



**Texas Department of
Family and Protective Services**
Child Protective Services

Youth Parents and Pregnant Youth in DFPS Conservatorship: Fiscal Year 2019

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

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

Statute requires this report to be submitted to the legislature and for the department to publish the report electronically to the public not later than February 1 of each year. The fiscal year 2019 report will be posted online by 2/1/20

at: [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About DFPS/Reports and Presentations/CPS](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About/DFPS/Reports%20and%20Presentations/CPS)

Table 1: Fiscal Year 2019: Youth who are Pregnant or Parenting

Fiscal Year 2019	Youth who are Pregnant or Parenting
Number of pregnant youth in DFPS Conservatorship ²	322
Number of Youth Parents who were in DFPS Conservatorship and the parent of a child ¹	289
Number of Children born to Youth Parents while in DFPS Conservatorship and who were also placed in DFPS Conservatorship ¹	43

¹ Source: DFPS Management & Reporting Statistics

² Source: Health and Human Services

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The number of youth parents who were in DFPS Conservatorship and a parent of the child includes mothers and fathers who were under the age of 18. For the fiscal year 2019 report, to better capture the population of pregnant and parenting youth in DFPS custody, an indicator was added for “parent” and “pregnant” in the DFPS Information Management Protecting Adults and Children in Texas (IMPACT) data management system to the other methods used to count parenting youth. Also, for fiscal year 2019 data was pulled after it had been finalized, compared to prior years when the data was pulled before it had been finalized.

These changes resulted in an increase in the count of youth parents and their children compared to the methodology used in prior years. The count excludes youth in DFPS Conservatorship who are parents of a child without DFPS's knowledge of parenting a child (male youth who may not know he has a child or DFPS may not be aware of the youth having a child in the past).

The number of children born to a youth parent while in DFPS Conservatorship only includes those infants born in fiscal year 2019 and subsequently placed in DFPS Conservatorship.

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Center for Analytics and Decision Support provided the data for the number of pregnant youth while in the managing conservatorship of DFPS by utilizing Paid Medicaid encounters for inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, and professional services selected for female clients, under the age of 19 years, enrolled in STAR Health (Medicaid managed care plan code 1E) during state fiscal year 2019. Encounter codes were used for procedures associated with pregnancy-related services.