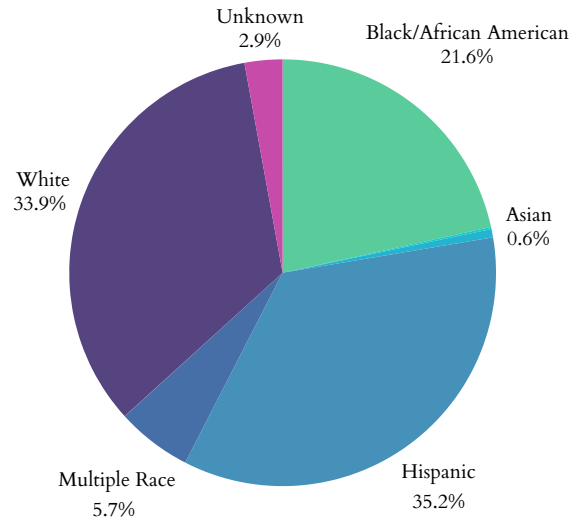


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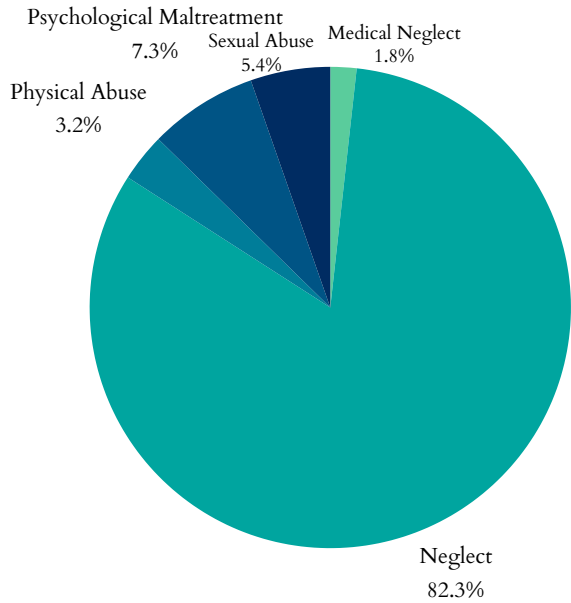
Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Connecticut had **50,905** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 14,062 were screened in for response by CPS.
- **5,227** were child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 7.2 children per 1,000 (35% decrease since 2019).
- Of the 5,227 children, **3,746** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1years**, representing 590 of the 5,227 cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **75%** = parents of the child.
- **25%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2023):

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

- Child fatalities decreased from **15** in 2022 to **11** in 2023.
- Connecticut reported **0** total child victim of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **5,430** victims and **13,251** non-victims.

Workforce

There are **5,910** child, family, and school social workers in Connecticut with a median wage of **\$33.75** (compared to Connecticut's minimum wage: **\$15.69**)

