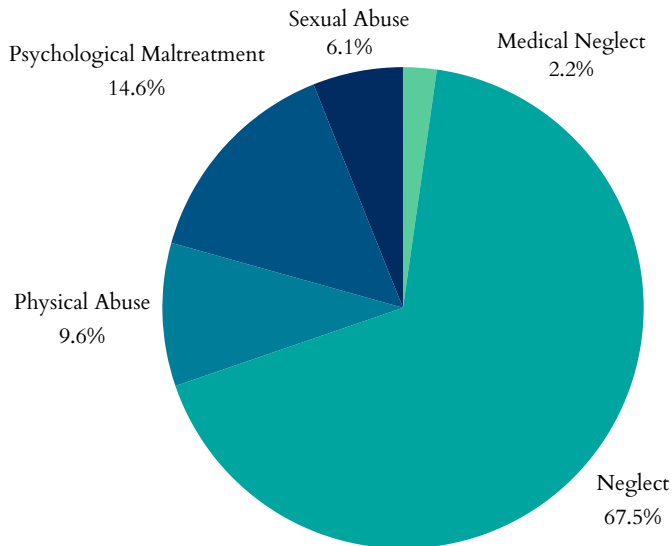


North Carolina's Children

Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, North Carolina had **106,231** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **60,441** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **23,737** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **10.2** children per 1,000 (10.3% decrease since 2019).
- Of the **23,737** children, **15,833** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **2,982** of the **23,737** cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

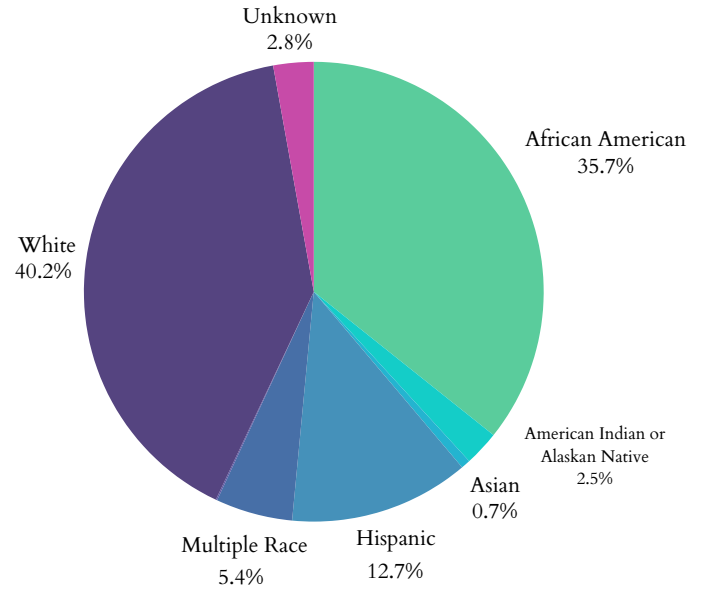


Workforce

There are **14,350** children, family, and school social workers in North Carolina with a mean wage of **\$25.78** (compared to North Carolina's minimum wage: **\$7.25**)



Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **83.8%** = parents of the child.
- **16.2%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2023):

- **50.7%** = female; **49.2%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **93** in 2022 to **107** in 2023.
- North Carolina reported **1** total child victim of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **17,514** victims and **16,961** non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

