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Child Maltreatment
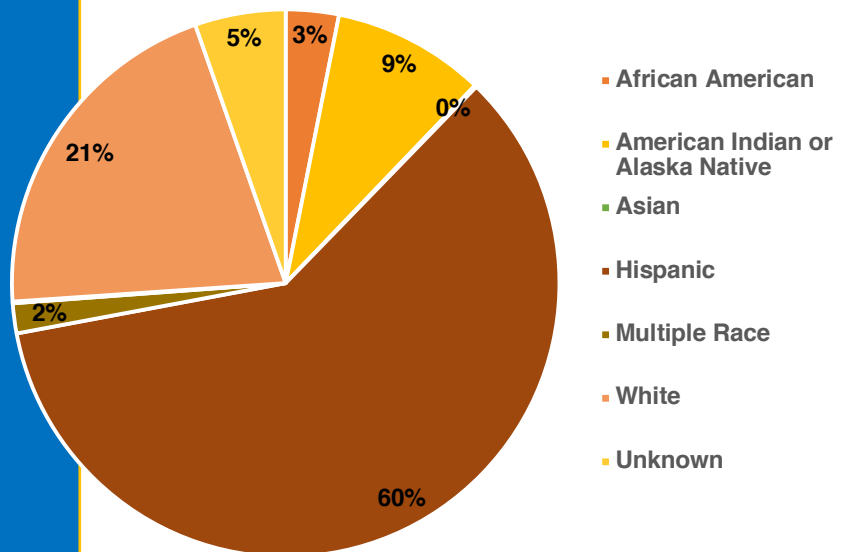
In 2018, New Mexico had **39,228** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **20,980** were referred for investigation.[i]

There were **8,024** child victims of abuse or neglect in New Mexico in 2018, at a rate of **16.6** children per 1,000. This translates to a **5.5%** increase since 2014.[ii]

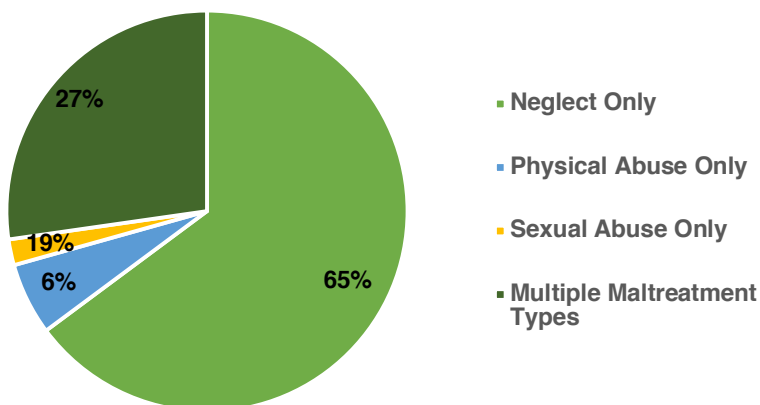Of the **8,024** children, **5,728** were first time victims.[iii]

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **1,119** of the **8,024** cases.[iv]

Child Victims by Race or Ethinicity, 2018

- African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Multiple Race
- White
- Unknown

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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018

- Neglect Only
- Physical Abuse Only
- Sexual Abuse Only
- Multiple Maltreatment Types

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- **86%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents on the child. **14%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.[vi]

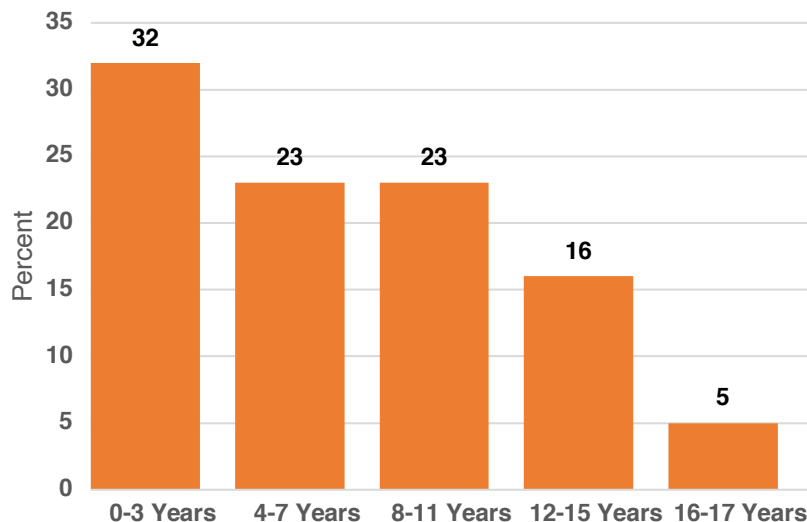- **50%** of New Mexico's child victims in 2017 were female and **50%** were male.[vii]

