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Child Maltreatment

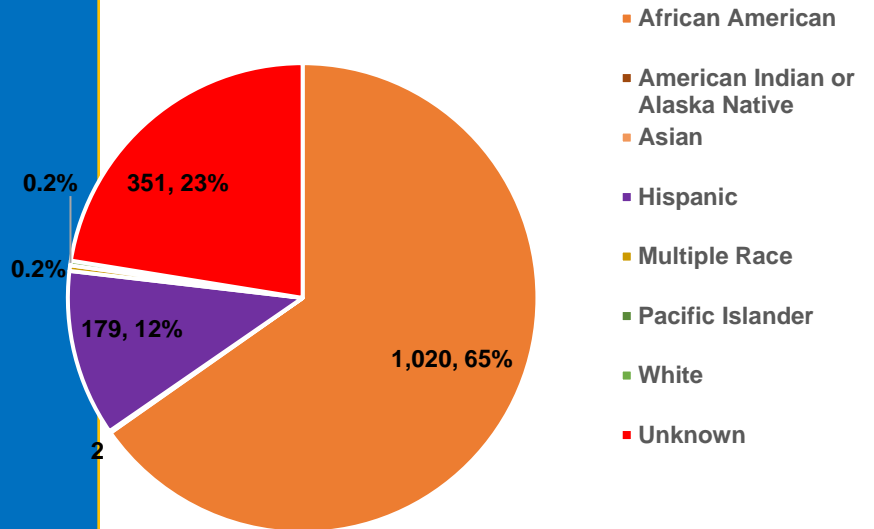
In 2020, the District of Columbia had **12,797** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **4,283** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **1,568** child victims of maltreatment in the District of Columbia in 2020, at a rate of **12.1** children per 1,000. This translates to an **16.6%** decrease since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **1,568** children, **1,169** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

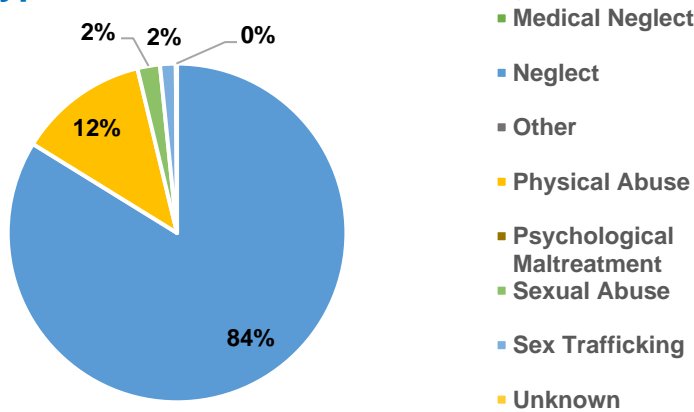
The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **195** of the **1,568** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



• **93%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. **7%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

• **52%** of the District of Columbia's child victims in 2020 were female while **48%** were male.^{vii}

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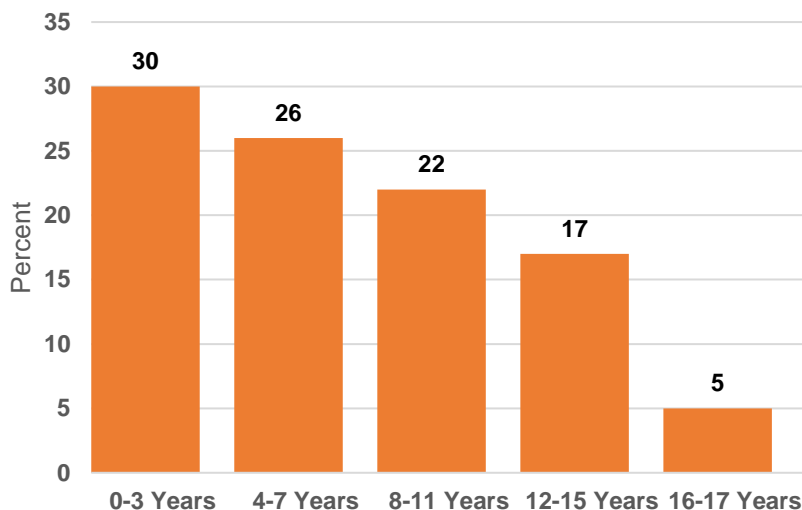
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, the District of Columbia had **166** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- The District of Columbia reported **145** 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 **3** in 2019 to **4** in 2020.^{xi}