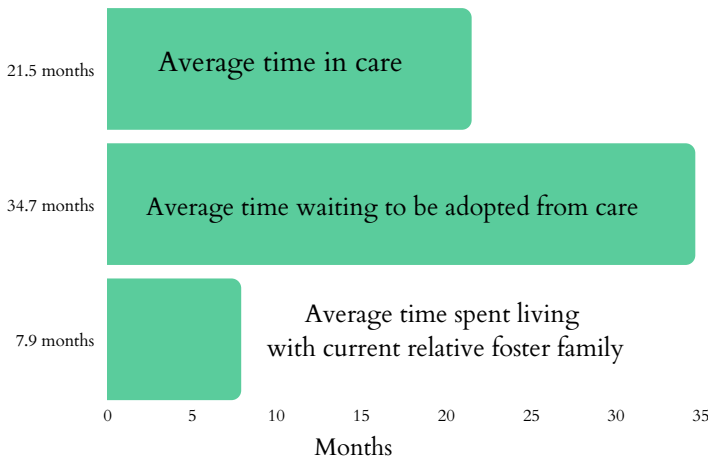


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Foster Care and Adoptions

- 15,377 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- 11,258 in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, 5,124 children entered care and 4,119 exited.
- 1,303 children were adopted; 2,690 were waiting to be adopted.
- 1.8% increase in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by 1.1% from 2021.

Duration in Care, 2021

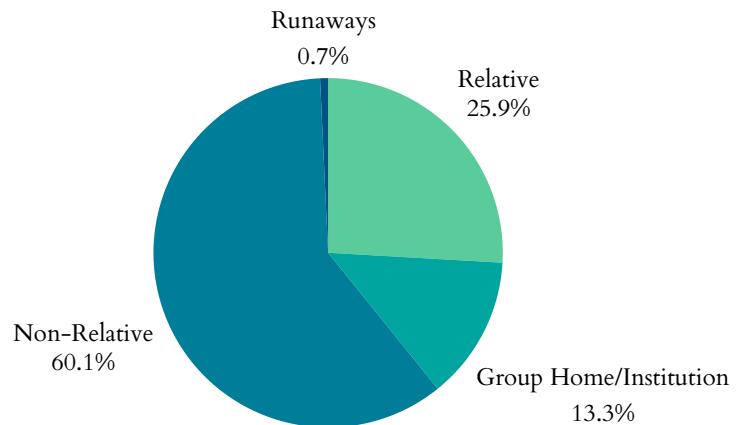


0.29% The decrease since 2019 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

Juvenile Justice

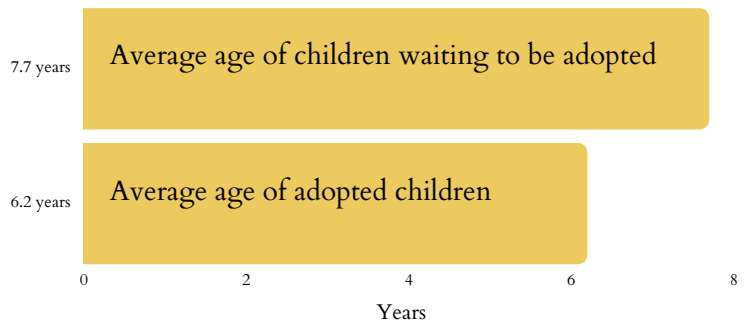
- 12,088 total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- 670 for Disorderly Conduct.
- 2,798 for Property Crimes.
- 1,400 for Drug Abuse Violations.
- 411 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from 744 kids in 2019; 45% decline).

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



- In 2021, 255 children exited foster care due to age (42.5% increase from 2020).
- 6,193 children were living with non-relatives; 2,671 stayed with a relative.
- 1,370 children were staying in group homes or institutions; 76 children classified as runaways.
- 3% of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

Adoption, 2020



45% The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

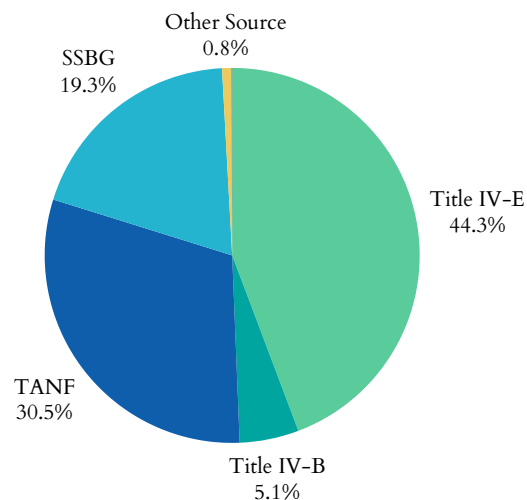


North Carolina's Children

Funding for Child Welfare Services

- North Carolina spent **\$704,719,616** on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$303,124,313** = from the federal government
- **\$399,270,781** = from state and local funds.

