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Child Maltreatment

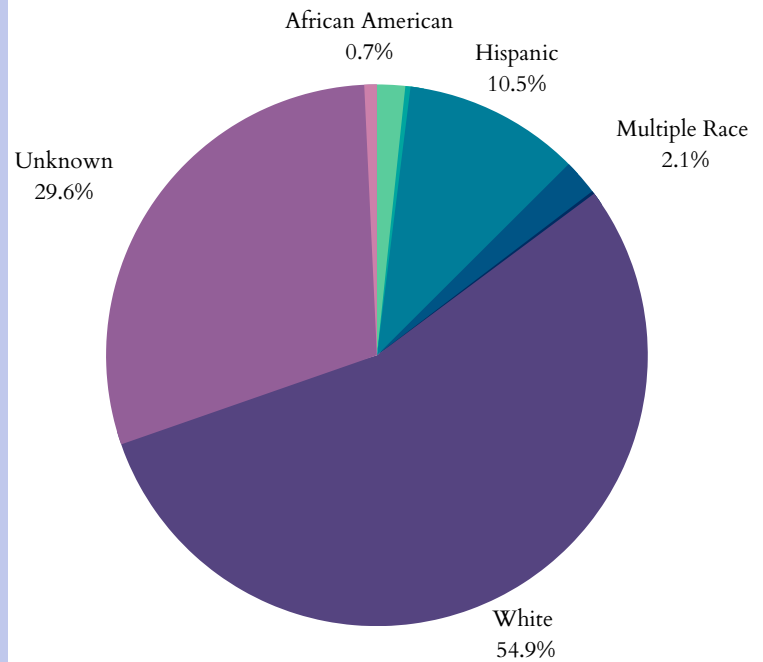
In 2021, Idaho had 21,508 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 9,121 were referred for investigation.

There were 2,268 child victims of abuse or neglect in Idaho in 2021, at a rate of 4.0 children per 1,000. This translates to a 23.8% increase since 2017.

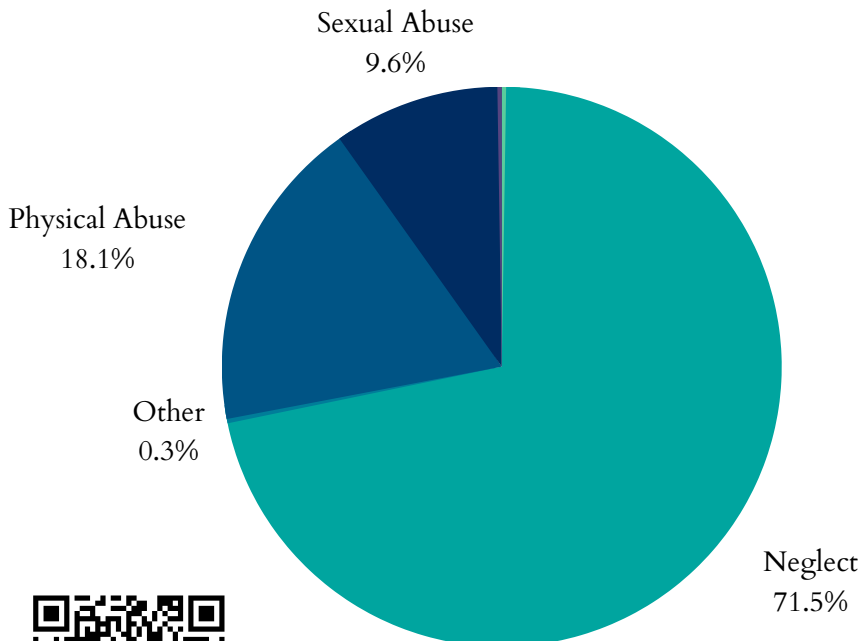
Of the 2,268 children, 1,884 were first-time victims.

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 571 of the 2,268 cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2021



- 91% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child.
- 9% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.
- 50% of Idaho's child victims in 2020 were female and 50% were male.

