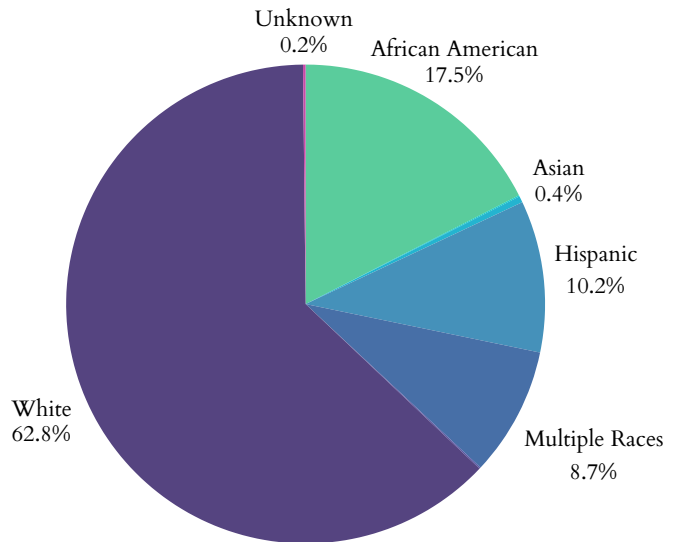


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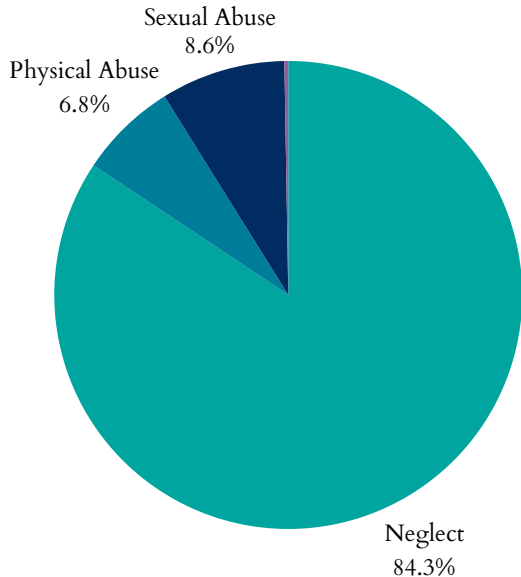
Child Maltreatment

- In 2024, Indiana had **170,052** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. **99,132** referrals were screened in for response by CPS.
- **21,314** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **13.4** children per 1,000 (**5.9%** decrease since 2020).
- Of the **21,314** children, **15,098** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **4,130** of the **21,314** cases.

Child Victims By Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2024



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2024):

- **77%** = parents of the child.
- **23%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2024):

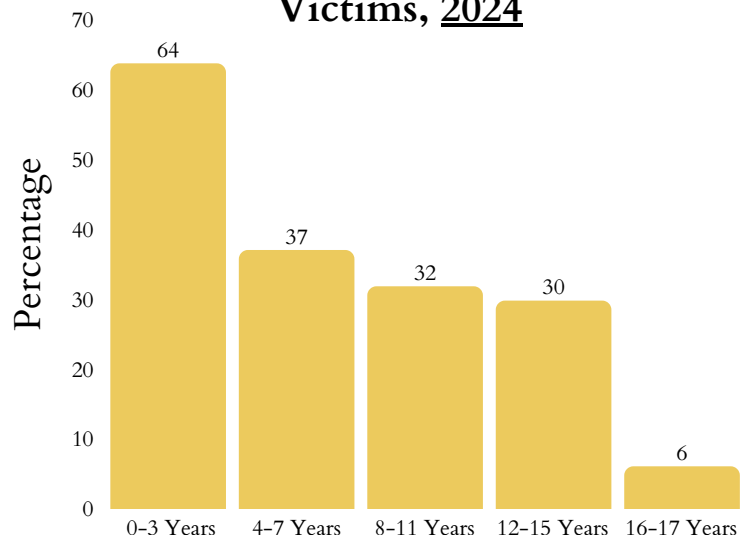
- **52.1%** = female; **47.8%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **65** in 2023 to **56** in 2025.
- Indiana reported **63** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **13,825** victims and **10,523** non-victims.

