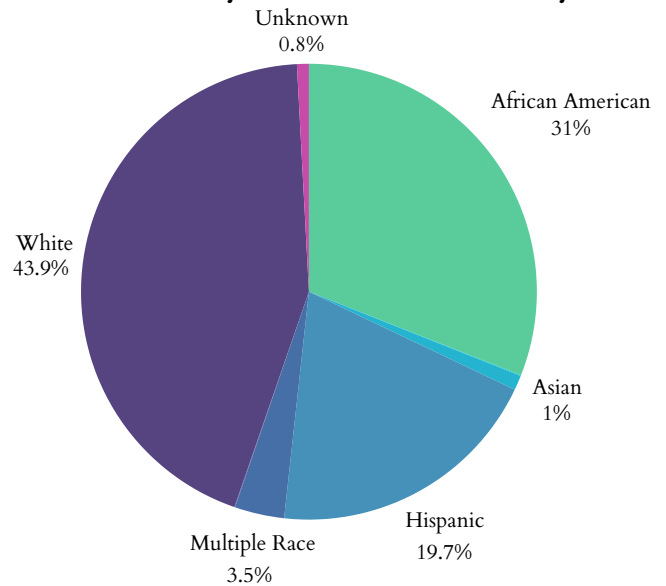


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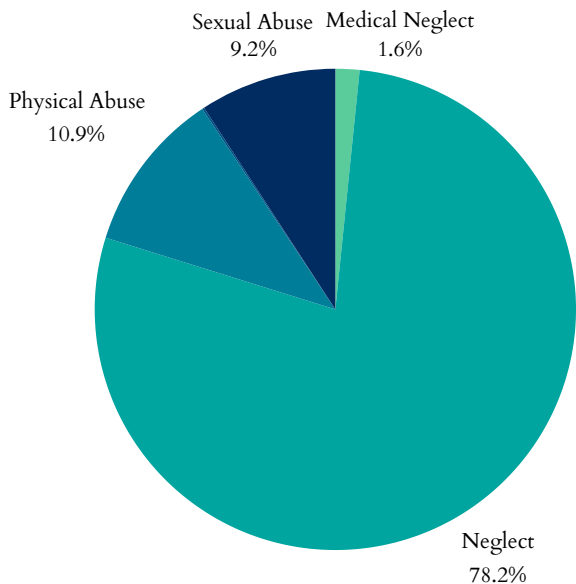
Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Illinois had **93,342** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. All referrals were screened in for response by CPS.
- **32,054** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **11.8** children per 1,000 (**3.8%** decrease since 2019).
- Of the **32,054** children, **19,877** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **3,846** of the **32,054** cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **81.5%** = parents of the child.
- **18.5%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2023):

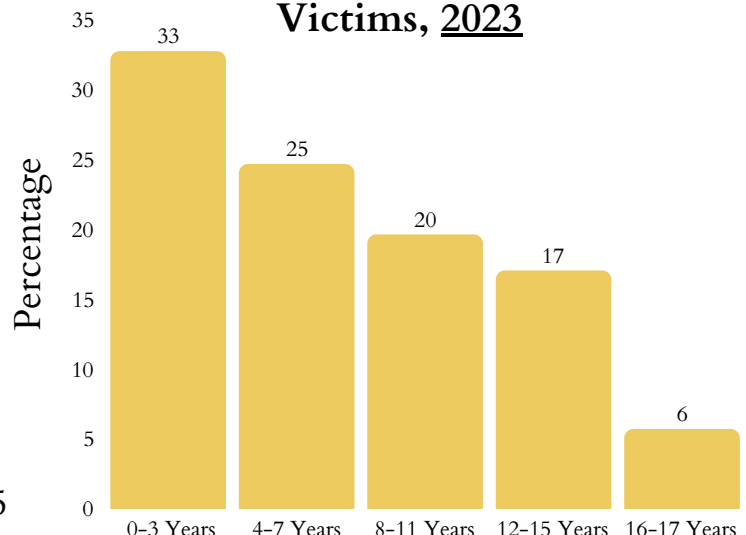
- **49.2%** = female; **50.5%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **110** in 2022 to **83** in 2023.
- Illinois reported **0** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **16,445** victims and **27,457** non-victims.

