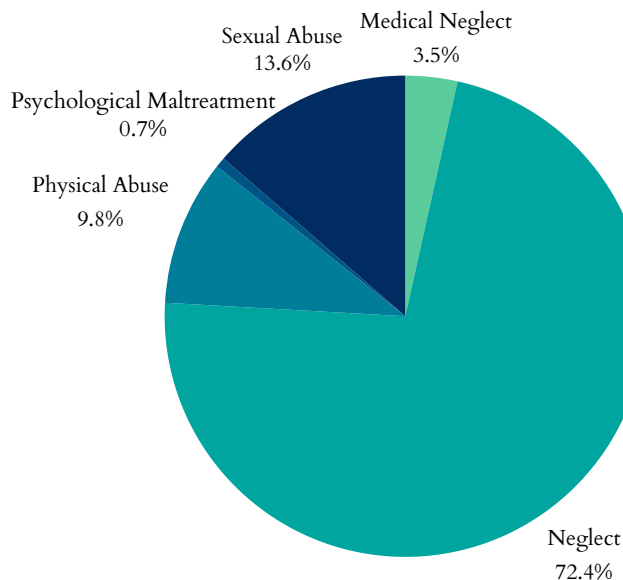


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Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Florida had **246,778** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 139,213 were screened in for response by CPS.
- **22,842** were child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 5.2 children per 1,000 (30.06% decrease since 2019).
- Of the 22,842 children, **10,231** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 3,432 of the 22,842 cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



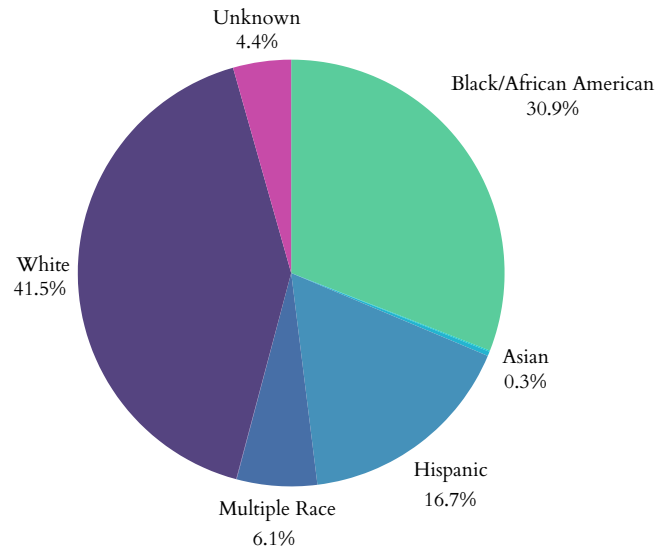
Workforce

There are **13,930** child, family, and school social workers in Florida with a median wage of **\$24.12** (compared to Florida's minimum wage: **\$13.00**)



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Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

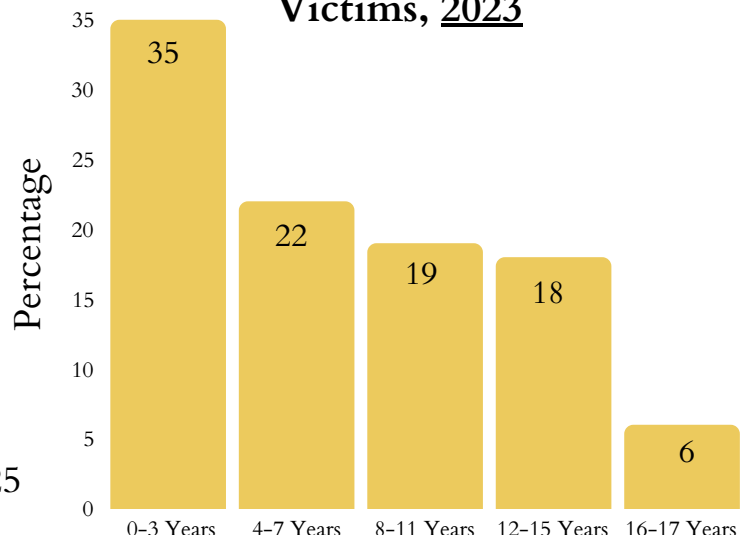
- **71%** = parents of the child.
- **29%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2023):

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

- Child fatalities decreased from **86** in 2022 to **75** in 2023.
- Florida reported **0** total child victim of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **8,270** victims and **9,858** non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

