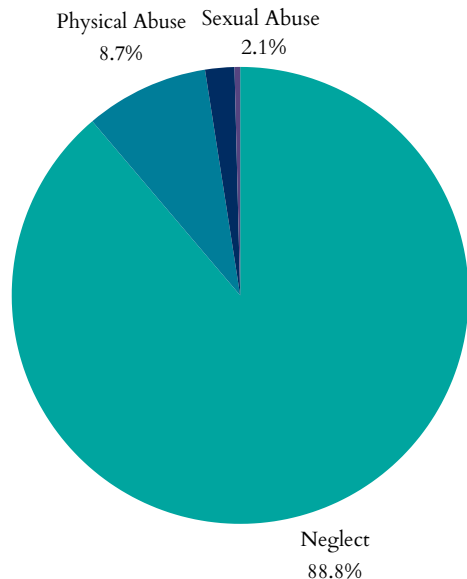


Washington D.C.'s Children

Child Maltreatment

- In 2023, Washington D.C. had 17,548 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 3,176 were screened in for response by CPS.
- 1,269 child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 10.0 children per 1,000 (31.2% decrease since 2019).
- Of the 1,269 children, 823 were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = <1 years, representing 131 of the 1,269 cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2023



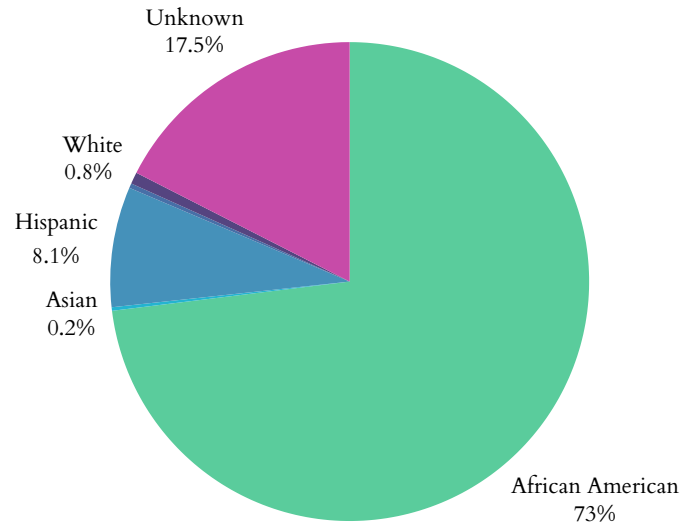
Workforce

There are 2,920 children, family, and school social workers in Washington D.C. with a mean wage of \$36.70 (compared to Washington D.C.'s minimum wage: \$17.50)



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Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2023):

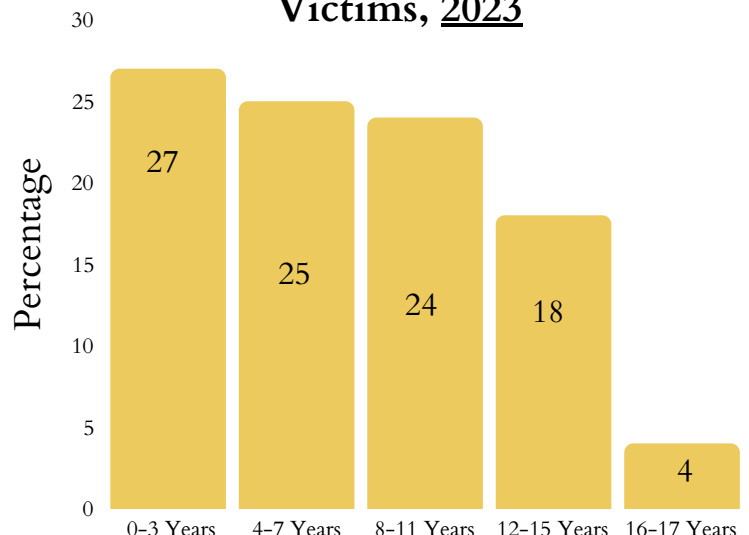
- 93.8% = parents of the child.
- 6.2% = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2023):

- 51.9% = female; 47.9% = male.

