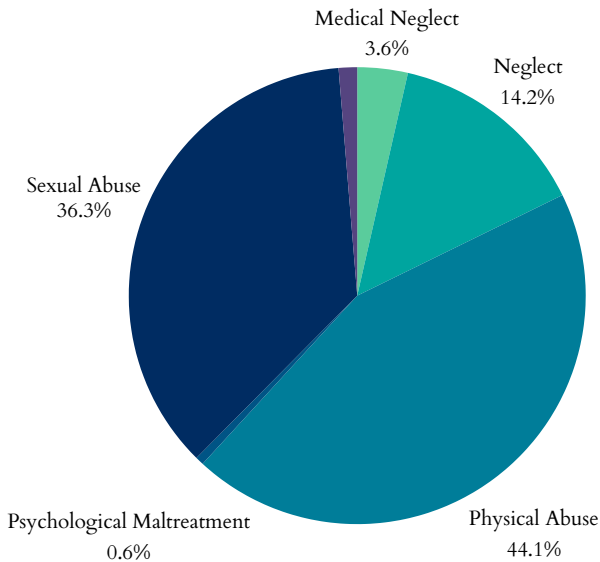


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Child Maltreatment

- In 2024, Pennsylvania had **40,455** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Pennsylvania **did not report** the number that were screened in for response by CPS.
- **4,516** child victims of abuse or neglect, at a rate of 1.7 children per 1,000 (1.4% decrease since 2020).
- Of the 4,516 children, **4,192** were first-time victims.
- Largest age group of victims = **<1 year**, representing 375 of the 4,516 cases.

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

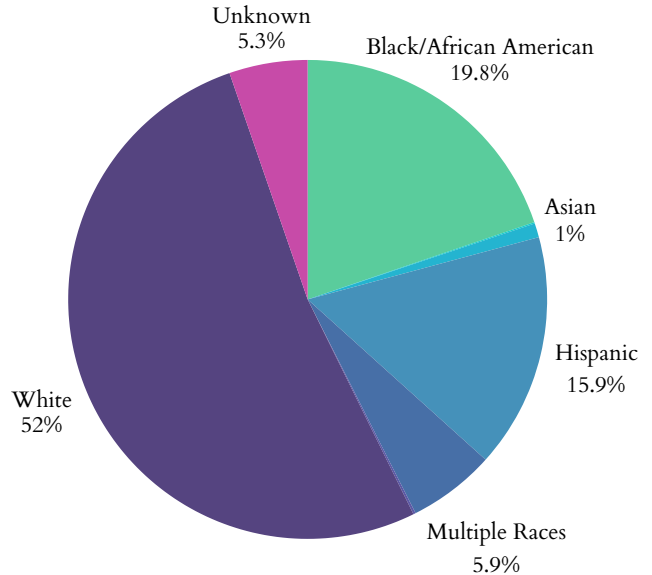


Workforce

There are **18,200** children, family, and school social workers in Pennsylvania with a mean wage of **\$26.68** (compared to Pennsylvania's 2024 minimum wage: **\$7.25**)



Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Perpetrators of child maltreatment (2024):

- **56.5%** = parents of the child.
- **43.5%** = non-parents or unknown relationship.

Child victims (2024):

- **60.14%** = female; **39.6%** = male.

- Child fatalities increased from **50** in 2023 to **71** in 2024.
- Pennsylvania reported **66** total child victims of sex trafficking.
- Post-response services given to **862** victims and **35,694** non-victims.

