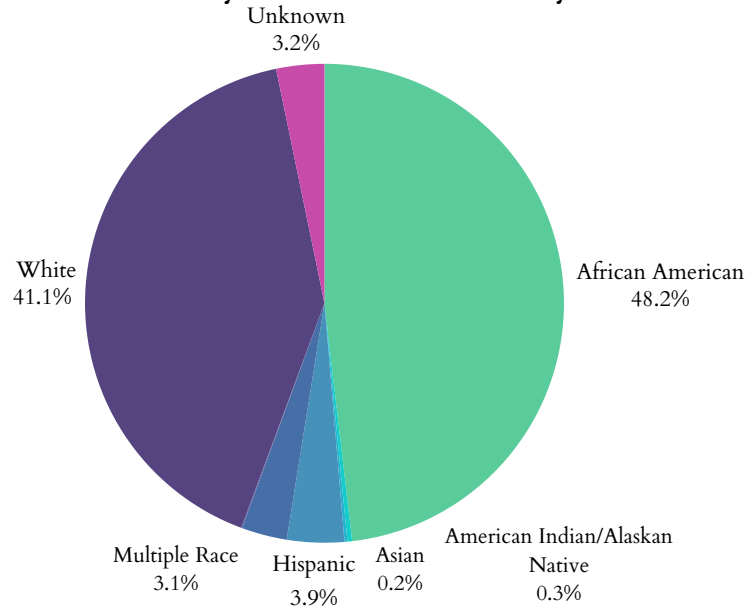


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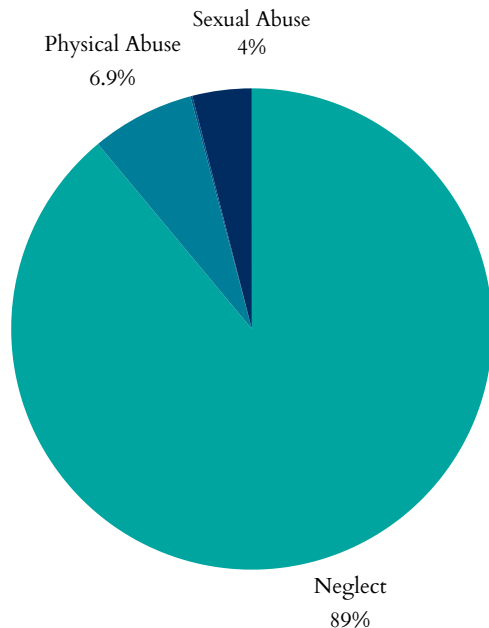
Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Louisiana had **51,119** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. All referrals were screened in for response by CPS.
- **8,971** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **8.4** children per 1,000 (**6.3%** increase since 2019).
- Of the **8,971** children, **7,025** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **2,626** of the **8,971** cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- Louisiana did not report data revealing the perpetrators' relation to their victims.

Child victims (2023):

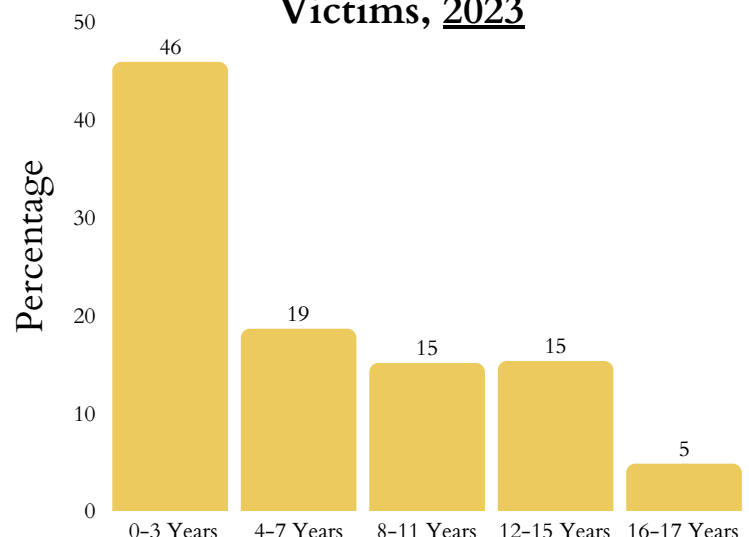
- **51.6%** = female; **48%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **29** in 2022 to **47** in 2023.
- Louisiana reported **0** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **5,131** victims and **2,118** non-victims.

