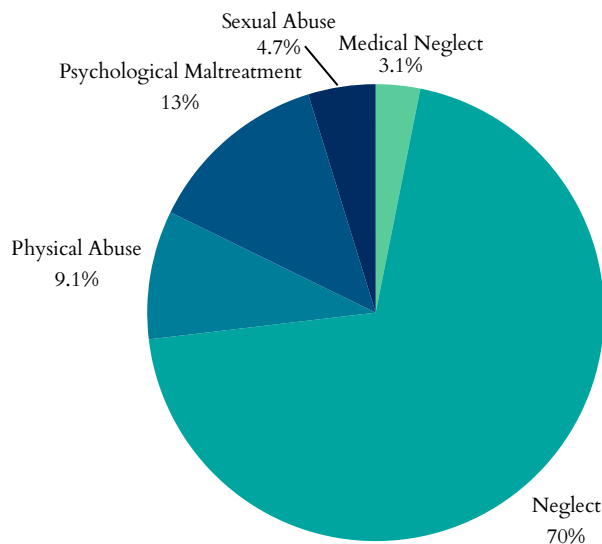


New Hampshire's Children

Child Maltreatment

- In 2024, New Hampshire had **19,150** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **9,931** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **1,328** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of **5.3** children per 1,000 (**12.4%** increase since 2020).
- Of the **1,328** children, **983** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing **157** of the **1,328** cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

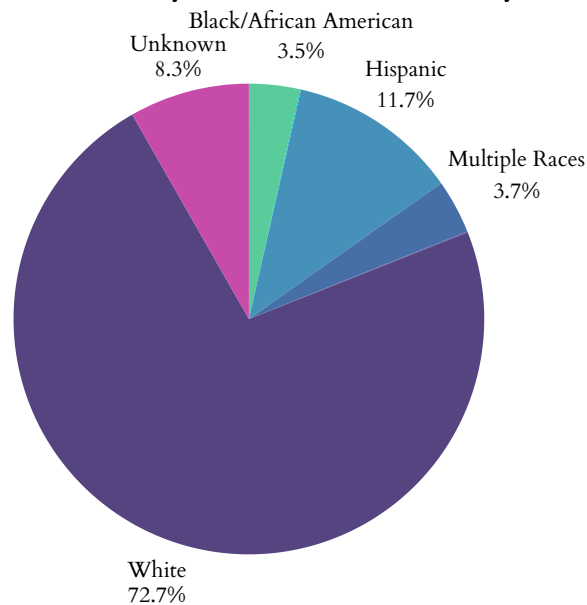


Workforce

There are **1,130** children, family, and school social workers in New Hampshire with a mean wage of **\$31.67** (compared to New Hampshire's 2024 minimum wage: **\$7.25**)



Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2024):

- **89.6%** = parents of the child.
- **10.4%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2024):

- **51.67%** = female; **48.3%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **2** in 2023 to **4** in 2024.
- New Hampshire reported **33** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **772** victims and **2,130** non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

