Child Maltreatment

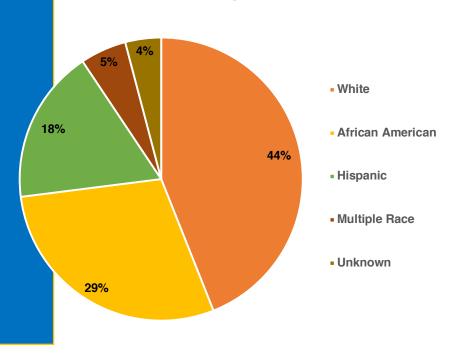
In 2018, Florida had **253,124** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **169,557** were referred for investigation.

There were **36,795** child victims of abuse or neglect in Florida in 2018, at a rate of **8.7** children per 1,000. This translates to an **19.6%** decrease since 2013.ⁱⁱ

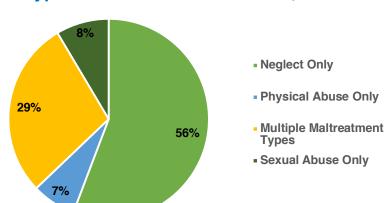
Of the **36,795** children, **16,937** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **5,929** of the **36,795** cases.iv

Child Victims by Race or Ethinicity, 2018



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018



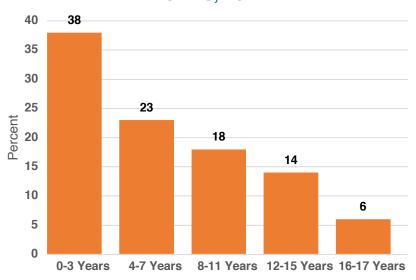
- **70%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. **30%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship. vi
- **51%** of Florida's child victims in 2017 were female while **49%** were male.^{vii}

Plans of Safe Care

- In 2018, Florida did not report any infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- Therefore, Florida did not report any plans of safe care for screened-in infants.x



Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2017



- Child fatalities increased in 2018 from 101 in 2017 to 111 in 2018.xi
- Florida did not report any numbers regarding child victims of sex trafficking.xii
- 13,783 victims received postresponse services while 10,419 non-victims received postresponse services as well.xiii

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **39,909** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 24,404 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.
- **16,175** children entered care during the 2018 FY while **15,505** exited during the same year.
- 4,455 of Florida's children were adopted while
 9,144 were waiting to be adopted.xv

There was a **0.9%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased **16.2%** from 2017.^{xvi}

3.3%

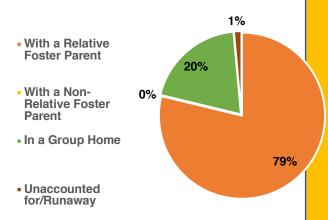
Decrease since 2016 in children aging out of foster care

931 children in Florida aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is a decrease from **963** in 2016 and represents an **3.3** % decrease.xvii

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 25.2 months in care. xviii
- The average length of stay in Florida for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 25.1 months.xix
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 7.1 years old.xx
- The average age of adopted children was 5.8 years old.xxi



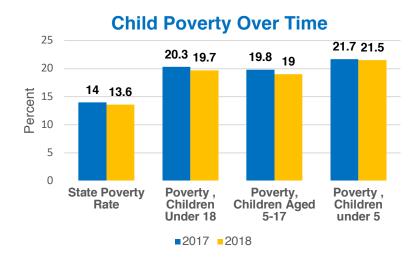
Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



- Data from 2017 shows that
 10,540 children in foster care within
 Florida were living with non-relatives while 10,811 stayed with a relative.
- 2,714 children were staying in group homes while 198 children were classified as runaways.xxii
- 4% of households in Florida 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 9 months.xxiv

Child Poverty

Florida had **1,219,000** children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **29%** of all children.xxv



38% of Florida's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvi

The average number of individuals receiving TANF increased from **67,602** in 2017 to **74,440** in 2018. This represents a **10.1%** increase.**xxvii

The state spent \$236,295,286 on WIC in 2019, serving 429,378 people. This represents a 4.7% decrease in total participant and a .3% increase in spending. XXVIII

2,806,770 people in Florida were food insecure in 2017, including **854,880 children** who struggled with hunger.^{xxix}

38.5% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Florida in 2017 had children.xxx



Health

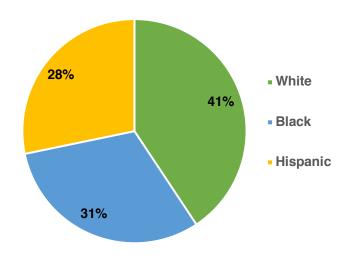
Florida had **19,653** low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **8.8%** of infants born in Florida in 2017.xxxi

Florida had a total of **22,701** preterm births in 2017, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **9.2%** of all white babies were born premature while **14%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was **%.**xxxii

There were **10,708** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Florida in 2017, representing a rate of **18** in every 1,000 teen girls. xxxiii

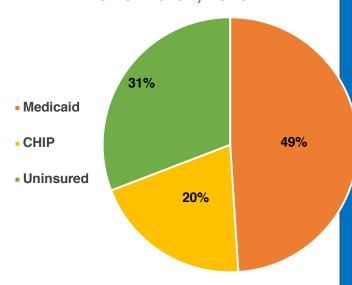
1,358 infants under 1 died in Florida in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of **6.1** per 1,000. xxxiv

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2018



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018



- 7.6% of Florida's children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 339,000 children. Florida is not a Medicaid expansion state.xxxvi
- **538,567** children in Florida were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents **.1%** increase from 2017.
- 222,072 children in Florida were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an 6.5% increase from 2017. xxxviii



4.9%

decline since
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Juvenile Justice System

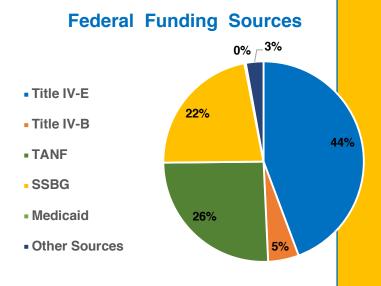
- There were **48,213** total arrests for children under 18 in Florida in 2018.
- **0** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 12,686 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **5,399** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.**xxxix
- **2,712** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Florida in 2017. This is a decrease from **2,853** kids in 2015, representing a **4.9%** decline.xl

Teens & Youth

- **74,000** (7%) of Florida's youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.xli
- In 2017, there were **17** reports of children in Florida aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **109** reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.xiii
- 205 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Florida in 2017. Xliii

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Florida spent \$1,278,664,588 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.
- \$736,366,057 were allocated from the federal government and \$542,298,531 came from state and local funds.xliv



- The breakdown of the \$736,366,057 in federal funding received in Florida in 2016:xlv
- \$23,290,480 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- \$118,743,217 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program. xlvi
- Florida's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was \$135,257,317.xlvii



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