



The Opioid Epidemic's Impact on Children Services in Ohio

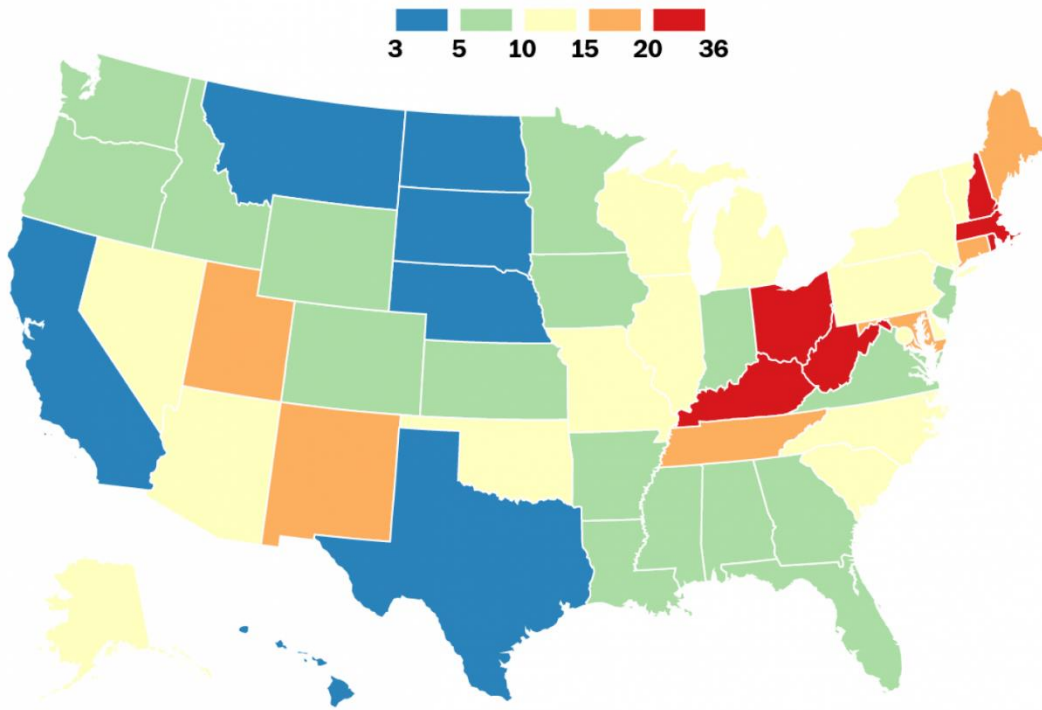
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Opioid deaths in 2015

Age-adjusted death rates (per 100,000) for overdose deaths from all opioid drugs

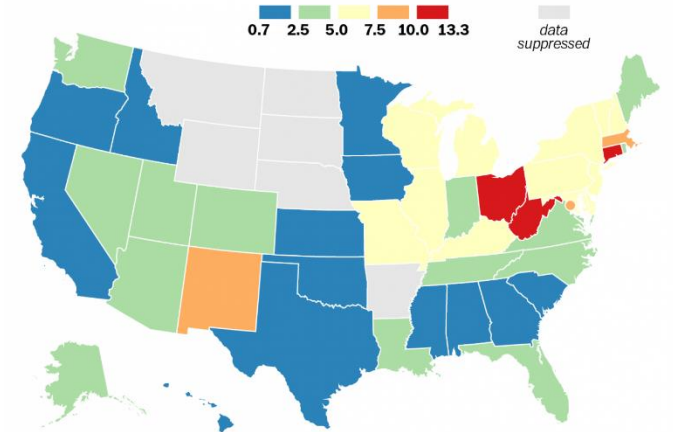


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Source: CDC WONDER

Heroin deaths in 2015

Age-adjusted heroin overdose death rate (per 100,000)

