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Child Maltreatment

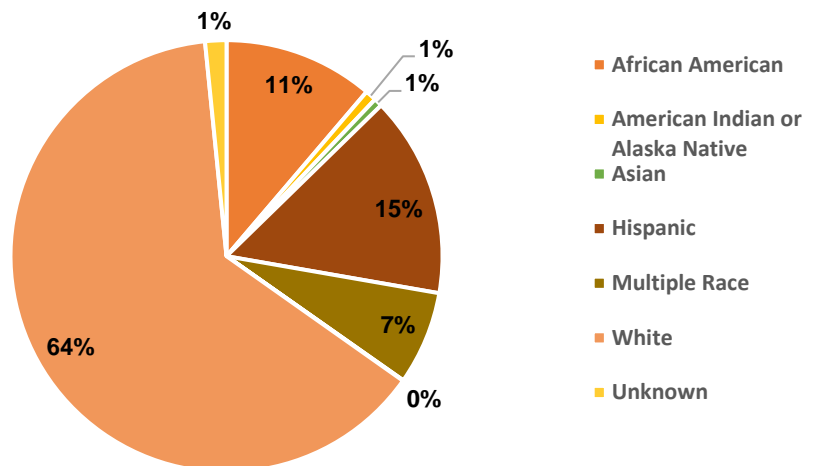
In 2020, Kansas had **48,213** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **28,343** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **2,386** child victims of abuse or neglect in Kansas in 2020, at a rate of **3.4** children per 1,000. This translates to a **0.7%** decrease since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **2,386** children, **2,142** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

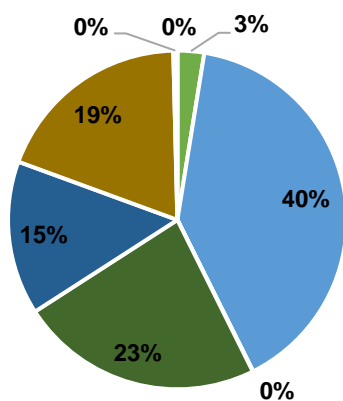
The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **187** of the **2,386** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- Medical Neglect
- Neglect
- Other
- Physical Abuse
- Psychological Maltreatment
- Sexual Abuse
- Sex Trafficking
- Unknwn

- **66%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. **34%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

- **55%** of Kansas's child victims in 2020 were female while **45%** were male.^{vii}

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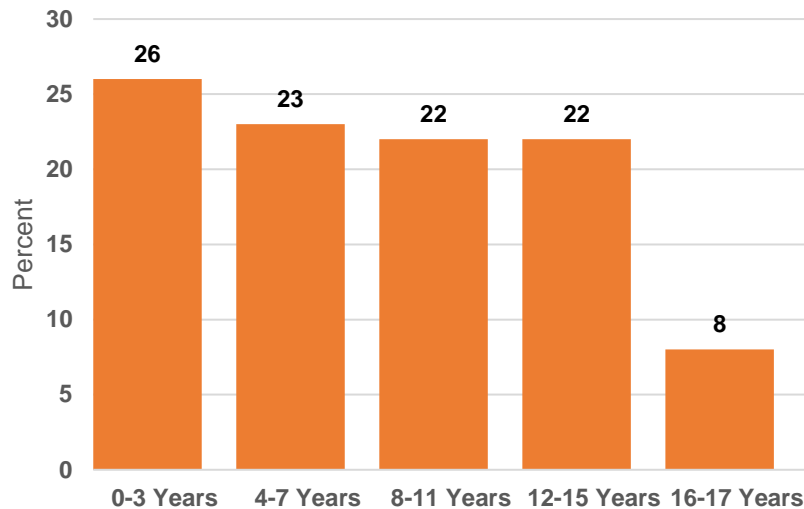
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Kansas reported **48** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- Kansas reported **eight** 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 **16** in 2019 to **10** in 2020.^{xi}

