Child Maltreatment

In 2020, Oregon had 71,556 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 35,461 were referred for investigation.\(^i\)

There were 11,487 child victims of abuse or neglect in Oregon in 2020, at a rate of 13.3 children per 1,000. This translates to a 2.8% decrease since 2016.\(^ii\)

Of the 11,487 children, 7,472 were first time victims.\(^iii\)

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 1,239 of the 11,487 cases.\(^iv\)

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020

- 39% Medical Neglect
- 19% Neglect
- 10% Other
- 5% Physical Abuse
- 4% Psychological Maltreatment
- 3% Sexual Abuse
- 2% Sex Trafficking
- 1% Unknown

- 72% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents on the child. 28% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.\(^vi\)

- 51% of Oregon’s child victims in 2020 were female while 49% were male.\(^vii\)

Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Oregon reported 20 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.\(^ix\)

- Oregon reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.\(^x\)
• Child fatalities decreased from 23 in 2019 to 17 in 2020.\textsuperscript{xii}

• Oregon reported 27 total child victims of sex trafficking.\textsuperscript{xii}

• 3,851 victims received post-response services while 2,574 non-victims received post-response services as well.\textsuperscript{xiii}

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**Foster Care and Adoptions**

- 9,463 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- 6,026 were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2020.
- 2,743 children entered care during the 2020 FY while 3,437 exited during the same year.
- 792 of Oregon’s children were adopted while 1,043 were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xxiv}

There was a 11.9\% decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system increased 10.7\% from 2019.\textsuperscript{xxv}

293 children in Oregon aged out and exited foster care 2019. This is an decrease from 295 in 2018 and represents a 0.6\% decrease.\textsuperscript{xxvi}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of 24.2 months in care.\textsuperscript{xxvii}
- The average length of stay in Oregon for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 42.1 months.\textsuperscript{xxviii}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was 7.9 years old.\textsuperscript{xxix}
- The average age of adopted children was 5.8 years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}
Data from 2019 shows that 2,753 children in foster care within Oregon were living with non-relatives while 2,224 stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart). xxii

393 children were staying in group homes while 64 children were classified as runaways.xxiii

3% of households in Oregon 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 12.2 months.xxv

Child Poverty

Oregon had 233,000 children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 27% of all children.xxvi

29% of Oregon’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvii

The average number of individuals receiving TANF decreased from 32,858 in 2019 to 32,646 in 2020. This represents a 0.6% decrease.xxx xxviii

The state spent $24,890,184 on WIC in 2021, serving 75,802 people. This represents a 3.2% decrease in total participants and a 13.3% decrease in spending.xxxix xxx

486,200 people in Oregon were food insecure in 2019, including 125,540 children who struggled with hunger.xxxi

28.2% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Oregon in 2019 had children.xxxii
Health
Oregon had 2,801 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 6.7% of infants born in Oregon in 2019.xxxiv

Oregon had a total of 3,470 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 8.0% of all white babies were born premature while 9.9% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature rate was 8.2%.xxxv

There were 1,451 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Oregon in 2019, representing a rate of 12 in every 1,000 teen girls.xxxvi

203 infants under 1 died in Oregon in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 4.8 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

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4.1% of Oregon’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 38,000 children. Oregon is a Medicaid expansion state.xxxix

378,487 children in Oregon were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 3.1% decrease from 2019.xl

187,285 children in Oregon were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 4.9% increase from 2019.xli
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 8,031 total arrests for children under 18 in Oregon in 2019.
- 591 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 1,614 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,312 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 651 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Oregon in 2018. This is a decrease from 909 kids in 2017, representing an 28.3% decrease.

Teens & Youth
- 16,000 (8%) of Oregon’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.
- In 2020, there were no reports of children in Oregon aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 36 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 39 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Oregon in 2020.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Oregon spent $552,141,653 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.
- $262,664,024 were allocated from the federal government and $282,961,714 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources
- The breakdown of the $262,664,024 in federal funding received in Oregon in 2018:
  - $67,362,521 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $39,002,284 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
  - Oregon’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $21,047,616.


Based on Calculations from the CWLA


Ibid.

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