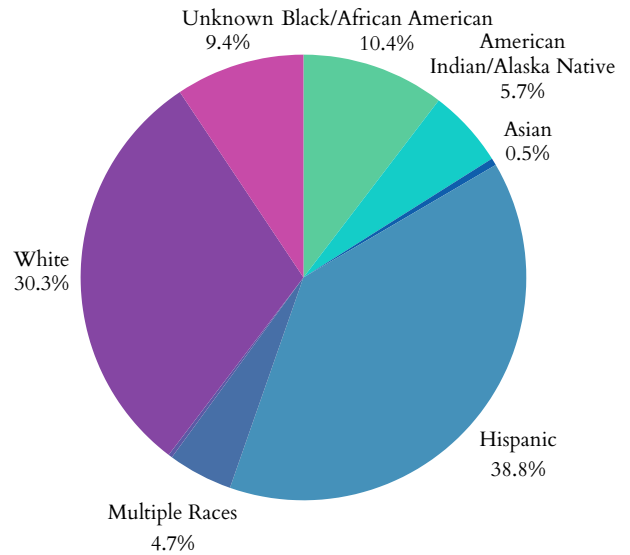


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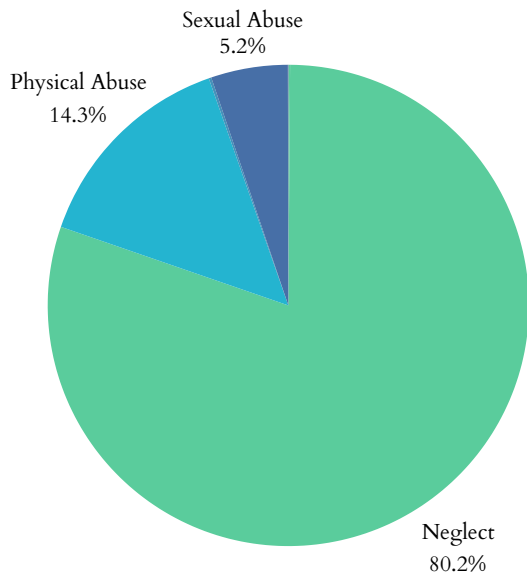
## Child Maltreatment

- In 2024, Arizona had **89,719** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **44,764** were screened-in for response by CPS.
- **9,776** were child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **6.2** children per 1,000 (**1.8%** decrease since 2020).
- Of the **9,776** children, **5,300** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **1,807** of the **9,776** cases.

## Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



## Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2024



## Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2024):

- **73%** = parents of the child.
- **27%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

## Child victims (2024):

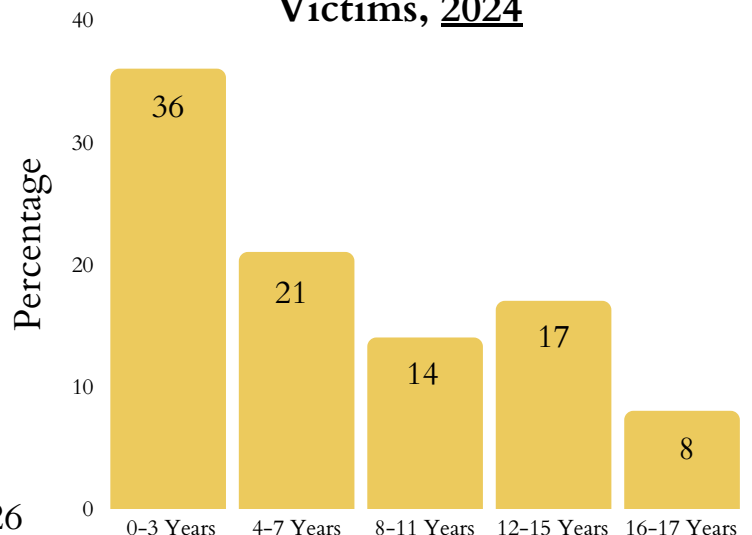
- **51%** = female; **47%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **42** in 2023 to **36** in 2024.
- Arizona reported **4** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **6,680** victims and **8,166** non-victims.

