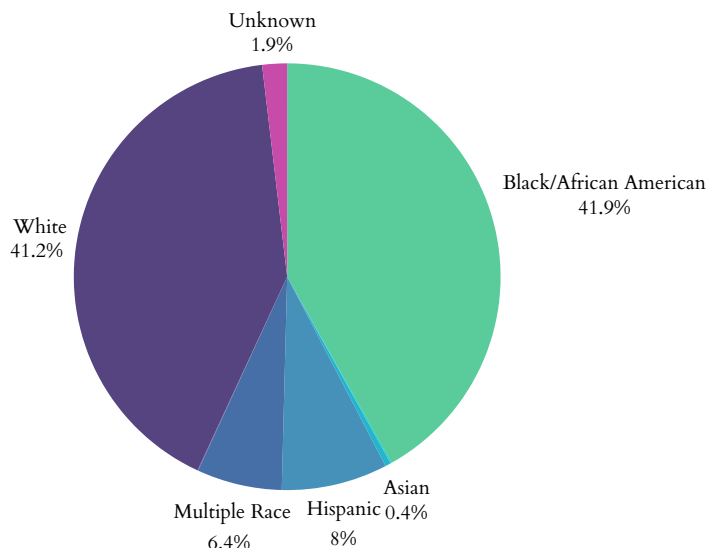


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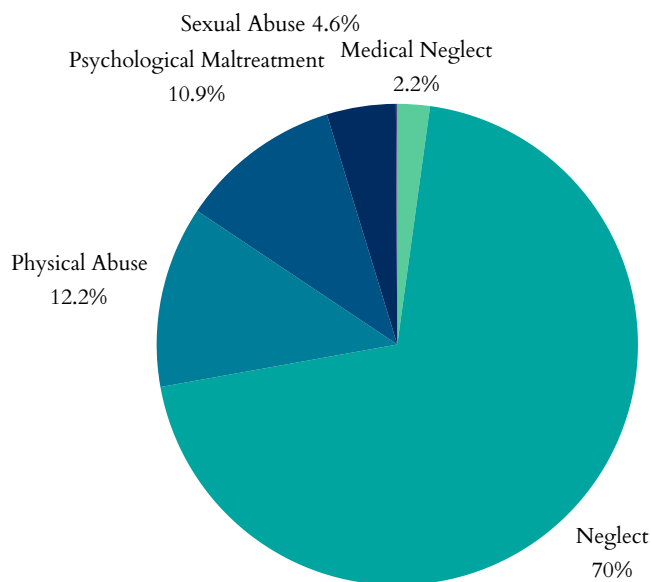
Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Georgia had 124,507 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 50,787 were screened in for response by CPS.
- **11,435** were child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 4.5 children per 1,000 (13.2% increase since 2019).
- Of the 11,435 children, **9,415** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 1,714 of the 11,435 cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **81%** = parents of the child.
- **19%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2023):

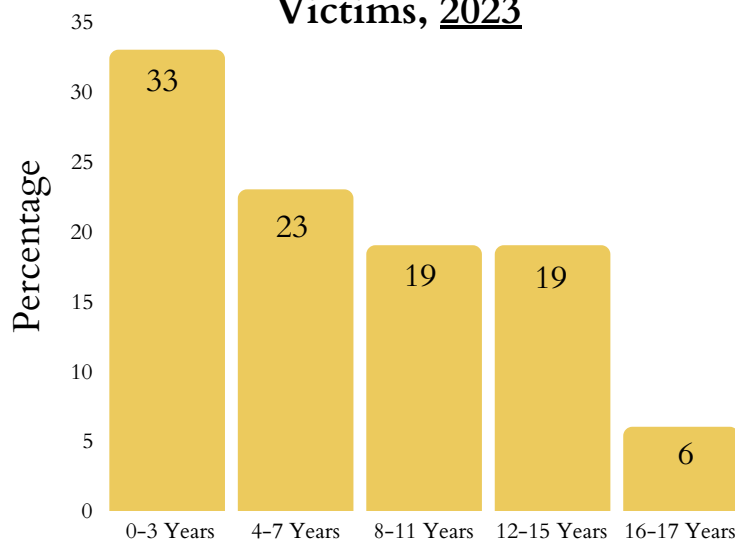
- **49%** = female; **51%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from 114 in 2022 to 103 in 2023.
- Georgia reported **10** total child victim of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **8,878** victims and **59,849** non-victims.