- Child fatalities increased from 3 in 2022 to 5 in 2023.
- Washington D.C. reported 5 total child victim of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to 1,336 victims and 6,211 non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2023

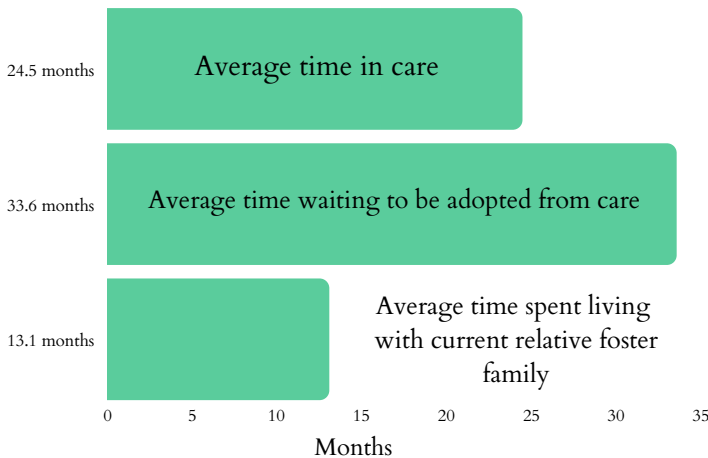


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Foster Care and Adoptions

- **687** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2022.
- **427** in care as of 09/30/2022.
- During 2022, **189** children entered care and **260** exited.
- **97** children were adopted; **139** were waiting to be adopted.
- **15.3%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2021-2022. Adoptions from the system decreased by **11.8%** from 2021.

Duration in Care, 2021



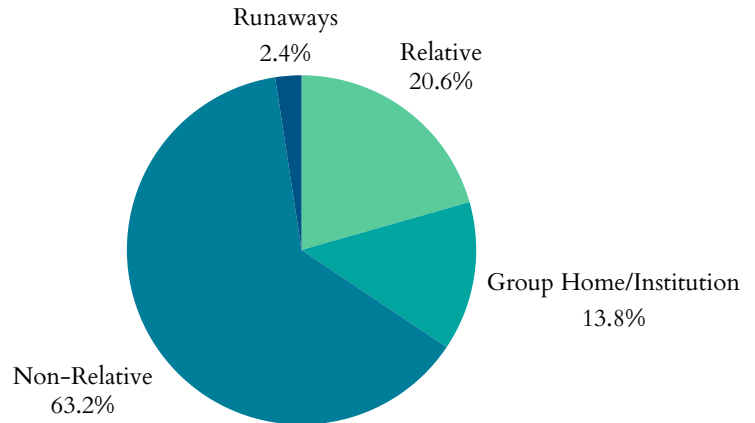
8.7%

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

Juvenile Justice

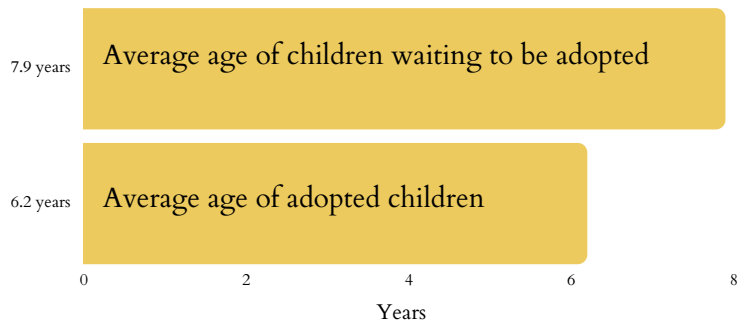
- **807** total arrests for children under 18 in 2019.
- **73** for Disorderly Conduct.
- **65** for Property Crimes.
- **10** for Drug Abuse Violations.
- **78** children lived in juvenile correction facilities in 2021 (decrease from 117 kids in 2019; 33.3% decline).

