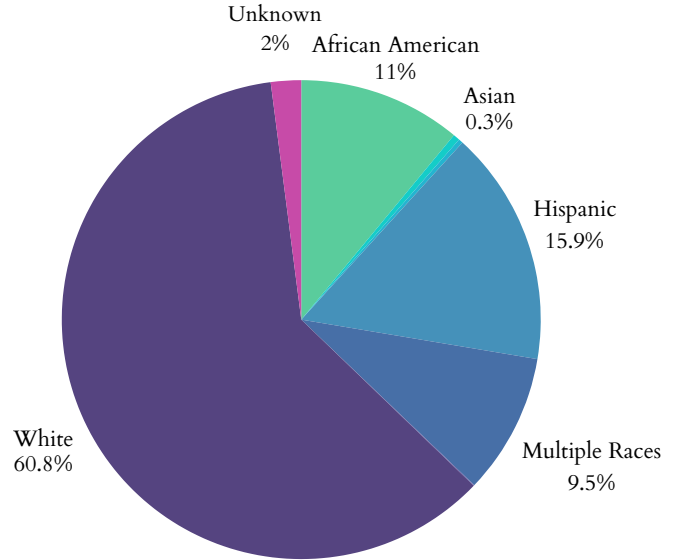


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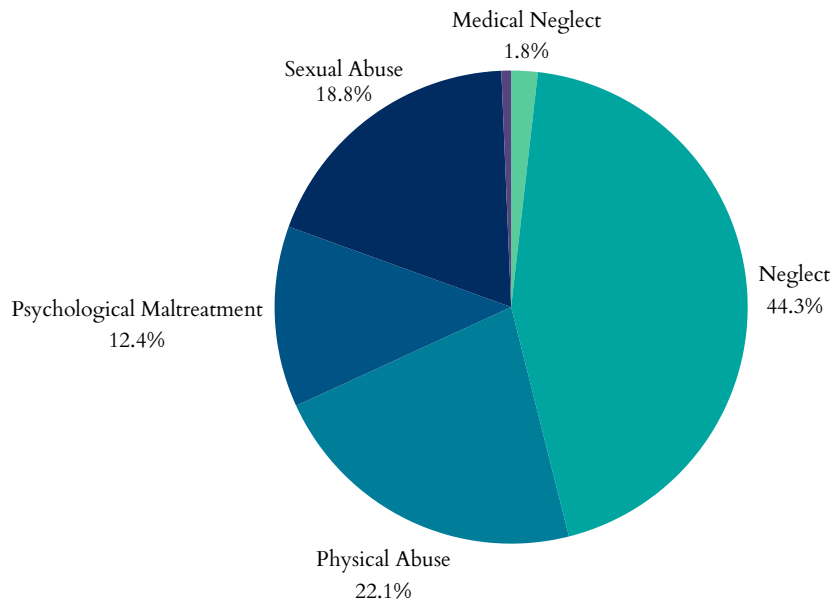
Child Maltreatment

- In 2024, Kansas had **50,902** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. **24,413** referrals were screened in for response by CPS.
- **2,008** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **2.9** children per 1,000 (**15.8%** decrease since 2020).
- Of the **2,008** children, **1,797** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **185** of the **2,008** cases.

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2024



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2024):

- **68.3%** = parents of the child.
- **31.7%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2024):

- **56.4%** = female; **43.6%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **12** in 2023 to **16** in 2024.
- Kansas reported **15** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **1,089** victims and **7,269** non-victims.

Workforce

There are **3,380** children, family, and school social workers in Kansas with a mean wage of **\$26.67** (compared to Kansas's 2024 minimum wage: **\$7.25**)

