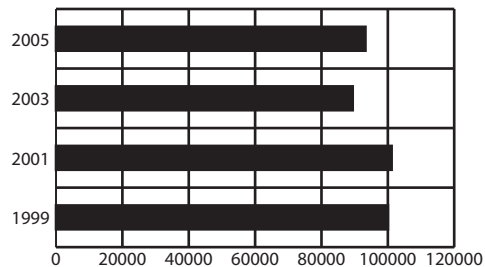


# STATE OF OHIO

Population	11,464,042
<i>Caucasian 84% · African American 12% · Hispanic 2% · Other 2%</i>	
Population under age 18	2,759,112 · 24%
Households with two parents	32%
Grandparents raising grandchildren	86,009
Annual unemployment rate	2000 · 4.0% 2005 · 6.0%
Per capita income	\$31,161
High school graduation rate	86%

## Local Trends on Abuse and Neglect

In 2005, new reports of child abuse and neglect totaled 93,251. Ohio law requires children services to begin investigations on new reports within 24 hours. A comprehensive assessment of safety and risk also is required.



The unduplicated number of new reports in 2005 and the percentage of total reports it represents fall within the following five categories:

Physical abuse	23,449	25%
Neglect	34,436	37%
Sexual abuse	13,728	15%
Emotional maltreatment	3,461	4%
Dependency, Other	18,177	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,251</b>	<b>100%</b>

## SUPPORTS TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

Below are comparisons of supports in January 2006 to those in January 2000.

### Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2006	Recipients who received cash assistance
<b>180,995</b>	<b>DECREASED 30%</b> . 75% of the recipients are children. A typical family of 3 received \$378 per month in 2006.
Jan. 2000	
<b>259,023</b>	

### Child Only Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2006	Children living with relative caregivers and receiving "Child Only" TANF
<b>64,593</b>	<b>INCREASED 16%</b> . Statewide, a sibling group averages 1.5 children. Caregivers receive \$245 per month for the first child, plus \$91/sibling.
Jan. 2000	
<b>55,487</b>	

### Ohio Direction Card (formerly food stamps)

Jan. 2006	The number of state residents who received nutritional assistance
<b>1.1 m</b>	<b>INCREASED 71%</b> . Average card value statewide was \$98 per month in 2006.
Jan. 2000	
<b>613,641</b>	

### Subsidized Child Care

Jan. 2006	The number of children whose families received subsidized child care
<b>94,225</b>	<b>INCREASED 30%</b> .
Jan. 2000	
<b>72,291</b>	

### Child Support & Paternity Establishment

FFY 2005	Child Support collections
<b>\$2.0 b</b>	<b>INCREASED 3%</b> .
FFY 2003	The number of paternities established for non-marital births
<b>\$1.9 b</b>	<b>INCREASED 8%</b> .

## 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 2006, a family of 3 was considered at or below 100% of poverty with an annual household income of **\$16,600**. A full-time job must pay at least \$7.98/hr to reach this level, 16% higher than the new minimum wage (\$6.85/hr).

Statewide, **POVERTY INCREASED to 16.9%** in 2004 compared to the Census 2000 rate of **10.6%**. The child poverty rate increased to **21%**, from **14%** in the same period, leaving **571,312** Ohio children living in poverty.

Statewide, **204,308** jobs were **LOST** between 2000 and 2005, creating a **3.8% DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT**.

### Affordable Housing



### Teen Births

**15,429** Ohio teens, age 15-19, gave birth in 2003, making **Ohio's teen birth rate 53.4** per one thousand teens. This compares to the **national teen birth rate of 41.6**.

## SUPPORTING HEALTHY CHILDREN

**Healthy Start/Medicaid** · Statewide, **971,702** children were served by Healthy Start/Medicaid in February 2006.

**Help Me Grow** · Statewide, **56,469** children (0-3 years) received Help Me Grow services in 2005. **32,570** Newborn Home Visits were provided to families in 2005.