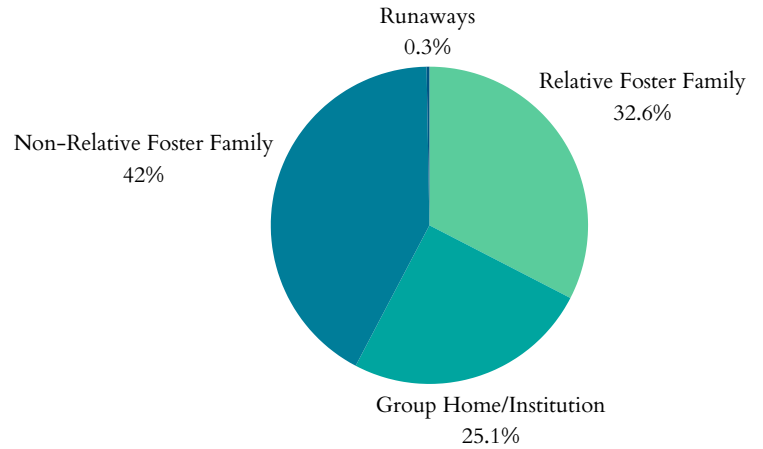


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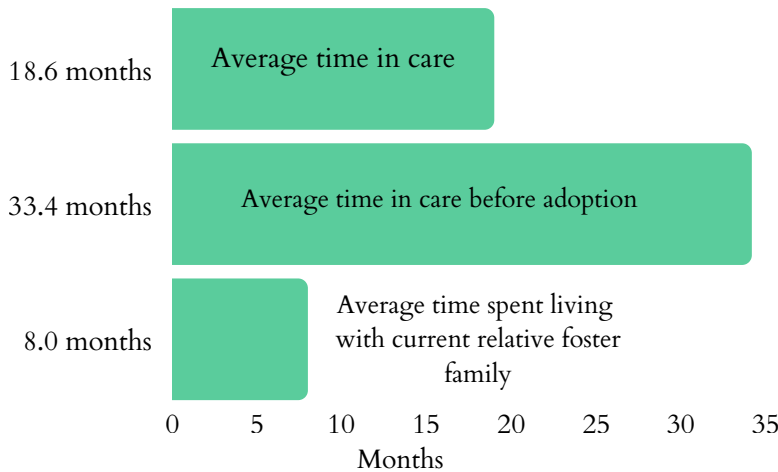
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **1,792** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2024.
- **1,161** in care as of 09/30/2024.
- During FY 2024, **722** children entered care and **631** exited.
- **143** children were adopted; **284** were waiting to be adopted.
- **0.17%** decrease in the number of children in care and a **31.2%** 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



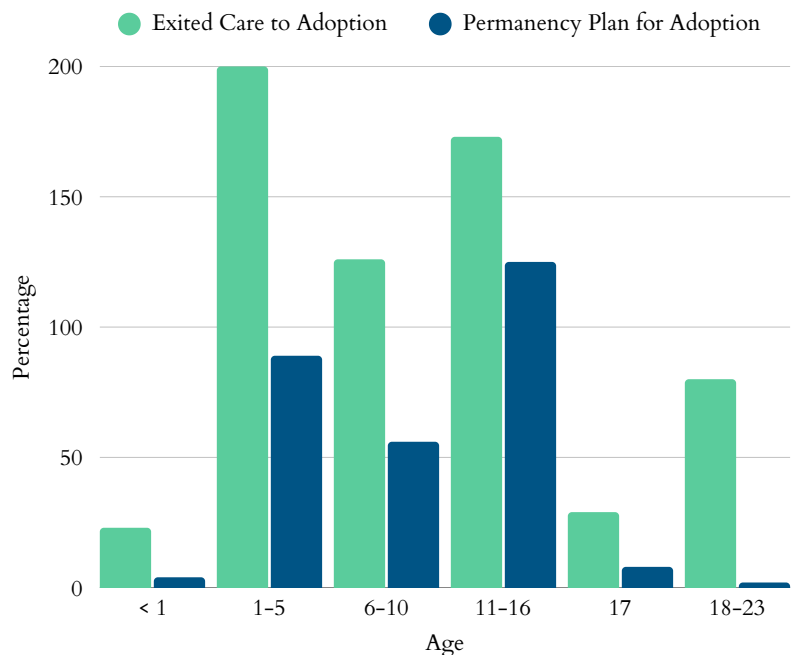
- In 2023, **445** children were living with non-relative foster family; **345** lived with a relative.
- **266** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **3** children classified as runaways.
- There are **21,457** grandparents living with their grandchildren under 18. Of these, **26.3%** are responsible for their grandchildren.

In 2024, **77** children transitioned from foster care to independence. This is a **28.33%** increase from **60** in 2023.

Juvenile Justice

- **6,454** total arrests for youth under 18 in 2023
- A total of **33** youth were in a correctional placement in 2023; a **145%** increase since 2021
 - **18.18%** of the youth are ≤ 14 years old
 - **0%** are Black youth
 - **50%** are White youth
 - **91%** males and **9%** females
- Black youth represent **9.1%** of all correctional placements; **72.7%** for White youth in 2023

