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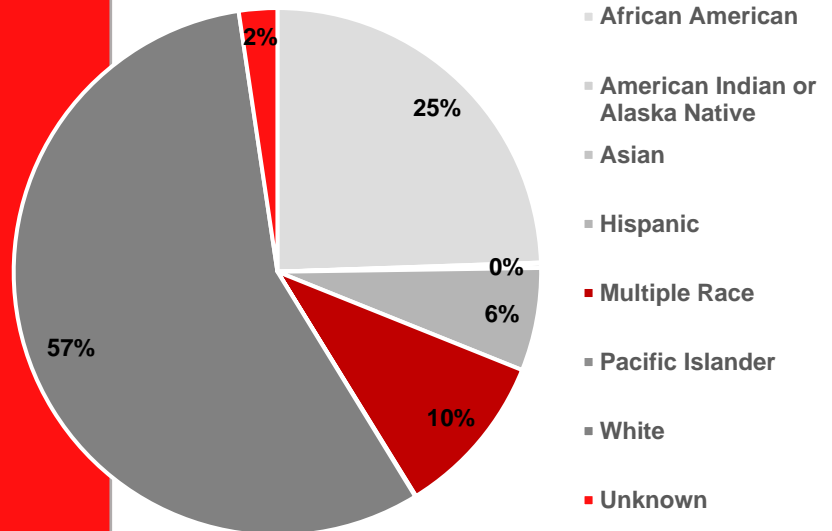
In 2020, Ohio had **182,036** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **81,183** were screened in for investigation.[i]

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.[ii]

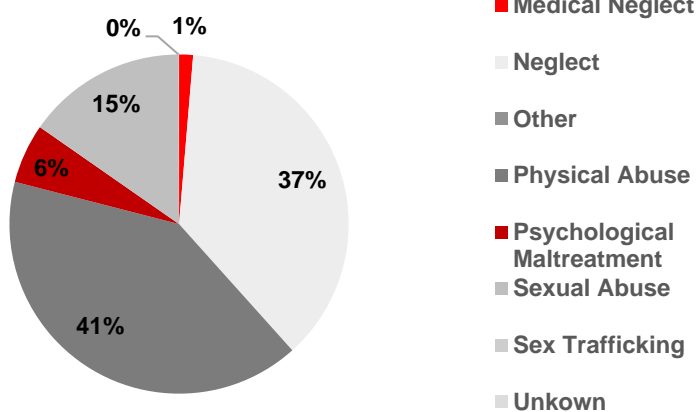Of the **23,691** children, **17,381** were first time victims.[iii]

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

Child Victims by Race or Ethinicity, 2020

- African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Multiple Race
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Unknown

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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020

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

63% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. **37%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.[vi]

53% of Ohio's child victims in 2020 were female and **46%** were male.**1%** not reported or unknown.[vii]
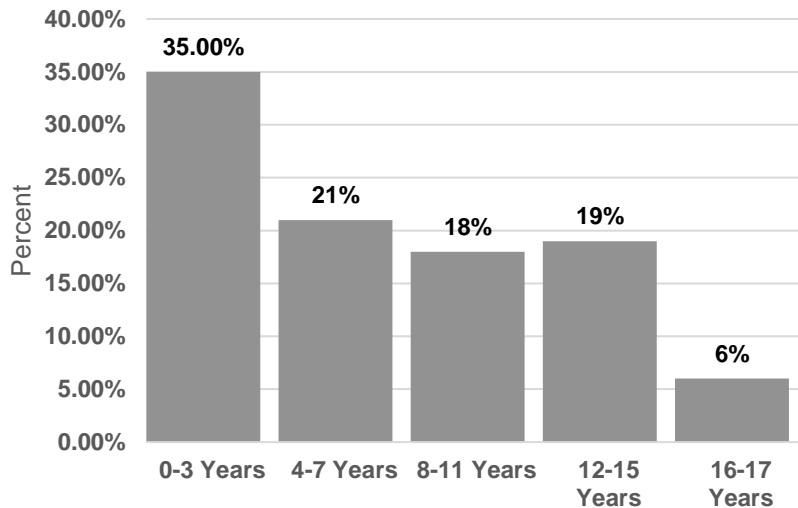
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Plans of Safe Care

- 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]

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020

Bar chart — Percent by age group:
- 0-3 Years: 35.00%
- 4-7 Years: 21%
- 8-11 Years: 18%
- 12-15 Years: 19%
- 16-17 Years: 6%

Child fatalities increased in 2020 from **79** in 2019 to **94** in 2020.[xi]

Ohio reported **25** sex trafficking victims in 2020 [xii]

Ohio reported **16,575** victims who received post-response services and **29,492** non-victims who received post-response services. [xiii]

[xiv]

Foster Care and Adoptions

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

There was a **2.2%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system decreased **11.9%** from 2019.[xvi]
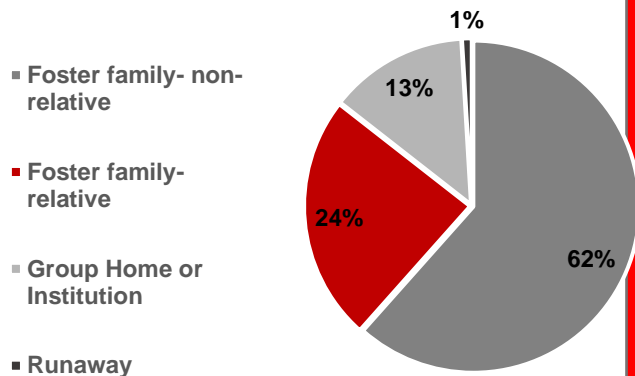
1,127 children in Ohio aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from **902** in 2018 and represents a **24.9%** increase.[xvii]

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **17.5** months in care. [xviii]
- The average length of stay in Ohio 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 **9.1** years old.[xx]
- The average age of adopted children was **6.3** years old.[xxi]

24.9%
Increase since 2018 in children aging out of foster care

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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?