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

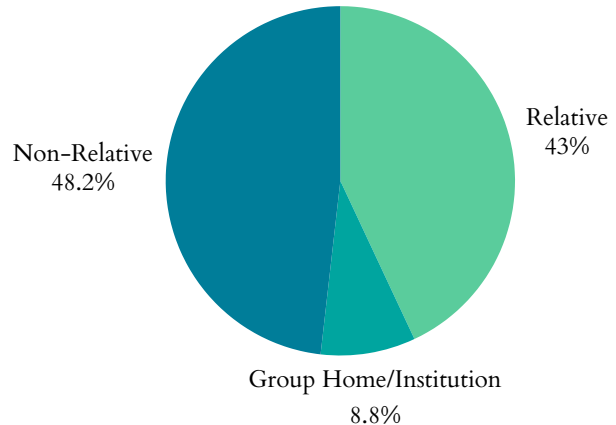


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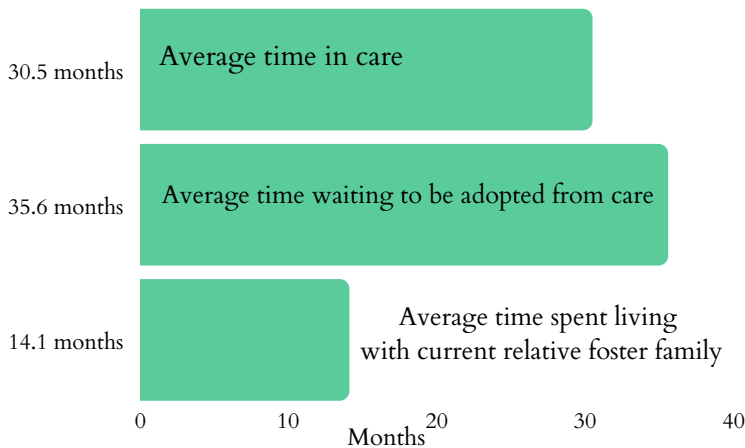
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **4,707** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **3,295** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **1,250** children entered care and **1,412** exited.
- **483** children were adopted; **1,062** were waiting to be adopted.
- **5.5%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system increased by **5%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021

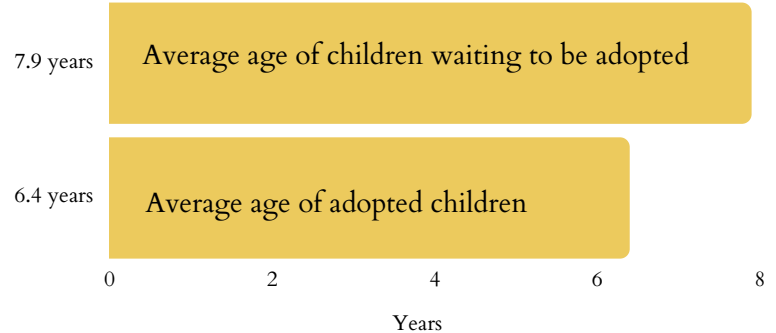


Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **70** children exited foster care due to age (**21.3%** decrease from 2020).
- **1,427** children were living with non-relatives; **1,274** stayed with a relative.
- **260** children were staying in group homes or institutions. They did not report the number of children classified as runaways.
- **3%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

Adoption, 2020



The decrease since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence is **21.3%**.

Juvenile Justice

- **6,942** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **1,328** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **1,405** for Property Crimes.
- **570** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **63** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **96** kids in 2019; **34%** decline).

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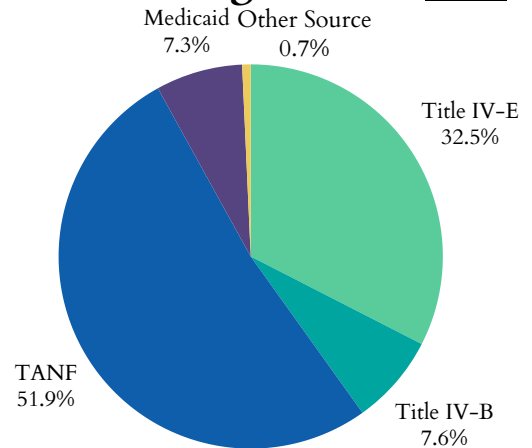


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Connecticut spent **\$807,477,571.48** on child welfare services in 2020
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$387,916,191** = from the federal government
- **\$416,361,056.68** = from state and local funds

