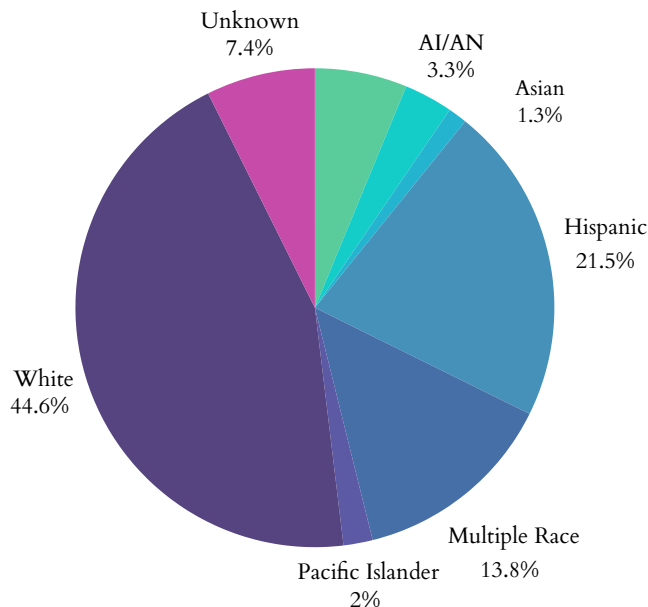


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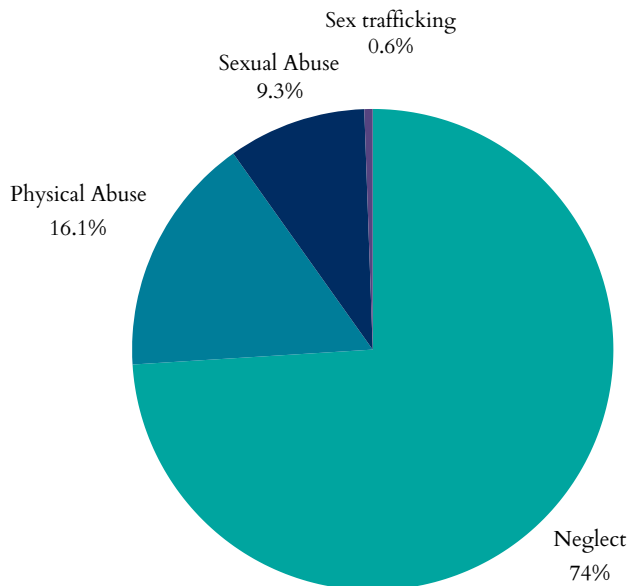
## Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Washington had **116,805** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **41,840** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **3,194** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 2 children per 1,000 (**24.3%** decrease since 2019).
- Of the **3,194** children, **1,375** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims **<1 years**, representing **293** of the **3,194** cases.

## Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



## Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



## Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

- **96.4%** = parents of the child.
- **3.6%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

## Child victims (2023):

- **55%** = female; **44.7%** = male.

- Child fatalities stayed the same (**31** fatalities) in 2022 to 2023.
- Washington reported **20** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **1,918** victims and **3,632** non-victims.

## Workforce

There are **9,470** children, family, and school social workers in Washington with a mean wage of **\$31.18** (compared to Washington's minimum wage: **\$16.66**)

## Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



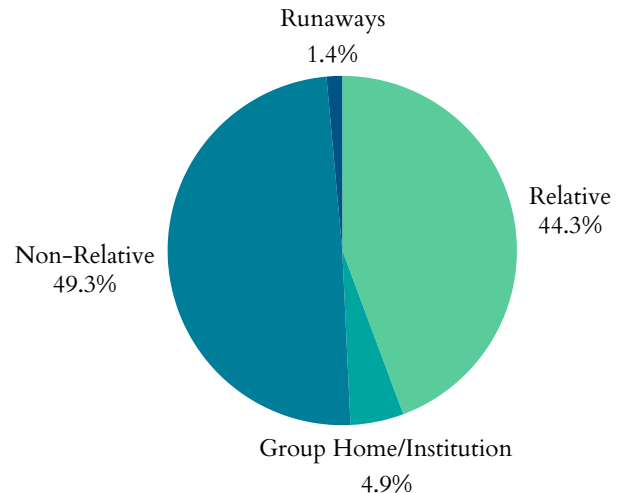
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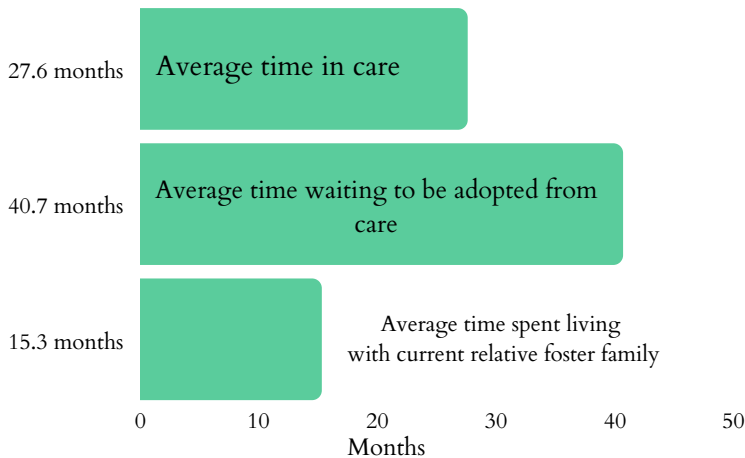
## Foster Care and Adoptions

- **12,349** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **8,049** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **3,518** children entered care and **4,300** exited.
- **864** children were adopted; **2,450** were waiting to be adopted.
- **9.5%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system decreased by **19.8%** from 2021.

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



### Duration in Care, 2021



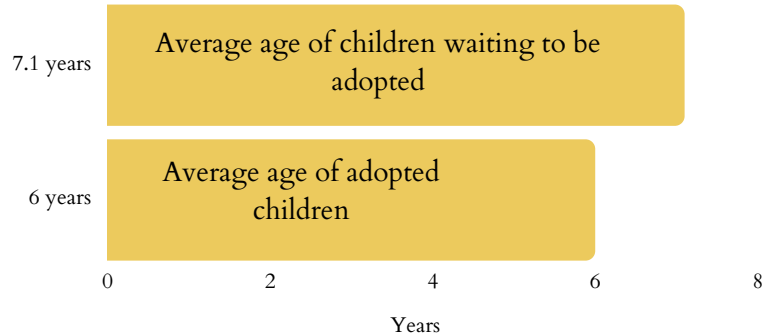
- In 2021, **106** children exited foster care due to age (**42.4%** decrease from 2020).
- **3,413** children were living with non-relatives; **3,068** stayed with a relative.
- **341** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **100** children classified as runaways.
- **4%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

**42.4%** The increase since 2020 in children transitioning from foster care to independence.

## Juvenile Justice

- **10,101** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **168** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **1,905** for Property Crimes.
- **852** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **396** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from **693** kids in 2019; **42.9%** decline).

### Adoption, 2020



**42.9%** The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

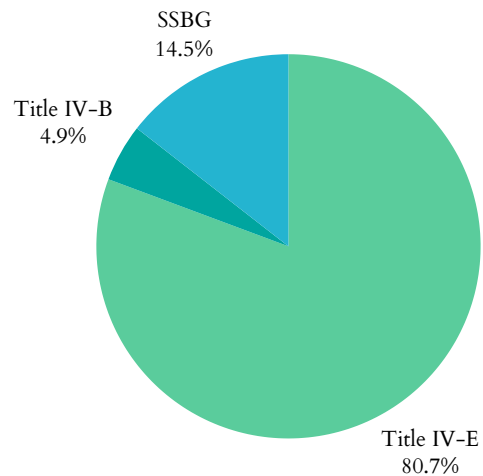


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## Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Washington spent **\$398,085,527.05** on child welfare services in 2020.
  - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$216,992,482.00** = from the federal government
- **\$181,093,045.05** = from state and local funds.

