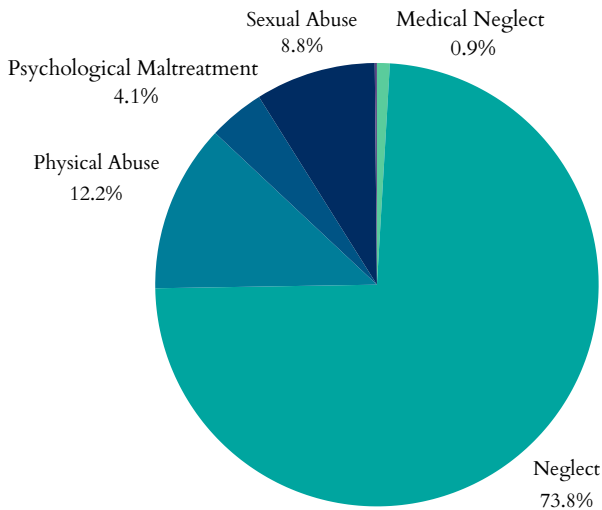


# The Nation's Children

## Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, there were nationally **4,028,945** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **2,107,473** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **546,159** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 7.4 children per 1,000 (19.3% decrease since 2019).
- Of the **546,159** children, **382,603** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **77,570** of the **546,159** cases.

## Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



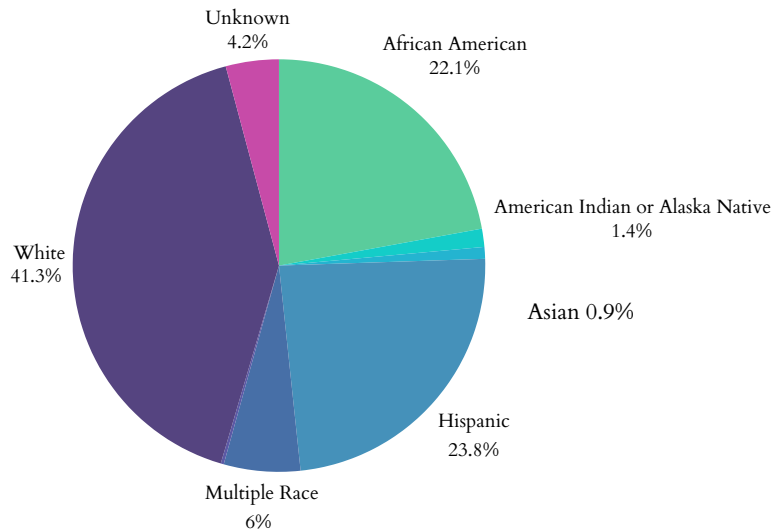
## Workforce

There are around **352,160** children, family, and school social workers nationally with a mean wage of **\$28.46** (compared to the national minimum wage: **\$7.25**)



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## Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **75.95%** = parents of the child.
- **24.05%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

## Child victims (2023):

- **52.0%** = female; **47.6%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **2,010** in 2022 to **1,968** in 2023.
- Nationally, there were **800** total child victims of sex trafficking reported.
- Post-response services given to **300,288** victims and **586,986** non-victims.

## Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

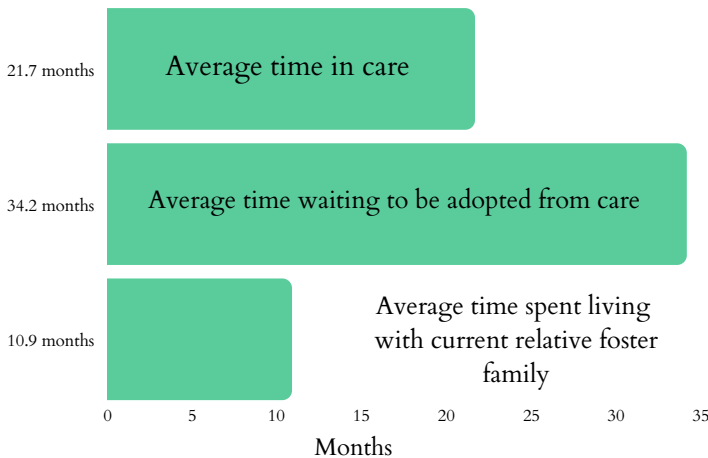


# The Nation's Children

## Foster Care and Adoptions

- **570,000** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **369,000** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **187,000** children entered care and **201,000** exited.
- **53,700** children were adopted; **109,000** were waiting to be adopted.
- **5.9%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by **0.9%** from 2021.