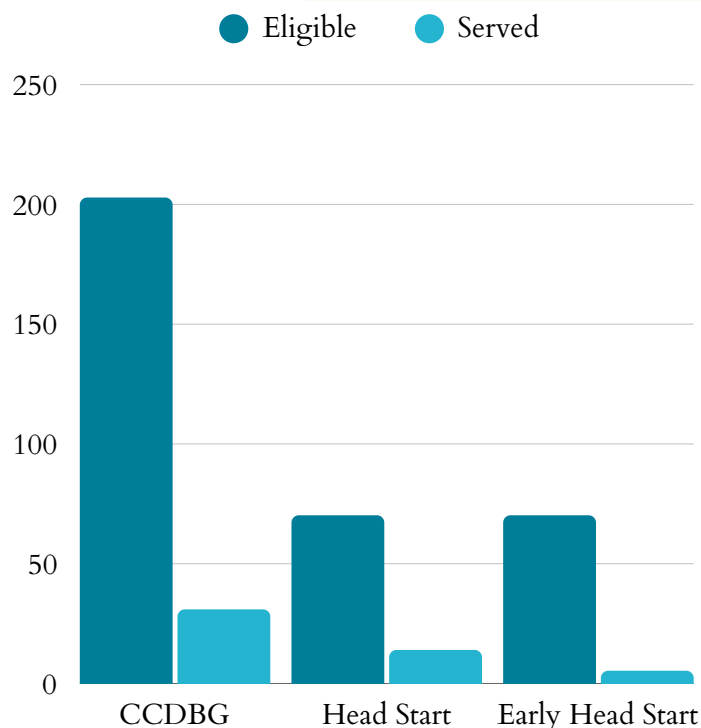
Federal Funding Sources, 2022



The significant funding sectors of the **\$303,124,313** in federal funding received in North Carolina in 2020:

- **\$96,577,184** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$63,358,464** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- North Carolina's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$71,480,370**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **20%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **8%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **15%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$12,251** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$9,617** annual cost of home-based infant care

