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Fort Hood is the only military installation in the United States capable of stationing and training two Armored Divisions (4th Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry Division)

Military Personnel Assigned to Fort Hood	49,476
Family Members on Post	24,800
Off-post Family Members	78,426
Number of Retirees	35,164
Number of Survivors/Family Members	40,442

Fort Hood's Total 2004 Economic Impact on the State of Texas: \$6.09 billion

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

- The average age of the Fort Hood soldier is 23.
- 80% of Fort Hood soldiers live off-post.
- 98% of soldiers assigned to Fort Hood live within 10 miles of post.
- 44% of soldiers have children.
- 40% of military children are below the age of 8 (approx. 3rd grade).
- There have been over 400 active duty deaths of Fort Hood soldiers since 2003, with thousands more injured.
- In Iraq, there is an average of 70-80 IED (Improvised Explosive Device) attacks daily. These attacks account for 1/3 of all deaths.
- Teachers are struggling for a variety of reasons. Many of their students go through the grieving process at the time of deployment and, of course, when there is the issue of casualties and/or injuries. At the same time, a large percentage of the professional staff in the 10 mile area around the post are themselves military spouses dealing with their personal issues as well as those of their children.

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Depression in Battle-Injured Soldiers

- At 1 month: 4.2% PTSD, 4.4% Depression
- At 4 months: 12.2% PTSD, 8.9% Depression
- High level of physical problems at 1 month predicts PTSD & depression at 4 and 7 months.
- 78.8% of soldiers who are positive for PTSD at 7 months were negative at 1 month.
- 40% of PTSD soldiers get help.

Symptoms Demonstrated by Active Duty Military Returning from War and the Impact of War on their Families

- Dramatic increase in the use of alcohol and tobacco
- Extremely reckless behavior
- Increases in the occurrence of domestic violence
- Substance misuse
- Avoidance – withdrawal of parental availability
- Parental role and family equilibrium are distorted.
- Normal child development is disrupted by increased confusion and cognitive distortion.
- Inability to manage anxiety and personal stress causes a loss of attachment and decay of interpersonal relationships
- Divorce rate for Officers has increased 78%.

