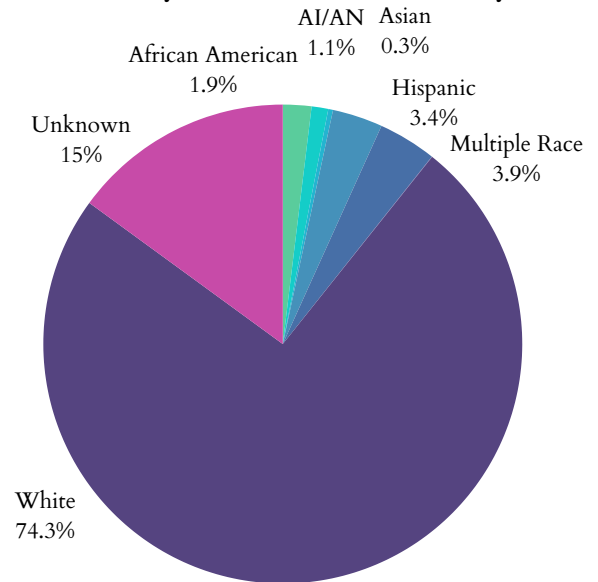


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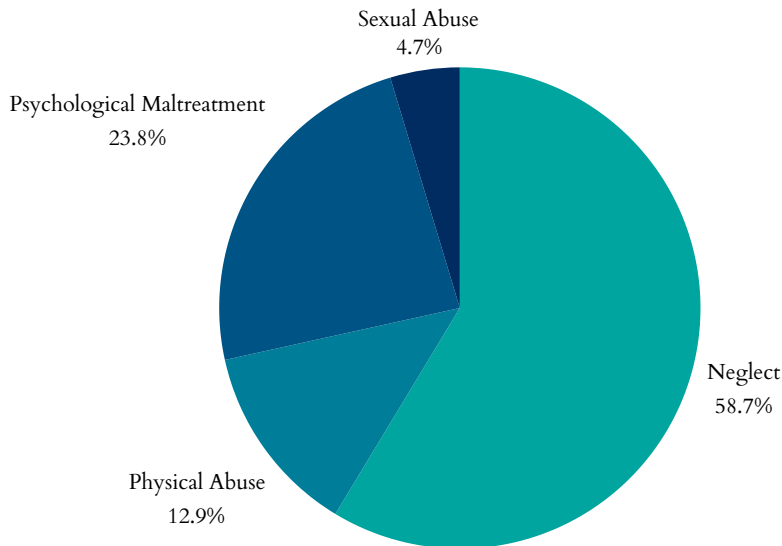
## Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Maine had **26,636** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. All referrals were screened in for response by CPS.
- **3,741** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 15 children per 1,000 (15.2% decrease since 2019).
- Of the **3,741** children, **1,963** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1years**, representing **421** of the **3,741** cases.

## Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



### Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

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

### Child victims (2023):

- **49.4%** = female; **50.5%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **10** in 2022 to **7** in 2023.

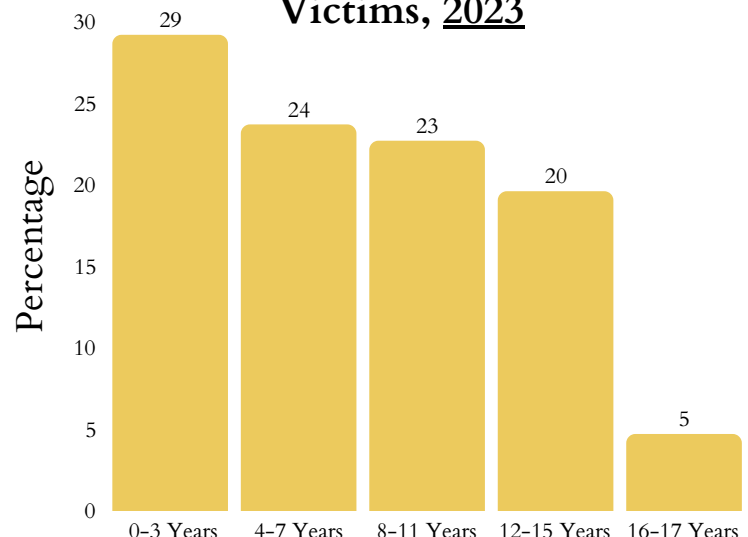
- Maine reported **0** total child victims of sex trafficking.

