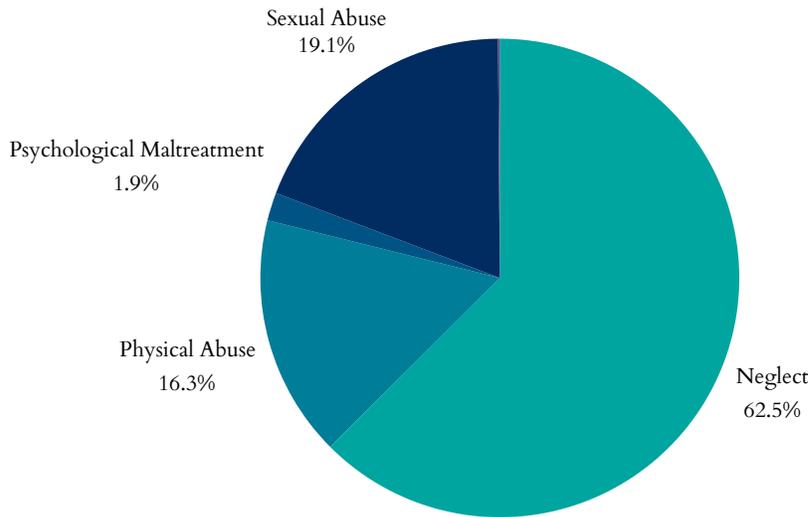


Arkansas' Children

Child Maltreatment

- In 2022, Arkansas had **57,339** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **31,923** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **8,927** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 12.8 children per 1,000 (4.6% increase since 2018).
- Of the 8,927 children, **7,462** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 1,985 of the 8,927 cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2022

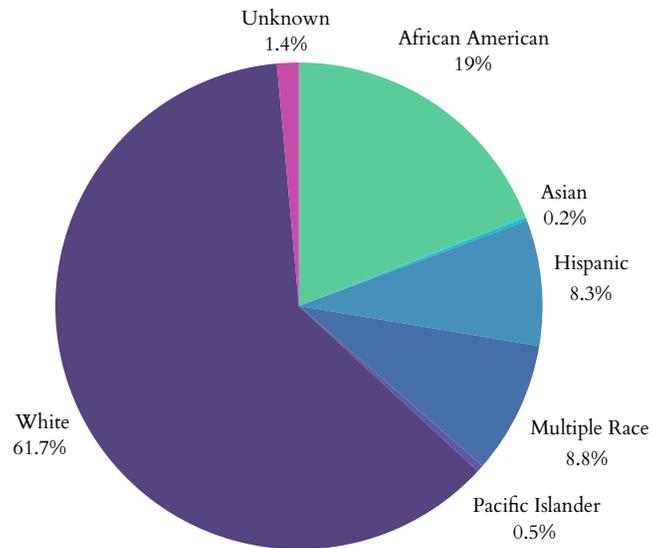


Plans for Safe Care

- In 2022, Arkansas reported **1,644** infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- Arkansas reported **1,419** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Arkansas has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2022):

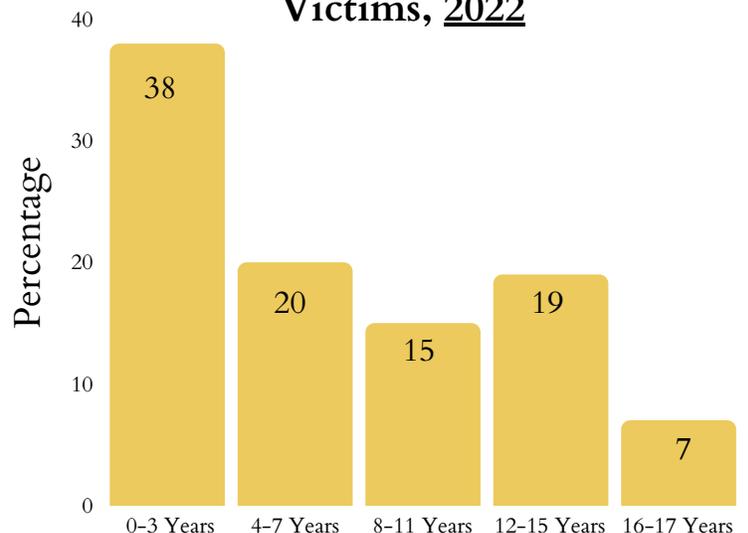
- **67%** = parents of the child.
- **33%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2022):

- **56%** = female; **44%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **36** in 2021 to **39** in 2022.
- Arkansas reported **12** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **7,781** victims and **55,740** non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2022