Age Distribution of Adoptions, 2024

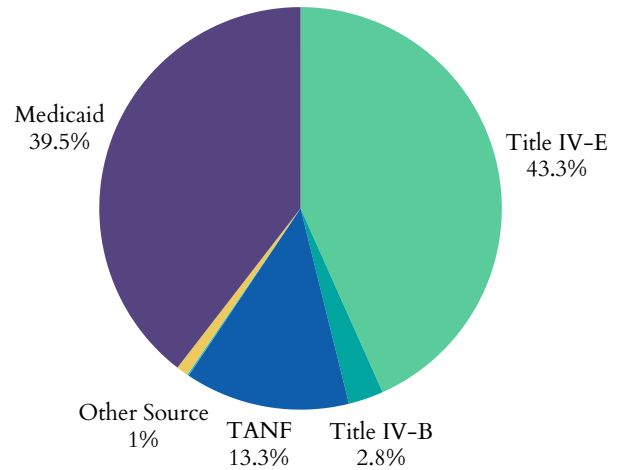


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- New Hampshire spent **\$74,253,743** on child welfare services in 2022.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$57,916,742** = from the federal government
- **\$14,415,286** = from state and local funds

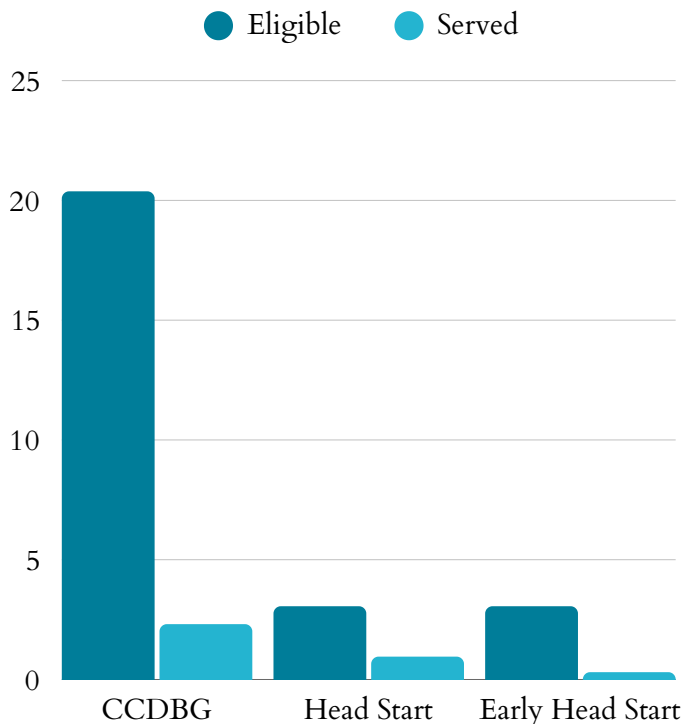
Federal Funding Sources, 2022



The significant funding sectors of the **\$72,851,957.00** in federal funding received in New Hampshire in 2022:

- **\$19,868,997** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$4,615,851** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- New Hampshire's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$6,557,037**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **31%** of Head Start eligible children are served
- **10%** of Early Head Start eligible children are served
- **11%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$16,040** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$11,708** annual cost of home-based infant care

