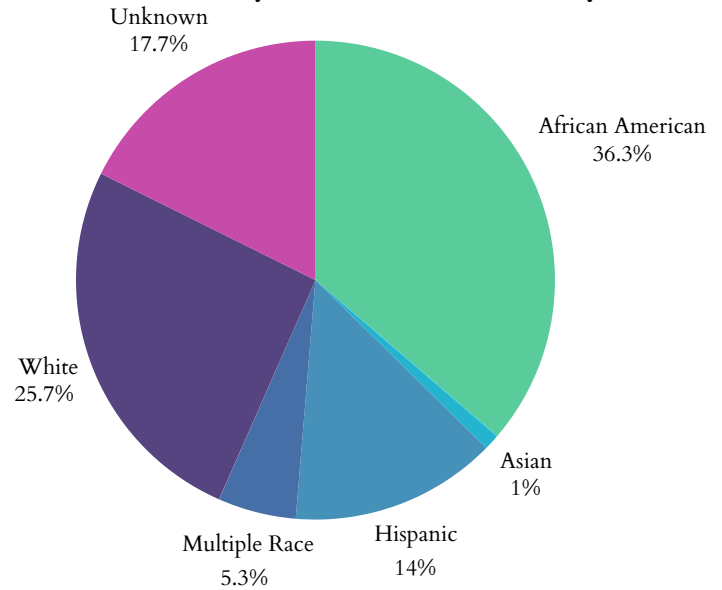


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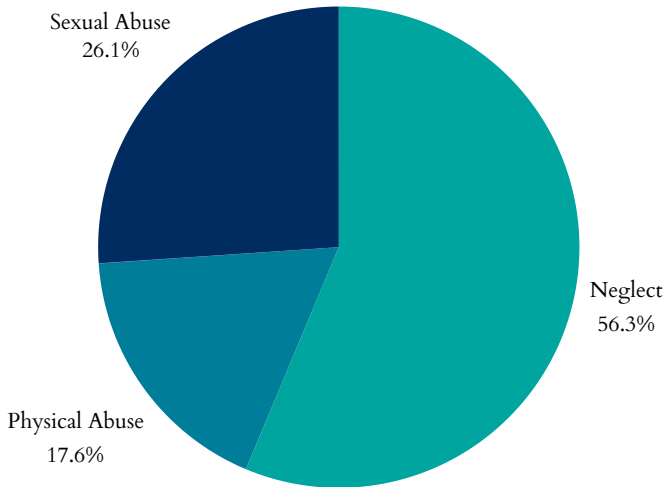
Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Maryland had **63,893** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those referrals, **17,668** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **6,704** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **4.5** children per 1,000 (**20.7%** decrease since 2019).
- Of the **6,704** children, **4,187** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1years**, representing **438** of the **6,704** cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **58.9%** = parents of the child.
- **41%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2023):

- **52.5%** = female; **37.7%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **689** in 2022 to **83** in 2023.
- Maryland reported **0** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **6,563** victims and **16,290** non-victims.

Workforce

There are **4.030** children, family, and school social workers in Maryland with a mean wage of **\$34.55** (compared to Maryland's minimum wage: **\$15.00**)