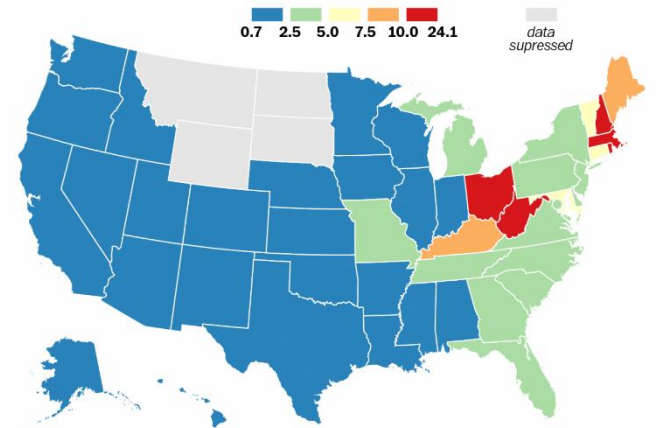


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Source: CDC WONDER

Synthetic opioid deaths in 2015

Age-adjusted synthetic opioid overdose death rate (per 100,000)



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Source: CDC WONDER





In-Depth Analysis of the Impact of Opioid Epidemic on Children

- **70% of children in custody under the age of 1 had parents who used opiates, including heroin.**
- **60% of children in custody under the age of 5 spend at least one birthday in foster care!**

Source: <http://www.pcsao.org/perch/resources/downloads/opiateconfrogerwardspresentation.pdf>

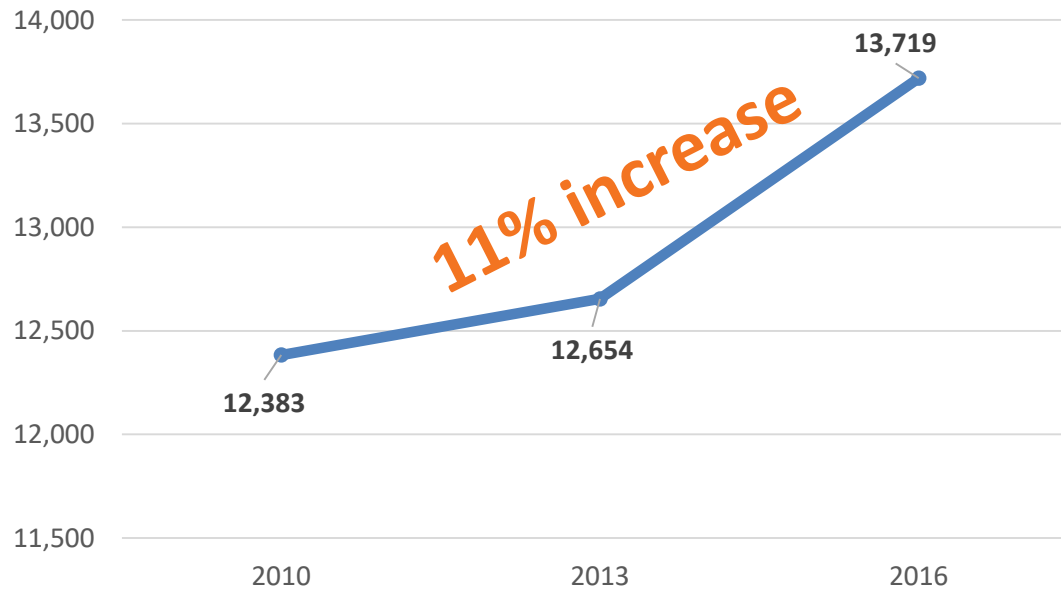




Ohio's Children Services System Today

More children are in PCSA custody requiring a foster care placement

Children in Custody (July 1)



63% of children in custody are under the age of 12

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, October 2016. Additional calculations by PCSAO.

