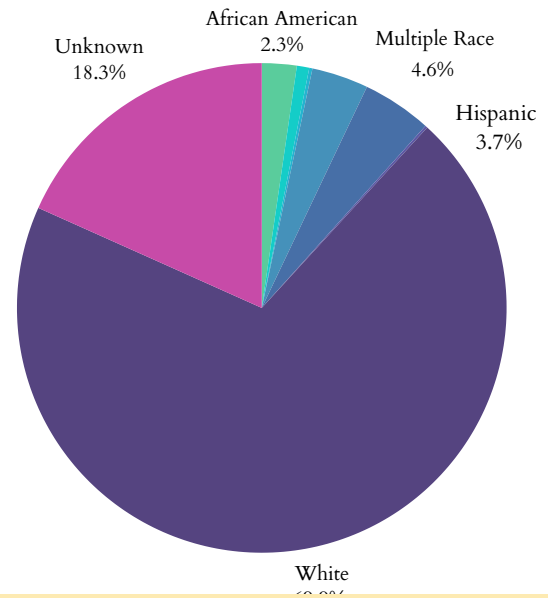


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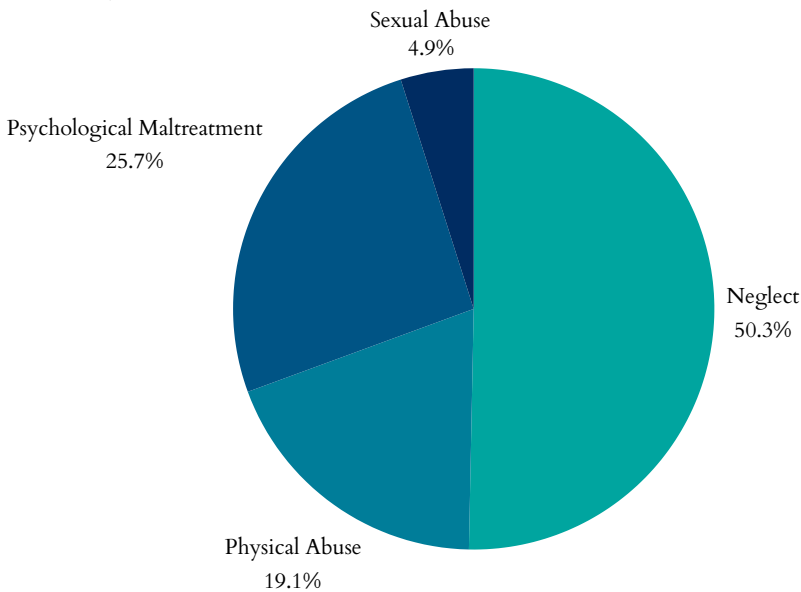
Child Maltreatment

- In 2022, Maine had **26,754** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **9,289** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **3,792** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 15.3 children per 1,000 (8.9% increase since 2018).
- Of the 3,792 children, **2,044** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 439 of the 3,792 cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2022



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2022):

- **Not Reported** = parents of the child.
- **Not Reported** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2022):

- **51.8%** = female; **48.2%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **8** in 2021 to **3** in 2022.
- Maine reported **zero** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **898** victims and **215** non-victims.

Plans for Safe Care

- In 2022, Maine reported **zero** infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- Maine reported **zero** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Maine has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2022