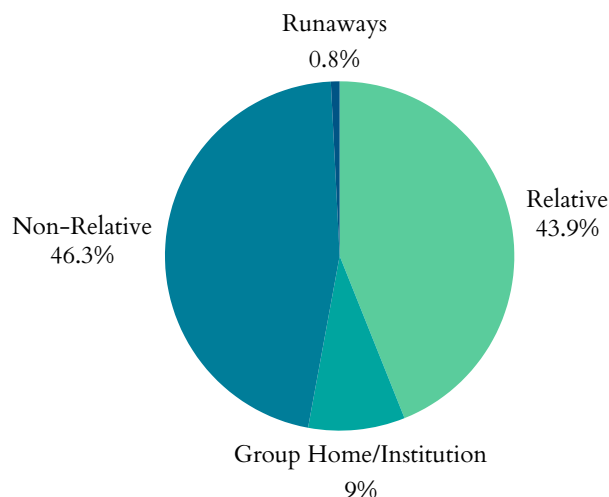


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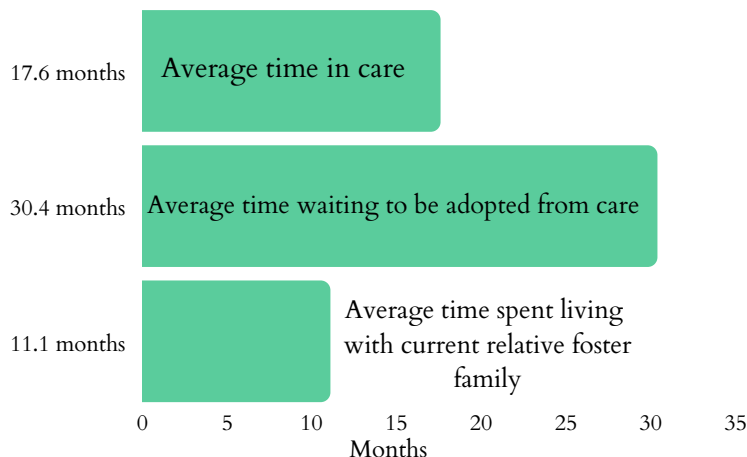
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **34,120** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **22,493** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **11,088** children entered care and **11,627** exited.
- **3,931** children were adopted; **8,615** were waiting to be adopted.
- **4.3%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by **0.2%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **750** children exited foster care due to age (**0.4%** increase from 2020).
- **10,339** children were living with non-relatives; **9,813** stayed with a relative.
- **2,000** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **180** children classified as runaways.
- **4%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

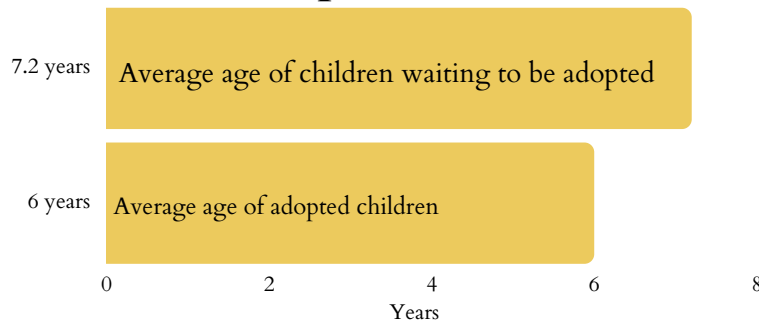
0.4%

The decrease since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

Juvenile Justice

- **44,634** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **0** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **11,457** for Property Crimes.
- **3,881** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **1,221** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **2,001** kids in 2019; **39%** decline).