Workforce

There are 5,600 child, family, and school social workers in Georgia with a median wage of **\$24.43** (compared to Georgia's minimum wage: **\$7.25**)

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



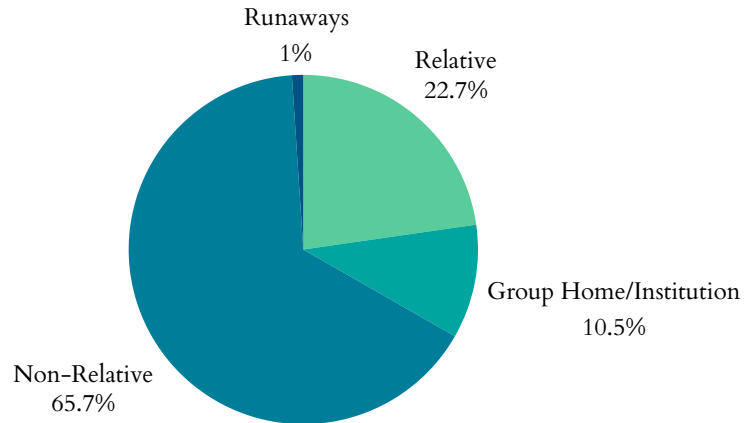
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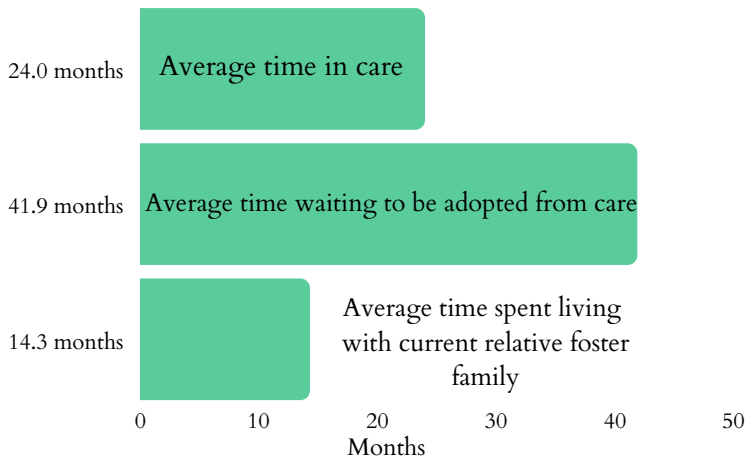
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **15,791** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **10,838** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **5,321** children entered care and **4,935** exited.
- **1,291** children were adopted; **2,928** were waiting to be adopted.
- **3.2%** increase in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system decreased by **7.5%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **628** children exited foster care due to age (**3.8%** decrease from 2020).
- **6,650** children were living with non-relatives; **2,301** stayed with a relative.
- **1,068** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **106** children classified as runaways.
- **5%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

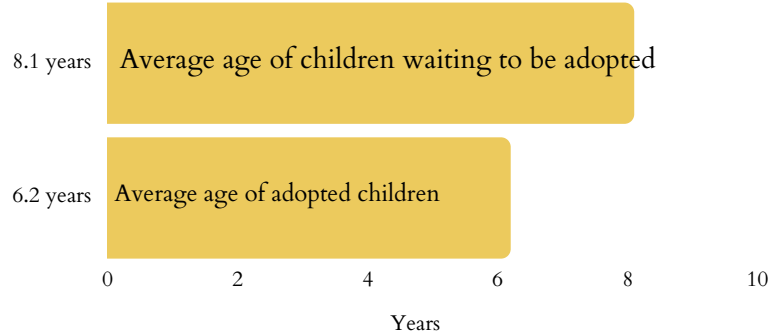
3.8%

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

Juvenile Justice

- **5,176** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **481** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **1,032** for Property Crimes.
- **599** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **750** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **1,119** kids in 2019; **33%** decline).

