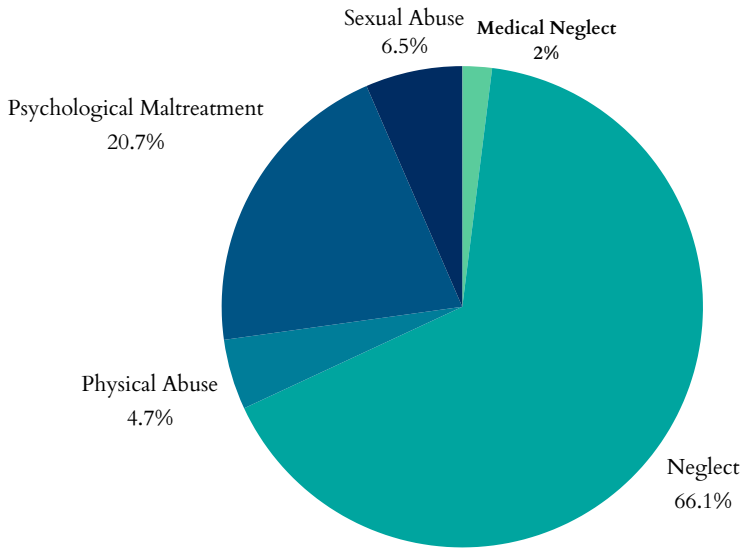


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Child Maltreatment

- In 2022, Connecticut had **48,680** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **12,709** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **5,032** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 6.9 children per 1,000 (34.2% decrease since 2018).
- Of the 5,032 children, **3,553** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 625 of the 5,032 cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2022



Plans for Safe Care

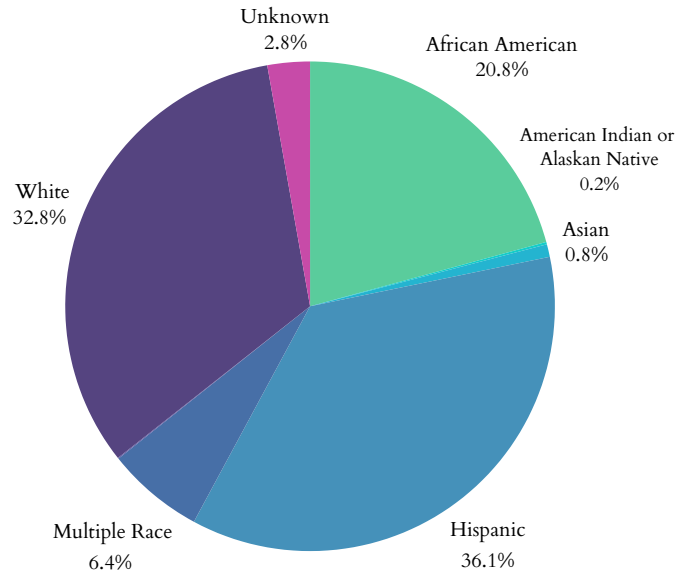
- In 2021, Connecticut reported **4** infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- Connecticut reported **0** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Connecticut has a Family First plan approved by the administration.



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Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2022):

- **76%** = parents of the child.
- **24%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2022):

- **53%** = female; **47%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **14** in 2021 to **15** in 2022.
- Connecticut reported **1** total child victim of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **5,255** victims and **12,578** non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2022

