Child Maltreatment

In 2018, Indiana had 178,295 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 128,544 were referred for investigation.¹

There were 25,731 child victims of abuse or neglect in Indiana in 2018, at a rate of 16.4 children per 1,000. This translates to an 10.3% increase since 2014.²

Of the 25,731 children, 18,458 were first time victims.³

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 5,099 of the 25,731 cases.⁴

76% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. 24% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.⁵

51% of Indiana’s child victims in 2017 were female while 46% were male.⁶

Plans of Safe Care

- In 2018, Indiana reported 350 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance exposure.⁷

- Indiana reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.⁸
Child fatalities increased in 2018 from 78 in 2017 to 80 in 2018.\textsuperscript{xii}

Indiana reported 27 total child victims of sex trafficking with 25 female and 2 male victims.\textsuperscript{xii}

20,605 victims received postresponse services while 54,764 non-victims received postresponse services as well.\textsuperscript{xiii}

Foster Care and Adoptions

- 30,693 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 18,560 were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2018.
- 10,441 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 12,132 exited during the same year.
- 2,016 of Indiana’s children were adopted while 4,778 were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xv}

There was a 11.2\% decrease in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased 2.6\% from 2017.\textsuperscript{xvi}

353 children in Indiana aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is an increase from 276 in 2016 and represents a 27.9\% increase.\textsuperscript{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 16.7 months in care.\textsuperscript{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Indiana for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 32.6 months.\textsuperscript{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 7.0 years old.\textsuperscript{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was 6.3 years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}
Data from 2017 shows that 7,440 children in foster care within Indiana were living with non-relatives while 7,992 stayed with a relative.

- 1,328 children were staying in group homes while 103 children were classified as runaways.xxii

- 3% of households in Indiana 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 8.6 months.xxiv

**Child Poverty**

Indiana had 412,000 children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 26% of all children.xxv

23% of Indiana’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvi

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 14,427 in 2017 to 12,579 in 2018. This represents a 12.8% decrease.xxvii

The state spent $57,939,010 on WIC in 2019, serving 138,611 people. This represents a 3.6% decrease in total participants and a 5% decrease in spending. xxviii

887,070 people in Indiana were food insecure in 2017, including 273,380 children who struggled with hunger.xxix

49.1% of households in Indiana with children received SNAP benefits in 2017.xxx
**Health**

Indiana had 6,794 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.3% of infants born in Indiana in 2017.\(^{xxxi}\)

Indiana had a total of 8,351 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 9.5% of all white babies were born premature while 14.3% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was 10.23%.\(^{xxxi}\)

There were 5,091 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Indiana in 2017, representing a rate of 23 in every 1,000 teen girls.\(^{xxxiii}\)

600 infants under 1 died in Indiana in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 7.3 per 1,000.\(^{xxxiv}\)

**Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018**

- 6.6% of Indiana's children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 109,000 children. Indiana is a Medicaid expansion state.\(^{xxxvi}\)

- 673,839 children in Indiana were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a 2.7% decrease from 2017.\(^{xxxvii}\)

- 134,308 children in Indiana were in the state Chip Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an 6.3% increase from 2017.\(^{xxxviii}\)
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 8,831 total arrests for children under 18 in Indiana in 2018.
- 518 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 1,784 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,155 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 1,335 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Indiana in 2018. This is a decrease from 1,563 kids in 2015, representing a 14.6% decrease.

Teens & Youth
- 27,000 (7%) of Indiana’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.
- In 2017, there were 0 reports of children in Indiana aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 63 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 103 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Indiana in 2017.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Indiana spent $807,329,854 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.
- $360,632,533 were allocated from the federal government and $446,697,321 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources
- The breakdown of the $360,632,533 in federal funding received in Indiana in 2016:
  - $1,946,048 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $61,630,345 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
  - Indiana’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $34,948,636.


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xvi Based on Calculations from the CWLA


xx Ibid.

xxi Ibid.


xxiii Ibid.


xxvi Ibid.


xxx Ibid.


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