Adoption, 2020



33%

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

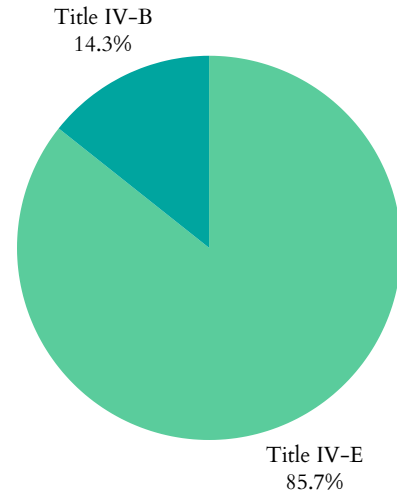


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Georgia spent **\$285,982,891.56** on child welfare services in 2020
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$178,794,509** = from the federal government
- **\$107,188,382.56** = from state and local funds

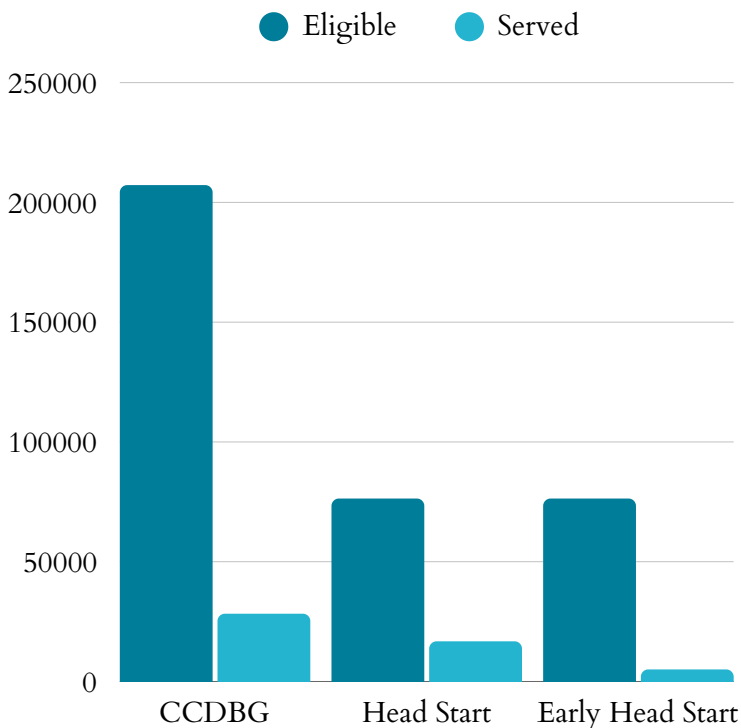
Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$178,794,509** in federal funding received in Georgia in 2020:

- **\$86,809,858** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$61,002,231** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Georgia's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$61,545,418**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **22%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **7%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **14%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$11,066** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$8,407** annual cost of home-based infant care

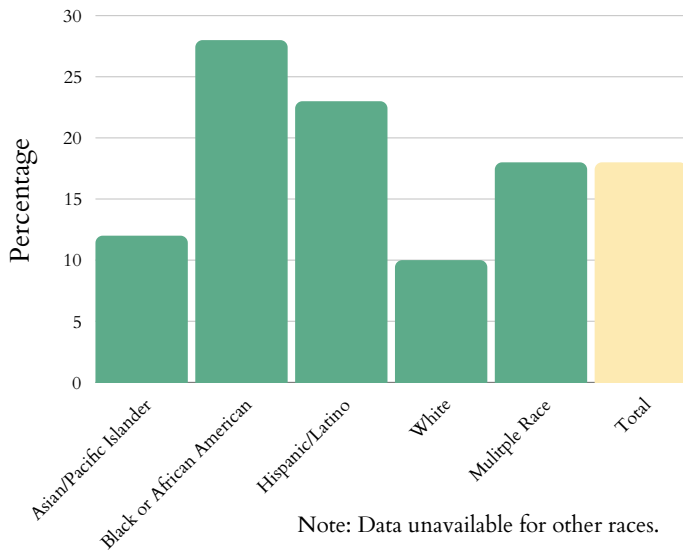


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Child Poverty

- **669,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (26% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **12,384** in 2022 to **8,818** in 2023 (29% decrease).