Age Distribution of Maltreatment Victims, 2024

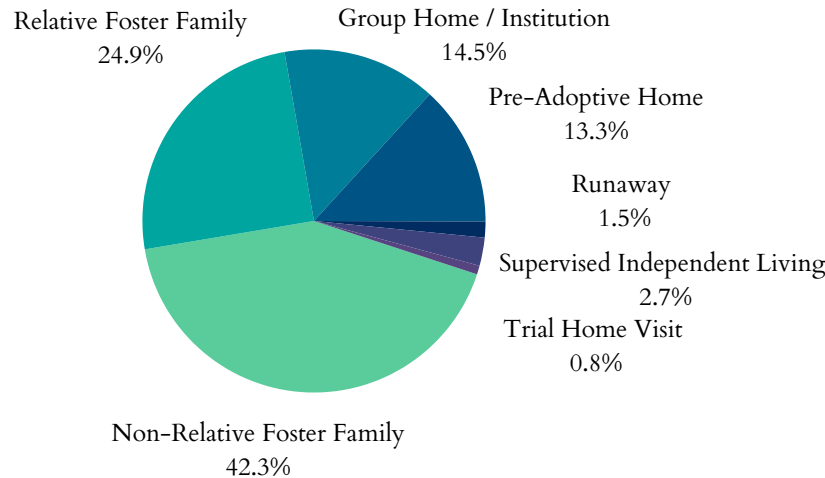


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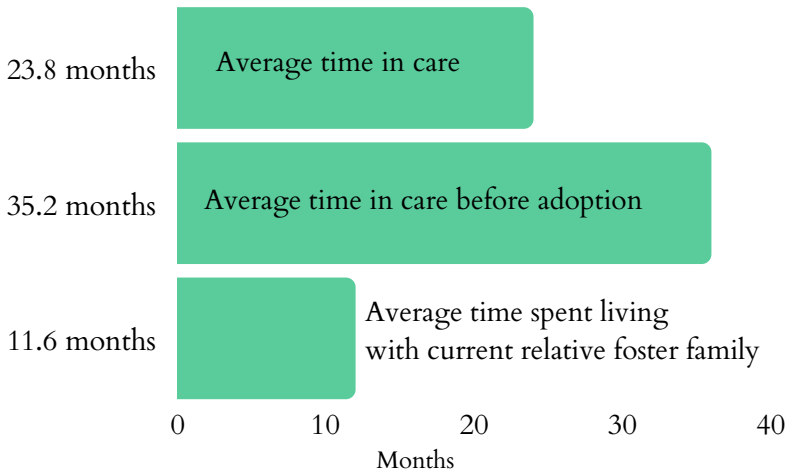
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **17,595** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2024.
- **11,257** children in care as of 09/30/2024.
- During FY 2024, **6,459** children entered care and **6,338** exited.
- **1,162** children were adopted; **2,287** were waiting to be adopted.
- **0.8%** increase in the number of children in care and a **14.4%** decrease in the number of children adopted from care from FY 2023 to 2024.