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

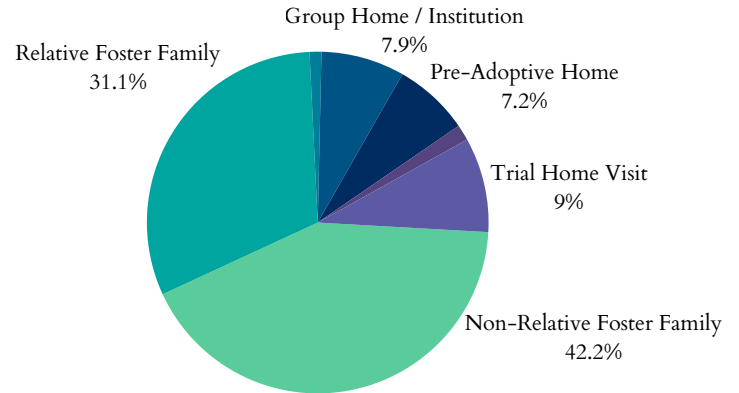


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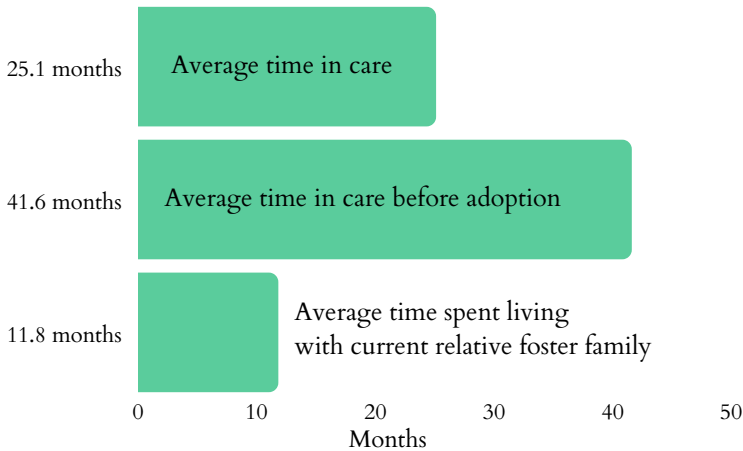
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **8,908** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2024.
- **6,168** in care as of 09/30/2024.
- During FY 2024, **2,545** children entered care and **2,740** exited.
- **744** children were adopted; **1,977** had a permanency plan for adoption.
- **3.8%** decrease in the number of children in care and a **9.9%** decrease in the number of children adopted from care from FY 2023 to FY 2024.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2023



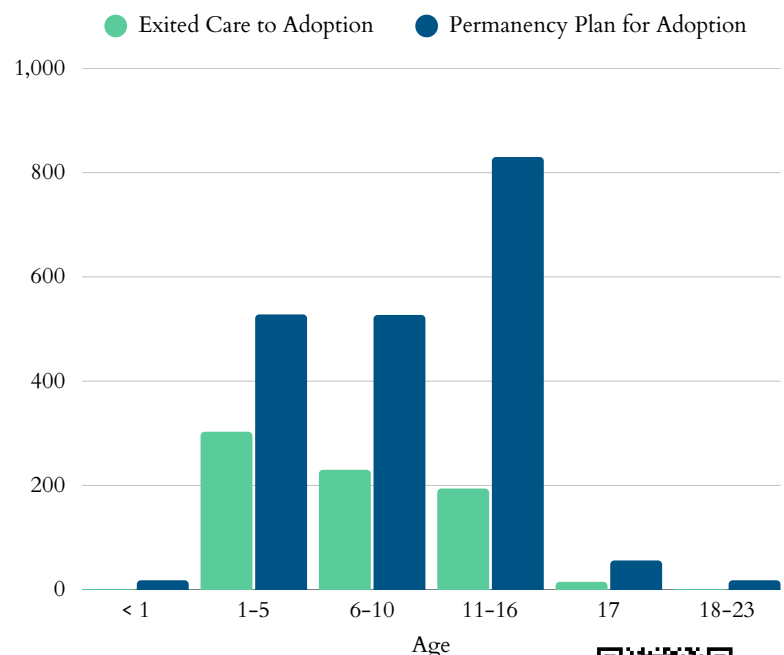
Duration in Care, 2023



- In 2023, **2,717** children were living with non-relative foster families; **2,003** stayed with a relative.
- **509** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **97** children were classified as runaways.
- There are **43,237** grandparents living with their grandchildren under 18. Of those, **40.3%** are responsible for their grandchildren.