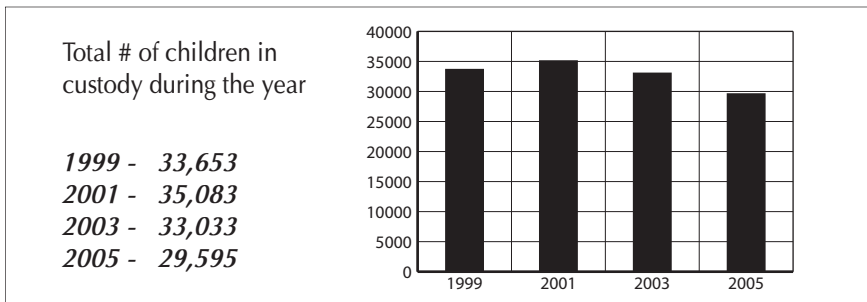
**Early Childhood Education** · By age four, **85%** of a child's core brain structure is fully developed. However, in Ohio, only **1.37%** of public state investments in education and development is invested in preschool children.

**Health Care** · An estimated **60,000** children ages birth to five do not have health insurance in Ohio.

**Access to Better Care/Mental Health** · Approximately **85%** of children in foster care experience mental health challenges.

Children and families that received FAST\$05 community based services, including the involvement of a parent advocate, experienced fewer out of home placements, a reduction in family stressors, and greater satisfaction than other families receiving mental health services.

# STATE OF OHIO PROFILES OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY

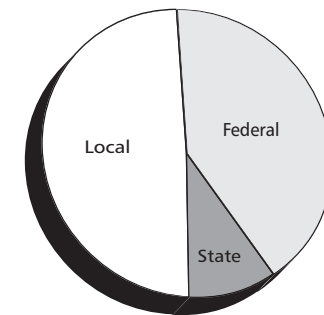


Child & Custody Profiles		Temporary Custody	Permanent Custody	Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
Children in Custody on 1/1/06:		17,112	10,563	2,542
Age	0-5	39%	25%	1%
	6-11	23%	28%	6%
	12+	38%	47%	94%
Race	White	57%	51%	50%
	Af/Am	41%	48%	49%
	Other	2%	1%	1%
Total Years in Custody	0-2	91%	24%	24%
	2-4	6%	36%	41%
	4+	3%	40%	35%
<b>Court Rationale for Placement</b>				
· Neglect		31%	41%	22%
· Dependency		32%	29%	37%
· Physical abuse		8%	9%	8%
· Sexual abuse		3%	4%	6%
· Delinquency, Unruly, other		26%	17%	27%
<b>Placement Type</b>				
· Licensed Foster Home		60%	66%	57%
· Approved Relative/Kinship Home		23%	7%	4%
· Group/Residential Care		11%	11%	31%
· Adoptive Placement		0%	12%	0%
· Independent Living Placement/Other		6%	4%	8%

2003	Tracking Kids in Care	2005
6,688	Total # of children reunified with parents or legal guardian	5,928
3,082	Total awards of legal custody to relatives	2,824
2,339	Total # of adoptions finalized	2,022
3,322	Total # of children waiting to be adopted	2,781
1,306	Total # of youth who aged out of care	1,274
5,617	Total # of children placed out of county	5,110
461	Median # of days for adoption finalization from permanent custody	409
272	Median # of days in out-of-home care	271
7.1 m	Total # of placement days	6.6 m

Staffing & Safety	
PCSAO's recommended caseload size is compared to the state average for January 2006 below.	
<b>New Investigations</b>	
PCSAO	12
Ohio	10
<b>Ongoing Cases</b>	
PCSAO	13
Ohio	17
Worker Safety Incidents Reported: 261	
Definition: Any type of verbal or physical harm endured by case-workers related to their job.	

# PUBLIC EXPENDITURES



## 2005 Expenditures

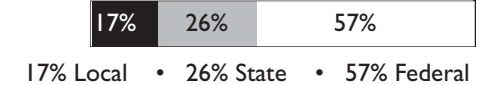
Total:	\$771,719,290	100%
Federal	\$316,266,552	41%
State	\$75,539,340	10%
Local <sup>1</sup>	\$379,913,398	49%

<sup>1</sup> Of Ohio's 88 counties, 43 maintained a children services levy in 2005.

## 2005 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. Currently, Ohio's base subsidy is only \$8.22 per day or \$250 per month.

**TOTAL: \$111,442,690**



## 2005 Purchase of Services

Out-of-home care was purchased from private sources for 47% of all the children in custody. Of those children, 53% were in temporary custody, 25% were in permanent custody and 22% were in a planned permanent living arrangement.



Of Ohio's 88 children services agencies, 17 are accredited by the Council on Accreditation, serving 46% of Ohio's child population. 9 additional counties are in the process of accreditation.