

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Division of Child and Family Services

No.	Question	Answer	Additional Information: (period covered, etc.)
Child Protective Services			
1	How many abuse cases were reported last year?	20,343	12 mo ending 7/1/07
	a. How many were actually abused (supported)?	8415(41%)	12 mo ending 7/1/07
	b. How many children were removed from their homes?	1810(15%)	12 mo ending 7/1/07
2	What percent of cps cases are related to domestic violence?	29.00%	12 mo ending 7/1/07
3	What is the number of child victims/1000 population	Utah = 17.7 (FY05) US = 10.4 (FY 03)	
4	Number of children removed from their home/1000 pop.	Utah = 2.8 (FY05) US = 7.0 (FY 05)	

Foster Care

1	How many kids are in state custody?	2,625	As of 7/1/07
	a. How many in foster homes?	1,957	"
	b. How many in group or residential facilities?	425	"
	c. How many in independent living ?	66	"
2	What is the average length of stay in foster care?	15.2	12 mo ending 7/1/07
3	What is the percent of children placed in custody because of:		of 2,034 who came into custody in last 12mo ending 10/1/06
	a. Neglect?	39.77%	"
	b. Physical abuse?	8.55%	"
	c. Sexual abuse?	1.82%	"
	d. No one to take care of them?	21.88%	"
	e. Delinquent behavior?	12.98%	"
4	What Percent of children in foster care are Returned		Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 7/1/07
	a. Home	35.81%	
	b. Relatives	19.72%	
	b. Other than parents or relatives	25.32%	
5	When parental rights are terminated, how long does it take for the child to be adopted from the time of removal?	18.21	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 7/1/07
6	What does it cost to keep a child in foster care?	\$30,700 Annual total cost per child	Based on all types placement during FY 2003

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<i>General Division Questions</i>			
1	How many persons were served by the Division last year?	53,575	Of cases served in last 12 months ending 7/1/07
2	What is the Division's Annual Budget?	\$162,738,575	Authorized for FY 2008, includes state and Federal funding
3	How many work for DCFS	1120	As of 7/15/07
4	How many caseworkers do we have?	419	with cases as of 6/30/07
5	What is the turnover rate for Child Protective Service (CPS) workers?	44.70%	Workers w/full load who leave CPS work, year ending 6/30/07
	a. For all DCFS workers leaving the Division?	14.60%	Year ending 6/30/07
7	How much experience in DCFS does the average worker have?	5.5 years (39% less than 2 yrs)	As of 6/30/07
8	What is the average age of a DCFS worker?	37.3 yrs	As of 6/30/07
9	What is the average salary for a DCFS worker	\$17.23	As of 7/15/07
10	What is the beginning salary for a caseworker?	\$14.10	As of 7/15/07