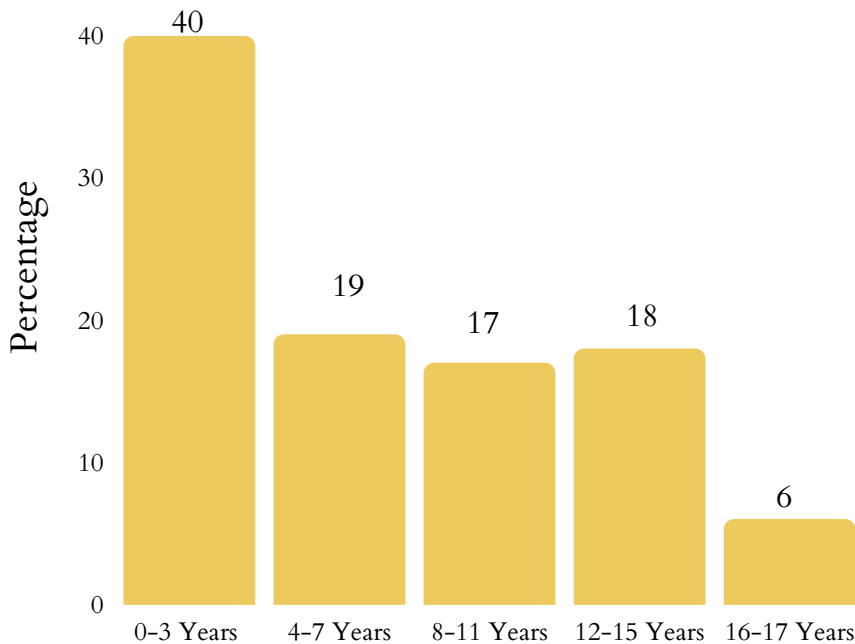
Plans for Safe Care

- In 2021, Idaho reported 2 infants screened with prenatal substance abuse exposure.
- Idaho reported 1 plan of safe care for screened-in infants.



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- Child fatalities have decreased from 10 in 2020 to 3 in 2021.
- Idaho reported 6 child victims of sex trafficking.
- 1,410 victims received post-response services while 1,216 non-victims received post-response services as well.

FAMILY FIRST IMPLEMENTATION

- Idaho has a plan approved by the administration.
- Idaho's Family First Plan

Foster Care and Adoptions

- 2,693 total children were served by the foster care system in Idaho in FY 2021.
- 1,601 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2021.
- 1,346 children entered care during the 2021 FY while 1,097 exited during the same year.
- 346 of Idaho's children were adopted while 320 were waiting to be adopted.

11.5%

The decrease since 2019 in children aging out of foster care.

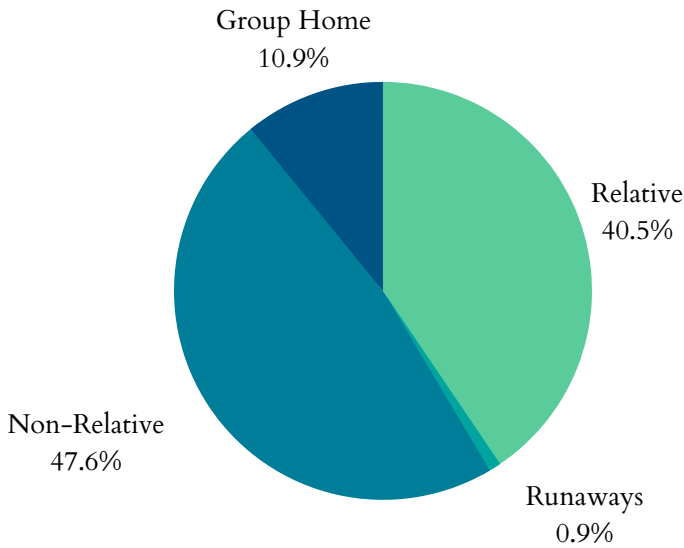
There was a 4.4% increase in the number of children in care between 2020 and 2021. Adoptions from the system decreased by 2.0% from 2020.

78 children in Idaho aged out and exited foster care in 2020. This is a decrease from 87 in 2019 and represents a 11.5% decrease.

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average length of 15.4 months in care.
- The average length of stay in Idaho for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 27.4 months.
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was 8.2 years old.
- The average age of adopted children was 6.3 years old.