Where are Children in Foster Care Staying? 2023



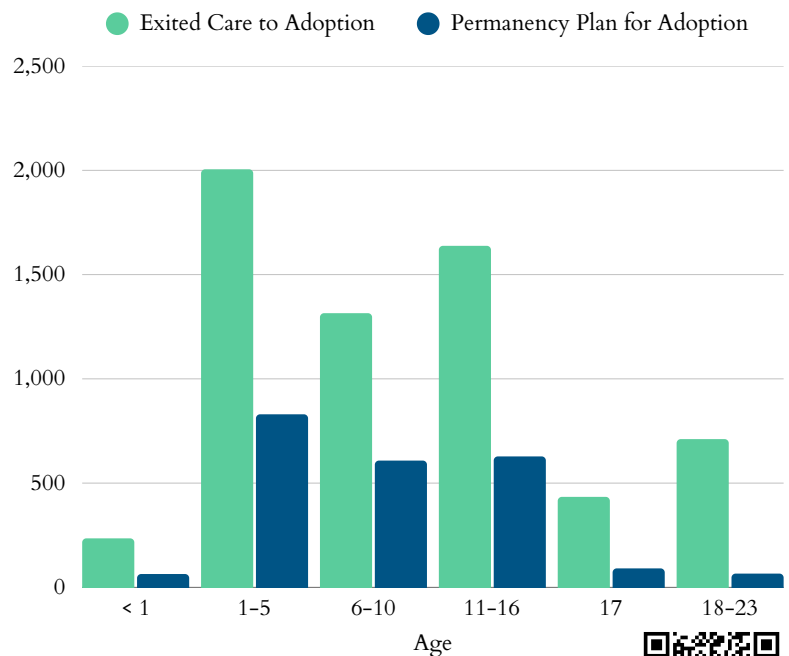
Duration in Care, 2023



- In 2023, **4,400** children were living with non-relative foster family; **2,558** lived with a relative.
- **1,511** children were staying in group homes or institutions; **155** children classified as runaways.
- There are **212,707** grandparents living with their grandchildren under 18. Of these, **33.3%** are responsible for their grandchildren.

In FY 2024, **479** children transitioned from foster care to independence. This is a **13.5%** increase from **442** in FY 2023.

Age Distribution of Adoptions, 2024



Juvenile Justice

- **17,655** total arrests for youth under 18 in 2023
- A total of **1,122** youth were in a correctional placement in 2023; a **11.2%** increase since 2021
 - **14.97%** of the youth are ≤ 14 years old
 - **50%** are Black youth
 - **33.9%** are White youth
 - **82%** males and **18%** females
- Black youth represent **54%** of all correctional placements; **31.8%** for White youth in 2023

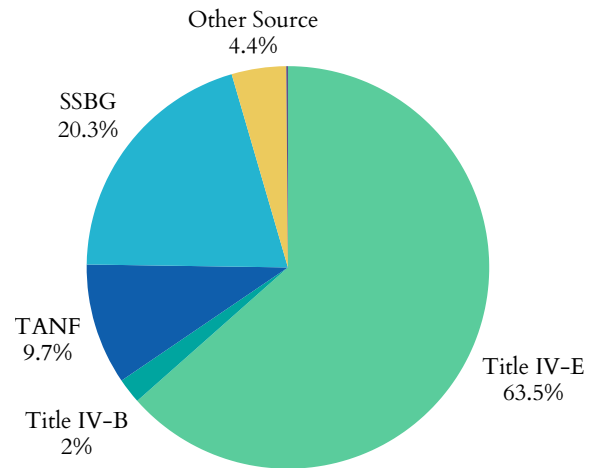


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Funding for Child Welfare Services

- Pennsylvania spent **\$1,859,884,857** on child welfare services in 2022.
 - Child welfare services = direct and administrative services
- **\$485,575,015** = from the federal government
- **\$1,357,764,636** = from state and local funds

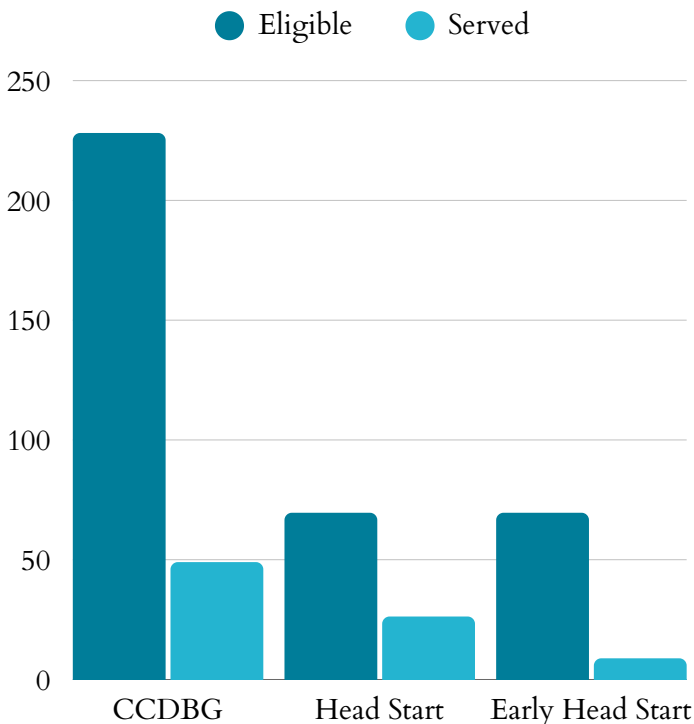
Federal Funding Sources, 2022



The significant funding sectors of the **\$485,575,015** in federal funding received in Pennsylvania in 2022:

