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Child Maltreatment

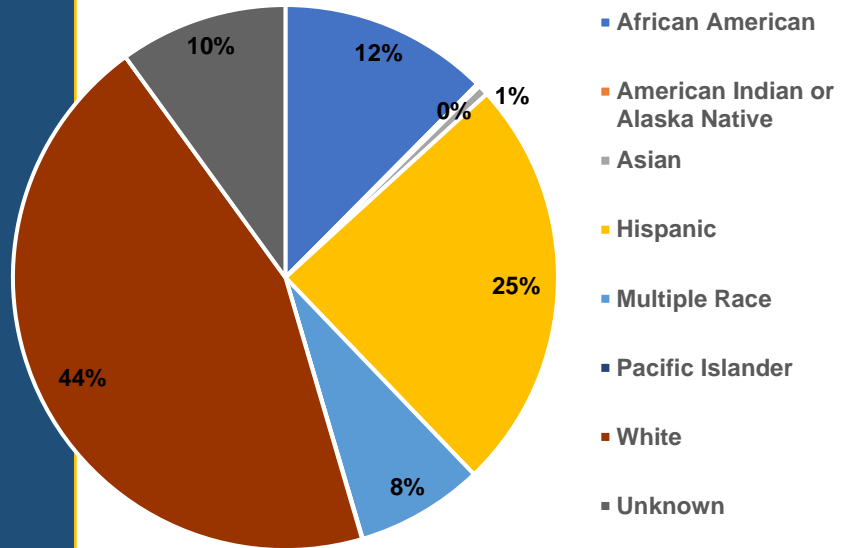
In 2020, Rhode Island had **15,816** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **5,966** were referred for investigation.ⁱ

There were **2,743** child victims of abuse or neglect in Rhode Island in 2020, at a rate of **13.6** children per 1,000. This translates to a **7.2%** decrease since 2016.ⁱⁱ

Of the **2,743** children, **1,849** were first time victims.ⁱⁱⁱ

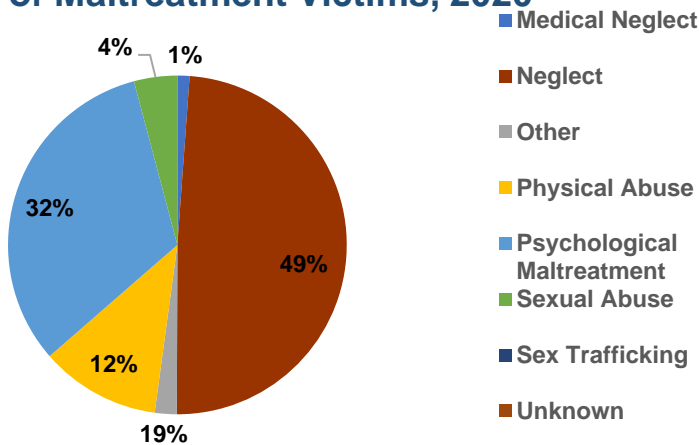
The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **421** of the **2,743** cases.^{iv}

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- **79%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. **21%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.^{vi}

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

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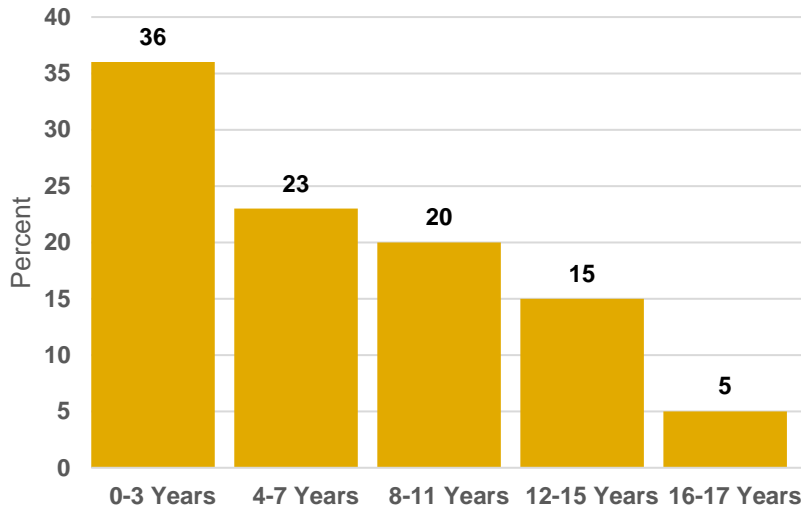
Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Rhode Island reported **101** infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.^{ix}
- Rhode Island reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.^x



