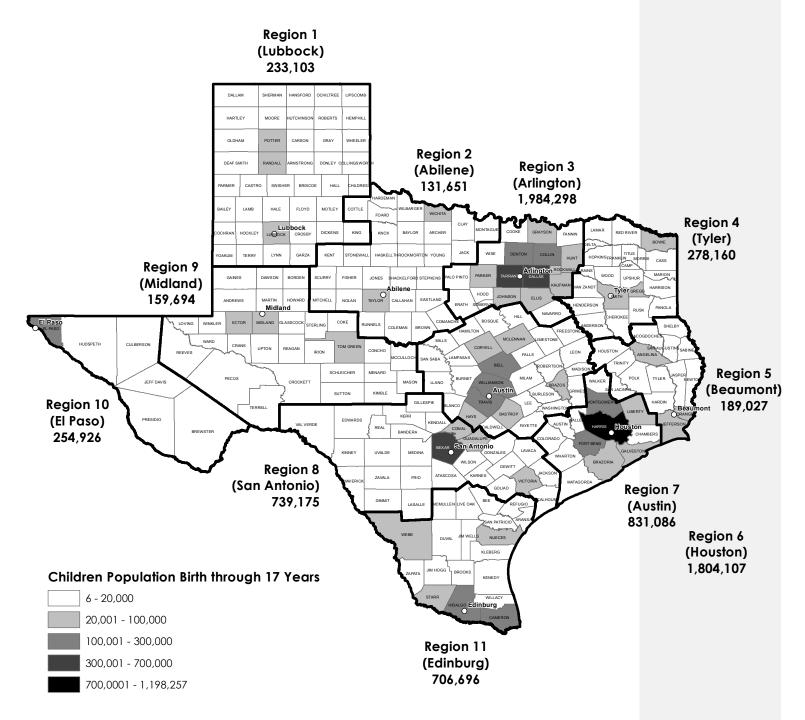
Page References for Data Related to Child Protective Services

Prevention and Early Intervention:	Child Fatalities:
State and Region:247-251, 111, 115, 117, 120	State and Region:70-71
County:247-250	County:
Staff and Caseloads:	Family-Based Safety Services:
State and Region:	State and Region:
Cross Subject Summaries:	County:
State and Region:	Family Group Decision Making Services:
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Child Abuse and Neglect Victims and Perpetrators:	County:190-195, 196-201
State and Region:	
County:162-167, 168-173, 174-179	

Children and Youth in DFPS Custody, Substitute Care or Foster Care Number of Children and Youth: Legal Status of Children in DFPS Legal Custody: Living Arrangements for Children and Youth in **Substitute and Foster Care:** Characteristics of Children and Youth in Foster Care Goals and Exits for Children and Youth

Texas Child Population Ages Birth through 17 Years Fiscal Year 2015

State Total: 7,311,923

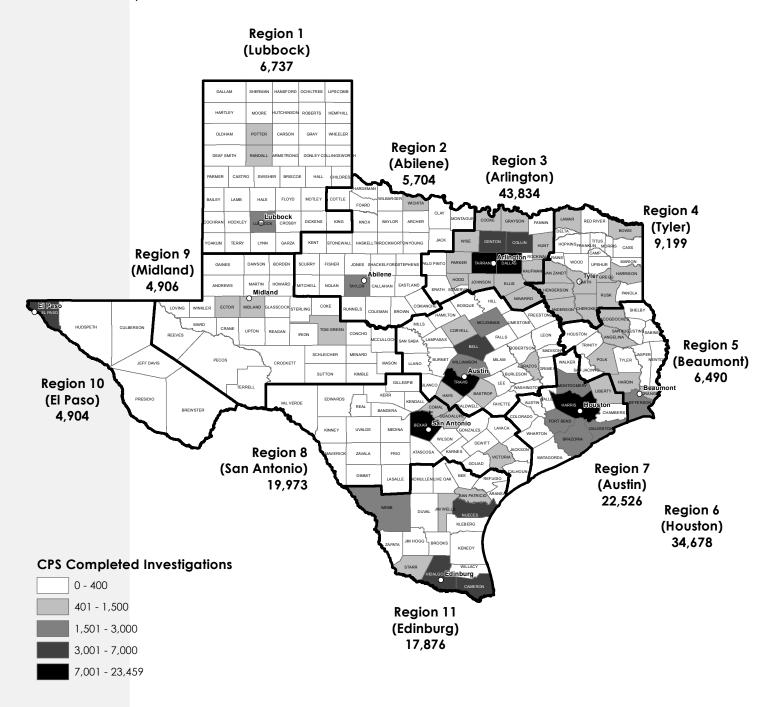


Population Data Source: Population Estimates and Projections Program, Texas State Data Center, Office of the State Demographer and the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Current Population Estimates and Projections Data as of December 2015.

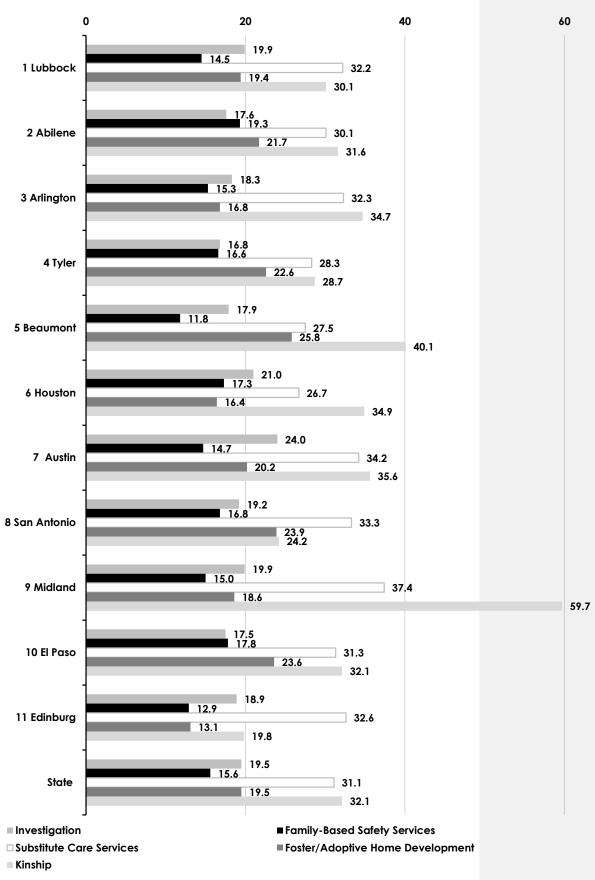
Child Protective Services Completed Investigations Fiscal Year 2015

State Total: 176,868

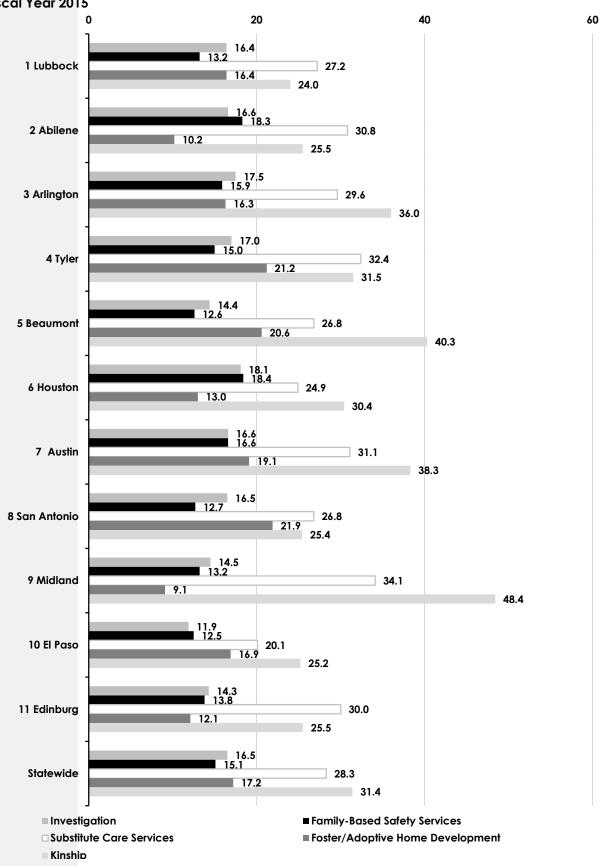


Note: 41 investigations did not have a Texas county designated.

