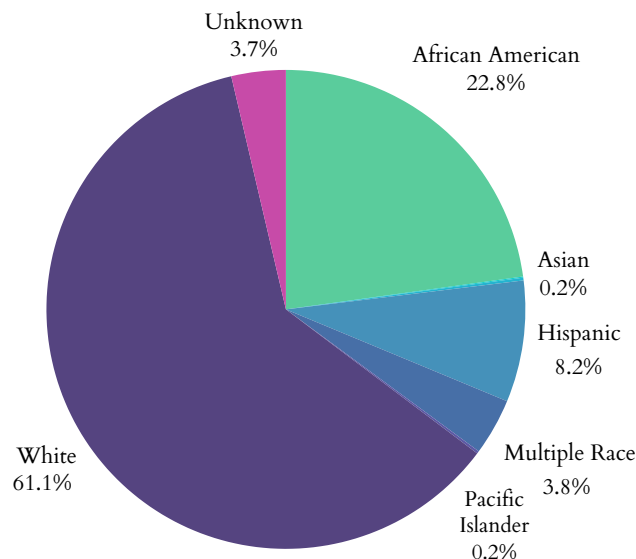


# Tennessee's Children

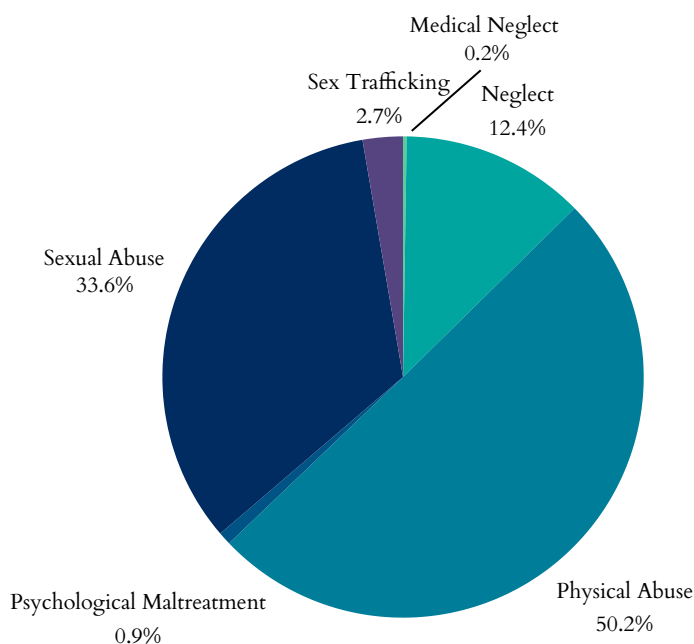
## Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Tennessee had **149,102** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **66,495** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **7,638** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **4.9** children per 1,000 (22.5% decrease since 2019).
- Of the **7,638** children, **4,023** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **1,895** of the **7,638** cases.

## Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



## Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **88.3%** = parents of the child.
- **11.7%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

## Child victims (2023):

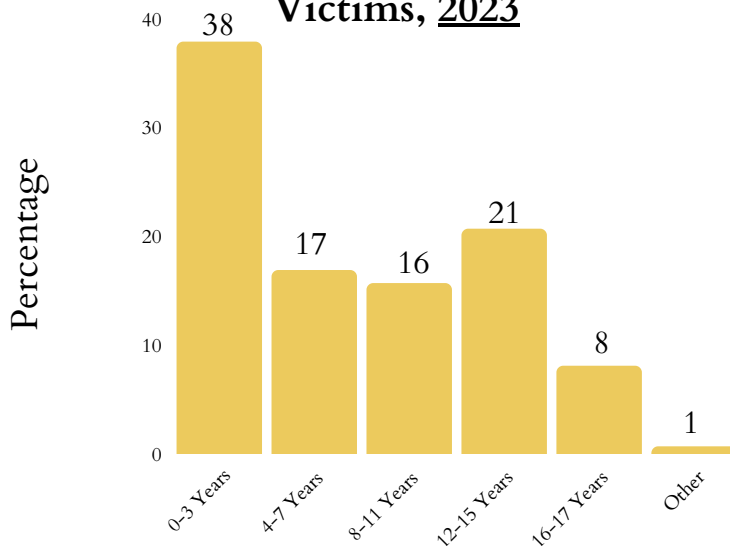
- **60.8%** = female; **39.2%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **34** in 2022 to **31** in 2023.
- Tennessee reported **178** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **1,622** victims and **13,395** non-victims.

