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Child Maltreatment

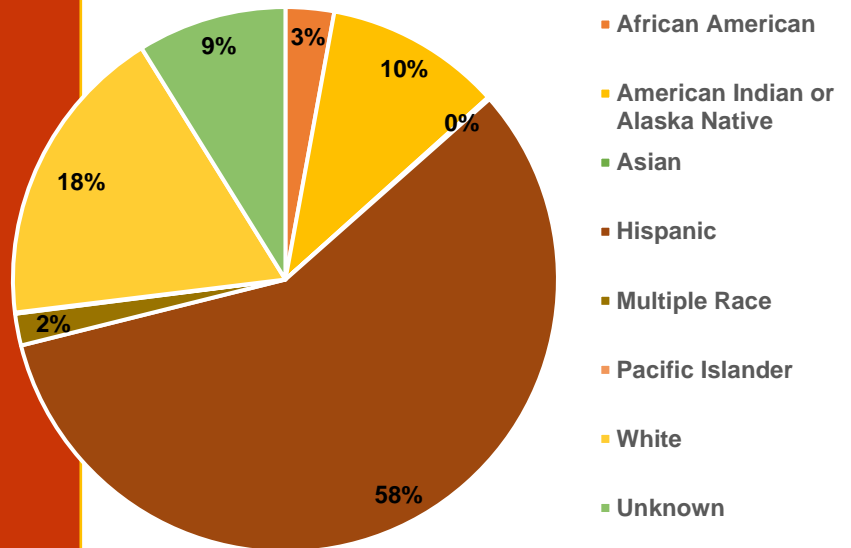
In 2020, New Mexico had **40,381** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **22,128** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There was **7,050** child victims of abuse or neglect in New Mexico in 2020, at a rate of **14.9** children per 1,000. This translates to a **1.97%** decrease since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **7,050** children, **4,949** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

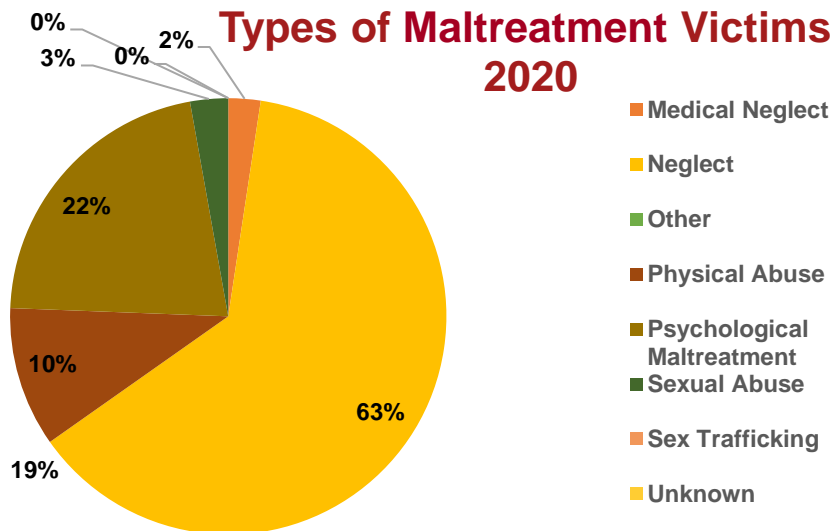
The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **917** of the **7,050** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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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}

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

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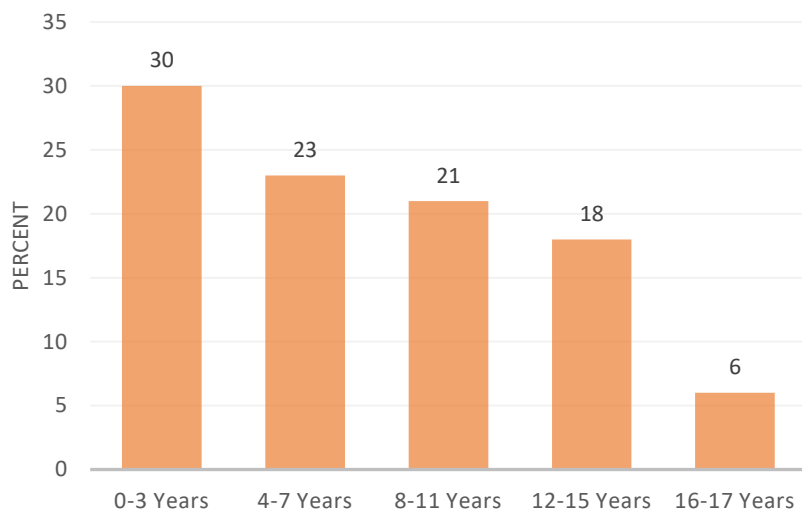
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, New Mexico reported **274** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- New Mexico reported **4** screened-in infants with prenatal substance abuse exposure with plans of safe care.^x