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2021



- In 2021, **50** children exited foster care due to age (8.7% increase from 2020).
- **261** children were living with non-relatives; **85** stayed with a relative.
- **57** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **10** children classified as runaways.
- **3%** of households had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

Adoption, 2020



33.3% The decline since 2019 of children living in juvenile correction facilities.

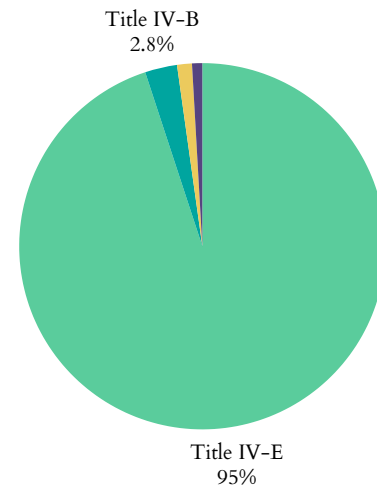


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Washington D.C. spent **\$195,307,875.37** on child welfare services in 2020.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$39,464,463.37** = from the federal government
- **\$154,094,000** = from state and local funds.

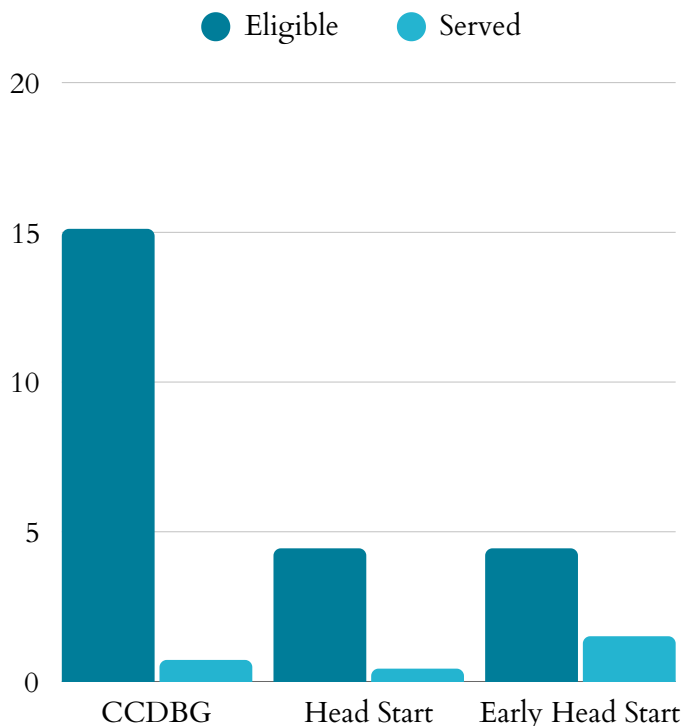
Federal Funding Sources, 2020



The significant funding sectors of the **\$39,464,463.37** in federal funding received in Washington D.C. in 2020:

- **\$23,392,949.59** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$9,492,073.61** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Washington D.C.'s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$7,570,647**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **10%** of Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **34%** of Early Head Start eligible children are enrolled
- **5%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$25,480** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$20,800** annual cost of home-based infant care



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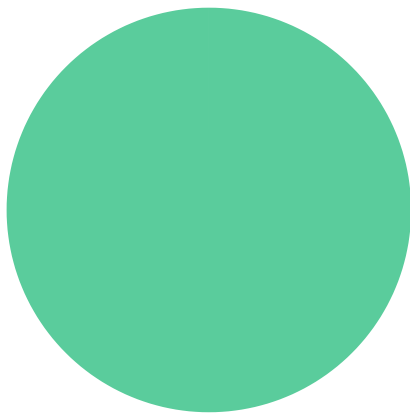
Child Poverty

- 52,000 children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (41% of all children).
- 31% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from 19,126 in 2021 to 16,591 in 2022 (13.3% decrease).

