

SIGNIFICANCE

INDICATOR

Child maltreatment is a serious problem that has grave and costly consequences for the child, his or her family and the community at-large.

A child who has experienced abuse and neglect is more likely to have social, emotional and physical health problems and perform poorly in school.

In-home services are designed to strengthen families by addressing the root causes of abuse and neglect. The provision of in-home services helps a child to remain safely in his or her home.

Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods of time in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, experience unemployment and be homeless as an adult.

For more information on data reporting periods, citations and sources, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Child Abuse Reports

Reported incidents of suspected child abuse through the ChildLine and Abuse Registry. Does not include General Protective Service reports which include less severe general neglect reports.
(Number and rate per 1,000 children)

| CAMERON COUNTY | RURAL | STATE |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 12 | 3,673 | 25,655 |
| 7.8/1,000 | 10.0/1,000 | 8.3/1,000 |

Child Abuse Substantiations

Founded or indicated reports of child abuse. Does not include the number of children determined to need General Protective Services.

| CAMERON COUNTY | RURAL | STATE |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| 16.7% | 19.8% | 16.4% |

Repeated Child Abuse

Children with another substantiated incident of abuse following the first reported incident.
(data may be overstated)

| CAMERON COUNTY | RURAL | STATE |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| 0 | 1 in 10 | 1 in 11 |

In-home Services

Children whose families received services in their homes to address concerns related to child safety and well-being on any given day.
(data may be understated)

| CAMERON COUNTY | RURAL | STATE |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| 28 | 4,337 | 31,517 |

Children Entering Foster Care

All entries into foster care during the year
First time entries during the year

| CAMERON COUNTY | RURAL | STATE |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| 5 | 1,462 | 12,307 |
| 80.0% | 71.3% | 67.4% |

Children in Foster Care

All Children in Foster Care

| | CAMERON COUNTY | RURAL | STATE |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Age | | | |
| | 0-1 | 22.2% | 14.5% |
| | 2-5 | 0.0% | 17.6% |
| | 6-12 | 11.1% | 22.5% |
| | 13+ | 66.7% | 45.4% |
| Race and ethnicity | White | 100.0% | 48.6% |
| | African American | 0.0% | 45.8% |
| | Other | 0.0% | 6.3% |
| | Latino | 0.0% | 9.7% |
| Placement setting | Pre-Adoptive Home | 0.0% | 4.0% |
| | Foster Family Home - Relative | 0.0% | 20.9% |
| | Foster Family Home - Non-Relative | 33.3% | 42.8% |
| | Group Home | 44.4% | 13.3% |
| | Institution | 22.2% | 14.0% |
| | Supervised Independent Living | 0.0% | 1.8% |
| | Runaway | 0.0% | 0.6% |
| | Trial Home Visit | 0.0% | 2.6% |