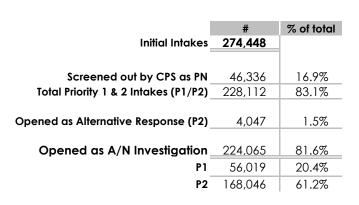
CPS Average Daily Caseload Fiscal Year 2014

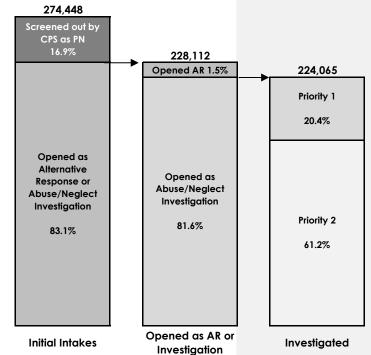


CPS Average Daily Caseload Fiscal Year 2015



CPS Initial Intakes Promoted to Investigation and Alternative Response* Fiscal Year 2015





^{*}See CPS Definitions on page 260 for a description of Alternative Response (AR).

Risk Assessment Finding of Completed Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Fiscal Year 2015

Disposition of Investigation	Total*	No Significant Risk Identified		Risk Controlled		Risk Indi	cated	Risk Not Ap Blank/Ir	•
investigation		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Confirmed	40,318	121	0.1%	18,019	10.2%	21,969	12.5%	209	0.1%
Unconfirmed	135,743	10,326	5.9%	88,890	50.5%	6,860	3.9%	29,667	16.9%
Statewide	176,061	10,447	5.9%	106,909	60.7%	28,829	16.4%	29,876	17.0%

NOTE: In FY 2015, CPS adopted the Structured Decision Making Risk Assessment tool to help staff make better decisions and focus resources on cases that need them the most. Before adopting the tool statewide, CPS tested the tool by having staff complete a paper version and storing it in the external case file. In FY 15, there were 807 completed investigations (188 confirmed and 619 unconfirmed) with an SDM risk assessment done by paper. The results of those risk assessments are not included in the Risk Assessment Finding data above.

Completed Investigations Where Family Violence* Was Indicated in the Risk Assessment by Fiscal Year

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Completed Investigations	166,211	160,240	168,164	176,868
Family Violence Indicated	53,705	55,754	57,624	57,767
Family Violence Not Indicated	112,505	104,486	110,540	119,101

^{*} 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 2015

Not Opened for Services Total	1,568 28.829	5.4%
Opened for Services	27,261	94.6%

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	2013		201	4	2015		
3001063	#	%	#	%	#	%	
School	33,146	17.5%	37,440	18.6%	41,452	19.5%	
Medical Personnel	33,464	17.6%	35,111	17.5%	37,887	17.8%	
Law Enforcement	30,853	16.3%	32,070	16.0%	34,906	16.4%	
Relative	21,408	11.3%	22,525	11.2%	22,840	10.7%	
Parent	15,329	8.1%	16,211	8.1%	16,580	7.8%	
Other	13,482	7.1%	14,273	7.1%	14,811	7.0%	
Friend-Neighbor	11,601	6.1%	11,264	5.6%	10,901	5.1%	
Anonymous	10,214	5.4%	10,876	5.4%	10,657	5.0%	
Community Agency	6,237	3.3%	6,551	3.2%	7,096	3.3%	
DFPS Staff	5,688	3.0%	5,583	2.8%	5,839	2.7%	
Legal/Court	2,323	1.2%	2,739	1.3%	3,031	1.4%	
Day Care Provider	1,769	0.9%	1,772	0.9%	1,710	0.8%	
State Agency	809	0.4%	998	0.5%	1,116	0.5%	
Parent's Paramour	902	0.5%	968	0.5%	999	0.5%	
Provider	771	0.4%	750	0.4%	797	0.4%	
Victim	507	0.3%	532	0.3%	614	0.3%	
Unrelated Home Member	434	0.2%	463	0.2%	516	0.2%	
Religious Entity	390	0.2%	348	0.2%	411	0.2%	
24 Hour Care Provider	277	0.1%	280	0.1%	303	0.1%	
Institutional Personnel	121	0.1%	141	0.1%	171	0.1%	
Financial Institution	13	0.0%	12	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Blank/Unknown	10	0.0%	14	0.0%	14	0.0%	
State Total	189,748		200,921		212,667		

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:

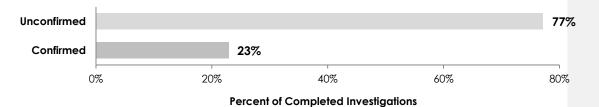
Confirmed Investigations

· 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.

Child Abuse/Neglect Completed Investigations Fiscal Year 2015

	Completed	Confi	irmed	Unconfirmed					
Region	Investigations	#	%	#	%	Ruled Out	Unable To Determine	Unable To Complete	
1 Lubbock	6,741	1,743	25.9%	4,998	74.1%	4,381	484	133	
2 Abilene	5,704	1,650	28.9%	4,054	71.1%	3,536	477	41	
3 Arlington	43,848	11,428	26.1%	32,420	73.9%	25,495	6,032	893	
4 Tyler	9,200	2,426	26.4%	6,774	73.6%	5,735	874	165	
5 Beaumont	6,490	1,493	23.0%	4,997	77.0%	4,315	610	72	
6 Houston	34,691	6,090	17.6%	28,601	82.4%	23,497	3,858	1,246	
7 Austin	22,531	5,114	22.7%	17,417	77.3%	16,082	1,133	202	
8 San Antonio	19,976	4,435	22.2%	15,541	77.8%	14,296	1,053	192	
9 Midland	4,906	1,114	22.7%	3,792	77.3%	3,371	315	106	
10 El Paso	4,904	1,205	24.6%	3,699	75.4%	3,273	376	50	
11 Edinburg	17,877	3,808	21.3%	14,069	78.7%	12,335	1,484	250	
Statewide	176,868	40,506	22.9%	136,362	77.1%	116,316	16,696	3,350	



Case Action for Families in Completed Investigations Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Total	Not Opened For Services	Family Preservation	Family Substitute Care*
1 Lubbock	6,741	5,631	758	352
2 Abilene	5,704	4,576	818	310
3 Arlington	43,848	37,409	4,360	2,079
4 Tyler	9,200	7,833	688	679
5 Beaumont	6,490	5,807	349	334
6 Houston	34,691	29,793	3,735	1,163
7 Austin	22,531	19,574	1,675	1,282
8 San Antonio	19,976	16,683	2,294	999
9 Midland	4,906	4,165	518	223
10 El Paso	4,904	4,112	691	101
11 Edinburg	17,877	13,881	3,433	563
Statewide	176,868	149,464	19,319	8,085

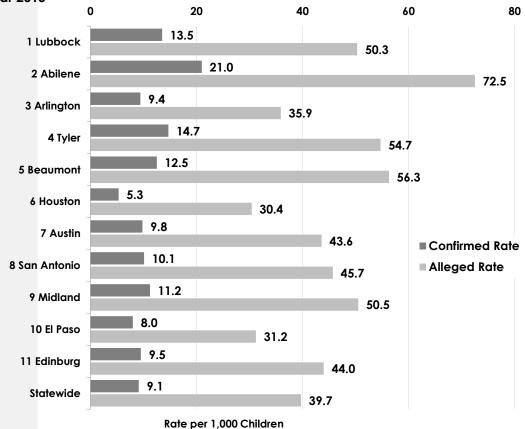
^{*}Investigations that resulted in at least one child (not necessarily all children in the home) being removed. Does not equal number of children removed.

Children in Cases Opened for Services as a Result of a Completed Investigation Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Total Children	Family Pre	eservation	Family Substitute Care*		
Region	Total Ciliaten	#	%	#	%	
1 Lubbock	2,989	2,079	69.6%	910	30.4%	
2 Abilene	2,924	2,145	73.4%	779	26.6%	
3 Arlington	16,976	11,563	68.1%	5,413	31.9%	
4 Tyler	3,449	1,751	50.8%	1,698	49.2%	
5 Beaumont	1,687	871	51.6%	816	48.4%	
6 Houston	13,902	10,745	77.3%	3,157	22.7%	
7 Austin	7,896	4,497	57.0%	3,399	43.0%	
8 San Antonio	9,405	6,502	69.1%	2,903	30.9%	
9 Midland	1,882	1,363	72.4%	519	27.6%	
10 El Paso	2,077	1,820	87.6%	257	12.4%	
11 Edinburg	12,141	10,491	86.4%	1,650	13.6%	
Statewide	75,328	53,827	71.5%	21,501	28.5%	

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

Child Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children in Texas Population by Region Fiscal Year 2015