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



• Child fatalities decreased from **three** in 2019 to **two** in 2020.^{xi}

• Rhode Island did not report the numbers for victims of sex trafficking.^{xii}

• **1,338** victims received post-response services while **870** non-victims received post-response services as well.^{xiii}

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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **3,057** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **2,140** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **880** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **917** exited during the same year.
- **152** of Rhode Island's children were adopted while **364** were waiting to be adopted.^{xv}

There was a **2.7%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased **17.3%** from 2019.^{xvi}

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Increase since
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aging out of
foster care

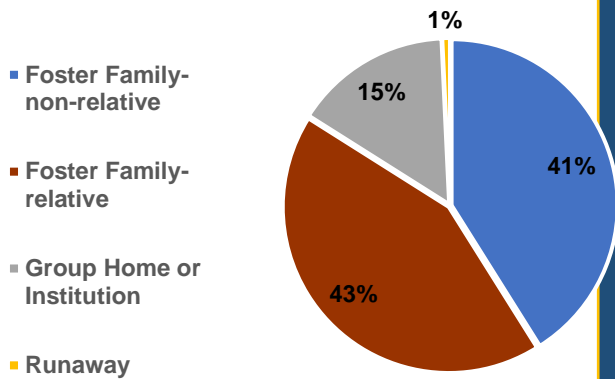
148 children in Rhode Island aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from **134** in 2018 and represents an **10.4%** increase.^{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **20.6** months in care.^{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Rhode Island for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **40.1** months.^{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **7.3** years old.^{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **5.5** years old.^{xxi}



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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?



Data from 2019 shows that **776** children in foster care within Rhode Island were living with non-relatives while **810** stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart).^{xxii}

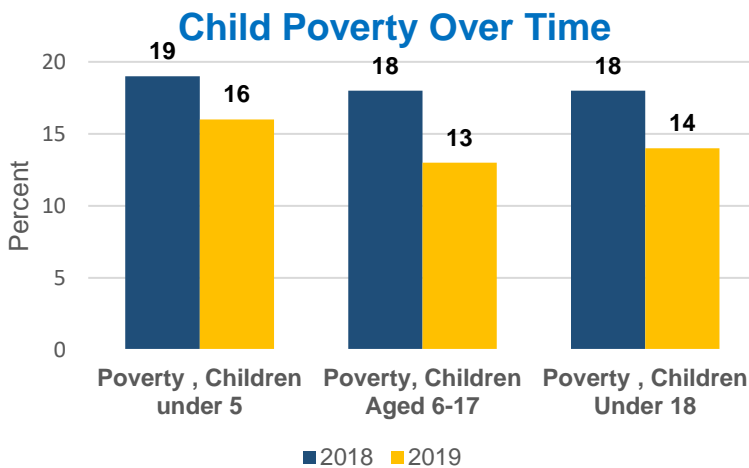
289 children were staying in group homes while **14** children were classified as runaways.^{xxiii}

4% of households in Rhode Island 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 **13.8** months.^{xxv}

Child Poverty

Rhode Island had **46,000** children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing **23%** of all children.^{xxvi}
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29% of Rhode Island's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.^{xxviii}

The average number of individuals receiving TANF decreased from **9,682** in 2019 to **8,625** in 2020. This represents a **10.9%** decrease.^{xxix xxx}

The state spent **\$7,770,550** on WIC in 2021, serving **16,533** people. This represents a **1.9%** decrease in total participants and a **9.7%** decrease in spending.^{xxxi}

101,100 people in Rhode Island were food insecure in 2019, including **28,350 children** who struggled with hunger.^{xxxii}

30.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Rhode Island in 2019 had children.^{xxxiii}