Workforce

There are **6,270** children, family, and school social workers in Indiana with a mean wage of **\$26.51** (compared to Indiana's 2024 minimum wage: **\$7.25**)

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

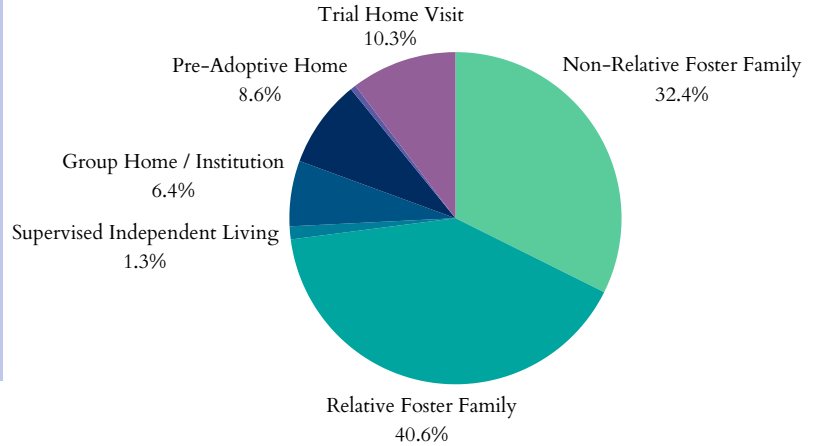


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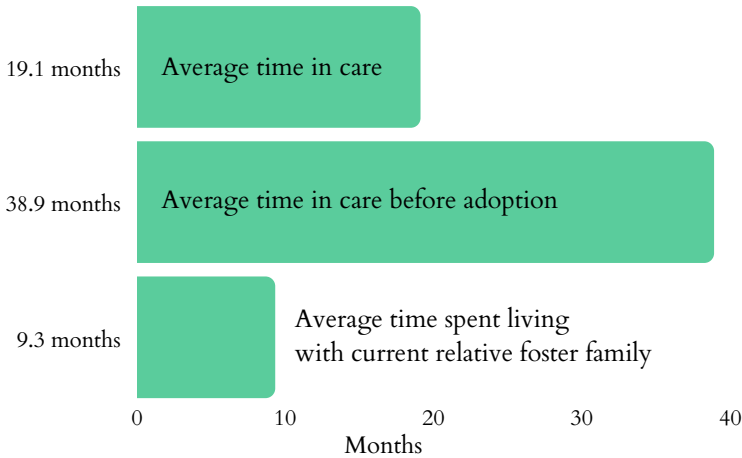
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **18,205** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2024.
- **11,912** children in care as of 09/30/2024.
- During FY 2024, **7,873** children entered care and **6,293** exited.
- **1,557** children were adopted; **1,897** had a permanency plan for adoption.
- **13%** increase in the number of children in care and a **18.7%** 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



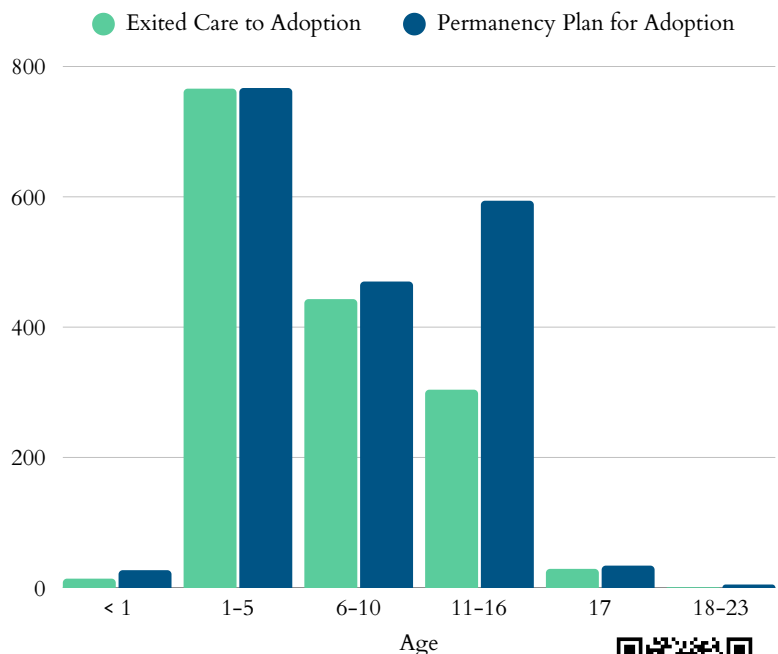
- In 2023, **3,309** children were living with non-relative foster families; **4,153** stayed with a relative.
- **652** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **56** children were classified as runaways.
- There are **116,598** grandparents living with their grandchildren under 18. Of those, **41.3%** are responsible for their grandchildren.