Confirmed Allegations of Child Abuse/Neglect by Type of Abuse Fiscal Year 2015

Region	То	tal	Unduplicated	Neglectful	Physical	Sexual
Kegion	#	%	Confirmed Victims*	Supervision	Abuse	Abuse
1 Lubbock	3,745	4.9%	3,149	2,476	575	299
2 Abilene	3,241	4.3%	2,763	2,225	460	215
3 Arlington	21,096	27.7%	18,571	14,592	3,126	1,561
4 Tyler	4,826	6.3%	4,078	3,353	718	239
5 Beaumont	2,723	3.6%	2,367	1,846	420	183
6 Houston	10,978	14.4%	9,629	7,176	1,722	889
7 Austin	8,909	11.7%	8,127	6,619	1,048	626
8 San Antonio	8,285	10.9%	7,498	5,770	1,170	657
9 Midland	2,098	2.8%	1,789	1,342	321	168
10 El Paso	2,319	3.0%	2,038	1,592	342	156
11 Edinburg	7,799	10.3%	6,697	5,167	1,005	728
Unknown	16	0.0%	15	15	0	0
Statewide	76,035		66,721	52,173	10,907	5,721

Region	Physical Neglect	Medical Neglect	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	Emotional Abuse	Abandonment	Sex Trafficking	Human Trafficking
1 Lubbock	295	56	19	20	4	1	0
2 Abilene	240	49	17	29	6	0	0
3 Arlington	1,166	358	167	78	46	2	0
4 Tyler	353	90	42	24	7	0	0
5 Beaumont	180	52	17	13	12	0	0
6 Houston	732	258	114	53	33	1	0
7 Austin	373	137	55	39	12	0	0
8 San Antonio	443	154	50	23	17	1	0
9 Midland	177	50	8	29	3	0	0
10 El Paso	121	66	22	16	4	0	0
11 Edinburg	501	256	57	70	14	0	1
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statewide	4,582	1,526	568	394	158	5	1

^{*} Victims have been unduplicated by investigation stage.

CPS Alternative Response* Stages Fiscal Year 2015

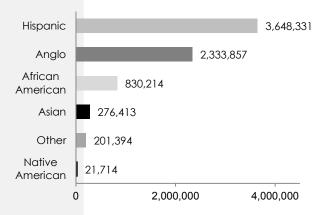
		AR Closed		Closed to	Result of Co	ompleted A/N In	vestigation
Region	Completed AR Stages	Without Services	Closed to FBSS	Abuse/Neglect Investigation	Closed with No Action	Closed to Sub Care	Closed to FBSS
1 Lubbock	608	545	10	53	23	6	2
3 Arlington	2,144	1,999	11	134	55	21	10
4 Tyler	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
9 Midland	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0	0
11 Edinburg	236	185	8	43	17	0	4
Statewide	2,989	2,730	29	230	98	27	16

^{*}See CPS Definitions, page 260, for explanation of Alternative Response (AR).

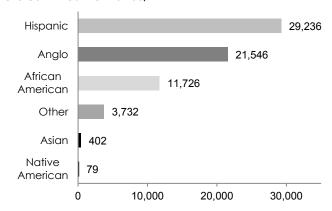
NOTE: Although Alternative Response has only formally rolled out in Regions 1, 3 and 11, there were a few AR stages from those regions that were transferred to and completed in Regions 4 and 9.

Selected CPS Statistics by Race/Ethnicity Compared to Texas Child Population Fiscal Year 2015

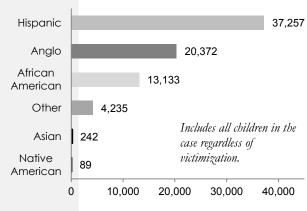




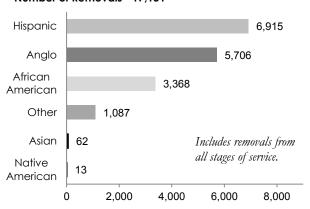
CPS Confirmed Victims - 66,721



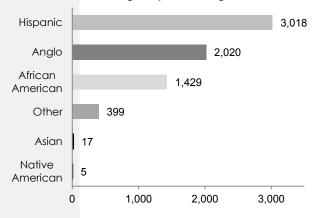
Children in Cases Opened for Services - 75,328



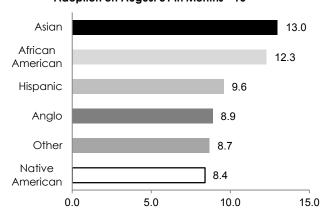
Number of Removals - 17,151



Texas Children Awaiting Adoption on August 31 - 6,888



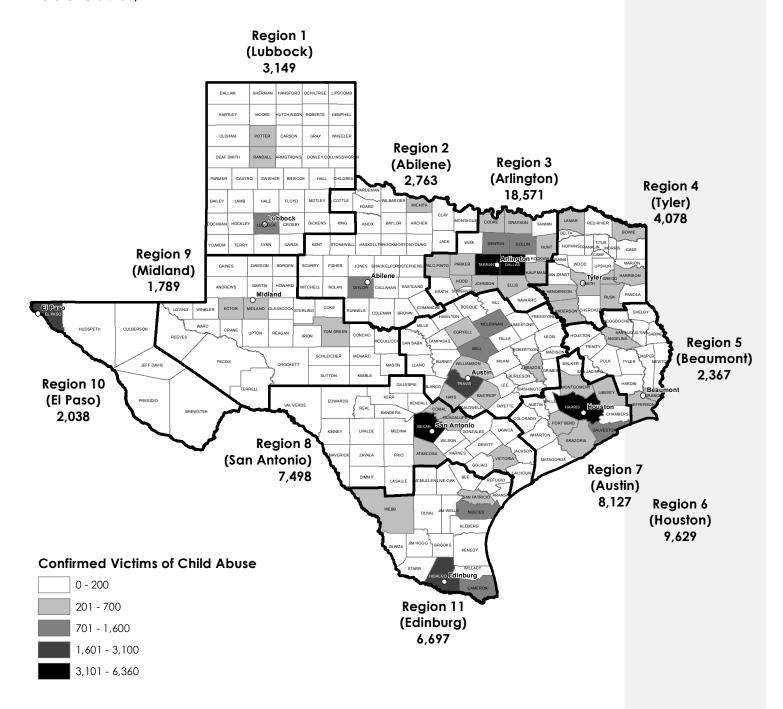
Median Time Children Have Been Awaiting Adoption on August 31 in Months - 10



Note: "Other" includes anyone not categorized as Hispanic, Anglo, African American, Asian, or Native American.

Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2015

State Total: 66,721



Note: 15 Confirmed victims did not have a Texas county designated.

Profile of Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Fiscal Year 2015

	Gender	Total	Hispanic	Anglo	African	Other	Asian	Native Amorio an
Age					American			American
Under 1		F 017	1.004	1 701	1 100	207		
	Female	5,317	1,984	1,731	1,180	397	20	5
	Male	5,713	2,141	1,862	1,254	431	21	4
	Unknown	39	10	11	10	8	0	0
1 2 V	Total	11,069	4,135	3,604	2,444	836	41	9
1-3 Years	Female	7,249	3,078	2,342	1,296	493	33	7
	Male	7,247	3,284	2,452	1,388	447	53	10
	Unknown	58	19	7	21	10	1	0
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4-6 Years	Total	14,941	6,381	4,801	2,705	950	87	17
	Female	6,559	2,993	2,068	1,059	391	42	6
	Male	6,939	3,095	2,170	1,233	385	46	10
	Unknown	25	11	6	7	1	0	0
	Total	13,523	6,099	4,244	2,299	777	88	16
7-9 Years								
	Female	5,273	2,451	1,731	806	238	36	11
	Male	5,162	2,310	1,661	890	261	30	10
	Unknown	23	5	8	8	2	0	0
	Total	10,458	4,766	3,400	1,704	501	66	21
10-12 Years								
	Female	4,256	2,084	1,329	638	169	30	6
	Male	3,475	1,560	1,179	557	157	20	2
	Unknown	12	4	4	2	2	0	0
	Total	7,743	3,648	2,512	1,197	328	50	8
13-17 Years								
	Female	5,623	2,759	1,799	799	211	52	3
	Male	3,337	1,437	1,182	571	124	18	5
	Unknown	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
	Total	8,963	4,197	2,981	1,372	335	70	8
Age Unknow	'n							
	Female	12	5	2	3	2	0	0
	Male	9	5	2	2	0	0	0
	Unknown	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
	Total	24	10	4	5	5	0	0
Total Victims								
	Female	34,289	15,354	11,002	5,781	1,901	213	38
	Male	32,269	13,832	10,508	5,895	1,805	188	41
	Unknown	163	50	36	50	26	1	0
Grand Total		66,721	29,236	21,546	11,726	3,732	402	79