## Workforce

There are **6,710** children, family, and school social workers in Tennessee with a mean wage of **\$25.03** (compared to Tennessee's minimum wage: **\$7.25**)

## Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

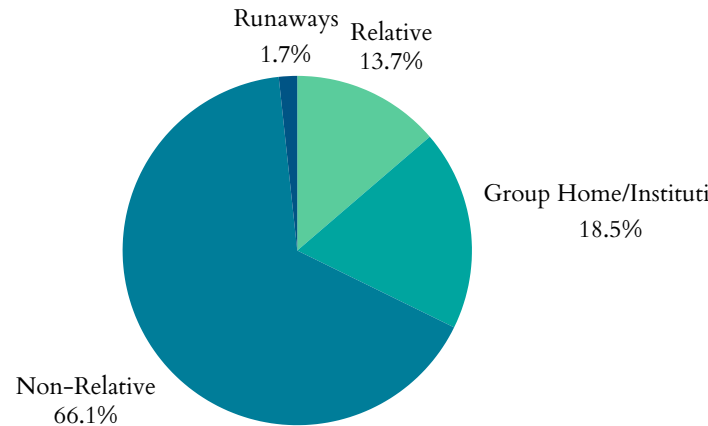


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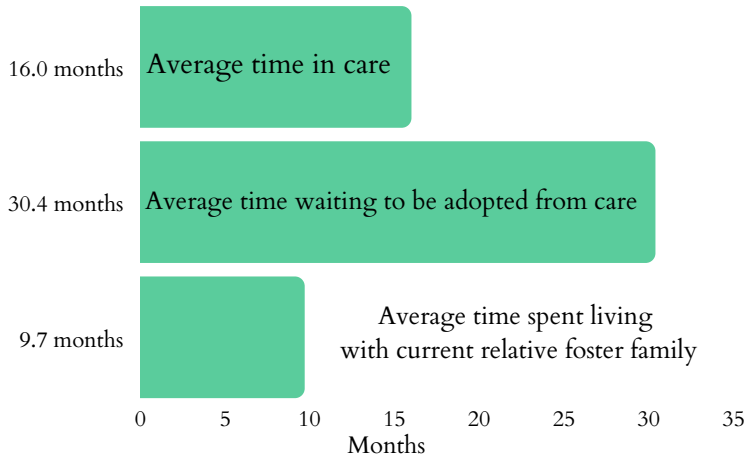
## Foster Care and Adoptions

- **14,403** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **9,053** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **5,621** children entered care and **5,350** exited.
- **1,151** children were adopted; **1,935** were waiting to be adopted.
- **1.9%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system also decreased by **6%** from 2021.

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



### Duration in Care, 2021



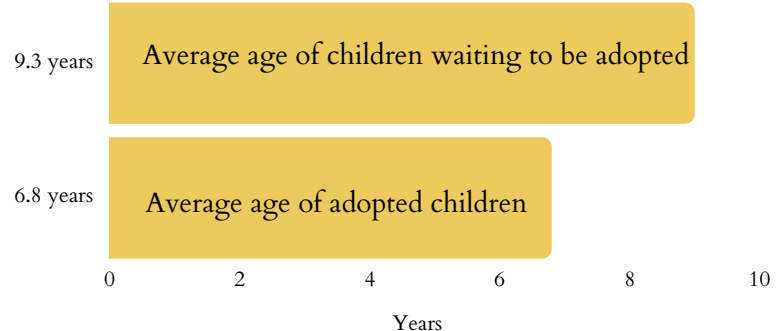
- In 2021, **335** children exited foster care due to age (**20.6%** decrease from 2020).
- **5,253** children were living with non-relatives; **1,090** stayed with a relative.
- **1,475** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **135** children classified as runaways.
- **5%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

**20.6%** The increase since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

## Juvenile Justice

- **19,687** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **1,403** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **3,717** for Property Crimes.
- **2,177** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **300** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **345** kids in 2019; **13%** decline).

