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Child Maltreatment

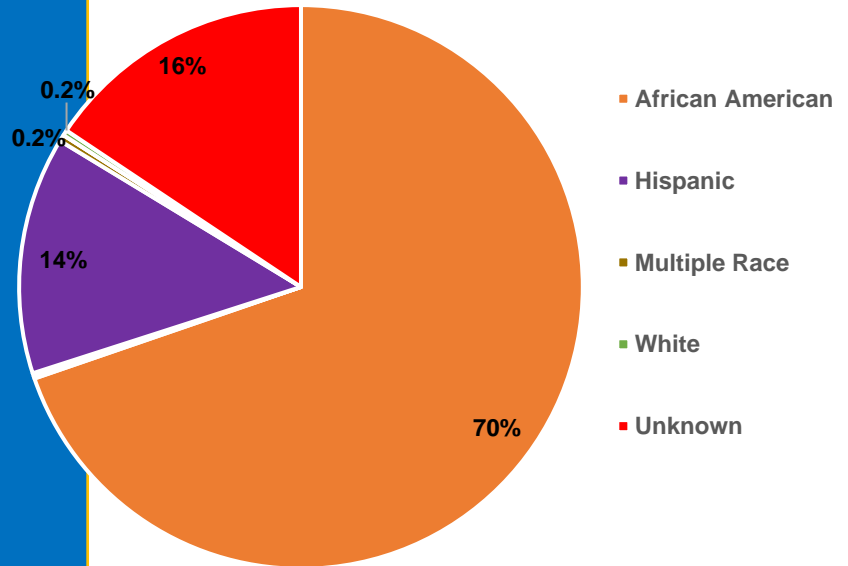
In 2018, the District of Columbia had **16,567** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **7,360** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **1,699** child victims of maltreatment in the District of Columbia in 2018, at a rate of **13.3** children per 1,000. This translates to an **11.2%** increase since 2014.ⁱⁱ

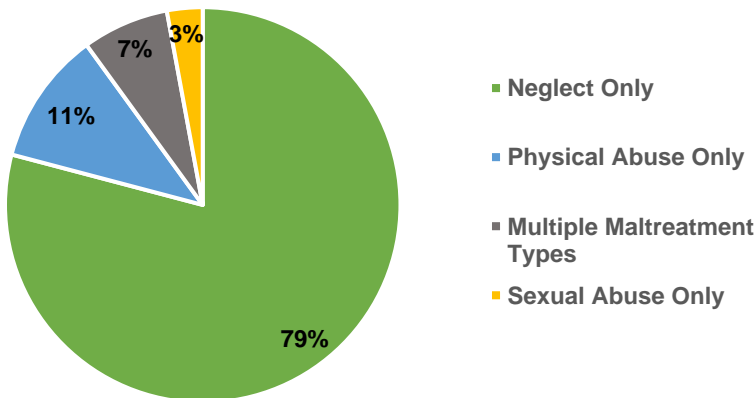
Of the **1,699** children, **1,169** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **181** of the **1,699** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2018



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018



- **94%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. **6%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

- **52%** of the District of Columbia's child victims in 2017 were female while **48%** were male.^{vii}

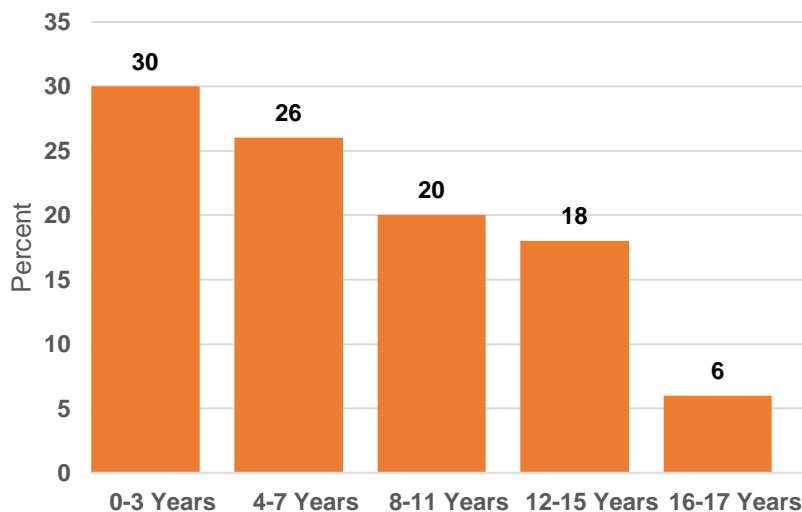
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2018, the District of Columbia had **29** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- The District of Columbia reported **24** 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 4 in 2017 to 5 in 2018.^{.xi}