Alleged and Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Alleged Victims	Unconfirmed Victims	Confirmed Victims	Percent Confirmed
1 Lubbock	11,736	8,587	3,149	26.8%
2 Abilene	9,553	6,790	2,763	28.9%
3 Arlington	71,296	52,725	18,571	26.0%
4 Tyler	15,216	11,138	4,078	26.8%
5 Beaumont	10,650	8,283	2,367	22.2%
6 Houston	54,818	45,189	9,629	17.6%
7 Austin	36,227	28,100	8,127	22.4%
8 San Antonio	33,782	26,284	7,498	22.2%
9 Midland	8,060	6,271	1,789	22.2%
10 El Paso	7,941	5,903	2,038	25.7%
11 Edinburg	31,130	24,433	6,697	21.5%
Out of State	62	47	15	24.2%
Statewide	290,471	223,750	66,721	23.0%

Families and Children Receiving Family Preservation Services Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Families	Children	Children* Removed From Home	% Removed
1 Lubbock	1,433	3,850	252	6.5%
2 Abilene	1,288	3,406	184	5.4%
3 Arlington	6,624	17,822	524	2.9%
4 Tyler	1,197	3,177	316	9.9%
5 Beaumont	537	1,403	108	7.7%
6 Houston	6,067	17,884	690	3.9%
7 Austin	2,317	6,171	461	7.5%
8 San Antonio	3,742	11,090	957	8.6%
9 Midland	801	2,154	168	7.8%
10 El Paso	1,114	2,973	110	3.7%
11 Edinburg	4,928	15,280	636	4.2%
Out of State	3	5	0	0.0%
Statewide	30,051	85,215	4,406	5.2%

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

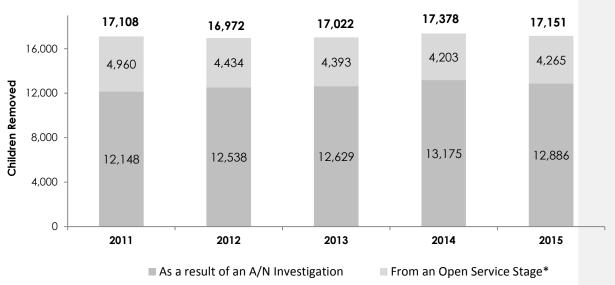
Family Preservation Services are services provided to the child and the family where the caregiver retains legal custody.

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

Characteristics of Perpetrators in Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Fiscal Year 2015

	Toto	als		Female	Male		Unknown	
	#	%*	#	% *	#	% *	#	% *
Age	•			•				
Under 18	2,001	3.7%	582	1.1%	1,411	2.6%	8	0.0%
18-25	14,819	27.5%	9,537	17.7%	5,260	9.8%	22	0.0%
26-35	22,747	42.2%	13,311	24.7%	9,401	17.4%	35	0.1%
36-45	9,580	17.8%	4,672	8.7%	4,898	9.1%	10	0.0%
Over 45	4,750	8.8%	1,944	3.6%	2,798	5.2%	8	0.0%
Unknown	33	0.1%	2	0.0%	18	0.0%	13	0.0%
Marital Status								
Single	17,395	32.3%	11,145	20.7%	6,232	11.6%	18	0.0%
Married	13,916	25.8%	6,721	12.5%	7,186	13.3%	9	0.0%
Unknown	14,004	26.0%	7,603	14.1%	6,339	11.8%	62	0.1%
Divorced	3,186	5.9%	1,935	3.6%	1,250	2.3%	1	0.0%
Separated	2,896	5.4%	1,742	3.2%	1,153	2.1%	1	0.0%
Widowed	355	0.7%	248	0.5%	106	0.2%	1	0.0%
Under 18	2,178	4.0%	654	1.2%	1,520	2.8%	4	0.0%
Race/Ethnicity								
Anglo	21,403	39.7%	12,836	23.8%	8,553	15.9%	14	0.0%
Hispanic	20,319	37.7%	10,612	19.7%	9,685	18.0%	22	0.0%
African American	9,800	18.2%	5,565	10.3%	4,219	7.8%	16	0.0%
Other	1,902	3.5%	767	1.4%	1,091	2.0%	44	0.1%
Asian	390	0.7%	196	0.4%	194	0.4%	0	0.0%
Native American	116	0.2%	72	0.1%	44	0.1%	0	0.0%
Relation to Oldest Victim								
Parent	42,419	78.7%	26,929	49.9%	15,461	28.7%	29	0.1%
Parent's Paramour	3,998	7.4%	385	0.7%	3,603	6.7%	10	0.0%
Sibling/Other Relative	2,156	4.0%	333	0.6%	1,815	3.4%	8	0.0%
Grandparent	2,118	3.9%	1,343	2.5%	773	1.4%	2	0.0%
Other	1,680	3.1%	527	1.0%	1,108	2.1%	45	0.1%
Aunt/Uncle	1,559	2.9%	531	1.0%	1,026	1.9%	2	0.0%
Total Perpetrators	53,930		30,048	55.7%	23,786	44.1%	96	0.2%

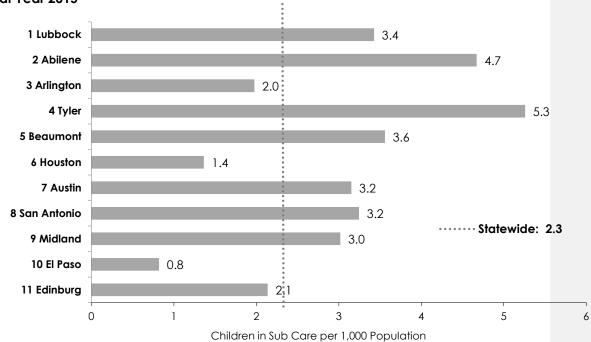
Children Removed from Home by Fiscal Year



^{*}Includes Family Preservation, Family Substitute Care and Family Reunification Stages.

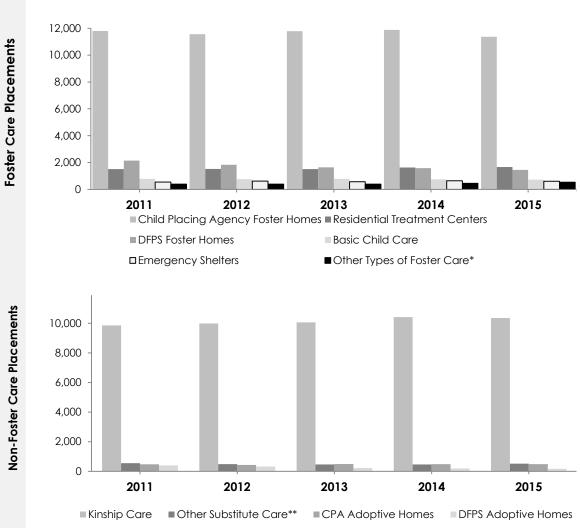
Note: The data presented in this chart have been modified to more accurately report where a removal occurred and therefore may not match prior Data Books.

Children Entering Substitute Care per 1,000 Children in Texas Population Fiscal Year 2015



Children in Substitute Care by Placement Type on August 31 by Fiscal Year

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
All Children in Sub Care	28,463	27,919	27,924	28,523	27,895
Total Foster Care	17,183	16,697	16,676	16,961	16,378
Child Placing Agency Foster Homes	11,797	11,552	11,782	11,882	11,367
Residential Treatment Centers	1,509	1,527	1,508	1,635	1,673
DFPS Foster Homes	2,147	1,839	1,640	1,582	1,460
Basic Child Care	782	765	786	755	729
Emergency Shelters	553	620	567	640	609
Other Types of Foster Care*	395	394	393	467	540
Total Non-Foster Care	11,280	11,222	11,248	11,562	11,517
Kinship Care	9,858	9,982	10,059	10,415	10,355
Other Substitute Care**	554	484	467	465	513
CPA Adoptive Homes	472	433	497	485	481
DFPS Adoptive Homes	396	323	225	197	168



^{*} Includes camps, hospitals, juvenile detention, ICF-IID, HCS homes, and state schools.

^{**} Includes independent living programs, court ordered placements, and unauthorized absences.

Where are children in DFPS care?

....of the 27,895 children in DFPS substitute care on August 31, 2015...

16,378 children were in Foster Care

11,367

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.

719 of these children were placed in Kinship Verified Foster Homes

1.460

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.

353 of these children were placed in Kinship Verified Foster Homes

1,673

children were placed in

Residential Treatment Centers

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

729

children were placed in

Basic Child Care

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

609

children were placed in

Emergency Shelters

These are intended for stays of less than 30 days.

