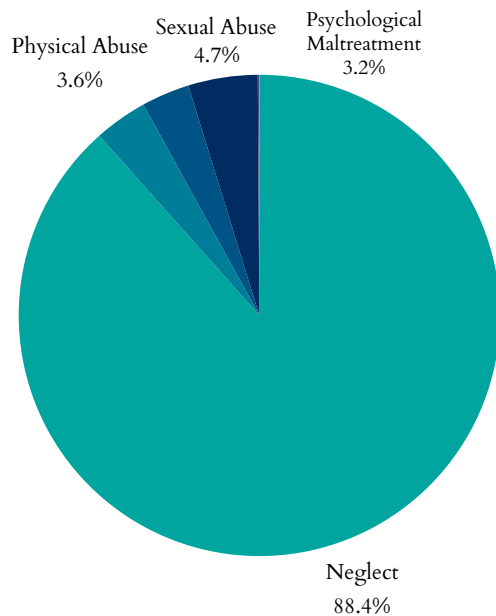


# California's Children

## Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, California had **396,790** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 193,617 were screened in for response by CPS.
- **47,824** were child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 5.7 children per 1,000 (25.4% decrease since 2019).
- Of the 47,824 children, **37,820** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 7,168 of the 47,824 cases.

## Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



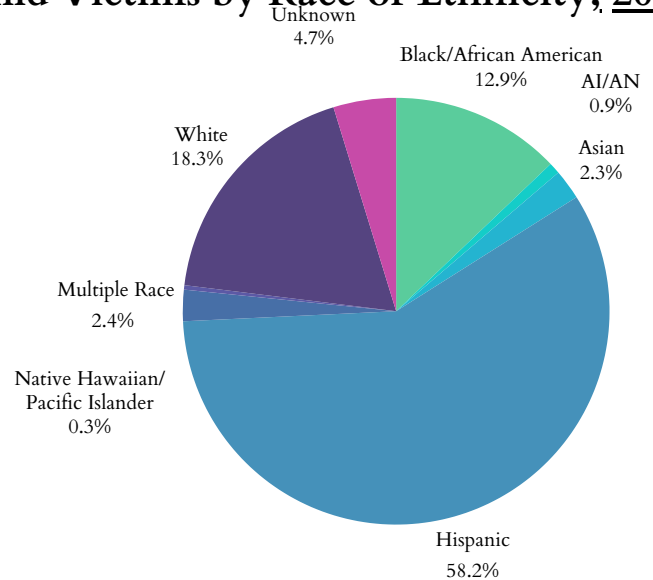
## Workforce

There are **48,190** child, family, and school social workers in California with a median wage of **\$33.34** (compared to California's minimum wage: **\$16.00**)



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## Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **86%** = parents of the child.
- **14%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

## Child victims (2023):

- **49%** = female; **51%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **176** in 2022 to **150** in 2023.
- California reported **48** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **32,057** victims and **61,188** non-victims.

## Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

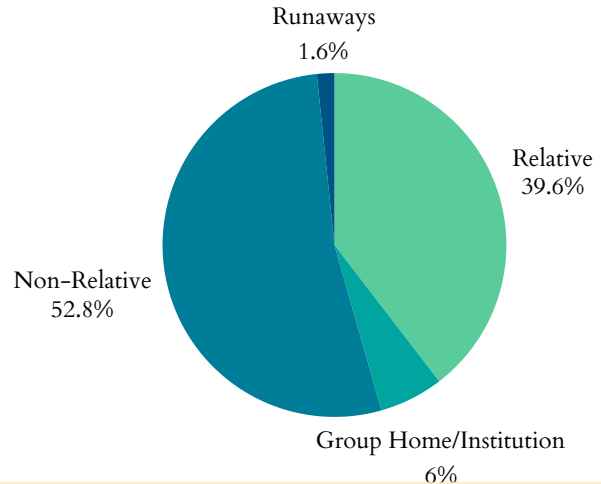


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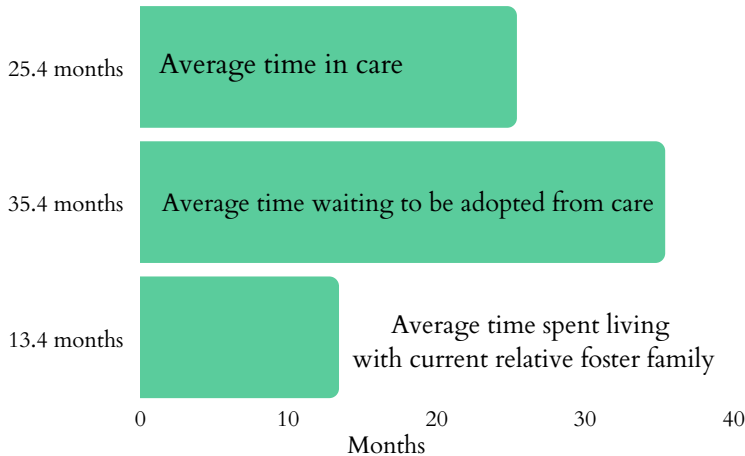
## Foster Care and Adoptions

- **67,699** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **45,924** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **20,609** children entered care and **21,775** exited.
- **5,864** children were adopted; **15,349** were waiting to be adopted.
- **4.1%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by **6.1%** from 2021.

### Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



### Duration in Care, 2021



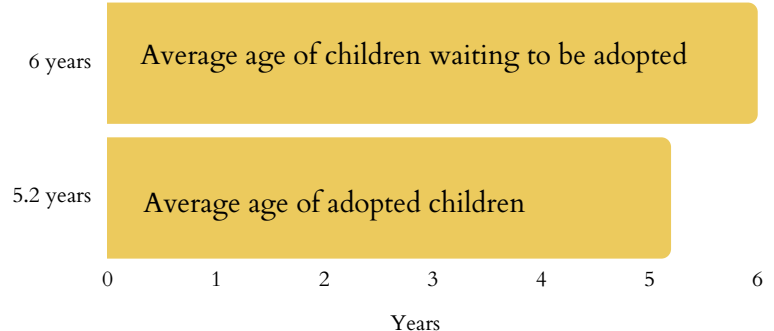
- In 2021, **3,110** children exited foster care due to age (**2.9%** increase from 2020).
- **22,707** children were living with non-relatives; **17,028** stayed with a relative.
- **2,590** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **707** children classified as runaways.
- **5%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

**2.9%** The increase since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

### Juvenile Justice

- **38,617** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **832** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **6,539** for Property Crimes.
- **2,459** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **2,385** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **4,131** kids in 2019; **42.3%** decline).

### Adoption, 2020



**42.3%** The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

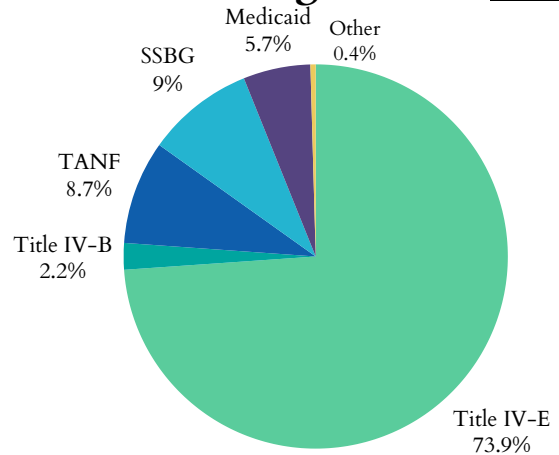


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## Funding for Child Welfare Services

- California spent **\$3,089,425,474.02** on child welfare services in 2020
  - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$3,075,750,760.02** = from the federal government
- State and local funds were not reported

