





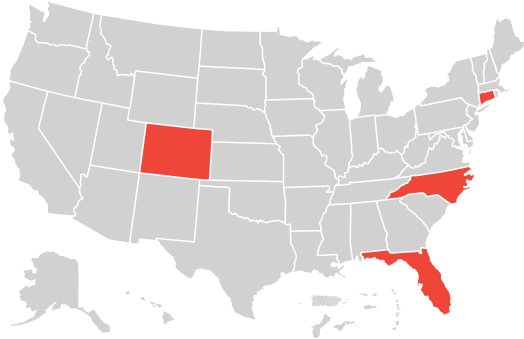


Child First

[Child First](#) is an evidence-based, early childhood, two-generation, mental health model that works in the home with children and families. Child First takes a two-pronged approach, providing mental health services to the caregiver and child, while working within a broader system of care to connect them to comprehensive community-based services and supports.

<p>What is the model's approach to providing home visiting services?</p>	<p>Home visits take place twice per week during a month-long assessment period and a minimum of once per week thereafter. Services are provided for families and their children prenatally through 5 years old for approximately 6 to 12 months, but can extend beyond 12 months depending on a family's need.</p> <p>Child First's service population includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Children with emotional or behavioral concerns  Caregivers with depression, PTSD, and other mental health concerns  Families with low incomes  Caregivers experiencing domestic violence or trauma  Children experiencing abuse, neglect, or other trauma  Families with a history of substance use or in need of treatment  Families experiencing homelessness  Children with developmental delays or disabilities
<p>Who is implementing the model?</p>	<p>Home Visitors</p> <p>Child First was implemented by 185 home visitors in 2021. The model requires care coordinators to have a bachelor's degree and mental health clinicians to have a master's degree in a mental health specialty with a license. Home visitors typically maintain a caseload of 12 to 16 families.</p> <p>Supervisors</p> <p>Child First was implemented by 39 supervisors in 2021. The model requires a master's degree in a mental health specialty with a license for supervisors.</p>
<p>Where is the model implemented?</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Child First operated in 27 local agencies across 4 states in 2021.</p> </div> </div>

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Families Served Through Evidence-Based Home Visiting in 2021



50,989

home visits provided
including 42,489 virtual visits



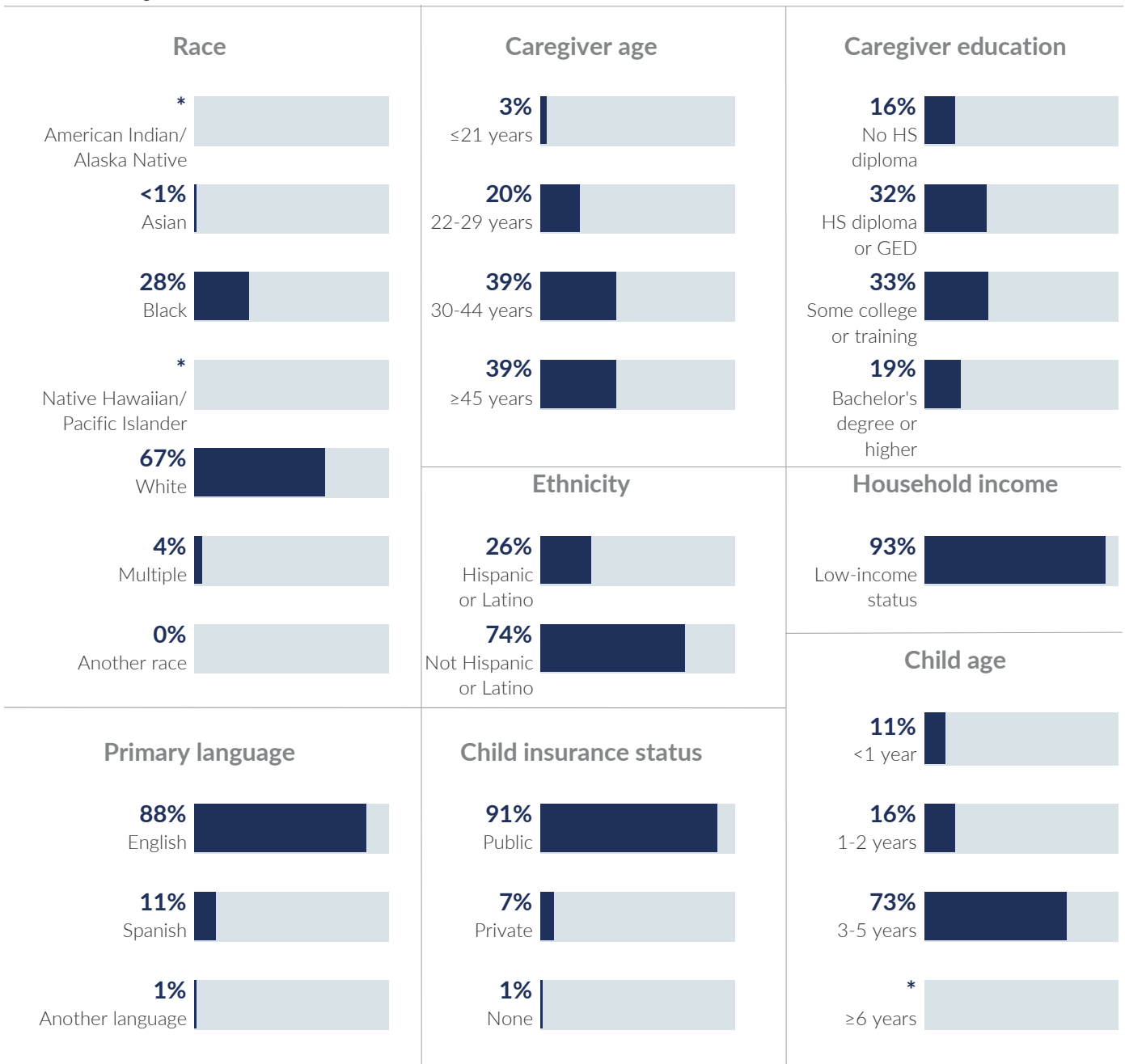
2,049

families served



2,049

children served



Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. • To protect confidentiality, categories with 10 or fewer people were replaced with *.