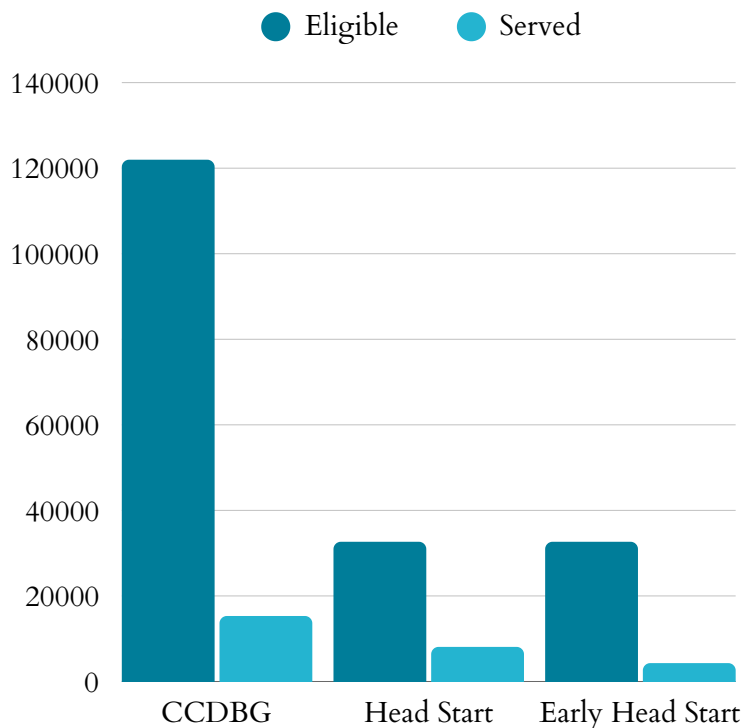
## Federal Funding Sources, 2021



The significant funding sectors of the **\$216,992,482.00** in federal funding received in Washington in 2020:

- **\$140,789,369.00** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$56,917,246.00** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Washington's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$42,734,401**

## Child Care & Early Learning



- **25%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **13%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **13%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$20,370** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$15,600** annual cost of home-based infant care

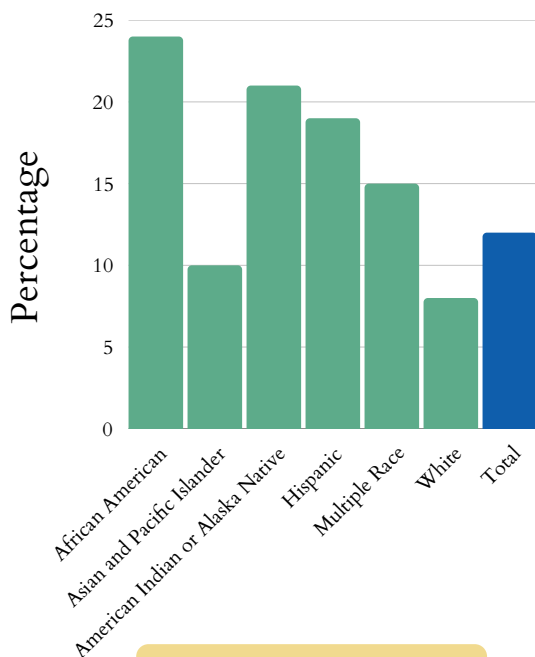


# Washington's Children

## Child Poverty

- **419,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (25% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients increased from **64,912** in 2021 to **71,372** in 2022 (9.95% increase).

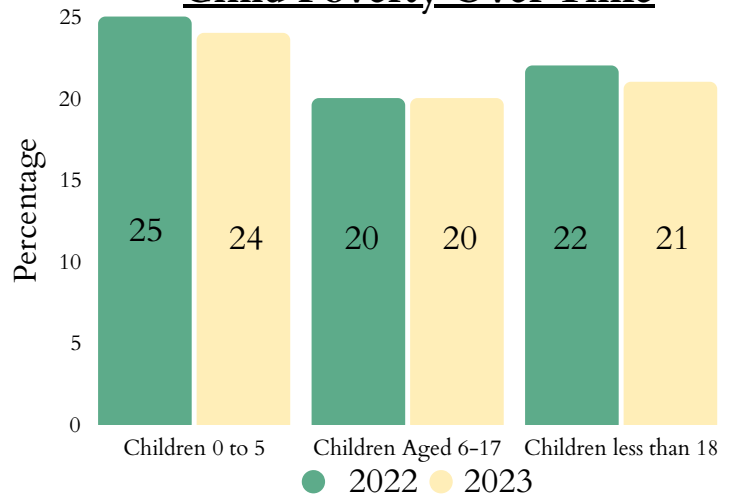
### Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