- Foster family- non-relative
- Foster family-relative
- Group Home or Institution
- Runaway

Pie chart values: 62%, 24%, 13%, 1%

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]
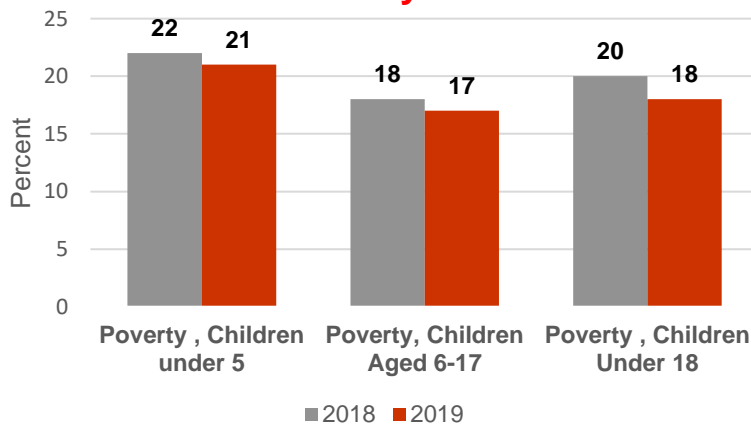
3% of households in Ohio in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.[xxiv]

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] [xxvii]

Child Poverty Over Time

Category	2018	2019
Poverty, Children under 5	22	21
Poverty, Children Aged 6-17	18	17
Poverty, Children Under 18	20	18

(Y-axis: Percent, 0–25)

23% of Ohio's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.[xxviii]

The average number of individuals receiving TANF increased from **92,550** in 2019 to **96,834** in 2020. This represents a **4.6%** increase.[xxix] [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]
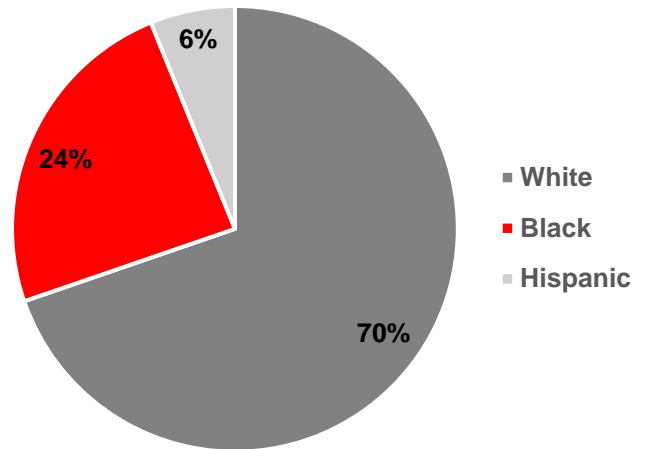
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Health

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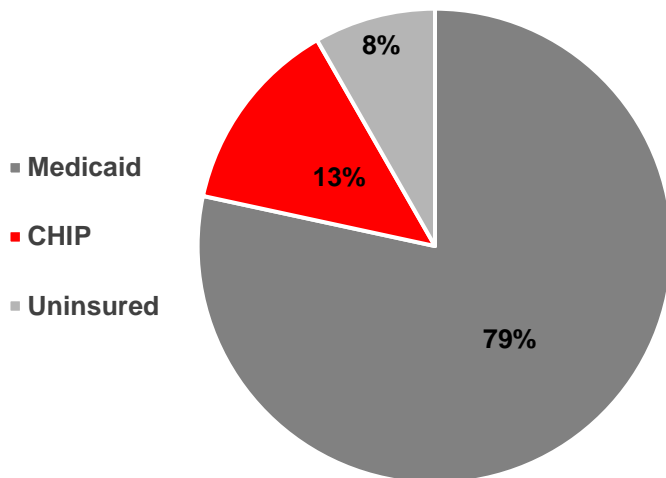
930 infants under 1 died in Ohio in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of **6.9** per 1,000. [xxxvii]

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019

- White
- Black
- Hispanic

6% · 24% · 70%

[xxxviii]

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020

- Medicaid
- CHIP
- Uninsured

8% · 13% · 79%

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. [xl]

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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16.0%
Decrease since 2017 of children living in juvenile correction facilities

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.[xlii]
- **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.[xliii]
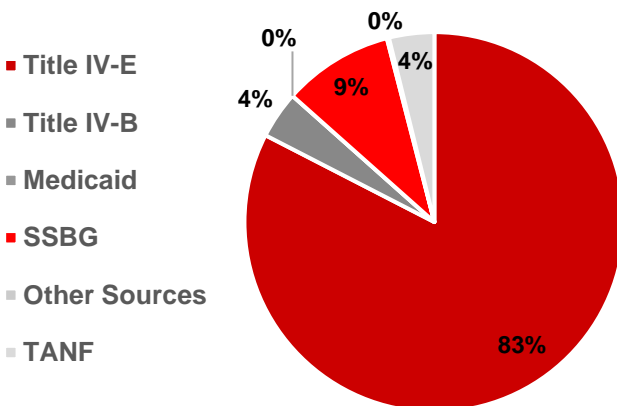
Teens & Youth

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

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.[xlvii]

Federal Funding Sources

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

0% · 0% · 4% · 9% · 4% · 83%

The breakdown of the **$507,740,217** in federal funding received in Ohio in 2018: [xlviii]
- **$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 [xlix]
- Ohio's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **$126,141,723** [l]

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