**Child Maltreatment**

In 2018, Utah had **40,913** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **20,766** were referred for investigation.

There were **10,122** child victims of abuse or neglect in Utah in 2018, at a rate of **10.9** children per 1,000. This translates to an **2.5%** increase since 2014.

Of the **10,122** children, **6,984** were first time victims.

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **1,168** of the **10,122** cases.

- **67%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. **33%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.
- **54%** of Utah’s child victims in 2017 were female while **46%** were male.

**Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018**

- Neglect Only: 18%
- Physical Abuse Only: 19%
- Sexual Abuse Only: 20%
- Multiple Maltreatment Types: 29%
- Psychological Maltreatment Only: 19%

**Plans of Safe Care**

- In 2018, Utah reported **533** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.
- Utah reported plans of safe care for **183** screened-in infants. This represents **34.3%** of all IPSE cases in Utah.

Utah did not report the number of sex trafficking victims for 2018.

10,074 victims received postresponse services while 15,433 non-victims received postresponse services as well.

Foster Care and Adoptions
- 4,874 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 2,611 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.
- 1,979 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 2,263 exited during the same year.
- 818 of Utah’s children were adopted while 728 were waiting to be adopted.

There was a 11.6% decrease in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system increased 23% from 2017.

171 children in Utah aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is a decrease from 193 in 2016 and represents an 11.4% decrease.

Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 14.7 months in care.

The average length of stay in Utah for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 22.1 months.

The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 7.6 years old.

The average age of adopted children was 5.1 years old.
Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?

- Data from 2017 shows that 1,309 children in foster care within Utah were living with non-relatives while 816 stayed with a relative. xxii
- 272 children were staying in group homes while 45 children were classified as runaways.xxiii
- 2% of households in Utah 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 5.6 months.xxv

Child Poverty
Utah had 176,000 children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 19% of all children.xxvi

Child Poverty Over Time

- The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 9,205 in 2017 to 8,669 in 2018. This represents a 5.8% decrease.xxviii
- The state spent $18,485,262 on WIC in 2019, serving 43,646 people. This represents a 17.8% decrease in total participants and a 10.9% decrease in spending. xxix

373,850 people in Utah were food insecure in 2017, including 135,940 children who struggled with hunger.xxx

53.3% of households in Utah that received SNAP benefits in 2017 had children.xxxi
Health
Utah had 3,507 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 7.2% of infants born in Utah in 2017.\textsuperscript{xxxii}

Utah had a total of 4,445 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 8.8% of all white babies were born premature while 11% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was 9.4%.\textsuperscript{xxxiii}

There were 1,801 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Utah in 2017, representing a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls.\textsuperscript{xxxiv}

285 infants under age 1 died in Utah in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.9 per 1,000.\textsuperscript{xxxv}

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- \textbf{7.4\%} of Utah’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents \textbf{72,000} children. Utah is a Medicaid expansion state.\textsuperscript{xxxvii}

- \textbf{235,144} children in Utah were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents \textbf{4.8\%} decrease from 2017.\textsuperscript{xxxviii}

- \textbf{60,423} children in Utah were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an \textbf{2.8\%} decrease from 2017.\textsuperscript{xxxix}
Juvenile Justice System

- There were 12,307 total arrests for children under 18 in Utah in 2018.
- 354 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 2,523 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 2,258 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 222 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Utah in 2018. This is a decrease from 453 kids in 2015, representing a 51% decline.

Teens & Youth

- 12,000 (6%) of Utah’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.
- In 2017, there were 11 reports of children in Utah aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 52 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 46 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Utah in 2017.

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Utah spent $183,015,948 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.
- $75,999,895 were allocated from the federal government and $107,016,053 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources

- The breakdown of the $75,999,895 in federal funding received in Utah in 2016 is listed in the graph to the left.
- $3,980,309 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $9,223,525 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Utah’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $12,254,399.


Based on Calculations from the CWLA


Ibid.

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