### Duration in Care, 2021

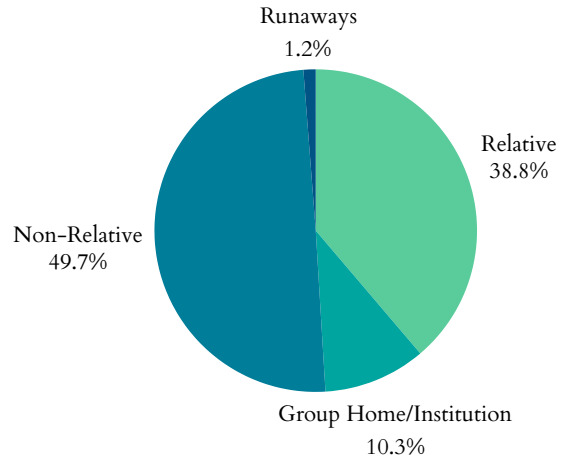


**3.9%** The decrease since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

### Juvenile Justice

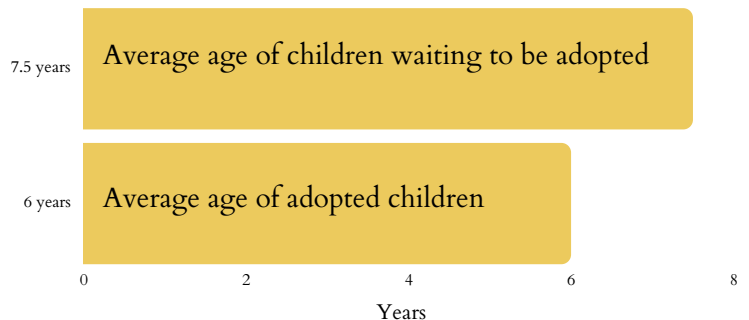
- **447,119** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **34,425** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **80,588** for Property Crimes.
- **51,048** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **24,894** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **36,479** kids in 2019; **31.8%** decline).

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



- In 2021, **19,237** children exited foster care due to age (**3.9%** decrease from 2020).
- **171,916** children were living with non-relatives; **134,028** stayed with a relative.
- **35,469** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **4,234** children classified as runaways.
- **4%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

### Adoption, 2020



**31.8%** The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

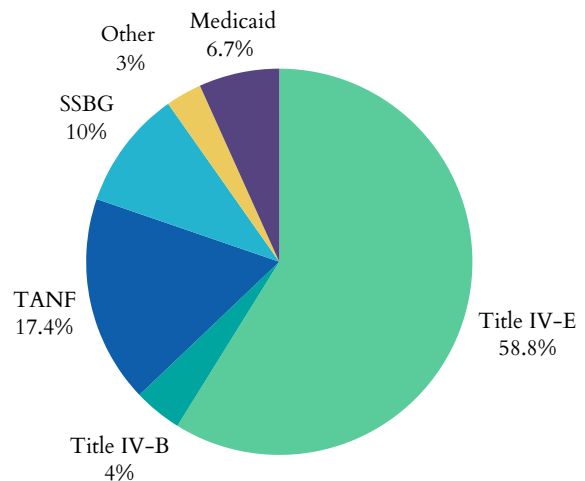


# The Nation's Children

## Funding for Child Welfare Services

- The Nation spent **\$31,366,263,465.19** on child welfare services in 2020.
  - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$15,182,888,437.62** = from the federal government
- **\$15,920,344,036.98** = from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$15,182,888,437.62** in federal funding given to the states in 2020:

