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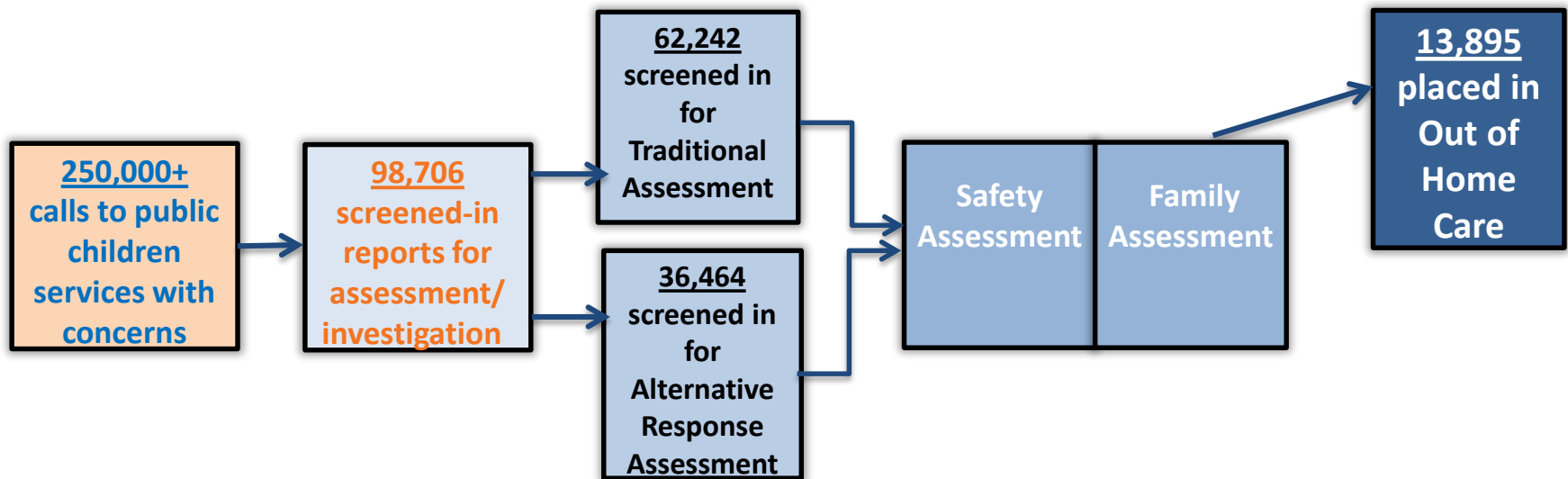
Impact of Opiates on Ohio's Child Protection System