540

children were placed in

Other types of foster care

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

11,517 children were in other types of Substitute Care

10,355

children were placed in

Kinship Care

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

481

children were in pending adoptions in

CPA Adoptive Homes

513

children were placed in

Other Substitute Care

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

168

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

Notes:

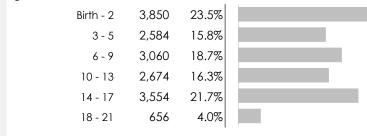
A. The 27,895 children includes 656 youth over the age of 18 in foster care, but who have "aged-out" of the legal conservatorship of DFPS.

B. There are a total of 29,705 children in DFPS legal responsibility. 2,466 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.

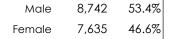
Demographics of Children in Foster Care on August 31 by Fiscal Year

	20	12	20	13	201	4	201	5
Characteristic	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Age								
Birth - 2	3,614	21.6%	3,634	21.8%	3,882	22.9%	3,850	23.5%
3 - 5	2,766	16.6%	2,837	17.0%	2,851	16.8%	2,584	15.8%
6 - 9	2,948	17.7%	3,050	18.3%	3,221	19.0%	3,060	18.7%
10 - 13	2,820	16.9%	2,774	16.6%	2,778	16.4%	2,674	16.3%
14 - 17	3,947	23.6%	3,747	22.5%	3,614	21.3%	3,554	21.7%
18 - 21	602	3.6%	634	3.8%	615	3.6%	656	4.0%
Gender								
Male	9,030	54.1%	8,886	53.3%	9,033	53.3%	8,742	53.4%
Female	7,667	45.9%	7,790	46.7%	7,928	46.7%	7,635	46.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Race/Ethnicity *								
Hispanic	6,813	40.8%	6,882	41.3%	6,952	41.0%	6,423	39.2%
Anglo	5,048	30.2%	4,970	29.8%	5,333	31.4%	5,242	32.0%
African American	3,825	22.9%	3,858	23.1%	3,670	21.6%	3,670	22.4%
Other	951	5.7%	902	5.4%	947	5.6%	972	5.9%
Asian	38	0.2%	47	0.3%	42	0.2%	57	0.3%
Native American	22	0.1%	17	0.1%	17	0.1%	14	0.1%
Total	16,697		16,676		16,961		16,378	

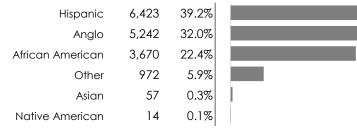




Gender

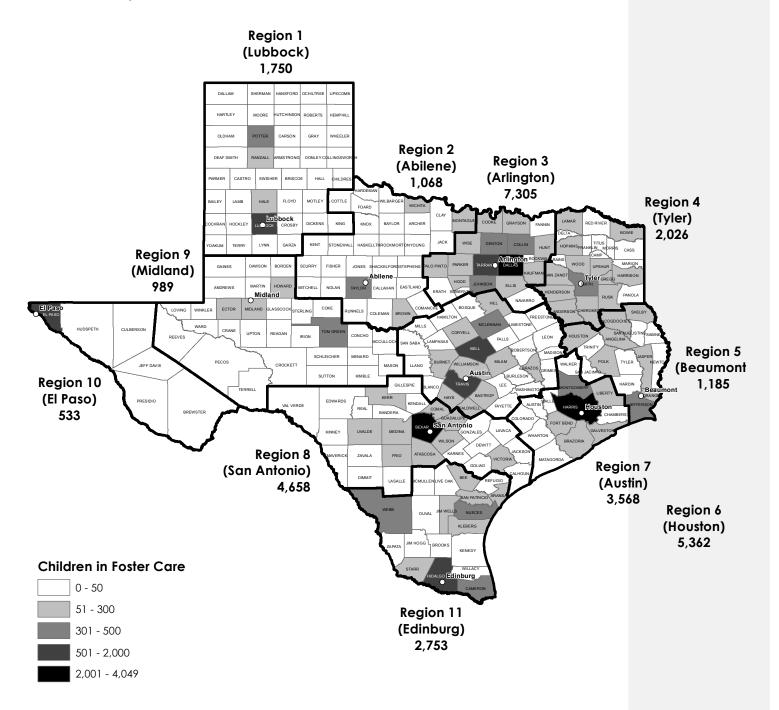


Race/Ethnicity



Children in Foster Care by County Fiscal Year 2015

State Total: 31,197



Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care or in Foster Care Placements on August 31, 2015

Region	DFPS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care	Foster Care*
1 Lubbock	1,690	1,613	1,019
2 Abilene	978	900	576
3 Arlington	6,298	5,945	3,780
4 Tyler	2,201	1,995	1,032
5 Beaumont	1,054	980	615
6 Houston	5,160	4,942	3,083
7 Austin	3,897	3,647	1,744
8 San Antonio	4,564	4,304	2,378
9 Midland	1,072	1,008	522
10 El Paso	386	379	257
11 Edinburg	2,405	2,182	1,372
Statewide	29,705	27,895	16,378

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

Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility, in Substitute Care or Foster Care Placements Fiscal Year 2015

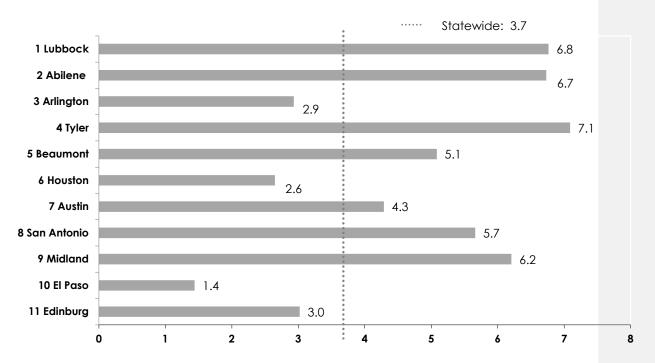
Region	DFPS Legal Responsibility	Substitute Care	Foster Care*
1 Lubbock	2,506	2,415	1,750
2 Abilene	1,457	1,391	1,068
3 Arlington	10,338	9,990	7,305
4 Tyler	3,293	3,217	2,026
5 Beaumont	1,666	1,608	1,185
6 Houston	8,038	7,943	5,362
7 Austin	6,324	6,176	3,568
8 San Antonio	7,400	7,235	4,658
9 Midland	1,647	1,580	989
10 El Paso	736	698	533
11 Edinburg	3,943	3,801	2,753
Total	47,348	46,054	31,197

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

^{*} Foster Care is a subset of Substitute Care

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Children in Substitute Care per 1,000 Children in Texas Population by Region on August 31, 2015



Note: Calculated as the number of children (ages 0-17) in substitute care per 1,000 children.

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

	2013		20	2014		15
Legal Status	#	%	#	%	#	%
Care, Custody & Control*	65	0.2%	55	0.2%	72	0.2%
Temporary Managing Conservatorship**	17,572	59.5%	18,214	60.4%	17,840	60.1%
Permanent Managing Conservatorship***						
Parental Rights Not Terminated	2,732	9.3%	2,829	9.4%	2,656	8.9%
Parental Rights Terminated (All)	8,772	29.7%	8,695	28.8%	8,791	29.6%
Parental Rights Terminated (One Parent)	366	1.2%	341	1.1%	344	1.2%
Possessory Conservatorship****	16	0.1%	19	0.1%	2	0.0%
Total	29,523		30,153		29,705	

^{*} 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 Substitute Care Placements* by Living Arrangement Categories on August 31, 2015

Region	Totals	CPA Foster - Group Homes & Independent Homes	Kinship	Residential Treatment	DFPS Foster & Foster Group Homes
1 Lubbock	1,577	519	519	117	178
2 Abilene	886	426	301	68	14
3 Arlington	5,821	2,849	1,981	340	238
4 Tyler	1,971	583	845	105	169
5 Beaumont	961	319	332	47	180
6 Houston	4,781	2,172	1,535	329	205
7 Austin	3,563	1,139	1,797	205	187
8 San Antonio	4,185	1,441	1,755	241	142
9 Midland	991	373	445	60	14
10 El Paso	367	164	102	35	36
11 Edinburg	2,136	1,067	743	88	87
Total	27,239	11,052	10,355	1,635	1,450

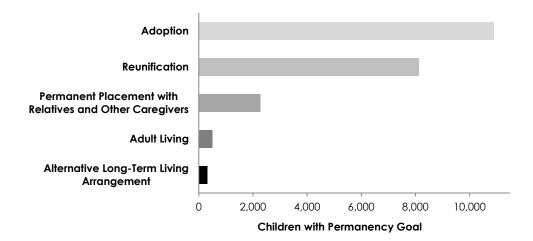
Region	Other**	General Residential Operation	Emergency Shelters	Private Adoptive Homes	DFPS Adoptive Homes
1 Lubbock	44	121	31	39	9
2 Abilene	24	13	32	8	0
3 Arlington	162	99	75	61	16
4 Tyler	80	62	58	52	17
5 Beaumont	23	24	16	10	10
6 Houston	157	64	82	201	36
7 Austin	87	32	58	28	30
8 San Antonio	172	188	188	37	21
9 Midland	29	20	27	14	9
10 El Paso	13	3	2	7	5
11 Edinburg	48	37	27	24	15
Total	839	663	596	481	168

