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Child Maltreatment

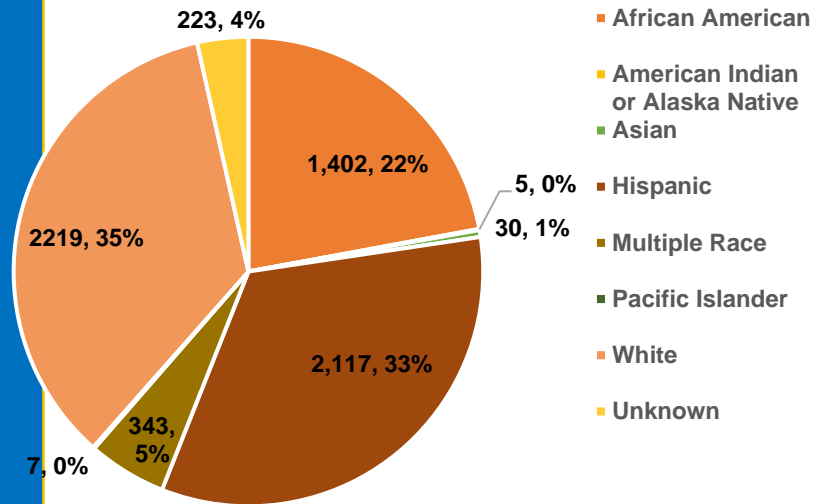
In 2020, Connecticut had **43,786** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **11,030** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **6,346** child victims of abuse or neglect in Connecticut in 2020, at a rate of **8.8** children per 1,000. This translates to an **20.7%** decrease since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **6,346** children, **4,611** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

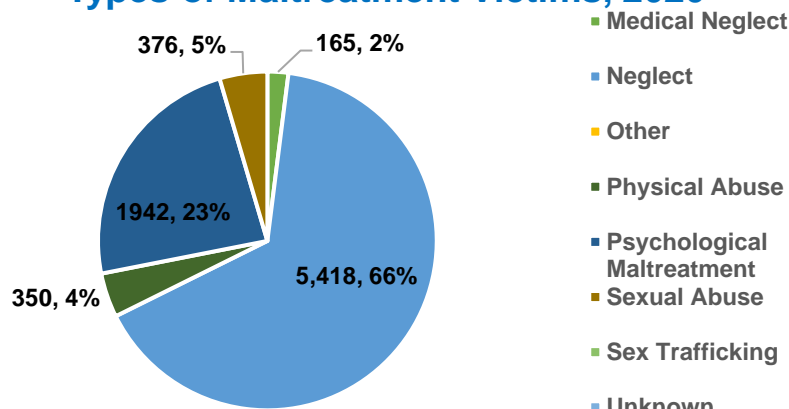
The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **951** of the **6,346** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- **78%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. **22%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

- **51%** of Connecticut's child victims in 2020 were female while **49%** were male.^{vii}

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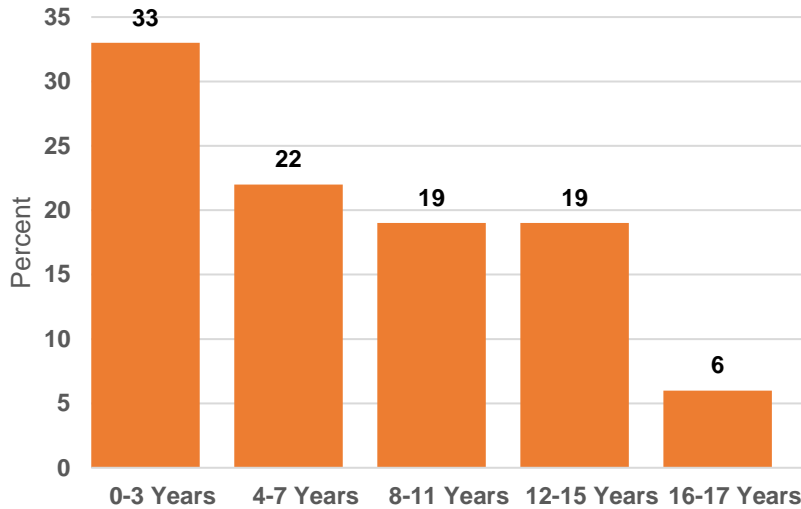
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Connecticut reported **2** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- Connecticut reported **zero** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.^x