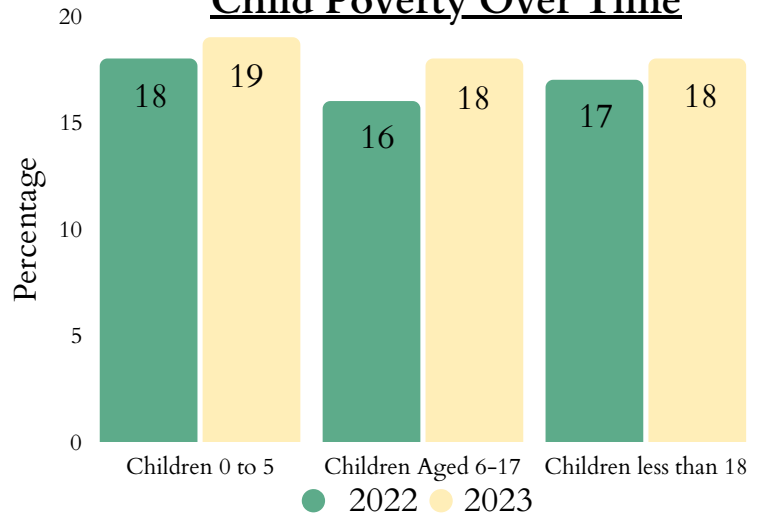
Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



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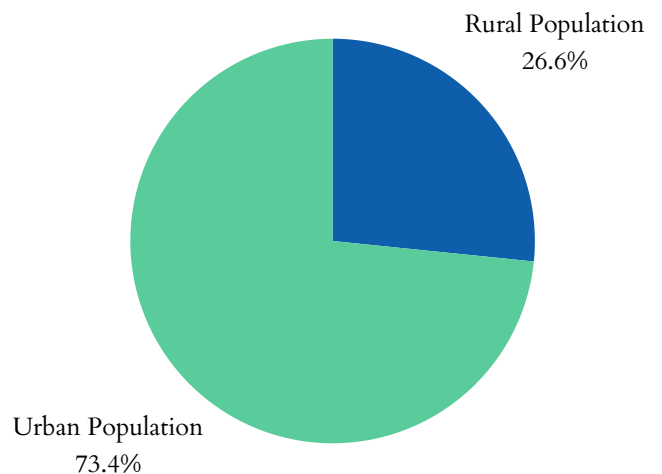
- **11,415** children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (2.28%)
- **29.7%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- **31%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- **52,075** total Georgia residents living in public housing

Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent **\$71,263,062** on WIC in 2023, serving **204,649** people: a 6.8% increase in total participants and 3.8% increase in spending since 2022.
- **1,426,880** people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 461,720 children.
- **46.8%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Georgia, 2020

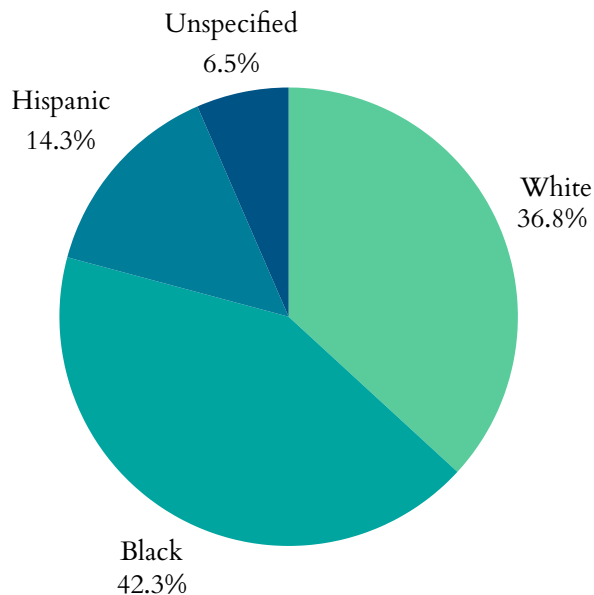


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Health

- **12,730** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (10.2% of births).
- **14,960** preterm births (<37wks) in 2022 (11.87% of births).
 - 10.28% of all White babies
 - 15.07% of all Black babies
- **6,259** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 17 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **874** infants aged <1yr died in 2023; a rate of 7.0 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Medicaid Expansion

