Child Maltreatment

In 2020, Idaho had 21,389 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 9,454 were referred for investigation.\(^1\)

There were 1,958 child victims of maltreatment in Idaho, at a rate of 4.3 children per 1,000. This translates to an 2.4% increase since 2016.\(^4\)

Of the 1,958 children, 1,602 were first time victims.\(^iii\)

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 472 of the 1,958 cases.\(^iv\)

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020

- 846, 41% - Medical Neglect
- 1,064, 51% - Neglect
- 160, 8% - Physical Abuse
- 1,347, 69% - Psychological Maltreatment
- 197, 10% - Sexual Abuse
- 18, 1% - Sex Trafficking
- 3, 0% - Unknown
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- 38, 1% - Asian
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91% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. 9% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.\(^vi\)

50% of Idaho’s child victims in 2020 were female while 50% were male.\(^vii\)

Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Idaho reported 1 infant who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.\(^ix\)

- Idaho reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.\(^x\)
• Child fatalities decreased in 2020 from 16 in 2019 to 10 in 2020.xi

• Idaho reported 2 sex trafficking victims for 2020.xii

• 1,187 victims received post-response services while 843 non-victims received postresponse services as well.xiii

Foster Care and Adoptions

• 2,647 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.

• 1,534 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.

• 1,081 children entered care during the 2020 FY while 1,113 exited during the same year.

• 353 of Idaho’s children were adopted while 461 were waiting to be adopted.xv

There was a 12.4% decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also increased 7.6% from 2019.xvi

87 children in Idaho aged out and exited foster care in 2018. This is an increase from 83 in 2019 and represents a 4.8% increase.xvii

• Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of 15.4 months in care. xviii

• The average length of stay in Idaho for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 27.4 months.xix

• The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was 8.2 years old.xx

• The average age of adopted children was 6.3 years old.xx
Data from 2019 shows that 925 children in foster care within Idaho were living with non-relatives while 557 stayed with a relative. xxii

137 children were staying in group homes while 5 children were classified as runaways. xxiii

3% of households in Idaho 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 10.3 months. xxv

Child Poverty
Idaho had 96,000 children in 2020 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 21% of all children. xxvi

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

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 2,492 in 2020 to 2,333 in 2021. This represents a 6.4% decrease. xxviii

The state spent $9,381,771 on WIC in 2021, serving 29,922 people. This represents a 2.1% decrease in total participants and a 9.4% decrease in spending. xxix

179,580 people in Idaho were food insecure in 2019, including 49,310 children who struggled with hunger. xxx

47.3% of households in Idaho that received SNAP benefits in 2019 had children. xxxi
Health

Idaho had 1,519 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 6.9% of infants born in Idaho in 2019.\textsuperscript{xxii}

Idaho had a total of 1,934 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 8.4% of all white babies were born premature while 6.5% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was 8.8%.\textsuperscript{xxxiii}

There were 917 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Idaho in 2019, representing a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls.\textsuperscript{xxxiv}

97 infants under 1 died in Idaho in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 4.4 per 1,000.\textsuperscript{xxxv}

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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020

10.8% of Idaho’s children had no health insurance in 2019. Idaho is a Medicaid expansion state.\textsuperscript{xxxvii}

185,747 children in Idaho were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 5.1% decrease from 2019.\textsuperscript{xxxviii}

44,319 children Idaho were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 10% increase from 2019.\textsuperscript{xxxix}

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JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- There were 6,235 total arrests for children under 18 in Idaho in 2019.
- 283 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 899 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 956 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 342 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Idaho in 2019. This is a decrease from 408 kids in 2017, representing a 16.2% decline.

TEENS & YOUTH

- 5,000 (5%) of Idaho’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.
- In 2020, there were zero reports of children in Idaho aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 65 reports of suicide among children aged 15-24.
- 26 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Idaho in 2020.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FUNDING

- Idaho spent nothing 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.
- $0 was allocated from the federal government and $0 came from state and local funds.

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE $0 IN FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED IN IDAHO IN 2016.

- $0 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $0 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Idaho’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $8,063,830.


xvi Based on Calculations from the CWLA


x Ibid.

xx Ibid.


xxiv Ibid.


xxvii Ibid.


xxxii Ibid.


xxxix Ibid


