

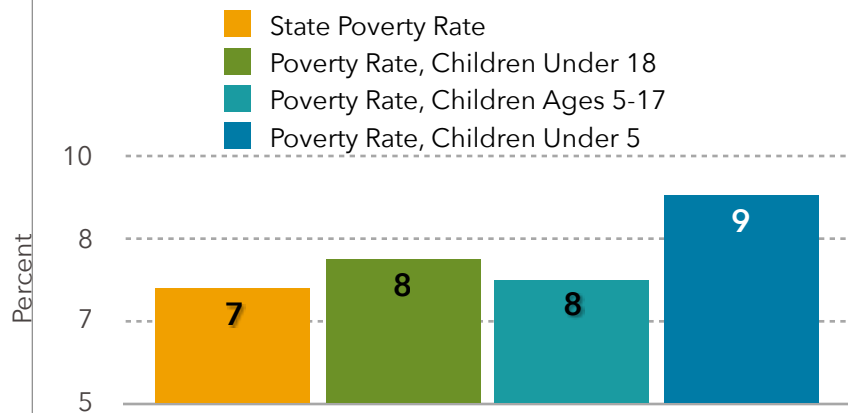
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN 2018

State Population: 1,327,503 | Population of Children Under 18: 255,309

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the **535** children exiting out-of-home care in 2016 in New Hampshire, 58% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.¹⁵
- **85** children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in New Hampshire in 2016, a decrease of 28% from **118** in 2015.¹⁶
- Of the **1,220** children in out-of-home care in 2016, there were **131** or 10.74% waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2016, approximately **7,983** grandparents in New Hampshire had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- **8.7%** of the children in out-of-home care in 2014 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹

Poverty Rates



CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2016, New Hampshire had 16,822 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 11,361 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2016, there were 905 victims of abuse or neglect in New Hampshire, a rate of 3.5 per 1,000 children, an increase of 21.5% from 2015. Of these children, 86.2% were neglected, 8.4% were physically abused, and 8.7% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has increased 21.5% in comparison to the number of victims in 2015.¹⁰
- In 2016, there were 4 child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect



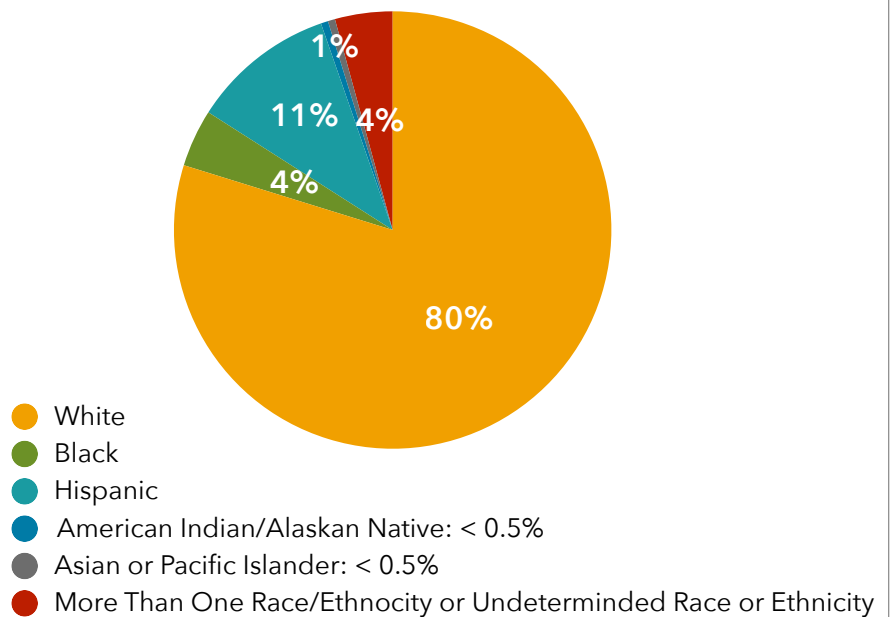
CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2015, New Hampshire had a monthly average of 5,500 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 5,200 children received subsidized child care per month in 2014 and 5,400 were recipients in 2013.²⁸
- In 2016, to be eligible for subsidized child care in New Hampshire, a family of three could make no more than \$50,225 at application, which is equivalent to 61% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2016, New Hampshire had no children on it's waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2015, Head Start served 1,686 children in New Hampshire, an increase of 2.1% from 2014.³¹
- Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2015, home visitors in New Hampshire made 4,579 home visits to 487 parents and children in 233 families, as well as enrolled 269 new parents and children to the program.