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- Child fatalities increased in 2020 from 4 in 2019 to 9 in 2020.^{xi}

- Connecticut reported 0 total child victims of sex trafficking.^{xii}

- 6,506 victims received post-response services while 8,459 non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- 5,430 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- 4,034 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- 1,345 children entered care during the 2020 FY while 1,397 exited during the same year.
- 450 of Connecticut's children were adopted while 1,398 were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was a 7.3% decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased 31.9% from 2019.^{xvi}

8.3%
Decrease since 2018 in children aging out of foster care

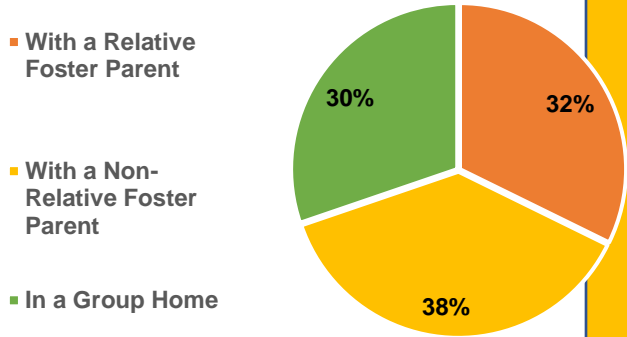
110 children in Connecticut aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is a decrease from 120 in 2018 and represents an 8.3% decrease.^{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of 27.9 months in care.^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Connecticut for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 28.4 months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was 5.8 years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was 5.5 years old.^{xxi}



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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



Data from 2019 shows that **1,733** children in foster care within Connecticut were living with non-relatives while **1,738** stayed with a relative.

271 children were staying in group homes while **166** children were classified as runaways.^{xxii}

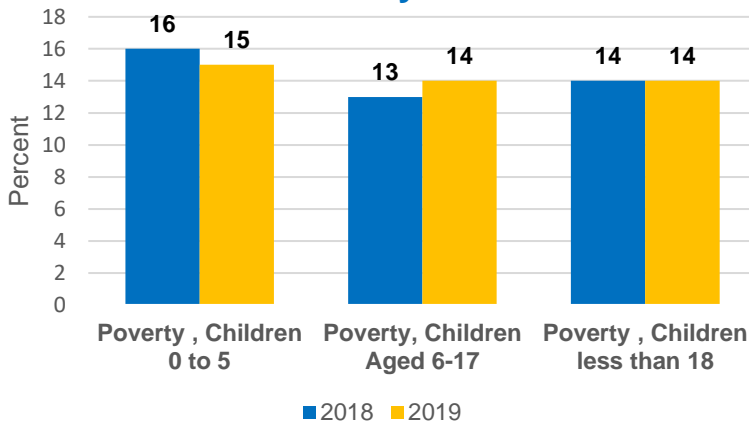
3% of households in Connecticut in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.^{xxiii}

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **12.8** months.^{xxiv}

Child Poverty

Connecticut had **197,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **27%** of all children.^{xxv}

Child Poverty Over Time



34% of Connecticut's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxvi}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF decreased from **13,426** in 2020 to **12,183** in 2021. This represents a **9.3%** decrease.^{xxvii}
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The state spent **\$22,934,348** on WIC in 2021, serving **43,889** people. This represents a **0.3%** increase in total participants and a **3.8%** increase in spending.^{xxix}

428,800 people in Connecticut were food insecure in 2019, including **109,480** children who struggled with hunger.^{xxx}

31.4% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Connecticut in 2019 had children.^{xxxi}



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Health

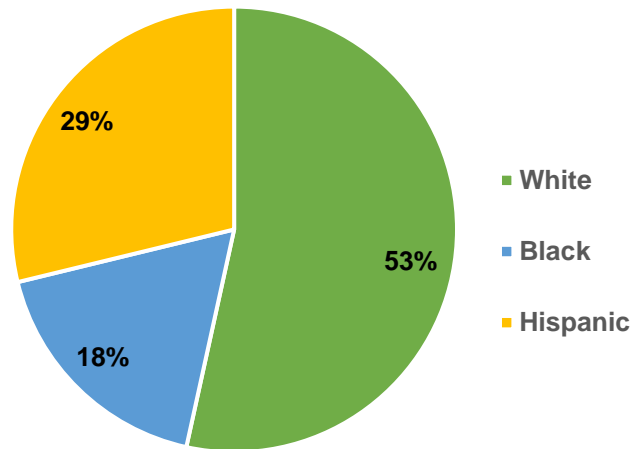
Connecticut had **2,657** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **7.8%** of infants born in Connecticut in 2019.^{xxxii}

