

Welcome!

NYS Child Welfare Summit

Friday November 14, 2025
10:30am to 3:30pm





What is the child welfare system?

"The U.S. child welfare system—often referred to as the “family regulation system” by impacted parents and advocates—refers to a set of laws and government agencies mandated to protect and support victims of child abuse and neglect, collectively referred to as “child maltreatment.” Under the current system, government agencies receive reports with claims of child maltreatment, investigate those claims, determine if they believe abuse or neglect occurred, and, often remove children from their homes and place them into the physical and/or legal custody of the state."

- Children's Rights, *The Child Welfare System Fact Sheet*, 2003

Data Walk: Scope of New York's Child Welfare System



Last year, New York's child welfare system:

- Received **143,836** reports
- Conducted **122,616** investigations
- Provided **65,235** children and **33,045** families with preventive services*
- Had **13,115** children in foster care

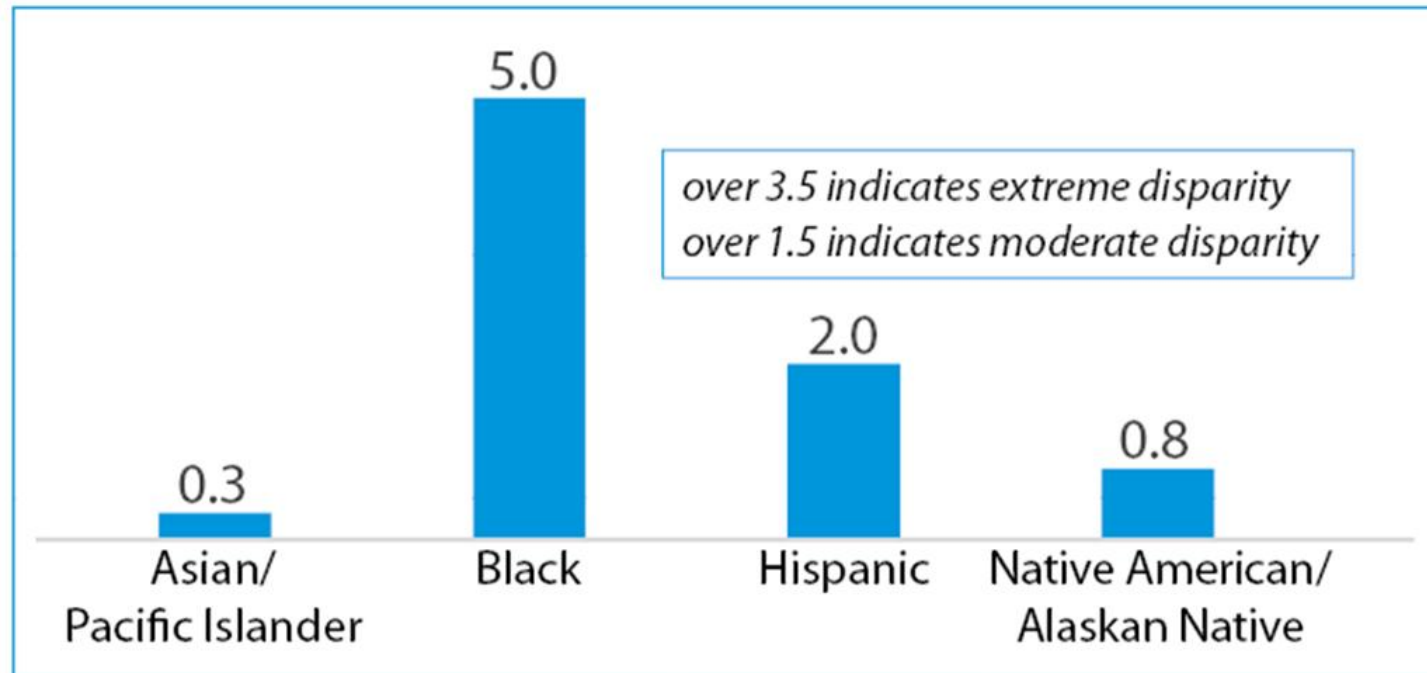
Source: Public NYS OCFS data, 2024

*2023

Data Walk: Disproportionalities in New York's Child Welfare System



Black Children in New York State Are Over Five Times More Likely to Be in Foster Care Placement as White Children; Hispanic Children Are Twice as Likely, 2022



Source: NYS Office of Children and Family Services. Disproportionate Minority Representation in Child Welfare Services Dashboard 2022.

Data Walk: Proportion of Unfounded Cases



Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services. (2024). 2023 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles With Selected Trend Data: 2019-2023 New York State.