Adoption, 2020



7.2%

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

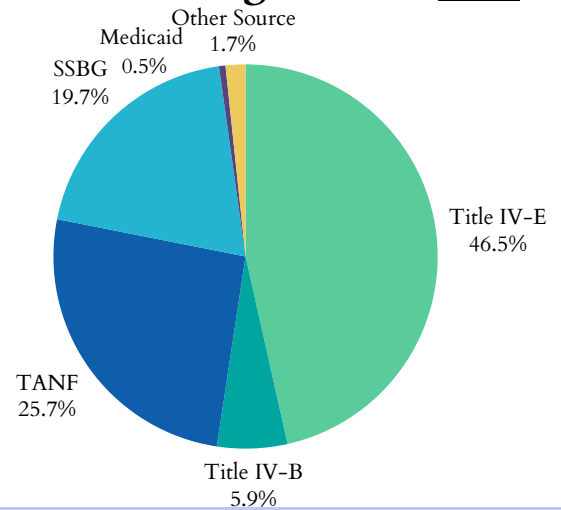


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

Federal Funding Sources, 2020

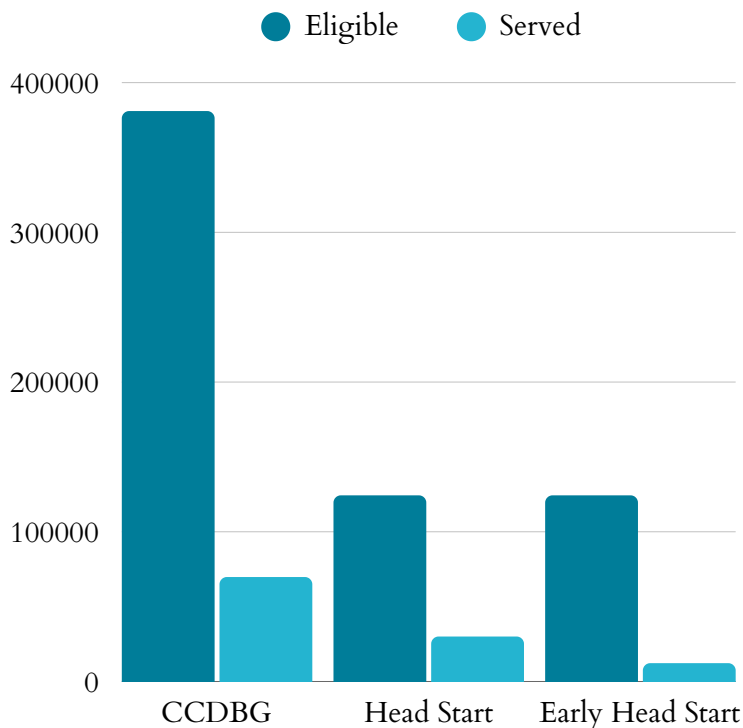
- Florida spent **\$1,369,836,721** on child welfare services in 2020
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- \$687,573,574** = from the federal government
- \$673,556,250** = from state and local funds



The significant funding sectors of the **\$687,573,574** in federal funding received in Florida in 2020:

- \$138,332,098** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- \$148,041,511** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Florida's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$159,845,474**

Child Care & Early Learning



- 24%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- 10%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- 18%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- \$12,639** annual cost of center-based infant care
- \$10,881** annual cost of home-based infant care

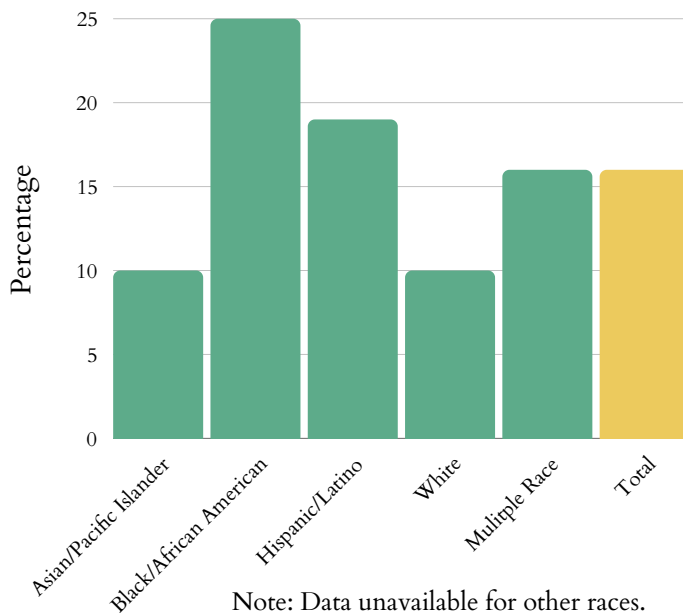


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Child Poverty

- 1,125,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (26% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from 44,596 in 2022 to 72,711 in 2023 (63% increase).

