

Wyoming's Children

Child Maltreatment

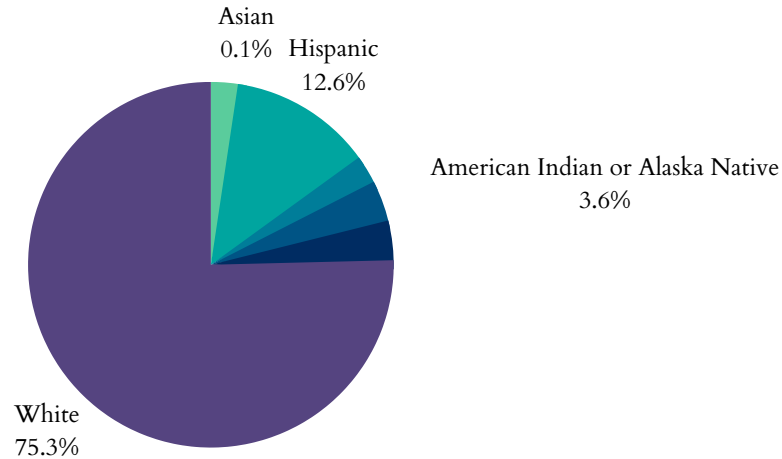
In 2021, Wyoming had 7,124 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 2,472 were screened in for response by CPS.

There were 886 child victims of abuse or neglect in Wyoming in 2021, at a rate of 6.7 children per 1,000. This translates to a 6.7% decrease since 2017.

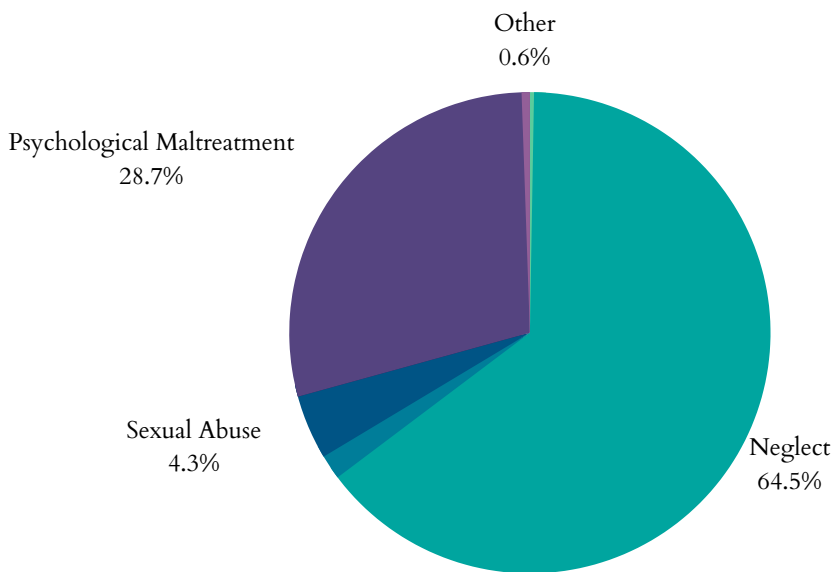
Of the 886 children, 674 were first-time victims.

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 108 of the 886 cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2021



- 83% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child.
- 17% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.
- 51% of Wyoming's child victims in 2020 were female while 49% were male.

