Child Maltreatment
In 2020, New Hampshire had 18,825 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 10,816 were referred for investigation.1

There were 1,182 child victims of abuse or neglect in New Hampshire in 2020, at a rate of 4.7 children per 1,000. This translates to a 30.6% increase since 2016.ii

Of the 1,182 children, 946 were first time victims.iii

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 150 of the 1,182 cases.iv

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020

- 86% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. 14% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.vi

- 51% of New Hampshire’s child victims in 2020 were female while 49% were male.vii

Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, New Hampshire reported zero infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.ix

- New Hampshire reported zero plans of safe care for screened-in infants.x
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **1,842** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **1,184** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **677** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **658** exited during the same year.
- **183** of New Hampshire’s children were adopted while **214** were waiting to be adopted.xv

There was a **3.3%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased **34.2%** from 2019.xvi

**69** children in New Hampshire aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is a decrease from **85** in 2018 and represents a **18.8%** decrease.xvii

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **20.0** months in care.xviii
- The average length of stay in New Hampshire for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **35.6** months.xlix
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **9.2** years old.xxx
- The average age of adopted children was **6.3** years old.xxi
Data from 2019 shows that 498 children in foster care within New Hampshire were living with non-relatives while 373 stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart). xxii

332 children were staying in group homes while six children were classified as runaways. xxiii

3% of households in New Hampshire 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 13.7 months. xxv

Child Poverty
New Hampshire had 59,000 children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 23% of all children. xxvi

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

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 7,201 in 2019 to 7,241 in 2020. This represents a 0.56% increase. xxviii

The state spent $4,123,922 on WIC in 2021, serving 13,925 people. This represents a 8.69% increase in total participants and a 0.15% decrease in spending. xxix

119,990 people in New Hampshire were food insecure in 2019, including 27,980 children who struggled with hunger. xxx

41.9% of households receiving SNAP benefits in New Hampshire in 2019 had children. xxxi
Health
New Hampshire had 756 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 6.4% of infants born in New Hampshire in 2019.

New Hampshire had a total of 969 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 7.97% of all white babies were born premature while 12.16% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was 8.19%.

There were 275 births to mothers aged 15-19 in New Hampshire in 2019, representing a rate of 7 in every 1,000 teen girls.

37 infants under one died in New Hampshire in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 3.1 per 1,000.

3.7% of New Hampshire’s children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents 10,000 children.

89,674 children in New Hampshire were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 0.57% increase from 2019.

17,115 children in New Hampshire were in the state Chip Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 3.53% decrease from 2019.
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 3,243 total arrests for children under 18 in New Hampshire in 2019.
- 88 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 241 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 337 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 24 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New Hampshire in 2019. This is a decrease from 69 children in 2017, representing a 65.2% decline.

Teens & Youth
- 4,000 (5%) of New Hampshire’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.
- In 2020, there were zero reports of children in New Hampshire aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 10 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- There were no reports of children under age 19 killed by a firearm in New Hampshire in 2020.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- New Hampshire spent $58,265,492 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.
- $42,823,274 were allocated from the federal government and $12,400,883 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources
- Title IV-E
- Title IV-B
- Medicaid
- TANF
- Other Sources

The breakdown of the $42,823,274 in federal funding received in New Hampshire in 2018:
- $13,400,687 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $3,027,889 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- New Hampshire’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $7,780,878.


Based on Calculations from the CWLA


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