

Texas Child Abuse and Neglect Fact Sheet 2012

In Texas, more than **4** children die from child abuse or neglect on average every week, **176** children are confirmed victims every day, and **7** children are abused or neglected every hour.

Reports to Statewide Intake:

Total Child Population:
7,054,634
Total Reports: 241,681
Actual Incidence: 130,663
Total Confirmed Reports:
64,366

Gender of confirmed victims:

51.4% female
49.2% male

Age groups of Confirmed Victims:

15.2% are Under 1
24.8% are 1-3 Years
21.0% are 4-6 Years
15.4% are 7-9 Years
12.1% are 10-12 Years
13.0% are 13-17 Years

Ethnicities of Confirmed Victims:

47% are Hispanic
31% are Anglo
16% are African-American
6.3% are Other
0.1% are Native Americanⁱ

Geographic Distribution:

The 5 major metropolitan areas accounted for 63.3% of all confirmed incidences:

- Dallas-Fort Worth (Arlington)- 24.9%
- Houston- 12.9%
- San Antonio- 13.6%
- Austin- 11.9%

Child Fatalities:

Texas leads the nation in child abuse fatalities.ⁱⁱ

- **212** children died due to CA/N in 2012
- Child abuse fatalities increased **122%** from 1997 to 2012.

Type of Abuse:

Neglectful Supervision (66%)
Physical abuse (15.9%)
Sexual Abuse (8.0%)
Physical Neglect (6.3%)
Emotional Abuse (.6%)

Person Reporting Abuse/Neglect:

School Professionals: 17.6%
Medical Professionals: 16.9%
Law Enforcement: 16%
Relatives: 11.7%

Confirmed Perpetrator of Abuse/Neglect:

In 2012, the most common relationship of the perpetrator to the child was as follows:

- Parent (77.9%)
- Female (56.6%)
- Age: 26-35 (39.9%).

Total Foster Care Expenditures:

\$373,644,867
Total Annual Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Funding in 2012 is less than \$7.5 million

ⁱ Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book 2012. Accessed at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About_DFPS/Data_Books_and_Annual_Reports/2012/default.asp

ⁱⁱ "We Can Do Better—Child Abuse Deaths in America", 2nd Edition. September 2010. Every Child Matters Educational Fund, Washington, D.C. Retrieved at: <http://www.everychildmatters.org/storage/documents/pdf/reports/wcdbv2.pdf>