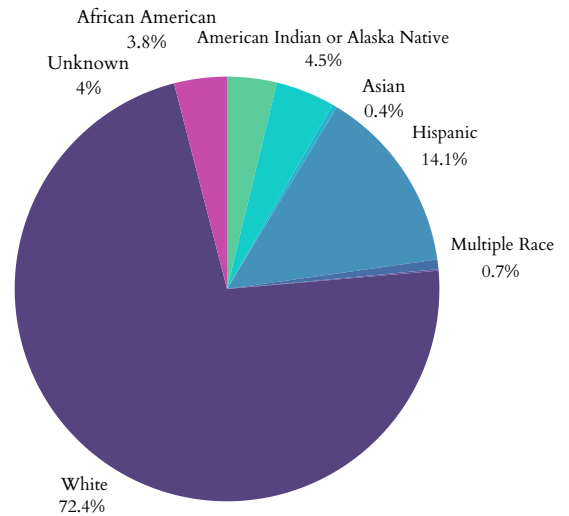


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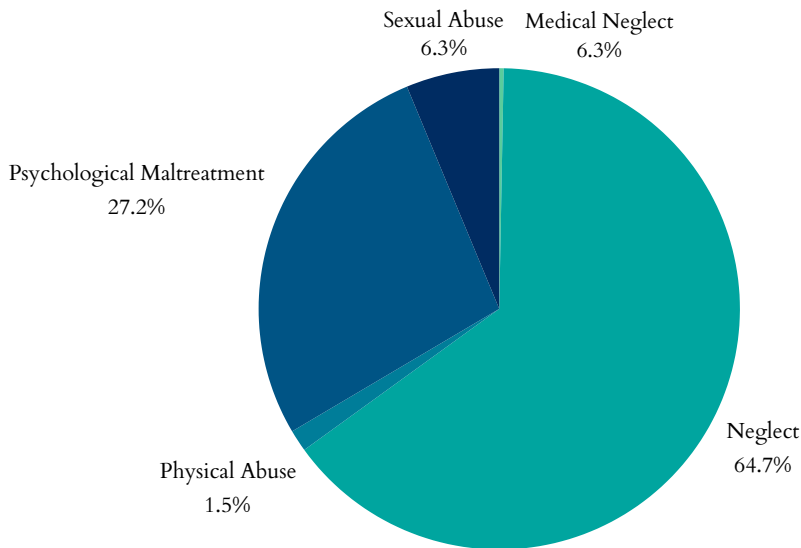
Child Maltreatment

- In 2022, Wyoming had **7,286** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **2,317** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **821** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 6.3 children per 1,000 (21.4% decrease since 2018).
- Of the 821 children, **629** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 110 of the 821 cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2022



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2022):

- **87%** = parents of the child.
- **13%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2022):

- **50%** = female; **50%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **2** in 2021 to **3** in 2022.
- Wyoming reported **zero** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **701** victims and **2,794** non-victims.

Plans for Safe Care

- In 2022, Wyoming reported **10** infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- Wyoming reported **zero** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Wyoming has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2022