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



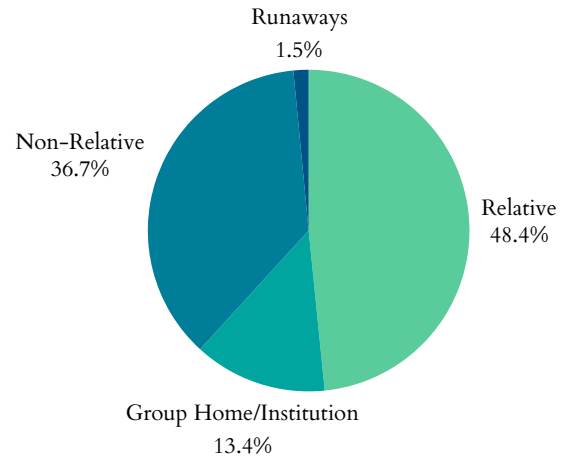
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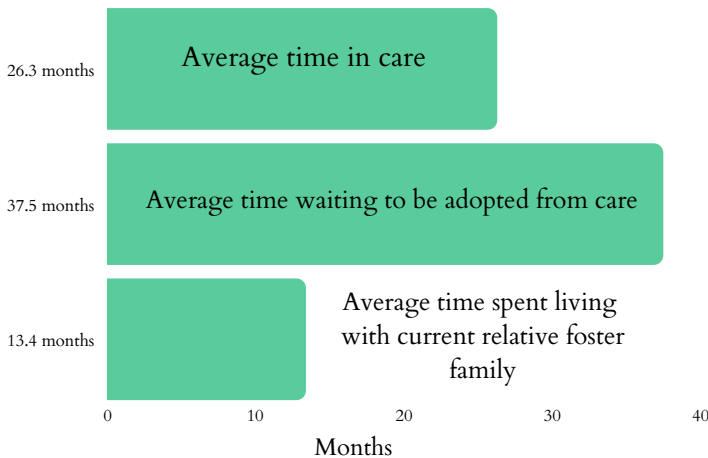
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **5,334** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **3,609** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **1,541** children entered care and **1,725** exited.
- **252** children were adopted; **372** were waiting to be adopted.
- **.7%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also increased by **14.6%** from 2021.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



Duration in Care, 2021



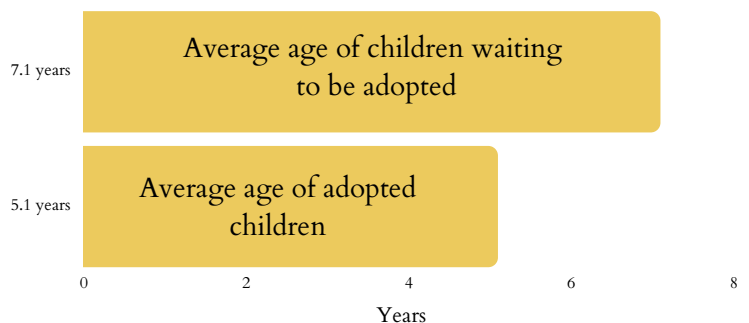
- In 2021, **474** children exited foster care due to age (**37.4%** increase from 2020).
- **1,207** children were living with non-relatives; **1,592** stayed with a relative.
- **440** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **50** children classified as runaways.
- **6%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

37.4% The increase since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

Juvenile Justice

- **18,857** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **990** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **3,950** for Property Crimes.
- **1,831** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **198** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **495** kids in 2019; **60%** decline).

Adoption, 2020



60% The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

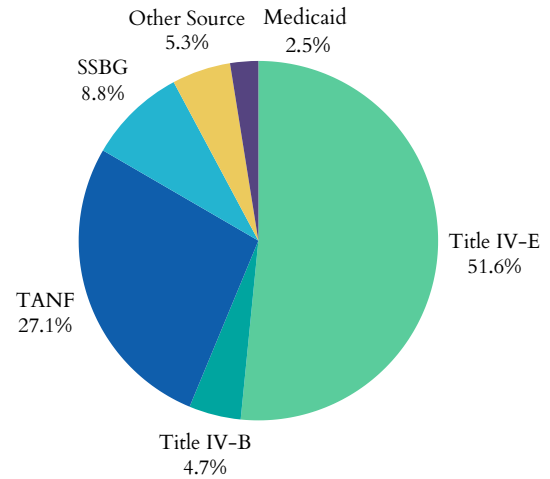


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Maryland spent **\$577,970,836.00** on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$203,719,323.00** = from the federal government
- **\$371,497,246.00** = from state and local funds.