Workforce

There are **670** children, family, and school social workers in Louisiana with a mean wage of **\$24.38** (compared to Louisiana's minimum wage: **\$7.25**)

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

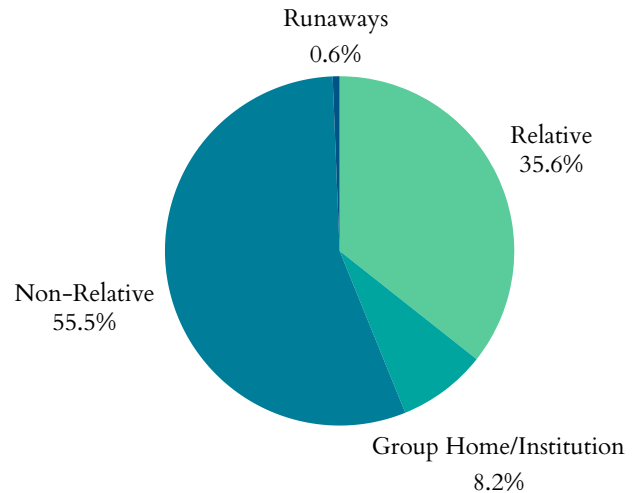


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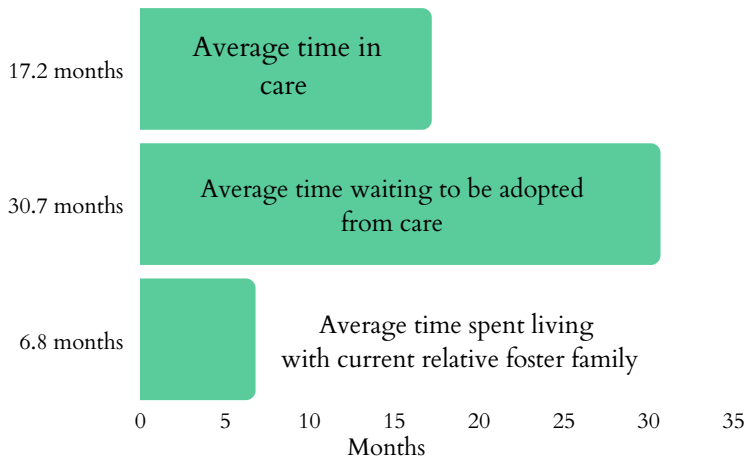
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **6,317** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **3,682** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **3,064** children entered care and **2,635** exited.
- **686** children were adopted; **973** were waiting to be adopted.
- **11.5%** increase in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system increased by **14%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **145** children exited foster care due to age (**4.6%** increase from 2020).
- **1,655** children were living with non-relatives; **1,063** stayed with a relative.
- **245** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **19** children classified as runaways.
- **6%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

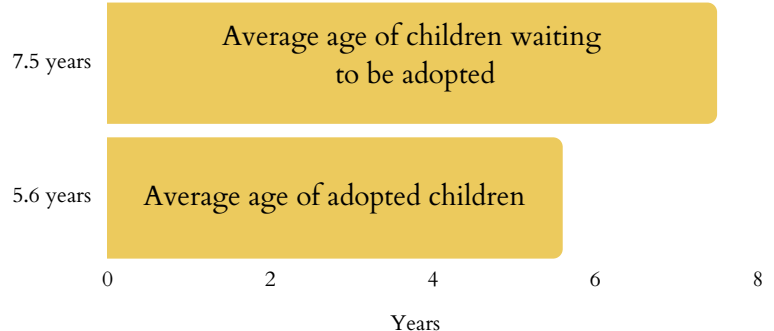
4.6%

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

Juvenile Justice

- **12,267** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **1,573** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **2,546** for Property Crimes.
- **921** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **717** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **693** kids in 2019; **3.5%** decline).