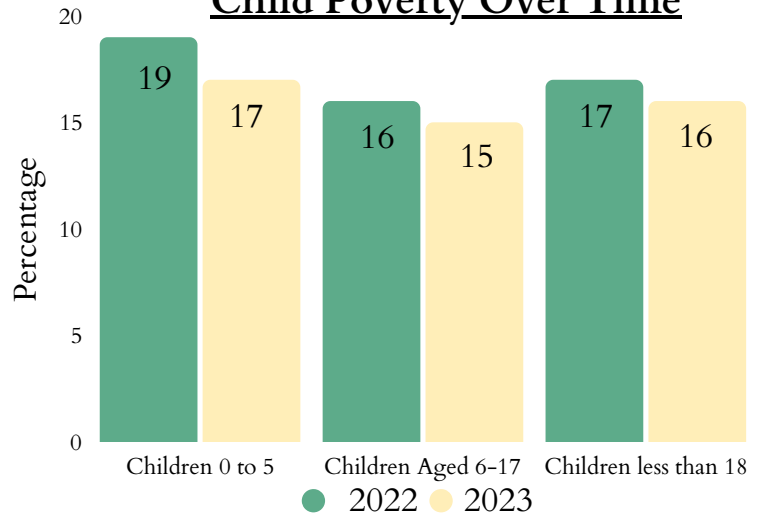
Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



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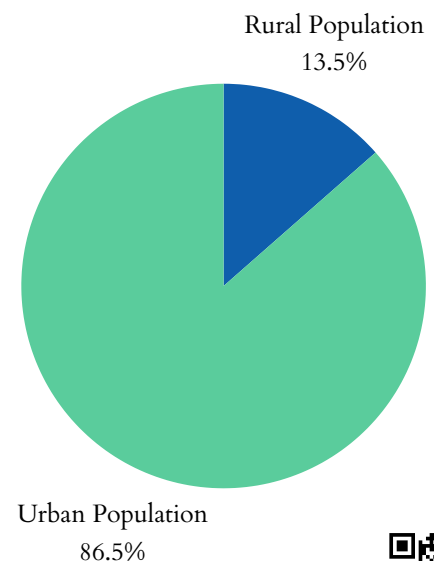
- 28,407 children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (3.24%)
- 0% of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- 38% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- 46,488 total Florida residents living in public housing

Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent \$110,244,872 on WIC in 2023, serving 422,353 people: a 2.8% increase in total participants and 4.3% increase in spending since 2022.
- 2,935,330 people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 819,940 children.
- 38.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Florida, 2020

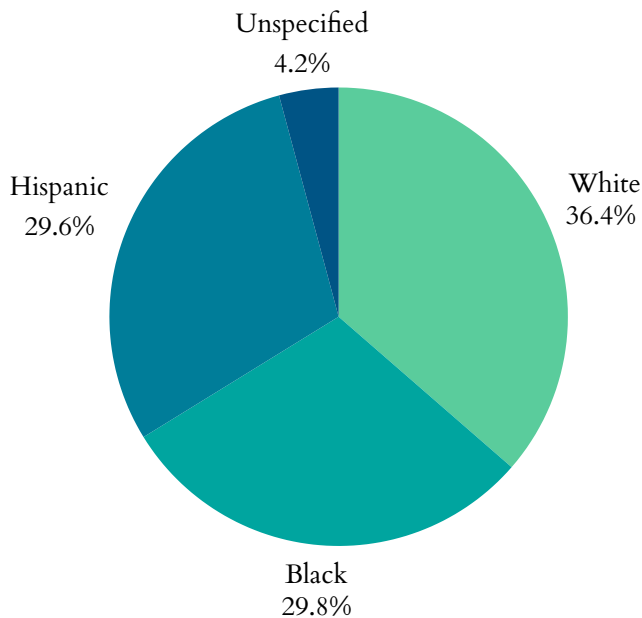


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Health

- **20,003** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (9.0% of births).
- **23,702** preterm births (<37wks) in 2022 (10.57% of births).
 - 9.40% of all White babies
 - 14.84% of all Black babies
- **8,108** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 13 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **1,336** infants aged <1yr died in 2023; a rate of 6.0 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Medicaid Expansion