^{*} Excludes 656 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, 2015

Goal	#	%
Adoption	10,905	49.2%
Reunification	8,136	36.7%
Permanent Placement with Relatives and Other Caregivers	2,277	10.3%
Adult Living	506	2.3%
Alternative Long-Term Living Arrangement	319	1.4%
Total Children	22,143	



DFPS Foster, Foster/Adoptive and Adoptive Homes on August 31, 2015

Region	Foster/Adoptive Homes*	Adoptive Homes**	Foster Homes***
1 Lubbock	104	18	3
2 Abilene	5	4	0
3 Arlington	140	44	24
4 Tyler	96	31	5
5 Beaumont	104	13	10
6 Houston	131	84	13
7 Austin	136	100	11
8 San Antonio	100	187	6
9 Midland	0	9	0
10 El Paso	29	11	1
11 Edinburg	56	23	2
Out of State	73	10	56
Totals	974	534	131

^{*}Includes 3 legal risk homes and 337 verified kinship homes.

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

^{***}Includes 76 verified kinship homes.

CPS Outcomes Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2015

Child Safety

Percentage of children who remained safe in substitute care

(children in care during FY15 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)

97.4%

Initial Placement Stability

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

83.5%

Family Preservation

(measured from start of services to end of services)

Average length of service

7.3 months

54.1%

Family Reunification

(measured from removal to placement in own home)

Percentage of children returned to own home 30.4%

Average number of placements per child 1.9 placements

Average length of service 13.3 months

Median length of service 12.2 months

Percentage of children reunified with family, with DFPS conservatorship terminated,

within 12 months of removal 65.2%

Adoption Services

(measured from removal to adoption consummation)

Percentage of children adopted within 24 months of removal

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

30.7%

Average number of placements per child

2.5 placements

Average length of service

27.0 months

From removal to final order

From final order to adoption placement

From placement to adoption consummated

1.1 months

Median length of service 23.0 months

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

31.2%

Average number of placements per child

2.0 placements

Average length of service

15.0 months

Median length of service

11.9 months

CPS Outcomes Based on Data from Fiscal Year 2015

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 turned 18 years of age)

Percentage of children who left DFPS legal responsibility

6.6%

Average number of placements per child

6.5 placements

Average length of service

54.3 months

Median length of service

39.2 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.)**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.

Percentage of children who left DFPS legal responsibility

1.1%

Average number of placements per child

1.7 placements

Average length of service

16.6 months

Median length of service 10.4 months

Fiscal Year 2015 Recidivism Outcomes

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

6.3%

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)

7.7%

For Family Preservation:

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

7.0%

For Reunification:

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

16.8%

Length of Time in Substitute Care for children in DFPS Custody on August 31, 2015

Average length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship

6.9 months

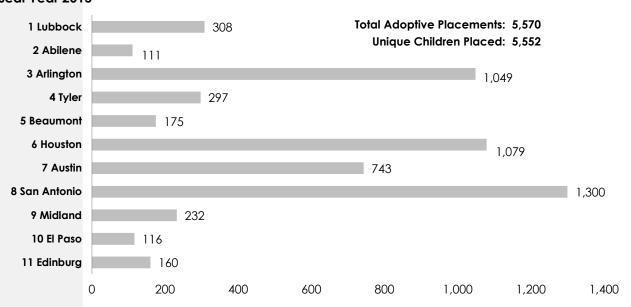
Median length of service for children in temporary managing conservatorship

5.6 months

Average length of service for children in permanent managing conservatorship

36.0 months

Children Placed in Adoptive Homes by Region Fiscal Year 2015



Demographics of 5,552 Children Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2015

Age	#		
Under 1 year	94	1.7%	
1 - 5 years	3,070		55.3%
6 - 12 years	1,864	33.6%	
13 years and over	524	9.4%	

Race/Ethnicity	#				
lispanic	2,452				
nglo	1,681				30.3%
rican American	1,068			19.2%	
her	342		5.2%		
tive American	5	0.1%			
ian	4	0.1%			

Child Characteristics	#		
No Special Characteristics	3,846		69.3%
Disabling Condition	1,706	30.7%	

	Gender	#
Male		2,813
Female		2,739

Children with Disabling Conditions Placed in Adoptive Homes Fiscal Year 2015

Children placed in adoptive homes 5,552
Unique children with disabling conditions placed in adoptive homes 1,706
Percent of children with disabling conditions placed in adoptive homes 31%

Disabling Condition	Children with Disabling Condition Placed				
Disabiling Condition	#	%			
Learning Disabilities	757	14%			
Drug/Alcohol*	729	13%			
Emotionally Disturbed	419	8%			
Medically Involved	269	5%			
Physical	42	1%			
Other**	7	0%			

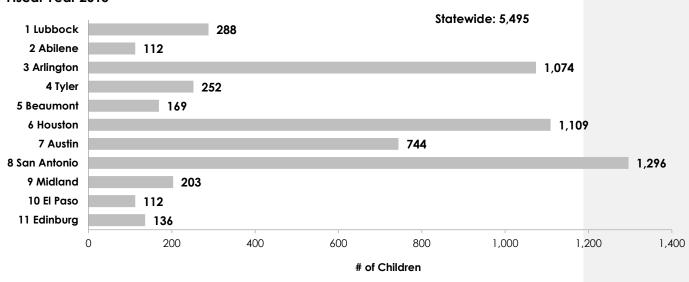
Note: Children may be duplicated across categories because some may have more than one disabling condition.

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

	2012		20	13	2014 20			15
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
DFPS	2,823	56.0%	2,770	51.6%	2,337	45.2%	2,138	38.9%
Non DFPS*	2,217	44.0%	2,594	48.4%	2,838	54.8%	3,357	61.1%
Total Consummations	5,040		5,364		5,175		5,495	

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

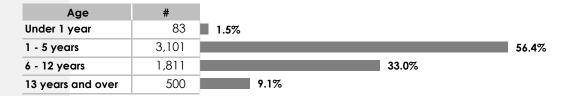
Children with a Consummated Adoption by Region Fiscal Year 2015



^{*} 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.

Demographics of 5,495 Children With A Consummated Adoption Fiscal Year 2015



Gender	#	
Male	2,780	50.6%
Female	2,715	49.4%

Race/Ethnicity	#		
Hispanic	2,410		
Anglo	1,674	30.5%	
African American	1,071	19.5%	
Other	331	6.0%	
Asian	5	0.1%	
Native American	4	0.1%	
Total	5,495		

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

	2012		2013		2014		2015	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Race/Ethnicity of parent(s) is same as child	3,071	60.9%	3,295	61.4%	3,141	60.7%	3,377	61.5%
Race/Ethnicity of one or both parents differs from child's (Multiracial)*	1,969	39.1%	2,069	38.6%	2,034	39.3%	2,118	38.5%
Total Adoptions	5,040		5,364		5,175		5,495	

^{*}Includes when Race/Ethnicity was not determined.

Average Length of Time in Months for Children Leaving DFPS Responsibility by Type of Exit, Race/Ethnicity Fiscal Year 2015

Race/Ethnicity	Family	Relativ	Relative Care		Adoption		Long Term Care	
	Reunification	With PCA	Without PCA	By Relative	By Non- Relative	Emancipation	Other	
Hispanic	14.0	25.7	13.5	23.8	30.1	54.1	17.3	
Anglo	12.6	23.6	12.1	24.0	26.4	48.7	19.0	
African American	12.9	27.5	15.6	28.7	31.3	62.5	12.7	
Other	12.8	22.9	12.0	25.2	28.1	43.3	15.2	
Asian	9.0	16.4	16.2	0.0	44.8	65.9	0.0	
Native American	11.4	0.0	14.6	27.7	46.2	63.9	13.6	
Statewide	13.3	25.3	13.4	24.9	29.0	54.3	16.6	

Average Length of Time in Months for Children Who Exited DFPS Custody by Type of Exit and Region Fiscal Year 2015

