

Indicator & Source

of Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse or Neglect per 1,000 Children
(Texas Department of Family and Protective Services)

Indicator Notes

This indicator includes all children age 0-17 and is limited to reported, investigated, and finalized cases of abuse and neglect. The proportion of reports investigated and finalized has dropped significantly since 2010.

Evidence & Source

Child abuse and neglect can result in physical and psychological developmental delays. A neglectful mother may not feed her baby properly, which can slow brain development, or an emotionally abusive father may damage his child’s ability to form trusting relationships. Abused or neglected children can see the world as an unstable, frightening and dangerous place, which can undermine their sense of self-worth and their ability to cope with and adapt to their environments as they grow up. If unaddressed, maltreatment may contribute to later problems, such as alcoholism/substance abuse, depression, domestic violence, multiple sexual partners and exposure to sexually transmitted disease, suicidal thoughts and attempts. (American Psychological Assoc., 2016)

For more information see: <http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/understanding-child-abuse.aspx>

OVERALL TREND: Bexar County, 2010-2015

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Confirmed Victims	5,999	5,915	6,205	5,846	5,434	4,941
Rate per 1,000 Children	13.6	13.5	13.0	12.1	11.1	9.9

Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2010-2015.

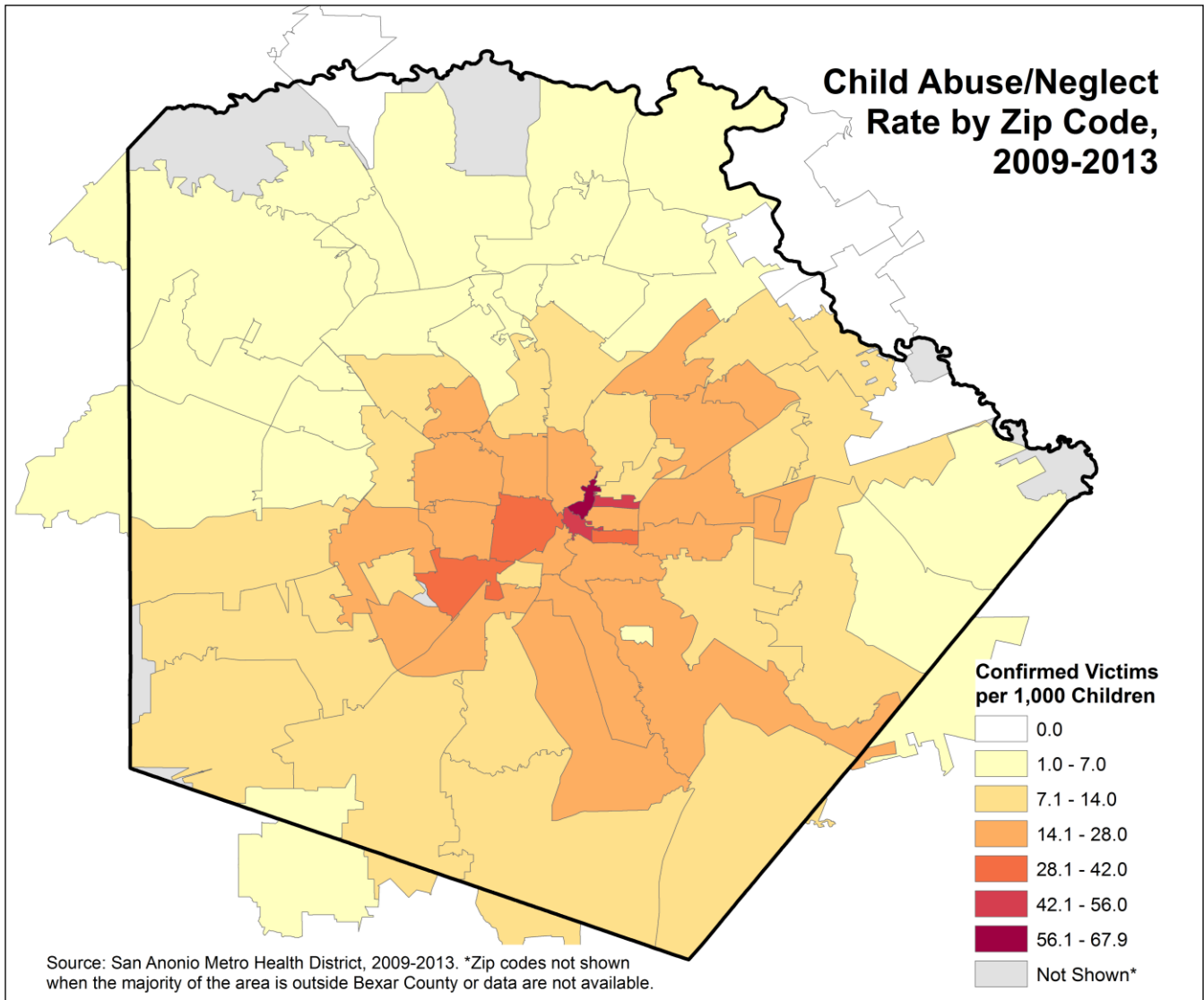
RACE/ETHNICITY: Bexar County, 2015

	Confirmed Victims	Rate per 1,000
Anglo	675	6.8
African American	436	13.4
Hispanic	3,636	10.7
Asian	10	0.7
Native American	6	6.3
Other	178	17.4
Total	4,941	9.9

Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2015.

Note: Other race/ethnicity includes children not categorized as Anglo, African American, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION: Bexar County, 2009-2013



Note: Three years of data were combined in order to produce measurable rates by zip code. These data are not publically available from The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services by zip code and have been provided by the San Antonio Metro Health District. The most recent data currently available by zip code from the San Antonio Metro Health District is 2013.