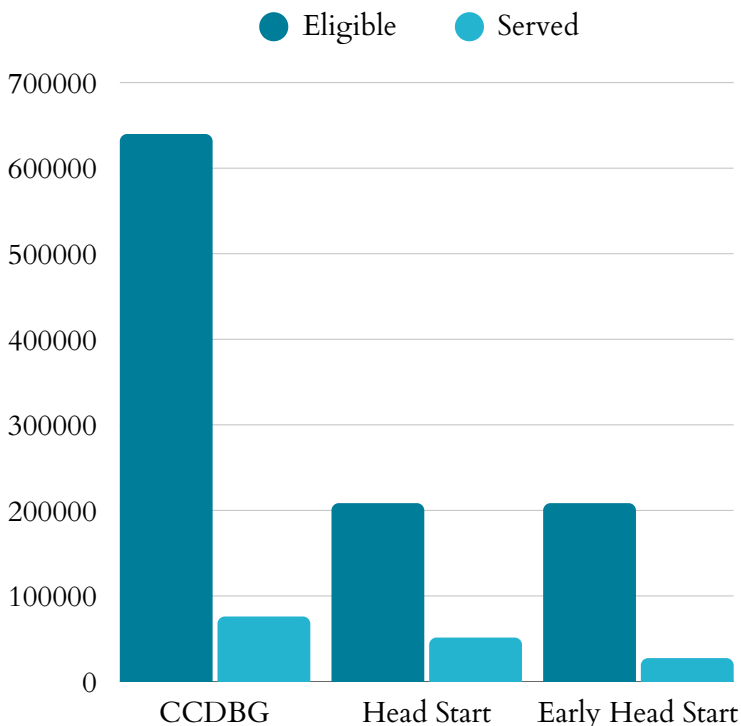
### Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$3,075,750,760.02** in federal funding received in California in 2020:

- **\$799,928,812** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$599,101,241** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- California's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$546,075,281**

## Child Care & Early Learning



- **25%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **13%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **12%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$19,547** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$16,432** annual cost of home-based infant care

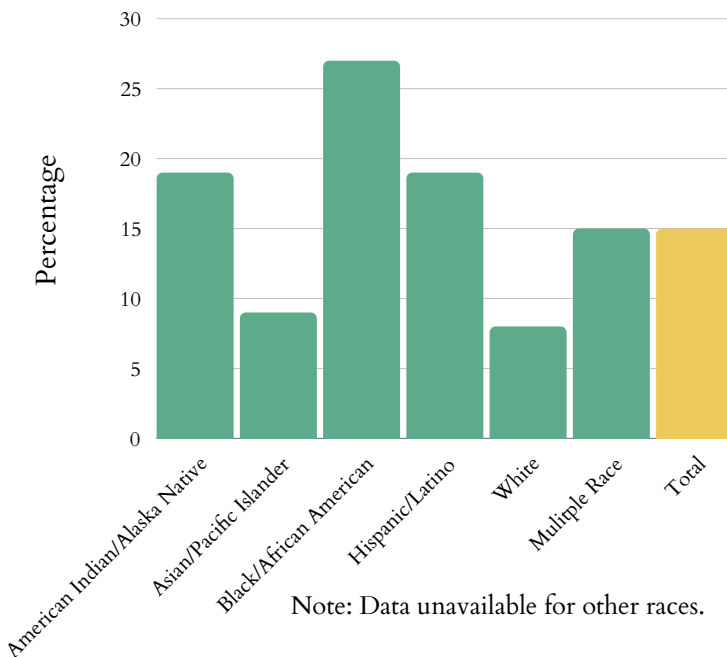


# California's Children

## Child Poverty

- 2,378,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (28% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from 750,247 in 2022 to 1,304,075 in 2023 (74% increase).

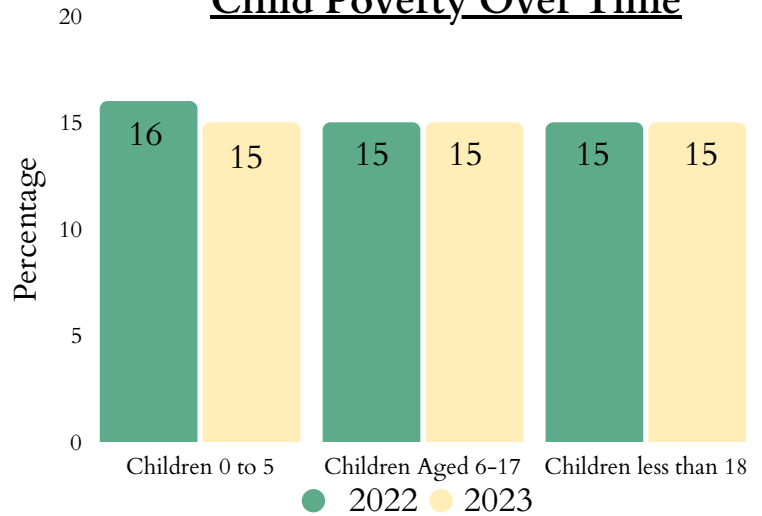
### Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## HOUSING