September 2016





Ohio's Child Protection By the Numbers

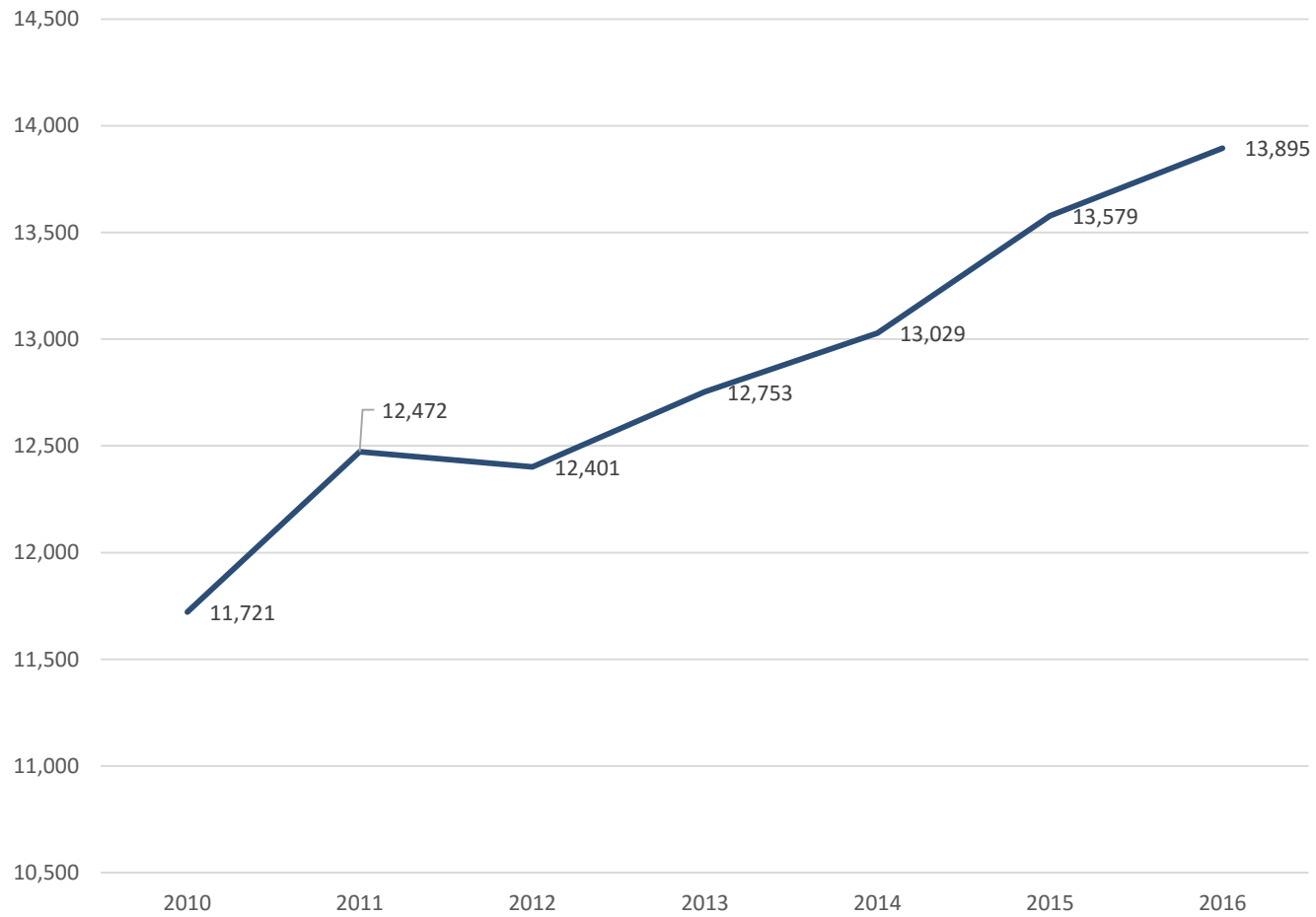


From ODJFS SACWIS for 2015; out of home care from 6/30/16





Children in Custody – 2010-2016



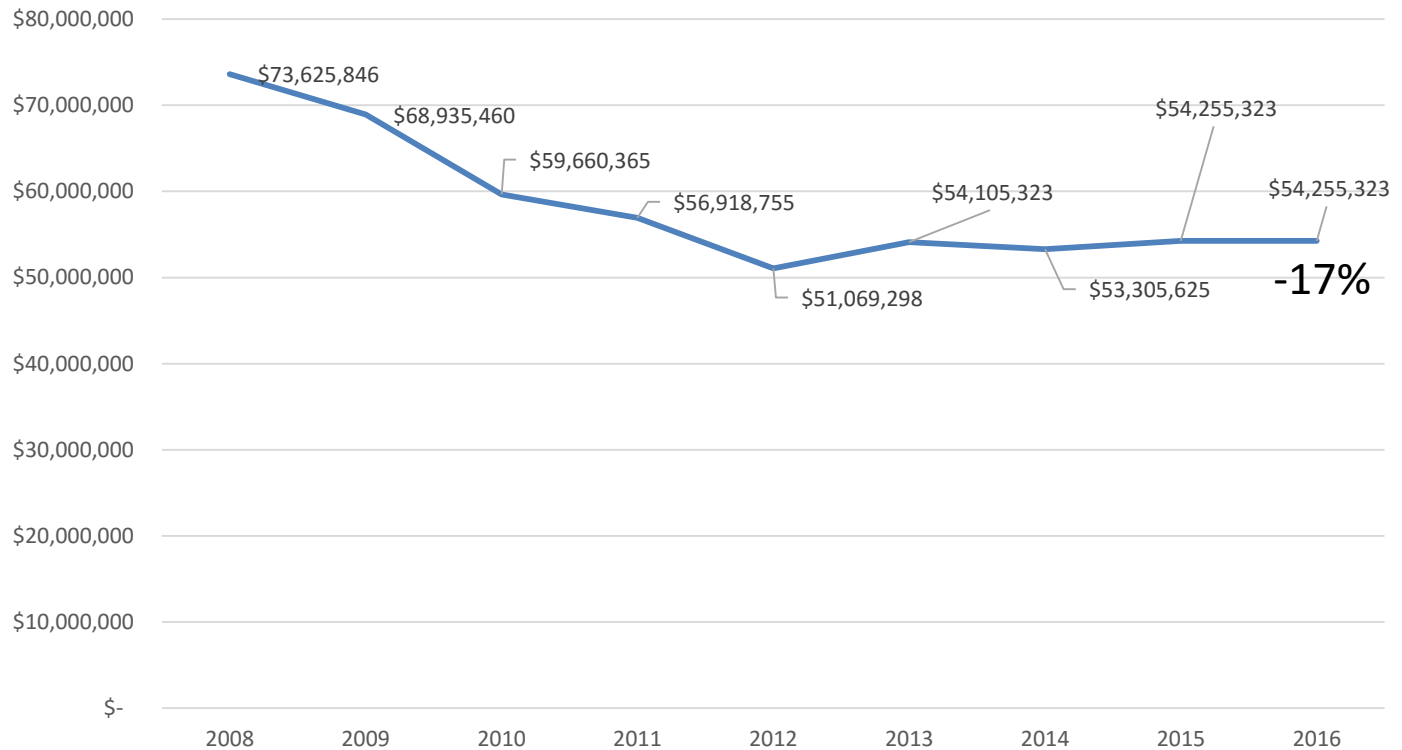
19% ↑
since 2009,
largely due
to opiates
epidemic