## Workforce

In 2024, there were **7,770** child, family, and school social workers in Arizona with a mean wage of **\$25.10** (compared to Arizona's 2024 minimum wage: **\$14.35**)

## Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2024



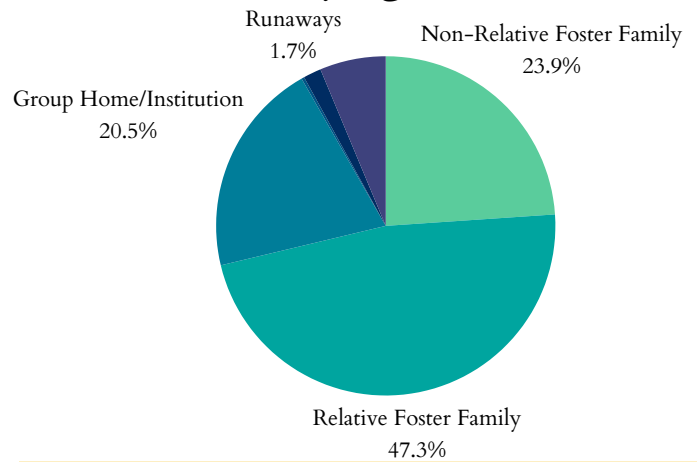
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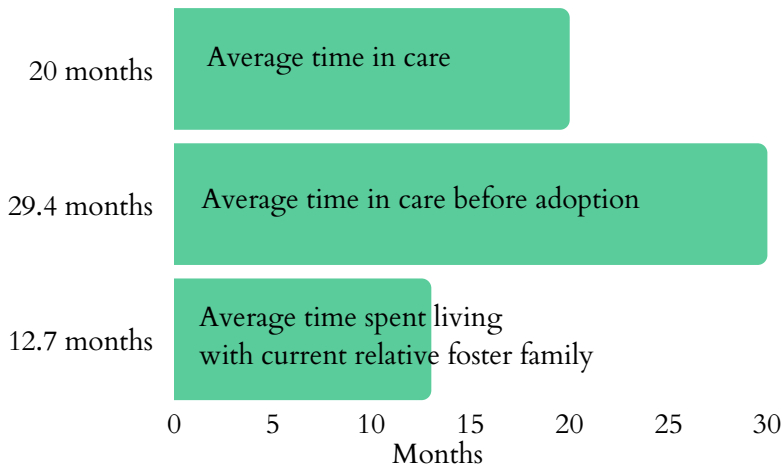
## Foster Care and Adoptions

- **15,682** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2024.
- **8,976** children in care as of 09/30/2024.
- During FY 2024, **5,301** children entered care and **6,706** exited.
- **1,719** children were adopted; **45** were waiting to be adopted.
- **14.7%** decrease in the number of children in care and a **23.7%** decrease in the number of children adopted from care from FY 2023-2024.

### Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2023



### Duration in Care, 2023



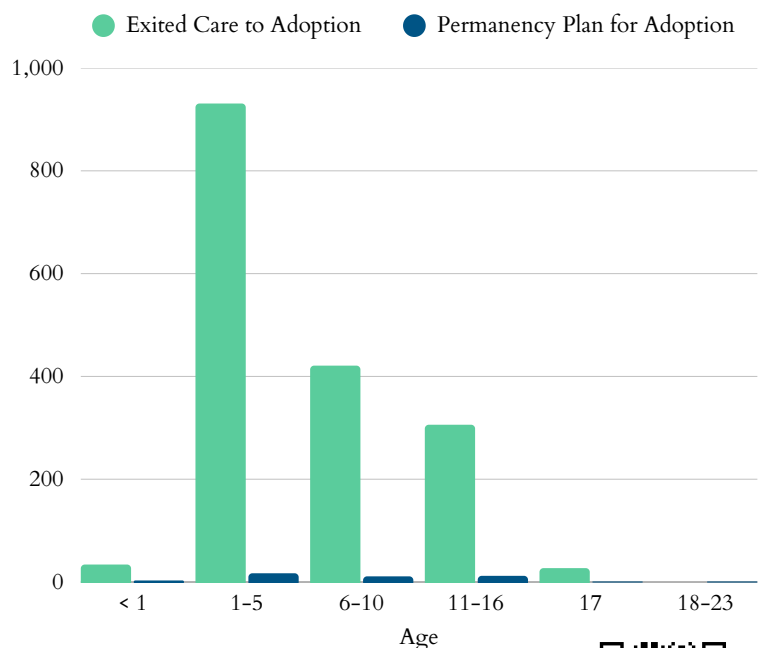
- In 2023, **2,486** children were living with non-relative foster families; **4,919** lived with a relative.
- **2,127** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **177** children were classified as runaways.
- There are **158,674** grandparents living with their grandchildren under 18. Of these, **30%** are responsible for their grandchildren.

In FY 2024, **635** children transitioned from foster care to independence. This is a **13%** decrease from **730** in FY 2023.

