Child Maltreatment
In 2020, Ohio had 182,036 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 81,183 were screened in for investigation.¹

There was 23,691 child victims of abuse or neglect in Ohio in 2020, at a rate of 9.2 children per 1,000. This translates to a 0.2% increase since 2016.²³

Of the 23,691 children, 17,381 were first time victims.³iv

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 4,081 of the 23,691 cases.iv

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020
63% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. 37% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.⁶vi

53% of Ohio’s child victims in 2020 were female and 46% were male. 1% not reported or unknown.vii

Plans of Safe Care
- In 2020 Ohio reported 5,884 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.ix
- Ohio reported 5,316 screened-in infants with plans of safe care.x
Child fatalities increased in 2020 from 79 in 2019 to 94 in 2020.\textsuperscript{xii}

Ohio reported 25 sex trafficking victims in 2020 \textsuperscript{xii}

Ohio reported 16,575 victims who received post-response services and 29,492 non-victims who received post-response services. \textsuperscript{xiii}

Foster Care and Adoptions

- \textbf{26,475} total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- \textbf{16,017} were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2020.
- \textbf{10,720} children entered care during the 2020 FY while 10,458 exited during the same year.
- \textbf{1,466} of Ohio’s children were adopted while \textbf{3,472} were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xv}

There was a \textbf{2.2\%} decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system decreased \textbf{11.9\%} from 2019.\textsuperscript{xvi}

\textbf{1,127} children in Ohio aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from \textbf{902} in 2018 and represents a \textbf{24.9\%} increase.\textsuperscript{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of 17.5 months in care.\textsuperscript{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Ohio for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 39.2 months.\textsuperscript{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was 9.1 years old.\textsuperscript{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was 6.3 years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}
Data from 2019 shows that 9,225 children in foster care within Ohio were living with non-relatives while 3,593 stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart).xxii

2,024 children were staying in group homes while 141 children were classified as runaways.xxiii

3% of households in Ohio 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 8.1 months.xxv

Child Poverty
Ohio had 678,000 children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 26% of all children.xxvi

23% of Ohio’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvii

The average number of individuals receiving TANF increased from 92,550 in 2019 to 96,834 in 2020. This represents a 4.6% increase.xxviii xxx

The state spent $71,351,195 on WIC in 2021, serving 164,327 people. This represents a 9.7% decrease in total participants and a 7.3% increase in spending. xxxi

1,547,110 people in Ohio were food insecure in 2019, including 448,600 children who struggled with hunger.xxxii

40.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Ohio in 2019 had children.xxxiii
Health
Ohio had 11,533 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.6% of infants born in Ohio in 2019.xxxiv

Ohio had a total of 14,120 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 9.63% of all white babies were born premature while 14.11% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was 10.5%.xxxv

There were 6,926 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2019, representing a rate of 19 in every 1,000 teen girls.xxxvi

930 infants under 1 died in Ohio in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 6.9 per 1,000.xxxvii

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020

4.8% of Ohio’s children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents 131,000 children. Ohio is a Medicaid expansion state.xxxix

1,240,667 children in Ohio were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 3.6% decrease from 2019.xi

211,086 children in Ohio were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 13.0% decrease from 2019.xli

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Juvenile Justice System
- There were 20,149 total arrests for children under 18 in Ohio in 2019.
- 1,676 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 3,287 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,362 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 1,746 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Ohio in 2019. This is a decrease from 2,079 kids in 2017, representing a 16.0% decrease.

Teens & Youth
- 37,000 (6%) of Ohio’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.
- In 2020, Ohio reported 26 deaths by suicide for children 10-14; There were 64 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 186 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Ohio in 2020.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Ohio spent $1,307,935,087 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.
- $507,740,217 were allocated from the federal government and $796,407,369 came from state and local funds.

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

The breakdown of the $507,740,217 in federal funding received in Ohio in 2018:
- $180,935,732 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $157,976,098 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Ohio’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $126,141,723.


Ibid.


Ibid.


