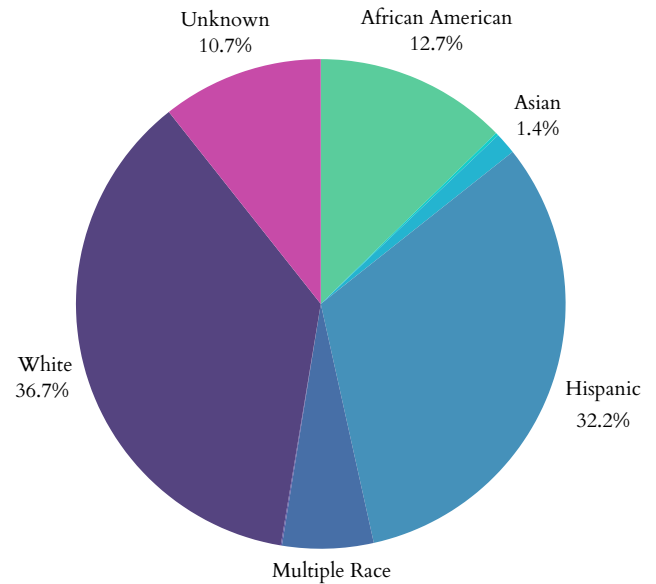


Massachusetts' Children

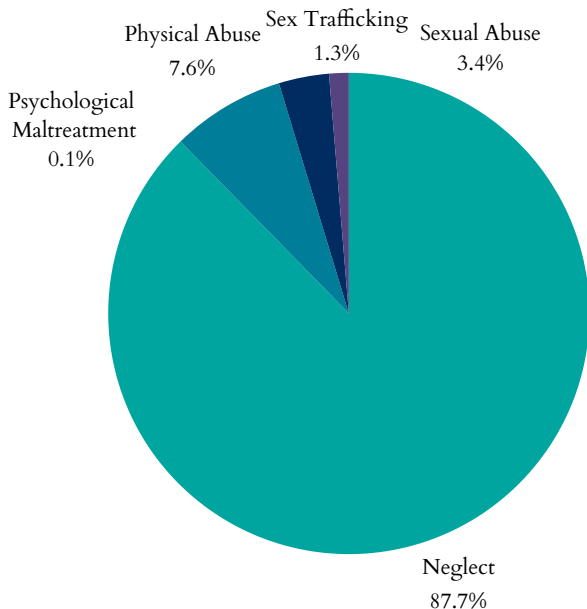
Child Maltreatment

- In 2022, Massachusetts had **81,281** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **39,075** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **22,075** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 16.5 children per 1,000 (14.5% decrease since 2018).
- Of the 22,075 children, **12,206** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 2,336 of the 22,075 cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2022



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2022):

- **79.9%** = parents of the child.
- **20.1%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2022):

- **52.1%** = female; **47.9%** = male.

- Child fatalities did not increase/decrease from **zero** in 2021 to **zero** in 2022.

- Massachusetts reported **310** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **22,347** victims and **32,602** non-victims.

Plans for Safe Care

- In 2022, Massachusetts reported **1,381** infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- Massachusetts reported **869** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Massachusetts has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2022

