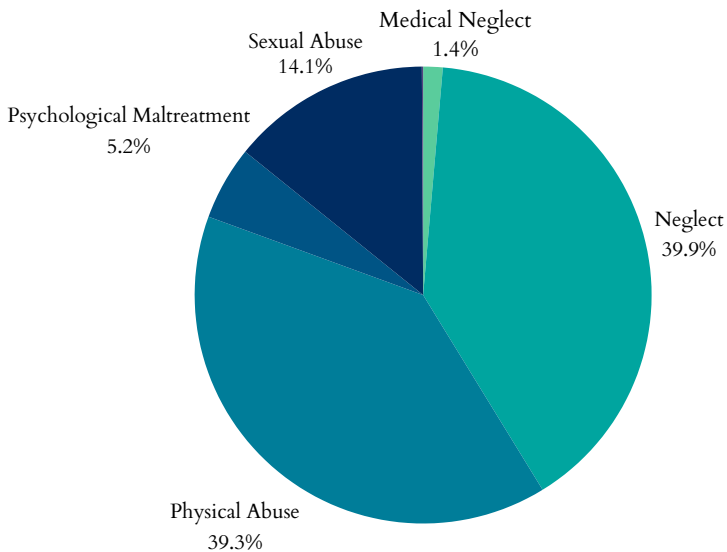


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Child Maltreatment

- In 2024, Ohio had **198,540** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **69,364** were screened in for response by CPS.
- **19,381** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 7.5 children per 1,000 (18.2% decrease since 2020).
- Of the **19,381** children, **14,009** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 years**, representing 2,733 of the 19,381 cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

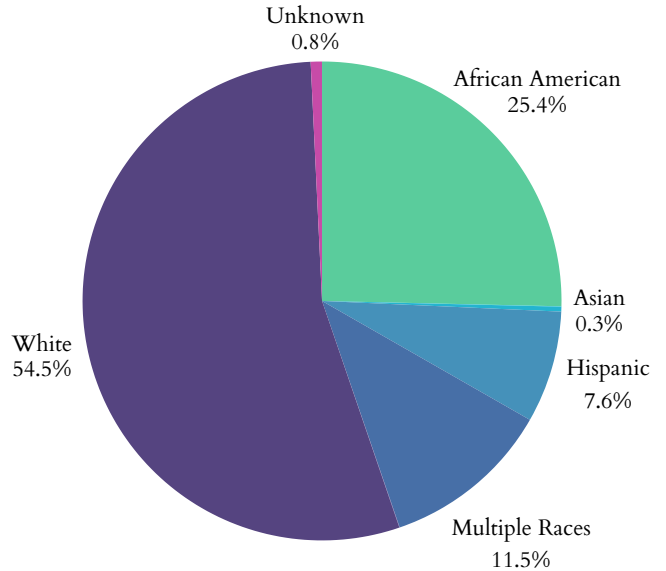


Workforce

There are **15,240** children, family, and school social workers in Ohio with a mean wage of **\$26.22** (compared to Ohio's 2024 minimum wage: **\$10.45**)



Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2024):

- **63.7%** = parents of the child.
- **36.3%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2024):

- **53.8%** = female; **46%** = male.

- Child fatalities decreased from **140** in 2023 to **134** in 2024.
- Ohio reported **22** total child victim of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **12,956** victims and **23,128** non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