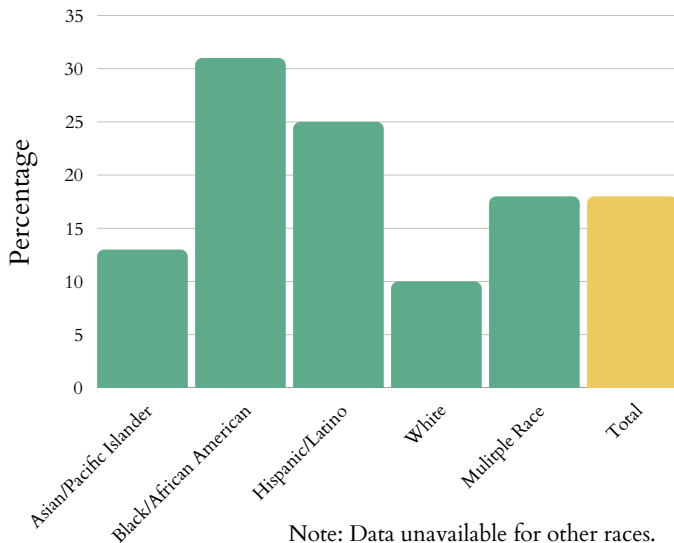


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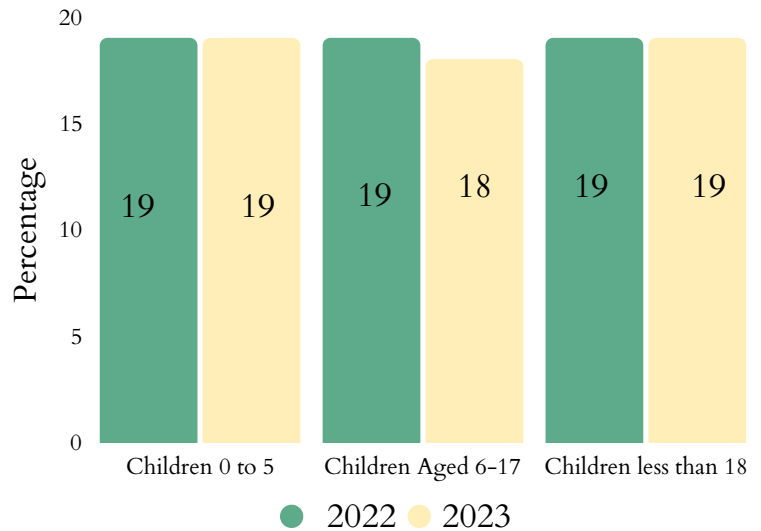
Child Poverty

- **579,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (25% of all children).
- **26%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **24,711** in 2021 to **22,507** in 2022 (8.9% decrease).

Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Child Poverty Over Time

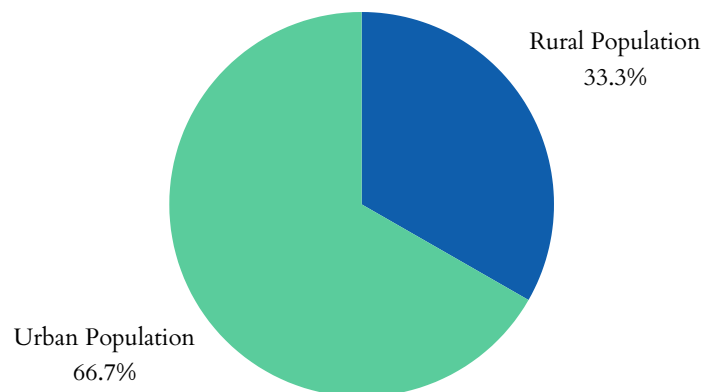


- The state spent **\$150,132,561** on WIC in 2023, serving **261,150** people: a 0.92% increase in total participants and 21.3% increase in spending since 2022.
- **1,493,870** people were food insecure in 2021, including 448,460 children.
- **38.8%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

HOUSING

- **9,225** children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (1.94%)
- **34.8%** 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.
- **48,358** total North Carolina residents living in public housing

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of North Carolina, 2020

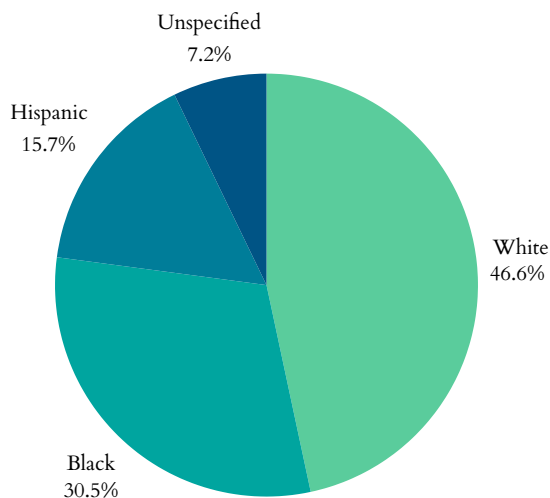


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Health

- **11,297** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (9.4% of births).
- **13,032** preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (10.8% of births).
 - 9.62% of all White babies
 - 14.7% of all Black babies
- **5,238** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **831** infants aged <1yr died in 2023; a rate of 7 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2021



Medicaid Expansion

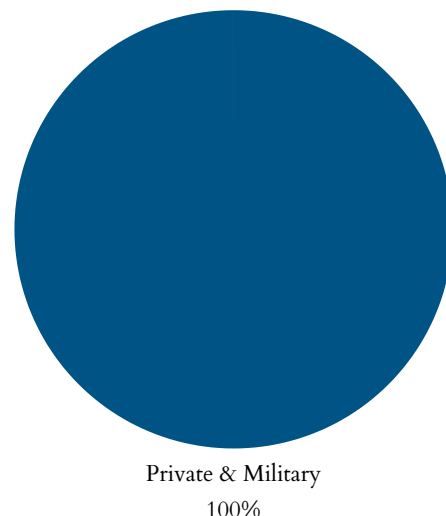
North Carolina has been a Medicaid expansion state since 12/01/2023.