In FY 2024, **428** children transitioned from foster care to independence. This is a **8.9%** increase from **393** in FY 2023

Age Distribution of Adoptions, 2024



Juvenile Justice

- **5,736** total arrests for youth under 18 in 2023
- A total of **285** youth were in a correctional placement in 2023; a **18.8%** decrease since 2021
 - **11.6%** of the youth are ≤ 14 years old
 - **36.4%** are Black youth
 - **45.5%** are White youth
 - **91.6%** males and **8.4%** females
- Black youth represent **37.9%** of all correctional placements; **42.1%** for White youth in 2023

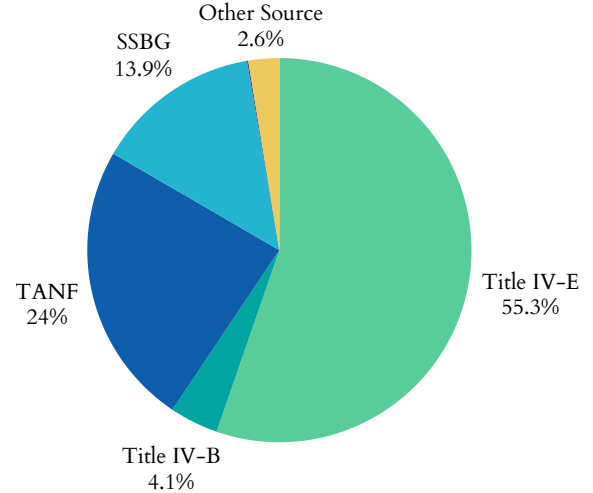


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Kansas spent **\$430,754,181.52** on child welfare services in 2022.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$136,084,477.95** = from the federal government.
- **\$286,905,089.18** = from state and local funds.

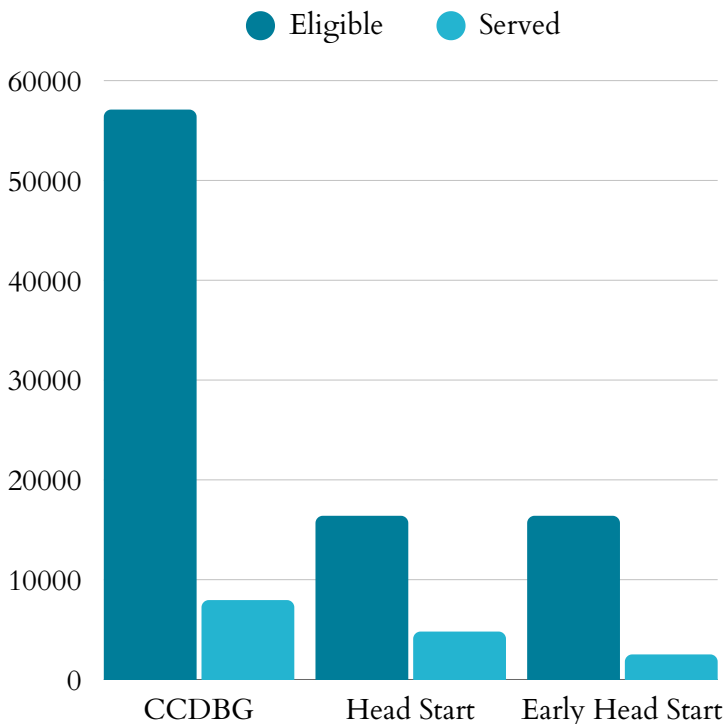
Federal Funding Sources, 2022



The significant funding sectors of the **\$136,084,477.95** in federal funding received in Kansas in 2022:

- **\$29,986,573.93** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$29,293,471.27** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Kansas's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$24,330,237**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **29%** of Head Start eligible children are served
- **15%** of Early Head Start eligible children are served
- **14%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$15,156** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$7,639** annual cost of home-based infant care

