

References to Census data refer to data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; census.gov; accessed 1/11/2025.

References to SACWIS data refer to data provided by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, which accesses data in the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). Unless otherwise noted, it refers to data from special data runs received between 12/31/2024 and 1/17/2025.

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.
- Child population = ages 0-17.

Children in Custody: SACWIS and Census data.

- Rate of placement calculated by the unduplicated count of children in agency custody at any point during the state fiscal year 2024 (from SACWIS) divided by the population of children under the age of 18 (from Census), yielding a rate per 1,000.
- Children in IV-E court custody (statewide only).

Per Capita Income and Poverty Rate: Census data.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Census data.

Agency Response SFY 2024: 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 the state fiscal year 2023 and exclude some cases not resolved before the end of the state fiscal year 2024.

Types of Reports: SACWIS data.

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

Permanency: SACWIS data.

- "Children who gained permanency" defined as children with custody ending in state fiscal year 2024 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" is defined as children with custody ending during the state fiscal year due to age.
- Enrollment in Bridges (statewide only) reflects the total number of youths who participated in the program during the reported year.

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 the 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 others.

Total Public Children Services Spending: SACWIS data, special data run. Received 12/31/2024. Additional data, as reported by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of County Finance and Technical Assistance (BCFTA), Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services, and County Finance Information System (CFIS). Data run received 1/31/2025. Additional calculations by PCSAO.

- “Total” spending includes the costs reported by BCFTA and data reported by SACWIS. The BCFTA-reported costs include statewide programs, federal Title IV-B and Title IV-E spending and matches, Title XX spending, TANF spending, and other miscellaneous costs. The SACWIS data includes placement costs, adoption subsidies, the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP) and other kinship programs, the Bridges program, Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, Education Training Vouchers, various incentives and grants, and other statewide programs.
- Total federal spending includes the following: Title IV-B spending, Title IV-E spending, Title XX spending, TANF spending, other miscellaneous costs as reported by BCFTA, placement costs, adoption subsidies, the Bridges program, and several other federal funding streams.
- Total state spending includes the following: state funds sent to counties through the State Child Protection Allocation (SCPA); funds spent on statewide programming such as SACWIS, ETV, Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, OCWTP, and the University Partnership Program; Title IV-B and Title IV-E matches; and state-funded programs, including adoption subsidies, the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP), OhioKAN, Best Practices and Foster Parent Recruitment funds, Multi-System Youth funds, Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, Children Services Hubs, Workforce Initiatives, Prevention Services, family-finding programs, Rapid Response, Wendy’s Wonderful Kids, and the Bridges program, many of which also draw down federal dollars. Total spending on Statewide Programming includes all the above except for the SCPA.
- This edition includes federal, state, and local spending on the Ohio START Program.

Placement Costs: SACWIS data, special data run. Received 12/31/2024. Additional calculations by PCSAO.

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

Adoption Assistance and Subsidies: SACWIS data, special data run. Received 12/31/2024. Additional calculations by PCSAO.

- Total includes Title IV-E Adoption Assistance (AA), state adoption maintenance subsidies (SAMS), non-recurring expenditures, and the Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS).



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