Data Walk: Proportion of Neglect Cases



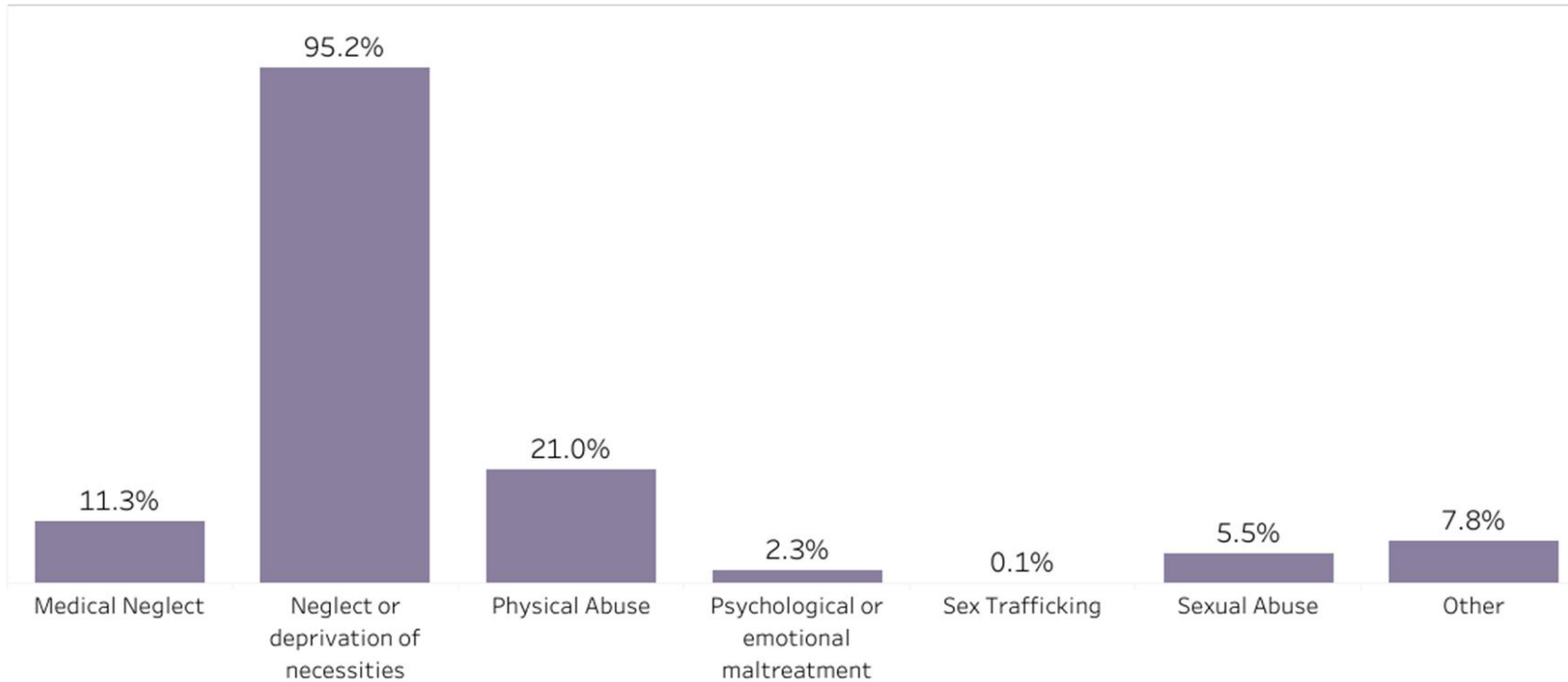
By Allegation Category Data Refreshed: 3/20/2025

Intake Year: 2024
Jurisdiction: STATEWIDE
Allegation Type: Alleged

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2024 STATEWIDE | Alleged Percent of Registered CPS Reports Including a Specific Allegation Category