reported in New Hampshire.¹¹

- 1,220 children in New Hampshire lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2016, compared with 1,004 children in 2015.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 21.51% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2015.¹³

Children in Out-of-Home Care
2015



CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The monthly average number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in New Hampshire decreased from 5,732 in 2015 to 4,784 in 2016, a 19.8% change. There was a 2,466 monthly average of families received TANF in 2016, a decrease of 16.1% from 2015.²⁰
- In 2016, for every 100 poor families with children, only 25 received TANF cash assistance.²¹

- \$40,437,668 was spent in 2016 on TANF assistance in New Hampshire, including 9.2% on basic assistance and 1.9% on transportation.²²
- \$4,136,703 was spent in 2016 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in New Hampshire, serving 14,121 participants.²³
- 12.9 of households in New Hampshire were food insecure in 2015, meaning that the family experienced difficulty providing enough food due to lack of resources at some point during the year.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 92,897 children in New Hampshire were enrolled in Medicaid in 2016, a decrease of 1.7% from 2015.³²
- In 2016, New Hampshire had 17,946 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, an increase of 7.8% from 2014, when 16,651 children were enrolled.³³
- In 2016, New Hampshire had 8,983 uninsured children.³⁴
- 789 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in New Hampshire in 2016.³⁵
- 45 infants under age 1 died in New Hampshire in 2016.³⁶
- In 2015, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in New Hampshire was 4.2 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 19.5 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 11 births for girls ages 15 to 19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2016, there were 1,348 adults and adolescents and 10 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in New Hampshire.³⁸
- In 2015, health care costs related to opioid abuse in New Hampshire reached \$107,993,141.³⁹

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- 83 children in New Hampshire aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2015.⁴²
- 4,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in New Hampshire were not enrolled in school and not working in 2016.⁴⁴

- 11,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2016.⁴⁵
- In 2016, there were less than 10 reports of children in New Hampshire aged 10 to 14 committing suicide, and 12 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19.⁴⁷

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- Less than 10 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New Hampshire in 2016, compared to less than 10 in 2015.⁴⁸
- 3,564 children younger than 18 were arrested in New Hampshire in 2016. Violent crimes were the reason for 78 of the arrests in 2016.⁴⁹
- 69 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New Hampshire in 2015.⁵⁰

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵²

- According to a 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24-31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12-15 children.⁵³
- Average turnover rates for child welfare agencies range from 20% to 40%.⁵⁴ Turnover rates at around 10% are considered to be optimal in any agency.⁵⁵

Caseworker turnover has negative outcomes for children in the child welfare system, including placement disruptions and increased time in out-of-home care.⁵⁶

- According to the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being II baseline report, 75% of caseworkers earned a salary between \$30,000 and \$49,999.⁵⁷

- The majority of caseworkers hold a bachelor's degree (52.3%) or a bachelor of social work degree (21.9%). Only 25% of caseworkers hold a master's degree.⁵⁸

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

- In 2014, New Hampshire's sum of expenditures for services totaled \$7,922,127. The most utilized service in New Hampshire was Home-Based Services totaling \$2,352,382.⁶⁰

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN

- In 2014, New Hampshire spent \$59,035,217 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, \$26,531,592 was from federal funds and \$32,503,625 was from state and local funds.⁶¹
- In 2014, of the \$26,531,592 in federal funds received for child welfare, 55.4% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 6.6% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 16.8% was from Medicaid, 6.7% came from Social Services Block Grant, 7.4% was from TANF, and 7.2% came from other federal sources.⁶²
- New Hampshire received \$10,424,607 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2014, including \$1,118,685 for maintenance payments and \$9,305,922 for administration, child placement, the statewide automated child welfare information system, and training.⁶³

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