

2023 Statistics on Child Abuse/Neglect

Source: TX Dept. of Family & Protective Services DATA Book:

of Completed Investigations:

State of Texas: 163,855 21.1 per 1,000 child population

Lubbock Region 6,459 28.6 per 1,000 child population

Lubbock County: 2,130 27.3 per 1,000 child population

Completed Findings from Investigations: *Reason to Believe Abuse/Neglect Occurred:*

Lubbock County: 475 Investigation - 6.1 per 1,000 child population

Lubbock Region: 1,492 Investigations - 6.6 per 1,000 child population

State of Texas: 37,264 Investigations- 4.8 per 1,000 child population

Confirmed Types of Abuse from Investigations:

Lubbock Region: 2,560 Total types of abuse confirmed

- Neglectful Supervision - 1,833 - 72%
- Physical Abuse - 283 - 11.0%
- Sexual Abuse - 250 - 9.7%
- Physical Neglect - 114 - 4.4%
- Medical Neglect - 41 - 1.6%
- Sex Trafficking - 2 - .08%
- Other (includes Abandonment, Emotional Abuse, Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility): 37 - 1.5%

Lubbock County - 804 Total Types of Abuse Confirmed:

- Neglectful Supervision - 558 - 69%
- Physical Abuse - 109- 13.6%
- Sexual Abuse - 76 - 9.3%
- Physical Neglect - 41 - 5.0%
- Medical Neglect - 9 - 1%
- Sex Trafficking - 1 - 0.13%
- Other (includes Abandonment, Emotional Abuse, Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility): 10 - 1.25%

#Confirmed Victims by Investigations:

State of TX: Total Victims: 58,120

Rate of Occurrence: 7.49 Victims per 1,000 child Population

Region 1 - Lubbock - Total Victims: 2,345

Rate of Occurrence: 10.39 Victims per 1,000 child Population

Lubbock County - Total Victims: 735

Rate of Occurrence: 9.42 per 1,000 child population

Lubbock County - Ages of Confirmed Victims:

0-3 years - 309 Victims - 42% of total victims
0-5 years - 401 Victims - 55% of total victims
6-10 years - 173 Victims - 24% of total victims
Over age 10 - 161 Victims - 22% of total victims

Regions within the State with the Highest Rate of Occurrence per 1,000 Children:

Region 2 - Abilene - 19.99
Region 5 - Beaumont - 12.47
Region 4 - Tyler - 12.32
Region 1 - Lubbock - 10.39
All other regions within the State (7) are in single digits from a low of 4.34 in Houston to next highest area- Austin with 9.28
State Rate: 7.49

Perpetrators' - Lubbock County:

Total of 603 Perpetrators - 95% were known by the victim
76% (460) were parents of child victim
7% (44) were parent's paramour (partner)
2% (11) were grandparents of victim
10% (60) were other family members-sibling, aunt, uncle

Fatalities from Abuse/Neglect:

Statewide: 169
Lubbock Region: 5
Lubbock County: 1