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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying?, 2020



Data from 2020 shows that 616 children in foster care within Idaho were living with non-relatives while 524 stayed with a relative.

141 children were staying in group homes or institutions while 12 children were classified as runaways.

3% of households in Idaho in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 10.3 months.

Child Poverty

Idaho had 99,000 children in 2021 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 21% of all children.

22% of Idaho's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.

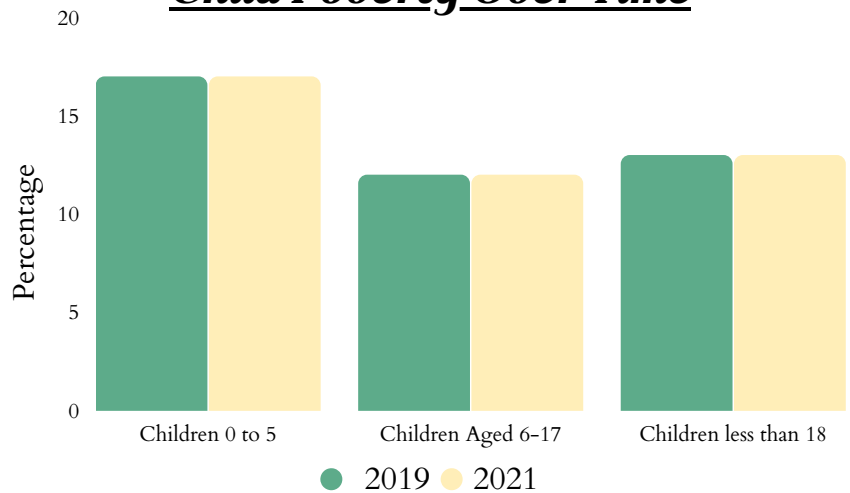
The average number of TANF recipients fell from 2,364 in 2021 to 2,178 in 2022. This represents a 7.9% decrease.

The state spent \$8,717,581 on WIC in 2022, serving 29,030 people. This represents a 3.0% decrease in total participants and a 3.8% increase in spending.

152,890 people in Idaho were food insecure in 2020, including 46,800 children who struggled with hunger.

47.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Idaho in 2019 had children.

Child Poverty Over Time



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Health

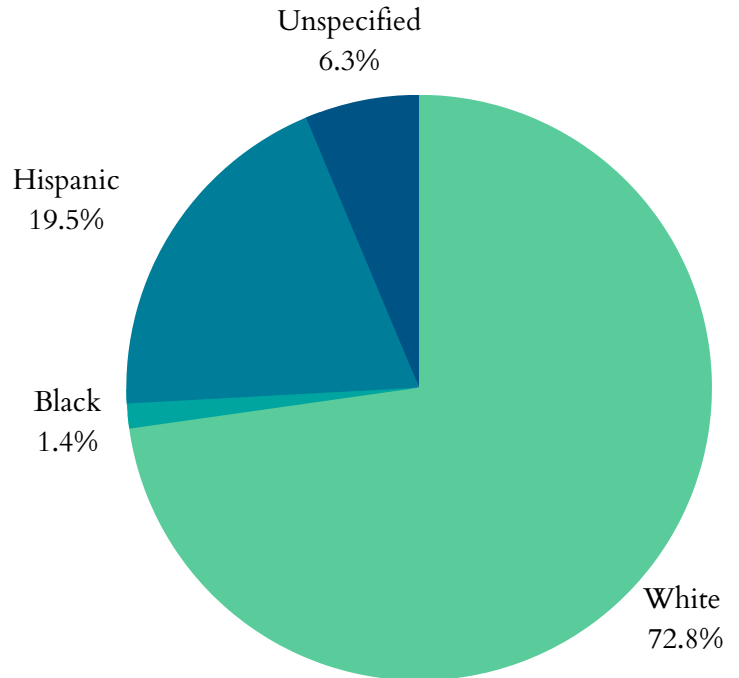
Idaho had 1,478 low birth-weight babies born in 2020, which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 6.9% of infants born in Idaho in 2020.

Idaho had 1,821 of preterm births in 2020, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 8.0% of all White babies were born prematurely while 7.8% of Black babies arrived prematurely in 2020. The total premature birth rate was 8.46%.