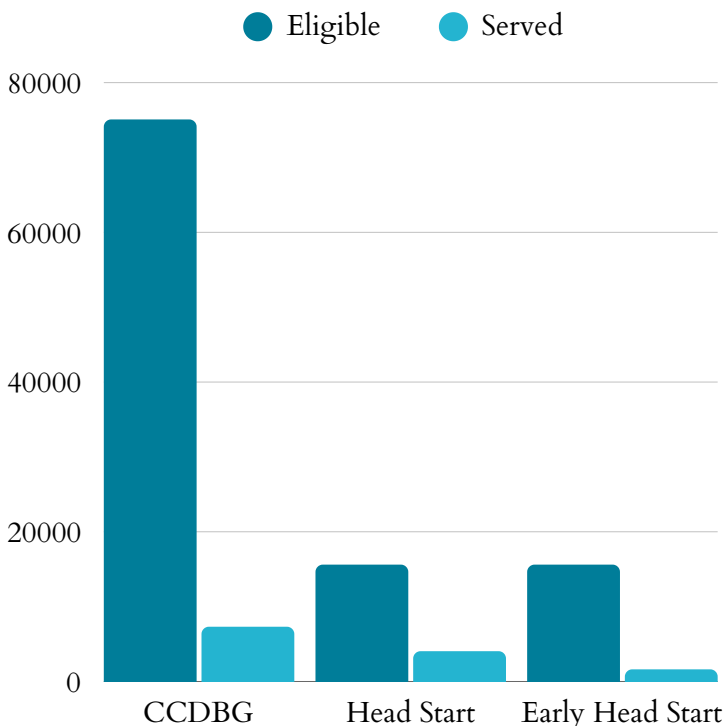
Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$387,916,191** in federal funding received in Connecticut in 2020:

- **\$71,046,495** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$49,324,563** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Connecticut's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$16,059,102**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **26%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **10%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **10%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$17,888** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$14,040** annual cost of home-based infant care

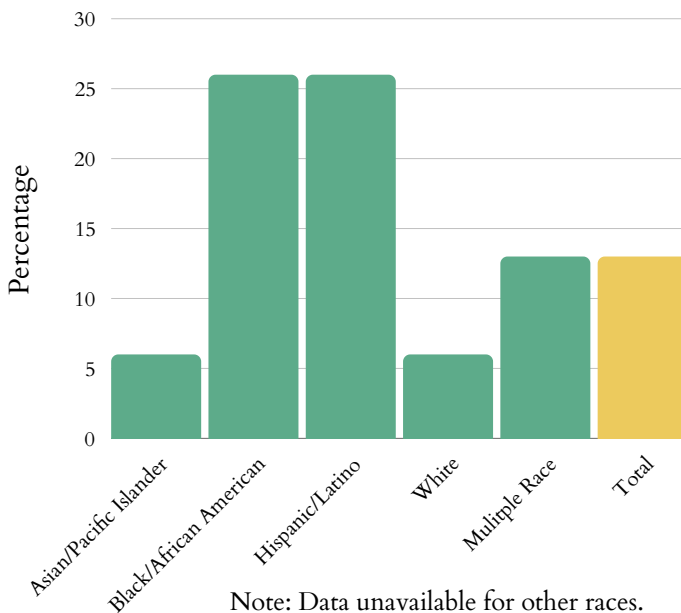


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Child Poverty

- **169,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (23% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from **10,143** in 2022 to **11,684** in 2023 (15% increase).

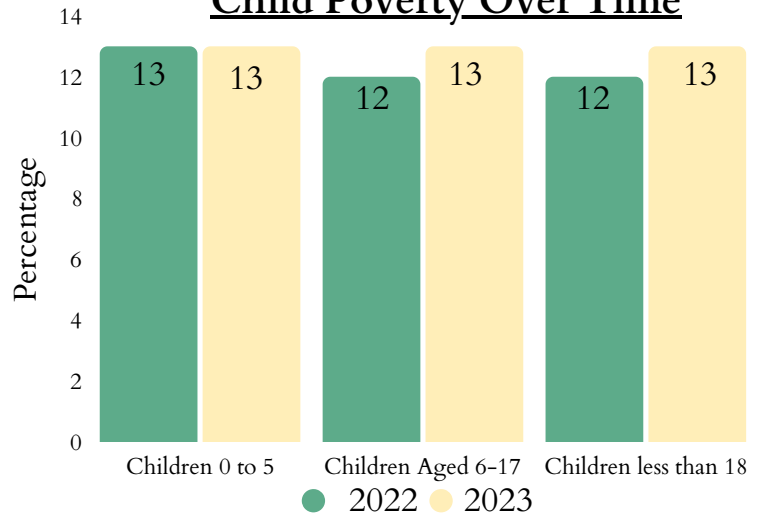
Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



