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Child Maltreatment

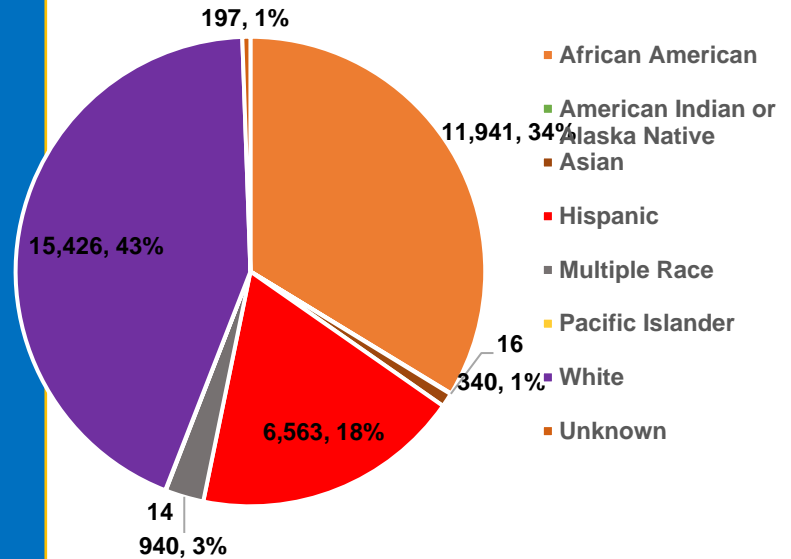
In 2020, Illinois had **79,944** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **79,944** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **35,437** child victims of abuse or neglect in Illinois in 2020, at a rate of **12.8** children per 1,000. This translates to an **8.5%** increase since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **35,437** children, **23,628** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

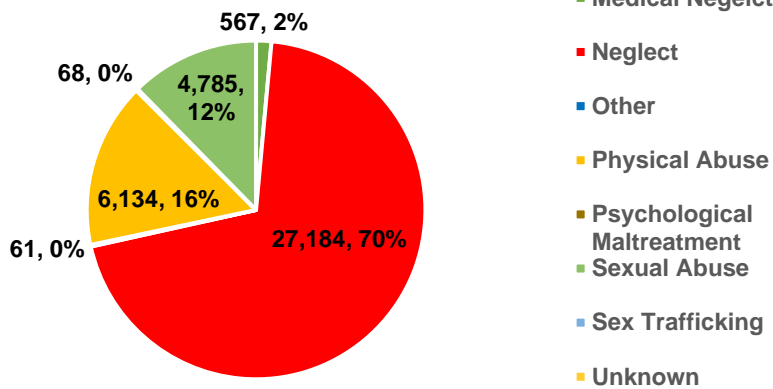
The largest age group of victims was children age 1, representing **4,640** of the **35,437** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- **80%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. **20%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

- **50%** of Illinois's child victims in 2020 were female while **49%** were male.^{vii}

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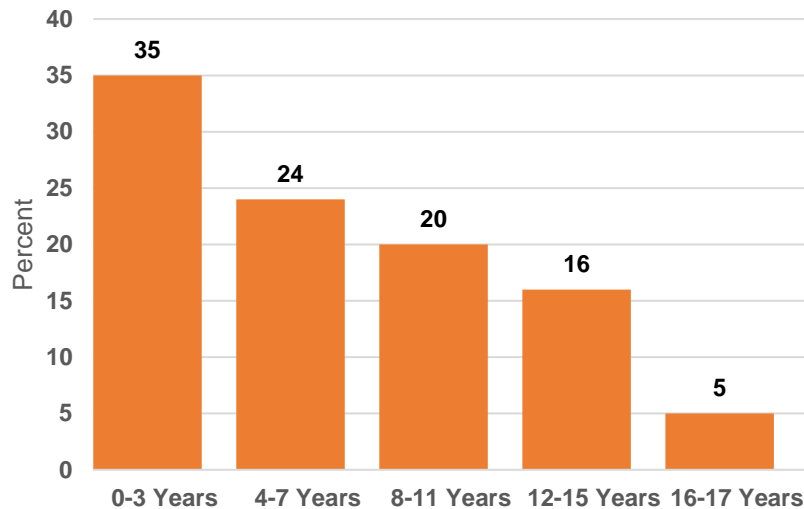
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Illinois did not report the number of infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- Illinois reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.^x