• The District of Columbia reported **25** total child victims of sex trafficking.^{xii}

• **247** victims received post-response services while **269** non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **875** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **577** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **212** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **298** exited during the same year.
- **98** of the District of Columbia's children were adopted while **162** were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was a **14.1%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system remained at **0%** from 2019.^{xvi}

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Increase since
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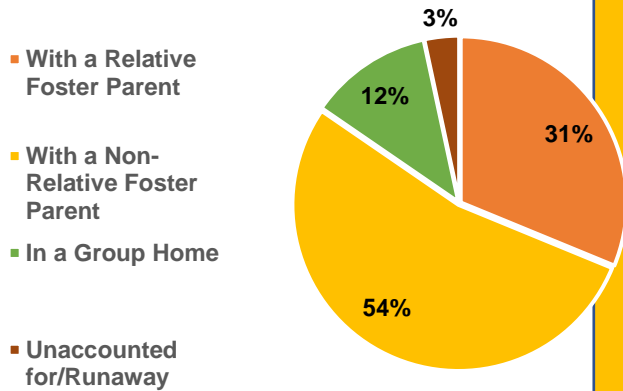
60 children in the District of Columbia aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is a **22.4%** increase since 2018.^{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **24.6** months in care.^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in the District of Columbia for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **39.7** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **7.9** years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **6.2** years old.^{xxi}



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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



Data from 2019 shows that **301** children in foster care within the District were living with non-relatives while **176** stayed with a relative.^{xxii}

68 children were staying in group homes while **19** children were classified as runaways.^{xxiii}

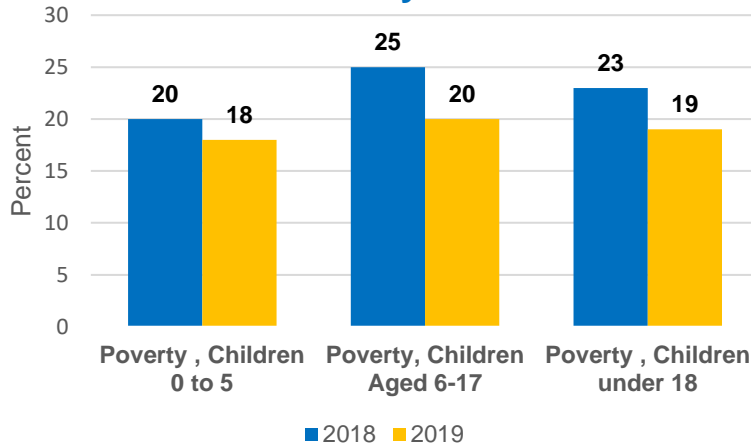
3% of households in the District of Columbia in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.^{xxiv}

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **12.0** months.^{xxv}

Child Poverty

The District of Columbia had **41,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **32%** of all children.^{xxvi}

Child Poverty Over Time



34% of the District's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxvii}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from **21,982** in 2020 to **21,763** in 2021. This represents a **1%** decrease.^{xxviii}
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The state spent **\$4,660,202** on WIC in 2021, serving **13,990** people. This represents a **4.4%** increase in total participants and a **2.8%** decrease in spending.^{xxx}

70,480 people in the District of Columbia were food insecure in 2019, including **19,250** children who struggled with hunger.^{xxxi}

28.9% of households in the District that received SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.^{xxxii}



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Health

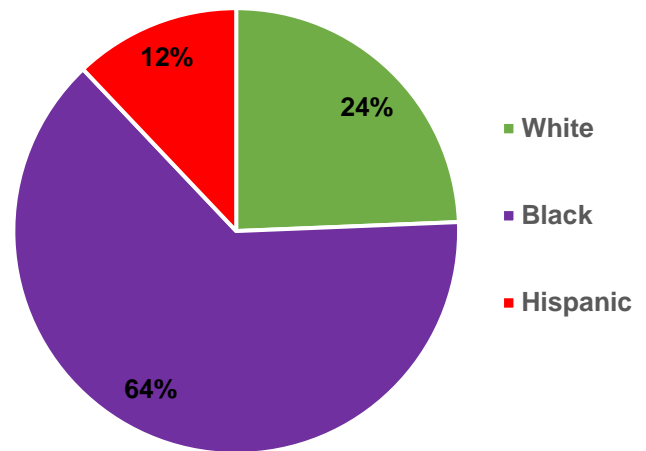
The District of Columbia had **896** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **9.0%** of infants born in the District in 2019.^{xxxiii}