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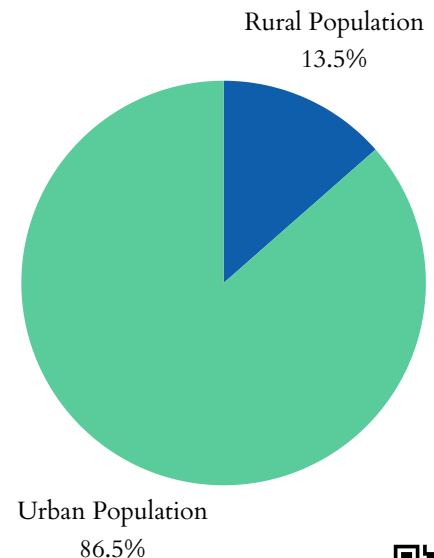
- **1,059** children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (0.74%)
- **30%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- **31%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- **21,424** total Connecticut residents living in public housing

Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent **\$15,535,559** on WIC in 2023, serving **47,847** people: an 2.3% increase in total participants and 4.3% increase in spending since 2022.
- **468,150** people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 112,600 children.
- **31.4%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Connecticut, 2020



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Health

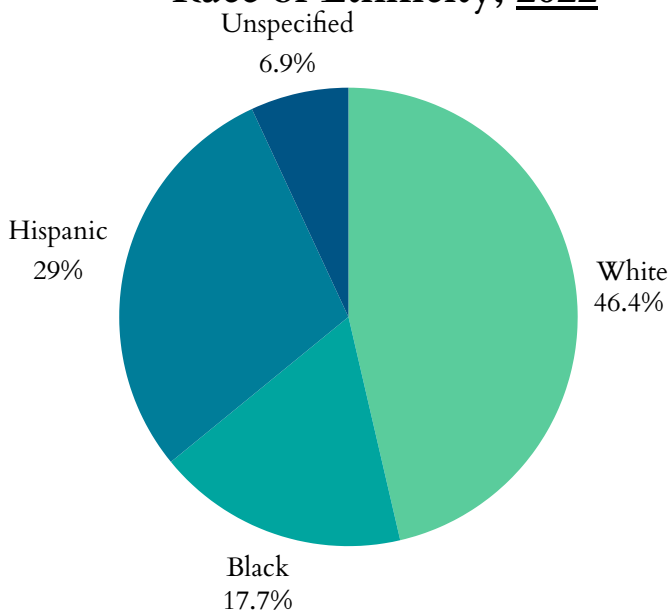
- **2,732** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (7.9% of births).
- **3,232** preterm births (<37wks) in 2022 (9.41% of births).
 - 8.25% of all White babies
 - 13.70% of all Black babies
- **799** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 7 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **159** infants aged <1yr died in 2023; a rate of 4.6 per 1,000.