Adoption, 2020



3.5%

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

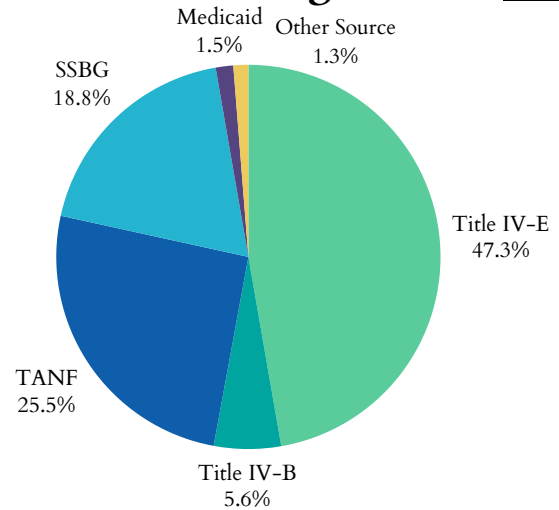


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Louisiana spent **\$259,545,375.00** on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$165,741,651.00** = from the federal government.
- **\$87,717,453.00** = from state and local funds.

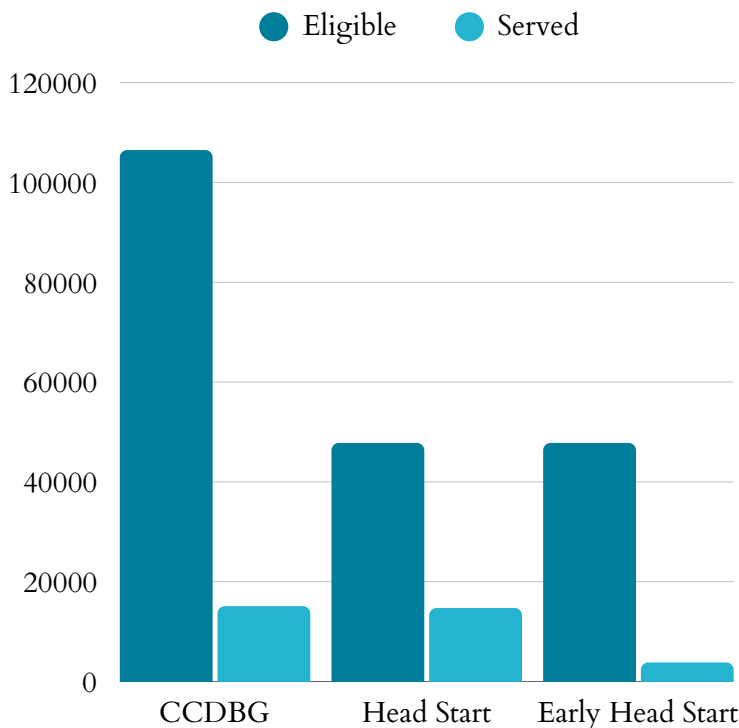
Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$165,741,651.00** in federal funding received in Louisiana in 2020:

- **\$44,145,600.00** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$21,836,535.00** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Louisiana's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$28,802,515**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **31%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **8%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **14%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$10,101** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$8,035** annual cost of home-based infant care

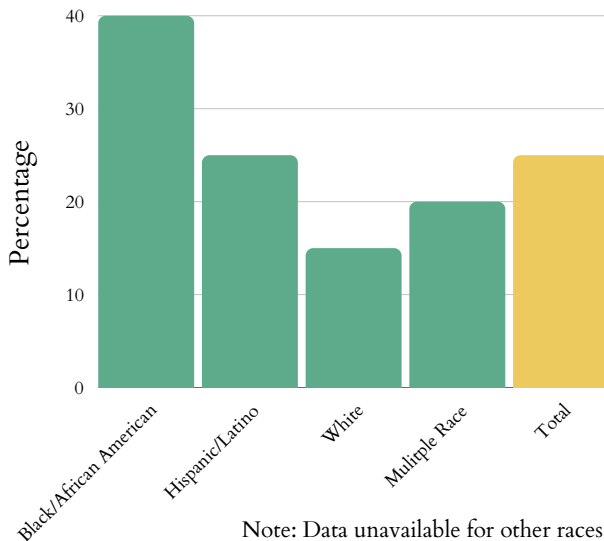


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Child Poverty

- 339,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (32% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients increased from 9,095 in 2022 to 11,369 in 2023 (25.4% increase).

