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Child Maltreatment

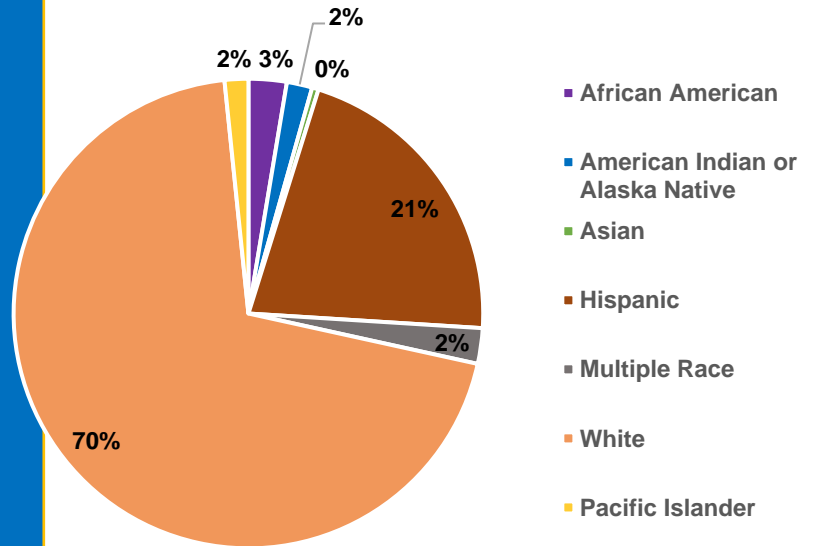
In 2018, Utah had **40,913** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **20,766** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

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.ⁱⁱ

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

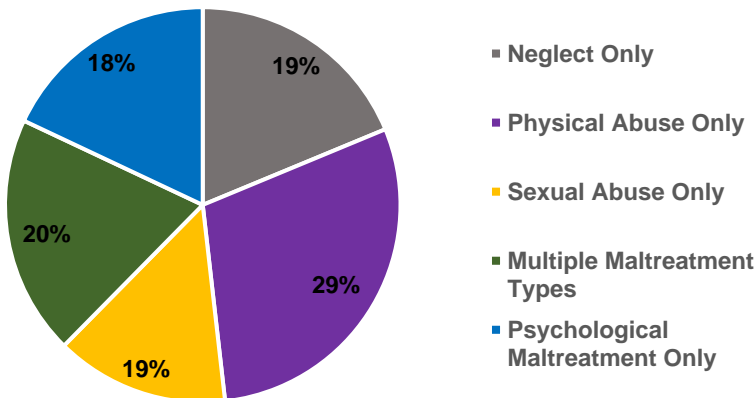
The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **1,168** of the **10,122** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2018



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018



- **67%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. **33%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

- **54%** of Utah's child victims in 2017 were female while **46%** were male.^{vii}

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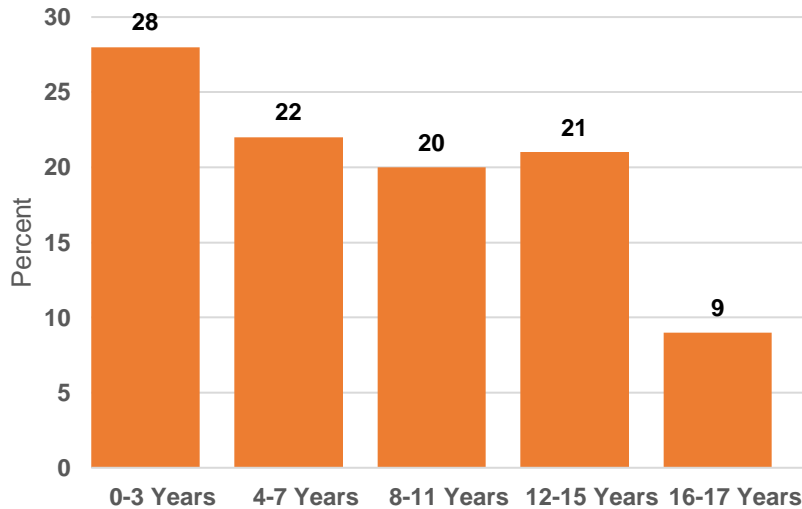
Plans of Safe Care

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



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2017



• Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from **13** in 2017 to **10** in 2018.^{xi}

• Utah did not report the number of sex trafficking victims for 2018.^{xii}

• **10,074** victims received postresponse services while **15,433** non-victims received postresponse services as well.^{xiii}

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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.^{xv}

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.^{xvi}

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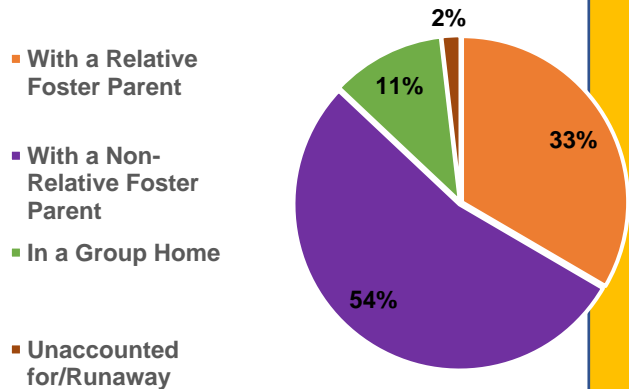
171 children in Utah aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is a decrease from **193** in 2016 and represents an **11.4%** decrease.^{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of **14.7** months in care. ^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Utah for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in **22.1** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was **7.6** years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **5.1** years old.^{xxi}



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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?