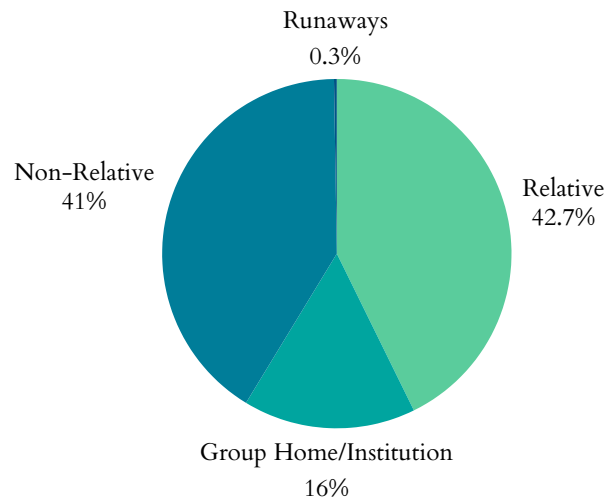


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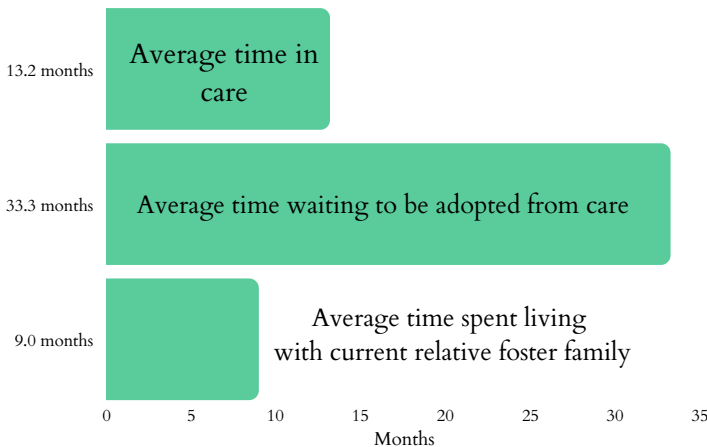
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **1,525** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **756** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **716** children entered care and **769** exited.
- **109** children were adopted; **107** were waiting to be adopted.
- **9.6%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system increased by **3.8%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



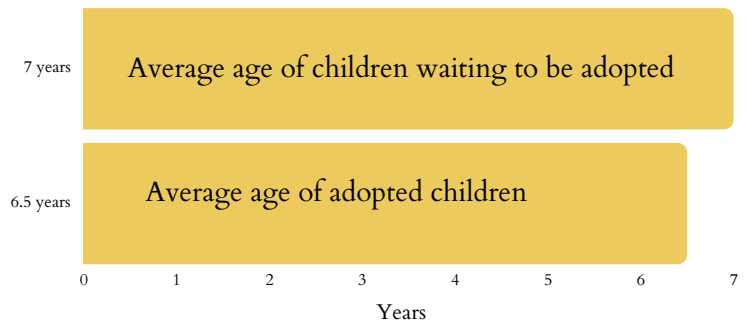
- In 2021, **18** children exited foster care due to age (**28.6%** increase from 2020).
- **316** children were living with non-relatives; **329** stayed with a relative.
- **123** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **2** children classified as runaways.
- **4%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

28.6% The increase since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

Juvenile Justice

- **3,117** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **129** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **323** for Property Crimes.
- **489** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **171** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (increase from **147** kids in 2019; **16.3%** increase).

Adoption, 2020



16.3% The increase since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.



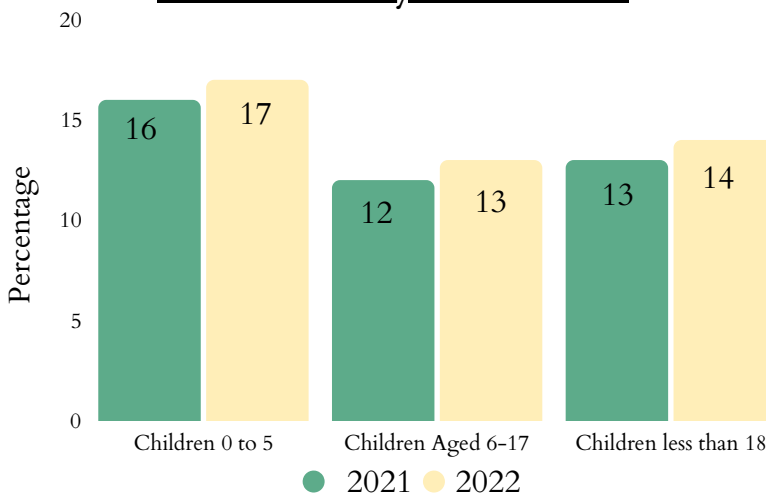
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Child Poverty

- 27,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (21% of all children).
- 22% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from 1,121 in 2021 to 1,049 in 2022 (6.4% decrease).