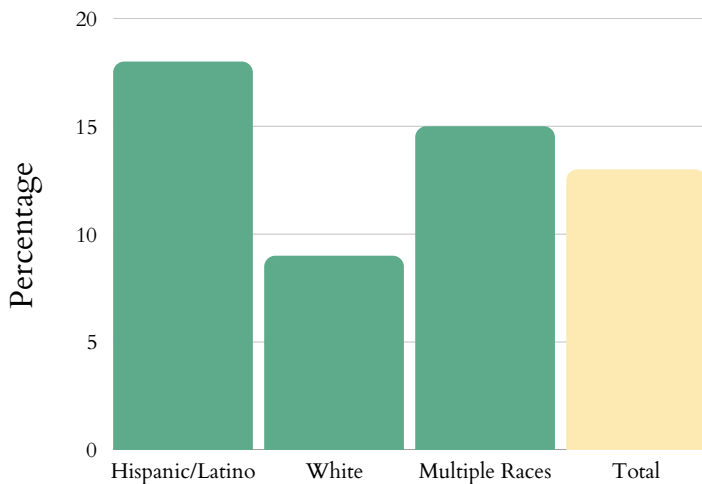


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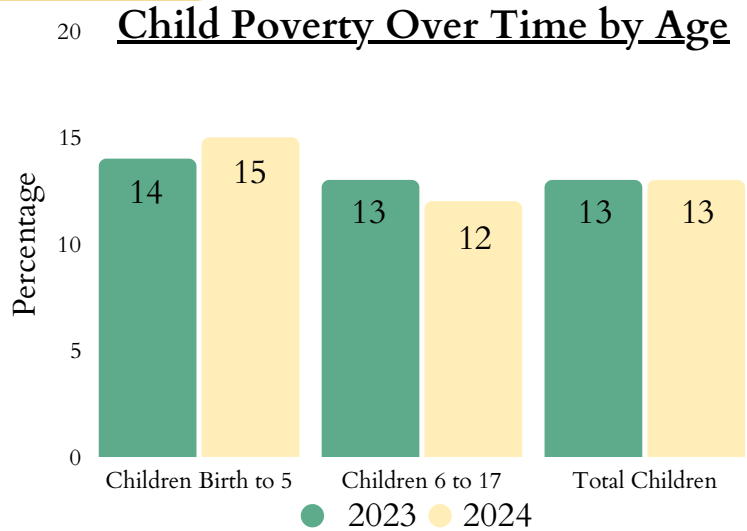
Child Poverty

- **128,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (19% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **2,933** in 2024 to **2,804** in 2025 (4.4% decrease).

Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Note: Data unavailable for other races.

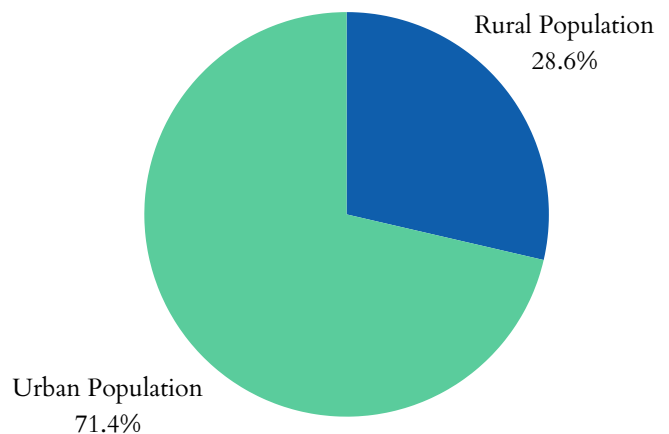


- The state spent **\$34,831,210** on WIC in 2025, serving **49,366** people: a 2.4% increase in total participants and an 11.1% increase in spending since 2024.
- **410,760** people were food insecure in 2023, including 126,260 children.
- 41.4% of households receiving SNAP benefits had children.

Housing

- **2,580** children, from birth to three-years-old, experienced homelessness in 2023 (1.86%).
- **25.6%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18 in 2023.
- **21%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden in 2023.
- **11,177** total Kansas residents living in public housing in 2025.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Kansas, 2020



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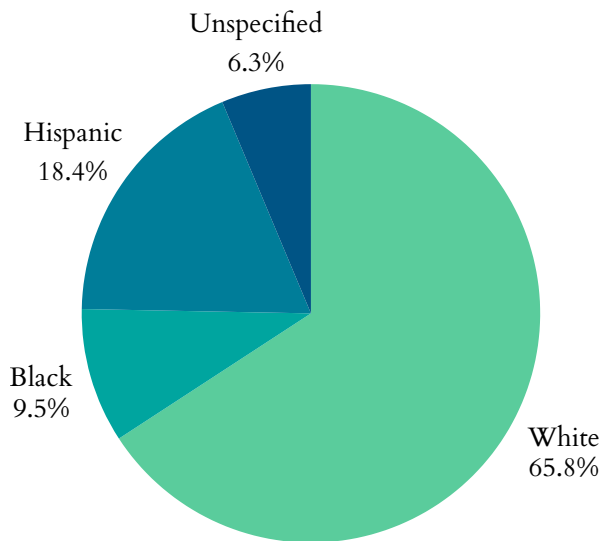
- **2,604** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) were born in 2023 (7.6% of births).
- **3,559** preterm births (<37wks) in 2023 (10.45%).
 - 10.15% of all White babies
 - 15.29% of all Black babies
- **1,536** births to mothers aged 15–19 in 2023—a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **203** infants aged <1yr died in 2023—a rate of 6 per 1,000.