• Kansas reported **10** total child victims of sex trafficking.^{xii}

• **1,240** victims received post-response services while **8,302** non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **10,849** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **7,242** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **3,032** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **3,607** exited during the same year.
- **985** of Kansas's children were adopted while **2,303** were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was a **10.21%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system decreased **19.7%** from 2019.^{xvi}

432 children in Kansas aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from **391** in 2018 and represents an **10.5%** increase.^{xvii}

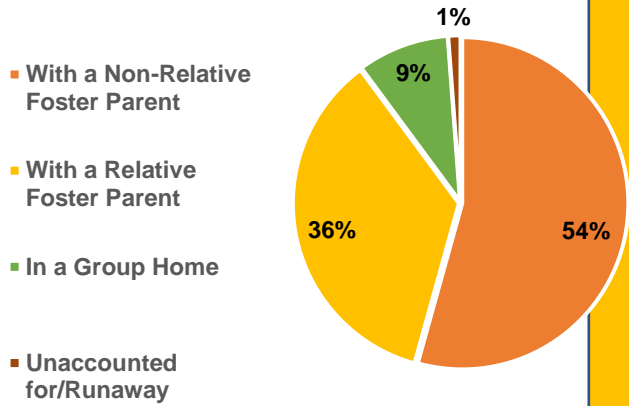
- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **22.9** months in care.^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Kansas for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **39.2** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **8.7** years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **6.8** years old.^{xxi}

10.5%
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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



Data from 2019 shows that **3,789** children in foster care in Kansas were living with non-relatives while **2,481** stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart).^{xxii}

623 children were staying in group homes while **83** children were classified as runaways.^{xxiii}

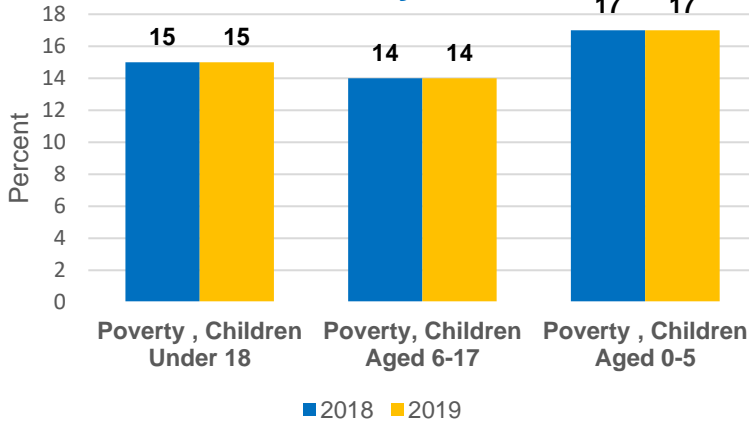
3% of households in Kansas in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.^{xxiv}

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **12.1** months.^{xxv}

Child Poverty

Kansas had **147,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **21%** of all children.^{xxvi}

Child Poverty Over Time



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22% of Kansas's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxviii}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF increased from **3,834** in 2019 to **4,073** in 2020. This represents a **6.2%** increase.^{xxix xxx}

The state spent **\$16,101,798** on WIC in 2021, serving **44,368** people. This represents a **5.2%** decrease in total participants and a **4.1%** decrease in spending.^{xxxi}

351,090 people in Kansas were food insecure in 2019, including **120,090** children who struggled with hunger.^{xxxii}

41.4% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Kansas in 2019 had children.^{xxxiii}



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Health

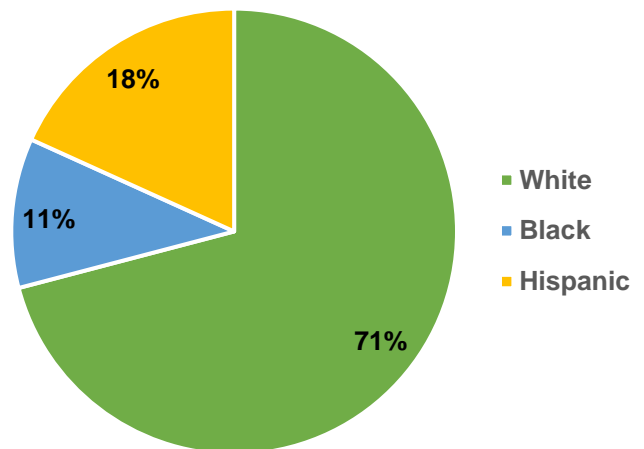
Kansas had **2,685** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **7.6%** of infants born in Kansas in 2019. ^{xxxiv}