HOUSING

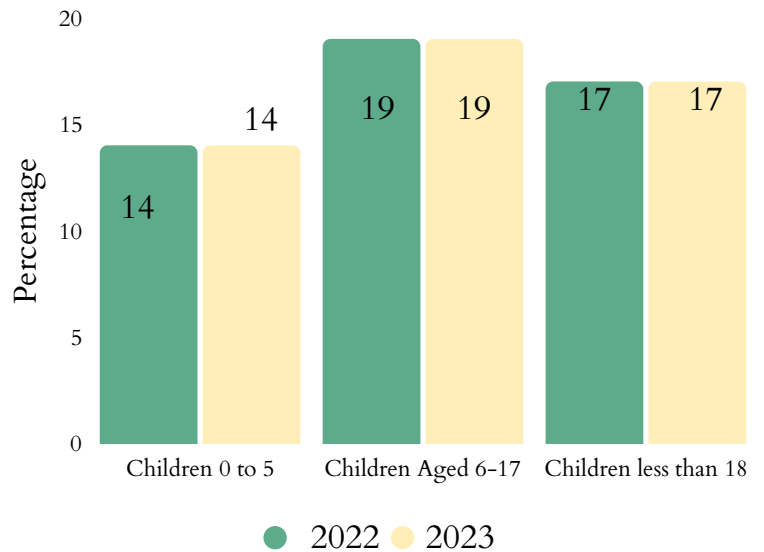
- 2,304 children, from birth to three-years-old, are experiencing homelessness (7.35%)
- 32.3% of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18
- 32% of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.
- 49,352 total Washington D.C. residents living in public housing

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Washington D.C., 2020



Urban Population
100%

Child Poverty Over Time



- The state spent \$5,310,912 on WIC in 2023, serving 11,184 people: a 3.91% decrease in total participants and 49.9% increase in spending since 2022.
- 74,070 people were food insecure in 2021, including 17,880 children.
- 28.9% of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2021 had children.

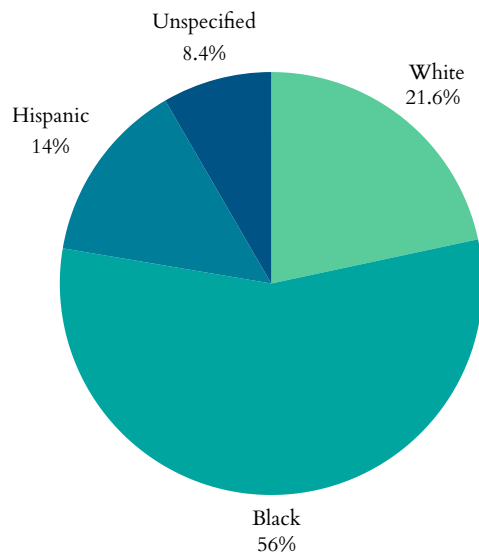


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Health

- 855 low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (10.8% of births).
- 873 preterm births (<37wks) in 2021 (10.1% of births).
 - 6.4% of all White babies
 - 13.6% of all Black babies
- 243 births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2021 -- a rate of 12 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- 52 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

