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## Child Maltreatment

- In 2022, the U.S. had $\mathbf{3}, \underline{935}, \underline{867}$ total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, $2,119,706$ were screened in for response by CPS.
- 558,899 child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 7.7 children per 1,000 ( $20 \%$ decrease since 2018).
- Of the 558,899 children, $\mathbf{3 9 1}, \mathbf{1 8 5}$ were firsttime victims.
- Largest age group of victims = <1year, representing 82,329 of the 558,899 cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, $\underline{2022}$


## Plans for Safe Care

- In 2022, the U.S. reported $\underline{\mathbf{3 6}, \underline{247}}$ infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- The U.S. reported 23,781 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, $\underline{2022}$


Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2022):

- $\underline{76 \%}=$ parents of the child.
- $24 \%=$ non-parents or unknown relationship.
Child victims (2022):
- $53 \%$ = female; $47 \%=$ male.
- Child fatalities increased from $\mathbf{1 , 8 5 2}$ in 2021 to $\mathbf{1 , 9 5 5}$ in 2022.
- The U.S. reported 1,084 total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services were given to 299,876 victims and 597,610 non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment


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## Foster Care and Adoptions

- $570, \underline{000}$ total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- 369,000 in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, 187,000 children entered care and 201,000 exited.
- 53,700 children were adopted; 109,000 were waiting to be adopted.
- $5.9 \%$ decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by $0.9 \%$ from 2021.

Duration in Care, 2021


The decrease since 2020

3.9\%in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

## Juvenile Justice

- 447,119 total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- 34,425 for Disorderly Conduct.
- 80,588 for Property Crimes.
- 51,048 for Drug Abuse Violations.
- 24,894 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from 36,479 kids in 2019; $31.8 \%$ decline).

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021

10.3\%

- In 2021, $\mathbf{1 9}, \underline{237}$ children exited foster care due to age ( $3.9 \%$ decrease from 2020).
- 171,916 children were living with nonrelatives; 134,028 stayed with a relative.
- 35,469 children were staying in group homes or institutions; 4,234 children classified as runaways.
- $4 \%$ of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

Adoption, $\underline{2020}$

Average age of children waiting to be adopted

Average age of adopted children

Years
The decline since 31.8\% 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

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## Child Poverty

- $\underline{18,635,000}$ children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 ( $26 \%$ of all children).
- $30 \%$ of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from $\mathbf{1}, \underline{847}, \underline{644}$ in 2021 to 1,862,756 in 2022 (.82\% increase).


## Child Poverty Over Time



## Health

- $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{9 3 2}, \mathbf{0 0 0}$ children had no health insurance in 2022 ( $5.6 \%$ decrease from 2021).
- $\mathbf{3 0 , 0 7 0 , 0 0 0}$ children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 ( $1.3 \%$ decrease from 2021).
- 7,628,401 children in the U.S. were in the Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 ( $6.33 \%$ decrease from 2020).
- The U.S. spent $\$ \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{0 2 0}, \mathbf{4 1 4}, \mathbf{8 5 0}$ on WIC in 2022, serving $6,260,190$ people: a $2 \%$ decrease in total participants and $0.26 \%$ increase in spending since 2021.
- $33,844,000$ people were food insecure in 2021, including $9,262,000$ children.
- $\underline{49}, \underline{000}, \underline{000}$ people turned to food programs in 2022.


## Teens \& Youth

- $\mathbf{1 , 1 4 9}, \underline{000}$ youth ( $16-19 \mathrm{yrs}$ ) were not in school nor working in 2022 (7\%)
- In 2020 , there were $\mathbf{5 8 1}$ reports of suicide among children aged 10-14 and 6,062 reports among ages 15-24.
- 4,368 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in the U.S. in 2020.

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, $\underline{2021}$


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Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, $\underline{2021}$


## Funding for Child Welfare Services

- The Nation spent $\$ \underline{\mathbf{3} 1, \underline{366}, \underline{263}, \underline{465.19}}$ on child welfare services in 2020.
- Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- $\$ 15, \mathbf{1 8 2}, \mathbf{8 8 8}, \mathbf{4 3 7} .62=$ from the federal government
- $\$ 15,920,344,036.98=$ from state and local funds.
- 311,932 low birth-weight babies ( $<5.5 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) born in 2021 ( $8.5 \%$ of births).
- $\underline{383}, 979$ preterm births ( $<37 \mathrm{wks}$ ) in 2021 ( $10.5 \%$ of births).
- $9.5 \%$ of all White babies
- $14.8 \%$ of all Black babies
- 146,973 births to mothers aged $15-19$ in 2021 -- a rate of 14 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 19,920 infants $<1 \mathrm{yr}$ died in 2021 -- a rate of 5.4 in every 1,000 infants.

Federal Funding Sources, $\underline{\mathbf{0 2 0}}$


The significant funding sectors of the $\$ \underline{15}, \underline{182}, \underline{888}, \underline{437} .62$ in federal funding given to the states in 2020:

- $\$ \mathbf{4 , 1 8 4 , 1 1 0 , 6 4 3 . 1 6}$ as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- $\$ \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2 2 0}, \mathbf{8 9 0}, 120.33$ as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- The United State's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2021 was \$2,747,557,590