Plans of Safe Care

- In 2018, New Mexico reported **61** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.[ix]

- New Mexico reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.[x]

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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2017

- Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from **16** in 2017 to **12** in 2018.[xi]

- New Mexico did not report the numbers for sex trafficking victims

- **3,415** victims received post-response services while **3,018** non-victims received post-response services as well.[xii]

[xiii]

Foster Care and Adoptions

- **4,299** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- **2,508** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.
- **1,679** children entered care during the 2018 FY while **1,793** exited during the same year.
- **297** of New Mexico's children were adopted while **1,205** were waiting to be adopted.[xiv]

There was a **5.6%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also decreased **4.5%** from 2017.[xv]

21.2%

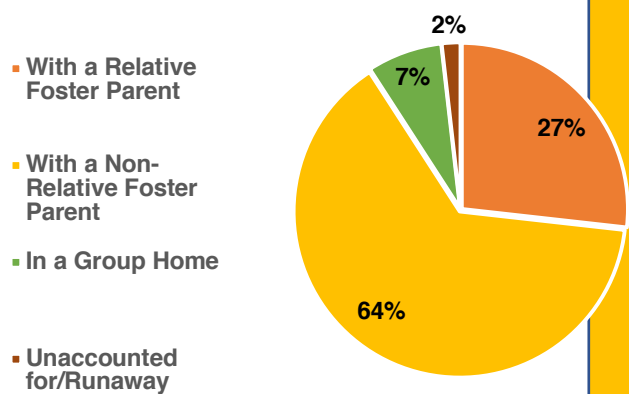Increase since 2016 in children aging out of foster care

80 children in New Mexico aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is an increase from **66** in 2016 and represents a **21.2%** increase.[xvi]

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of **21.9** months in care. [xvii]
- The average length of stay in New Mexico for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in **31.3** months.[xviii]
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was **7.7** years old.[xix]
- The average age of adopted children was **6.4** years old.[xx]

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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?

- With a Relative Foster Parent
- With a Non-Relative Foster Parent
- In a Group Home
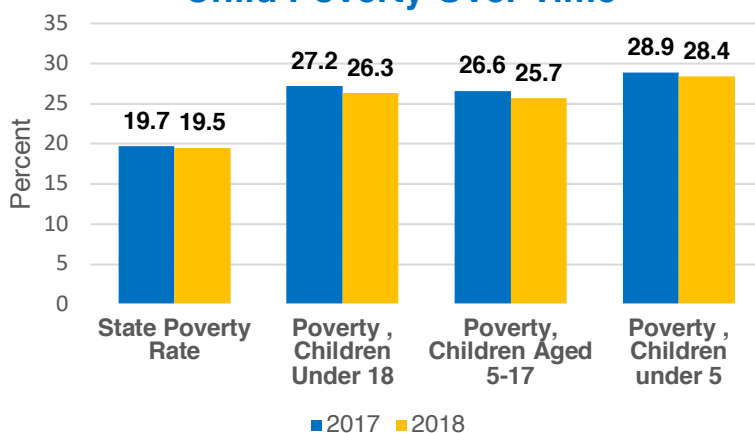- Unaccounted for/Runaway

2%
7%
27%
64%

- Data from 2017 shows that **1,515** children in foster care within New Mexico were living with non-relatives while **633** stayed with a relative.

- **173** children were staying in group homes while **43** children were classified as runaways.[xxi]

- **5%** of households in New Mexico in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.[xxii]

- The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **11.7** months.[xxiii]

Child Poverty

New Mexico had **174,000** children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **36%** of all children.[xxiv]

Child Poverty Over Time

	State Poverty Rate	Poverty, Children Under 18	Poverty, Children Aged 5-17	Poverty, Children under 5
2017	19.7	27.2	26.6	28.9
2018	19.5	26.3	25.7	28.4

28% of New Mexico's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.[xxv]

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from **29,364** in 2017 to **25,919** in 2018. This represents a **11.7%** decrease.[xxvi]

The state spent **$17,426,549** on WIC in 2019, serving **40,487** people. This represents a **12.3%** decrease in total participants and a **17.8%** decrease in spending. [xxvii]

324,000 people in New Mexico were food insecure in 2017, including **118,030 children** who struggled with hunger.[xxviii]

