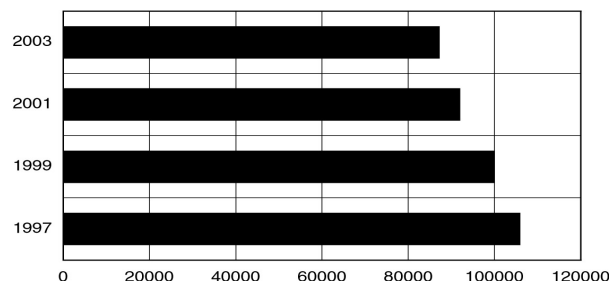


STATE OF OHIO

Population	11,421,268
Caucasian 84% • African American 11% • Hispanic 2% • Other 3%	
Population under age 18	2,879,927 • 25%
Households with two parents	32%
Grandparents raising grandchildren	86,009
Annual unemployment rate	1997 • 4.6% 2003 • 6.1%
Per capita income	\$29,195
High school graduation rate	84%

Local Trends on Abuse and Neglect

In 2003, new reports of child abuse and neglect totaled 87,158. Ohio law requires children services to begin investigations on new reports within 24 hours. A comprehensive assessment of risk also is required.



The unduplicated number of new reports in 2003 and the percentage of total reports it represents fall within the following five categories:

Physical abuse	21,827	25%
Neglect	30,400	35%
Sexual abuse	12,234	14%
Emotional maltreatment	4,638	5%
Dependency, Other	18,059	21%
Total	87,158	100%

SUPPORTS

TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

Below are comparisons of supports in January 1997 (before Ohio's enactment of welfare reform) to those in January 2004.

Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2004
193,097 ↓ Recipients who received cash assistance **DECREASED 63%**. 74% of the recipients are children. A typical family of 3 received \$373 per month in 2004.

Child Only Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2004
63,166 ↑ Children living with relative caregivers and receiving "Child Only" TANF **INCREASED 14%**. Statewide, a sibling group averages 1.5 children. Caregivers receive \$223 per month for the first child, plus \$70/sibling.

Ohio Direction Card (formerly food stamps)

Jan. 2004
930,391 ↑ The number of county residents who received nutritional assistance **INCREASED 2%**. Average card value statewide was \$88 per month in 2004.

Subsidized Child Care

Jan. 2004
98,999 ↑ The number of children whose families received subsidized child care **INCREASED 75%**.

Child Support & Paternity Establishment

FFY 2004
\$1.6 b ↑ Child Support collections **INCREASED 88%**.
FFY 1997
\$877.3 m The number of Paternities established for non-marital births **INCREASED 32%**.

CONDITIONS

AFFECTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The conditions identified below do not predispose parents to abuse or neglect their children. However, many families in the child protection system struggle with one or more of the following:

Poverty and Employment

In 2003, a family of 3 was considered at or below 100% of poverty with an annual household income of **\$15,670**. A full-time job must pay at least \$7.54/hr to reach this level, 46% higher than the current minimum wage (\$5.15 hr).

Statewide, poverty has **INCREASED** with an estimated **12.1%** in 2003 compared to the Census 2000 rate of 10.6%. This is attributed to the inequitable growth/loss of employment and income throughout Ohio. Statewide, total employment from 2000 to 2003 **DECREASED 4.3%**.

Affordable Housing

It takes an hourly wage of **\$11.87** to afford the Fair Market Rent of **\$617 a month**. As a result, **43% of renters** in a 40-hour work week for a two-bedroom apartment in the State of Ohio cannot afford a two-bedroom apartment.

Teen Pregnancy, Infant Mortality

Teen pregnancy and infant mortality aid in predicting the healthiness of a community. For 2002,

Teens, age 19 and under **15,853 births** (22% decrease from 1997)
Infant Mortality Rate **7.6 deaths/1000 live births** (2010 U.S. goal is 4.5)
% of Low Birth Weight **8.3%** (2010 U.S. goal is 5.0%)

OTHER FACTS

Healthy Start/Medicaid • 881,689 children were served by Healthy Start/Medicaid in January 2004.