- **\$205,769,117** as part of the Title IV-E Total Foster Care Program.
- **\$149,177,121** as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Pennsylvania sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2022 was **\$92,390,274**

Child Care & Early Learning



- **38%** of Head Start eligible children are served
- **13%** of Early Head Start eligible children are served
- **22%** of Child Care & Development Block Grant eligible children 5 and under are served

- **\$14,910** annual cost of center-based infant care
- **\$10,994** annual cost of home-based infant care

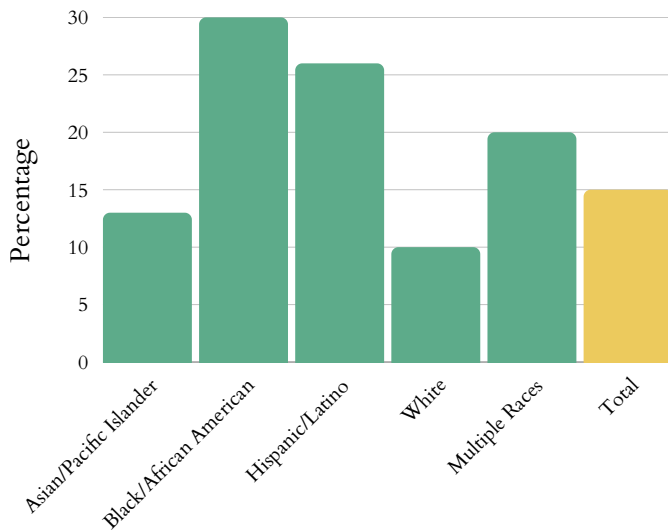


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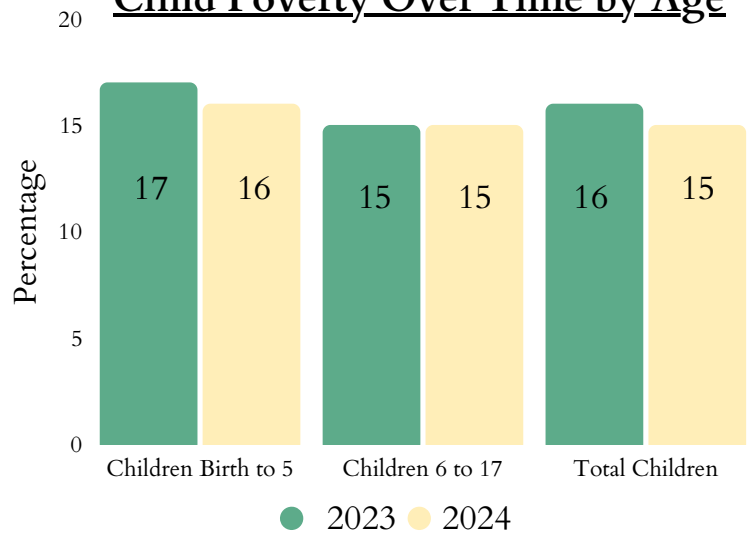
Child Poverty

- **661,000** children lived with parents who lacked secure employment in 2023 (25% of all children).
- Average number of TANF recipients rose from **49,811** in 2024 to **60,064** in 2025 (20.8% increase).