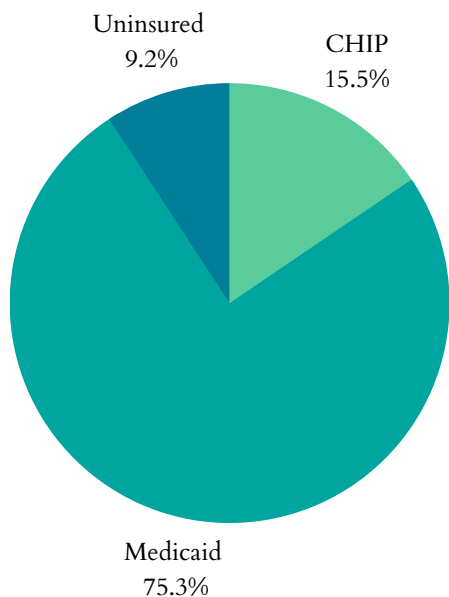
There were 909 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Idaho in 2020, representing a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls.

109 infants under 1 died in Idaho in 2020, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.1 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2020



Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2019



35,000 of Idaho's children had no health insurance in 2021. This represents a 45.8% increase from 2019.

Idaho is a Medicaid expansion state as of January 2020.

185,747 children in Idaho were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 5.1% decrease from 2019.

44,319 children in Idaho were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 9.9% increase from 2019.

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Juvenile Justice

- There were 6,235 total arrests for children under 18 in Idaho in 2019.
- 283 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 899 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 956 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 342 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Idaho in 2019. This is a decrease from 408 kids in 2017, representing a 16.2% decline.

16.2%

The decrease since 2017 of children living in juvenile correction facilities

Teens & Youth

- 8,000 (7%) of Idaho's youth, ages 16-19, were not in school nor working in 2021.
- In 2020, there were 0 reports of children in Idaho aged 10-14 committing suicide and 65 reports of suicide among children and young adults aged 15-24.
- 26 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Idaho in 2020.

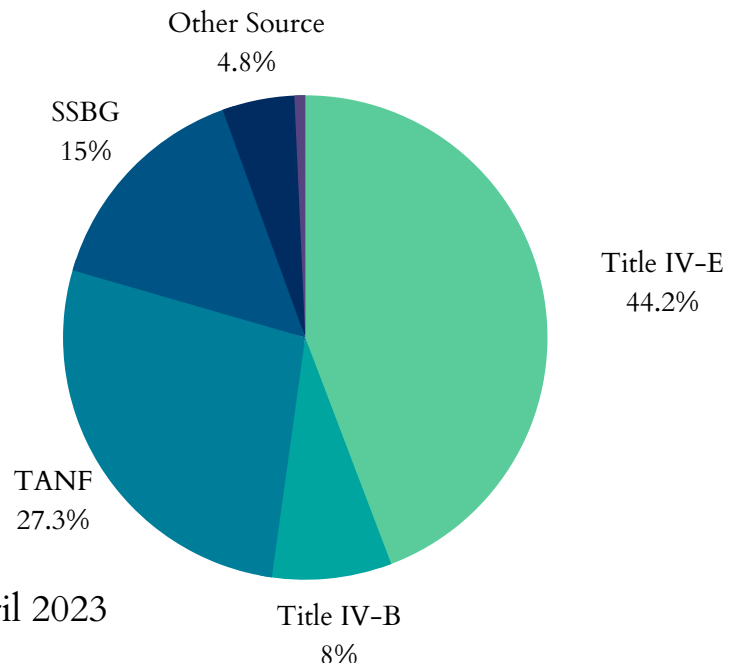
Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Idaho spent \$60,694,219 on child welfare services in 2016. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- \$39,286,639 were allocated from the federal government and \$21,407,580 came from state and local funds.

The significant funding sectors of the \$39,286,639 in federal funding received in Idaho in 2016:

- \$3,393,043.00 as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- \$7,417,496.00 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Idaho's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was \$8,063,830.00

Federal Funding Sources, 2016



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IDAHO STATE FACT SHEET

<https://www.cwla.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Idahos-Children.pdf>



NATIONAL AND STATE FACT SHEETS

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