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



• Child fatalities decreased in 2020 from **106** in 2019 to **102** in 2020.^{xi}

• Illinois did not report the number of sex trafficking victims for 2020.^{xii}

• **19,634** victims received post-response services while **24,161** non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **25,896** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020
- **20,568** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020
- **7,837** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **5,328** exited during the same year.
- **1,522** of Illinois's children were adopted while **2,653** were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was a **12.3%** increase in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system decreased **12.9%** from 2019.^{xvi}

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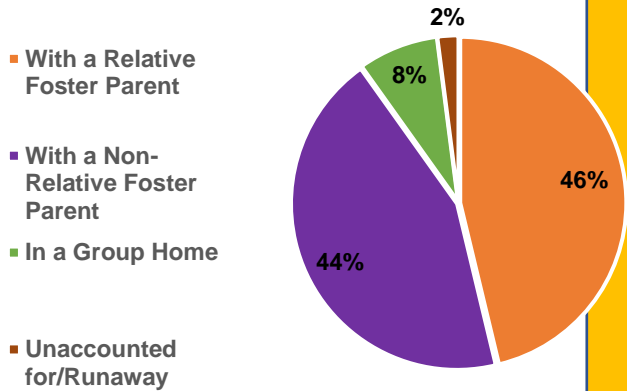
540 children in Illinois aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from **398** in 2018 and represents an **35.7%** increase.^{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **27.6** months in care. ^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Illinois for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **45.8** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **7.6** 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 **7,049** children in foster care within Illinois were living with non-relatives while **7,428** stayed with a relative.^{xxii}

1,255 children were staying in group homes while **328** children were classified as runaways.^{xxiii}

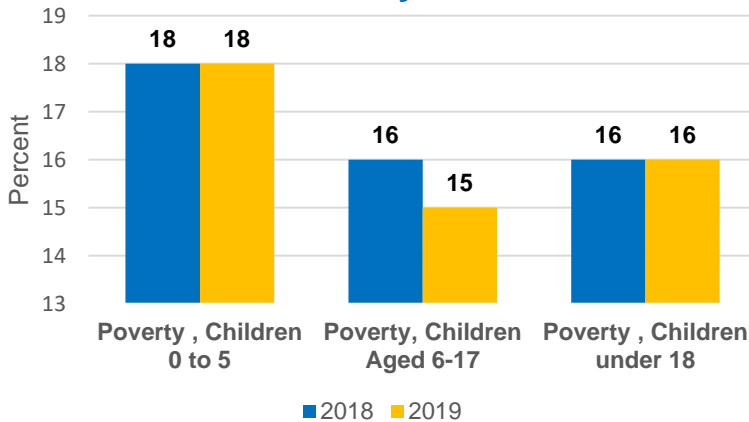
3% of households in Illinois in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.^{xxiv}

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **4.9** months.^{xxv}

Child Poverty

Illinois had **669,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **24%** of all children.^{xxvi}

Child Poverty Over Time



28% of Illinois's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxvii}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF rose from **21,019** in 2020 to **21,373** in 2021. This represents a **1.7%** increase.^{xxviii}

The state spent **\$76,833,426** on WIC in 2021, serving **153,634** people. This represents a **6.5%** decrease in total participants and a **19.1%** decrease in spending.^{xxix}

1,211,410 people in Illinois were food insecure in 2019, including **336,810 children** who struggled with hunger.^{xxx}

38.3% of households in Illinois that received SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.^{xxxi}



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Health

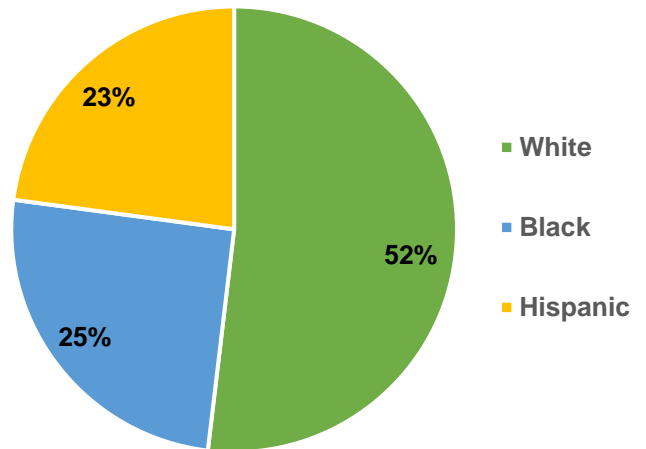
Illinois had **11,779** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **8.4%** of infants born in Illinois in 2019.^{xxxii}