- Post-response services given to **4,066** victims and **18,372** non-victims.

## Workforce

There are **1870** children, family, and school social workers in Maine with a mean wage of **\$30.30** (compared to Maine's minimum wage: **\$14.65**)

## Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



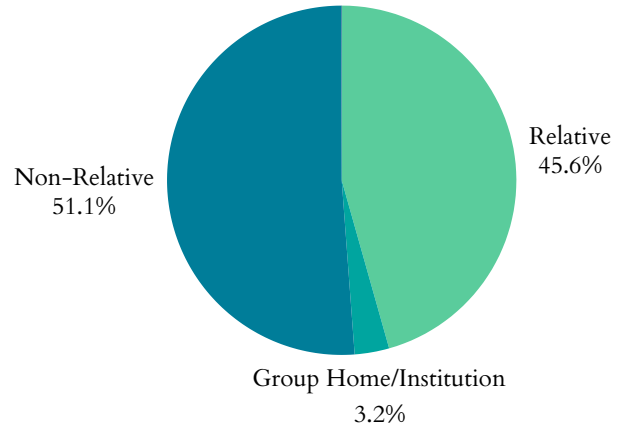
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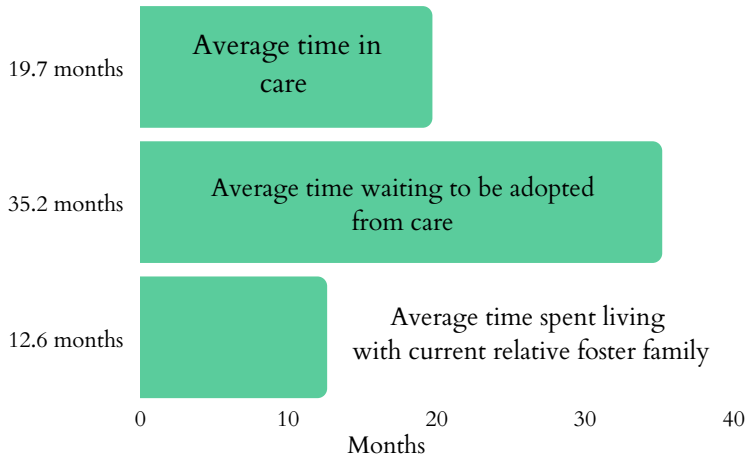
## Foster Care and Adoptions

- **3,291** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **2,429** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **1,130** children entered care and **863** exited.
- **324** children were adopted; **665** were waiting to be adopted.
- **10.3%** increase in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system decreased by **4.4%** from 2021.

### Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



### Duration in Care, 2021



- In 2021, **54** children exited foster care due to age (20% increase from 2020).
- **928** children were living with non-relatives; **828** stayed with a relative.
- **58** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **1** children classified as runaways.
- **2.9%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

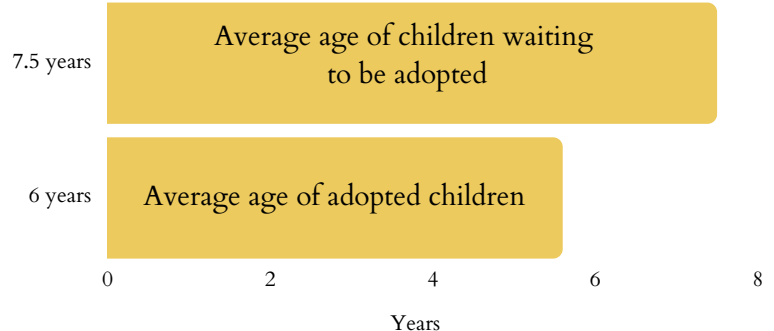
**20%**

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

## Juvenile Justice

- **2,470** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **67** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **543** for Property Crimes.
- **282** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **27** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **60** kids in 2019; 55% decline).

