Child Maltreatment

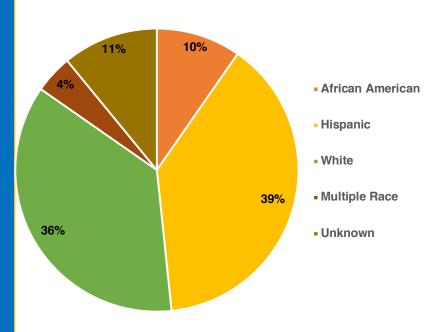
In 2018, Arizona had **83,801** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **35,526** were referred for investigation.

There were **15,504** child victims of abuse or neglect in Arizona in 2018, at a rate of **9.4** children per 1,000. This translates to an **11.7%** increase since 2013.ⁱⁱ

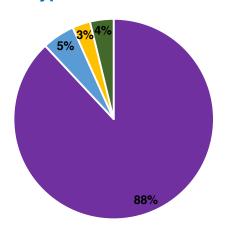
Of the **15,504** children, **12,469** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **4,043** of the **15,504** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethinicity, 2018



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018



- Neglect Only
- Physical Abuse Only
- Sexual Abuse Only
- Multiple Maltreatment Types
- **89%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. **11%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship. vi
- **51%** of Arizona's child victims in 2017 were female while **49%** were male.^{vii}

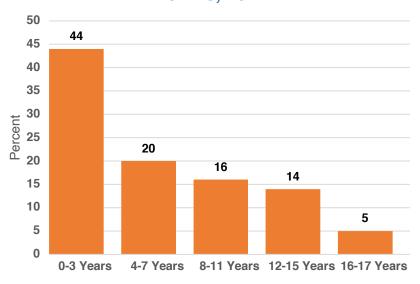
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2018, Arizona reported **495** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- Arizona reported 0 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.x



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2017



- Child fatalities increased in 2018 from **35** in 2017 to **48** in 2018.^{xi}
- Arizona reported no number for child victims of sex trafficking.xii
- 16,000 victims received postresponse services while 52,716 non-victims received postresponse services as well.xiii

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- 23,909 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- **13,360** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.
- 9,173 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 10,549 exited during the same year.
- 3,926 of Arizona's children were adopted while
 4,216 were waiting to be adopted.xv

There was a **11.1%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also decreased **8.6%** from 2017.^{xvi}

2.2%

Decrease since 2016 in children aging out of foster care

933 children in Arizona aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is a decrease from **954** in 2016 and represents an **2.2%** decrease.**

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 25.9 months in care. xviii
- The average length of stay in Arizona for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 25.0 months.xix
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 6.7 years old.xx
- The average age of adopted children was 6.0 years old.xxi

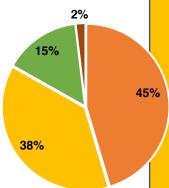


Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?

- With a Relative Foster ParentWith a Non-
- In a Group Home

Relative Foster Parent

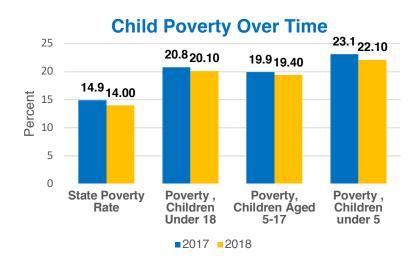
Unaccounted for/Runaway



- Data from 2017 shows that **5,494** children in foster care within Arizona were living with non-relatives while **6,603** stayed with a relative.
- 2,173 children were staying in group homes while 275 children were classified as runaways.***ii
- 4% of households in Arizona in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.xxiii
- The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 10.1 months.xxiv

Child Poverty

Arizona had **469,000** children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **29%** of all children.**xv



32% of Arizona's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvi

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from **18,263** in 2017 to **15,441** in 2018. This represents a **15.4%** decrease.**xxvii

The state spent \$60,774,251 on WIC in 2019, serving 141,959 people. This represents a 5% decrease in total participants and a 12.2% decrease in spending. xxviii

979,170 people in Arizona were food insecure in 2017, including **348,550 children** who struggled with hunger.^{xxix}

45.9% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Arizona in 2017 had children.xxx



Health

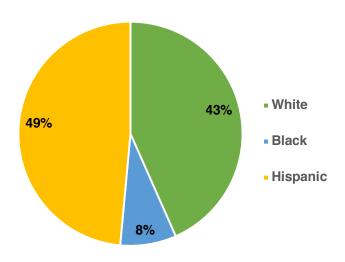
Arizona had **6,119** low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **7.5%** of infants born in Arizona in 2017.xxxi

Arizona had a total of **7,673** preterm births in 2017, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **8.8%** of all white babies were born premature while **12.6%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was **9.5%.**xxxiii

There were **5,025** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Arizona in 2017, representing a rate of **22** in every 1,000 teen girls. **xxiii

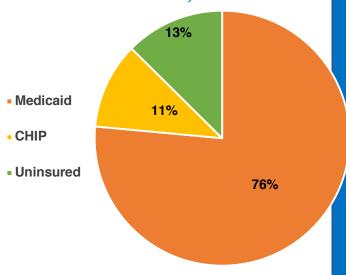
469 infants under 1 died in Arizona in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of **7.4** per 1,000. **xxiv*

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2018



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018



- **8.4%** of Arizona's children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents **146,000** children. Arizona is a Medicaid expansion state.**
- **887,183** children in Arizona were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents **1.7%** decrease from 2017. **xxxvii
- 127,063 children in Arizona were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an 10.1% increase from 2017. **xxviii*



25.9%

decline since
2015 of children
living in juvenile
correction
facilities

Juvenile Justice System

- There were **20,478** total arrests for children under 18 in Arizona in 2018.
- 1,424 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 3,298 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **3,239** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.**xxxix
- **531** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Arizona in 2017. This is a decrease from **717** kids in 2015, representing a **25.9%** decline.xl

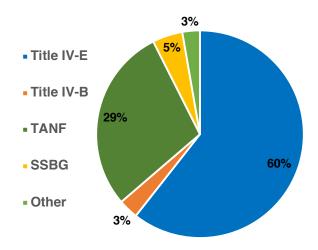
Teens & Youth

- **31,000** (8%) of Arizona's youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.xii
- In 2017, there were 16 reports of children in Arizona aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 62 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.xlii
- 77 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Arizona in 2017.xiiii

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Arizona spent \$448,413,973 on child welfare services in 2016. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- \$51,943,533 were allocated from the federal government and \$870,050,731 came from state and local funds.xliv

Federal Funding Sources



- The breakdown of the \$448,413,973 in federal funding received in Arizona in 2016: xlv
- \$114,491,039 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- \$125,473,168 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.xivi
- Arizona's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was \$48,705,872.xivii



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