Substance Abuse • 9% of youth have a substance abuse problem, but only about 1/3 receive the treatment needed. About 80% of all parents with children in out-of-home care have a substance abuse problem.

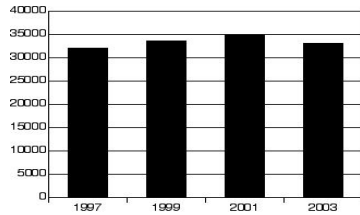
Help Me Grow • 44,999 children (0-3 years) received Help Me Grow services in 2003. **32,938** Newborn Home Visits were provided to families in 2003.

Mental Health • 21% of children require mental health services, but only about 1/2 receive the services needed. About 85% of children in foster care have significant mental health issues.

STATE OF OHIO PROFILES OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY

Total # of children in custody during the year

1997- 32,125
 1999- 33,653
 2001- 35,083
 2003- 33,033



CHILD & CUSTODY PROFILES		TEMPORARY CUSTODY	PERMANENT CUSTODY	PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT
18,646 Children in Custody on 1/1/04		11,310	4,639	2,697
Age	0-5	40%	26%	1%
	6-11	26%	30%	6%
	12+	34%	44%	93%
Race	White	56%	46%	48%
	Af/Am	42%	52%	50%
	Other	2%	2%	2%
Total Years in Custody	0-2	90%	26%	22%
	2-4	7%	36%	44%
	4+	3%	38%	34%
COURT RATIONALE FOR PLACEMENT				
• Neglect		33%	44%	26%
• Dependency		27%	27%	36%
• Physical abuse		9%	9%	8%
• Sexual abuse		3%	4%	5%
• Delinquency, Unruly, other		28%	16%	25%
PLACEMENT TYPE				
• Family foster home		59%	66%	57%
• Relative/Kinship home		24%	8%	5%
• Group home/Residential care		10%	11%	29%
• Adoptive		0%	12%	0%
• Independent living/Other		7%	3%	9%

2003 FACTS 2001

6,688	Total # of children reunified with parents or legal guardian	7,224
3,082	Total awards of legal custody to relatives	2,749
2,339	Total # of adoptions finalized	2,019
461	Median # of days for adoption finalization from permanent custody	509
7.1 m	Total # of placement days	7.9 m
272	Median # of days in out-of-home care	208
5,617	Total # of children placed out of county	5,846

STAFFING & STANDARDS

Below is the maximum workload standards compared to the January 2004 number of (1) New Investigations per worker and, (2) Ongoing Cases per worker.

New Investigations - Within

Ohio	PCSAO
10	12

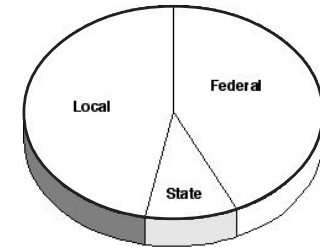
Ongoing Cases - Exceeded

Ohio	PCSAO
14	13

Worker Safety Incidents

There is not an established standard, but no incident is optimal. State of Ohio public child welfare workers experienced **385** safety incidents in 2003.

PUBLIC EXPENDITURES



2003 EXPENDITURES

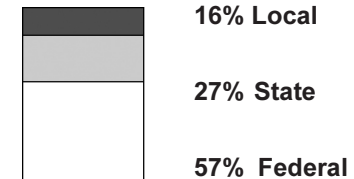
Total:	\$756,693,818	100%
Federal	\$328,456,595	43%
State	\$73,261,833	10%
Local ¹	\$354,975,390	47%

¹ Of Ohio's 88 counties, 42 maintained a children services levy in 2003.

2003 TITLE IV-E ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AND STATE ADOPTION MAINTENANCE SUBSIDIES

Monthly subsidies are provided to families that adopt special needs children to aid in the ongoing care of those children.

TOTAL: \$94,395,228



2003 PURCHASE OF SERVICES

Out-of-home care was purchased from private sources for **47%** of all the children in custody. Of those children, **52%** were in temporary custody, **26%** were in permanent custody and **22%** were in a planned permanent living arrangement.