Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Child Protective Services

# Youth Parents and Pregnant Girls in DFPS Conservatorship: Fiscal Year 2023

Pursuant to 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 DFPS managing conservatorship;
- Number of the children born to girls t in DFPS managing conservatorship who are placed in DFPS managing conservatorship; and
- Number of children who are pregnant while in DFPS managing conservatorship.

Statute requires DFPS to submit this report to the Legislature and publish it electronically to the public not later than February 1 of each year.

***Table 1: Fiscal Year 2023: Youth Who are Pregnant or Parenting***

| Fiscal Year 2023 | Youth Who are Pregnant or Parenting |
|---|---|
| Number of youth parents who were in DFPS conservatorship and the parent of a child[1] | 171 |
| Number of children born to girls while in DFPS conservatorship and who were also placed in DFPS conservatorship[1] | 31 |
| Number of pregnant girls in DFPS conservatorship[2] | 120 |

*1 Source: DFPS Office of Data and Systems Improvement (ODSI) - Data and Decision Support (DRIT #104084)*

*2 Source: Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)*

The number of youth parents who were in DFPS conservatorship and a parent of the child includes mothers and fathers who were the under the age of 18. The count excludes youth in DFPS conservatorship who are parents of a child without DFPS's knowledge of parenting a child (i.e., 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 girls while in DFPS conservatorship only includes those infants born in fiscal year 2023 and subsequently placed in DFPS conservatorship.

HHSC provided the data for the number of pregnant girls while in DFPS managing conservatorship by utilizing paid Medicaid encounters for inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, and professional services selected for female clients, under the age of 18 years, enrolled in STAR Health (Medicaid managed care plan code 1E) during fiscal year 2023. Encounter codes were used for procedures associated with pregnancy-related services.

# Appendix

A review of the data provided for fiscal year 2023 was conducted after changes were made to the data analysis for pregnant girls and parenting youth. This report is being republished with corrected data to align with the new analysis. Below is an explanation of changes to the data previously reported.

***Table 1: Fiscal Year 2023: Youth Who are Pregnant or Parenting***

| Fiscal Year 2023 | Youth Who are Pregnant or Parenting | |
|---|---|---|
| | Previously Reported | Corrected Data |
| Number of youth parents who were in DFPS conservatorship and the parent of a child[1] | 171 | 171 |
| Number of children born to girls while in DFPS conservatorship and who were also placed in DFPS conservatorship[1] | 83 | 31 |
| Number of pregnant girls in DFPS conservatorship[2] | 408 | 120 |

*1 Source: DFPS ODSI - Data and Decision Support (DRIT #108151)*

*2 Source: HHSC*

**Number of who were in DFPS conservatorship and the parent of a child** – No change.

**Number of children born to girls while in DFPS conservatorship and who were also placed in DFPS conservatorship** – Previously reported numbers included all children born to youth in conservatorship who were legally removed at any time. Upon review of statutory reporting requirements, this number now reflects for children born to youth in conservatorship in fiscal year 2023 who were also removed.

**Number of pregnant girls in DFPS conservatorship** – Previously reported numbers included girls and young adult females under 19. Data has been changed to include only girls who were under 18. The previous data also included girls who remained on STAR Health Medicaid as required by the Public Health Emergency COVID orders. Some youth remained on STAR Health even when they were no longer in DFPS conservatorship. Modified data excludes all young adults over 18 and any girls who were not in DFPS conservatorship.