Child Maltreatment
In 2018, Virginia had 85,194 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 36,543 were referred for investigation. There were 6,132 child victims of maltreatment in Virginia in 2018, at a rate of 3.3 children per 1,000. This translates to an 5.1% decrease since 2014.

Virginia did not report the number of first-time victims.

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 746 of the 6,132 cases.

74% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. 26% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.

52% of Virginia’s child victims in 2017 were female while 48% were male.

Plans of Safe Care
• In 2018, Virginia did not report the number of infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.

• Virginia reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.
Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from 41 in 2017 to 37 in 2018.\textsuperscript{xi}

Virginia did not report of the number of sex trafficking victims for 2018.\textsuperscript{xii}

1,774 victims received postresponse services while 2,264 non-victims received postresponse services as well.\textsuperscript{xiii}

Foster Care and Adoptions

- 7,754 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 4,915 were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2018.
- 2,940 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 2,849 exited during the same year.
- 879 of Virginia’s children were adopted while 1,766 were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xv}

There was a 2.5\% increase in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased 9.7\% from 2017.\textsuperscript{xvi}

427 children in Virginia aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is a decrease from 536 in 2016 and represents an 20.3\% decrease.\textsuperscript{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 19.9 months in care. \textsuperscript{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Virginia for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 31.1 months.\textsuperscript{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 8.7 years old.\textsuperscript{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was 7 years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}
Data from 2017 shows that **3,335** children in foster care within Virginia were living with non-relatives while **319** stayed with a relative. xxii

- **819** children were staying in group homes while the number children that were classified as runaways was not reported.xxiii

- **2%** of households in Virginia 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 **10.3 months**.xxv

**Child Poverty**

Virginia had **439,000** children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **23%** of all children.xxvi

29% of Virginia’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvii

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from **35,703** in 2017 to **34,421** in 2018. This represents a **3.6%** decrease.xxviii

The state spent **$42,590,635** on WIC in 2019, serving **109,469** people. This represents a **3.9%** decrease in total participants and a **1.2%** increase in spending. xxix

**863,390** people in Virginia were food insecure in 2017, including **247,470 children** who struggled with hunger.xxx

**44.2%** of households in Virginia that received SNAP benefits in 2017 had children.xxxi
Health
Virginia had **8,393** low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **8.4%** of infants born in Virginia in 2017.xxxii

Virginia had a total of **9,401** preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **8.4%** of all white babies were born premature while **13.2%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was **9.4%**.xxxiii

There were **3,987** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Virginia in 2017, representing a rate of **15** in every 1,000 teen girls. xxxiv

**592** infants under 1 died in Virginia in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of **5.9** per 1,000. xxxv

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2018

- White: **15%**
- Black: **32%**
- Hispanic: **53%**

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- Medicaid: **21%**
- CHIP: **11%**
- Uninsured: **68%**

- **5.1%** of Virginia’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents **102,000** children. Virginia is a Medicaid expansion state.xxxvii

- **658,138** children in Virginia were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a **2%** decrease from 2017.xxxviii

- **207,974** children in Virginia were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an **2.3%** increase from 2017.xxxix
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 15,864 total arrests for children under 18 in Virginia in 2018.
- 588 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 2,994 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 2,132 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations. xl
- 1,062 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Virginia in 2017. This is a decrease from 1,227 kids in 2015, representing a 13.4% decline. xli

Teens & Youth
- 23,000 (5%) of Virginia’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017. xlii
- In 2017, there were no reports of children in Virginia aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 58 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19. xliii
- 87 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Virginia in 2017. xliv

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Virginia spent $673,096,671 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.
- $255,191,084 were allocated from the federal government and $417,905,587 came from state and local funds. xlv

Federal Funding Sources
- The breakdown of the $255,191,084 in federal funding received in Virginia in 2016. xlvvi
  - $61,072,862 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $48,593,998 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program. xlvii
- Virginia’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $41,048,102. xlviii


Based on Calculations from the CWLA


Ibid.

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xxvii Ibid.


xxi Ibid.