### Adoption, 2020



**13%** The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

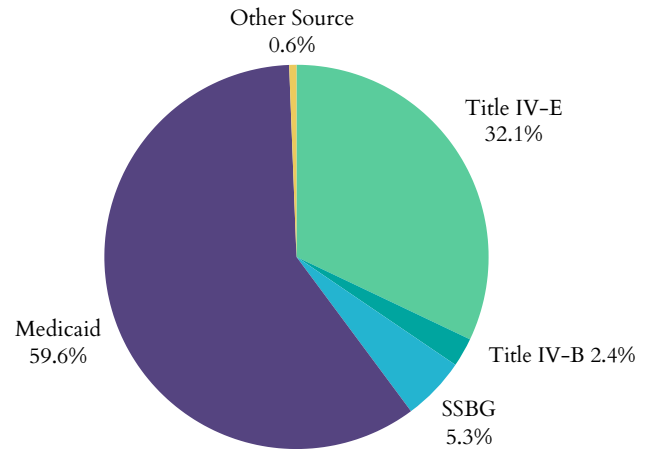


# Tennessee's Children

## Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Tennessee spent **\$942,310,444.13** on child welfare services in 2020.
  - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- \$421,116,788.23** = from the federal government
- \$511,128,609.32** = from state and local funds.

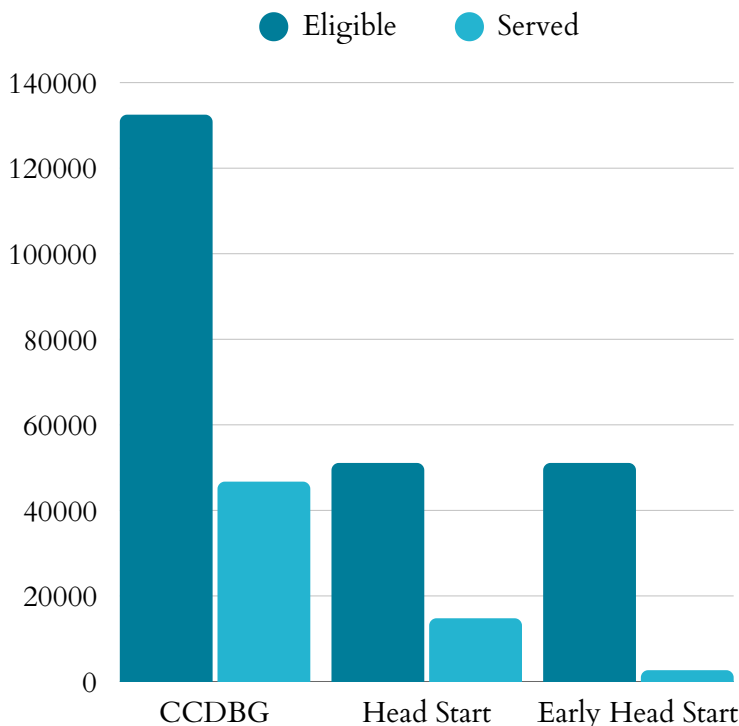
## Federal Funding Sources, 2021



The significant funding sectors of the **\$421,116,788.23** in federal funding received in Tennessee in 2020:

- \$44,196,649.00** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- \$65,763,271.00** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Tennessee's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$33,903,736**

## Child Care & Early Learning



- 29%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- 5%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- 35%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- \$11,985** annual cost of center-based infant care
- \$8,024** annual cost of home-based infant care

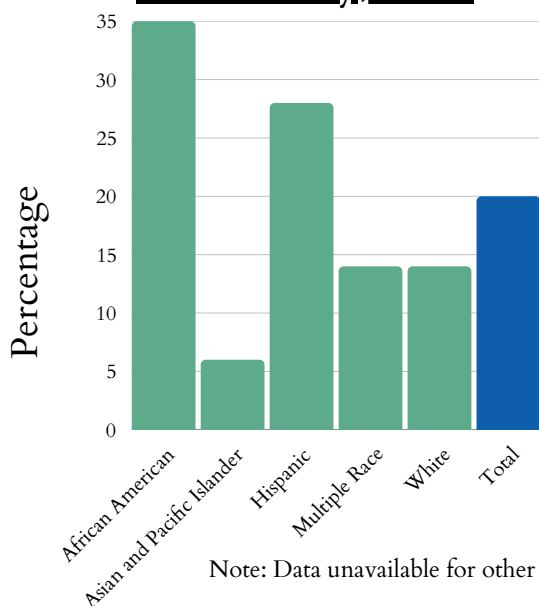


# Tennessee's Children

## Child Poverty

- **436,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (19% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients decreased from **29,218** in 2021 to **28,021** in 2022 (4.1% decrease).