Maternal Mortality

- **159** North Carolina 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 North Carolina, there is 27 maternal deaths

- **118,000** children had no health insurance in 2022 (12.59% decrease from 2021).
- **1,192,417** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2021 (6.6% increase from 2020).
- **305,646** children in North Carolina were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (1.2% decrease from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

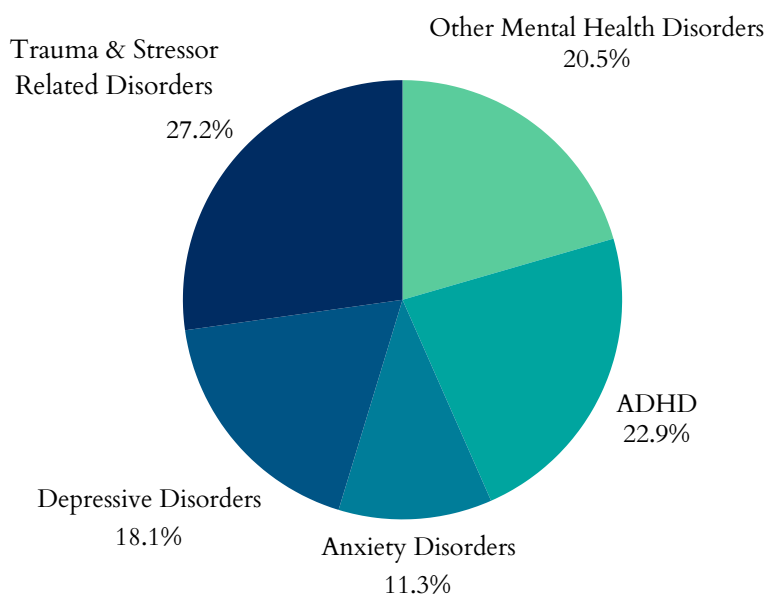


North Carolina's Children

Zero to Three

- 56.3% of babies live above low-income
- 21.2% of babies live at low income
- 22.5% of babies live in poverty
- 12.2% of babies live in deep poverty
- 77.9% 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, North Carolina reported 1,974 infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- North Carolina reported 1,382 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

North Carolina has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

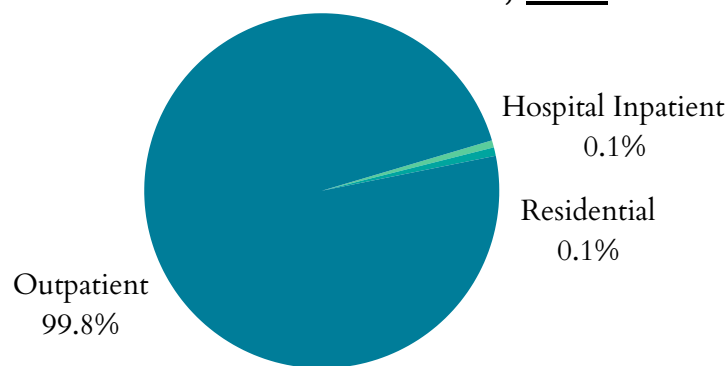
Teens & Youth

- 38,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (7%)
- 177 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in North Carolina in 2020.

Mental Health

- 7,345 children received mental health treatment in North Carolina in 2022 (0.4%)
- In 2022, there were 10.8 deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in North Carolina.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 55,343 children in North Carolina (1.8% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 3,230 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

