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Child Maltreatment

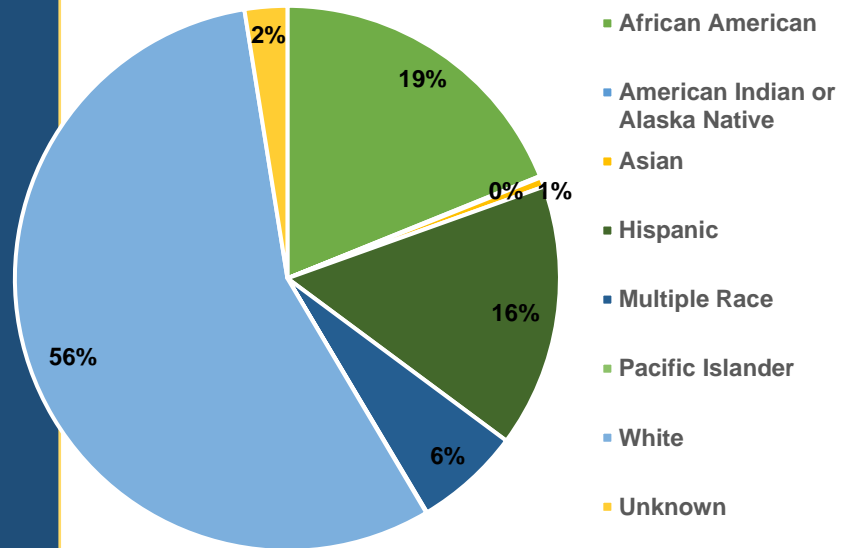
In 2020, Pennsylvania had **35,865** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. All were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **4,582** child victims of abuse or neglect in Pennsylvania in 2020, at a rate of **1.7** children per 1,000. This translates to a **5.2%** increase since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **4,582** children, **4,331** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

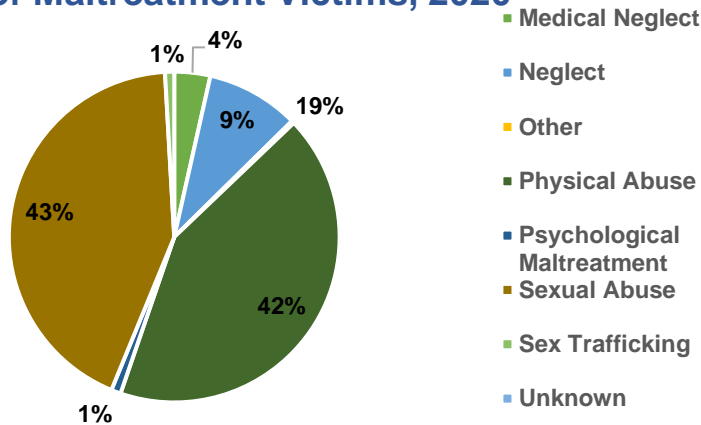
The largest age group of victims were 14-year-old children, representing **357** of the **4,582** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- **56%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents on the child. **44%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

- **61%** of Pennsylvania's child victims in 2020 were female while **39%** were male.^{vii}

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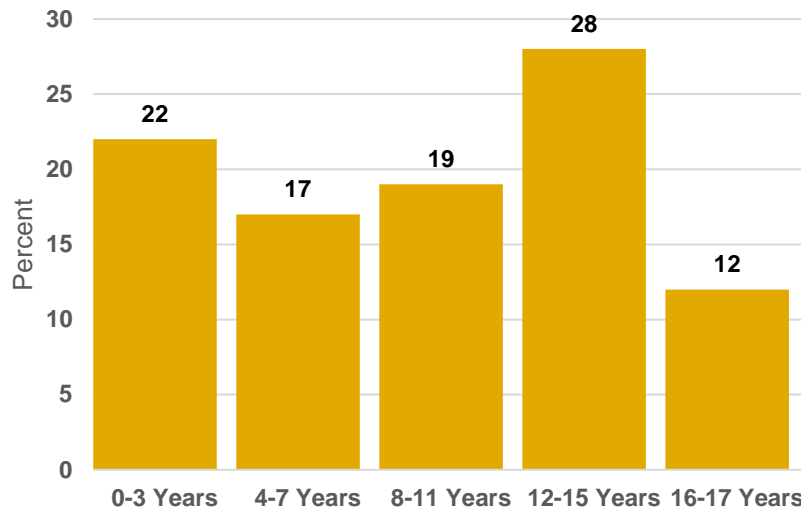
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Pennsylvania reported **no** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- Pennsylvania reported **no** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.^x