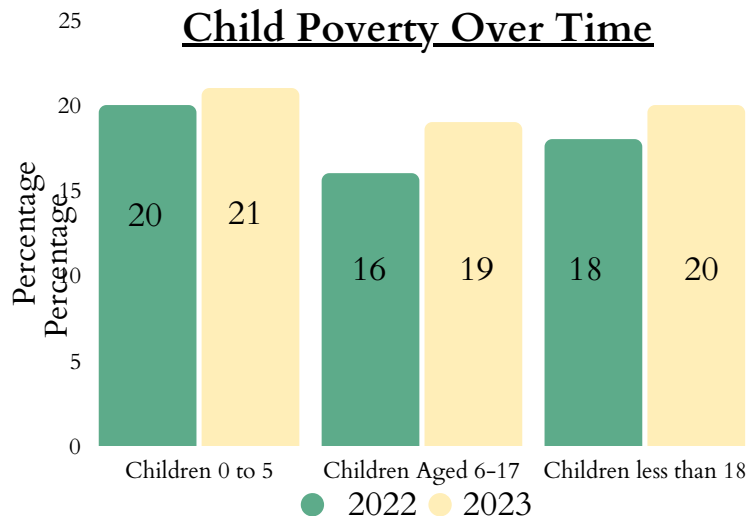
### Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## HOUSING

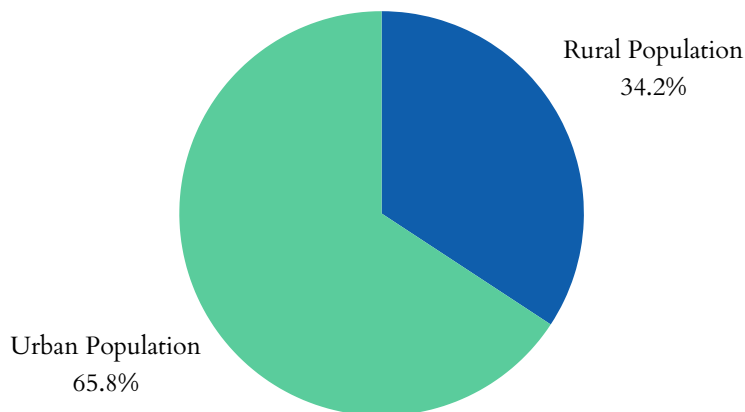
- **6,080** children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (1.88%)
- **40.7%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- **26%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- **35,995** total Tennessee residents living in public housing

### Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent **\$68,674,658** on WIC in 2023, serving **127,924** people: a 11.4% increase in total participants and 5.3% increase in spending since 2022.
- **818,513** people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 228,799 children.
- **41.8%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

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

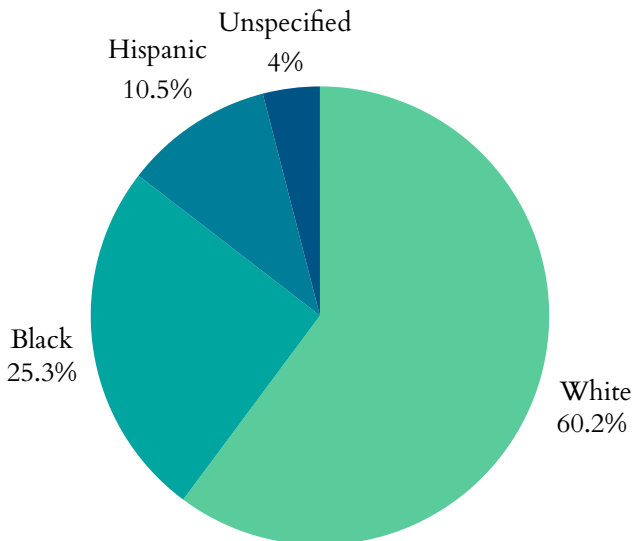


# Tennessee's Children

## Health

- **7,526** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (9.1% of births).
- **9,218** preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (11.3%).
  - 10.4% of all White babies
  - 15.3% of all Black babies
- **4,547** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 20 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **541** 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