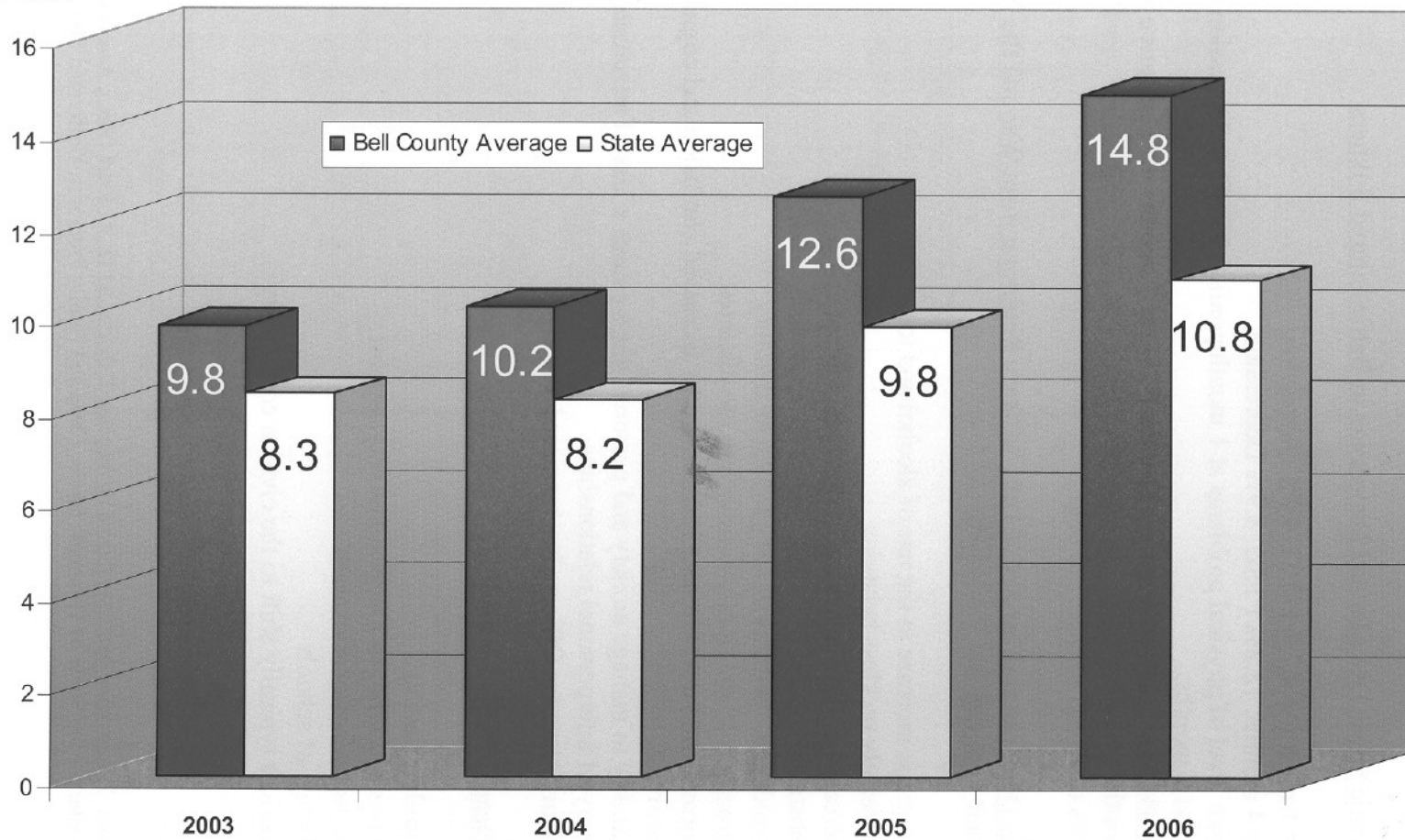
Parental Death in Military Families

- Family grieving
- Potential loss of military community support
- Probable family relocation
- Change of schools
- Services typically shift to the civilian community

Source of data: Presentation packet authored by Stephen J. Cozza, M.D., Colonel (Ret.), Associate Director, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, Child and Family Programs, Uniformed Services University

Bell County Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Per 1,000 Children

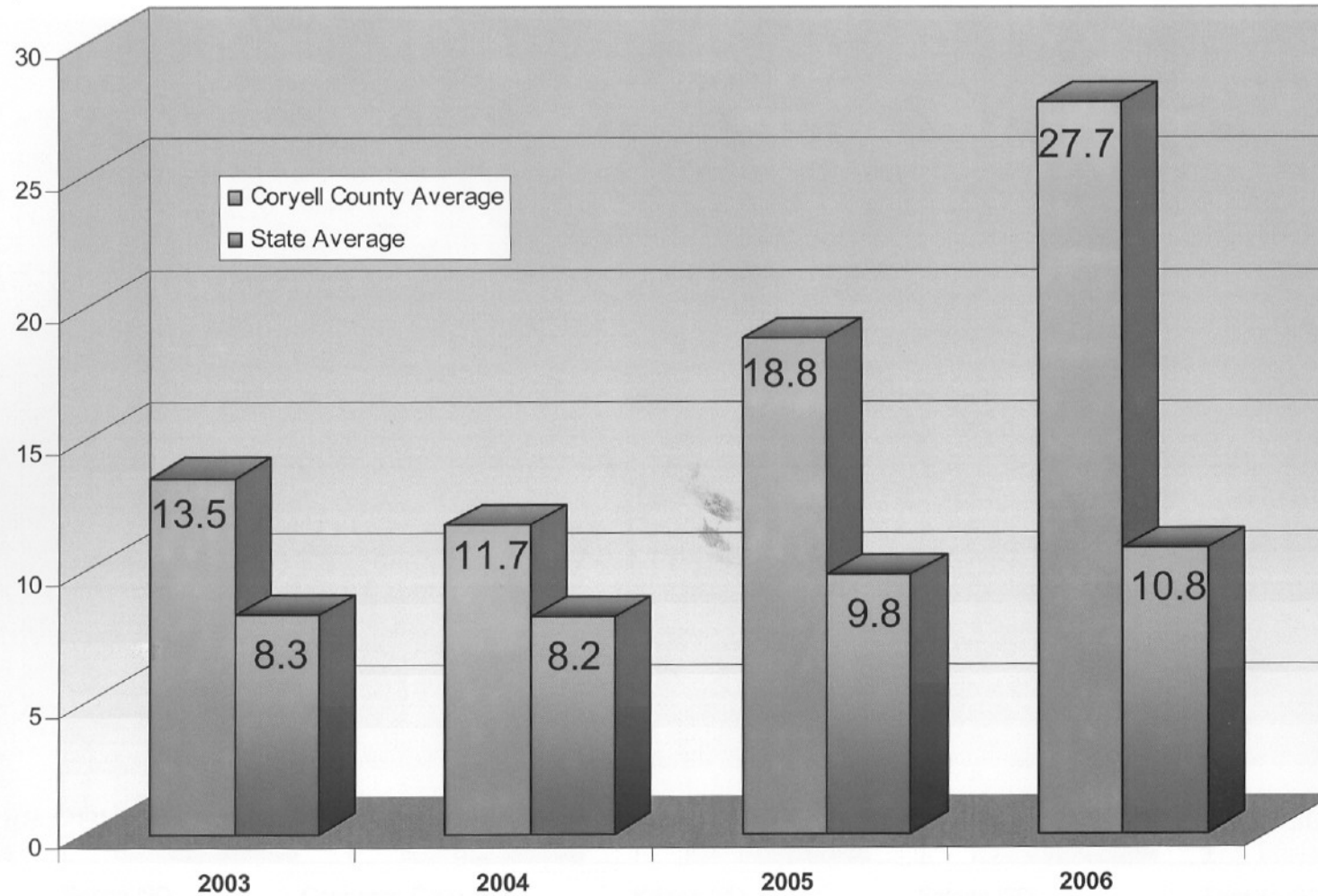
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Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Coryell County Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Victims Per 1,000 Children