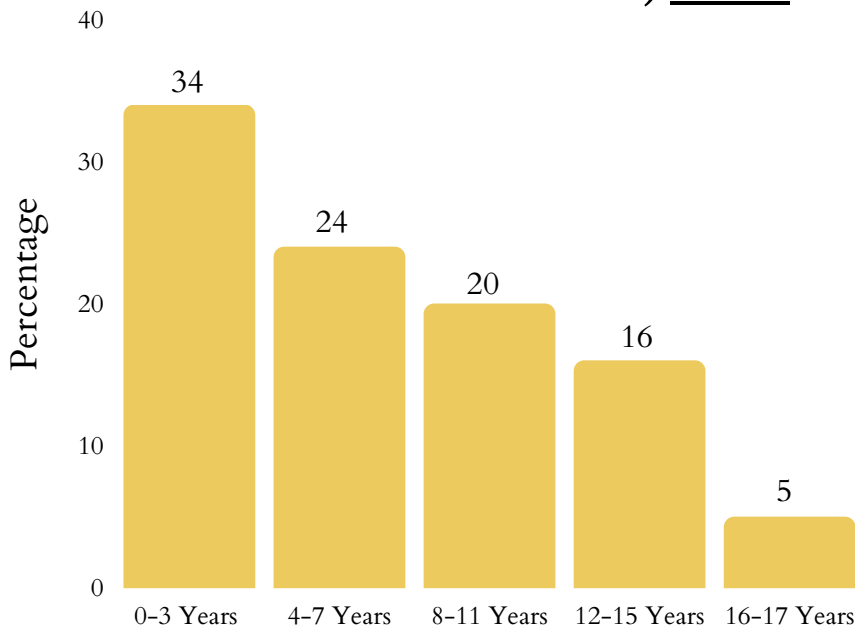
Plans for Safe Care

- Wyoming did report 2 infants screened with prenatal substance abuse exposure.
- Wyoming did not report a number of screened-in IPSE who have a plan of safe care.



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Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2020



- Child fatalities have decreased from 3 in 2020 to 2 in 2021
- Wyoming did not report any victims of sex trafficking.
- 721 victims received post-response services while 2,767 non-victims received post-response services as well

FAMILY FIRST IMPLEMENTATION

- Wyoming has a plan approved by the administration.
- The plan was implemented in 2019.
- Wyoming's Family First Plan

Foster Care and Adoptions

- 1,601 total children were served by the foster care system in Wyoming in FY 2021.
- 836 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2021.
- 828 children entered care during FY 2020 while 765 exited during the same year.
- 126 of Wyoming's children were adopted while 156 were waiting to be adopted.

27.3%

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

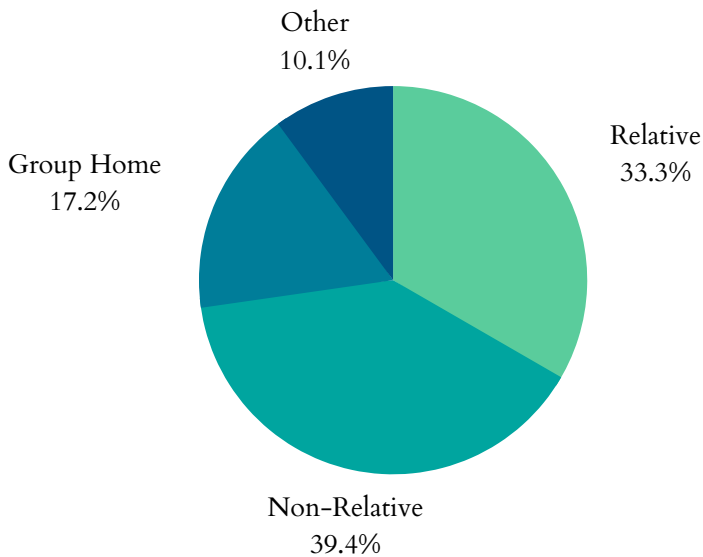
There was a 2.6% increase in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system increased by 44.8% from 2019.

14 children in Wyoming aged out and exited foster care in 2020. This is an increase from 11 in 2019 and represents a 27.3% increase.

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average length of 14.2 months in care.
- The average length of stay in Wyoming for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 32.6 months.
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was 7.0 years old.
- The average age of adopted children was 6.5 years old.

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Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2020



Data from 2020 shows that 320 children in foster care within Wyoming were living with non-relatives while 265 stayed with a relative.

141 children were staying in group homes or institutions while 2 children were classified as runaways.

4% of households in Wyoming in 2019 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 8.3 months.

Child Poverty

Wyoming had 36,000 children in 2021 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 27% of all children.

24% of Wyoming's children lived in households with a high housing cost burden in 2021.