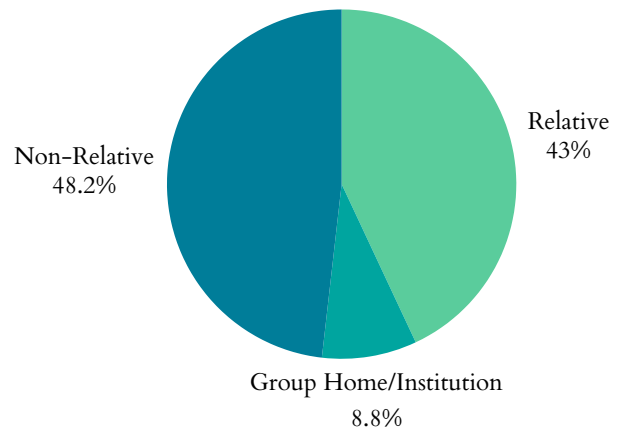


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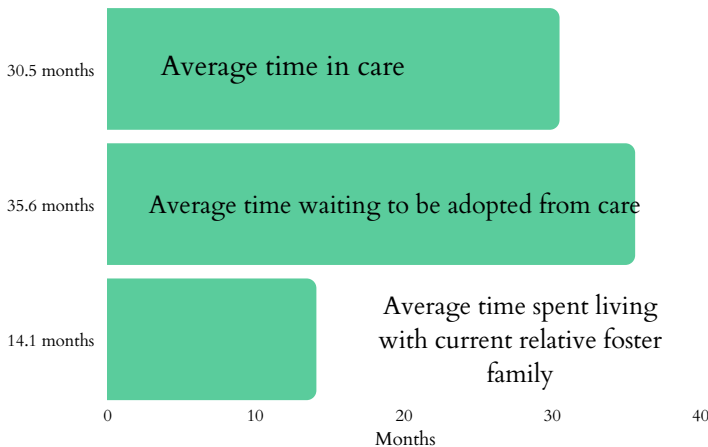
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **4,707** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **3,295** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **1,250** children entered care and **1,412** exited.
- **483** children were adopted; **1,062** were waiting to be adopted.
- **5.5%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system increased by **5%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



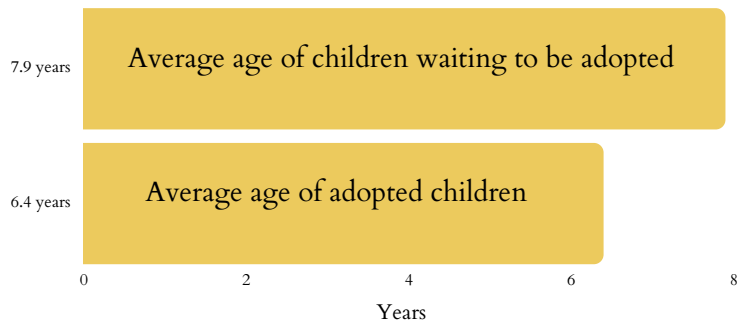
- In 2021, **70** children exited foster care due to age (**21.3%** decrease from 2020).
- **1,427** children were living with non-relatives; **1,274** stayed with a relative.
- **260** children were staying in group homes or institutions. They did not report the number of children classified as runaways.
- **3%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

21.3% The decrease since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

Juvenile Justice

- **6,942** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **1,328** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **1,405** for Property Crimes.
- **570** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **63** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **96** kids in 2019; **34%** decline).

Adoption, 2020



34% The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.



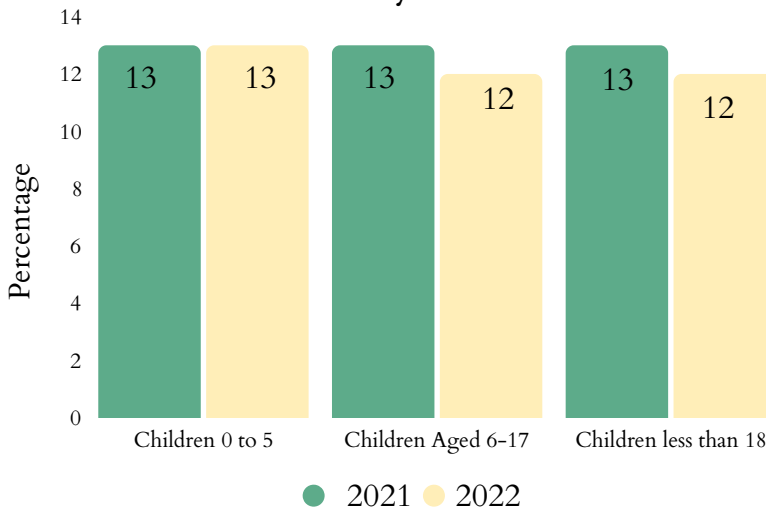
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Child Poverty

- **167,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (23% of all children).
- **31%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **12,055** in 2021 to **10,143** in 2022 (15.9% decrease).