	Eamily	Relative Care		Adoption		Long Term Care	
Region	Family Reunification	With PCA	Without PCA	By Relative	By Non- Relative	Emancipation	Other
1 Lubbock	14.6	22.4	14.9	28.0	33.1	63.3	7.9
2 Abilene	12.9	24.5	14.1	29.4	25.4	59.8	66.6
3 Arlington	12.4	28.5	13.0	24.0	26.1	50.8	8.3
4 Tyler	13.0	25.5	10.0	23.8	28.7	42.1	27.0
5 Beaumont	12.4	20.5	14.4	22.8	26.7	57.3	21.5
6 Houston	14.3	23.2	17.0	29.4	32.4	64.3	22.0
7 Austin	12.3	21.3	10.9	24.3	26.6	46.2	12.5
8 San Antonio	13.8	27.8	13.7	21.3	28.1	54.2	17.6
9 Midland	16.5	23.1	17.5	27.1	30.2	55.4	40.0
10 El Paso	16.4	26.7	13.8	24.6	39.0	69.6	5.1
11 Edinburg	13.2	24.0	12.4	31.2	37.1	45.7	19.8
Statewide	13.3	25.3	13.4	24.9	29.0	54.3	16.6

Status of Children Who Exited DFPS Legal Custody Fiscal Year 2015

Outcome	#	%
Family Reunification	5,449	30.4%
Custody to Relatives without PCA	4,827	27.0%
Non-Relative Adoption Consummated	2,800	15.6%
Relative Adoption Consummated	2,695	15.1%
Youth Emancipated*	1,180	6.6%
Custody to Relatives with PCA	753	4.2%
Other**	192	1.1%
Total Children	17,896	

^{*} Of the 1,180 youth emancipated in FY15, 864 were emancipated from paid foster care.

Average Out-of-Home Placements for Children Who Exited DFPS Legal Custody* Fiscal Year 2015

	Farmelle	Relative Care		Ado	ption	Long Ter	m Care
Region	Family Reunification	With PCA	Without PCA	Relative	Non- Relative	Emancipation	Other
1 Lubbock	1.7	3.0	2.0	2.5	3.1	7.1	1.2
2 Abilene	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	3.5
3 Arlington	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.4	6.1	1.5
4 Tyler	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.6	5.1	1.6
5 Beaumont	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.7	5.1	2.4
6 Houston	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.7	7.5	1.9
7 Austin	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.9	6.1	2.0
8 San Antonio	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	3.1	6.6	1.3
9 Midland	2.1	1.4	2.5	2.3	2.7	6.3	1.0
10 El Paso	2.4	3.9	2.6	2.0	4.4	6.3	2.0
11 Edinburg	2.1	1.6	2.2	2.4	2.9	5.9	1.9
Statewide	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.8	6.5	1.7

Note: The average number of placements per child in substitute care for all children who attained permanency is 2.4 placements. *Children who left substitute care via own home, permanent relative placement or adoption consummation and DFPS legal responsibility was ended.

^{**} 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 Monthly Children and Young Adults, FTEs* in Paid Foster Care Fiscal Year 2015

State Payment Rate	Children & Young Adults	FTEs*
Basic	10,388	9,178
Moderate	2,856	2,580
Specialized	2,377	2,134
Blended Rate (Single Source Continuum Contract - SSCC)	1,151	1,007
Emergency Shelter	951	616
Intense	401	349
Supported Independent Living (SSCC and Legacy)	79	69
Psychiatric Transition	60	42
Child Specific	46	39
Exceptional Rate (SSCC)	2	1
Total Average Monthly Counts**	18,311	16,015

Unduplicated Count 17,789

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

Note: For HHSC 24-Hour Residential Child Care Facility Rates go to

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/PCS/rates_childcare_reimbursement.asp

Average Monthly Children and Young Adults in Paid Foster Care by Payment Source and Fiscal Year

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Paid Foster Care*					
Children	4,815	4,896	5,607	6,678	7,069
Young Adults**	568	479	453	439	433
Subtotal - Avg. State Paid	5,383	5,375	6,060	7,117	7,502
Title IV-E Paid Foster Care					
Children	12,872	12,565	11,453	10,695	10,077
Young Adults**	207	243	264	242	220
Subtotal - Avg. Title IV-E	13,079	12,808	11,717	10,937	10,297
Total Monthly Average***	18,461	18,183	17,776	18,054	17,799

^{*}State Paid Foster Care may be funded with Federal Block Grant (TANF).

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

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

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

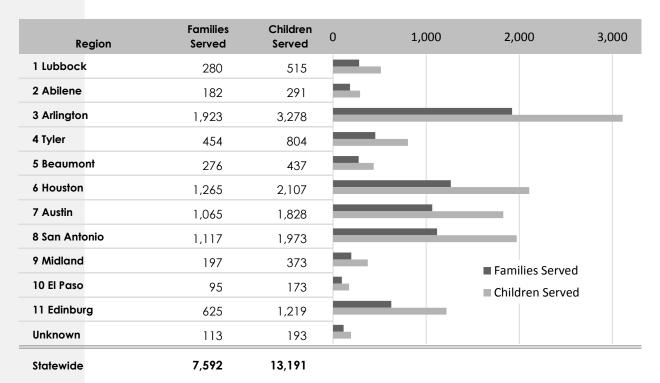
^{***} Some children are served in more than one eligibility type in a month.

Average Monthly Children and Young Adults in Paid Foster Care by Payment Source and Region Fiscal Year 2015

	Total Monthly	Title IV-E Po	iid Foster Care	State Paid Foster Care***		
Region	Average*	Children	Young Adults**	Children	Young Adults**	
1 Lubbock	1,103	647	14	419	23	
2 Abilene	604	410	8	179	7	
3 Arlington	3,989	2,279	44	1,580	86	
4 Tyler	1,136	495	10	609	22	
5 Beaumont	636	315	5	306	10	
6 Houston	3,252	2,108	65	985	94	
7 Austin	1,853	689	14	1,078	72	
8 San Antonio	2,732	1,581	39	1,044	68	
9 Midland	612	380	3	215	14	
10 El Paso	303	226	5	67	5	
11 Edinburg	1,587	951	14	590	32	
Statewide	17,807	10,081	221	7,072	433	

17,789 Unduplicated Monthly Average*

Families and Children Receiving Kinship Caregiver Monetary Assistance Fiscal Year 2015



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

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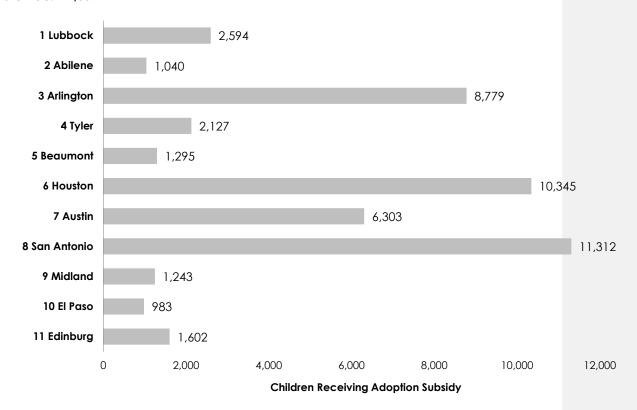
Children Provided Adoption Subsidy* by Payment Source and Fiscal Year

Payment Source	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Children	36,290	39,056	42,079	45,021	47,673
State Paid Adoption Subsidies	7,296	7,550	7,795	7,987	7,923
Title IV-E Adoption Subsidies	28,994	31,506	34,284	37,034	39,750
% Change fromPrevious Fiscal Year	7.7%	7.6%	7.7%	7.0%	5.9%

^{*}Subsidy includes financial payments only, not medical and non-recurring subsidies.

Children Provided Adoption Subsidy* by Region Fiscal Year 2015

Statewide: 47,667



^{*}Subsidy includes financial payments only, not medical and non-recurring subsidies.

Note: There were 44 children provided adoption subsidy for which no region was recorded.

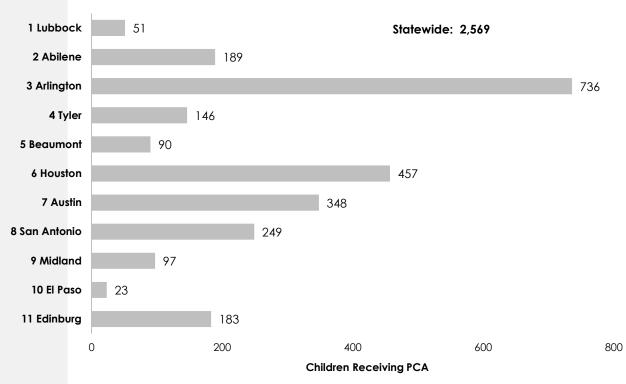
Children Provided Permanency Care Assistance* by Fiscal Year

Payment Source	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Children	144	689	1,268	1,875	2,569
State Paid PCA	23	133	257	457	744
Title IV-E PCA	121	556	1,011	1,418	1,825
% Change from previous year	n/a	+378%	+84%	+48%	+37%

^{*}Does not include non-recurring payments.