- **\$4,184,110,643.16** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$3,220,890,120.33** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- The United State's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$2,663,376,822**

## Child Care & Early Learning

- **22,982,579** Children 5 and under nationally
- **14,813,607** Children 5 and under with all available parents in the workforce
- **6,280,772** Children 5 and under eligible for CCDBG
- **839,226** Children 5 and under served by CCDBG
- **13%** Eligible children served by CCDBG due to insufficient federal funding

- Copayments for a three-person family earning **\$30,000 per year** range from:
  - **\$0 per month** in 24 States/Territories --> **\$477 per month** in Nevada
- Median monthly copayment is **\$10**
- Families that do not receive subsidies pay significantly higher costs. Price of center-based infant care ranges from:
  - **\$607 per month** (Mississippi) --> **\$2,039 per month** (Massachusetts)

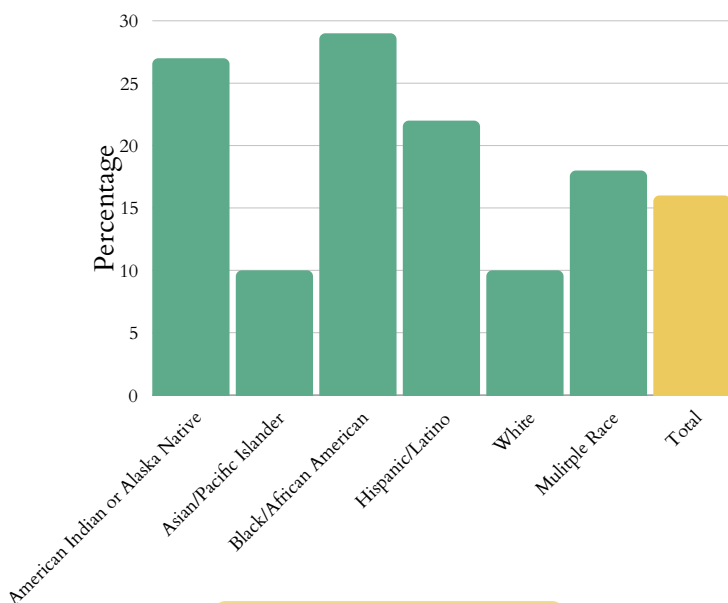


# The Nation's Children

## Child Poverty

- **18,635,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (26% of all children).
- **30%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from **1,847,644** in 2021 to **1,862,756** in 2022 (.82% increase).

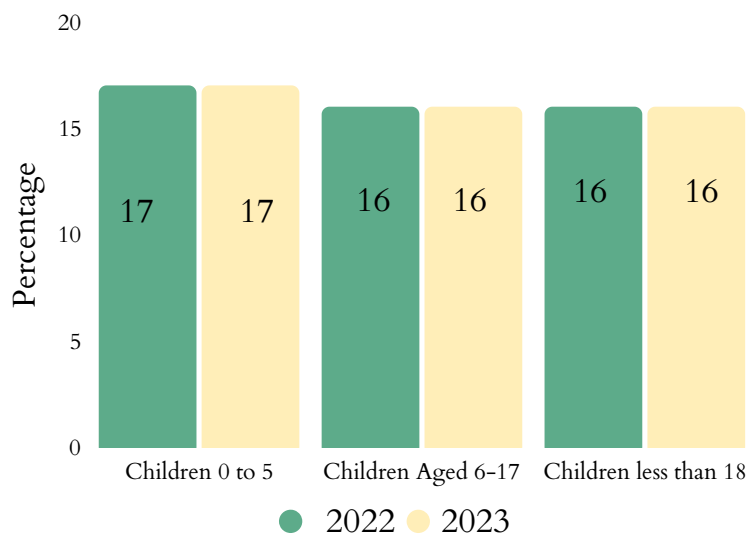
### Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## HOUSING