Child Poverty by Race or Ethnicity, 2024



Child Poverty Over Time by Age

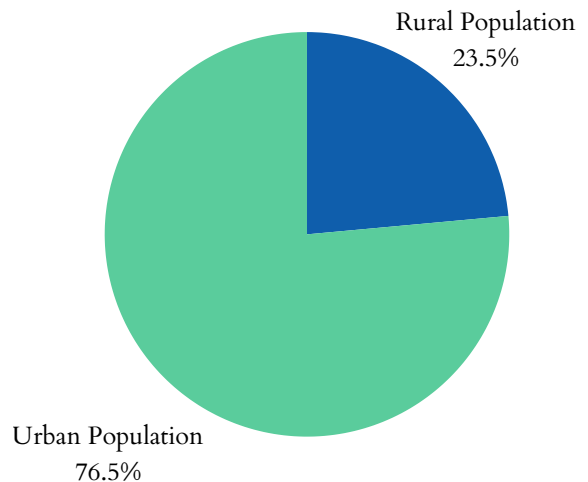


- The state spent **\$154,955,603** on WIC in 2025, serving **183,845** people: a 0.8% increase in total participants and 2.9% increase in spending since 2024.
- **1,538,100** people were food insecure in 2023, including **436,250** children.
- **33.9%** of households receiving SNAP benefits had children.

Housing

- **14,223** children, from birth to three-years-old, experienced homelessness in 2023 (2.69%)
- **24.2%** of households receiving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit reported having at least one member under 18 in 2023
- **26%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden in 2023
- **94,716** total Pennsylvania residents living in public housing in 2025

Total Urban vs. Rural Population of Pennsylvania, 2020



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Health

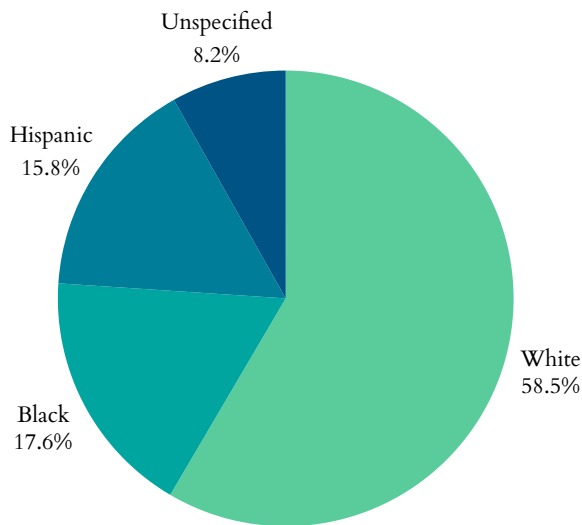
- **10,703** low birth-weight babies (<5.5lbs) born in 2023 (8.4% of births).
- **12,311** preterm births (<37wks) in 2023 (9.71% of births).
 - 8.76% of all White babies
 - 11.31% of all Black babies
- **4,077** births to mothers aged 15-19 in 2023—a rate of 10 in every 1,000 teen girls.
- **714** infants aged <1yr died in 2023—a rate of 6 per 1,000.

Maternal Mortality

- From 2018 to 2022, **116** Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania, there were 18 maternal deaths

- **153,000** children had no health insurance in 2024 (4.1% increase from 2023).
- **1,056,000** children were enrolled in Medicaid in 2024 (3.5% increase from 2023).
- **295,698** children in Pennsylvania were in the state Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2021 (17.3% decrease from 2020).

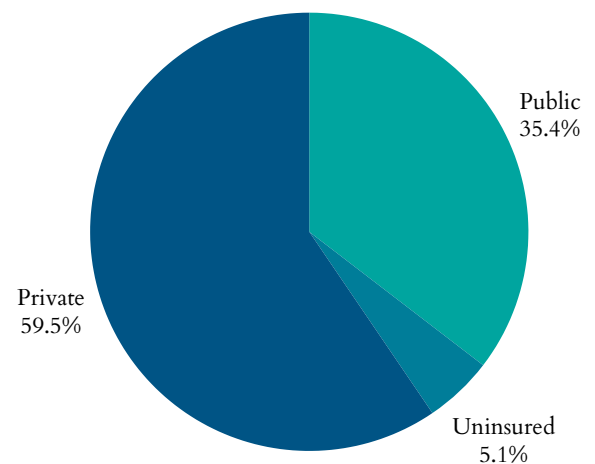
Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2023



Medicaid Expansion

Pennsylvania has been a **Medicaid expansion** state since 01/01/2015.

Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2024

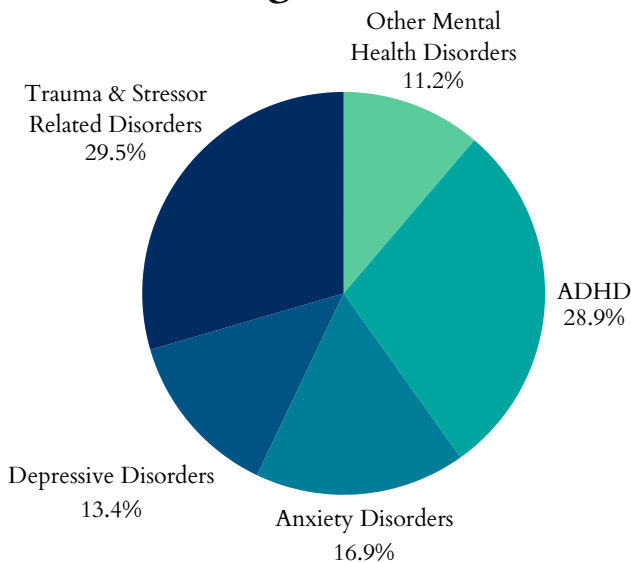


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Zero to Three

- **64.0%** of babies live above low-income
- **16.9%** of babies live at low income
- **19.1%** of babies live in poverty
- **9.6%** of babies live in deep poverty
- **73.6%** of new parents have at least one parent working full time

Top 5 Mental Health Diagnoses Among Children, 2023



Prenatal Substance Exposure

- In 2024, Pennsylvania **did not report** the number of infants screened in with prenatal substance exposure.
- Plans of safe care for screened-in infants were not reported.

Family First

- Plan approved on **October 1, 2021**
- In 2023, **41** children were served
- **\$481.09** spent per child on direct-services
- **\$1,724,421** pulled down in federal dollars from Title IV-E
 - **\$1,606,793 (93.18%** in admin/training costs)
 - **\$117,628 (6.82%** in direct-service costs)

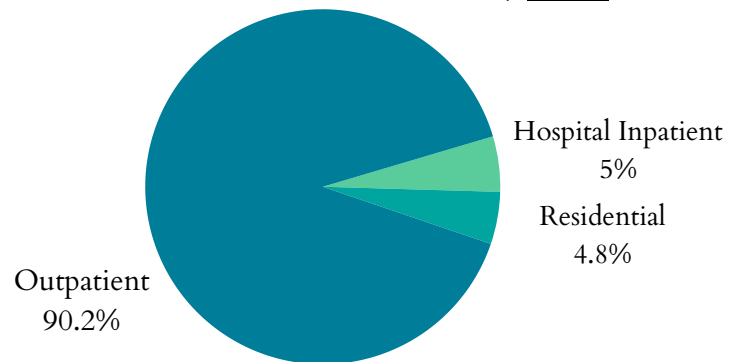
Teens & Youth

- **35,000** youth (16-19yrs) were not in school nor working in 2023 (5%)
- **87** children <19yrs were killed by a firearm in Pennsylvania in 2024.

Mental Health

- **148,795** children received mental health treatment in Pennsylvania in 2023 (7.9%)
- From 2021 to 2023, there were **8.7** deaths from suicide per 100,000 adolescents aged 15-19 in Pennsylvania.

Treatment Type for Youth with Substance Use Disorder, 2023



Substance Use

- From 2015 to 2019, an average of **65,981** children in Pennsylvania (1.7% of the state's child population) lived with parents having a substance use disorder.
- On March 29th, 2024, **4,521** clients 18 and under were in treatment for SUD