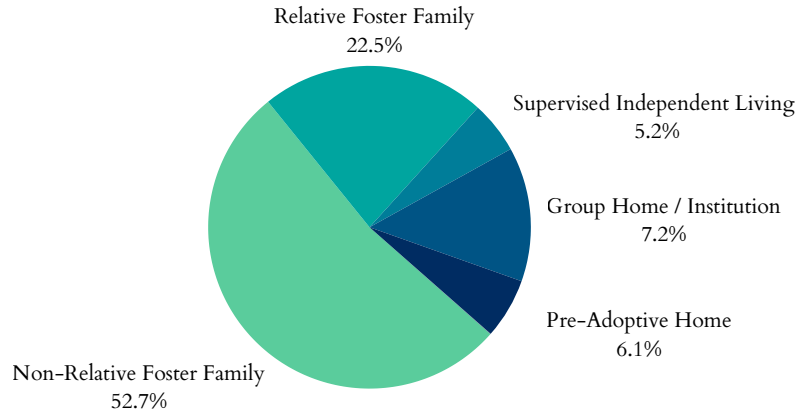


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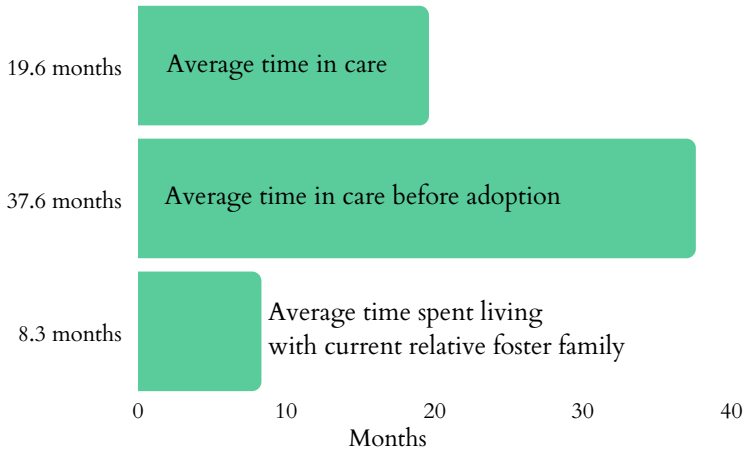
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **23,987** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2024.
- **14,364** children in care as of 09/30/2024.
- During FY 2024, **9,062** children entered care and **9,623** exited.
- **1,527** children were adopted; **3,758** had a permanency plan for adoption.
- **5.5%** decrease in the number of children in care and a **5.5%** increase in the number of children adopted from care from FY 2023-2024.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2023



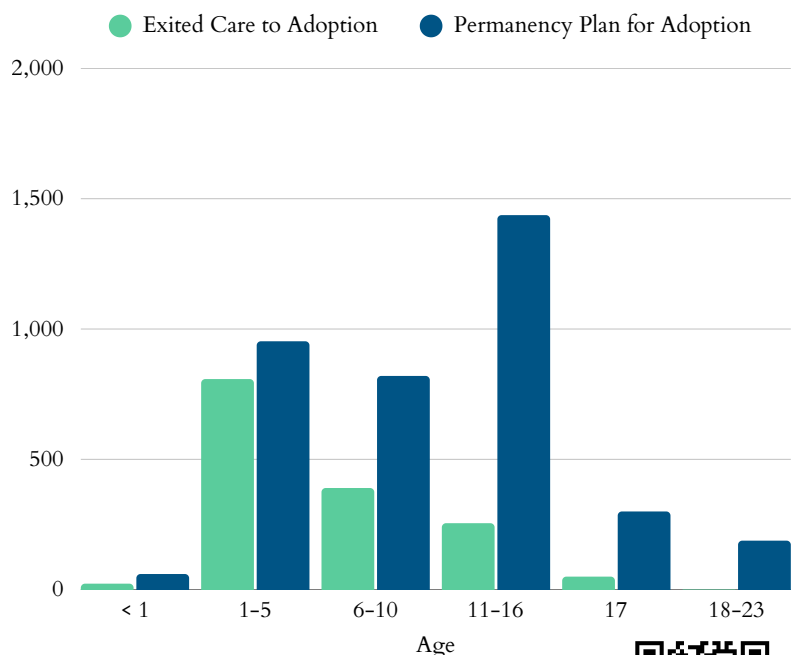
Duration in Care, 2023



- In 2023, **8,211** children were living with non-relatives foster families; **3,512** stayed with a relative.
- **2,101** children were staying in group homes or institutions; Ohio did not report children who were classified as runaways.
- There are **191,529** grandparents living with their grandchildren under 18. Of those, **40.7%** are responsible for their grandchildren.

In FY 2024, **1,319** children transitioned from foster care to independence. This is a **3.5%** increase from **1,274** in FY 2023

Age Distribution of Adoptions, 2024



Juvenile Justice

- **20,641** total arrests for youth under 18 in 2023
- A total of **1,824** youth were in a correctional placement in 2023; a **23.6%** increase since 2021
 - **15.5%** of the youth are ≤ 14 years old
 - **42.6%** are Black youth
 - **51.1%** are White youth
 - **87.3%** males and **12.8%** females
- Black youth represent **56.3%** of all correctional placements; **35.4%** for White youth in 2023