In FY 2024, **307** children transitioned from foster care to independence. This is a **15.2%** decrease from **362** in FY 2023

Juvenile Justice

- **9,493** total arrests for youth under 18 in 2023
- A total of **894** youth were in a correctional placement in 2023; a **6.8%** increase since 2021
 - **16.8%** of the youth are ≤ 14 years old
 - **26%** are Black youth
 - **54%** are White youth
 - **76.2%** males and **23.8%** females
- Black youth represent **31.9%** of all correctional placements; **51%** for White youth in 2023

Age Distribution of Adoptions, 2024

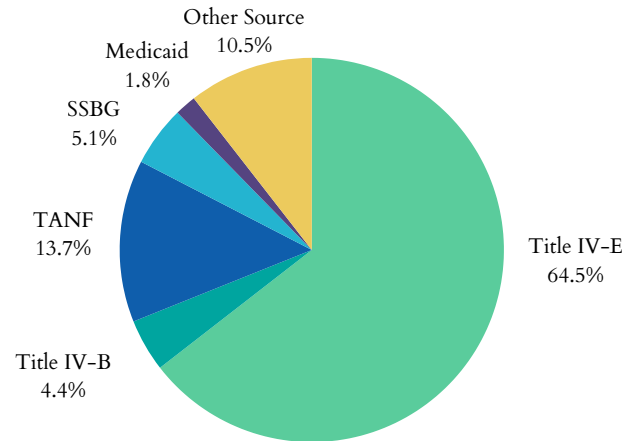


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Indiana spent **\$1,074,843,192.89** on child welfare services in 2022.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$288,226,435.97** = from the federal government.
- **\$780,562,767.88** = from state and local funds.

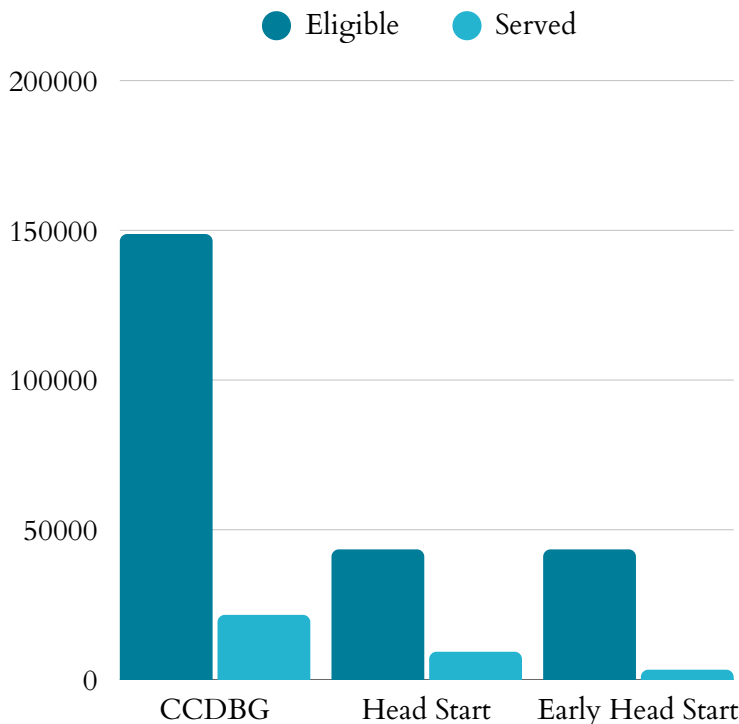
Federal Funding Sources, 2022



The significant funding sectors of the **\$288,226,435.9716** in federal funding received in Indiana in 2022:

- **\$79,982,930.87** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$89,247,352.44** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Indiana's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$31,985,210**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **21%** of Head Start eligible children are served
- **8%** of Early Head Start eligible children are served
- **15%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

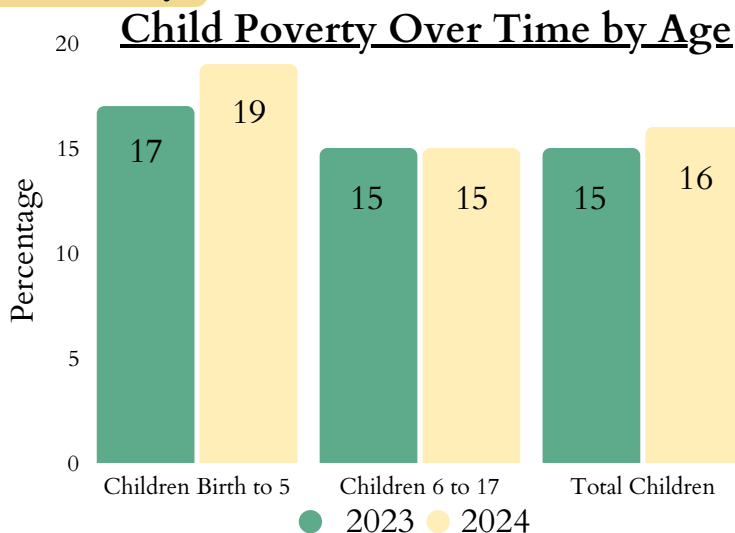
- **\$16,478** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$9,508** annual cost of home-based infant care