Workforce

There are **16,430** children, family, and school social workers in Illinois with a mean wage of **\$30.57** (compared to Illinois's minimum wage: **\$15.00**)

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



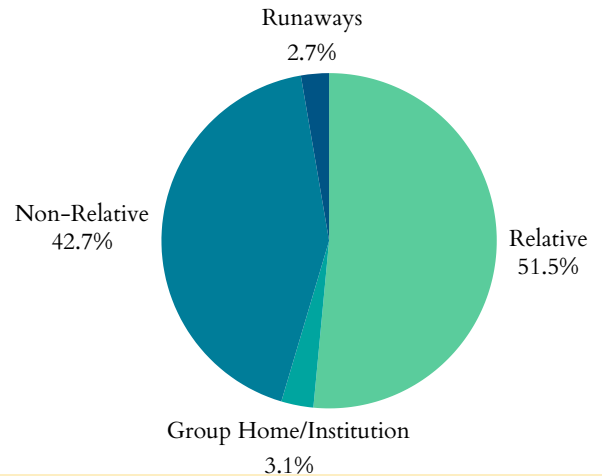
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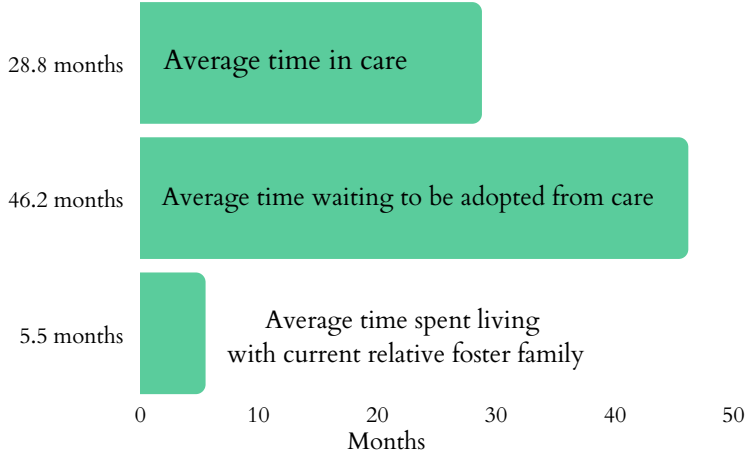
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **26,658** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **20,743** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **5,718** children entered care and **5,915** exited.
- **1,658** children were adopted; **3,391** were waiting to be adopted.
- **1.6%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system increased by **3.5%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **676** children exited foster care due to age (13% increase from 2020).
- **7,650** children were living with non-relatives; **9,220** stayed with a relative.
- **557** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **492** children classified as runaways.
- **4%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

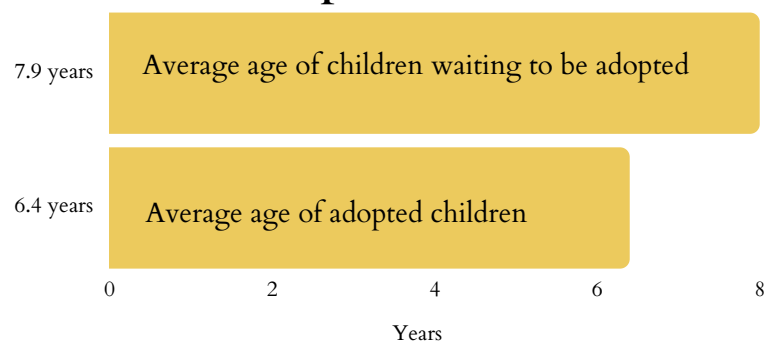
13%

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

Juvenile Justice

- **696** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **95** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **66** for Property Crimes.
- **0** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **516** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **834** kids in 2019; 38% decline).

Adoption, 2020



38%

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

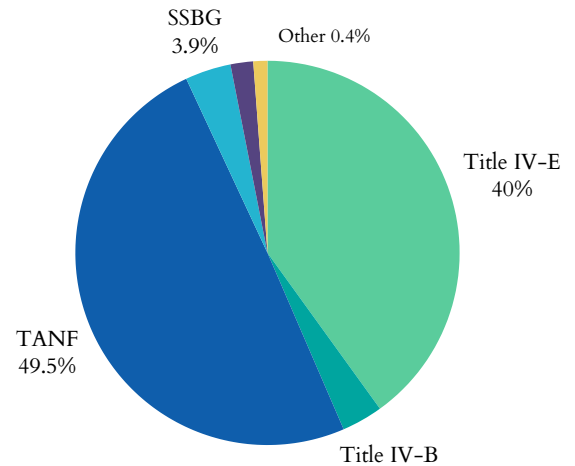


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Illinois spent **\$1,238,584,971.95** on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$590,150,297.95** = from the federal government
- **\$628,212,890** = from state and local funds.

