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## Child Maltreatment

- In 2022, Texas had $\mathbf{2 4 5}, \mathbf{4 3 0}$ total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 207,429 were screened in for response by CPS.
- 54,207 child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 7.3 children per 1,000 ( $14.3 \%$ decrease since 2018).
- Of the 54,207 children, 43,563 were firsttime victims.
- Largest age group of victims $=<1$ years, representing 10,075 of the 54,207 cases.

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


## Plans for Safe Care

- In 2022, Texas reported 1,190 infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- Texas reported $\mathbf{1 , 1 9 0}$ plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Texas does not have a Family First plan approved by the administration.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2022


Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2022):

- $75 \%=$ parents of the child.
- $25 \%$ = non-parents or unknown relationship.
Child victims (2022):
- $54 \%=$ female; $46 \%=$ male.
- Child fatalities decreased from $\underline{206}$ in 2021 to 176 in 2022.
- Texas reported 26 total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to 19,595 victims and 8,124 non-victims.
Age Distribution of Maltreatment
Victims, $\underline{2022}$



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## Foster Care and Adoptions

- 37,425 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- 21,358 in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, 9,486 children entered care and 16,067 exited.
- 4,361 children were adopted; 10,232 were waiting to be adopted.
- $23.8 \%$ decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by $6.2 \%$ from 2021.

Duration in Care, $\underline{2021}$


The decrease since 2020

> 3.5\% in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

## Juvenile Justice

- 49,409 total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- 960 for Disorderly Conduct.
- 9,351 for Property Crimes.
- 8,464 for Drug Abuse Violations.
- 2,730 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from 3,699 kids in 2019; 26\% decline).

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021


- In 2021, $\mathbf{1 , 1 8 7}$ children exited foster care due to age ( $3.5 \%$ decrease from 2020).
- 12,417 children were living with nonrelatives; 9,457 stayed with a relative.
- 2,968 children were staying in group homes or institutions; 220 children classified as runaways.
- $4 \%$ of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

Adoption, $\underline{2020}$
7.5 years $\quad$ Average age of children waiting to be adopted
5.6 years Average age of adopted children

Years
The decline since
26\% 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

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## Child Poverty

- $1, \underline{887,000}$ children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 ( $25 \%$ of all children).
- $33 \%$ of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from $\mathbf{3 7 , 2 1 1}$ in 2021 to $\underline{22,152}$ in 2022 ( $40.5 \%$ decrease).


## Child Poverty Over Time

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## Health

- 854,000 children had no health insurance in 2022 ( $8.2 \%$ decrease from 2021).
- $\mathbf{3}, 004,000$ children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 ( $0.6 \%$ decrease from 2021).
- 799,975 children in Texas were in the state Children Health Insurance
Program (CHIP) in 2021 ( $11.65 \%$ decrease from 2020).
- The state spent $\$ \mathbf{2 0 8}, \mathbf{1 5 3}, \mathbf{4 8 1}$ on WIC in 2022, serving 698,986 people: a $4.5 \%$ increase in total participants and 6.4\% decrease in spending since 2021.
- $4,057, \underline{910}$ people were food insecure in 2021, including 1,348,600 children.
- $53.4 \%$ of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.


## Teens \& Youth

- 138,000 youth ( $16-19 \mathrm{yrs}$ ) were not in school nor working in 2022 ( $8 \%$ ).
- In 2020 , there were $\underline{57}$ reports of suicide among children aged 10-14 and 656 reports among ages 15-24.
- 485 children < 19 yrs were killed by a firearm in Texas 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

- Texas spent $\$ 1, \underline{886}, \mathbf{4 9 5}, \underline{915.24}$ on child welfare services in 2020.
- Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- $\$ 918,638,695.49=$ from the federal government
- $\$ \mathbf{9 4 8}, \mathbf{4 2 8 , 7 5 5}=$ from state and local funds.
- 32,297 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2021 ( $8.6 \%$ of births).
- 42,518 preterm births ( $<37 \mathrm{wks}$ ) in 2021 (11.4\% of births).
- $10 \%$ of all White babies
- $15.1 \%$ of all Black babies
- $\underline{21,041}$ births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2021 -- a rate of 20 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- $1, \underline{985}$ infants aged $<1 \mathrm{yr}$ died in 2021; a rate of 5.3 per 1,000 .


## Medicaid Expansion

Texas is not a Medicaid expansion state.

Federal Funding Sources, $\underline{\underline{020}}$


The significant funding sectors of the $\$ \underline{918}, \underline{638}, \underline{695} .49$ in federal funding received in Texas in 2020:

- $\$ 185,669,653$ as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- $\$ 167,629,378$ as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Texas' sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2021 was $\$ \mathbf{1 7 1 , 5 1 5}, \mathbf{1 7 7}$