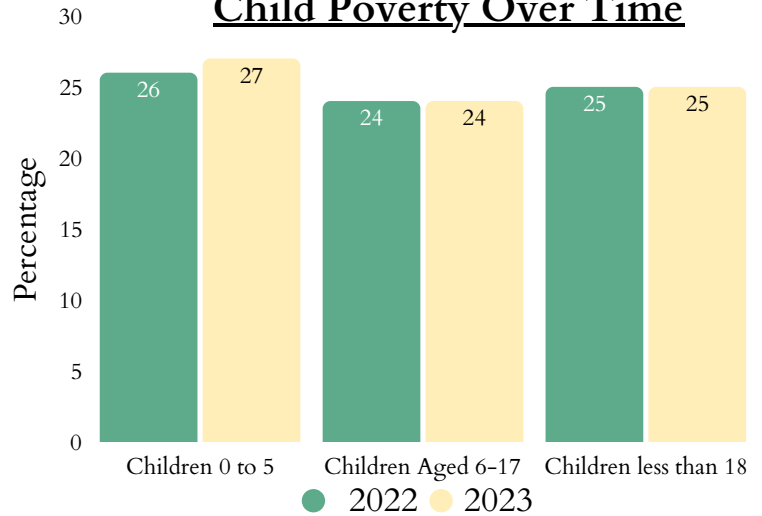
Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



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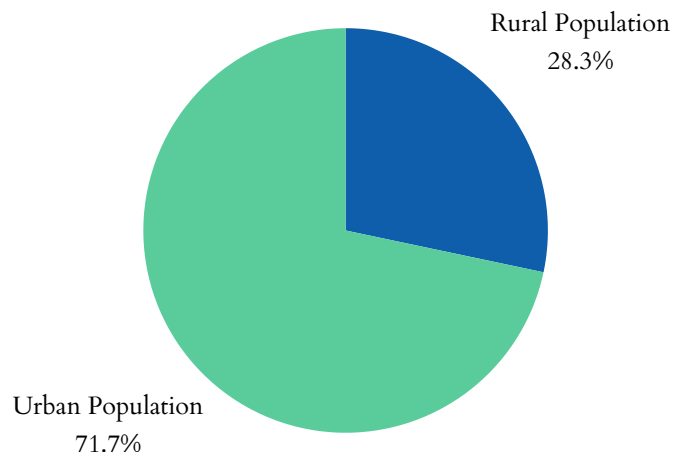
- 6,338 children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (2.84%)
- 37.1% of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- 31% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- 30,287 total Louisiana residents living in public housing

Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent \$70,811,702 on WIC in 2024, serving 98,777 people: a 7.7% increase in total participants and an 28.7% increase in spending since 2023.
- 755,559 people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 216,215 children.
- 44.9% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Louisiana, 2020

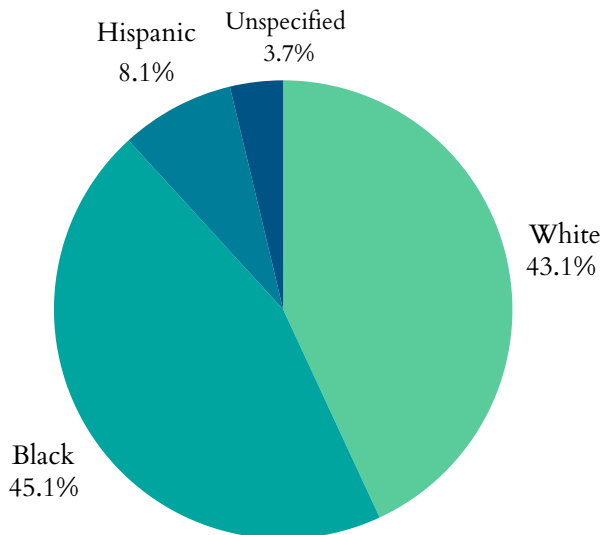


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Health

- **6,176** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) were born in 2023 (11.3% of births).
- **7,515** preterm births (<37wks) in 2022 (13.32%).
 - 11.53% of all White babies
 - 16.78% of all Black babies
- **3,490** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 23 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **396** infants aged <1yr died in 2023 -- a rate of 7 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



