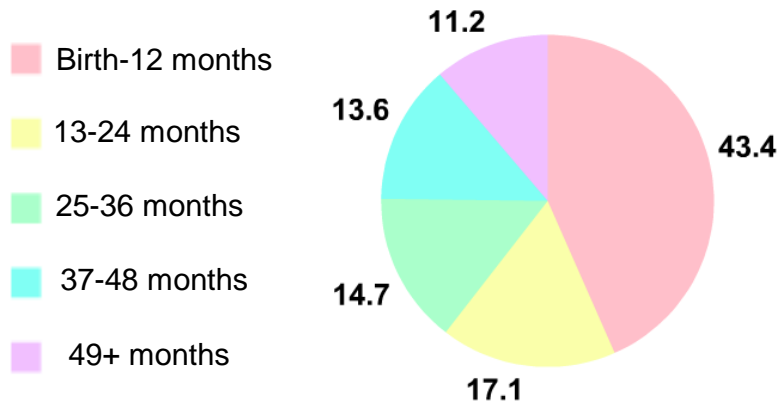


## Orleans Parish Infant Team

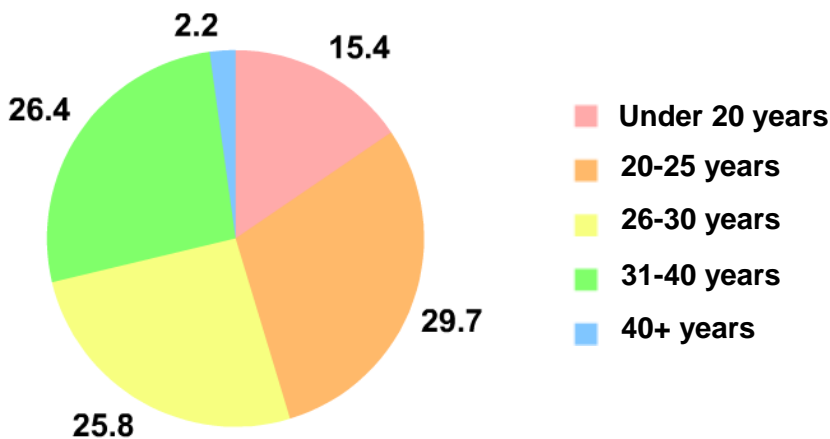
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- Orleans Parish Infant Team started in May 1998 in two sections of Orleans Parish Juvenile Dependency Court (Section A & D) seeing children birth through 5 years that were placed in foster care
- Orleans Parish Baby Court Team started in June 2007 in one section of Orleans Parish Juvenile Dependency Court (Section A) seeing children birth to 3 years
  - Court team involves:
    - LSUHSC Infant Team
    - Child Protection Workers and Supervisors
    - BGC Attorney for Child Protection
    - Parent's Attorneys
    - Children's Attorneys
    - CASA Workers
- Since the start of the LSUHSC Infant Team we have seen 289 children
  - As of April 2014, 266 children's cases have been closed
  - As of April 2014, 23 children's cases remain open in Orleans Parish
    - We have recently begun seeing children in St. Bernard Parish and currently have 3 children's cases open

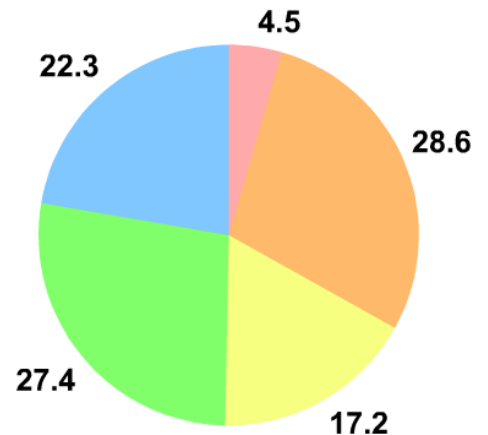
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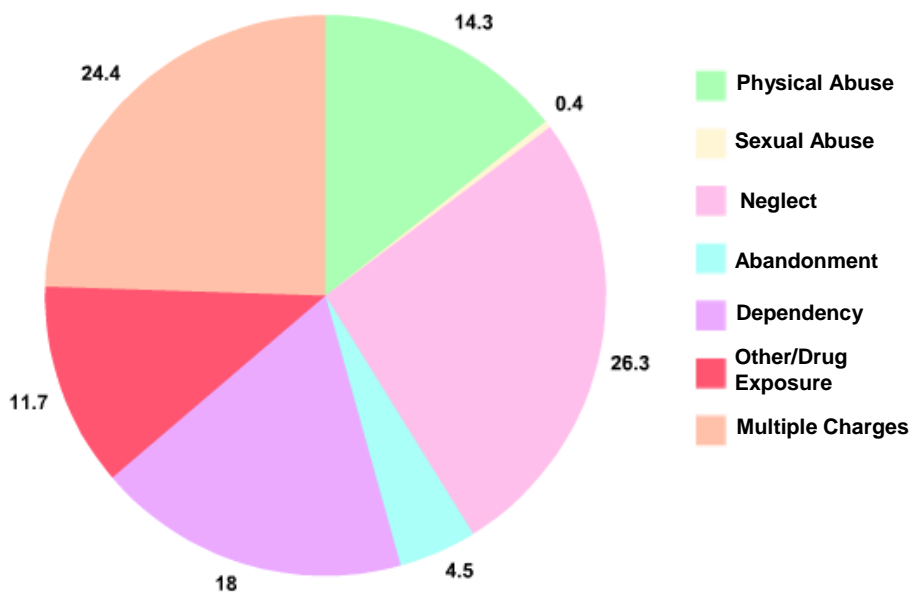
**Mother's Ages at Date of Referral**



**Father's Ages at Date of Referral**



## Types of Abuse Charges



## Abuse Allegation Perpetrator:

- Mother– 74.4%
- Father– 3.8%
- Both Parents– 18.8%
- Other– 1.9%
- Mother and Other– 0.8%

## Court Team Outcomes

	Prior to Court Team N=53	After Court Team N=60
Reunification with biological parent(s)	32.0%	38.3%
Transfer to relative care or adoption by relative	34.0%	35.0%
Adoption by non-relative caregiver	34.0%	26.7%

## Time to Permanency

- Prior to Court Team, mean time to permanency in Section A was 17.91 months and Section D was 15.14 months
- After Court Team was implemented in Section A, mean time to permanency in Section A was 10.37 months
- After permanency, only 5 children since 1998 have re-entered care

## Why Court Team Makes A Difference:

- Monthly court hearings
- Increased visitation between parent and child
- Support of the biological parents
- Increased focus on identifying relative caregivers
- Dual permanency plan (decrease number of placements and increase permanency)