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



• Child fatalities increased from **54** in 2019 to **67** in 2020.^{xi}

• Pennsylvania reported **43** total child victims of sex trafficking.^{xii}

• **1,234** victims received post-response services while **2,230** non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **22,416** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **14,354** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **7,254** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **8,062** exited during the same year.
- **2,087** of Pennsylvania's children were adopted while **3,212** were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was a **7.5%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased **26.7%** from 2019.^{xvi}

29.7%
Increase since
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aging out of
foster care

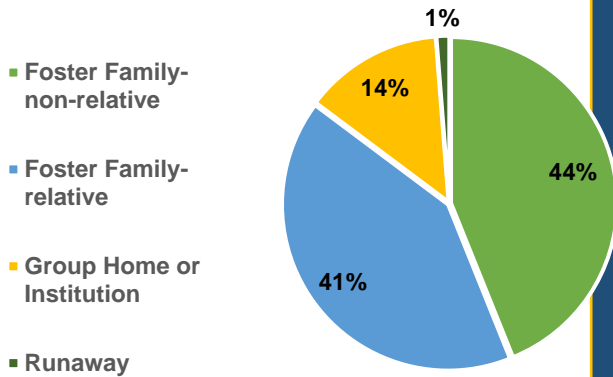
1,085 children in Pennsylvania aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from **836** in 2018 and represents a **29.7%** increase.^{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **21.1** months in care.^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Pennsylvania for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in **36.0** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **7.7** years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **6.0** years old.^{xxi}



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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



Data from 2019 shows that **6,476** children in foster care within Pennsylvania were living with non-relatives while **6,092** stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart).^{xxii}

1,996 children were staying in group homes while **184** children were classified as runaways.^{xxiii}

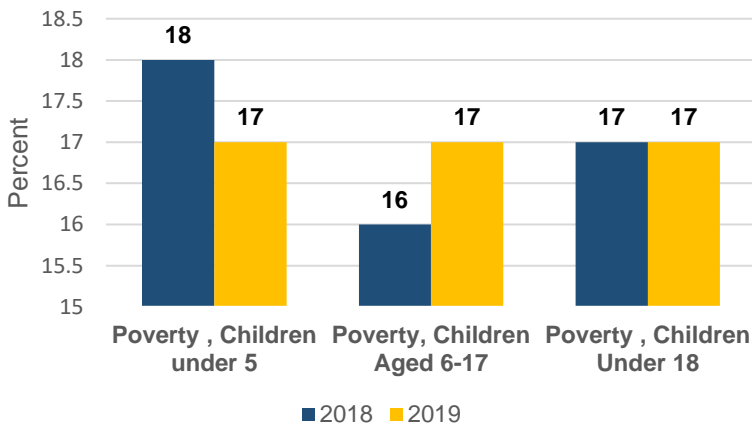
3% of households in Pennsylvania in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.^{xxiv}

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was **14.9** months.^{xxv}

Child Poverty

Pennsylvania had **676,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **26%** of all children.^{xxvi}
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Child Poverty Over Time



27% of Pennsylvania's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxviii}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF decreased from **101,975** in 2019 to **87,736** in 2020. This represents a **13.9%** decrease.^{xxix xxx}

The state spent **\$71,392,134** on WIC in 2021, serving **167,982** people. This represents a **9.9%** decrease in total participants and an **13.1%** decrease in spending.

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1,353,730 people in Pennsylvania were food insecure in 2019, including **383,520** children who struggled with hunger.^{xxxii}

33.9% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Pennsylvania in 2019 had children.^{xxxiii}