- The state spent **\$14,890,943** on WIC in 2022, serving **46,765** people: a 6.6% increase in total participants and 1.7% increase in spending since 2021.
- **380,310** people were food insecure in 2021, including **83,530** children.
- **31.4%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Child Poverty Over Time



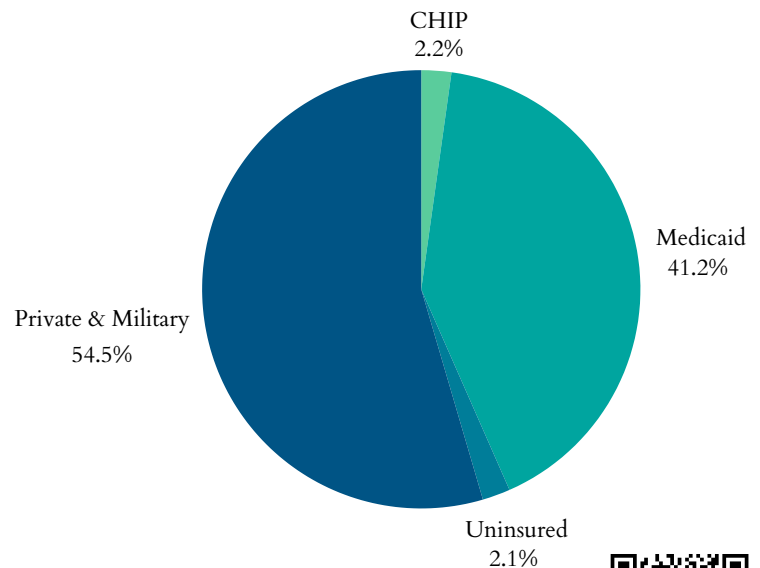
Teens & Youth

- **9,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2022 (5%).
- In 2020, there were **zero** reports of suicide among children aged 10-14 and **29** reports among ages 15-24.
- **15** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Connecticut in 2020.

Health

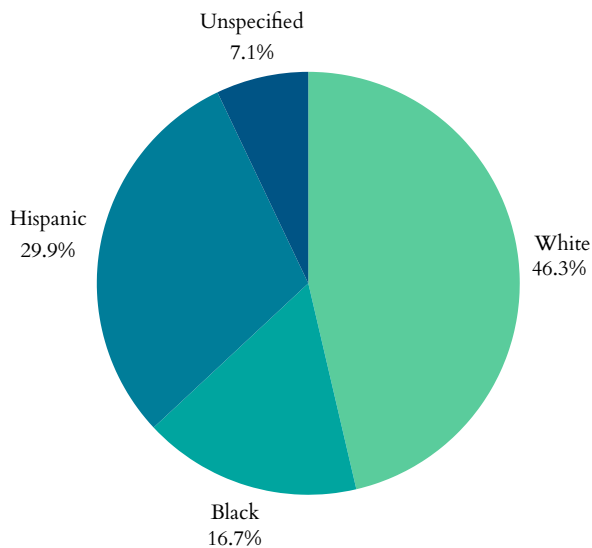
- **25,000** children had no health insurance in 2022 (31.6% increase from 2021).
- **286,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 (1.4% decrease from 2021).
- **20,410** children in Connecticut were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (5.5% decrease from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021



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Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



- 2,906 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2021 (8.1% of births).
- 3,424 preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (9.6% of births).
 - 8.3% of all White babies
 - 13.1% of all Black babies
- 845 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2021 -- a rate of 7 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 167 infants aged <1yr died in 2021; a rate of 4.7 per 1,000.

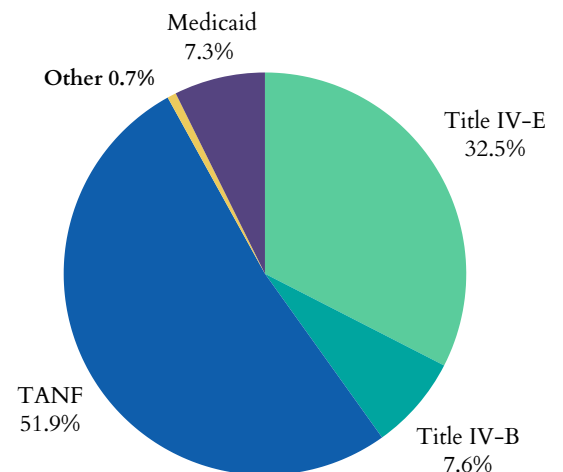
Medicaid Expansion

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

Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Connecticut spent \$807,477,571.48 on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- \$387,916,191 = from the federal government
- \$416,361,056.68 = from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the \$387,916,191 in federal funding received in Connecticut in 2020:

- \$71,046,495 as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- \$49,324,563 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Connecticut's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2021 was \$18,861,528