44.2% of households in New Mexico with children received SNAP benefits in 2017.[xxix]
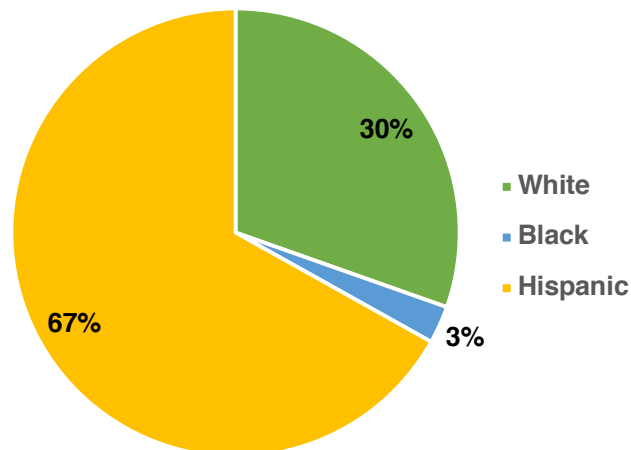
Health

New Mexico had **2,250** low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **9.5%** of infants born in New Mexico in 2017.[xxx]

New Mexico had a total of **2,554** preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **9.1%** of all white babies were born premature while **13.44%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was **9.8%.**[xxxi]

There were **1,896** births to mothers aged 15-19 in New Mexico in 2017, representing a rate of **28** in every 1,000 teen girls. [xxxii]
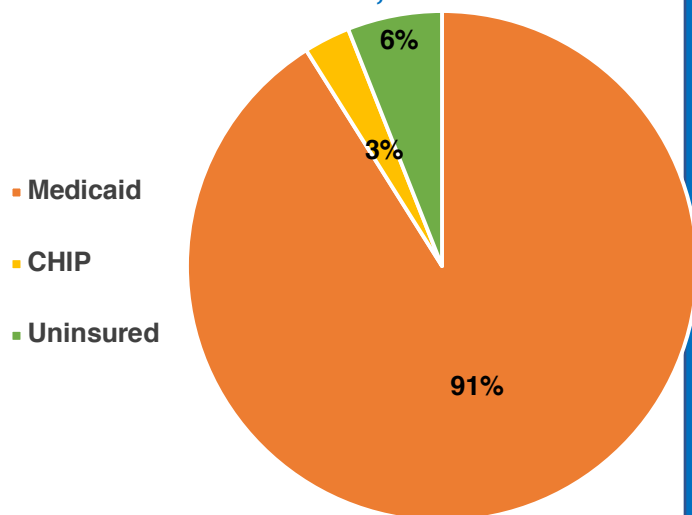
140 infants under 1 died in New Mexico in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of **5.9** per 1,000. [xxxiii]

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2018

- White — 30%
- Black — 3%
- Hispanic — 67%

[xxxiv]

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- Medicaid — 91%
- CHIP — 3%
- Uninsured — 6%

- **5.3%** of New Mexico's children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents **27,000** children.[xxxv]

- **409,834** children in New Mexico were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents **2.2%** decrease from 2017. [xxxvi]

- **13,224** children in New Mexico were in the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents a **3.5%** decrease from 2017. [xxxvii]

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12.4%
decline since 2015 of children living in juvenile correction facilities

Juvenile Justice System

- There were **3,203** total arrests for children under 18 in New Mexico in 2018.
- **161** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **478** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **472** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.[xxxviii]
- **318** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New Mexico in 2018. This is a decrease from **363** kids in 2015, representing a **12.4%** decline.[xxxix]
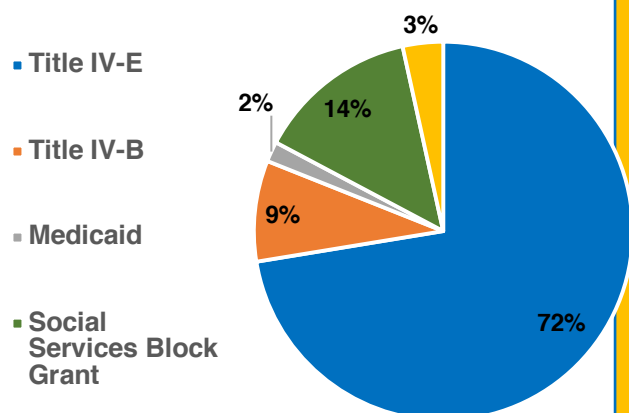
Teens & Youth

- **12,000** (10%) of New Mexico's youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.[xl]
- In 2017, New Mexico did not report any suicides for children aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **41** reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.[xli]
- **32** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New Mexico in 2017.[xlii]

Child Welfare Services Funding

- New Mexico spent **$94,166,880** 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.
- **$55,715,948** were allocated from the federal government and **$38,450,932** came from state and local funds.[xliii]

Federal Funding Sources

- Title IV-E
- Title IV-B
- Medicaid
- Social Services Block Grant

Pie chart: 72%, 14%, 9%, 3%, 2%

- The breakdown of the **$55,715,948** in federal funding received in New Mexico in 2016: New Mexico is a Medicaid expansion state.[xliv]
- **$18,909,295** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- **$20,147,169** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program [xlv]
- New Mexico's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was **$10,209,930** [xlvi]

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