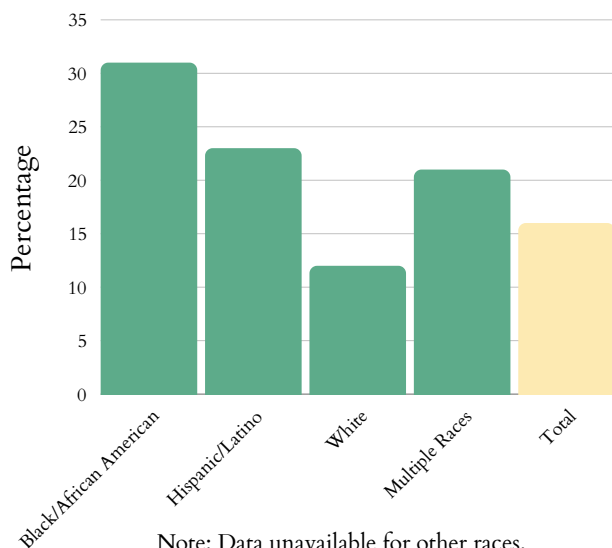
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Child Poverty

- **369,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (23% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **13,035** in 2024 to **12,768** in 2025 (2.05% decrease).



Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2024

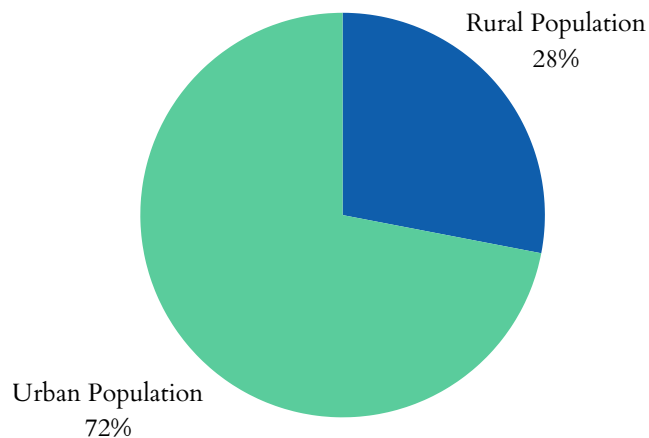


- The state spent **\$116,941,693** on WIC in 2025, serving **155,926** people: a 2.75% increase in total participants and 7.08% increase in spending since 2024.
- **1,033,890** people were food insecure in 2023, including **292,720** children.
- **46.3%** of households receiving SNAP benefits had children.

Housing

- **7,305** children, from birth to three-years-old, experienced homelessness in 2023 (2.27%).
- **31.8%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18 in 2023.
- **23%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden in 2023.
- **16,219** total Indiana residents living in public housing in 2025.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Indiana, 2020



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Health

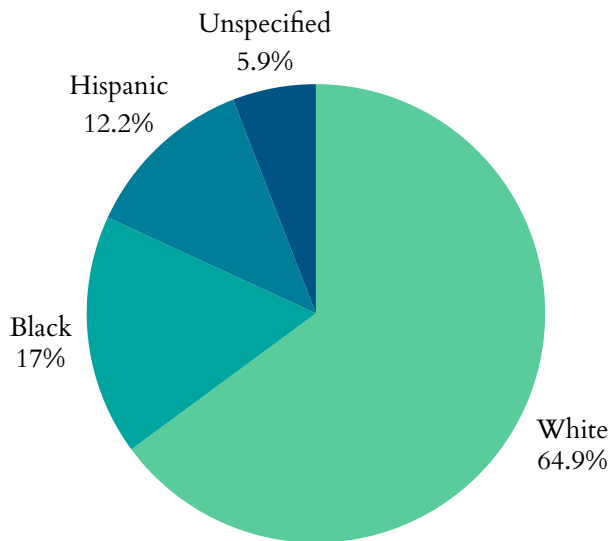
- **6,787** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (8.6% of births).
- **8,714** preterm births (<37wks) in 2023 (11.04%).
 - 10.50% of all White babies
 - 14.75% of all Black babies
- **3,605** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023—a rate of 16 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **524** infants aged <1yr died in 2023—a rate of 6.6 per 1,000.