- The state spent \$3,988,705 on WIC in 2022, serving 6,723 people: a 2.5% decrease in total participants and 2.4% decrease in spending since 2021.
- 61,200 people were food insecure in 2021, including 16,100 children.
- 48.7% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Child Poverty Over Time



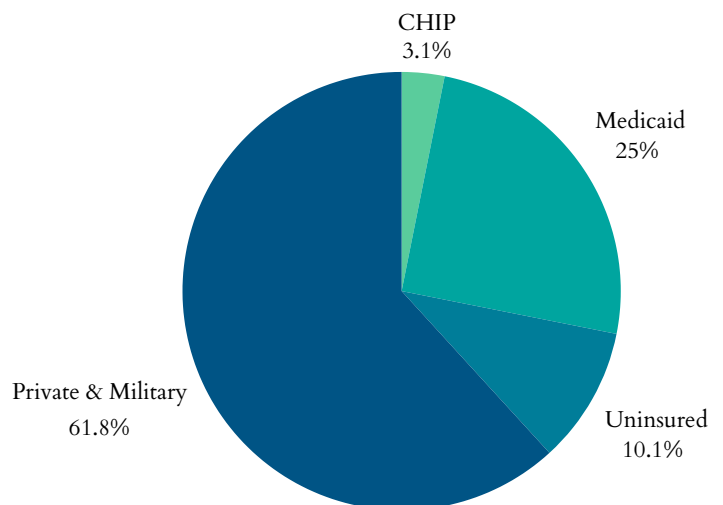
Teens & Youth

- 2,000 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 22 reports among ages 15-24.
- Zero children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Wyoming in 2020.

Health

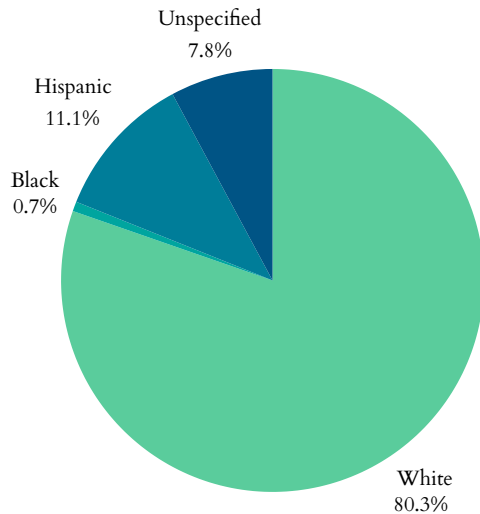
- 11,000 children had no health insurance in 2022 (31.3% decrease from 2021).
- 33,000 children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 (2.9% decrease from 2021).
- 4,996 children in Wyoming were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (269.5% increase from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021



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Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



- **586** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2021 (**9.4%** of births).
- **676** preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (**10.8%** of births).
 - **11.1%** of all White babies
 - **10%** of all Hispanic babies
- **295** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2021 -- a rate of **16** in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **32** infants aged <1yr died in 2021 -- a rate of **5.1** in every 1,000 infants.

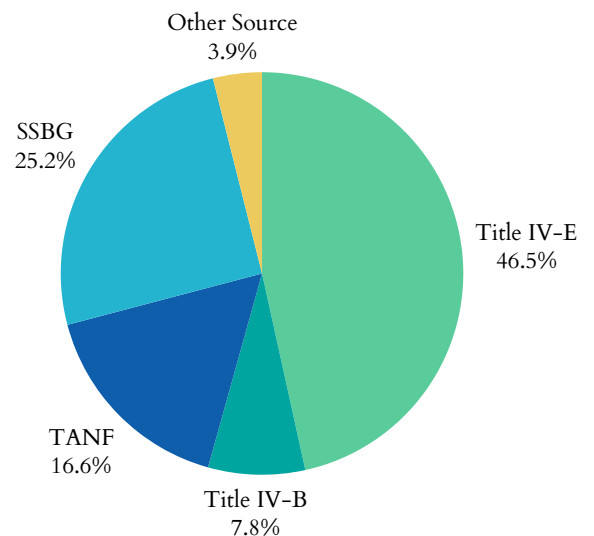
Medicaid Expansion

Wyoming is not a Medicaid expansion state.

Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Wyoming spent **\$11,574,872** on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$11,226,898** = from the federal government

Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$11,226,898** in federal funding received in Wyoming in 2020:

- **\$3,421,422** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$1,099,118** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Wyoming's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2021 was **\$2,815,058**