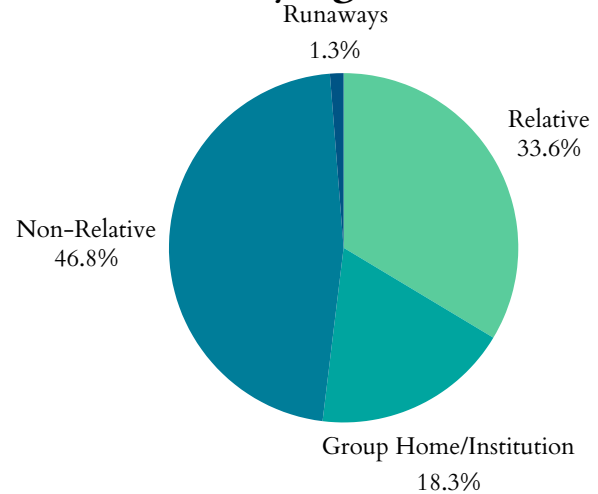


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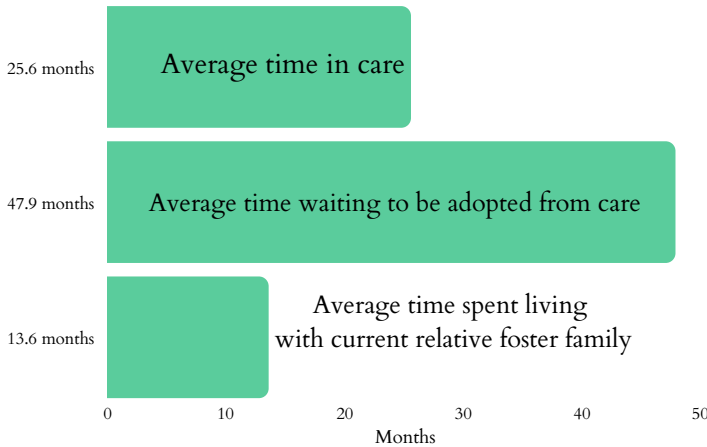
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **12,906** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **8,824** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **3,836** children entered care and **4,082** exited.
- **835** children were adopted; **3,342** were waiting to be adopted.
- **4%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also increased by **10.6%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



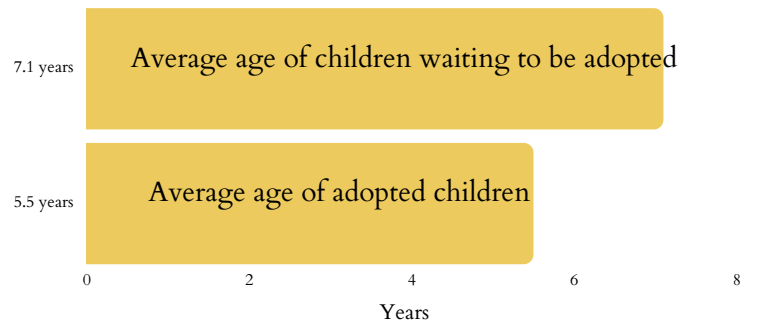
- In 2021, **623** children exited foster care due to age (**16.2%** decrease from 2020).
- **3,537** children were living with non-relatives; **2,539** stayed with a relative.
- **1,384** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **95** children classified as runaways.
- **4.5%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

16.2% The decrease since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

Juvenile Justice

- **4,141** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **167** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **652** for Property Crimes.
- **110** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **204** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **288** kids in 2019; **29.2%** decline).

Adoption, 2020



29.2% The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.



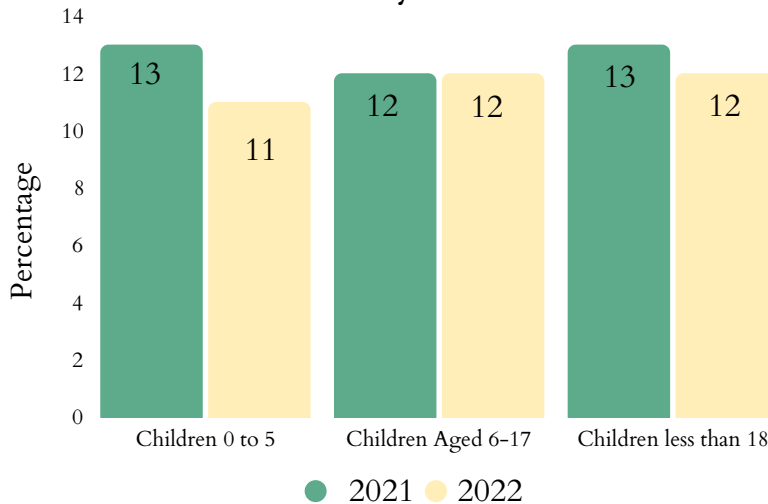
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Child Poverty

- 317,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (24% of all children).
- 32% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from 56,841 in 2021 to 75,706 in 2022 (33.19% increase).