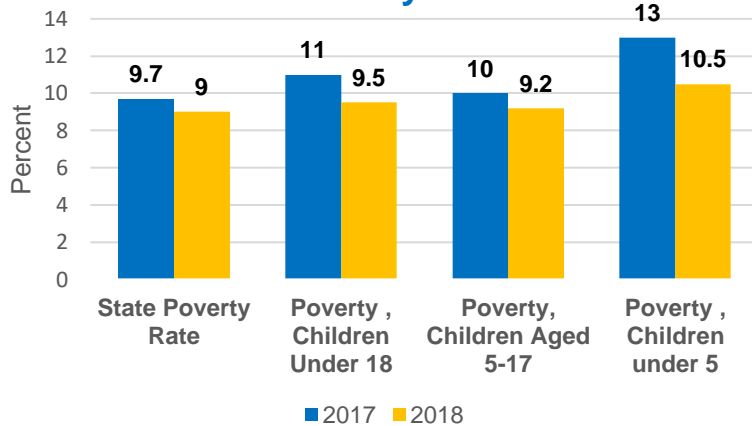


- Data from 2017 shows that **1,309** children in foster care within Utah were living with non-relatives while **816** stayed with a relative. .xxii
- **272** children were staying in group homes while **45** children were classified as runaways. .xxiii
- **2%** of households in Utah in 2017 had a grandparent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



24% of Utah's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden. .xxvii

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



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Health

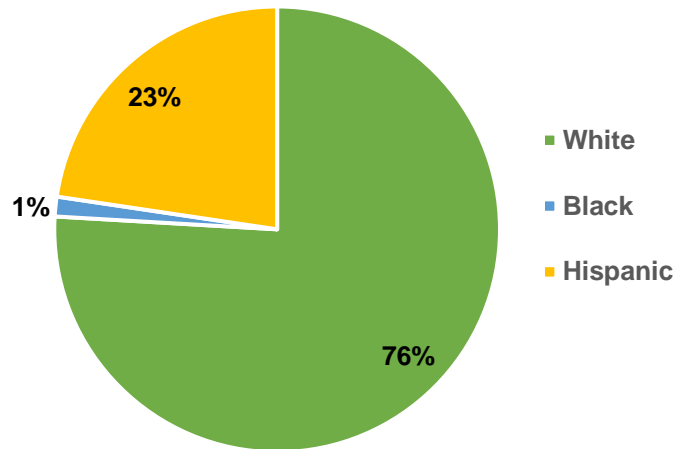
Utah had **3,507** low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **7.2%** of infants born in Utah in 2017. ^{xxxii}

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%**. ^{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. ^{xxxiv}

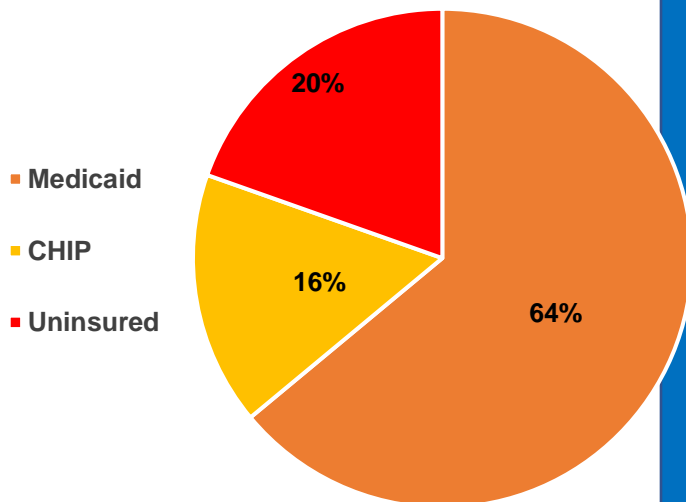
285 infants under age 1 died in Utah in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of **5.9** per 1,000. ^{xxxv}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2018



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018



- **7.4%** of Utah's children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents **72,000** children. Utah is a Medicaid expansion state. ^{xxxvii}
- **235,144** children in Utah were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents **4.8%** decrease from 2017. ^{xxxviii}
- **60,423** children in Utah were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an **2.8%** decrease from 2017. ^{xxxix}



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51%
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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.^{.xi}
- **222** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Utah in 2018. This is a decrease from **453** kids in 2015, representing a **51%** decline.^{.xii}

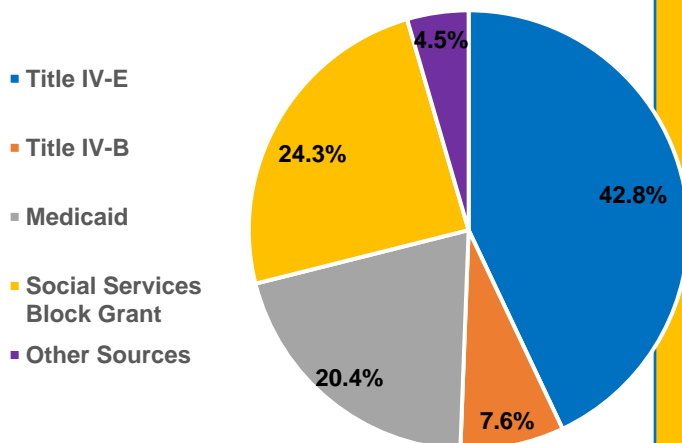
Teens & Youth

- **12,000** (6%) of Utah's youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.^{.xiii}
- 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.^{.xiii}
- **46** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Utah in 2017.^{.xiv}

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.^{.xiv}

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.^{.xvi}

• **\$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.^{.xvii}

• Utah's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was **\$12,254,399**.^{.xviii}



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