Maternal Mortality

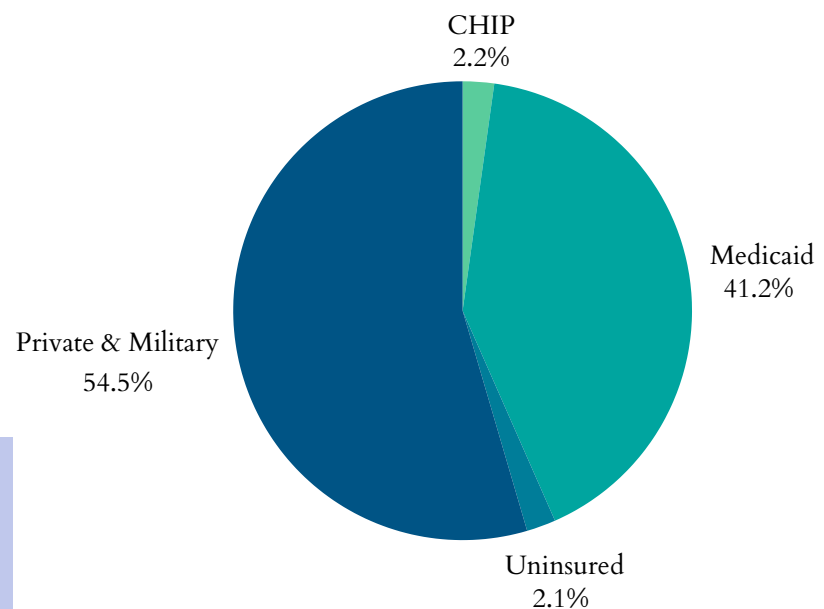
- **27** Connecticut women died while pregnant, or within 42 days post pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents
- For every 100,000 live births in Connecticut, there is **16** maternal deaths

- **27,000** children had no health insurance in 2023 (8% increase from 2022).
- **286,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2023 (0% change from 2022).
- **20,410** children in Connecticut were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (6% decrease from 2020).

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021



Medicaid Expansion

Connecticut is a Medicaid expansion state.

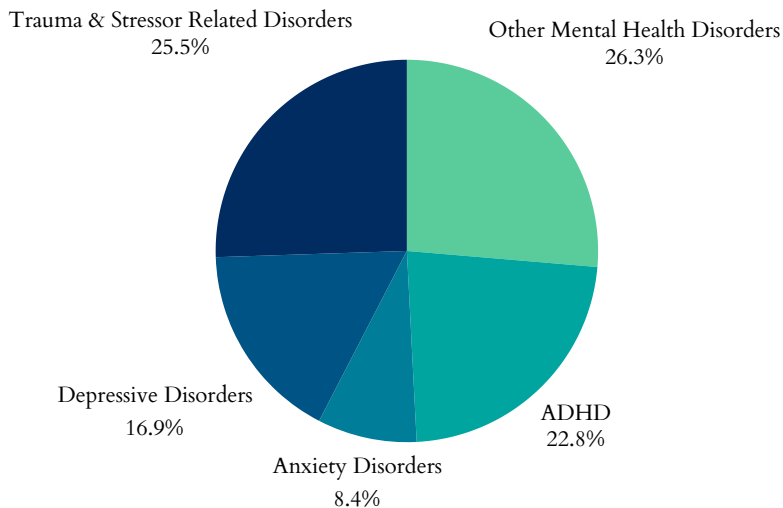


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Zero to Three

- **68.6%** of babies live above low-income
- **17.4%** of babies live at low income
- **14.0%** of babies live in poverty
- **8.2%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **77.7%** 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, Connecticut reported **0** infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Plans of safe care for screened-in infants were not needed.

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

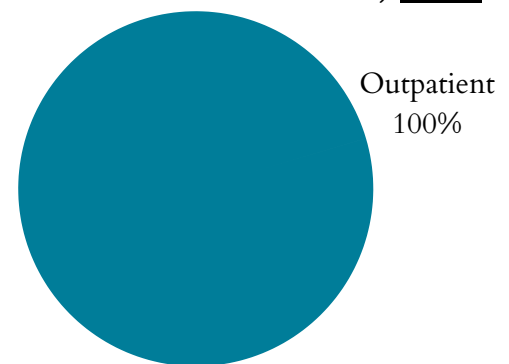
Teens & Youth

- **11,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (5%)
- **15** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Connecticut in 2020.

Mental Health

- **37,407** children received mental health treatment in Connecticut in 2022 (**2.0%**)
- In 2022 there were **5.8** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Connecticut.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of **22,580** children in Connecticut (**2.0%** of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, **1,994** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