- The state spent \$27,238,186 on WIC in 2022, serving 115,589 people: a 3.85% increase in total participants and 6.68% increase in spending since 2021.
- 564,030 people were food insecure in 2021, including 113,960 children.
- 30.9% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Child Poverty Over Time



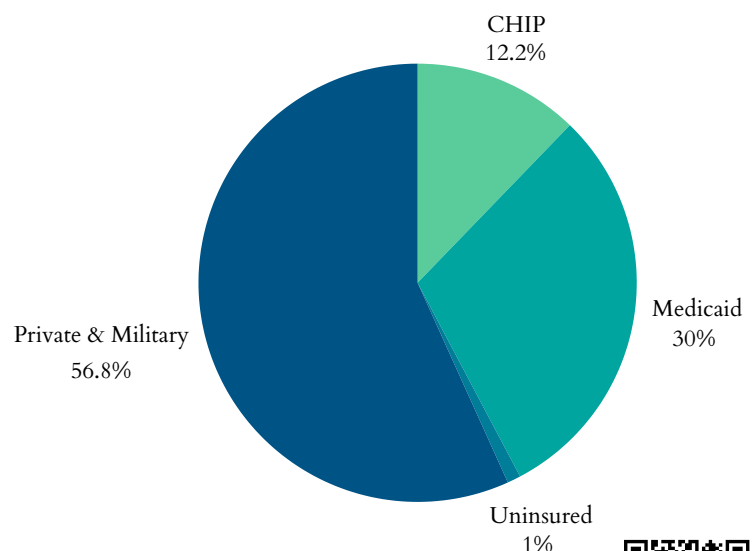
Teens & Youth

- 15,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2022 (4%).
- In 2020, there were zero reports of suicide among children aged 10-14 and 70 reports among ages 15-24.
- Zero children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Massachusetts in 2020.

Health

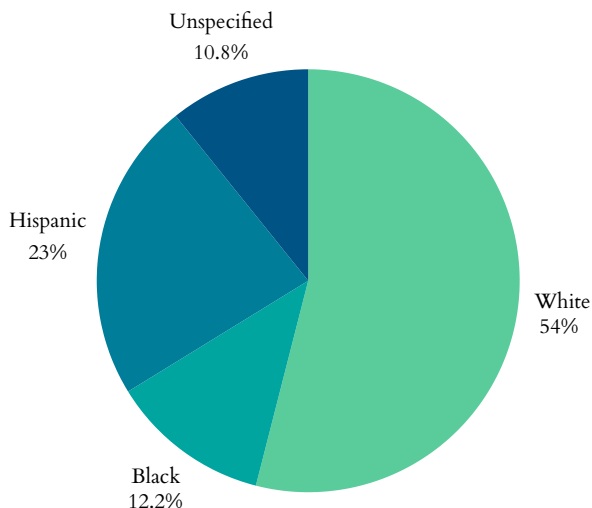
- 22,000 children had no health insurance in 2022 (22.2% increase from 2021).
- 497,000 children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 (4.24% decrease from 2021).
- 222,537 children in Massachusetts were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (1.59% increase from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021



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Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



- 5,148 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2021 (7.5% of births).
- 6,176 preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (9% of births).
 - 8.41% of all White babies
 - 11.37% of all Black babies
- 1,309 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2021 -- a rate of 6 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 228 infants aged <1yr died in 2021; a rate of 3.3 per 1,000.

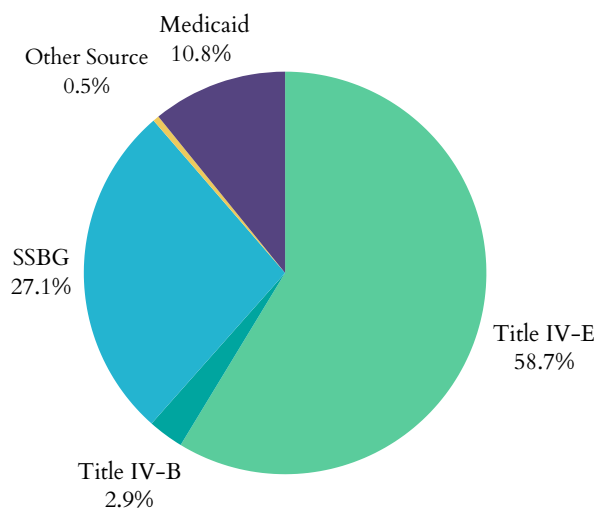
Medicaid Expansion

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

Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Massachusetts spent \$1,053,787,651.00 on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- \$289,816,360.31 = from the federal government
- \$757,604,423.69 = from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the \$289,816,360.31 in federal funding received in Massachusetts in 2020:

- \$123,790,999.22 as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- \$34,584,209.10 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Massachusetts' sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2021 was \$78,623,479