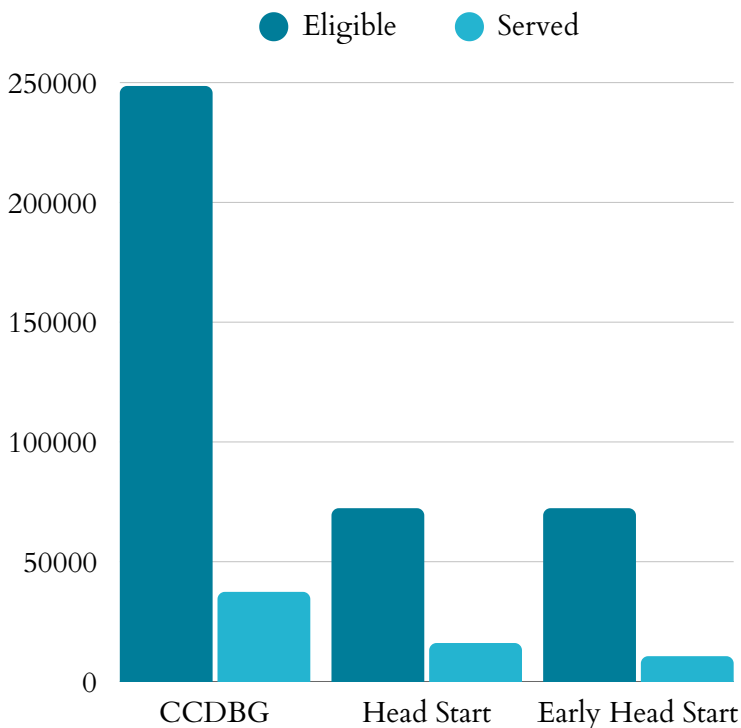
Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$590,150,297.95** in federal funding received in Illinois in 2020:

- **\$23,438,451.00** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$84,213,595.00** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Illinois's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$55,535,390**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **22%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **15%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **15%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$16,373** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$11,691** annual cost of home-based infant care

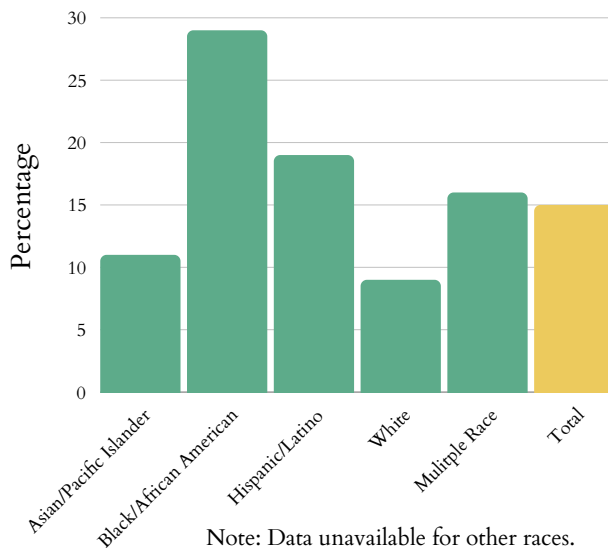


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Child Poverty

- 654,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (24% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients increased from 20,307 in 2022 to 20,567 in 2023 (1.26% increase).