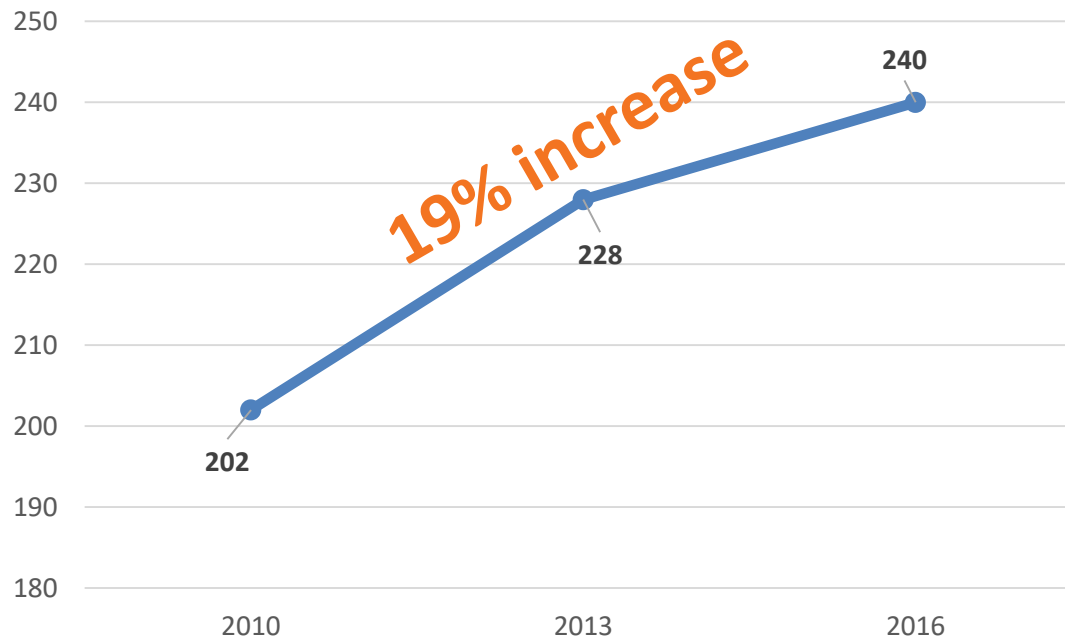




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Children are staying in foster care longer due to opiate recovery timelines and relapses

Median Days in Temporary Custody (July 1)



Within 1 year of recovery from opiates, **85%** will relapse

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, October 2016.