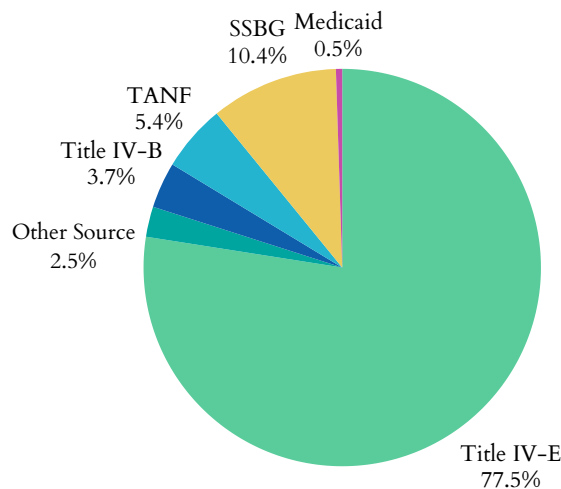


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Ohio spent **\$1,340,410,043.43** on child welfare services in 2022.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$579,353,290.90** = from the federal government.
- **\$759,415,339.19** = from state and local funds.

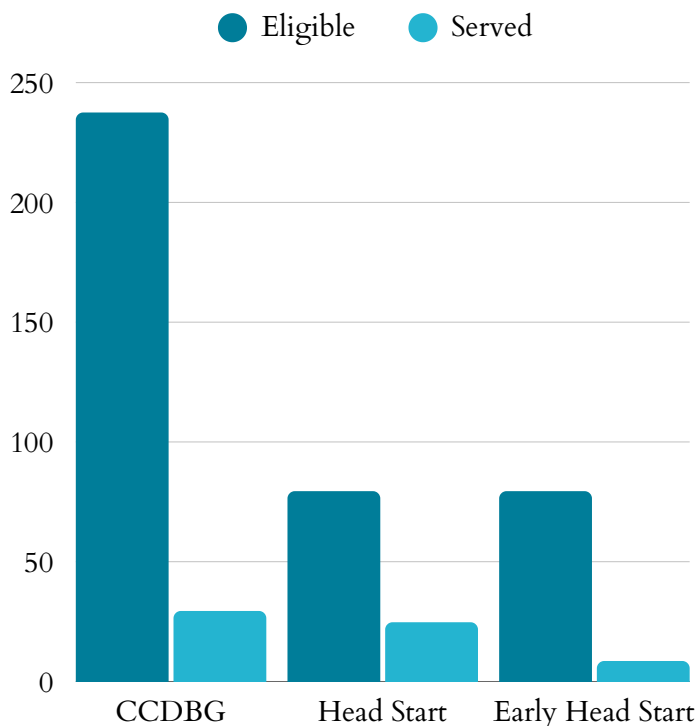
Federal Funding Sources, 2022



The significant funding sectors of the **\$579,353,290.90** in federal funding received in Ohio in 2022:

- **\$219,891,445** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$185,709,661** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Ohio's sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$130,204,382**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **31%** of Head Start eligible children are served
- **11%** of Early Head Start eligible children are served
- **12%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$13,780** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$10,556** annual cost of home-based infant care

