

Texas Child Abuse and Neglect Fact Sheet 2014ⁱ

In Texas, more than **2** children die from child abuse or neglect on an average every week, **182** children are confirmed victims daily, and more than **7** children are maltreated every hour.

Reports to SWI:

Total Child Population:

7,266,760

Alleged Victims: 273,091

Unduplicated Confirmed

Victims: 66,572

Recurrence Rateⁱⁱ:

19.7% of children were reconfirmed victims of abuse in 2013

Gender of confirmed victims:

51.1% female

48.9% male

Age groups of

Confirmed Victims:

16% are Under 1

22.7% are 1-3 Years

20.7% are 4-6 Years

15.8% are 7-9 Years

11.6% are 10-12 Years

13.2% are 13-17 Years

Ethnicities of

Confirmed Victims:

44% are Hispanic

33% are Anglo

16.8% are African-

American

6.1% Other

0.1% Native American

Geographic

Distribution:

The 5 major metropolitan areas accounted for **64.3%** of all confirmed incidences:

- Dallas-Fort Worth (Arlington)- **27.5%**
- Houston- **13.5%**
- San Antonio- **12%**
- Austin- **11.3%**

Child Fatalities:

151 children died due to CA/N in 2013, **7** of which occurred in foster homes.

In 2014, child abuse fatalities hit its lowest number since 2000 (**156** fatalities in 2000)

Type of Abuse:

Neglectful Supervision (67.3%)

Physical abuse (15.1%)

Sexual Abuse (7.3%)

Physical Neglect (6.4%)

Medical Neglect (2.2%)

Emotional Abuse (0.6%)

Person Reporting Abuse/Neglect:

School Professionals:

18.6%

Medical Professionals:

17.5%

Law Enforcement: 16%

Relatives: 11.2%

Parent: 8.1%

Confirmed Perpetrator of Abuse/Neglect:

In 2013, the most common relationship of the perpetrator to the child was as follows:

- Parent (**78.9%**)
- Female (**56.6%**)
- Age: 26-35 (**40.6%**)

CPS and Foster Care Expenditures:

\$1,264,344,312

(Total CPS Program)

\$399,426,761

(Foster Care Payments)

Total Annual Child Abuse

Prevention Budget for

2014 was \$16 millionⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book 2014. Accessed at: https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/documents/about/Data_Books_and_Annual_Reports/2014/5CPSAll.pdf

ⁱⁱ Percent of children from prior five years who were reconfirmed victims of maltreatment. In 2012, the recurrence rate was 19.3%

ⁱⁱⁱ Prevention budget includes the following line items from the Prevention and Early Intervention Budget 2014 budget under DFPS: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, Other At-Risk Prevention Services and At-Risk Prevention Program Support