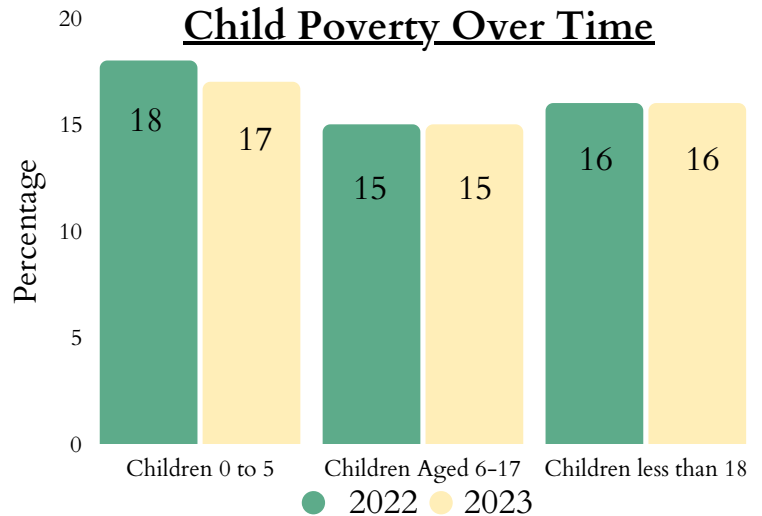
Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



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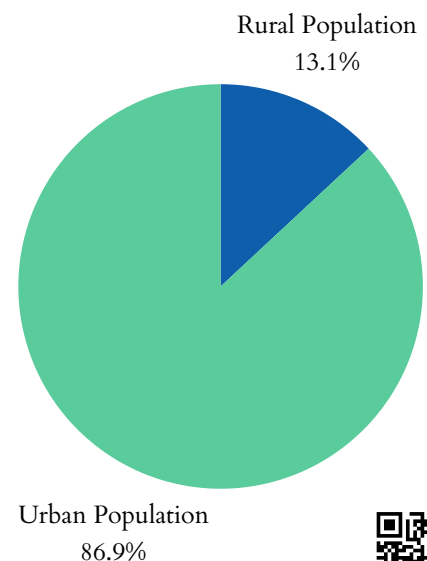
- 13,603 children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (2.53%)
- 24.9% of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- 28% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- 66,360 total Illinois residents living in public housing

Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent \$127,206,872 on WIC in 2024, serving 170,102 people: a 3.12% increase in total participants and 9.15% increase in spending since 2023.
- 1,201,290 people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 315,330 children.
- 38.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Illinois, 2020

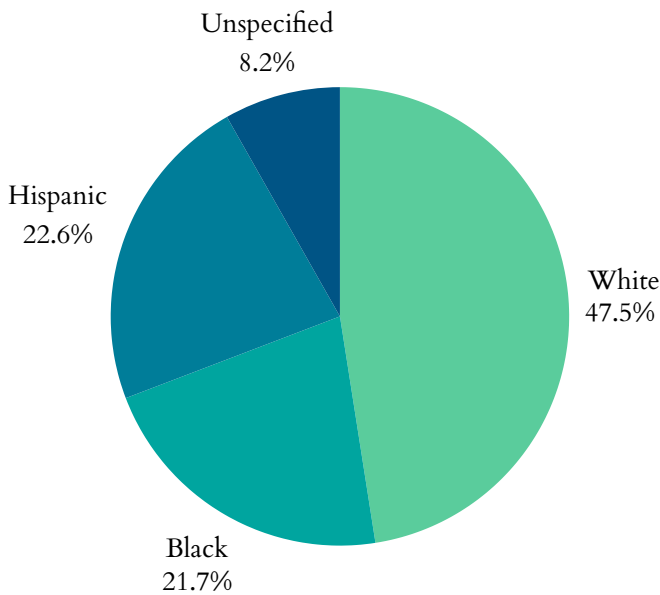


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Health

- 11,071 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (8.9% of births).
- 13,564 preterm births (<37wks) in 2022 (10.57%).
 - 9.47% of all White babies
 - 15.25% of all Black babies
- 4,324 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 11 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 715 infants aged <1yr died in 2022 -- a rate of 6 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Medicaid Expansion