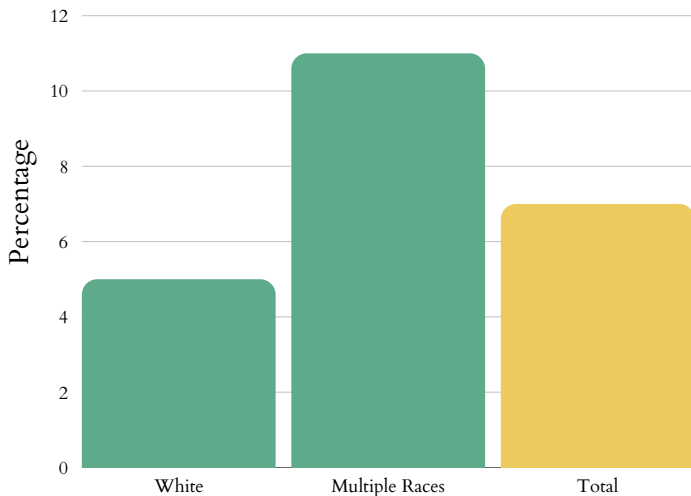


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Child Poverty

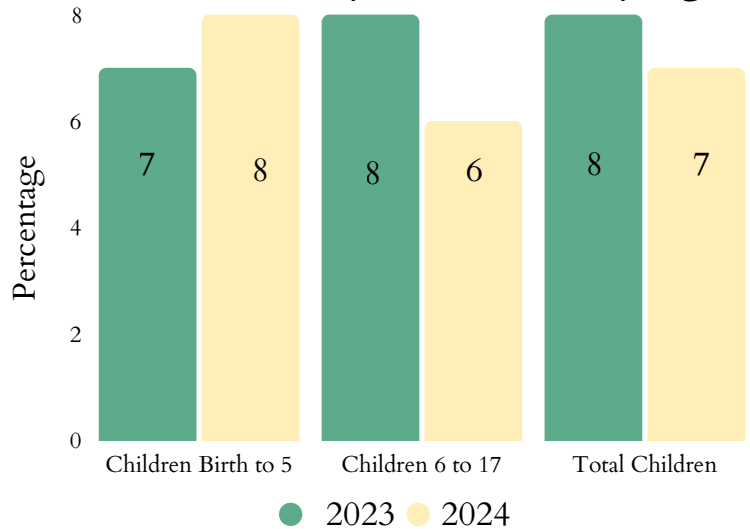
- **48,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2022 (19% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **5,072** in 2024 to **5,061** in 2025 (0.2% decrease).

Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Note: Data unavailable for other races

Child Poverty Over Time by Age

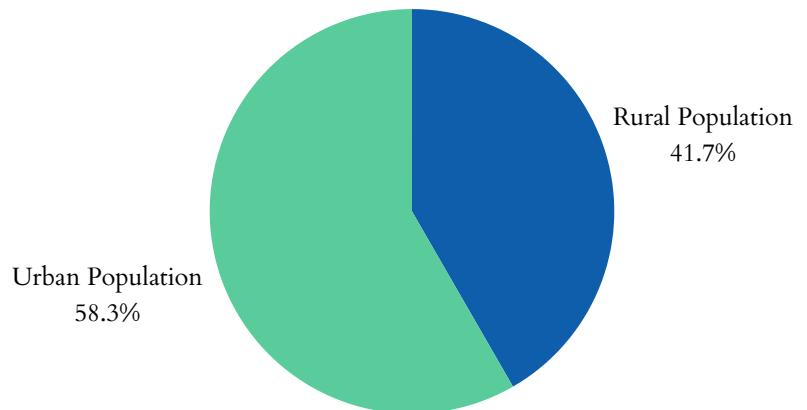


- The state spent **\$7,259,021** on WIC in 2025, serving **12,204** people: a 2.21% decrease in total participants and 1.22% decrease in spending since 2024.
- **135,200** people were food insecure in 2023, including 33,720 children.
- **41.9%** of households receiving SNAP benefits had children.

Housing

- **1,212** children, from birth to three-years-old, experienced homelessness in 2023 (2.44%)
- **26.7%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18 in 2023
- **26%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden in 2023.
- **5,065** total New Hampshire residents living in public housing in 2025

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of New Hampshire, 2020



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Health

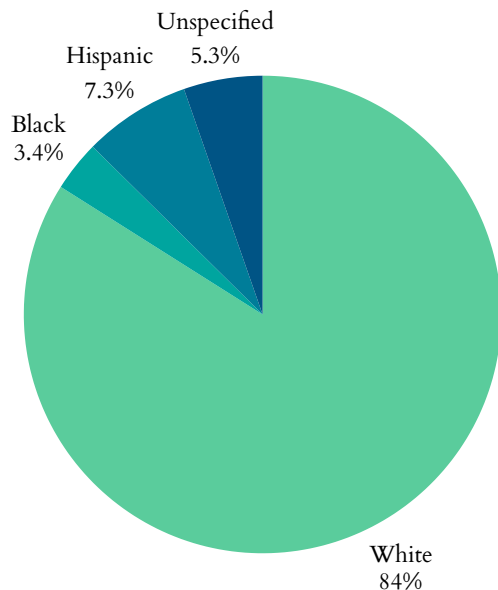
- **809** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (6.8% of births).
- **992** preterm births (<37wks) in 2023 (8.32% of births).
 - 8.26% of all White babies
 - 11.18% of all Black babies
- **186** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023—a rate of 5 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **37** infants aged <1yr died in 2023—a rate of 3 per 1,000.