Kansas had a total of **3,574** preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **9.64%** of all white babies were born premature while **14.73%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **10.10%**. ^{xxxv}

There were **1,857** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Kansas in 2019, representing a rate of **19** in every 1,000 teen girls. ^{xxxvi}

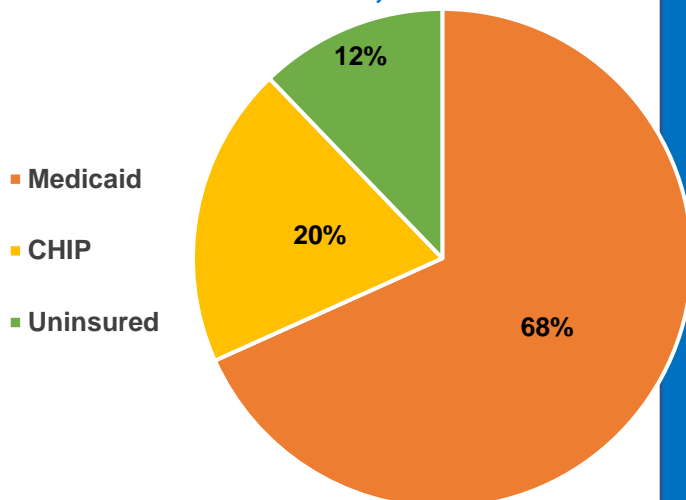
201 infants under one died in Kansas in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.7 per 1,000. ^{xxxvii}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020



5.8% of Kansas's children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents 43,000 children. Kansas is a Medicaid expansion state. ^{xxxix}

240,905 children in Kansas were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents **2.03%** decrease from 2019. ^{xl}

68,955 children in Kansas were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents an **1.2%** decrease from 2019. ^{xli}



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14.9%
decrease since
2017 of children
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Juvenile Justice System

- There were **3,632** total arrests for children under 18 in Kansas in 2019.
- **127** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **552** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **621** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xlii}
- **360** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Kansas in 2019. This is a decrease from **423** kids 2017, representing a **14.9%** decrease.^{xliii}

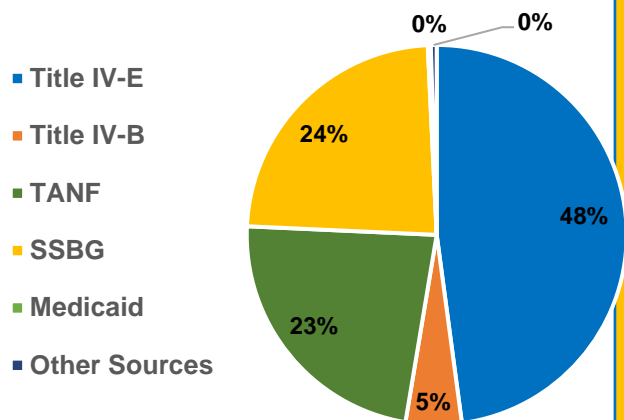
Teens & Youth

- **9,000** (5%) of Kansas's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xliv}
- In 2020, there were **zero** reports of children in Kansas aged 10-14 committing suicide, however there were **36** reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.^{xlv}
- **70** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Kansas in 2020.^{xlvi}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Kansas spent **\$300,842,095** 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.
- **\$98,639,075** were allocated from the federal government and **\$194,945,276** came from state and local funds.^{xlvii}

Federal Funding Sources



The breakdown of the **\$98,639,075** in federal funding received in Kansas in 2018: ^{xlviii}

- **\$26,388,501** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- **\$17,591,688** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.^{xlix}
- Kansas's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$24,363,672.**^l



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