State Funding for Family and Children Services, SFY 2008-2016

State Family and Children Services Dollars



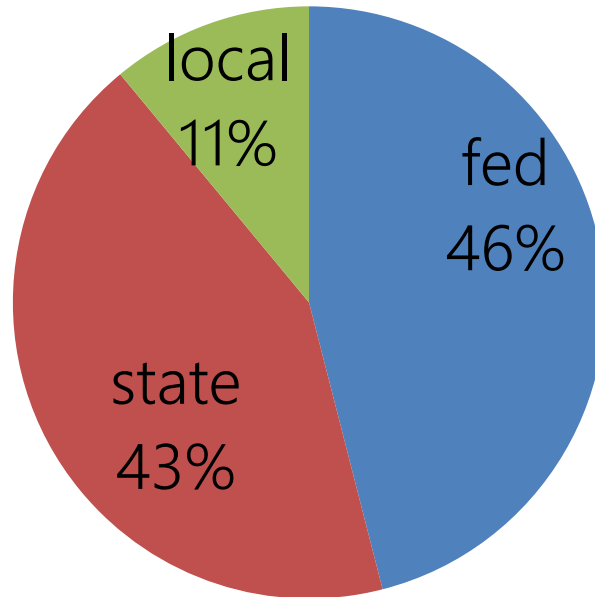
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In state funding.
\$93m lost since SFY 2009