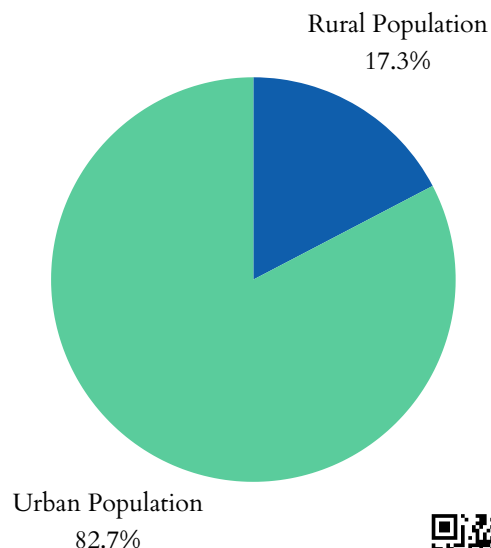
- **364,390** children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (2.5%)
- **30.1%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- **30%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- **9.05 million** Americans reported living in public housing in 2023.

### Child Poverty Over Time



- The U.S. spent **\$4,424,126,987** on WIC in 2023, serving **6,575,977** people: a 5.04% increase in total participants and 23.3% increase in spending since 2022.
- **47,000,000** people were food insecure in 2022, including **14,000,000** children.
- **>50,000,000** people turned to food programs in 2023.

### Total Urban vs. Rural Population of the United States, 2020

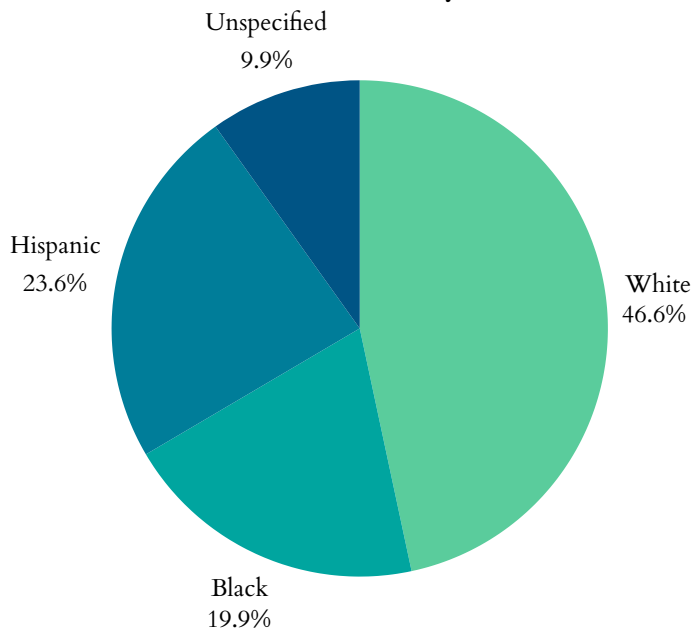


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## Health

- 308,263 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (8.6% of births).
- 383,979 preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (10.5% of births).
  - 9.5% of all White babies
  - 14.8% of all Black babies
- 140,977 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 13 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 20,145 infants <1yr died in 2023 -- a rate of 6 in every 1,000 infants.

### Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



## Medicaid Expansion

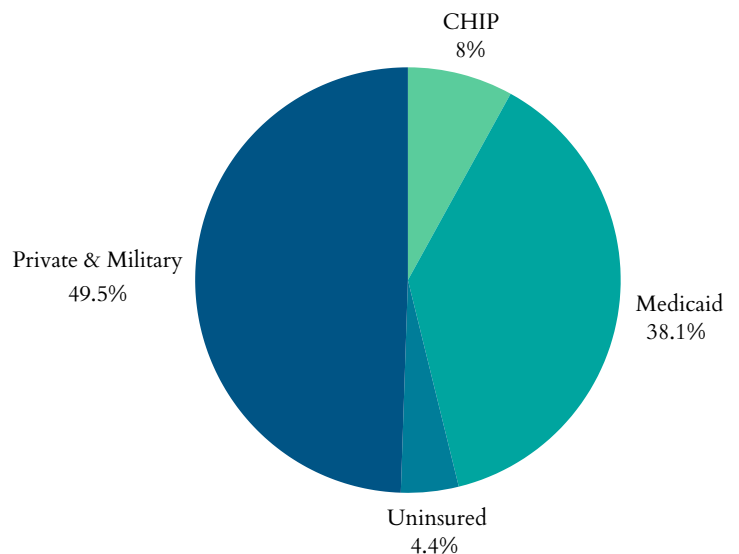
Nationally, Medicaid expansion has been adopted by 41 states.