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Health

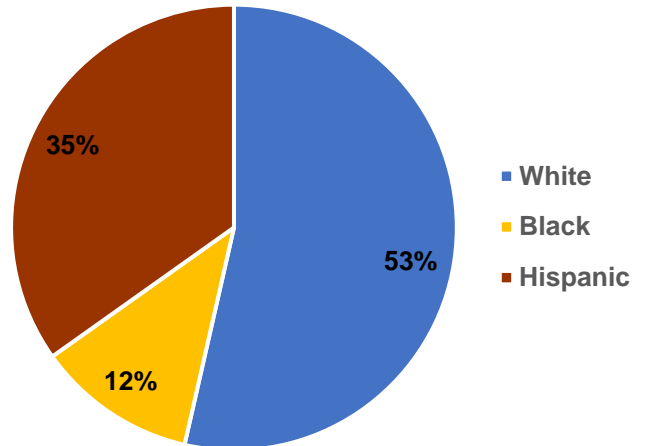
Rhode Island had **796** low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to **7.8%** of infants born in Rhode Island in 2019.^{xxxiv}

Rhode Island had a total of **970** preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. **8.3%** of all white babies were born premature while **12.0%** of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was **9.5%**.^{xxxv}

There were **359** births to mothers aged 15-19 in Rhode Island in 2019, representing a rate of **10.0** in every 1,000 teen girls.^{xxxvi}

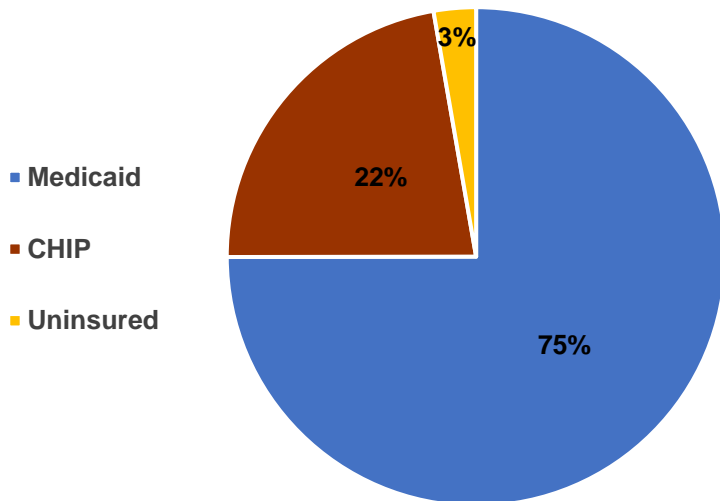
61 infants under 1 died in Rhode Island in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of **6.0** per 1,000.^{xxxvii}

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019



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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020



1.9% of Rhode Island's children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents **4,000** children.^{xxxix} Rhode Island is a Medicaid expansion state.

109,418 children in Rhode Island were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents **.3%** increase from 2019.^{xl}

32,526 children in Rhode Island were in the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a **12.4%** decrease from 2019.^{xli}



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12.1%

Decrease since 2017 of children living in juvenile correction facilities

Juvenile Justice System

- There were **2,176** total arrests for children under 18 in Rhode Island in 2019.
- **511** of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- **340** arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- **112** were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.^{xlii}
- **108** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Rhode Island in 2019. This is a decrease from **123** kids in 2017, representing a **12.1%** decrease.^{xliii}

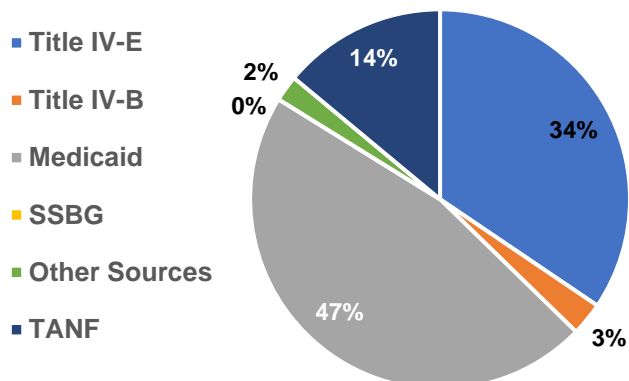
Teens & Youth

- **3,000** (5%) of Rhode Island's youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.^{xliiv}
- In 2020, Rhode Island did not report any suicides among children 10-14 or 15-19.^{xliv}
- Rhode Island **did not** report any children under age 19 killed by a firearm in 2020.^{xlvi}

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Rhode Island spent **\$188,605,661** 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.
- **\$56,990,642** were allocated from the federal government and **\$129,218,262** came from state and local funds.^{xlvii}

Federal Funding Sources



The breakdown of the **\$56,990,642** in federal funding received in Rhode Island in 2018: ^{xlviii}

- **\$11,000,024** as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- **\$7,514,225** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program ^{xlix}
- Rhode Island's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was **\$10,241,393** ^l



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