### Juvenile Justice

- **13,792** total arrests for youth under 18 in 2023
- A total of **399** youth were in a correctional placement in 2023; a **13.7%** increase since 2021
  - **14.3%** of the youth are ≤ 14 years old
    - **21.1%** are Black youth
    - **42.1%** are White youth
  - **84%** males and **16%** females
- Black youth represent **20%** of all correctional placements; **31%** for White youth in 2023

### Age Distribution of Adoptions, 2024

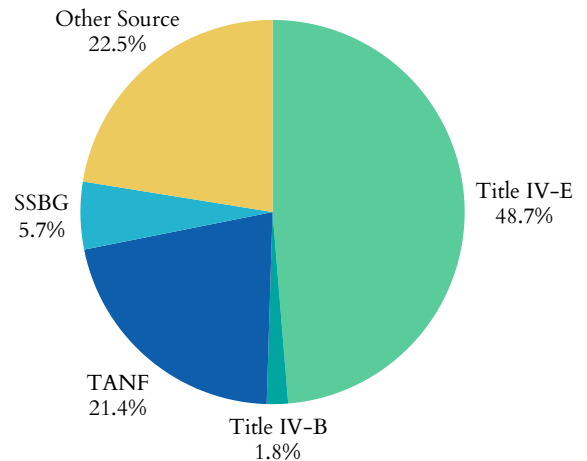


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## Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Arizona spent **\$825,618,145.05** on child welfare services in 2022.
  - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$642,925,870** = from the federal government
- **\$177,745,547** = from state and local funds

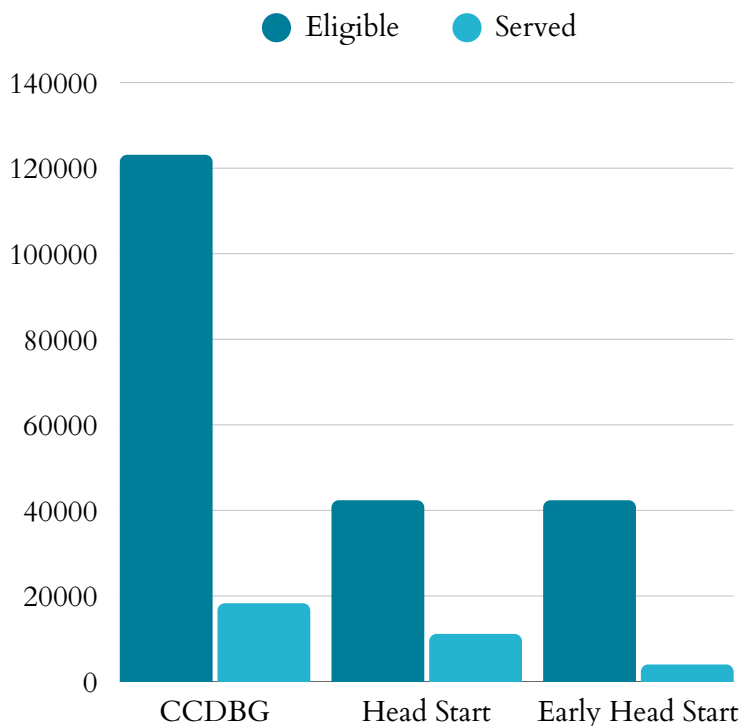
## Federal Funding Sources, 2022



The significant funding sectors of the **\$642,925,870** in federal funding received in Arizona in 2022:

- **\$120,638,401** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$173,462,520** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Arizona's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$59,572,913**

## Child Care & Early Learning



- **26%** of Head Start eligible children are served
- **9%** of Early Head Start eligible children are served
- **15%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

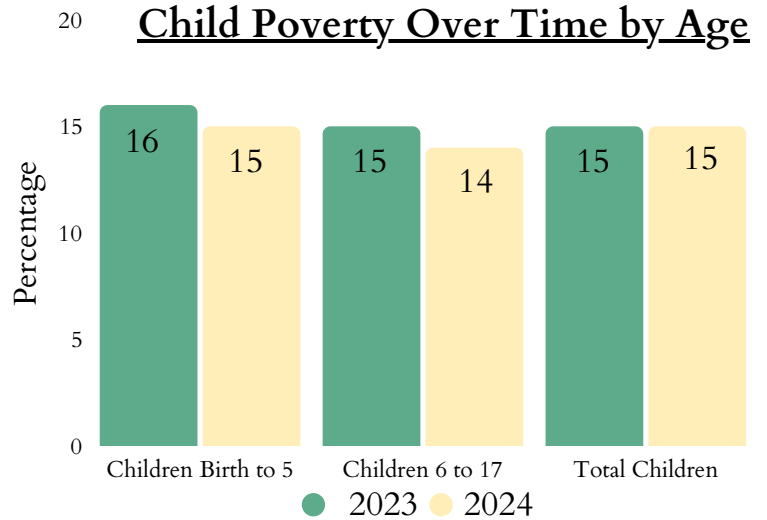
- **\$15,964** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$10,920** annual cost of home-based infant care



