**Child Maltreatment**

In 2018, Oregon had 75,972 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 35,233 were referred for investigation.¹

There were 12,581 child victims of abuse or neglect in Oregon in 2018, at a rate of 14.4 children per 1,000. This translates to an 8.1% increase since 2013.²

Of the 12,581 children, 8,343 were first time victims.³

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 1,417 of the 12,581 cases.⁴

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**Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018**

- 50% Neglect Only
- 19% Physical Abuse Only
- 18% Sexual Abuse Only
- 4% Multiple Maltreatment Types
- 4% Neglect Only
- 3% Physical Abuse Only
- 1% Sexual Abuse Only

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**Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2018**

- African American: 58%
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 12%
- Asian: 4%
- Hispanic: 4%
- Multiple Race: 3%
- White: 1%
- Unknown: 1%

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**Plans of Safe Care**

- In 2018, Oregon reported 44 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.⁹

- Oregon reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.¹⁰
• Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from 30 in 2017 to 26 in 2018.\textsuperscript{xii}

• Oregon reported 30 total child victims of sex trafficking with 29 females and 1 male.\textsuperscript{xiii}

• 4,902 victims received post-response services while 3,257 non-victims received post-response services as well.\textsuperscript{xiv}

Foster Care and Adoptions

• 10,912 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.

• 7,577 were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2018.

• 3,566 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 3,355 exited during the same year.

• 769 of Oregon’s children were adopted while 1,792 were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xv}

There was a 5\% decrease in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also decreased 4\% from 2017.\textsuperscript{xvi}

322 children in Oregon aged out and exited foster care 2017. This is an increase from 288 in 2016 and represents an 11.8\% increase.\textsuperscript{xvii}

• Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 21.8 months in care. \textsuperscript{xviii}

• The average length of stay in Oregon for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 38 months.\textsuperscript{xix}

• The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 7.6 years old.\textsuperscript{xx}

• The average age of adopted children was 5.9 years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}
Data from 2017 shows that 3,201 children in foster care within Oregon were living with non-relatives while 2,803 stayed with a relative.

377 children were staying in group homes while 47 children were classified as runaways.\(^1\)

3\% of households in Oregon in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.\(^1\)

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 11.9 months.\(^1\)

**Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?**

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**Child Poverty**

- Oregon had **239,000** children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **27\%** of all children.\(^{xxii}\)

- **32\%** of Oregon’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.\(^{xxiii}\)

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from **34,364** in 2017 to **32,567** in 2018. This represents a **5.2\%** decrease.\(^{xxiv}\)

The state spent **$32,732,724** on WIC in 2019, serving **81,226** people. This represents a **5.3\%** decrease in total participants and a **13\%** decrease in spending. \(^{xxv}\)

**510,080** people in Oregon were food insecure in 2017, including **165,190 children** who struggled with hunger.\(^{xxvi}\)

**29.9\%** of households in Oregon with children received SNAP benefits in 2017.\(^{xxvii}\)
Health

Oregon had 2,972 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 6.8% of infants born in Oregon in 2017.xxvii

Oregon had a total of 3,304 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 7.2% of all white babies were born premature while 10.65% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature rate was 7.8%.xxix

There were 1,809 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Oregon in 2017, representing a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls. xxx

236 infants under 1 died in Oregon in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.4 per 1,000. xxxi

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- 3.6% of Oregon’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 33,000 children. Oregon is a Medicaid expansion state.

- 402,570 children in Oregon were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents an 8.6% decrease from 2017. xxxiii

- 189,618 children in Oregon were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents a 6.8% increase from 2017. xxxiv
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 8,618 total arrests for children under 18 in Oregon in 2018.
- 546 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 1,720 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,653 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.xxxv
- 909 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Oregon in 2018. This is a decrease from 1,113 kids in 2015, representing an 18.3% decline.xxxvi

Teens & Youth
- 12,000 (6%) of Oregon’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.xxxvii
- In 2017, there were 10 reports of children in Oregon aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 39 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.xxxviii
- 29 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Oregon in 2017.xxxx

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Oregon spent $471,522,313 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.
- $268,857,668 were allocated from the federal government and $202,664,645 came from state and local funds.xli

Federal Funding Sources
- The breakdown of the $268,857,668 in federal funding received in Oregon in 2016: xlii
  - $64,162,008 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $41,015,403 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program xlii
- Oregon’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $20,413,880 xliii


xvi Based on Calculations from the CWLA


xx Ibid.

xxi Ibid.


xxiii Ibid.


xxvii Ibid.