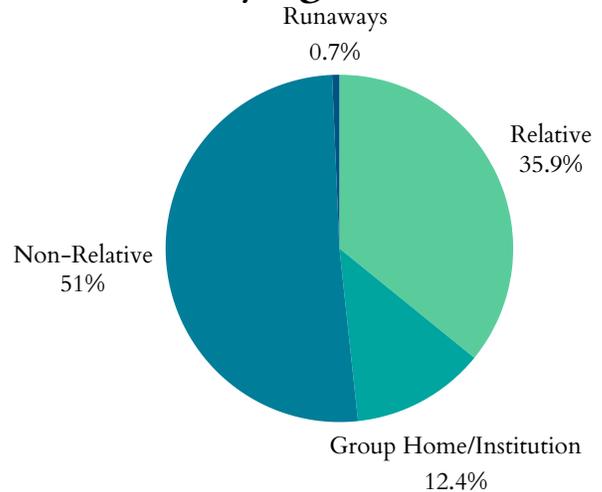


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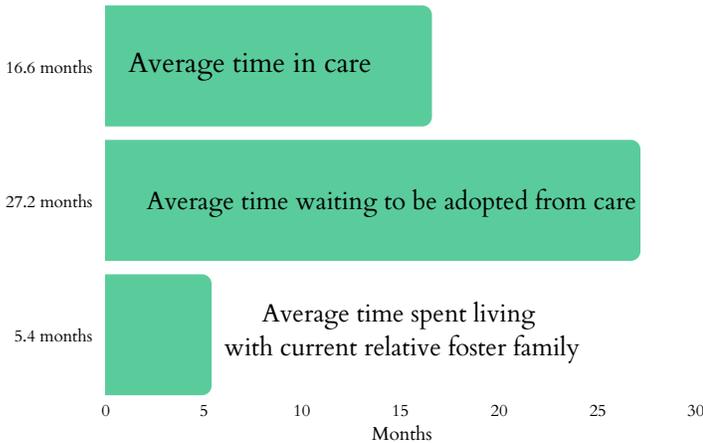
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **6,788** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **3,952** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **2,336** children entered care and **2,836** exited.
- **848** children were adopted; **1,213** were waiting to be adopted.
- **12.5%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also increased by **10.4%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **211** children exited foster care due to age (7.5% decrease from 2020).
- **2,047** children were living with non-relatives; **1,438** stayed with a relative.
- **499** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **27** children classified as runaways.
- **4%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

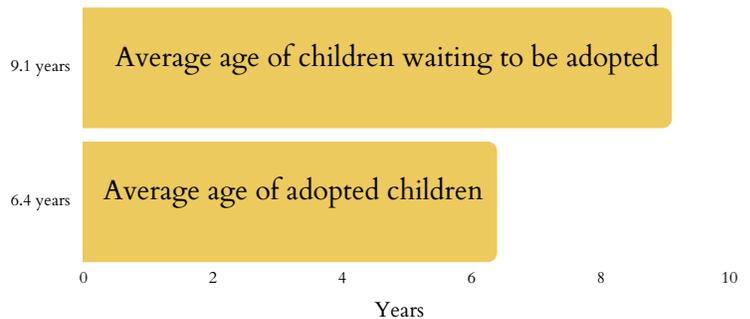
7.5%

The decrease since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

Juvenile Justice

- **7,809** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **690** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **1,425** for Property Crimes.
- **823** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **297** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **465** kids in 2019; 36% decline).

Adoption, 2020



36%

The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.



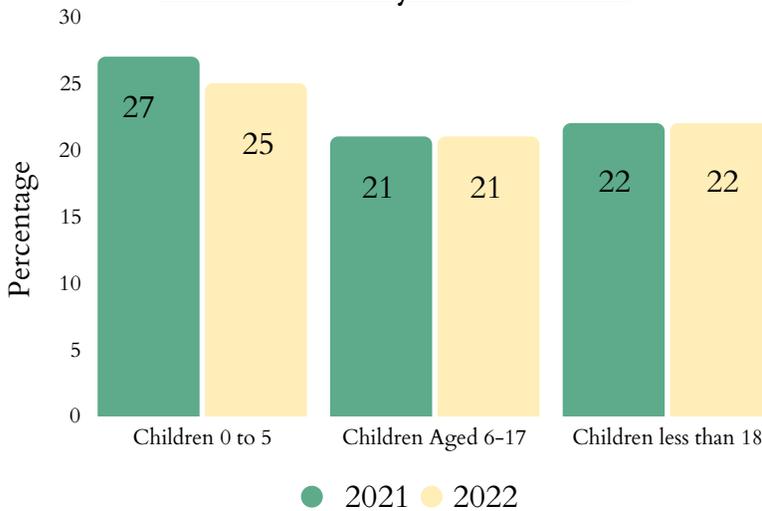
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Child Poverty

- **205,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (29% of all children).
- **25%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **3,717** in 2021 to **2,597** in 2022 (30% decrease).