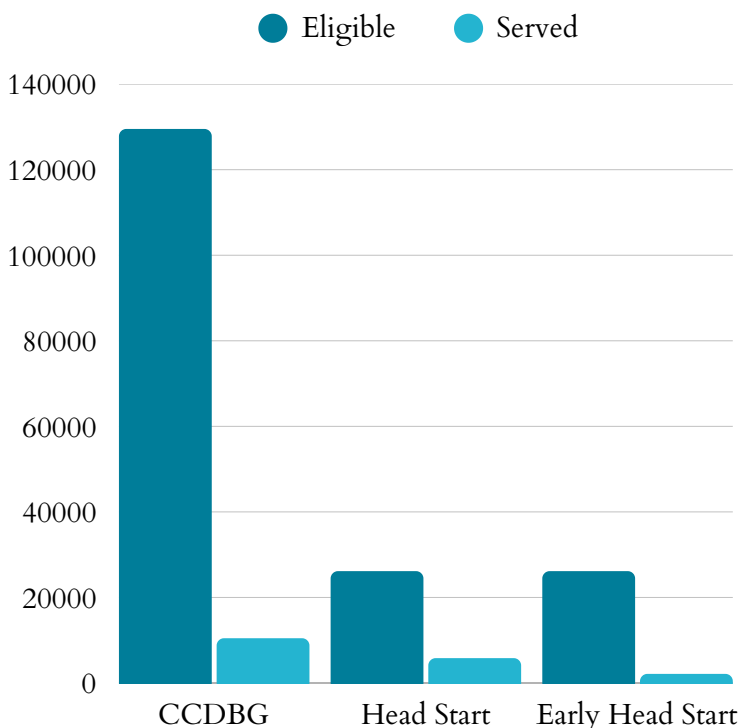
Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$203,719,323.00** in federal funding received in Maryland in 2020:

- **\$59,375,198.00** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$21,586,899.00** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Maryland's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$52,544,253**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **22%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **8%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **8%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$19,906** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$14,320** annual cost of home-based infant care

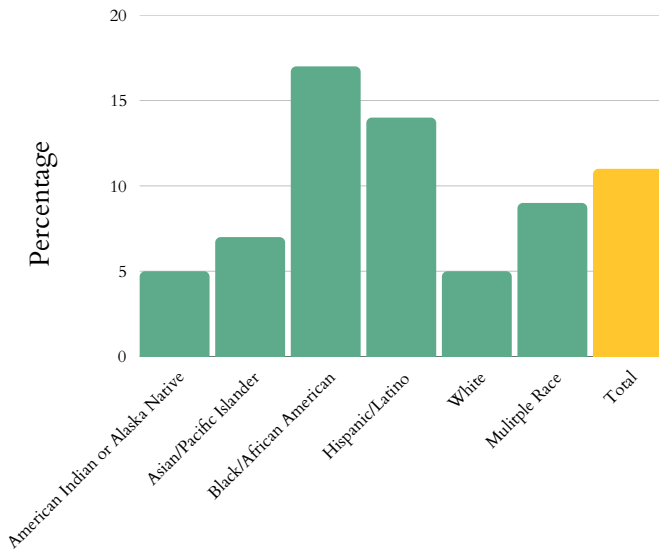


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Child Poverty

- 294,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (22% of all children).
- 30% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from 55,922 in 2021 to 41,268 in 2022 (26.2% decrease).