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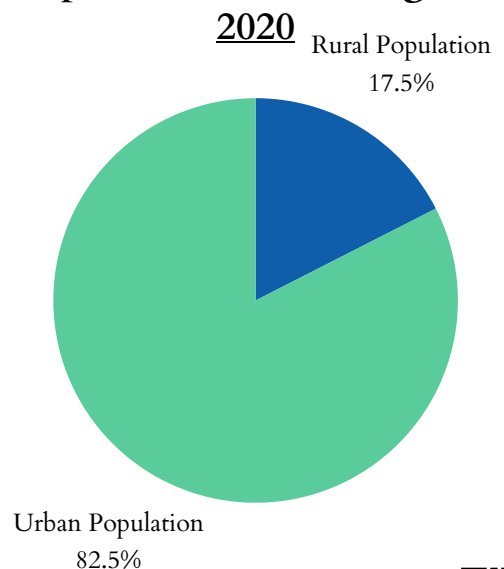
- **11,638** children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (3.44%)
- **33.1%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- **31%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- **17,475** total Washington residents living in public housing

### Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent **\$73,853,013** on WIC in 2023, serving **127,847** people: a 5.1% increase in total participants and a 13.99% increase in spending since 2022.
- **799,063** people were food insecure between 2021 and 2023, including 14.6% of children.
- **30%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

### Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Washington,

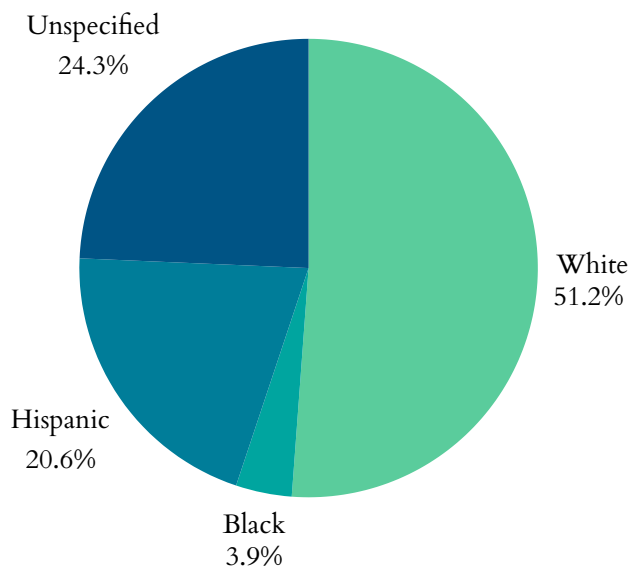


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## Health

- **5,633** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (7% of births).
- **7,422** preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (8.9%).
  - 8.9% of all White babies
  - 10.5% of all Black babies
- **2226** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 -- a rate of 10 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **403** infants aged <1yr died in 2023 -- a rate of 5 per 1,000.

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



## Medicaid Expansion

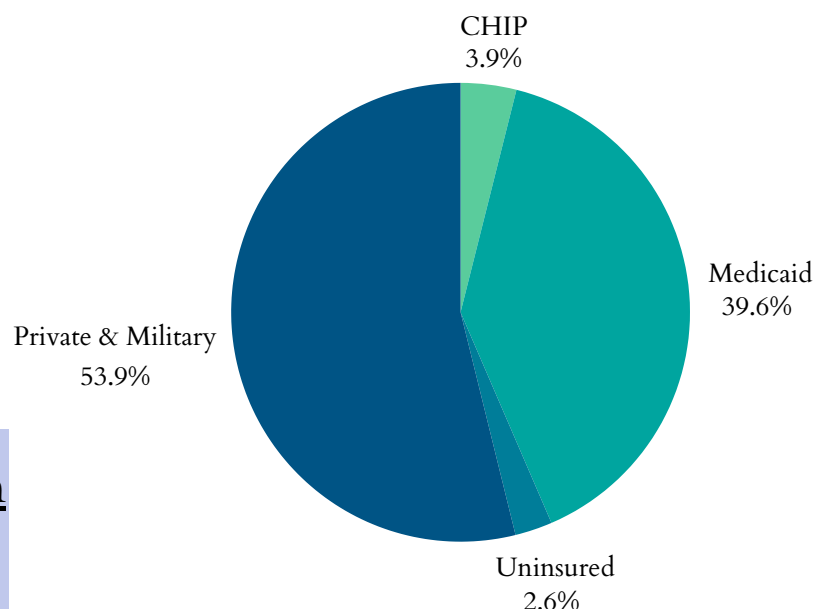
Washington is a Medicaid expansion state, implemented on 1/1/2014.