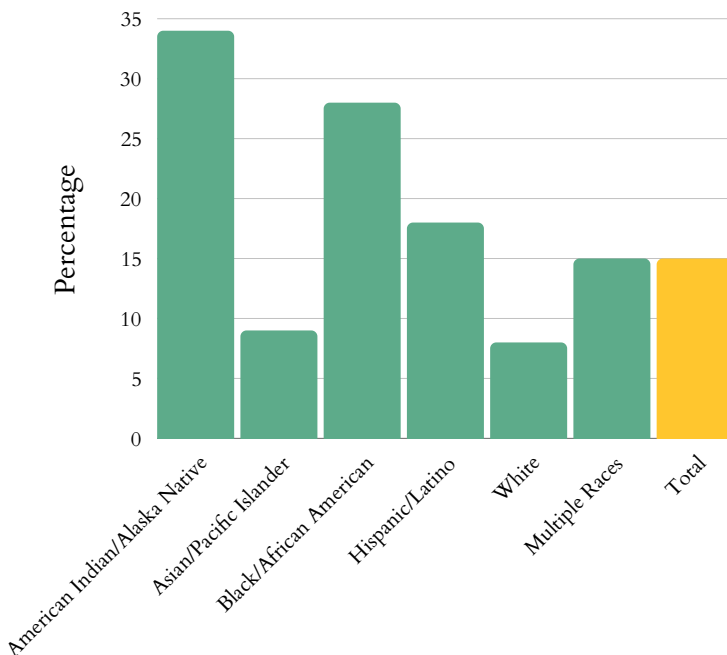
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## Child Poverty

- **387,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (24% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **10,223** in 2024 to **7,894** in 2025 (22.8% decrease).

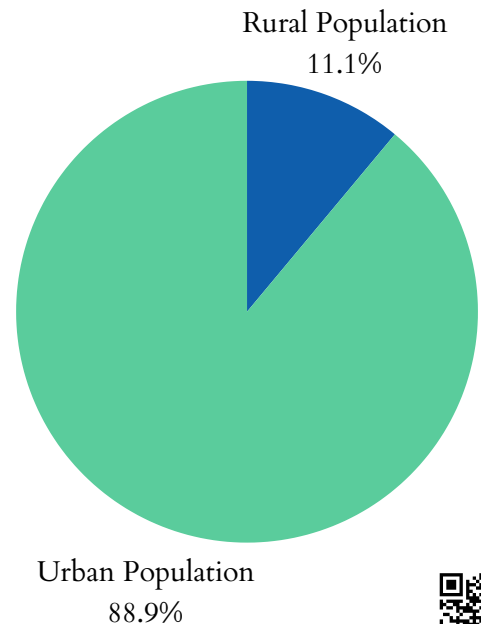


### Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



- The state spent **\$54,023,176** on WIC in 2025, serving **157,518** people: an 8% increase in spending and 3% increase in total participants since 2024.
- **1,067,120** people were food insecure in 2023, including **291,290** children.
- **46.3%** of households receiving SNAP benefits had children.

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



## Housing

- **5,731** children, from birth to three-years-old, experienced homelessness in 2023 (1.83%).
- **41.1%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18 in 2023.
- **29%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden in 2023.
- **8,787** total Arizona residents living in public housing in 2025.



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## Health

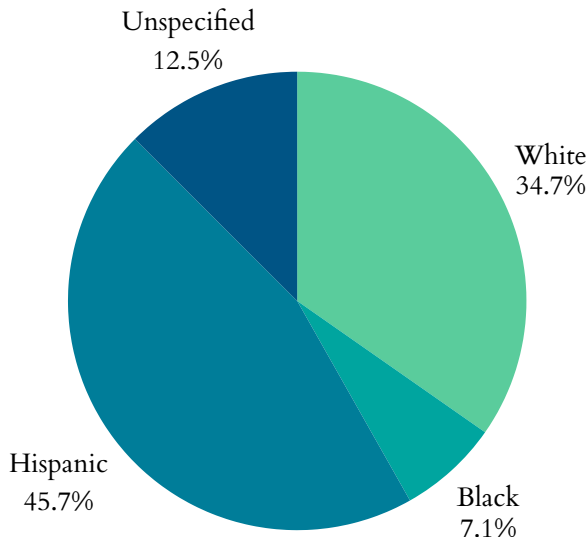
- **6,291** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (8.1% of births).
- **7,701** preterm births (<37wks) in 2023 (9.87% of births).
  - 9.01% of all White babies
  - 12.64% of all Black babies
- **3,461** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023—a rate of 14 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **430** infants aged <1yr died in 2023—a rate of 5.5 per 1,000.