Connecticut had a total of **3,208** preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **8.6%** of all white babies were born premature while **12.5%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **9.4%**.^{xxxiii}

There were **902** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Connecticut in 2019, representing a rate of **8** in every 1,000 teen girls.^{xxxiv}

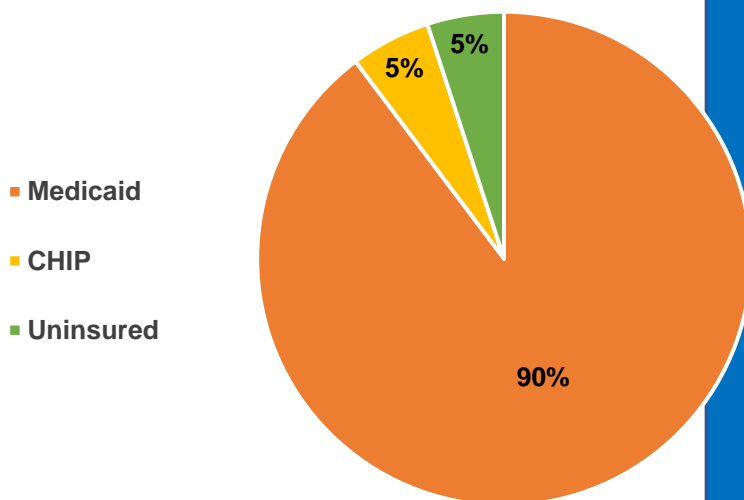
153 infants under 1 died in Connecticut in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of **4.5** per 1,000.^{xxxv}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020



5.9% of Connecticut's children had no health insurance in 2019. Connecticut is a Medicaid expansion state.^{xxxvii}

369,588 children in Connecticut were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents **2.3%** increase from 2019.^{xxxviii}

21,609 children in Connecticut were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents an **8.8%** decrease from 2019.^{xxxix}



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3%
decline since
2017 of children
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correction
facilities

Juvenile Justice System

- There were **6,942** total arrests for children under 18 in Connecticut in 2019.
- **1,328** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **1,405** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **570** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xi}
- **96** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Connecticut in 2019. This is a decrease from **99** kids in 2017, representing a **3%** decline.^{xii}

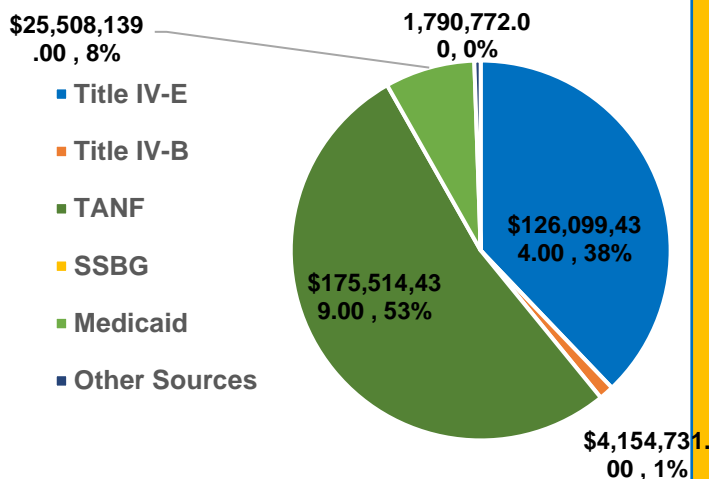
Teens & Youth

- **8,000** (4%) of Connecticut's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xiii}
- In 2020, there were **zero** reports of children in Connecticut aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **29** reports of suicide among children aged 15-24.^{xiii}
- **18** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Connecticut in 2020.^{xiv}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Connecticut spent **\$737,697,784** on child welfare services in 2018. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- **\$333,067,515** were allocated from the federal government and **\$401,586,171** came from state and local funds.^{xv}

Federal Funding Sources



The breakdown of the **\$333,067,515** in federal funding received in Connecticut in 2018:
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- **\$76,682,585** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- **\$45,389,204** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.^{xvii}
- Connecticut's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$16,211,628**.^{xviii}



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