• The District of Columbia reported 23 total child victims of sex trafficking with 21 females and 2 males.^{.xii}

• 358 victims received postresponse services while 600 non-victims received postresponse services as well.^{.xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- 1,068 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 707 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.
- 336 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 361 exited during the same year.
- 100 of the District of Columbia's children were adopted while 181 were waiting to be adopted.^{.xv}

There was a 5.9% increase in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased 9.9% from 2017.^{.xvi}

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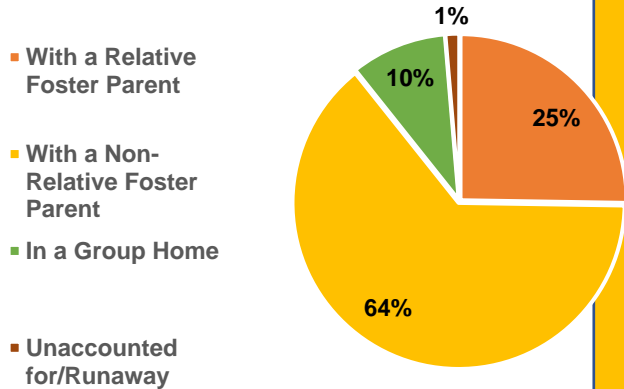
70 children in the District of Columbia aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is the same number as in 2016 and does not represent a change.^{.xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 24.9 months in care. ^{.xviii}
- The average length of stay in the District of Columbia for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 37.5 months.^{.xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 7.7 years old.^{.xx}
- The average age of adopted children was 6.2 years old.^{.xxi}



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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



- Data from 2017 shows that **383** children in foster care within the District were living with non-relatives while **151** stayed with a relative. .xxii

- **56** children were staying in group homes while **8** children were classified as runaways. .xxiii

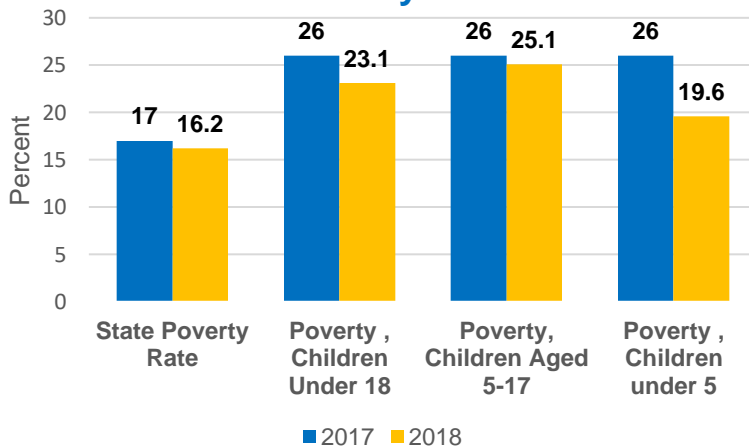
- **3%** of households in the District of Columbia in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild. .xxiv

- The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **9.4** months. .xxv

Child Poverty

The District of Columbia had **52,000** children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **42%** of all children. .xxvi

Child Poverty Over Time



39% of the District's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden. .xxvii

The average number of individuals receiving TANF rose from **10,628** in 2017 to **13,225** in 2018. This represents a **24%** increase. .xxviii

The state spent **\$6,144,112** on WIC in 2019, serving **11,844** people. This represents a **5%** decrease in total participants and a **1.2%** increase in spending. .xxix

76,550 people in the District of Columbia were food insecure in 2017, including **26,450** children who struggled with hunger. .xxx

29.4% of households in the District that received SNAP benefits in 2017 had children. .xxxi



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Health

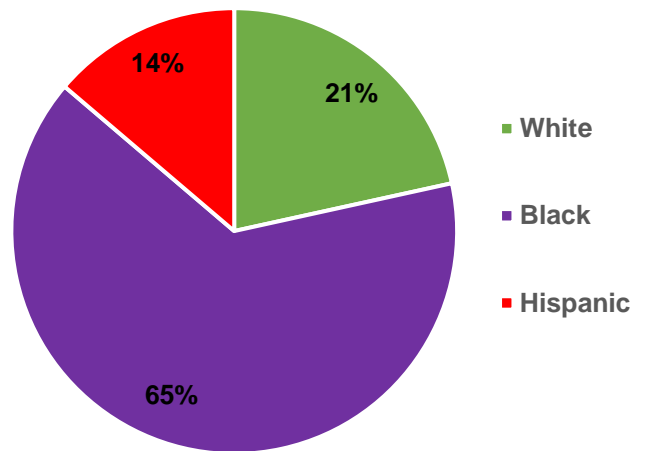
The District of Columbia had **1,001** low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **10.5%** of infants born in the District in 2017. ^{xxxvii}