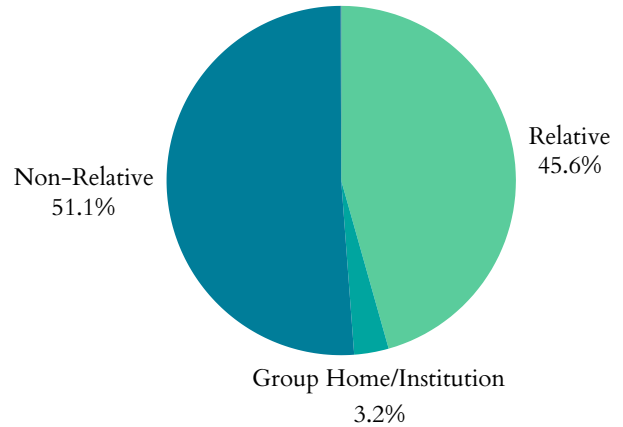
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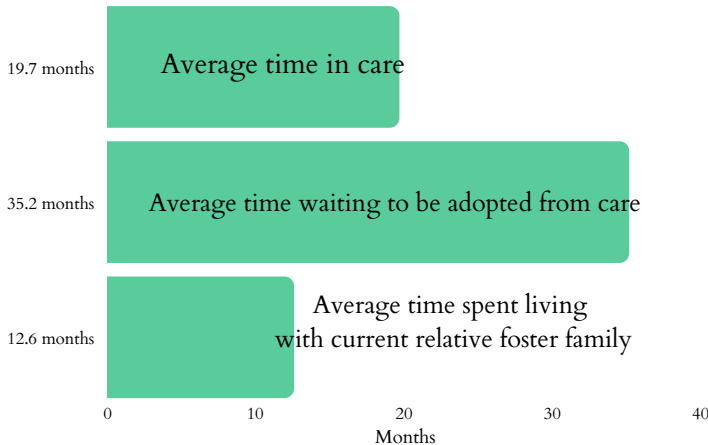
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **3,291** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **2,429** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **1,130** children entered care and **863** exited.
- **324** children were adopted; **665** were waiting to be adopted.
- **10.3%** increase in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by **4.5%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **54** children exited foster care due to age (20% increase from 2020).
- **928** children were living with non-relatives; **828** stayed with a relative.
- **58** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **1** children classified as runaways.
- **2.9%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

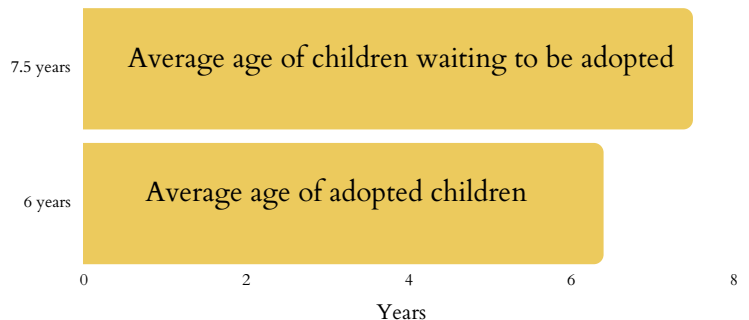
20%

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

Juvenile Justice

- **2,470** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **67** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **543** for Property Crimes.
- **282** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **27** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **60** kids in 2019; 55% decline).

Adoption, 2020



55%

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



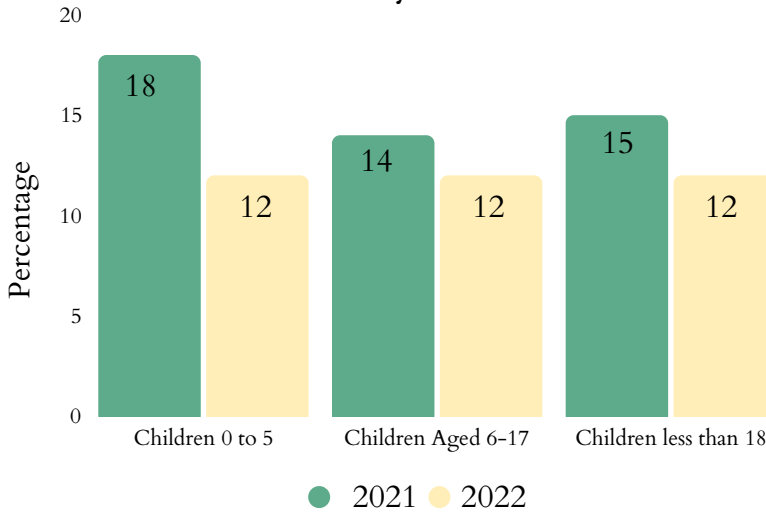
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Child Poverty

- **60,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (24% of all children).
- **21%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from **7,895** in 2021 to **8,397** in 2022 (6.36% increase).