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

Children Provided Permanency Care Assistance* by Region Fiscal Year 2015



^{*}Does not include non-recurring payments.

NOTE: For children who cannot reunify and for whom 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 Monthly Children and Families Receiving CPS Purchased Services Fiscal Year 2015

	T. II		Children					
Region	Total Clients	Adults	Total Children	Living at Home	Living Out of Home	Post Adoption		
1 Lubbock	1,809	913	896	533	367	3		
2 Abilene	1,031	587	444	232	214	1		
3 Arlington	5,503	2,704	2,799	1,184	1,573	54		
4 Tyler	2,176	1,285	891	541	356	3		
5 Beaumont	963	546	417	162	222	36		
6 Houston	5,163	2,981	2,182	997	1,105	98		
7 Austin	4,255	2,453	1,802	981	836	8		
8 San Antonio	3,816	1,954	1,862	955	918	4		
9 Midland	872	514	358	173	184	5		
10 El Paso	478	181	297	183	112	2		
11 Edinburg	3,383	2,279	1,104	724	385	1		
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	29,449	16,397	13,052	6,665	6,272	215		

Note: Averages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Average Monthly Children Receiving CPS Purchased Services by Region Fiscal Year 2015

	In	-Home Childre	n	Children in Substitute Care			
Region	Total	Receiving F Servi		Total	Receiving Purchased Services		
		#	%		#	%	
1 Lubbock	2,157	533	24.7%	1,674	367	21.9%	
2 Abilene	1,874	232	12.4%	863	214	24.8%	
3 Arlington	8,518	1,184	13.9%	6,320	1,573	24.9%	
4 Tyler	1,708	541	31.7%	2,010	356	17.7%	
5 Beaumont	746	162	21.7%	979	222	22.7%	
6 Houston	8,919	997	11.2%	5,372	1,105	20.6%	
7 Austin	3,274	981	30.0%	3,721	836	22.5%	
8 San Antonio	5,518	955	17.3%	4,883	918	18.8%	
9 Midland	1,000	173	17.3%	1,119	184	16.4%	
10 El Paso	1,328	183	13.8%	444	112	25.2%	
11 Edinburg	7,087	724	10.2%	2,437	385	15.8%	
Unknown	3	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	
Statewide	42,132	6,665	15.8%	29,821	6,272	21.0%	

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 of Primary Caregiver Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Totals	Hispanic	Anglo	African American	Other	Asian	Native American
1 Lubbock	562	265	208	47	40	0	2
2 Abilene	465	123	279	28	34	1	0
3 Arlington	1,841	447	830	421	133	6	4
4 Tyler	913	84	606	121	102	0	0
5 Beaumont	458	42	282	102	32	0	0
6 Houston	1,188	389	374	356	61	7	1
7 Austin	1,496	587	532	252	118	6	1
8 San Antonio	1,551	1,070	325	90	58	7	1
9 Midland	288	145	108	18	16	0	1
10 El Paso	157	134	15	2	6	0	0
11 Edinburg	1,172	1,062	82	8	18	0	2
Unknown	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Statewide	10,094	4,348	3,642	1,446	619	27	12

Family Group Conferences Conducted by Race/Ethnicity of Child in DFPS Custody Fiscal Year 2015

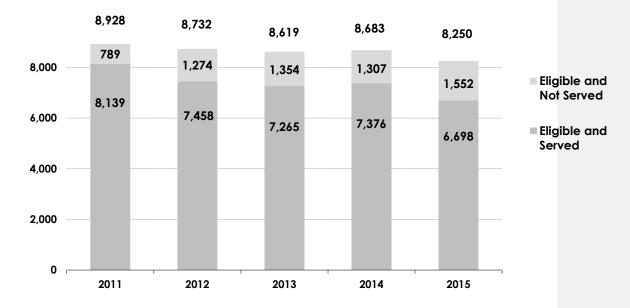
Region	Totals	Hispanic	Anglo	African American	Other	Asian	Native American
1 Lubbock	376	158	163	22	31	2	0
2 Abilene	590	162	330	41	56	0	1
3 Arlington	1,100	273	514	222	81	8	2
4 Tyler	766	68	494	115	88	0	1
5 Beaumont	387	31	246	63	47	0	0
6 Houston	1,019	286	306	345	78	4	0
7 Austin	837	289	326	136	82	3	1
8 San Antonio	1,363	927	287	75	72	2	0
9 Midland	433	202	184	22	25	0	0
10 El Paso	177	146	11	5	14	0	1
11 Edinburg	1,642	1,430	147	14	51	0	0
Unknown	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Statewide	8,691	3,972	3,008	1,061	625	19	6

Circles of Support Conducted by Race/Ethnicity of the Child in DFPS Custody Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Total	Hispanic	Anglo	African American	Other	Asian	Native American
1 Lubbock	106	31	45	12	18	0	0
2 Abilene	65	9	35	6	15	0	0
3 Arlington	654	126	227	234	62	5	0
4 Tyler	233	42	129	40	20	0	2
5 Beaumont	87	14	45	22	6	0	0
6 Houston	681	160	166	284	68	3	0
7 Austin	347	90	125	83	49	0	0
8 San Antonio	346	186	77	48	35	0	0
9 Midland	82	32	38	3	9	0	0
10 El Paso	60	45	2	4	9	0	0
11 Edinburg	248	195	29	1	22	1	0
Unknown	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	2,911	930	918	737	315	9	2

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: 1,160 youth who were not served in FY 2015 received services prior to FY 2015.

DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities Fiscal Year 2015

Statewide	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Texas Child Population	6,663,942	7,054,634	7,159,172	7,266,760	7,311,923
DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities*	231	212	156	151	171
Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities per 100,000 Texas children	3.5	3.0	2.2	2.1	2.3

Population Data Source: Population Estimates and Projections Program, Texas State Data Center, Office of the State Demographer and the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio. Current Population Estimates and Projections Data as of December 2015.

DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities by Region Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Texas Child Population (ages	DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Related Fatalities*		
kegion	Population (ages 0-17)	#	per 100,000 children	
1 Lubbock	233,103	7	3.0	
2 Abilene	131,651	6	4.6	
3 Arlington	1,984,298	57	2.9	
4 Tyler	278,160	8	2.9	
5 Beaumont	189,027	7	3.7	
6 Houston	1,804,107	34	1.9	
7 Austin	831,086	16	1.9	
8 San Antonio	739,175	10	1.4	
9 Midland	159,694	5	3.1	
10 El Paso	254,926	4	1.6	
11 Edinburg	706,696	17	2.4	
Statewide	7,311,923	171	2.3	

Population Data Source: Population Estimates and Projections Program, Texas State Data Center, Office of the State Demographer and the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio. Current Population Estimates and Projections Data as of December 2015.

^{*}Includes child fatalities investigated and confirmed by Child Protective Services (158), Adult Protective Services (0), Child Day Care Licensing (13) and Residential Child Care Licensing (0). Fatality information does not include orrections or updates, if any, that may subsequently be made to DFPS data after fiscal year end.

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DFPS Child Abuse/Neglect Confirmed Investigations with a Non-Fatal Finding* by Region Fiscal Year 2015

Region	Completed	Child Fatality Not Related to Abuse or Neglect - Outcome of					
	Child Fatality Investigations	Total	% of Total	Confirmed**	Unable to Determine	Ruled Out	Unable to Complete
1 Lubbock	19	12	63	1	2	7	0
2 Abilene	26	20	77	4	5	5	1
3 Arlington	200	143	72	27	32	62	1
4 Tyler	48	40	83	14	3	16	0
5 Beaumont	30	23	77	4	4	11	0
6 Houston	206	172	83	36	25	88	1
7 Austin	74	58	78	8	5	38	0
8 San Antonio	58	48	83	7	8	22	1
9 Midland	13	8	62	2	0	5	0
10 El Paso	13	9	69	1	0	8	0
11 Edinburg	65	48	74	7	8	23	0
Statewide	752	581	77	111	92	285	4

^{*}Fatality investigations in which at least one allegation was confirmed, but where the child's death was determined to be caused by a factor other than abuse/neglect.

NOTE: Includes child fatalities investigated with a non-fatal finding by Child Protective Services (706), Adult Protective Services (0), Child Day Care Licensing (29) and Residential Child Care Licensing (17). Fatality information does not nelude corrections or updates, if any, that may subsequently be made to DFPS data after fiscal year end.

^{**}Confirmed fatality investigations in which the fatality itself was not related to abuse or neglect.