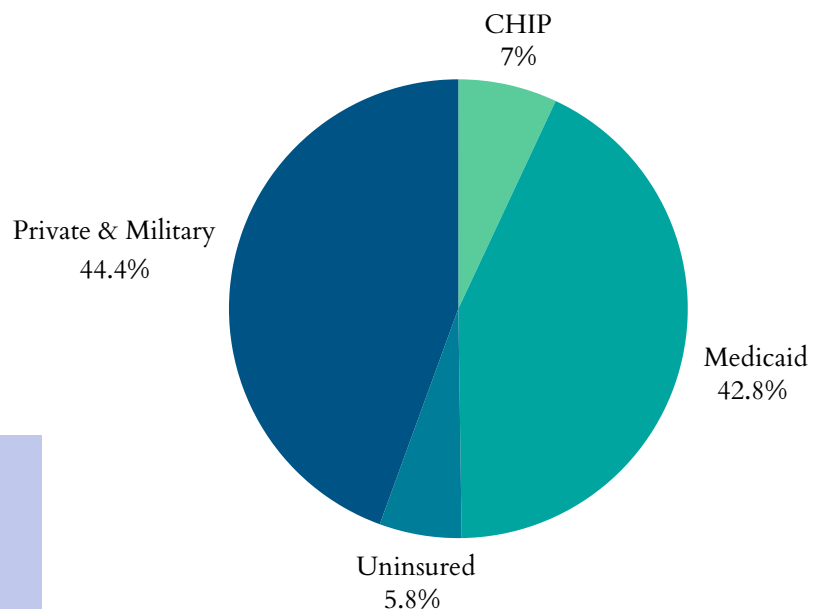
Florida is not a Medicaid expansion state.

Maternal Mortality

- **263** Florida 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 Florida, there is **24** maternal deaths

- **351,000** children had no health insurance in 2023 (4.5% increase from 2022).
- **1,827,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2023 (1% decrease from 2022).
- **399,577** children in Florida were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (13% decrease from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

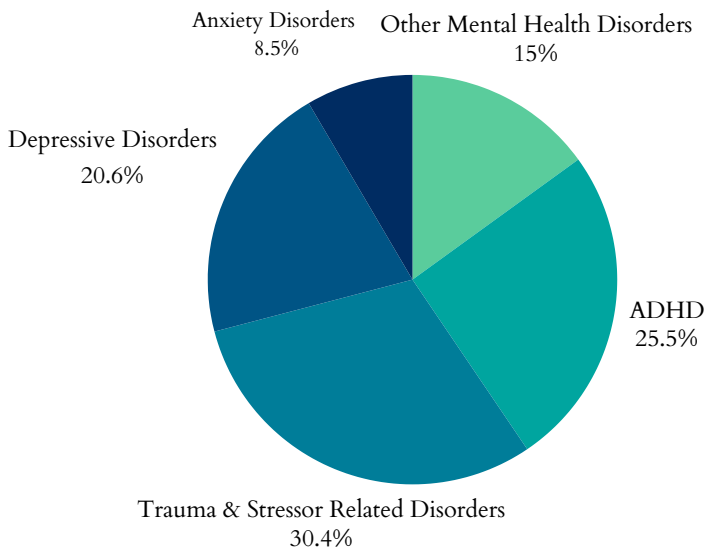


Florida's Children

Zero to Three

- 56.9% of babies live above low-income
- 24.0% of babies live at low income
- 19.2% of babies live in poverty
- 9.2% of babies live in deep poverty
- 72.6% 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, Florida reported 0 infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Plans of safe care for screened-in infants were not needed.

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

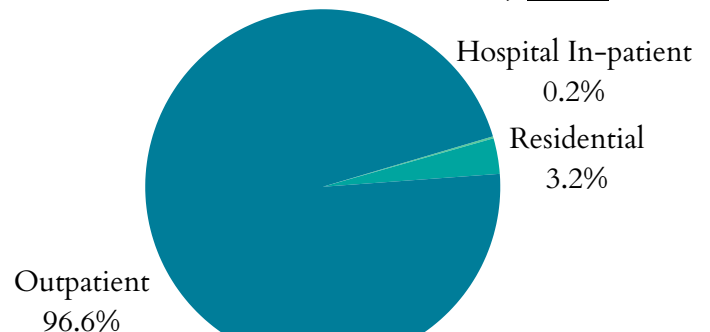
Teens & Youth

- 7,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (7%)
- 239 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Florida in 2020.

Mental Health

- 56,418 children received mental health treatment in Florida in 2022 (3.0%)
- In 2022 there were 9.0 deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Florida.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 115,010 children in Florida (1.9% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 5,466 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