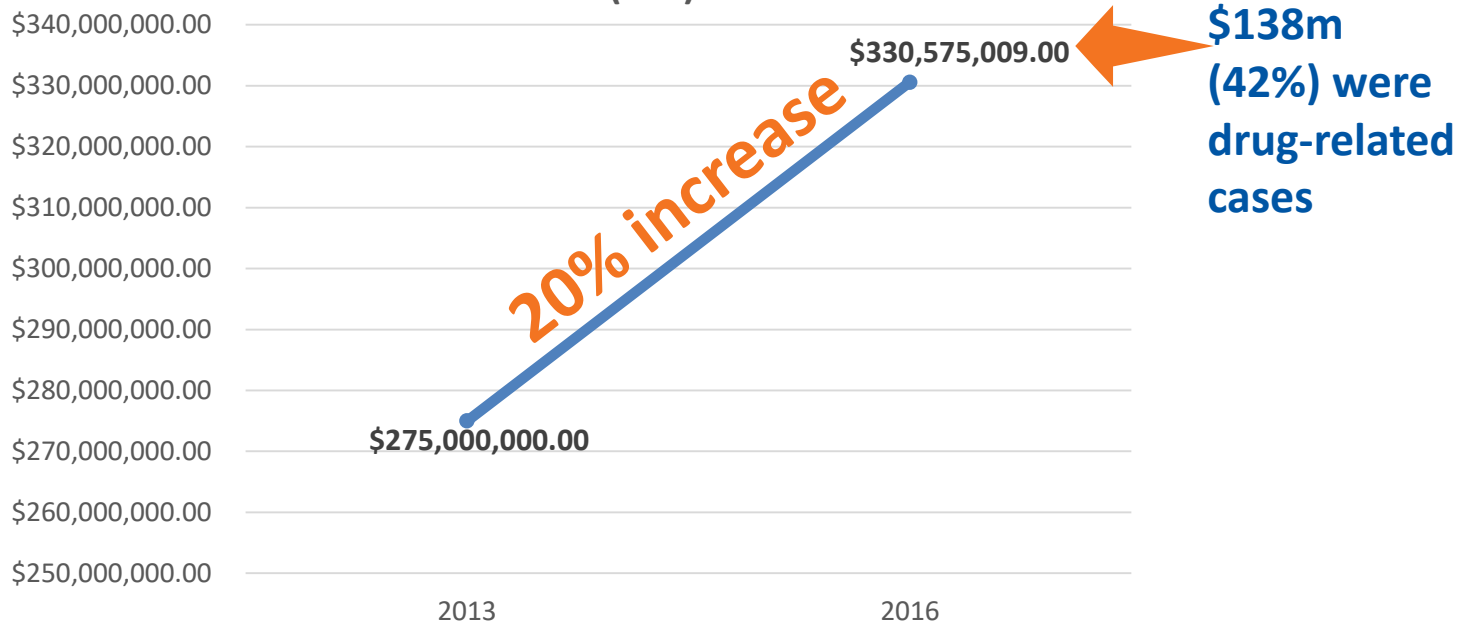




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Placement costs have increased due to more children in care and their needs being more complex

Placement Costs for Foster Care & Residential Care (SFY)



75% paid with local dollars, 25% paid with federal dollars

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, January 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO. This data is provisional and will be verified by PCSAO.

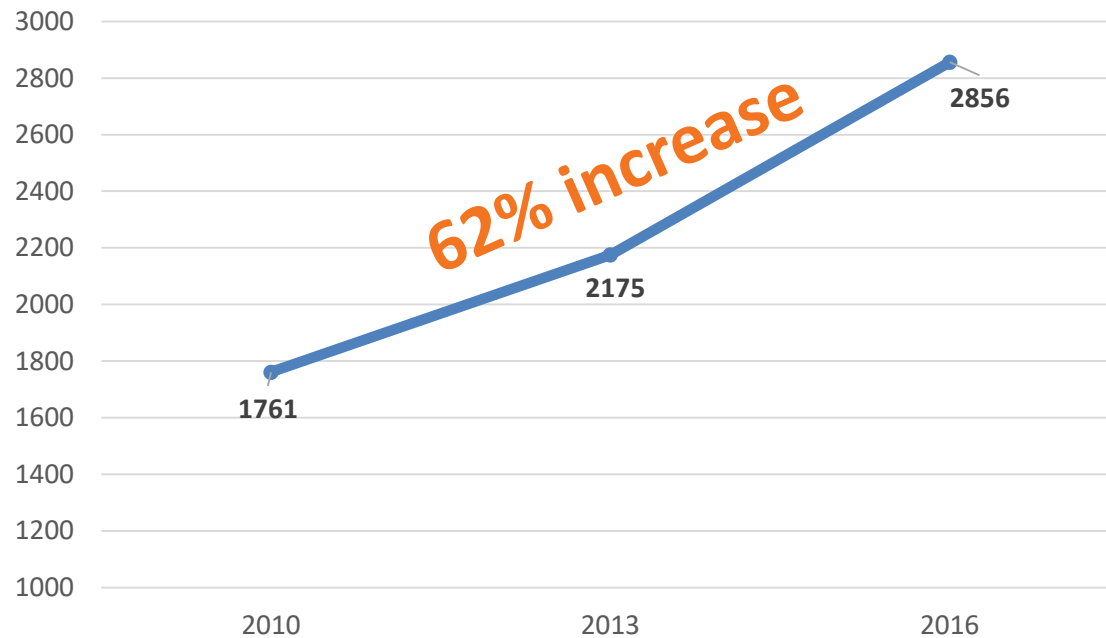




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More relatives are caring for children impacted by the opioid epidemic

Children in Custody Placed with Relative (July 1)



Access to affordable child care is the greatest need among kinship families.

Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data run, October 2016. Additional calculations by PCSAO.





Ohio's Children Services System Today

Caseworkers are first responders in these opioid-related case, leading to secondary trauma in our workforce.

In 2016

- **1 out of every 4 caseworkers left their positions (including promotions, retirement)**
- **1 out of every 7 caseworkers left children services all together with 0 performance concerns**

Loss of staff =
\$24.3 million
to cover
recruitment,
training,
overtime
costs

Source: Caseworker data from PCSAO Caseload Survey, 2016.

