

PCSAO Factbook: Data Definitions, Sources, and Notes

References to Census data refer to data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; census.gov; accessed 4/8/2021.

References to SACWIS data refer to data from a special run provided by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, which accesses data in the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). Received 12/6/2021.

Population & Child Population: Census data.

- "Other race" includes American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander.
- Hispanic is an ethnic, not a racial, designation, not racial.
- Child population = ages 0-17.

Children in Custody: Total in custody from SACWIS.

- Rate of placement calculated by the unduplicated count of children in agency custody at any point during the SFY divided by the population of children under the age of 18 (from Census), yielding a rate per 1,000.

Per Capita Income and Poverty Rate: Census data.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Census data.

Agency Response SFY 2020: SACWIS data.

- The total number of reports is for the state fiscal year.
- "Cases transferred to ongoing" could include some cases that had been initiated in state fiscal year 2019 and exclude some cases not resolved before end of state fiscal year 2020.

Types of Reports: SACWIS data.

- "Multiple allegations" defined as more than one allegation, such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, all on one report.
- "Other" includes medical neglect, shaken baby, out-of-home perpetrator.

Children in Custody: SACWIS and Census data.

- Rate combines children in custody anytime during year (SACWIS) with number of children (Census).
- Children in IV-E court custody available only for the state as a whole.

Permanency: SACWIS data.

- "Children who gained permanency" defined as children with custody ending during SFY through reunification (return to parent/guardian/-custodian), custody to relative, guardianship or adoption.
- "Children waiting to be adopted" defined as children in permanent custody not in adoptive placement during the state fiscal year.

Youth Aged Out: SACWIS data.

- "Youth aged out of care" defined as children with custody ending during the state fiscal year through emancipation.
- Enrollment in Bridges available only for the state as a whole.

Children Served: SACWIS point-in-time data.

Profile of Children in Custody and Profile of Children in Home: SACWIS data.

The number of children in each category is divided by total number of children in custody to calculate percentages.

- “Primary reason for removal, other” includes alcohol, drug, and other reasons.
- “Placement type, other” includes detention, AWOL, own home, licensed maternity home, Certified Emergency Shelter Care Facility, Detention Facility, Residential Parenting Facility, Licensed Medical/Educational Facility and other.

Placement Costs: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS), Statewide 4280 detail data, special data run. Received 11/19/2018. Additional calculations by PCSAO. Reviewed and updated by the county public children services agencies (PCSAs).

- Data Note: “Independent living placement/other” includes total of Independent Living, Unlicensed Relative Home and Other (not included in other identified placement types) Placement Costs.

Adoption Assistance & Subsidies: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS), IV-E AA and state adoption maintenance subsidies (SAMS), non-recurring and PASSS costs as reported by SACWIS Statewide 4280 detail data, special data run. Received 11/19/2018. Additional calculations by PCSAO. Reviewed and updated by the county public children services agencies (PCSAs).

Total Public Children Services Spending: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS), Statewide 4280 detail data, special data run. Received 11/19/2018. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of County Finance and Technical Assistance (BCFTA), Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services, County Finance Information System (CFIS). Data run received 12/5/2018; revised run received 1/4/2019. Additional calculations by PCSAO. Reviewed and updated by the county public children services agencies (PCSAs).

- Data Note: “Total” includes BCFTA costs reported added to costs reported for placement, AA and subsidies, KPI and ProtectOhio reported by source (federal, state, local) as reported by SACWIS.
- Data Note: State expenditures include state funds to counties through the State Child Protection Allocation (SCPA), as well as statewide programming such as SACWIS, Education Training Vouchers, Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, Youth Advisory Board, Foster Parent training stipend and allowance, Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, ProtectOhio Waiver Evaluation, JV Court, Supreme Court Agreement, OhioMHAS Agreement, etc. New in this edition is inclusion of \$1.8M for the Bridges Program



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