Maternal Mortality

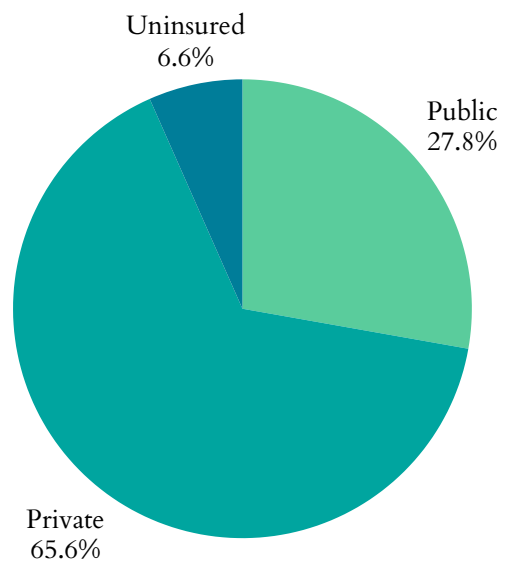
- From 2018 to 2022, **40** Kansas women died while pregnant or within 42 days post-pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents.
- For every 100,000 live births in Kansas, there are **23** maternal deaths.

- **51,000** children had no health insurance in 2024 (24.4% increase from 2023).
- **213,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2024 (6.6% decrease from 2023).
- **65,275** children in Kansas were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (5.3% decrease from 2020).

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2024



Medicaid Expansion

Kansas is not a Medicaid expansion state.

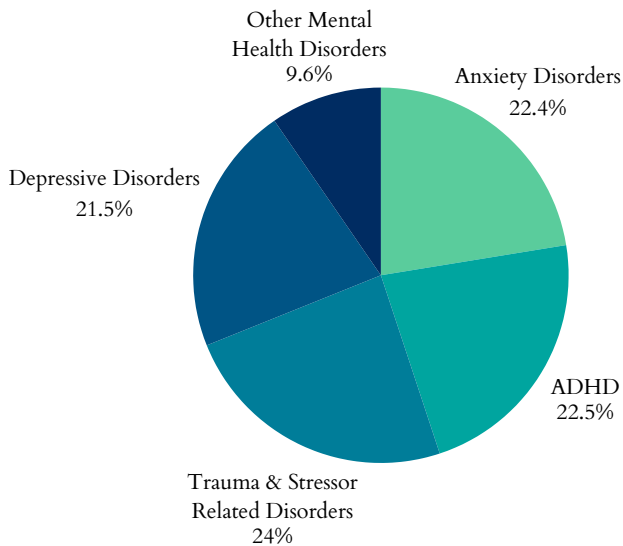


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Zero to Three

- **59.7%** of babies live above low-income
- **23.5%** of babies live at low income
- **16.8%** of babies live in poverty
- **8.3%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **78.7%** of new parents have at least one parent working full time

Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2023



Prenatal Substance Exposure

- In 2024, Kansas reported **39** infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Kansas did not report the number of plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

Family First

- Plan approved on **October 1, 2019**
- **961** children were served in 2023
 - \$895.21 spent per child on direct-services
- **\$5,841,834** pulled down in federal dollars from Title IV-E
 - \$682,745 (11.7% in admin/training costs)
 - \$5,159,089 (88.3% in direct-service costs)

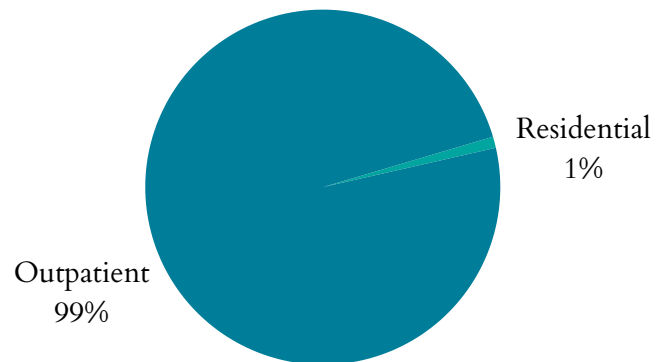
Teens & Youth

- **9,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (5%).
- There were **41** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Kansas in 2024.

Mental Health

- **14,068** children received mental health treatment in Kansas in 2023 (0.7%)
- From 2021-2023, there were **16.7** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Kansas.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of **18,620** children in Kansas (1.7% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 29, 2024, **976** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