## Maternal Mortality

- 4,295 American women died while pregnant, or within 42 days post pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents
- Nationally, there were 23 maternal deaths per every 100,000 live births

- 3,932,000 children had no health insurance in 2022 (5.6% decrease from 2021).
- 30,070,000 children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022 (1.3% decrease from 2021).
- 7,628,401 children in the U.S. were in the Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (6.33% decrease from 2020).

### Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

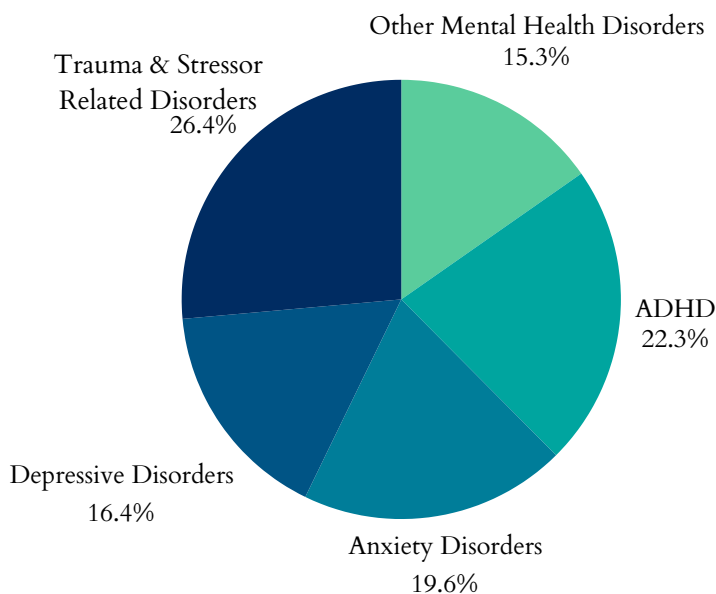


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## Zero to Three

- 61.1% of babies live above low-income
- 20.3% of babies live at low income
- 18.6% of babies live in poverty
- 9.6% of babies live in deep poverty
- 75.8% 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, nationally, there were 44,453 infants reported screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Nationally, 23,319 plans of safe care were reported for screened-in infants.

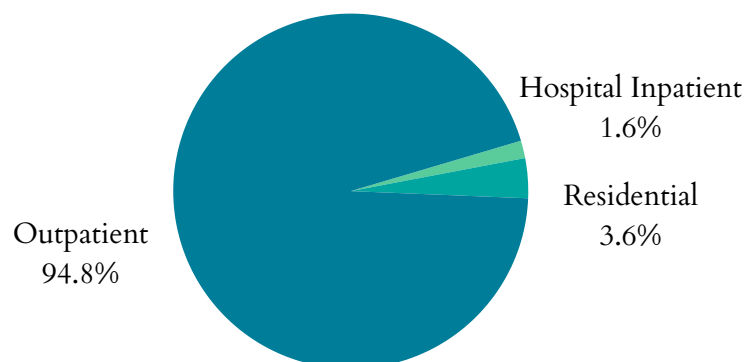
## Teens & Youth

- 1,168,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (7%)
- 4,368 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in the U.S. in 2020.

## Mental Health

- 1,853,636 children received mental health treatment nationally in 2022
- In 2022, there was 10.5 suicide deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 nationally.

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



## Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 2.9 million children in the United States (31.6% of children) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 85,718 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD