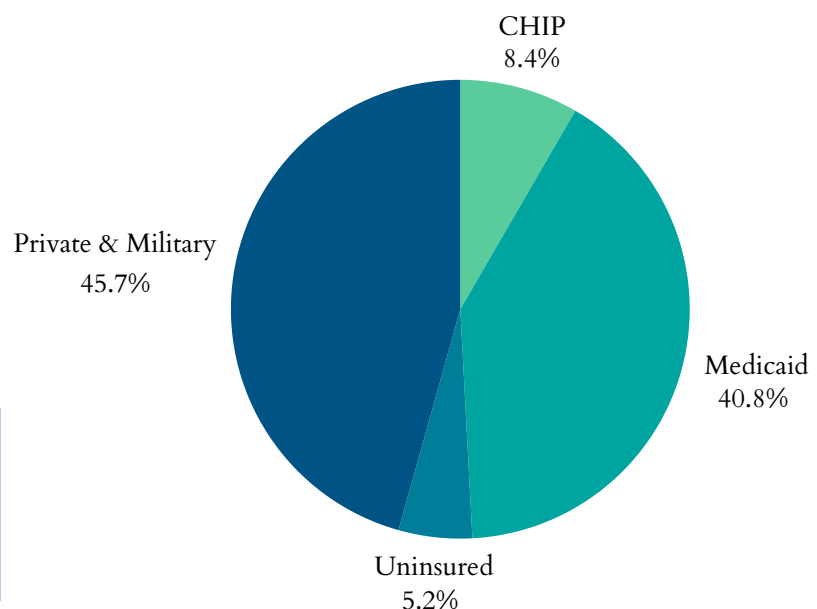
Georgia is not a Medicaid expansion state.

Maternal Mortality

- **201** Georgia 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 Georgia, there is **32** maternal deaths

- **171,000** children had no health insurance in 2023 (3% increase from 2022).
- **1,109,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2023 (1.6% increase from 2022).
- **283,844** children in Georgia were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (13% increase from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

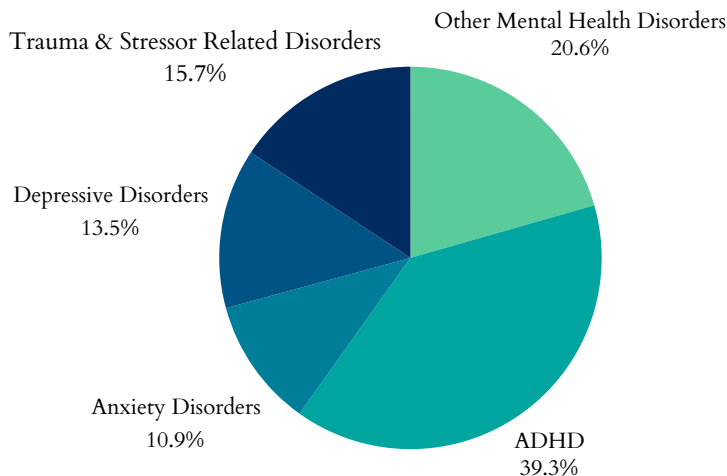


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Zero to Three

- **55.1%** of babies live above low-income
- **21.7%** of babies live at low income
- **23.2%** of babies live in poverty
- **12.4%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **73.2%** 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, Georgia reported **1,928** infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Georgia reported **1,424** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

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

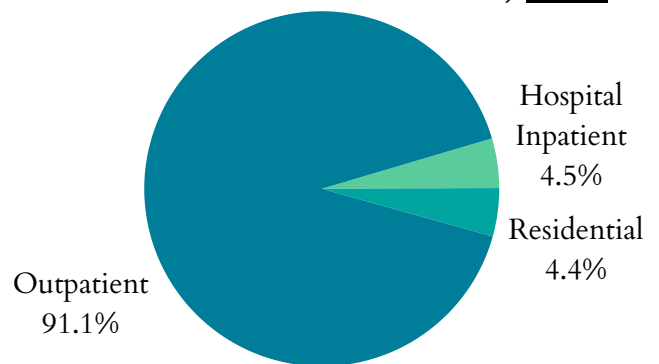
Teens & Youth

- **45,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (7%)
- **198** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Georgia in 2020.

Mental Health

- **9,454** children received mental health treatment in Georgia in 2022 (0.5%)
- In 2022 there were **11.7** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Georgia.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of **74,316** children in Georgia (2.2% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, **841** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