Maternal Mortality

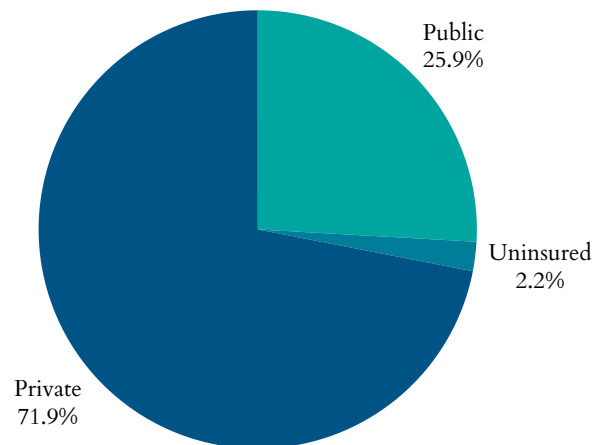
- From 2018 to 2022, **11** New Hampshire women died while pregnant, or within 42 days post pregnancy from any cause relating to or aggravated by said pregnancy, excluding accidents and incidents

- **6,000** children had no health insurance in 2024 (33.3% decrease from 2023).
- **71,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2024 (10.1% decrease from 2023).
- **20,261** children in New Hampshire were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (18.4% increase from 2020).

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2024



Medicaid Expansion

New Hampshire has been a Medicaid expansion state since 08/15/2014.

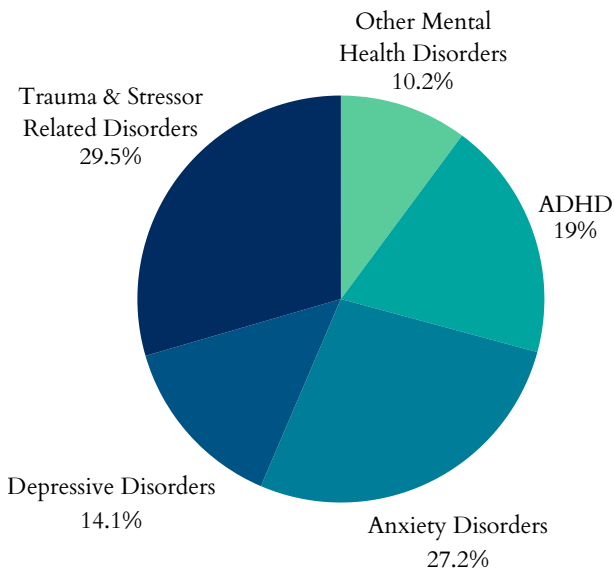


New Hampshire's Children

Zero to Three

- **74.6%** of babies live above low-income
- **16.4%** of babies live at low income
- **9.1%** of babies live in poverty
- **5.7%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **82.7%** of new parents have at least one parent working full time

Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of **12,613** children in New Hampshire (2.7% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 20th, 2024, **1,542** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD.

Prenatal Substance Exposure

- In 2024, New Hampshire reported **84** infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- New Hampshire reported **44** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

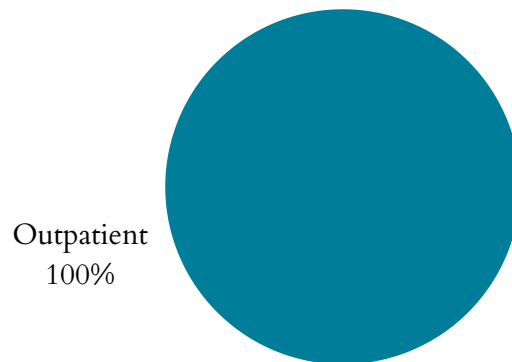
Teens & Youth

- **2,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (6%)
- New Hampshire **did not report** the number of children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in 2024.

Mental Health

- **12,578** children received mental health treatment in New Hampshire in 2024 (0.7%)
- In 2021 to 2023, there were **9.6** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2024



Family First

- Plan approved on **October 1, 2021**
- In 2023, **93** children were served
- **\$2,346.53** spent per child on direct-services
- **\$1,302,933** pulled down in federal dollars from Title IV-E
 - **\$605** (0.05% in admin/training costs)
 - **\$1,302,328** (99.95% in direct-service costs)