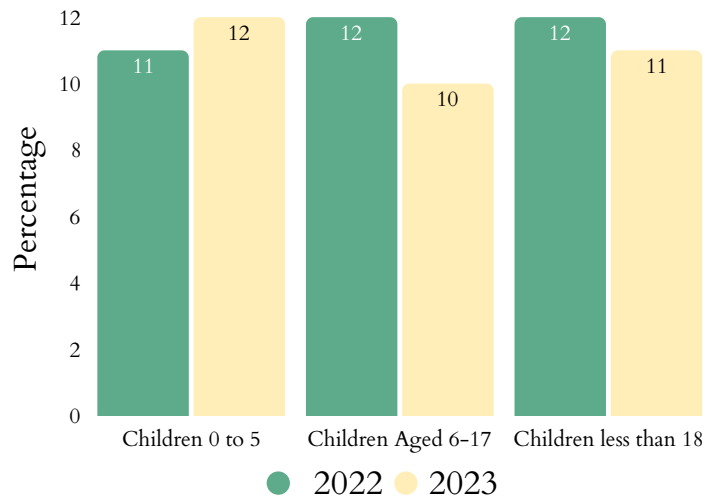
Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



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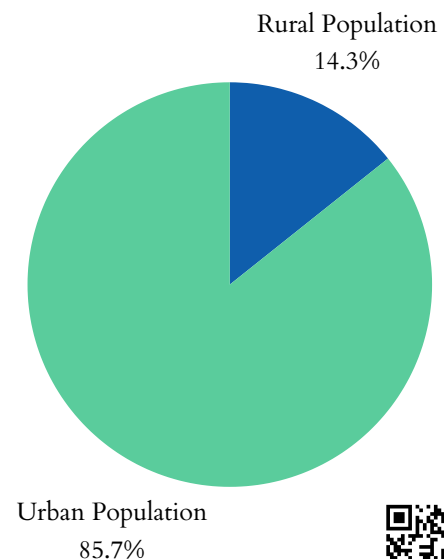
- 5,668 children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (2.04%)
- 24.1% of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- 29% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- 17,748 total Maryland residents living in public housing

Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent \$79,103,752 on WIC in 2023, serving 122,099 people: a 2.8% increase in total participants and an 24.16% increase in spending since 2022.
- 672,152 people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 217,897 children.
- 37.1% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2019 had children.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Maryland, 2020

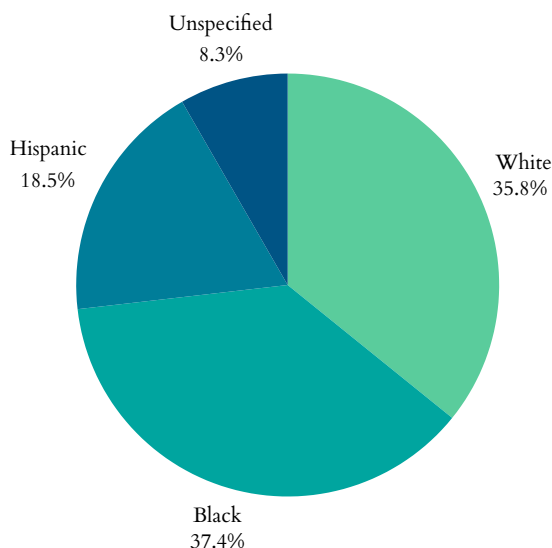


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Health

- **5,623** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (8.6% of births).
- **7,296** preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (10.69% of births).
 - 9.27% of all White babies
 - 13.34% of all Black babies
- **2,105** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 11 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **374** infants aged <1yr died in 2021; a rate of 6.0 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



Medicaid Expansion

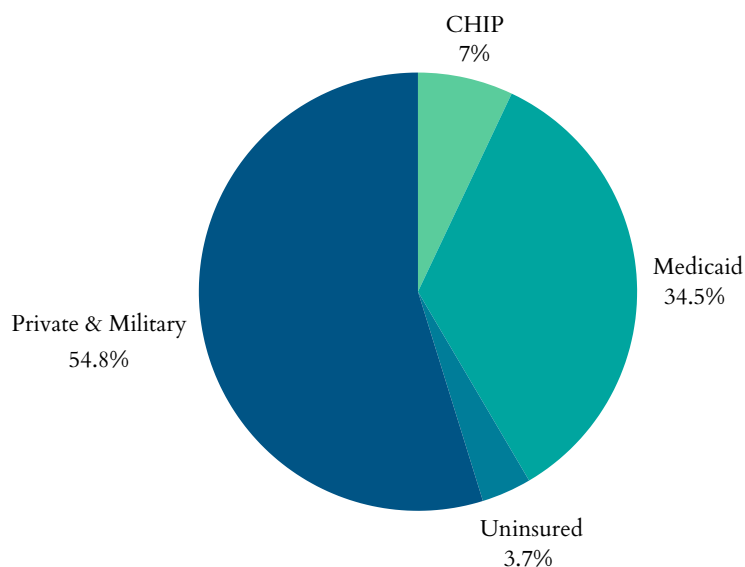
Maryland became a Medicaid expansion state on 1/1/2014.