- The state spent **\$6,700,485** on WIC in 2022, serving **16,847** people: a .82% increase in total participants and 10.38% increase in spending since 2021.
- **144,290** people were food insecure in 2021, including **36,490** children.
- **33.2%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Child Poverty Over Time



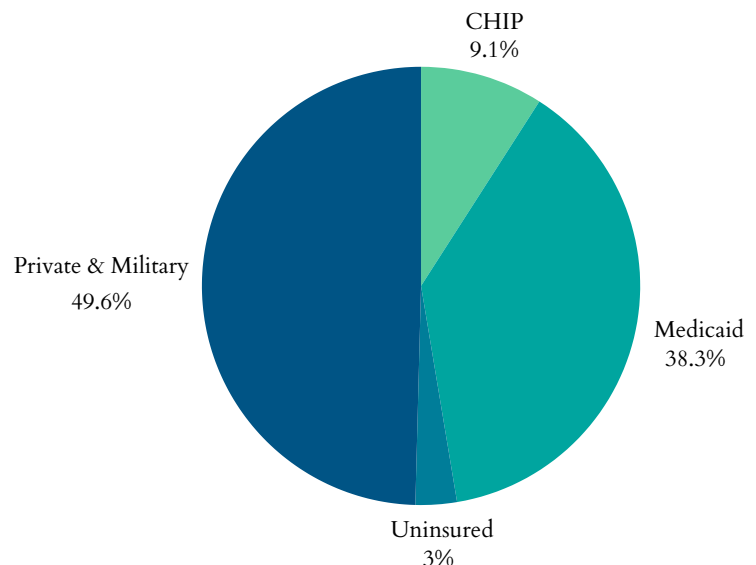
Health

- **12,000** children had no health insurance in 2022 (9.09% increase from 2021).
- **91,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 (4.6% increase from 2021).
- **32,771** children in Maine were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (2% increase from 2020).

Teens & Youth

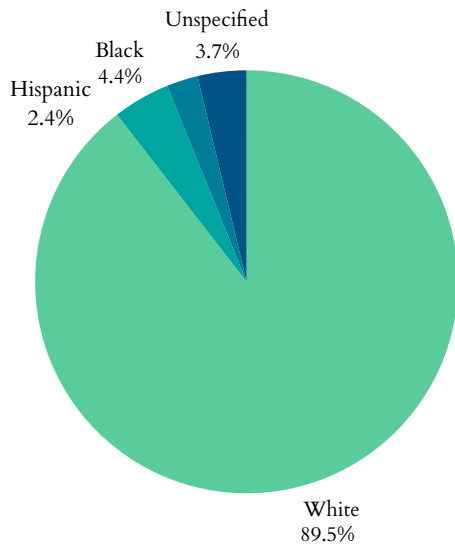
- **4,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2022 (6%).
- In 2020, there were **zero** reports of suicide among children aged 10-14 and 26 reports among ages 15-24.
- **Zero** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Maine in 2020.

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021



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Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



- **875** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2021 (7.3% of births).
- **1,124** preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (9.37% of births).
 - 9.48% of all White babies
 - 8.89% of all Black babies
- **298** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2021 -- a rate of 8 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **62** infants aged <1yr died in 2021; a rate of 5.2 per 1,000.

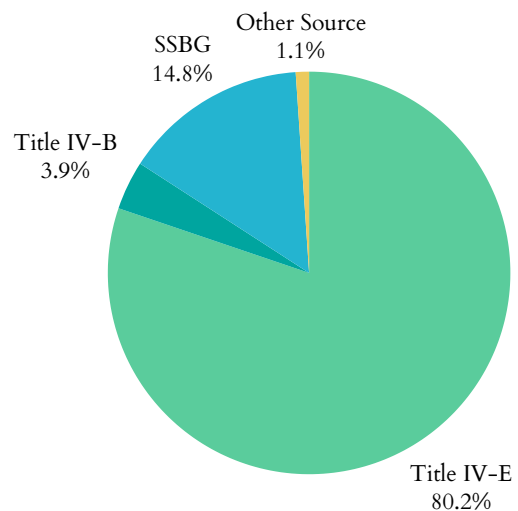
Medicaid Expansion

Maine has been a Medicaid expansion state since 1/10/2019.

Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Maine spent **\$135,640,729.78** on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$51,931,019.00** = from the federal government
- **\$81,276,418.78** = from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$51,931,019.00** in federal funding received in Maine in 2020:

- **\$17,927,644.00** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$22,650,710.00** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Maine's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2021 was **\$13,822,873**