## Maternal Mortality

- **76** Washington 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 Washington, there are **18** maternal deaths

- **58,000** children had no health insurance in 2023 (a 20.8% increase from 2022).
- **827,192** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2021 (1.4% increase from 2020).
- **81,870** children in Washington were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (1.9% increase from 2020).

### Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

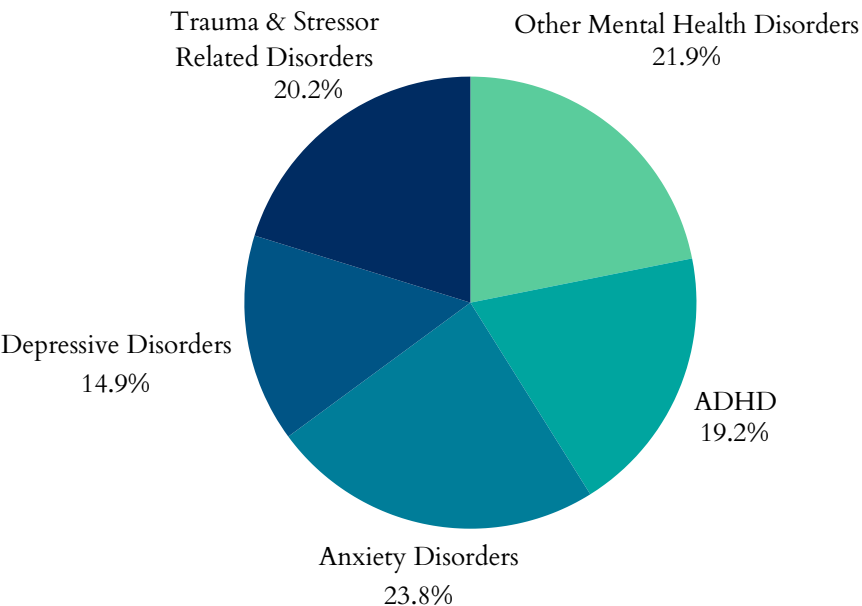


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## Zero to Three

- 69.4% of babies live above low-income
- 16.6% of babies live at low income
- 14.0% of babies live in poverty
- 7.9% of babies live in deep poverty
- 80.1% 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, Washington reported 294 infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Washington reported 118 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Washington has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

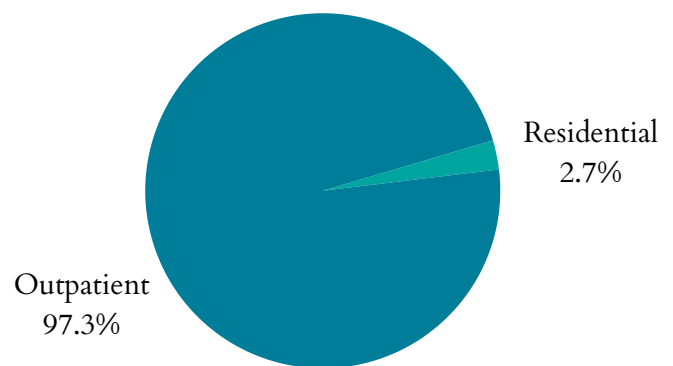
## Teens & Youth

- 28,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2022 (8%)
- 57 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Washington in 2022.

## Mental Health

- 95,195 children received mental health treatment in Washington in 2022 (5.1%)
- In 2022, there were 12.3 deaths by suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Washington.

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



## Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 44,444 children in Washington (1.9% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 1,437 clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