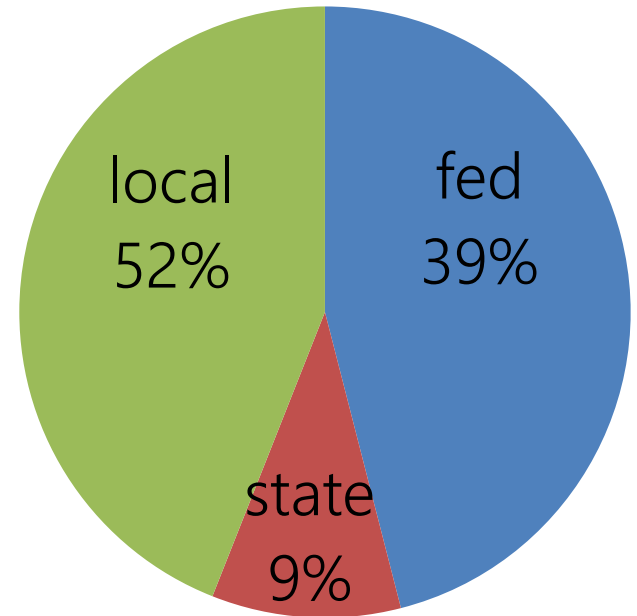


Funding Ohio's Children Protection System

National



Ohio



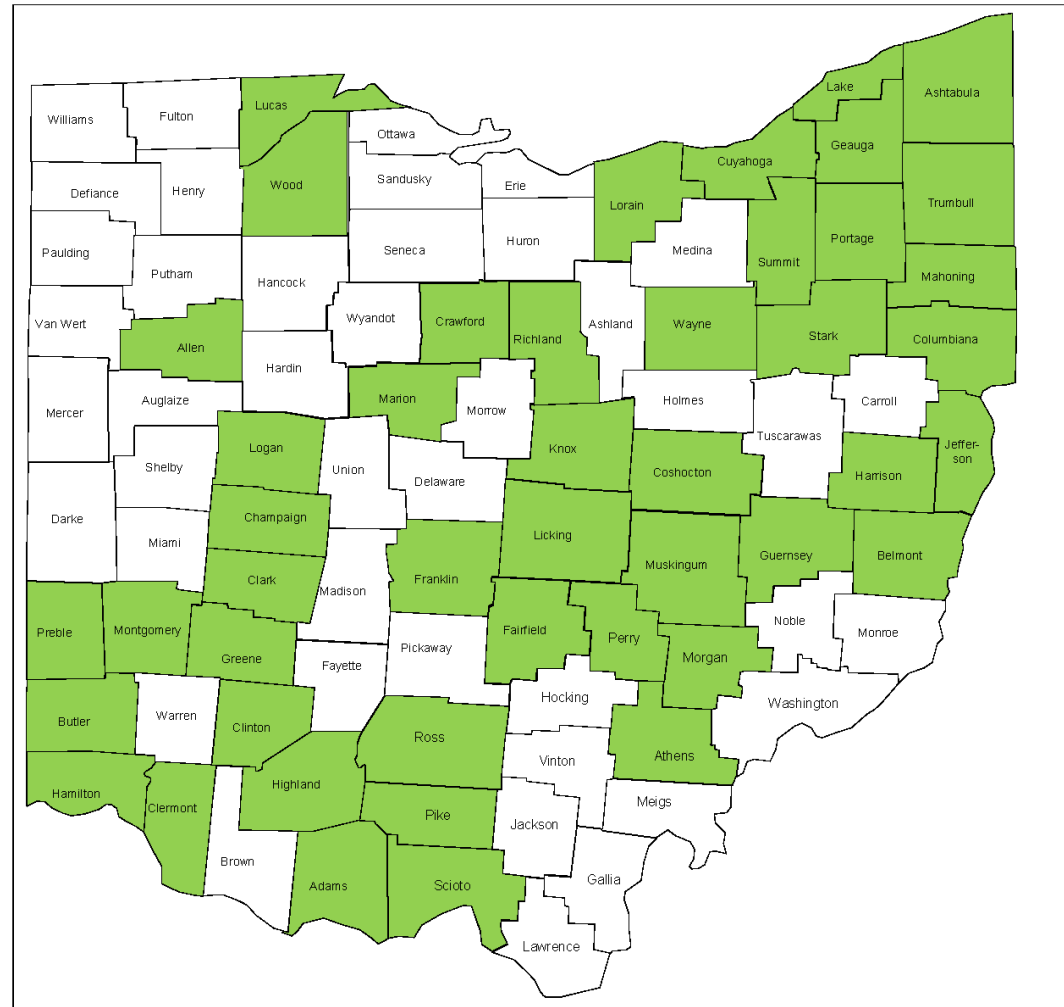
Ohio is **50th**
in the nation
for State GRF
investment in
child
protection

From SPARC's [Child Welfare Financing in the United States](#)
and <http://www.childwelfarepolicy.org/>, Feb. 2013





Local Children Services Levies



46 counties have a levy for children services; the rest depend on local GRF.





Impact of Opiate Epidemic Children in Custody

PCSAO surveyed the county PCSAs to determine the impact of opiates on children in custody (out-of-home) care. 74 county PCSAs responded and revealed:

- 50% of children taken into custody in 2015 had parental drug use
 - 57% of children with parental drug use had parents who use opiates (including heroin)

From PCSAO Opiate Survey with 74 PCSAs, June 2016





Impact of Opiate Epidemic In-Depth Analysis

- 70% of children under the age of 1 had parents who used opiates (including heroin)
- \$45 million/year in placement costs for children with parents addicted to opiates
- 60% of foster children under 5 spend at least one birthday in temporary care!

From GCOAT Opiates-Child Welfare Engagement Project, 2013





Ohio's Child Protection System Today

- Children are staying in care longer due to drug relapses of parents
- More children are being placed in permanent custody than reunification due to parental drug addiction
- Placement costs have increased (double-triple) due to more children in care and their needs being more intense





Ohio's Child Protection System Today

- Lack of foster homes available due to the increase of children in care (7000 licensed homes for 14,000 children in care)
- Children are often placed in higher levels of care even when not needed due to lack of foster homes
- Parents are relinquishing custody of their children to PCSAs so that residential care can be paid for with federal funding and a local PCSA match.





Ohio's Child Protection System Today

- Agencies are running deficits, some into the millions with those with levies considering a 2nd to help offset budget deficits
- Workers are being traumatized by the cases involving opiates; leaving child protection for less stressful, better paying jobs.
- Workers are carrying higher caseloads, unable to meet federal measures due to lack of time





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