Medicaid Expansion

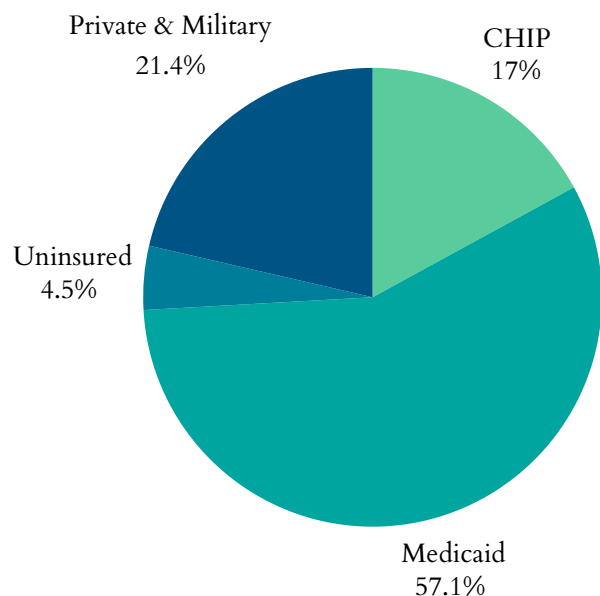
Louisiana became a Medicaid expansion state on 7/1/2016.

Maternal Mortality

- **108** Louisiana 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 Louisiana, there are **37** maternal deaths.

- **48,000** children had no health insurance in 2023 (23% increase from 2022).
- **609,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2023 (2.4% increase from 2022).
- **181,891** children in Louisiana were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (3% increase from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

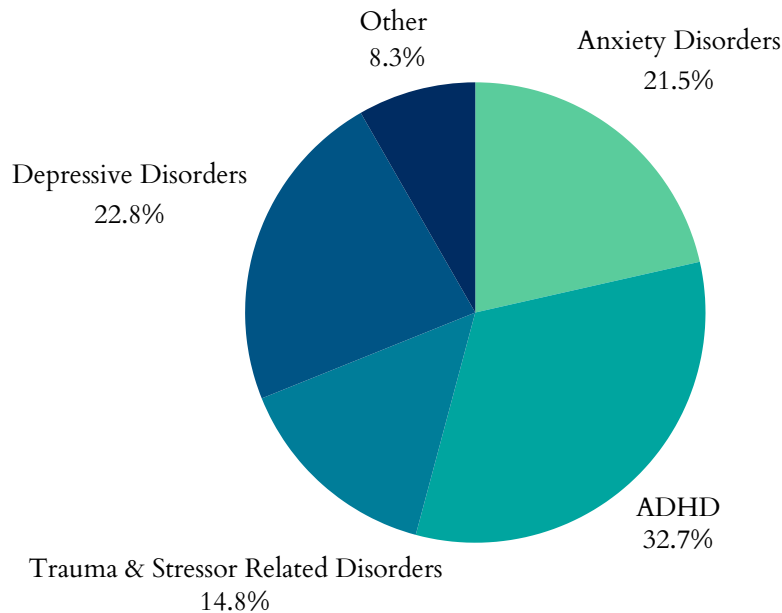


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Zero to Three

- 50.8% of babies live above low-income
- 21.6% of babies live at low income
- 27.6% of babies live in poverty
- 15.9% 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



Prenatal Substance Exposure

In 2023, Louisiana reported 2,140 infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.

Louisiana has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

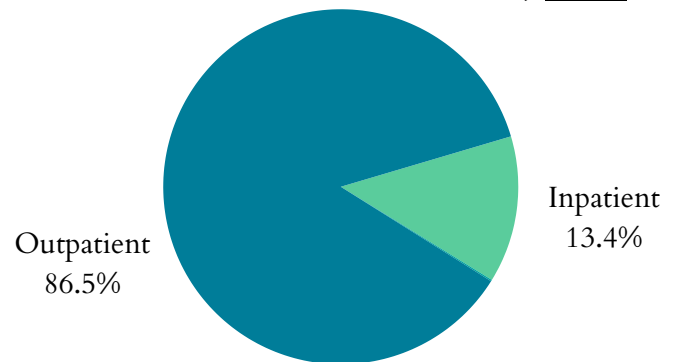
Teens & Youth

- 23,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (9%)
- 131 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Louisiana in 2022.

Mental Health

- 7,571 children received mental health treatment in Louisiana in 2022 (0.4%)
- In 2022, there were 10.7 suicide deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Louisiana.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 39,153 children in Louisiana (2.5% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 755 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