- The state spent **\$23,149,401** on WIC in 2022, serving **56,008** people: a 10.4% increase in total participants and 14.9% increase in spending since 2021.
- **467,550** people were food insecure in 2021, including **134,690** children.
- **48.3%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Child Poverty Over Time



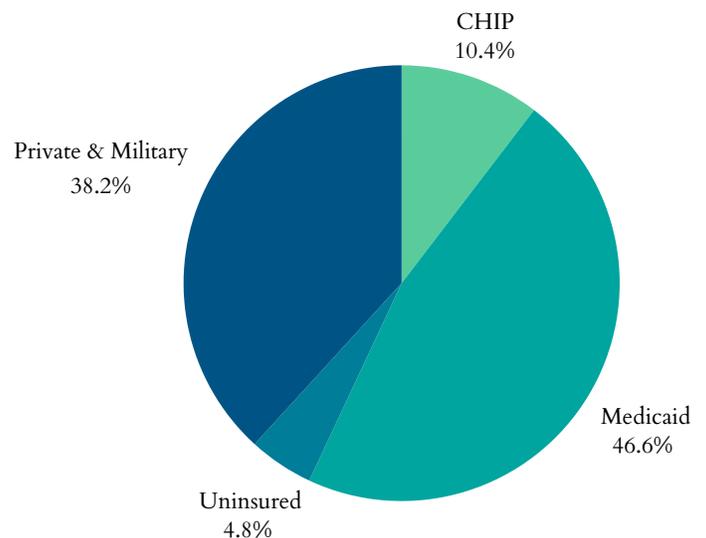
Teens & Youth

- **18,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2022 (11%)
- In 2020, there were **zero** reports of suicide among children aged 10-14 and 78 reports among ages 15-24.
- **61** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Arkansas in 2020.

Health

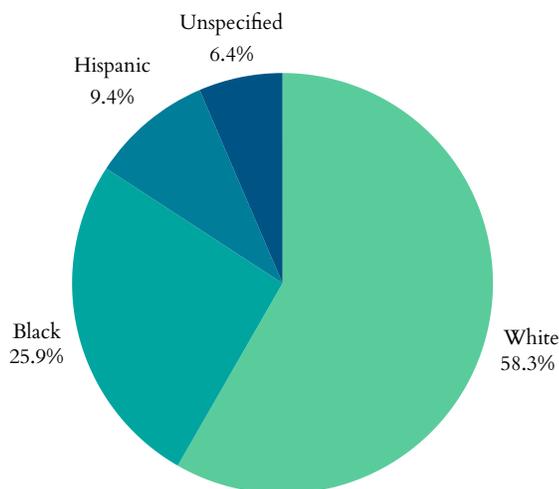
- **44,000** children had no health insurance in 2022 (2.3% increase from 2021).
- **381,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 (1.8% decrease from 2021).
- **92,956** children in Arkansas were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (54.2% increase from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021



Arkansas' Children

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



- 3,422 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2021 (9.5% of births).
- 4,328 preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (12% of births).
 - 11% of all White babies
 - 16.85% of all Black babies
- 2,609 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2021 -- a rate of 27 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 313 infants <1yr died in 2020; a rate of 8.7 per 1,000.

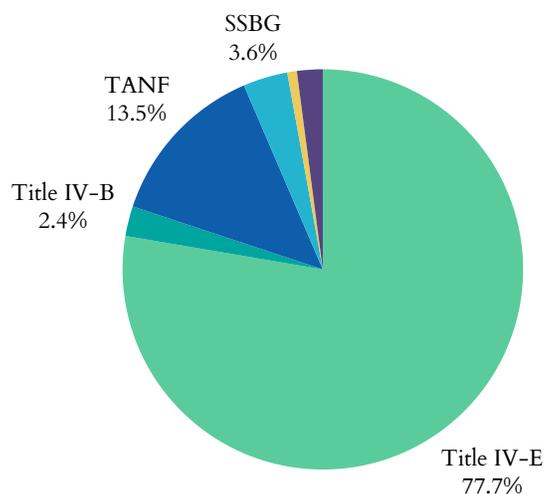
Medicaid Expansion

Arkansas has been a Medicaid expansion state since 01/01/2014.

Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Arkansas spent \$156,316,238.93 on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- \$91,196,655.88 = from the federal government
- \$65,119,583.05 = from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the \$91,196,655.88 in federal funding received in Arkansas in 2020:

- \$37,212,967 as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- \$32,497,857 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Arkansas' sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2021 was \$12,750,591