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- Child fatalities increased in 2020 from **11** in 2019 to **13** in 2020.^{xi}

- New Mexico did not report the numbers for sex trafficking victims^{xii}

- **2,476** victims received post-response services while **2,196** non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **3,489** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **2,120** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **1,184** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **1,372** exited during the same year.
- **281** of New Mexico's children were adopted while **1,040** were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was an **8.85%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased **16.36%** from 2019 to 2020.^{xvi}

81 children in New Mexico aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is a decrease from **98** in 2018 and represents a **17.3%** decrease.^{xvii}

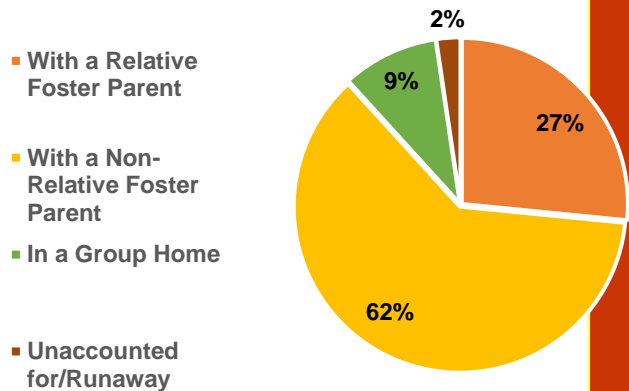
- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **25.7** months in care.^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in New Mexico for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **38.2** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **8.2** years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **7.3** years old.^{xxi}

17.3%
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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



Data from 2019 shows that **1,291** children in foster care within New Mexico were living with non-relatives while **556** stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart).^{xxii}

197 children were staying in group homes while **49** children were classified as runaways.^{xxiii}

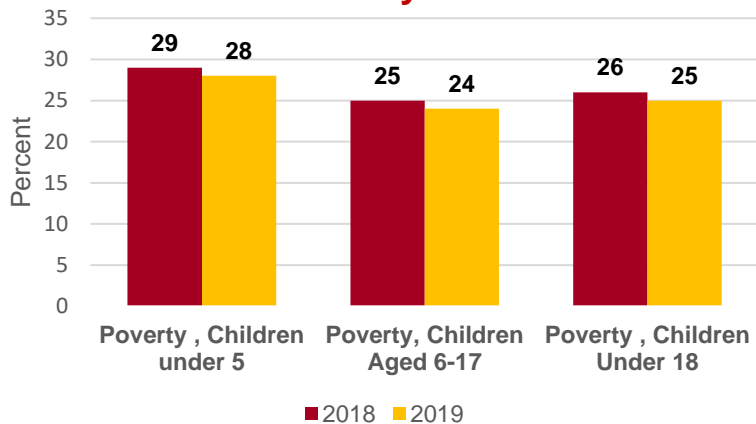
4% of households in New Mexico in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.^{xxiv}

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **10.1** months.^{xxv}

Child Poverty

New Mexico had **151,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **32%** of all children.^{xxvi}
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Child Poverty Over Time



26% of New Mexico's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxviii}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF increased from **24,778** in FY2019 to **26,589** in FY2020. This represents a **7.3%** increase.^{xxix xxx}

The state spent **\$14,409,592** on WIC in 2021, serving **35,997** people. This represents a **10.93%** decrease in total participants and a **16.14%** decrease in spending.^{xxxii}

298,030 people in New Mexico were food insecure in 2019, including **104,080** children who struggled with hunger.^{xxxiii}

41.1% of households receiving SNAP benefits in New Mexico in 2019 had children.^{xxxiiii}