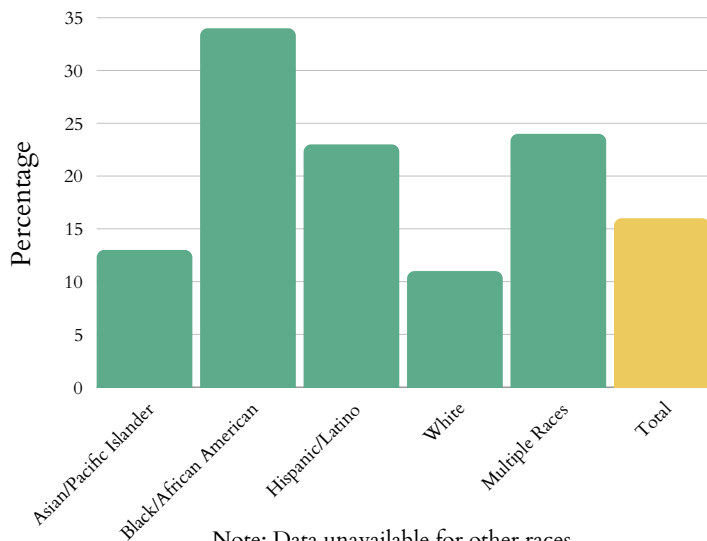


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Child Poverty

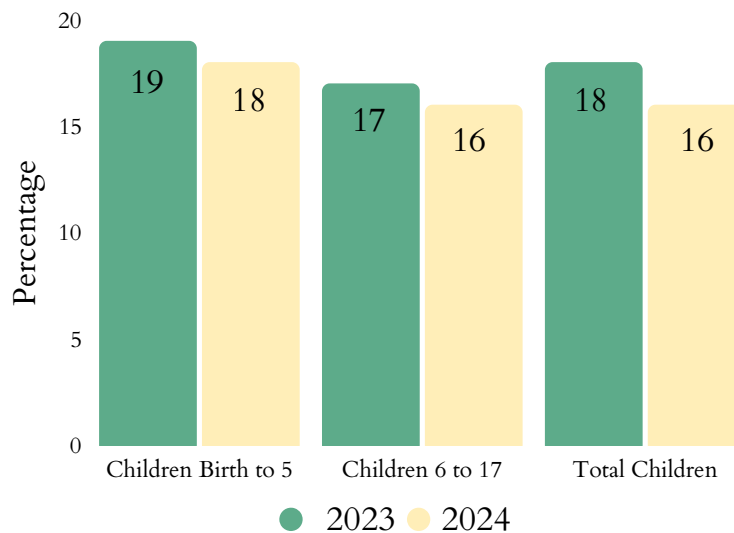
- **684,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (27% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients fell from **70,023** in 2024 to **65,887** in 2025 (5.9% decrease).

Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Note: Data unavailable for other races.

Child Poverty Over Time by Age

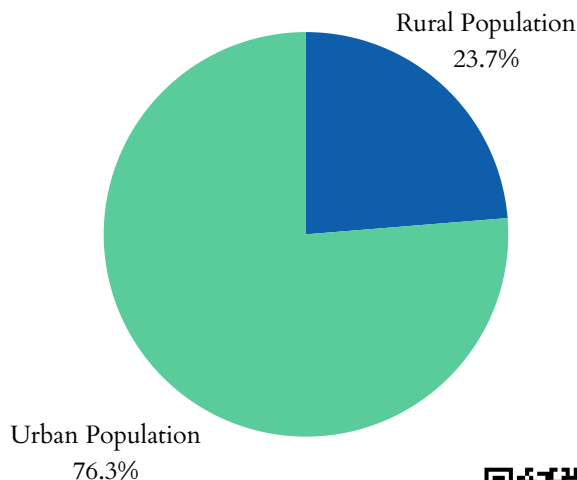


- The state spent **\$139,231,149** on WIC in 2025, serving **180,722** people: a 1.1% increase in total participants and 15.6% increase in spending since 2024.
- **1,800,530** people were food insecure in 2023, including 517,450 children.
- 40.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits had children.

Housing

- **10,349** children, from birth to three-years-old, experienced homelessness in 2023 (1.98%).
- **32.4%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit report having at least one member under 18 in 2023.
- **24%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden in 2023.
- **58,252** total Ohio residents living in public housing in 2025.

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Ohio, 2020

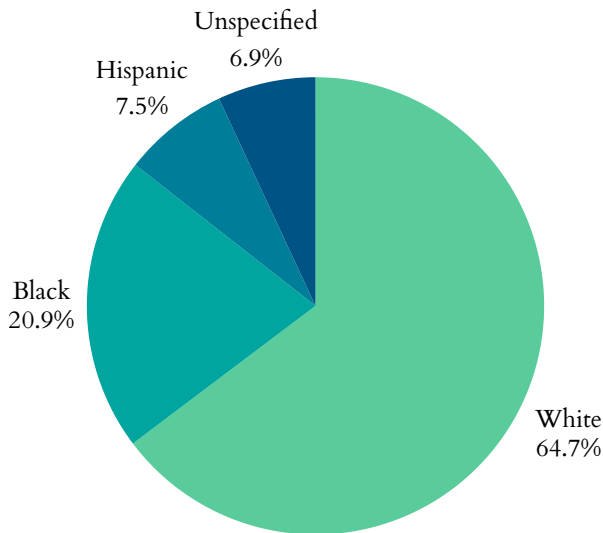


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Health

- **11,092** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (8.7% of births).
- **13,565** preterm births (<37wks) in 2023 (10.7% of births).
 - 9.89% of all White babies
 - 14.08% of all Black babies
- **5,478** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023 — a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **905** infants aged <1yr died in 2023 — a rate of 7.1 per 1,000.