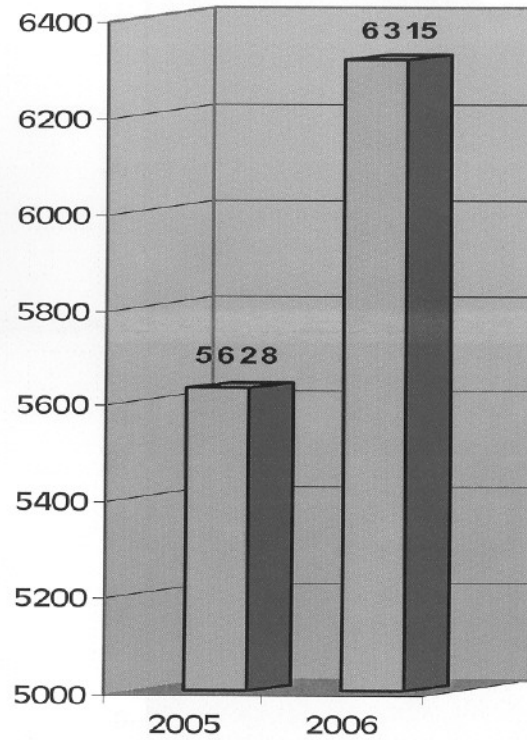
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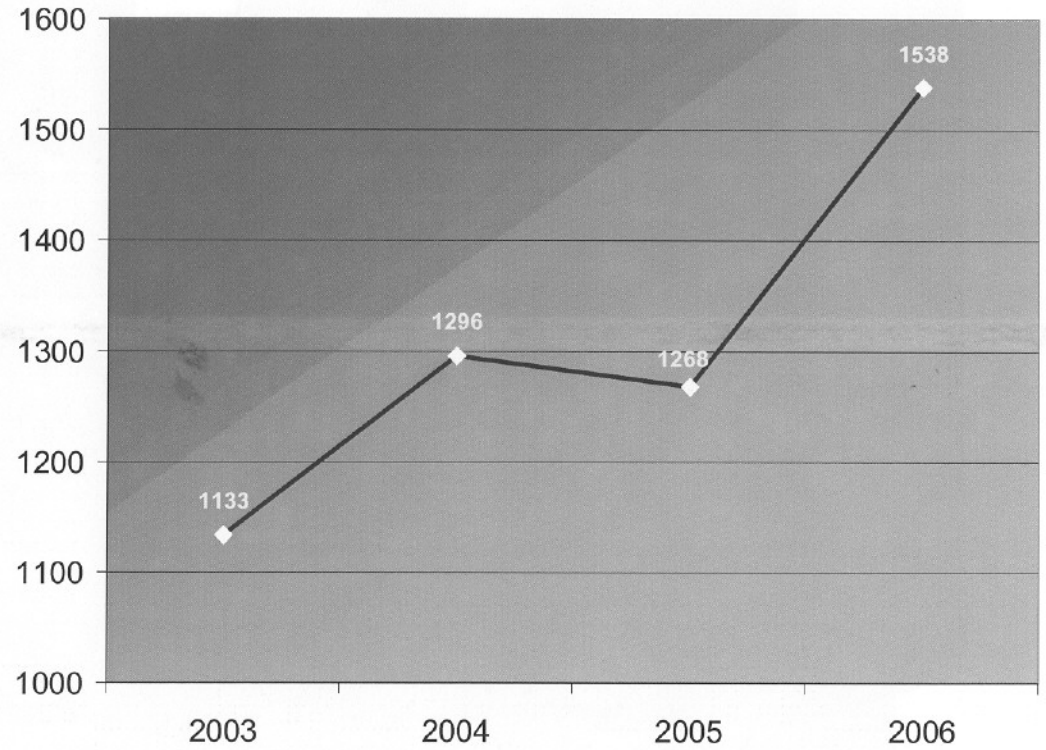
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Students Served 2005 & 2006



Military Connected – Trends 2003- 2006



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