Maternal Mortality

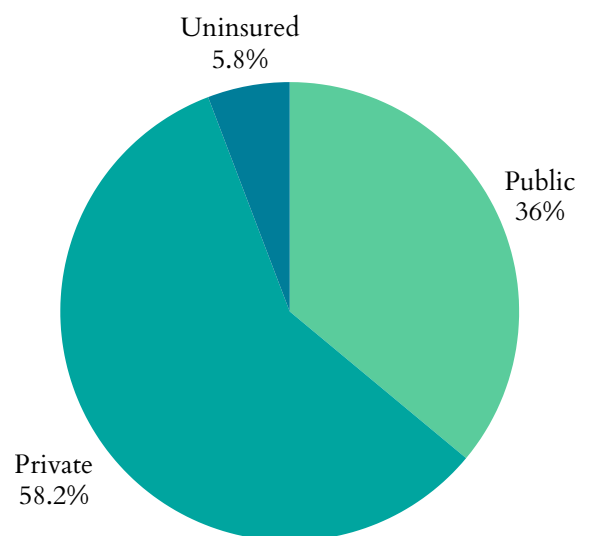
- From 2018 to 2022, **124** Indiana women died while pregnant, or within 42 days post pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents.
- For every 100,000 live births in Indiana, there are **31** maternal deaths.

- **102,000** children had no health insurance in 2024 (4.1% increase from 2023).
- **629,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2024 (0.5% increase from 2023).
- **105,116** children in Indiana were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (14.6% decrease from 2020).

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2024



Medicaid Expansion

Indiana has been a **Medicaid expansion** state since 02/01/2015

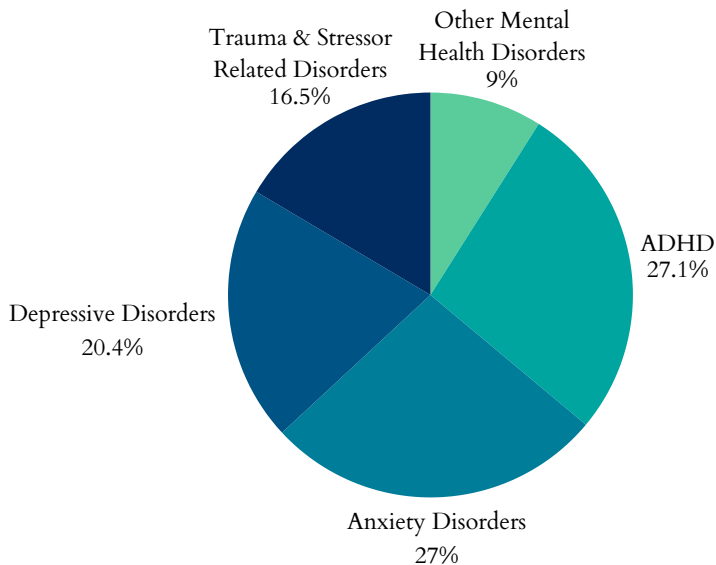


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Zero to Three

- **59.8%** of babies live above low-income
- **21.9%** of babies live at low income
- **18.3%** of babies live in poverty
- **10.0%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **77.5%** of new parents have at least one parent working full time

Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2023



Prenatal Substance Exposure

- In 2024, Indiana reported **536** infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Indiana reported **249** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Family First

- Plan approved on **October 1, 2021**
- **6,091** children were served in 2023
 - **\$6,230** spent per child on direct-services
- **\$37,949,916** pulled down in federal dollars from Title IV-E (100% in direct-service costs)

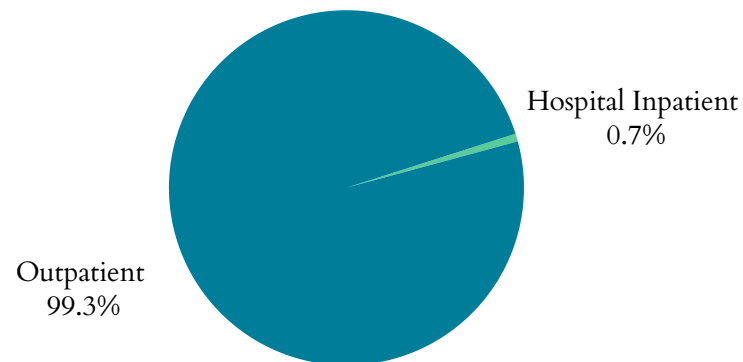
Teens & Youth

- **29,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2024 (8%)
- **74** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Indiana in 2024.

Mental Health

- **56,882** children received mental health treatment in Indiana in 2023 (3.0%)
- From 2021-2023, there were **11.1** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Indiana.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2024



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of **56,313** children in Indiana (2.5% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 29, 2024, **2,093** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