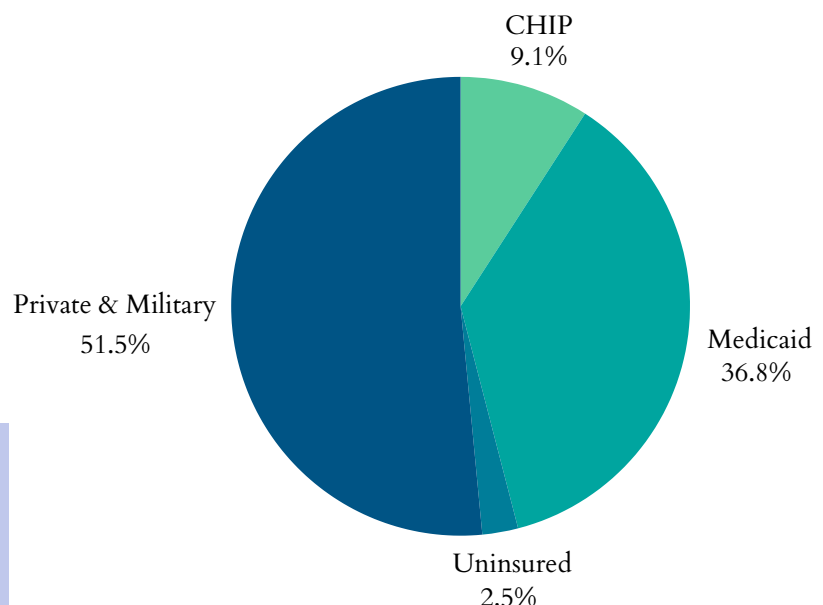
Illinois has been a Medicaid expansion state since 01/01/2014

Maternal Mortality

- 123 Illinois 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 Illinois, there is 18 maternal deaths.

- 93,000 children had no health insurance in 2023 (6% decrease from 2022).
- 1,357,701 children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2021 (1.6% increase from 2020).
- 336,655 children in Illinois were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (1.9% increase from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

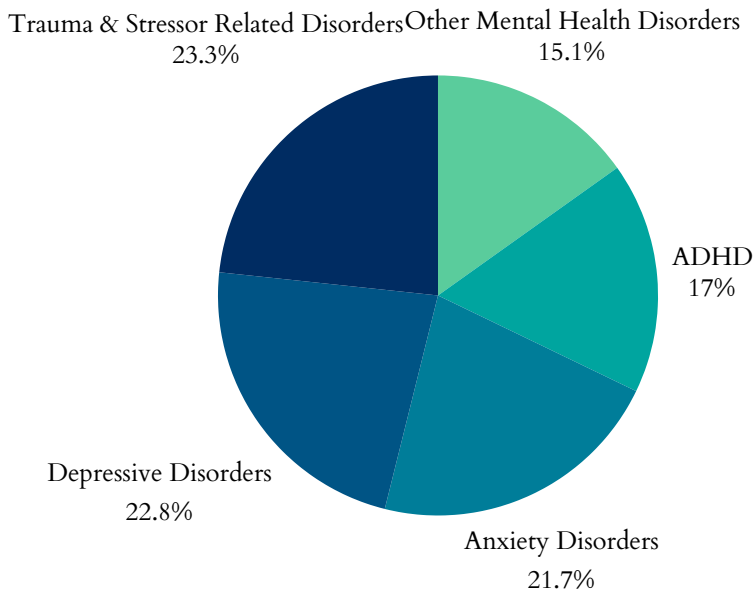


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Zero to Three

- 63.4% of babies live above low-income
- 19.4% of babies live at low income
- 17.2% of babies live in poverty
- 9.2% of babies live in deep poverty
- 80.4% of new parents have at least one parent working full time

Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2022



Prenatal Substance Exposure

In 2023, Illinois reported 592 infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.

Illinois has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

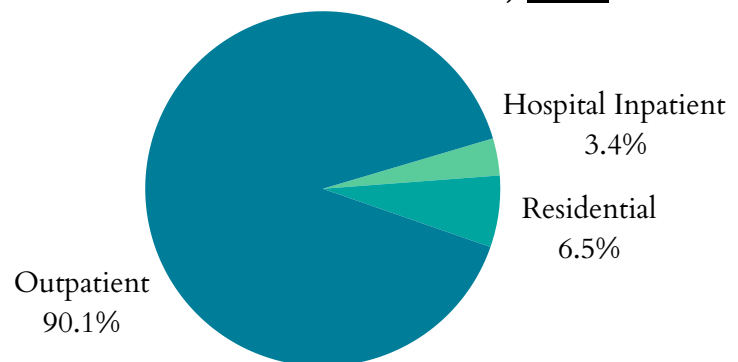
Teens & Youth

- 36,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2022 (5%)
- 182 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Illinois in 2022.

Mental Health

- 4,939 children received mental health treatment in Illinois in 2022 (0.2%)
- In 2022, there were 9.4 deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Illinois.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 49,402 children in Illinois (1.1% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 2,716 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD

