



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Youth Parents and Pregnant Girls in DFPS Conservatorship Fiscal Year 2024

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

Statute requires this report to be submitted to the Legislature and for DFPS to publish the report electronically to the public not later than February 1 of each year. Table 1 contains the required data.

Table 1. Fiscal Year 2024: Youth who are Pregnant or Parenting

Fiscal Year 2024	Youth who are Pregnant or Parenting
Number of youth parents who were in DFPS conservatorship and the parent of a child ¹	163
Number of children ¹ born to girls while in DFPS conservatorship ² and who were also placed in DFPS conservatorship	11
Number of pregnant girls in DFPS conservatorship ³	112***

1 Source: DFPS Office of Data and Systems Improvement - Data and Decision Support (DRIT #115761). Note: Changes to data analysis have been made to increase accuracy in reporting.

2 Information from the last legal episode of the youth parent for the fiscal year was used. The child may have been born prior to that legal episode.

3 Source: Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

**** According to HHSC, fiscal year 2024 data is incomplete. Claims data are generally considered complete for analysis eight months after the end of a service period. This lag allows for provider claims submission, processing, any retroactive changes (including appeals), and submission of encounter data by managed care organizations. If additional claims data is received that impacts the numbers reported, DFPS will update and re-publish the report to include those updates.*

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. 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 girls while in DFPS conservatorship only includes those infants born in fiscal year 2024 and subsequently placed in DFPS conservatorship.

HHSC provided the data for the number of pregnant girls 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 18 years, enrolled in STAR Health (Medicaid managed care plan code 1E) during fiscal year 2024. Encounter codes were used for procedures associated with pregnancy-related services.