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Health

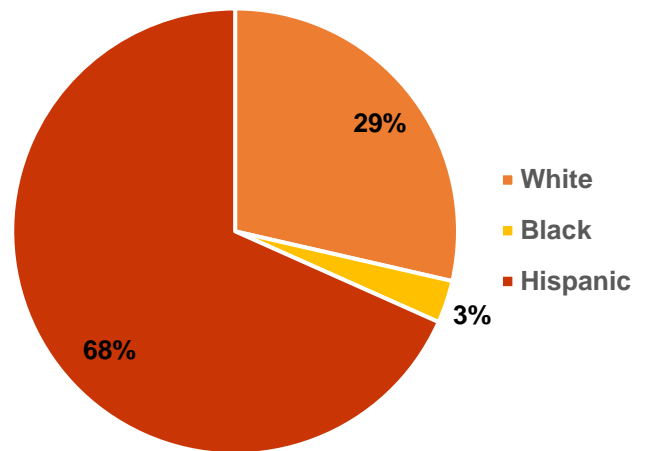
New Mexico had **2,126** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **9.3%** of infants born in New Mexico in 2019.^{xxxiv}

New Mexico had a total of **2,329** preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **9.1%** of all white babies were born premature while **17.18%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **10.15%**.^{xxxv}

There were **1,659** births to mothers aged 15-19 in New Mexico in 2019, representing a rate of **24** in every 1,000 teen girls.^{xxxvi}

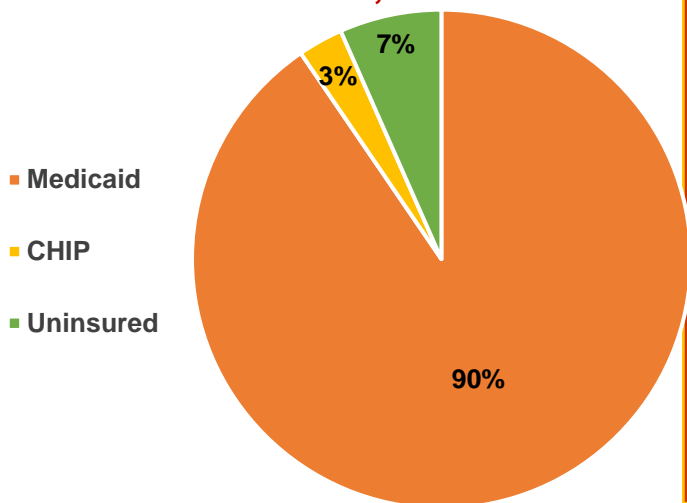
129 infants under 1 died in New Mexico in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of **5.6** per 1,000.^{xxxvii}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2019



5.7% of New Mexico's children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents **29,000** children.^{xxxix}

397,180 children in New Mexico were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a **0.18%** increase from 2019.^{xl}

9,613 children in New Mexico were in the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a **24.9%** decrease from 2019.^{xli}



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15.09%
decline since
2017 of children
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Juvenile Justice System

- There were **2,852** total arrests for children under 18 in New Mexico in 2019.
- **219** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **265** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **438** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xlii}
- **270** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New Mexico in 2019. This is a decrease from **318** kids in 2017, representing a **15.09%** decline.^{xliii}

Teens & Youth

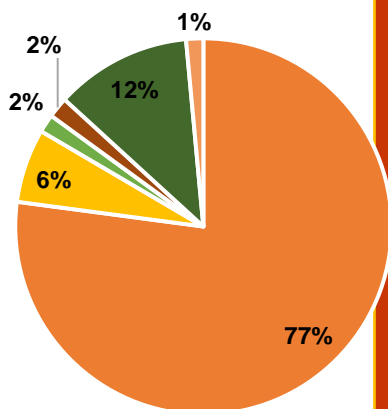
- **12,000** (11%) of New Mexico's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xliv}
- In 2020, New Mexico reported **12** suicides for children aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **28** reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.^{xlv}
- **41** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New Mexico in 2020.^{xlvi}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- New Mexico spent **\$104,546,039** 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.
- **\$57,491,227** were allocated from the federal government and **\$38,811,730** came from state and local funds.^{xlvii}

Federal Funding Sources

- Title IV-E
- Title IV-B
- TANF
- Medicaid
- Social Services Block Grant
- Other Sources



The breakdown of the **\$57,491,227** in federal funding received in New Mexico in 2018:
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\$21,377,772 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
\$21,830,833 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program ^{xlix}

New Mexico's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$8,705,836** ⁱ



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