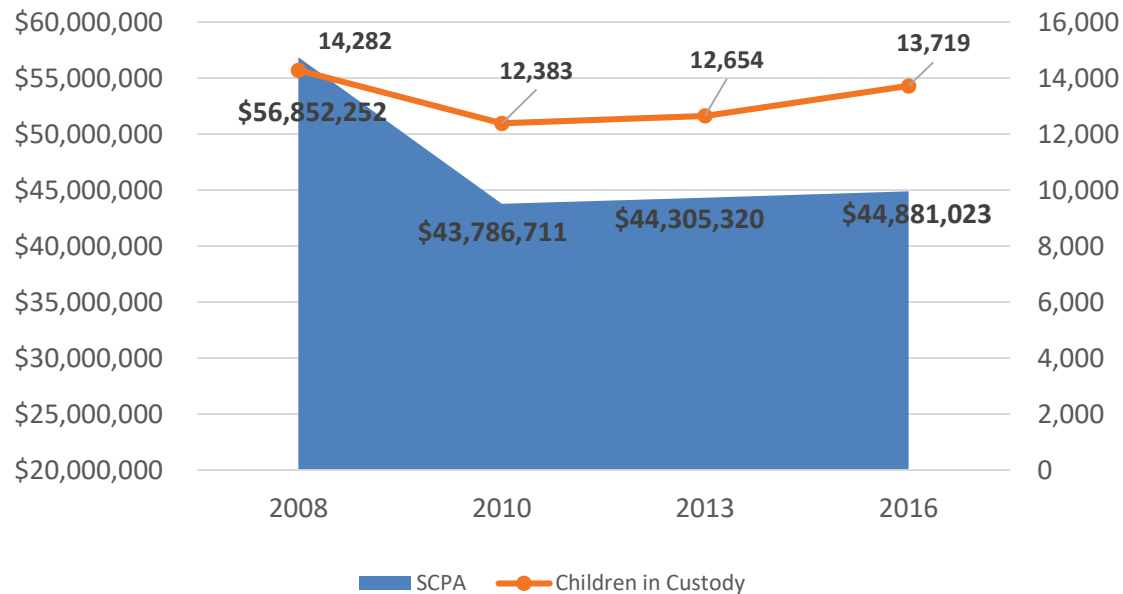




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State funding is not keeping up with the demands on Ohio's children services system

SCPA Funding vs. Children in Custody (SFY)



21% decrease in State funding to counties since 2008 while cases have increased

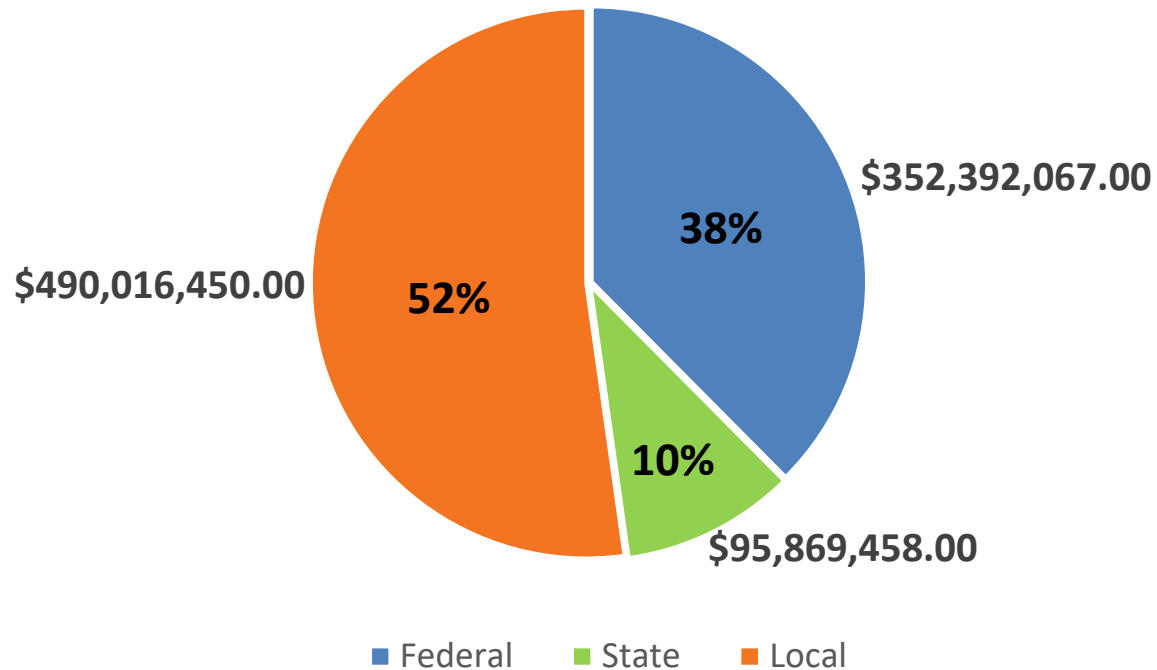
Source: ODJFS SACWIS special data runs for unduplicated count, October 2016 . SCPA from ODJFS, reported in PCSAO Factbook 11th, 12th editions, ODJFS special data run, January 2017. Additional calculations by PCSAO.





