



Family violence in Texas

- 194,872 incidents of family violence were reported during 2015, a 4.9% increase on the number reported in 2014.
- 39% of these incidents involved violence between married spouses. 44.3% involved other family members such as grandparents, grandchildren, in-laws and other family members.
- 16% of family violence incidents involved parents and their children.
- Most of the victims were aged between 20 and 24 years old.
- Of those victims whose ethnicity is known, 37% were Hispanic.
- Of those victims whose race is known, most were listed as white; less than a third were listed as black and 1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native/Asian or Pacific Islander.
- Of those recorded as offenders in the reported family violence incidents, three quarters were male; one quarter were female.
- During 2015, more than 200 Texas law officers were assaulted while intervening in or investigating family violence incidents.
- Most incidents of family violence reported to police were classified as assault.

Source: *Texas Department of Public Safety – 'The Texas Crime Report for 2015'*

- During 2015, 158 women were killed in family violence incidents.
- During 2015, more than 69,000 adults and children were served by family violence program services in Texas.
- Over 180,000 calls were made to family violence crisis hotlines in Texas in 2015.
- Almost 16,000 people requested housing but were turned away due to lack of space available.

Source: *Texas Council on Family Violence*