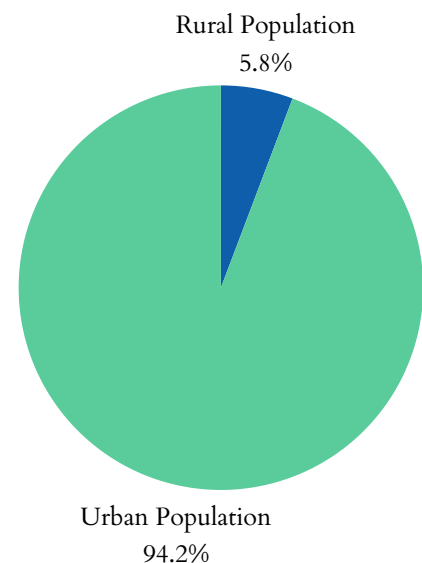
- 55,187 children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (3.27%)
- 33.9% of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- 41% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- 53,981 total California residents living in public housing

### Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent \$340,934,334 on WIC in 2023, serving 964,415 people: a 3.0% increase in total participants and 3.6% increase in spending since 2022.
- 4,915,450 people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 1,437,250 children.
- 49.2% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

### Total Urban vs. Rural Population of California, 2020

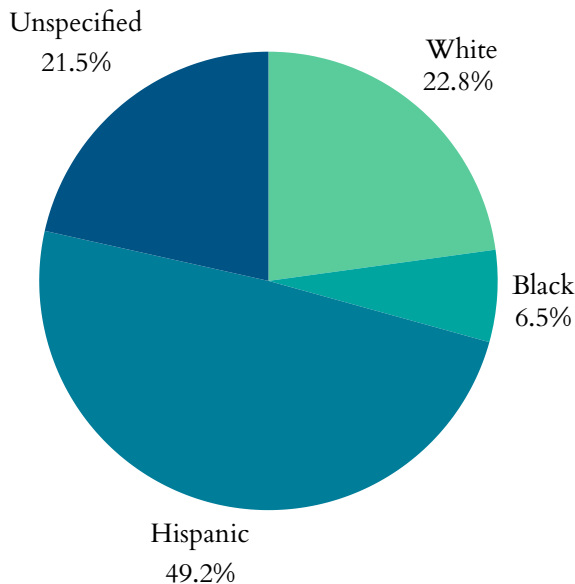


# California's Children

## Health

- **30,056** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (7.5% of births).
- **38,020** preterm births (<37wks) in 2022 (9.08% of births).
  - 7.87% of all White babies
  - 12.30% of all Black babies
- **11,578** births to mothers aged 15–19 in 2023 -- a rate of **9** in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **1,632** infants aged <1yr died in 2023; a rate of **4.1** per 1,000.

### Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



## Medicaid Expansion

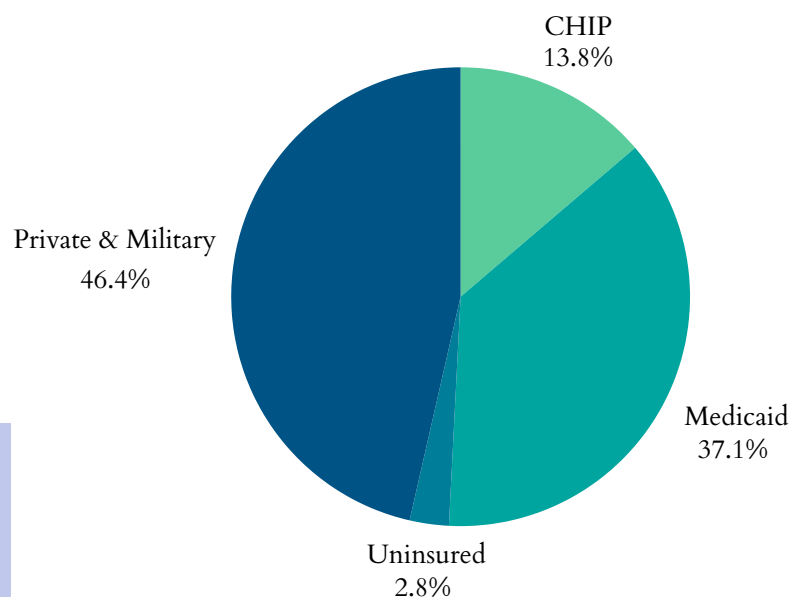
California is a Medicaid expansion state.

## Maternal Mortality

- **228** California women died while pregnant, or within 42 days post pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents
- For every 100,000 live births in California, there is **11** maternal deaths

- **285,000** children had no health insurance in 2023 (0.7% decrease from 2022).
- **3,875,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2023 (0.6% decrease from 2022).
- **1,601,751** children in California were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (12% decrease from 2020).

### Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

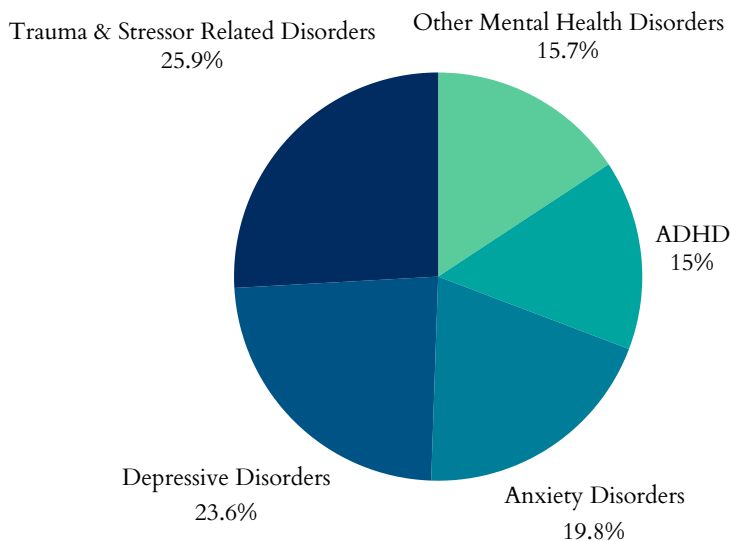


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## Zero to Three

- 65.9% of babies live above low-income
- 18.1% of babies live at low income
- 16.0% of babies live in poverty
- 8.5% of babies live in deep poverty
- 73.6% of new parents have at least one parent working full time

### Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2022



## Plans for Safe Care

- In 2023, California reported 2,454 infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- California reported 974 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

California does have a Family First plan approved by the administration.

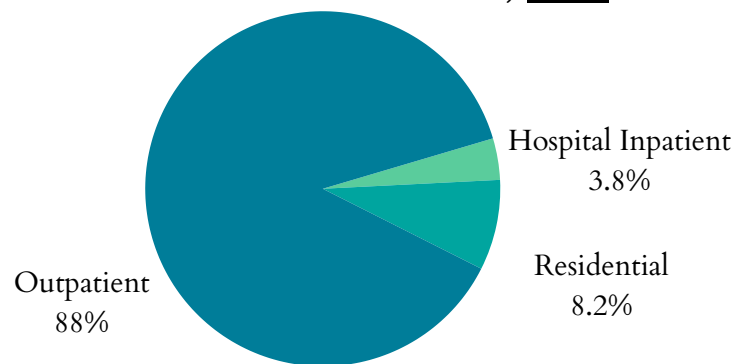
## Teens & Youth

- 138,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (10%)
- 290 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in California in 2020.

## Mental Health

- 206,551 children received mental health treatment in California in 2022 (11.1%)
- In 2022 there were 6.5 deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in California.

### Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



## Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 279,455 children in California (2.1% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 2,671 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

