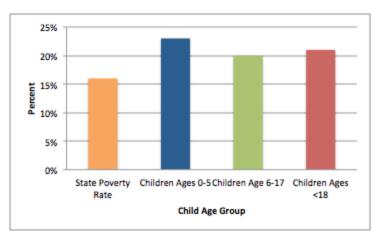
# ARIZONA'S CHILDREN 2019

State Population: 7,171,646 | Population of Children Under 18: 1,670,994

## ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- 11,866 children exiting out-of-home care in 2017 in Arizona. Of the 15,031 children exiting out-of-home care in 2016 in Arizona, 53% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.<sup>15</sup>
- 4,298 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Arizona in 2017, an increase of 17.6% from 2016<sup>16</sup>
- Of the 15,031 children in out-of-home care in 2016, there were 4,749 waiting to be adopted <sup>17</sup>
- In 2017, approximately 64,195 grandparents in Arizona had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren.<sup>18</sup>
- 7,999 of the children in out-of-home care in 2015 were living with relatives while in care.<sup>19</sup>

## Poverty Rates



#### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

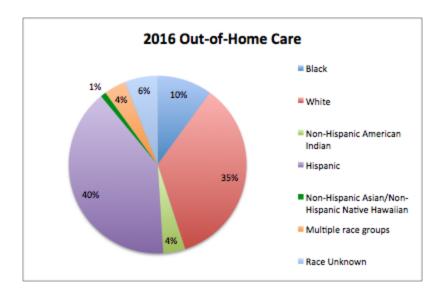
- In 2017, Arizona had 76,143 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 47,108 reports were referred for investigation.<sub>8</sub>
- In 2017, there were 9,909 victims of abuse or neglect in Arizona, a rate of 6.1 per 1,000 children, a decrease of .6% from 2016. Of these children, 9,152 were neglected, 806 were physically abused, and 319 were sexually abused.9
- $_{\bullet}$  The number of child victims has decreased .5% in comparison to the number of victims in 2016.  $_{10}$



### CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2017, Arizona had a monthly average of 24,400 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 22,700 children received subsidized child care per month in 2016 and 24,400
  - were recipients in 2015.28
- In 2018, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Arizona, a family of three could make no more than \$33,708 at application, which is equivalent to 58% of the state's median income.<sup>29</sup>
- As of early 2018, Arizona had 755 children on it's waiting list for child care assistance. 30
- In 2017, Head Start served 21,771 children in Arizona, a decrease of 3.6% from 2016.<sup>31</sup>
- Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2017, home visitors in Arizona made 26,649 home visits to 4,116 participants in 2,093 households. 64

- In 2017, there were 35 child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect reported in Arizona.
  - 15,031 children in Arizona lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2017, compared with 17,118 children in 2016. 12
  - The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 12.2% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2016.<sub>13</sub>



#### CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The monthly average number of individuals receiving
  Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Arizona
  decreased from 20,512 in 2016, to 15,441 in 2018, a 24.7%
  change. There was a 7,533 monthly average of families
  received TANF in 2018, a decrease of 24% from 2016.20
- In 2016, for every 100 poor families with children, only 6 received TANF cash assistance.<sub>21</sub>
- \$129,467,396 was spent in 2016 on TANF assistance in Categories Child Welfare Agencies used TANF Dollars:

Arizona. Top 3 Service

Program management, Supportive services, Relative foster care payments & adoption/guardianship subsidies 22

- \$69,022,584 was spent in 2018 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Arizona, serving 149,513 participants.<sub>23</sub>
- In 2017, Arizona distributed 310,751,664 in child support funds, a decrease of .42% from 2016. $_{24}$
- 526,000 children in Arizona lived in households with a high housing burden in 2016, where more than 30% of monthly income is spent on housing costs.<sub>25</sub>
- In December of 2017, the unemployment rate in Arizona was 4%.  $_{26}$
- 24.4% of Children in Arizona were food insecure in 2016.<sub>27</sub>

#### HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- $_{2}$  902,742 children in Arizona were enrolled in Medicaid in 2017, a decrease of .17% from 2016.  $_{32}$
- In 2017, Arizona had 115,400 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, an increase of 30.8% from 2016, when 88,224 children were enrolled.<sub>33</sub>
- In 2017, Arizona had 133,000 uninsured children.<sub>34</sub>
- $_{\rm a}$  6,177 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Arizona in 2016. $_{\rm 35}$
- 454 infants under age 1 died in Arizona in 2016.<sub>36</sub>
- In 2016, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in Arizona was 10 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 43 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 24 births for girls ages 15 to 19.37
- Cumulative through 2017, there were 767 adults and adolescents and 3 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in Arizona.<sub>38</sub>
- From 2015-2016, an estimated 6,000 children ages 12 to 17 reported dependence on or abuse of illicit drugs or alcohol in the past year.<sub>39</sub>

- In 2016, approximately 10,000 children in Arizona ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.<sub>40</sub>
- In 2016, approximately 19,000 children in Arizona ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.41
- In 2015, health care costs related to opioid abuse in Arizona reached \$698,537,803. 64

#### YOUTH WHO ARE VULNERABLE

- 954 children in Arizona aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2016.<sub>42</sub>
- 21% of high school students in Arizona graduated on time at the end of the 2015-16 year.43
- $_{ullet}$  31,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in Arizona were not enrolled in school and not working in 2017.  $_{44}$
- 99,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2016.<sub>45</sub>
- $_{ t a}$  38% of young adults in Arizona ages 25 to 34 had an associate's degree or higher in 2017. $_{ t a_6}$
- $_{\hspace*{-0.1em}\bullet}$  In 2016, 56 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19. $_{\scriptscriptstyle 47}$

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- $_{ullet}$  62 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Arizona in 2017, compared to 62 in 2015. $_{48}$
- $_{ullet}$  22,613 children younger than 18 were arrested in Arizona in 2017. Violent crimes were the reason for 1,228 of the arrests in 2017. $_{49}$
- $_{ullet}$  717 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Arizona 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.<sub>53</sub>
- 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.<sub>55</sub>

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.<sub>58</sub>

#### SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

• In 2016, Arizona's sum of expenditures for services totaled \$30,188,070 The most utilized service in Arizona was Case Management Services for Children totaling \$9,510,796.60

#### FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR ARIZONA'S CHILDREN

• In 2016, Arizona spent \$921,574,458 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, was \$51,943,533 from federal funds and \$870,050,731 was from state and local funds.

- In 2016, of the \$448,413,973 in federal funds received for child welfare, 31% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, <1% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 0% was from Medicaid, 2% came from Social Services Block Grant, 15% was from TANF, and 50% came from other federal sources.
- Arizona received \$114,491,039 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2016, including \$67,298,942 for maintenance payments and \$47,192,097 for administration, child placement, the statewide automated child welfare information system, and training.

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