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Health

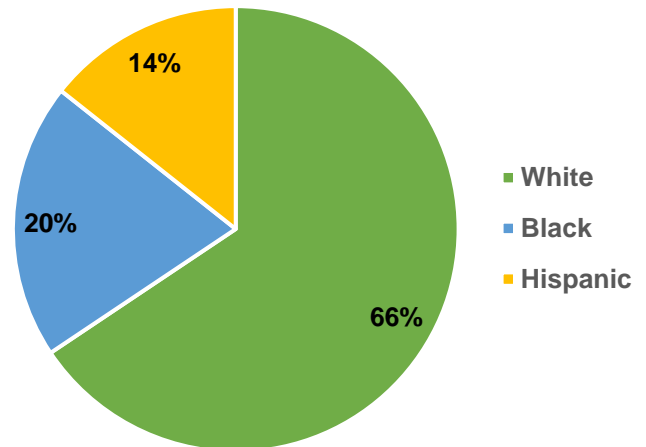
Pennsylvania had **11,255** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **8.4%** of infants born in Pennsylvania in 2019.^{xxxiv}

Pennsylvania had a total of **13,319** preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **9.0%** of all white babies were born premature while **13.8%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **9.9%**.^{xxxv}

There were **5,264** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Pennsylvania in 2019, representing a rate of **13** in every 1,000 teen girls.^{xxxvi}

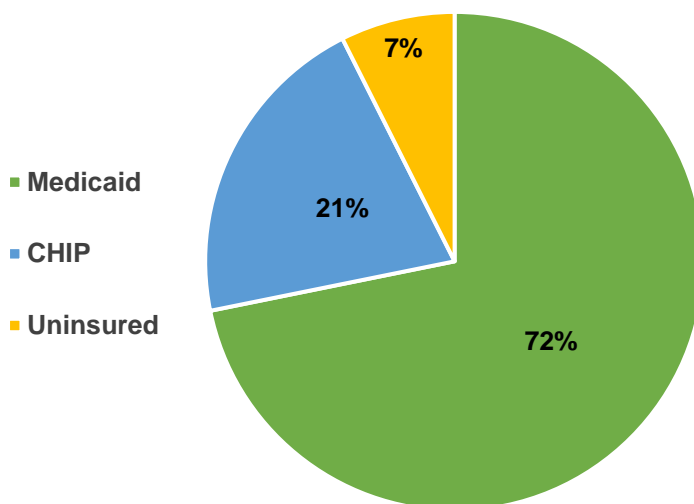
788 infants under 1 died in Pennsylvania in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of **5.9** per 1,000.^{xxxvii}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020



4.6% of Pennsylvania's children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents **128,000** children. Pennsylvania is a Medicaid expansion state.^{xxxix}

1,237,634 children in Pennsylvania were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a **1.1%** increase from 2019.^{xl}

357,620 children in Pennsylvania were in the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a **4.0%** increase from 2019.^{xli}



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12.5%
Decrease since
2017 of children
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Juvenile Justice System

- There were **8,153** total arrests for children under 18 in Pennsylvania in 2019.
- **1,866** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **1,161** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **685** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xlii}
- **1,566** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Pennsylvania in 2019. This is a decrease from **1,791** kids in 2017, representing a **12.5%** decrease.^{xliii}

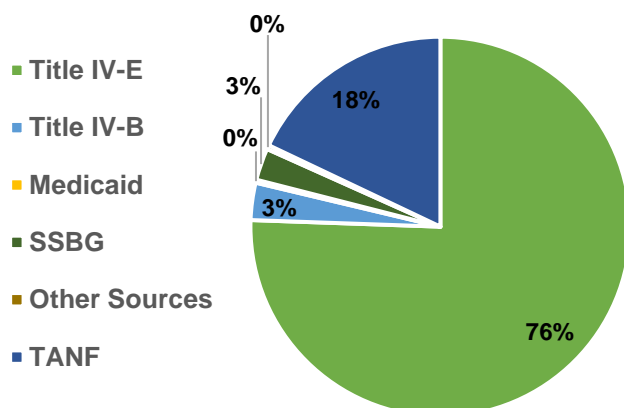
Teens & Youth

- **31,000** (5%) of Pennsylvania's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xliv}
- In 2020, there were **17** reports of children in Pennsylvania aged 10-14 committing suicide, and **56** reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.^{xlv}
- **169** children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Pennsylvania in 2020.^{xlvi}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Pennsylvania spent **\$1,904,832,232** 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.^{xlvii}
- **\$441,254,876** were allocated from the federal government and **\$1,441,260,588** came from state and local funds.^{xlviii}

Federal Funding Sources



The breakdown of the **\$441,254,876** in federal funding received in Pennsylvania in 2018: ^{xlix}

- **\$112,232,165** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- **\$111,033,471** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program ⁱ
- Pennsylvania's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$92,501,113** ^{li}



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