### Adoption, 2020



**55%**

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

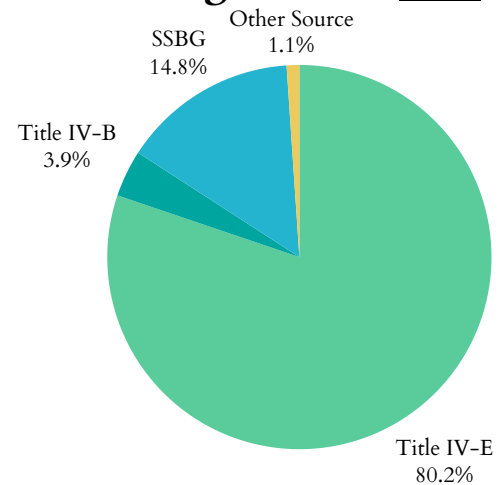


# Maine's Children

## Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Maine spent **\$135,640,729.00** on child welfare services in 2020.
  - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$51,931,091.00** = from the federal government.
- **\$81,276,418.78** = from state and local funds.

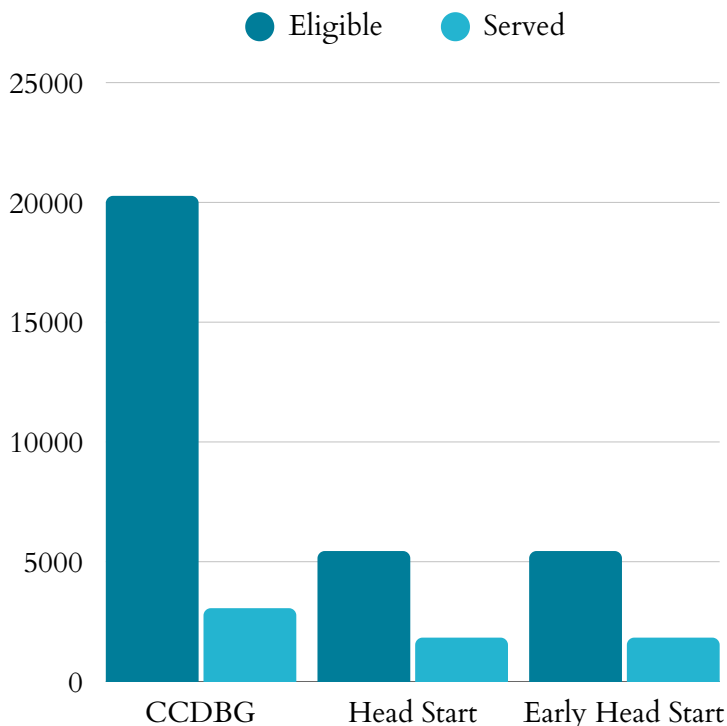
## Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$51,931,091.00** in federal funding received in Maine in 2020:

- **\$17,927,644.00** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$20,079,325.00** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Maine's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$13,944,616**

## Child Care & Early Learning



- **34%** 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

- **\$11,960** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$8,580** annual cost of home-based infant care