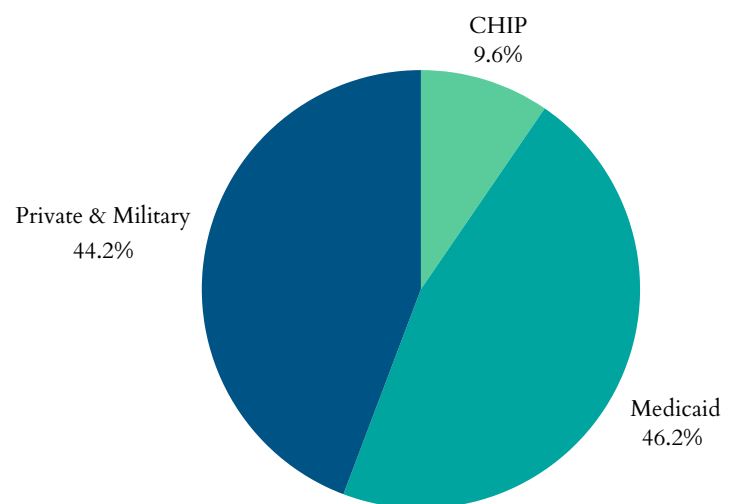
Washington D.C. has adopted Medicaid expansion since 01/01/2014.

Maternal Mortality

- 12 Washington D.C. women died while pregnant, or within 42 days post pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents
- Washington D.C. did not report a number of maternal deaths per every 100,000 live births

- 2,000 children had no health insurance in 2021 (60% decrease from 2020).
- 82,477 children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2021 (1.3% increase from 2020).
- 17,062 children in Washington D.C. were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (6.2% decrease from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2021

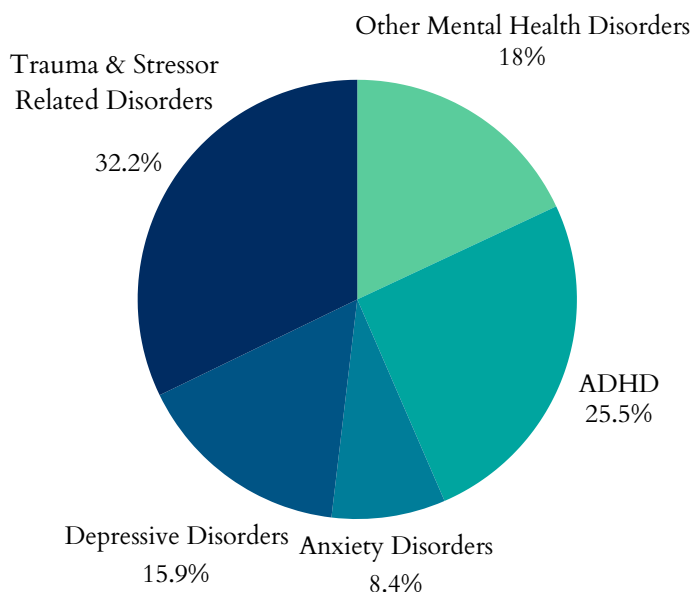


Washington D.C.'s Children

Zero to Three

- 75.6% of babies live above low-income
- 6.3% of babies live at low income
- 18.1% of babies live in poverty
- 14.7% of babies live in deep poverty
- 77.2% 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 D.C. reported 91 infants screened with prenatal substance exposure.
- Washington D.C. reported 76 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Washington D.C. has a Family First plan approved by the administration.

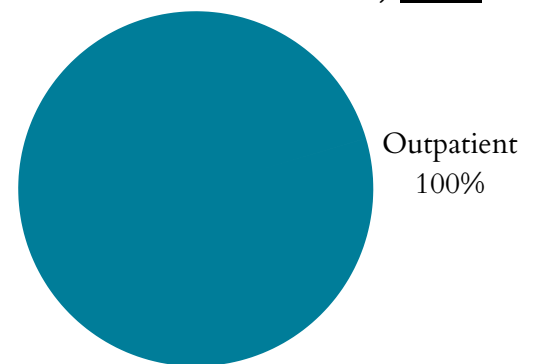
Teens & Youth

- <1,000 youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (<10%)
- 25 children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Washington D.C. in 2020.

Mental Health

- 5,210 children received mental health treatment in Washington D.C. in 2022 (0.3%)
- In 2022, there was no data for suicide deaths per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Washington D.C.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of 5,449 children in Washington D.C. (3.6% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 31st, 2023, 18 clients 18 and under were in treatment for substance use disorder