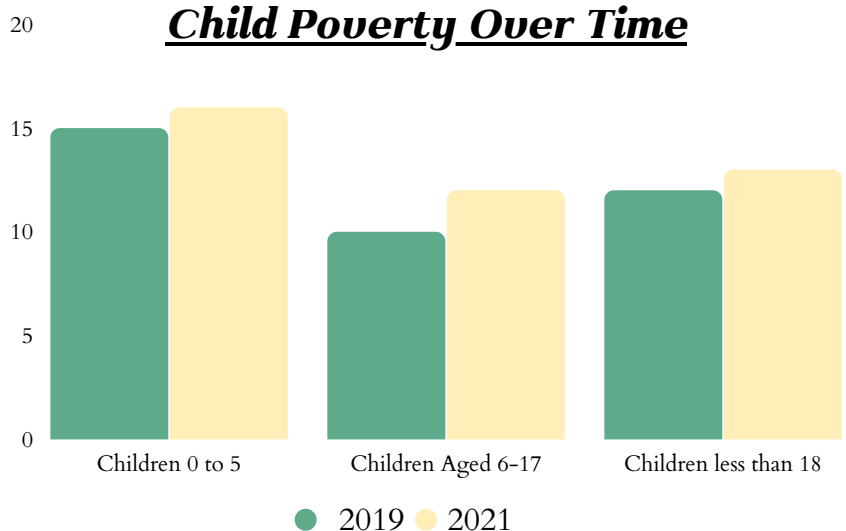
The average number of TANF recipients fell from 1,121 in 2021 to 1,049 in 2022. This represents a 6.4% decrease.

The state spent \$3,476,821 on WIC in 2022, serving 6,975 people. This represents a 2.3% decrease in total participants and a 47.7% increase in spending since 2021.

59,570 people in Wyoming were food insecure in 2022, including 17,390 children who struggled with hunger.

48.7% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Wyoming in 2022 had children.

Child Poverty Over Time



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Health

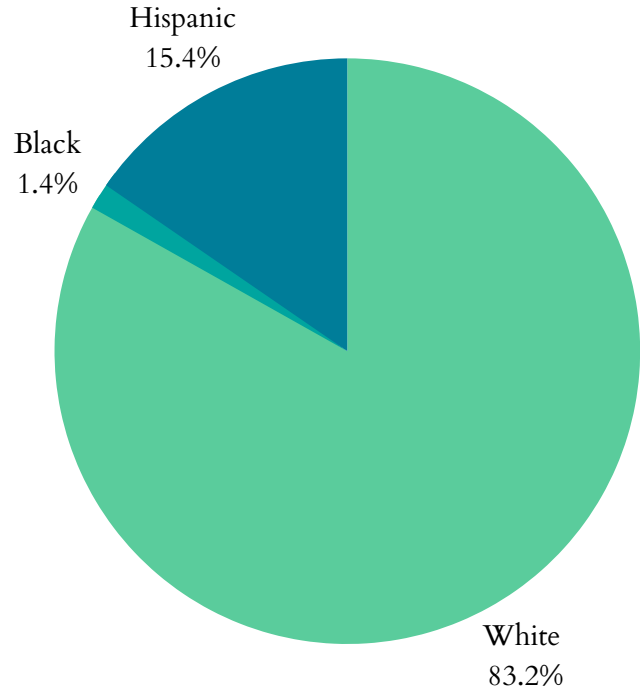
Wyoming had 592 low birth-weight babies born in 2020, which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 9.7% of infants born in Wyoming in 2020.

Wyoming had a total of 617 preterm births in 2020, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 10.3% of all White babies were born prematurely while 13.3% of Black babies arrived prematurely in 2021. The total premature birth rate was 9.7%.