The District of Columbia had a total of **945** preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **7.3%** of all white babies were born premature while **13.8%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **10.4%**.^{xxxiv}

There were **323** births to mothers aged 15-19 in the District in 2019, representing a rate of **17** in every 1,000 teen girls.^{xxxv}

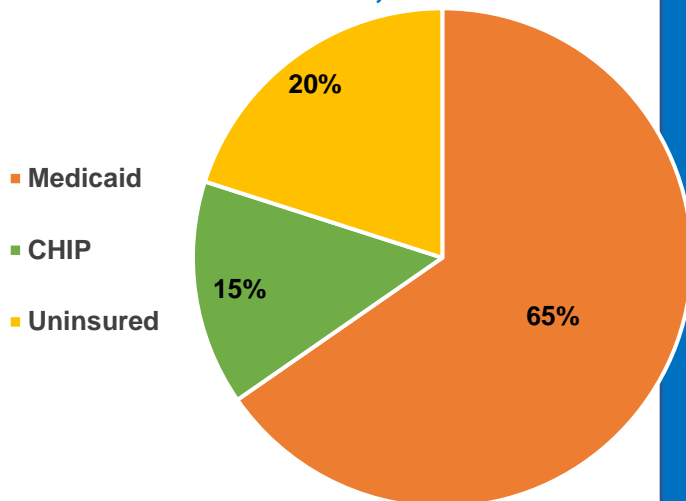
44 infants under 1 died in the District in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of **4.8** per 1,000.^{xxxvi}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020



3.5% of the District's children had no health insurance in 2019. The District of Columbia has accepted Medicaid expansion.^{xxxviii}

81,450 children in the District were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a **5.9%** increase from 2019.^{xxxix}

18,186 children in the District were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents an **5.7%** increase from 2019.^{xl}



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25.8%

increase since 2017 of children living in juvenile correction facilities

Juvenile Justice System

- There were **807** total arrests for children under 18 in the District of Columbia in 2019.
- **73** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **65** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **10** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xli}
- **117** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in the District of Columbia in 2019. This is an increase from **93** kids in 2017, representing a **25.8%** increase.^{xlii}

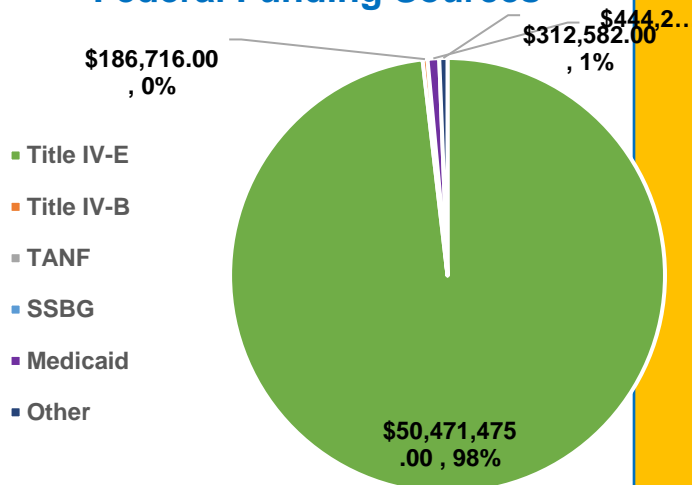
Teens & Youth

- **3,000** (8%) of the District of Columbia's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xliii}
- In 2020, there were **zero** reports of children in the District aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **zero** reports of suicide among children aged 15-24.^{xliiv}
- **25** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in the District in 2020.^{xliv}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- The District of Columbia spent **\$210,455,958** 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.
- **\$51,415,014** were allocated from the federal government and **\$157,590,323** came from state and local funds.^{xlvi}

Federal Funding Sources



The breakdown of the **\$51,415,014** in federal funding received in the District in 2018.^{xlvii}

- **0** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program
- **\$9,995,713** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program^{xlviii}
- The District of Columbia's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$49,468,402**.^{xlix}



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