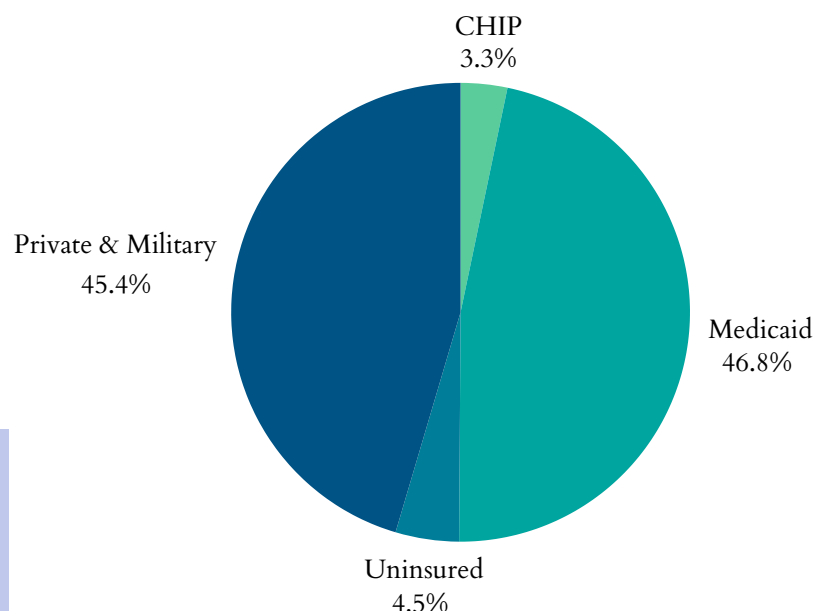
Tennessee is not a Medicaid expansion state.

## Maternal Mortality

- **166** Tennessee 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 Tennessee, there are **41** maternal deaths

- **93,000** children had no health insurance in 2023 (8.1% increase from 2022).
- **972,894** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2021 (2.5% decrease from 2020).
- **68,238** children in Tennessee were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (8% decrease from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

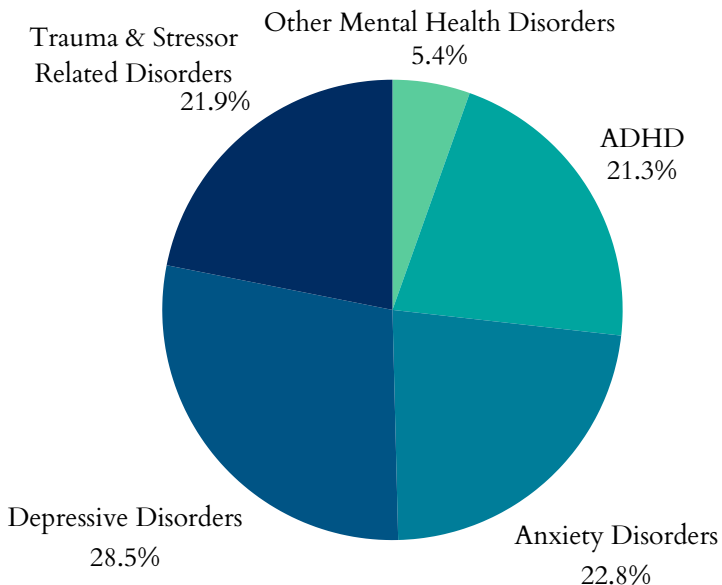


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## Zero to Three

- 56.4% of babies live above low-income
- 24.2% of babies live at low income
- 19.4% of babies live in poverty
- 10.2% of babies live in deep poverty
- 75.1% 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, Tennessee reported 115 infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Tennessee reported 114 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Tennessee has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

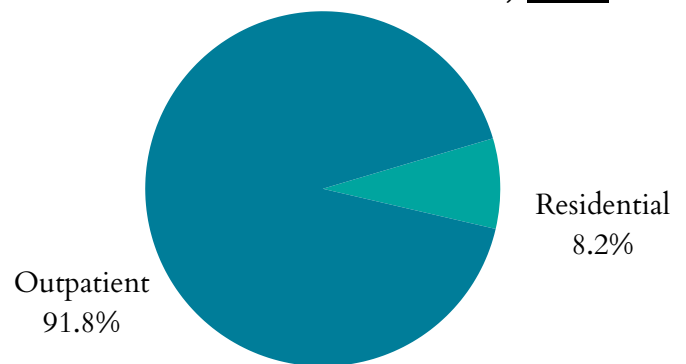
## Teens & Youth

- 23,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2022 (6%)
- 153 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Tennessee in 2022.

## Mental Health

- 10,850 children received mental health treatment in Tennessee in 2022 (0.2%)
- In 2022, there were 11.2 deaths by suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Tennessee.

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



### Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 47,397 children in Tennessee (2.1% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 1,156 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