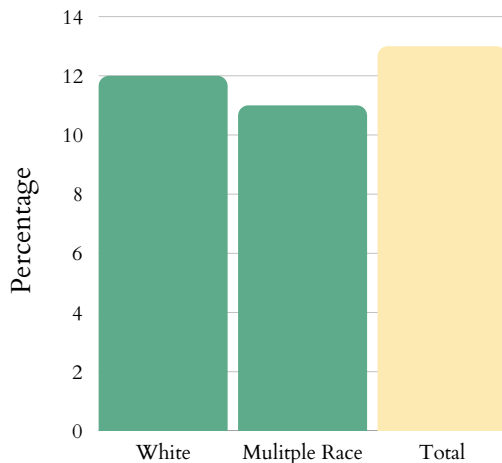


# Maine's Children

## Child Poverty

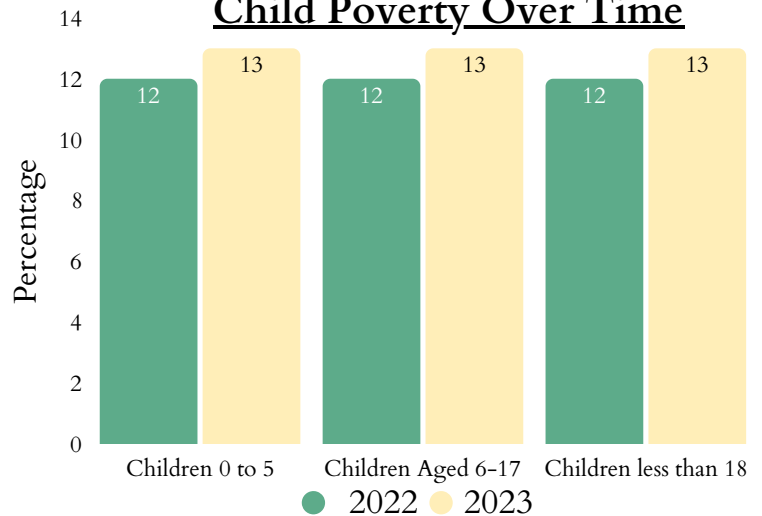
- 68,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (28% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients increased from 3,437 in 2022 to 3,621 in 2023 (5.3% increase).

### Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Note: Data unavailable for other races.

### Child Poverty Over Time

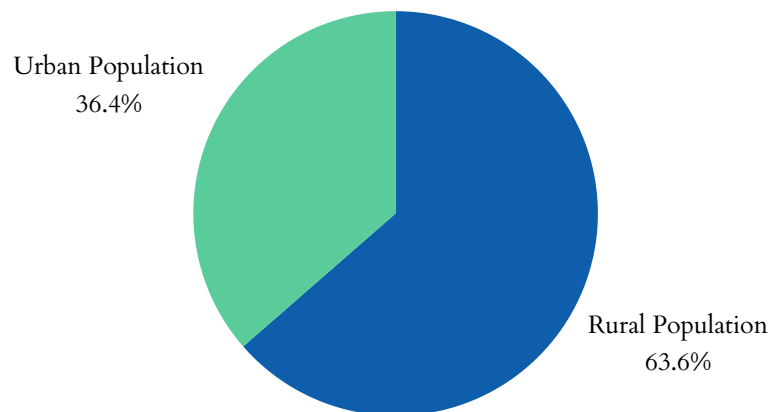


- The state spent \$12,122,517 on WIC in 2024, serving 18,210 people: a 1.5% increase in total participants and an 10.3% increase in spending since 2023.
- 152,687 people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 38,598 children.
- 33.2% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

## HOUSING

- 780 children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (1.59%)
- 24% of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- 26% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- 6,194 total Maine residents living in public housing

### Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Maine, 2020

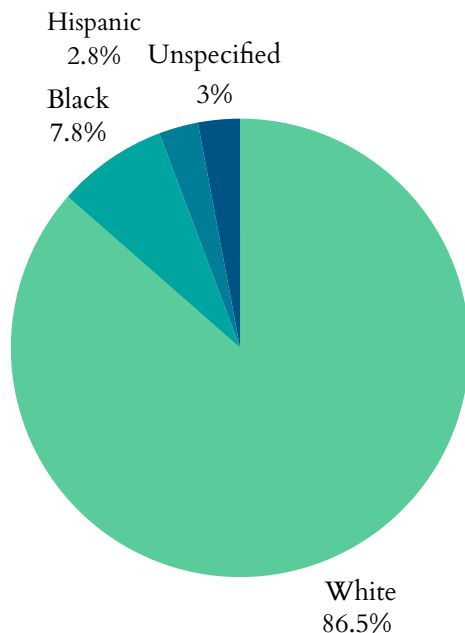


# Maine's Children

## Health

- 932 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) were born in 2023 (8% of births).
- 1,152 preterm births (<37wks) in 2022 (9.54%).
  - 9.37% of all White babies
  - 13.29% of all Black babies
- 283 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 7 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 65 infants aged <1yr died in 2023 -- a rate of 6 per 1,000.

### Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2022



## Medicaid Expansion

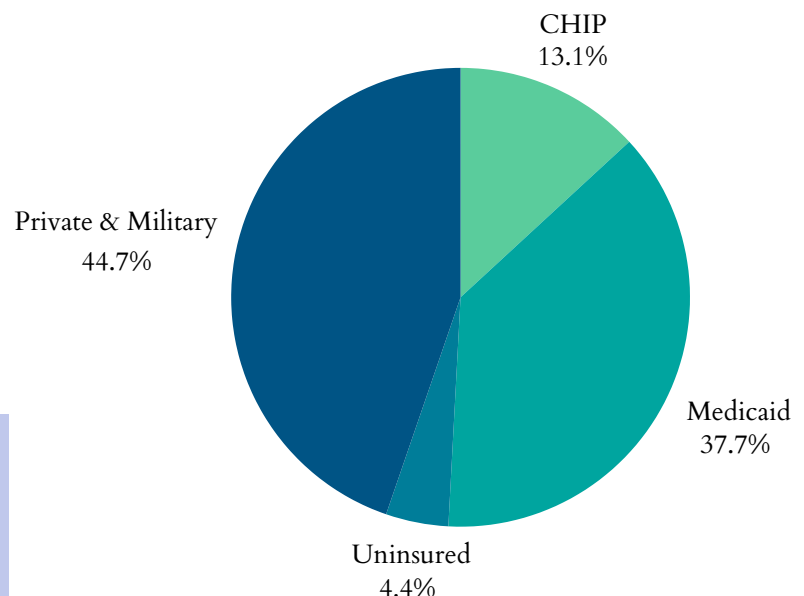
Maine became a Medicaid expansion state on 1/10/2019.

## Maternal Mortality

- 7 Maine women died while pregnant or within 42 days post-pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents.

- 11,000 children had no health insurance in 2023 (8.3% decrease from 2022).
- 94,000 children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2023 (3.3% increase from 2022).
- 32,771 children in Maine were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (2% increase from 2020).

### Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021



# Maine's Children

## Zero to Three

- 69% of babies live above low-income
- 14.2% of babies live at low income
- 16.8% of babies live in poverty
- 6.6% of babies live in deep poverty
- 77.6% of new parents have at least one parent working full time

## Prenatal Substance Exposure

In 2023, Maine reported 456 infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.

## Teens & Youth

3,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (5%)

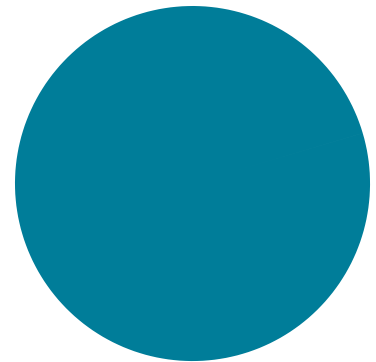
Maine has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

## Mental Health

In 2022, there were 10.7 suicide deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Maine.

## Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023

Outpatient  
100%



## Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 18,701 children in Maine (4.9% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 1927 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