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Medicaid Expansion

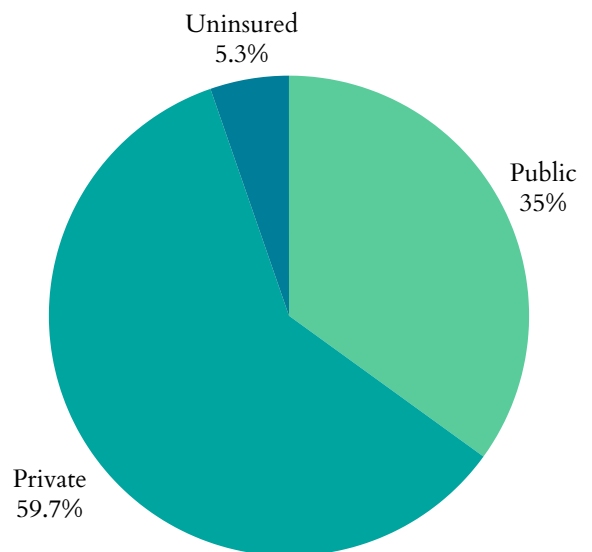
Ohio has been a **Medicaid expansion** state since 01/01/2014.

Maternal Mortality

- From 2018 to 2022, **161** Ohio 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 Ohio, there is **25** maternal deaths.

- **152,000** children had no health insurance in 2024 (12.6% increase from 2023).
- **990,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2024 (4.4% decrease from 2023).
- **220,188** children in Ohio were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (4.3% increase from 2020).

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2024

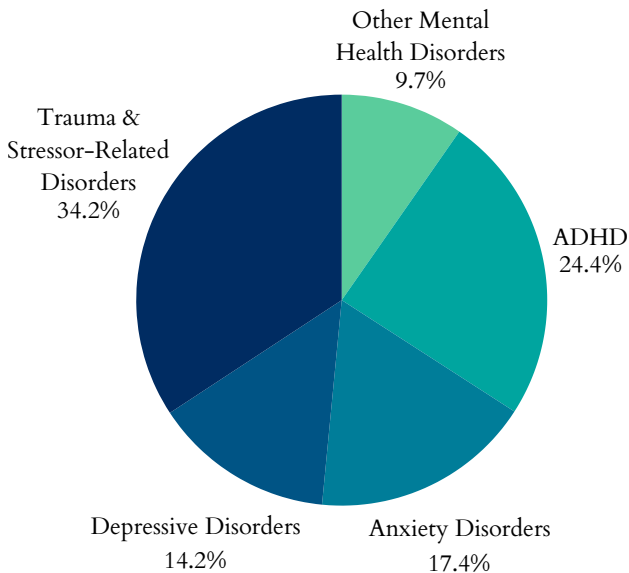


Ohio's Children

Zero to Three

- **55.8%** of babies live above low-income
- **21.6%** of babies live at low income
- **22.6%** of babies live in poverty
- **12.1%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **73.8%** 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 **78,743** children in Ohio (2.0% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 29, 2024, **9,960** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD

Prenatal Substance Exposure

- In 2024, Ohio reported **3,844** infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Ohio reported **3,325** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.

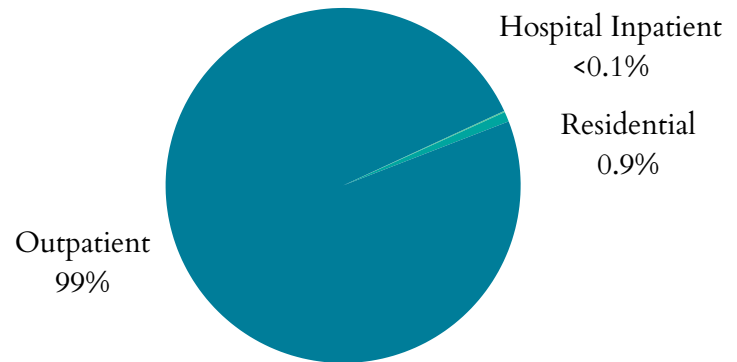
Teens & Youth

- **38,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2024 (6%).
- **123** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Ohio in 2024.

Mental Health

- **31,090** children received mental health treatment in Ohio in 2023 (1.6%).
- In 2021 to 2023, there were **10.4** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Ohio.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2024



Family First

- Plan approved on **November 1, 2021**
- **6** children were served in 2023
 - **\$6,423.25** per child spent on direct-services
- **\$717,085** pulled down in federal dollars from Title IV-E
 - **\$495,480** (69.1% in admin/training costs)
 - **\$221,605** (30.9% in direct-service costs)