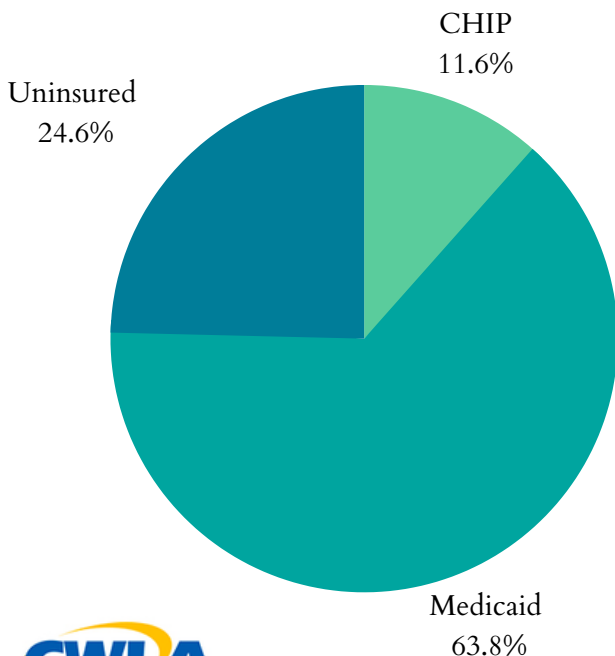
There were 322 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Wyoming in 2020, representing a rate of 18 in every 1,000 teen girls.

31 infants under 1 died in Wyoming 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



16,000 of Wyoming's children were uninsured in 2021. This is a 6.3% increase from 2019.

Wyoming has not adopted Medicaid expansion.

37,731 children in Wyoming were enrolled in Medicaid in 2021. This represents a 3.9% decrease since 2019.

6,129 children in Wyoming were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 12.9% decrease from 2019.

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Juvenile Justice

- There were 3,117 total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- 129 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 323 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 489 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 147 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Wyoming in 2019. This number has decreased from 183 kids in 2017, representing a 19.7% decrease.

19.7%

The decrease since 2017 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

Teens & Youth

- 2,000 (7%) of Wyoming's youth, ages 16-19, were not in school nor working in 2021.
- Wyoming does not report data on children ages 10-14 committing suicide, however, there were 22 reports of suicide among children and young adults aged 15-24.
- No children ages 15-19 were killed in firearm incidents in Wyoming in 2020.

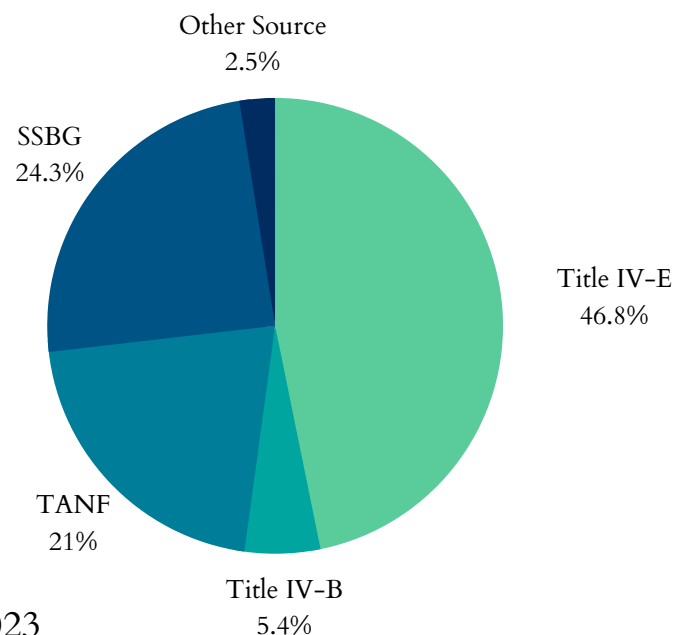
Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Wyoming spent \$11,305,513 on child welfare services in 2018. Child welfare services are significant funding sectors of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- \$10,742,526 were allocated from the federal government and the state was not able to provide information as to the amount that came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources, 2018

The significant funding sectors of the \$11,305,513 in federal funding received in Wyoming in 2018:

- \$3,636,481 as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- \$773,336 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- \$2,829,285 as part of Social Security Block Grant expenditures in 2020.



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WYOMING STATE FACT SHEET

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NATIONAL AND STATE FACT SHEETS

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