The District of Columbia had a total of **930** preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **6.3%** of all white babies were born premature while **13.5%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was **10.1%**. ^{xxxviii}

There were **408** births to mothers aged 15-19 in the District in 2017, representing a rate of **21** in every 1,000 teen girls. ^{xxxix}

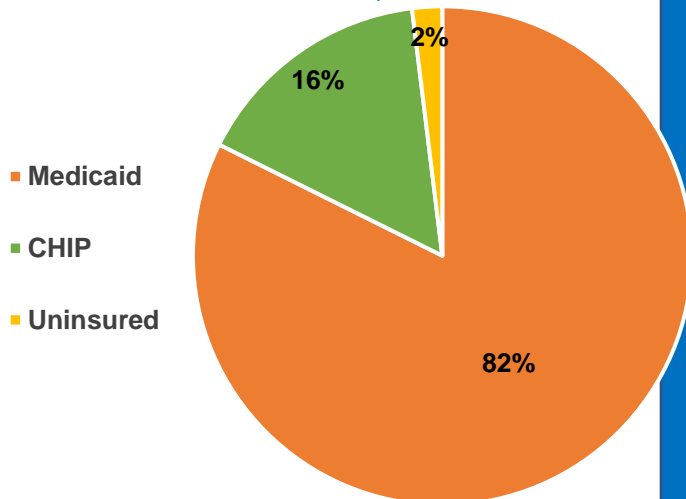
77 infants under 1 died in the District in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of **8.1** per 1,000. ^{xl}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2018



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018



- **1.8%** of the District's children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents **2,000** children. The District of Columbia has accepted Medicaid expansion. ^{xxxi}

- **84,590** children in the District were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a **1.4%** decrease from 2017. ^{xxxii}

- **16,125** children in the District were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an **37%** increase from 2017. ^{xxxiii}



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Juvenile Justice System

- There were **505** total arrests for children under 18 in the District of Columbia in 2018.
- **53** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **34** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **10** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{.xi}
- **93** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in the District of Columbia in 2017. This is a decrease from **105** kids in 2015, representing a **11.4%** decline.^{.xii}

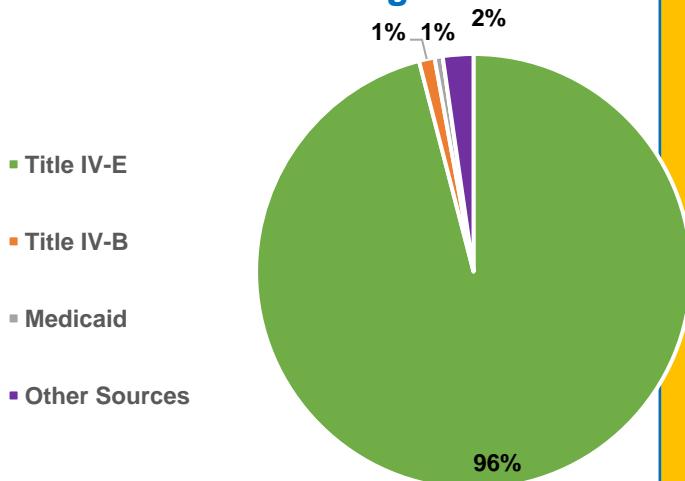
Teens & Youth

- **2,000** (8%) of the District of Columbia's youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.^{.xlii}
- In 2017, there were **0** reports of children in the District aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **0** reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.^{.xliii}
- **11** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in the District in 2017.^{.xliv}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- The District of Columbia spent **\$242,356,702** 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.
- **\$84,067,539** were allocated from the federal government and **\$158,289,163** came from state and local funds.^{.xiv}

Federal Funding Sources



- The breakdown of the **\$84,067,539** in federal funding received in the District in 2016.^{.xlv}
- **\$27,076,858** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program
- **\$11,531,422** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program ^{.xlvii}
- The District of Columbia's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was **\$7,396,935**.^{.xlviii}



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