## Maternal Mortality

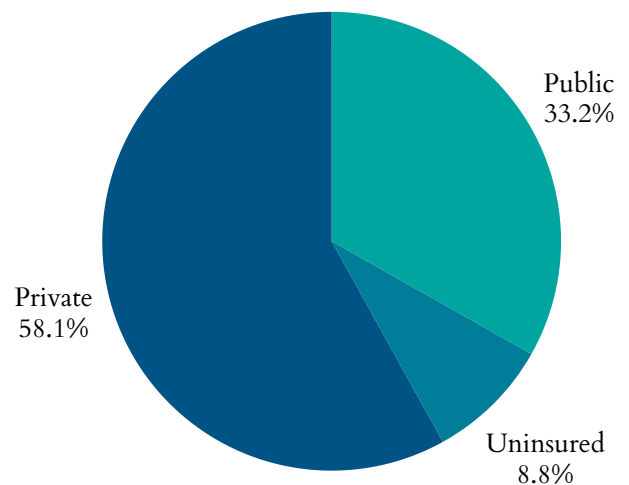
- From 2018 to 2022, **118** Arizona women died while pregnant, or within 42 days post pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents
- For every 100,000 live births in Arizona, there is **30** maternal deaths

- **157,000** children had no health insurance in 2024 (8.3% increase from 2023).
- **583,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2024 (4.7% decrease from 2023).
- **134,122** children in Arizona were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (12% increase from 2020).

### Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



### Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2024



## Medicaid Expansion

Arizona has been a **Medicaid expansion** state since 1/1/2014.

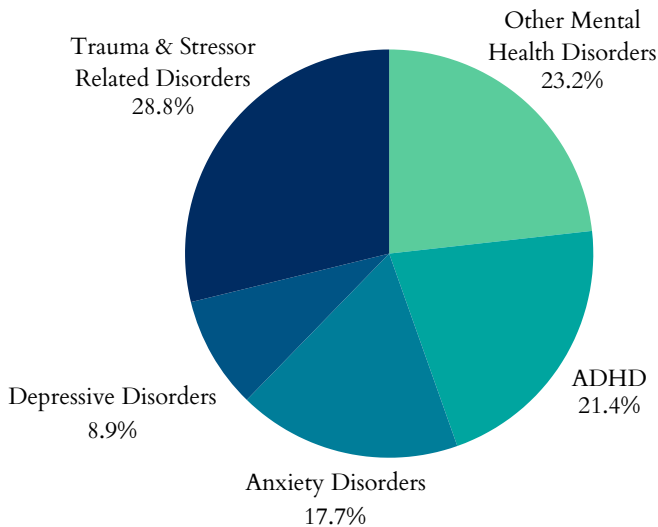


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## Zero to Three

- **56.6%** of babies live above low-income
- **24.1%** of babies live at low income
- **19.3%** of babies live in poverty
- **10.1%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **72.6%** of new parents have at least one parent working full time

## Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2023



## Prenatal Substance Exposure

- In 2024, Arizona reported **2,722** infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Arizona reported **1,805** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

## Family First

Arizona's Family First plan was approved by the administration in **2023**.

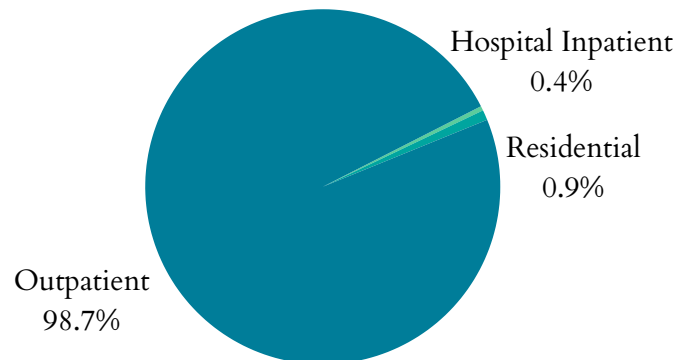
## Teens & Youth

- **30,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2024 (7%)
- **75** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Arizona in 2024.

## Mental Health

- **127,082** children received mental health treatment in Arizona in 2023 (6.7%)
- In 2021-2023, there were **13.8** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Arizona.

## Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2024



## Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of **50,550** children in Arizona (2.3% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 29, 2024, **5,530** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