Maternal Mortality

- **74** Maryland 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 Maryland, there are **21** maternal deaths.

- **60,000** children had no health insurance in 2022 (3.23% decrease from 2021).
- **507,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 (2.87% decrease from 2021).
- **118,616** children in Maryland were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (9.95% decrease from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

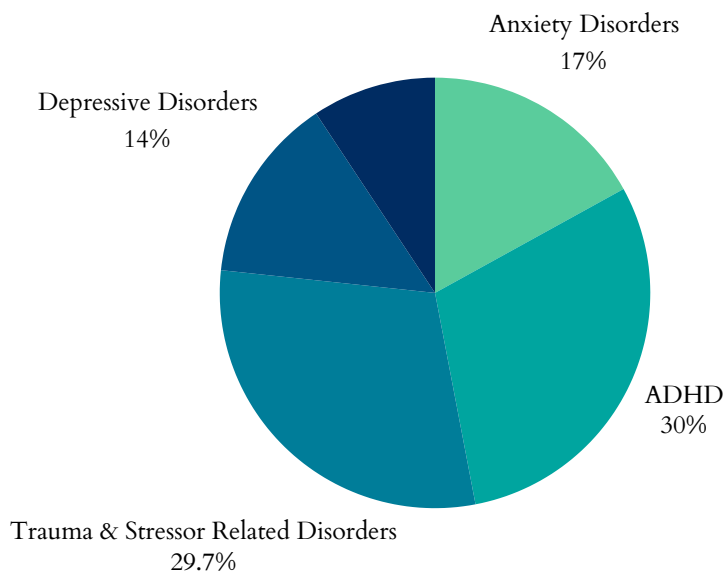


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Zero to Three

- 69.5% of babies live above low-income
- 16.5% of babies live at low income
- 14.% of babies live in poverty
- 7% of babies live in deep poverty
- 81.2% of new parents have at least one parent working full time

Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2022



Prenatal Substance Exposure

In 2023, Maryland did not report any infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.

Maryland has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

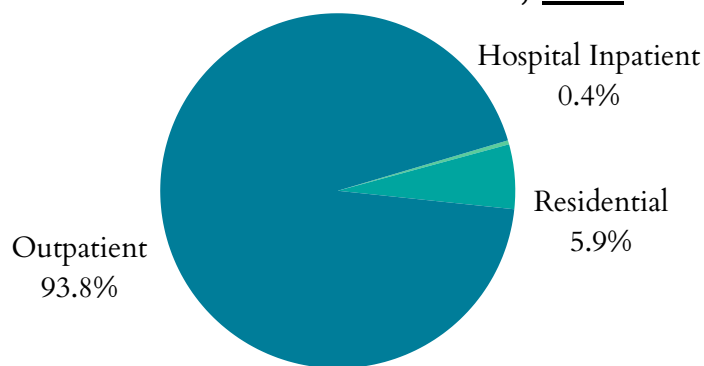
Teens & Youth

- 19,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (6%)
- 73 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Maryland in 2020.

Mental Health

- 72,543 children received mental health treatment in Maryland in 2022 (3.9%)
- In 2022, there were 8.2 deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Maryland.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 25,536 children in Maryland (1.3% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 1,089 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