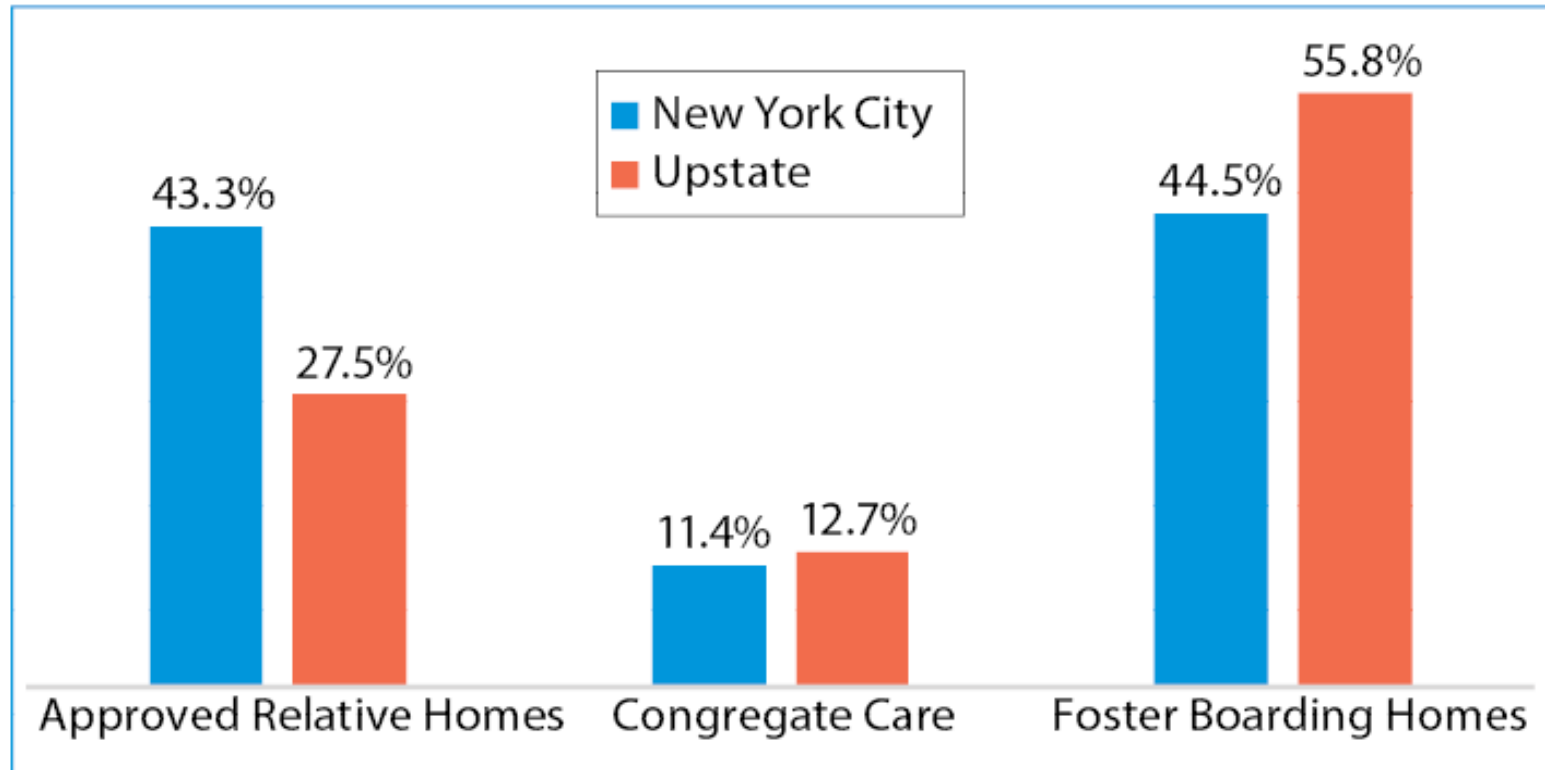
Total Registered CPS Reports
143,836



Data Walk: New York's Child Welfare Placement Types



New York City Has a Significantly Higher Placement Rate of Children with Relatives Than the Rest of New York



Source: NYS Office of Children and Family Services, 2022 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles with Selected Trend Data: 2018-2022. (NYC and Upstate).

Data Walk: Child Poverty and Child Welfare



- Almost half of the families that are separated nationwide (47%) had trouble paying for basic necessities.
- New York families have been separated because of symptoms of poverty, including:
 - Lack of access to a clothes washer and dryer
 - Food insecurity
 - Unsafe housing
 - Lack of heat in the winter

Federal Policy and New York's Child Welfare System



- H.R.1, also referred to as OBBBA, was signed into law July 4, 2025. It **cuts funding to major social services**, including Medicaid, and invests in Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, on July 10, 2025, **banned undocumented immigrants access to a host of social services**, including Head Start, kinship guardianship assistance, and Title IV-E prevention services.
- **Increased and targeted ICE enforcement in New York** has added additional layers onto in-progress child welfare cases.
- This week, after a record-long government shutdown, SNAP funds will finally flow to eligible recipients—**new eligibility barriers** also began this month.

Thank you!

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