Illinois had a total of **14,986** preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **9.6%** of all white babies were born premature while **15%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **10.7%**.^{xxxiii}

There were **5,883** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Illinois in 2019, representing a rate of **15** in every 1,000 teen girls.^{xxxiv}

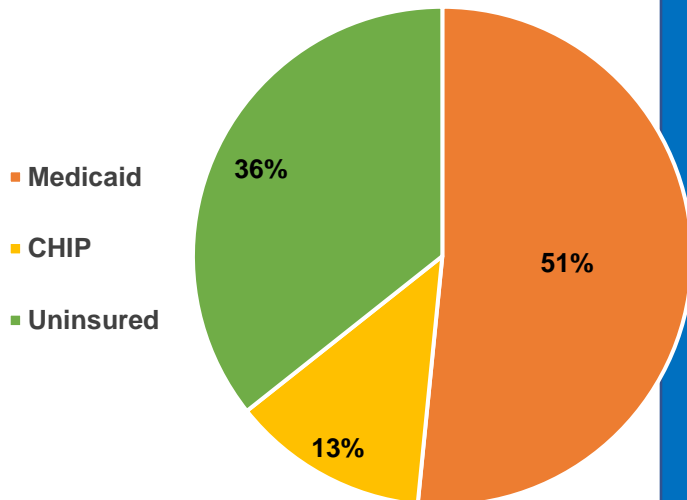
794 infants under 1 died in Illinois in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of **5.7** per 1,000.^{xxxv}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020



7.4% of Illinois's children had no health insurance in 2019. Illinois is a Medicaid expansion state.^{xxxvii}

1,335,063 children in Illinois were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents **1.7%** decrease from 2019.^{xxxviii}

330,376 children in Illinois were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents an **0.4%** increase from 2019.^{xxxix}



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22.1%
decline since
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Juvenile Justice System

- There were **696** total arrests for children under 18 in Illinois in 2019.
- **95** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **66** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **123** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xi}
- **834** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Illinois in 2019. This is a decrease from **1,071** kids in 2017, representing a **22.1%** decline.^{xi}

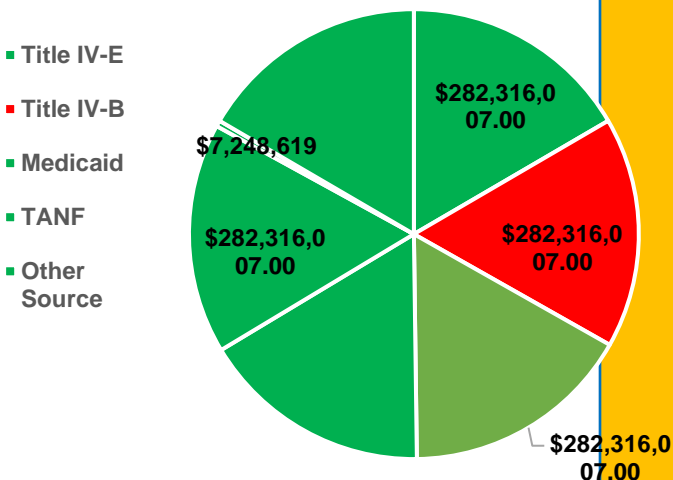
Teens & Youth

- **40,000** (6%) of Illinois's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xiii}
- In 2020, there were **15** reports of children in Illinois aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **198** reports of suicide among children aged 15-24.^{xiii}
- **196** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Illinois in 2020.^{xiv}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Illinois spent **\$1,089,469,632.77** 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.
- **\$634,226,161.77** were allocated from the federal government and **\$433,117,339** came from state and local funds.^{xiv}

Federal Funding Sources



The breakdown of the **\$634,226,161.77** in federal funding received in Illinois in 2018.^{xlvi}

- **\$33,609,424** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- **\$80,491,219** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.^{xlvii}
- Illinois's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$53,440,201**.^{xlviii}



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