How Children Services is Funded in Ohio

Counties fund over half of children services expenditures by relying on local government funds and dedicated levies.



Less than 5%
 of the State's
 share (\$45m)
 is allocated to
 the county
 PCSAs

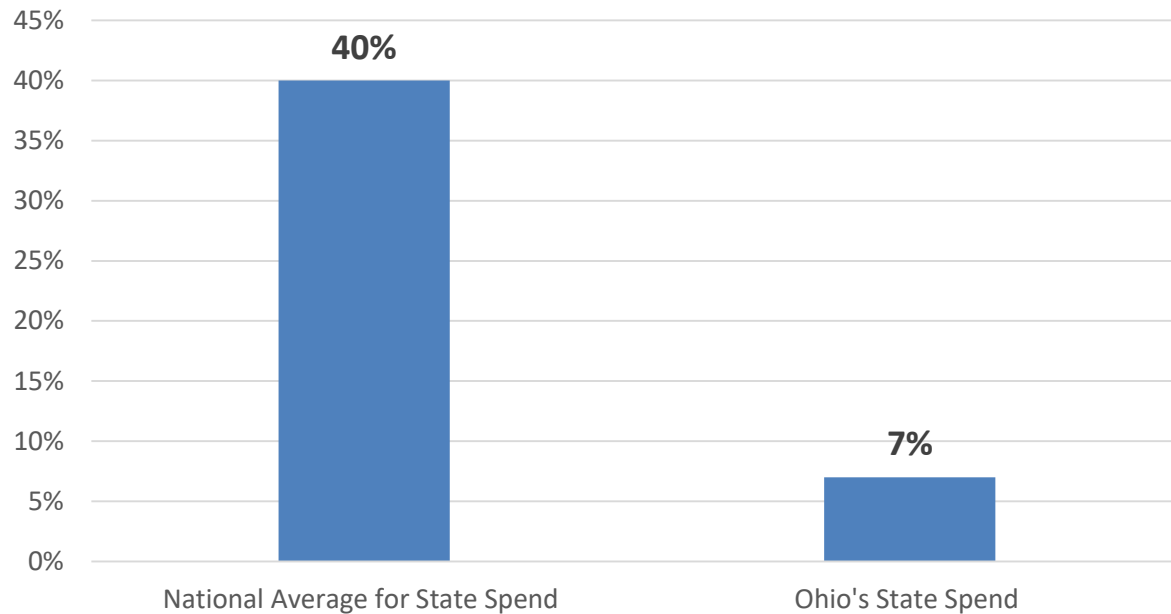
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Ohio Ranks 50th in Nation for State Share of Children Services Total Expenditures

2014 Comparison



If Ohio's state investment doubled, we would still be 50th in the nation

SFY 2014, from <http://www.childtrends.org/publications/child-welfare-financing-sfy-2014-a-survey-of-federal-state-and-local-expenditures/>





What Ohio Needs

Additional State Resources so that county PCSAs can:

- Recruit additional foster and adoptive homes
- Provide additional support to kinship and foster families
- Pay rising placement costs (foster care, group homes, residential care)
- Recruit and retain a vital workforce





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