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Medicaid pays for medical services for people with low incomes. The program is financed jointly by the federal government and states. Between 2008 and 2016, the uninsured rate for all Ohioans has decreased from 11.3 percent to 5.6 percent.[1] During the similar time period of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008 to SFY 2017, the number of people enrolled in Medicaid increased by 82 percent and spending increased by 86 percent.[2]

This is a brief update to the Health Policy Institute of Ohio's biennial publication, Ohio Medicaid Basics 2017. It provides new data about enrollment and spending during SFYs 2017 and 2018 and describes connections between enrollment and spending growth in Ohio's Medicaid program.

Enrollment changes during SFY 2017
During SFY 2017, total average monthly Medicaid enrollment in Ohio increased by about 2 percent over SFY 2016, from 3.03[3] to 3.09[4] million people (see figure 1).

The Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) group accounted for most of this growth (see figure 2). The ABD group includes adults who are disabled, blind, or over the age of 65, and disabled children in families with low incomes.[5] Enrollment among this population will continue to increase as older adults make up a larger proportion of Ohio's total population (see figure 3).[6]

During SFY 2017, enrollment in the ABD group increased by 60,895 adults and 32,185 children.[7] Enrollment in the ABD-dual group — Ohioans eligible for both the ABD Medicaid group and Medicare — increased by 38,961 (see figure 2).
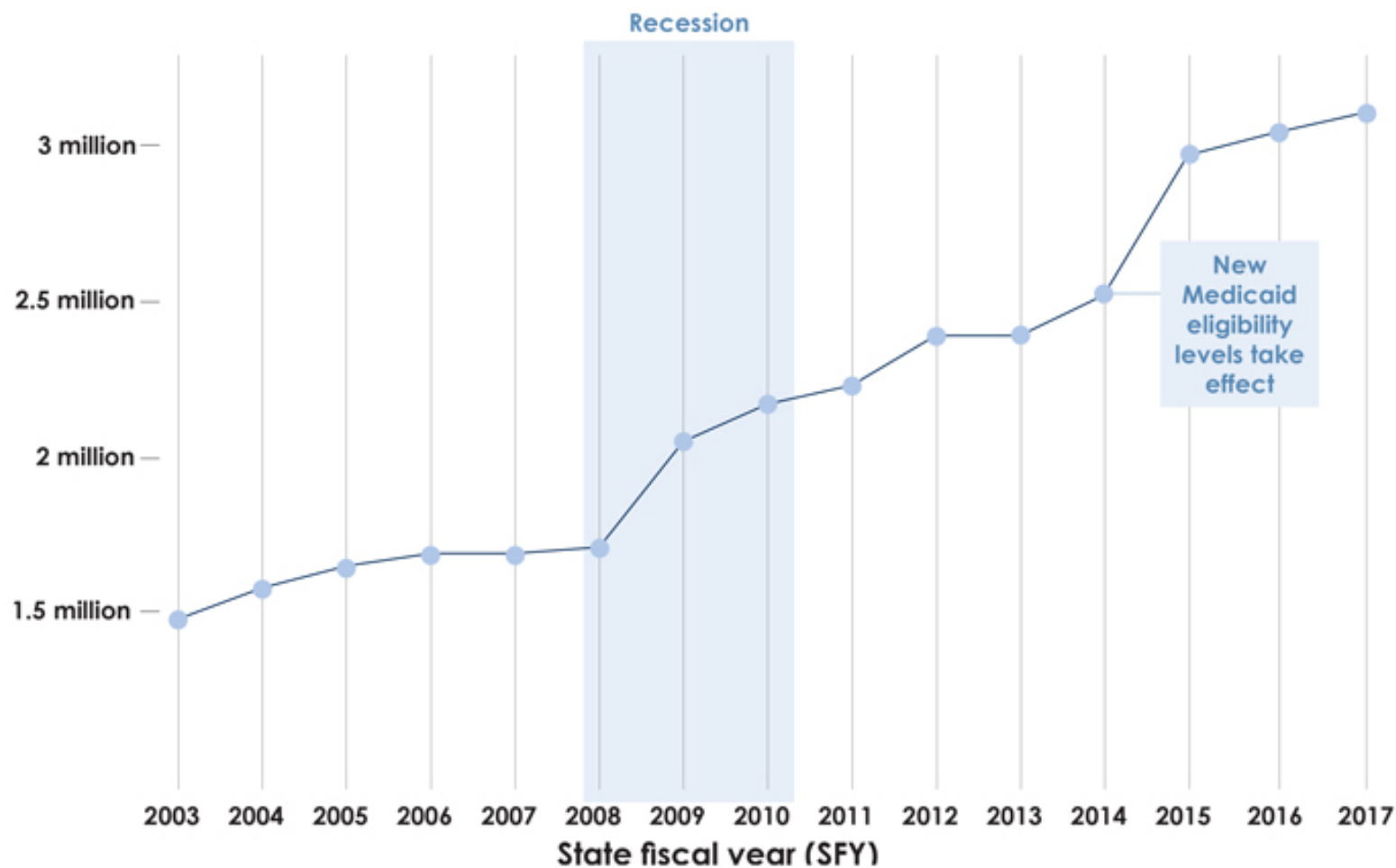
During the same period of enrollment, the Covered Families and Children (CFC) group decreased by 68,159 and Group VIII, which is sometimes referred to as the Medicaid Expansion group, decreased by 11,298. The CFC group includes children, pregnant women and adults in families with incomes below 90 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and Group VIII includes all Ohio adults, ages 18-64, with incomes under 138 percent FPL.

Figure 1. **Ohio Medicaid enrollment trend, 2003-2017**

Note: ODM caseload reports update each month to reflect retroactive and back-dated eligibility. SFY averages for 2012-2017 were retrieved from the January report for the end of the fiscal year.
Sources: 2003 - 2011 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Public Assistance Monthly Statistics reports; 2012-2017 Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), caseload reports

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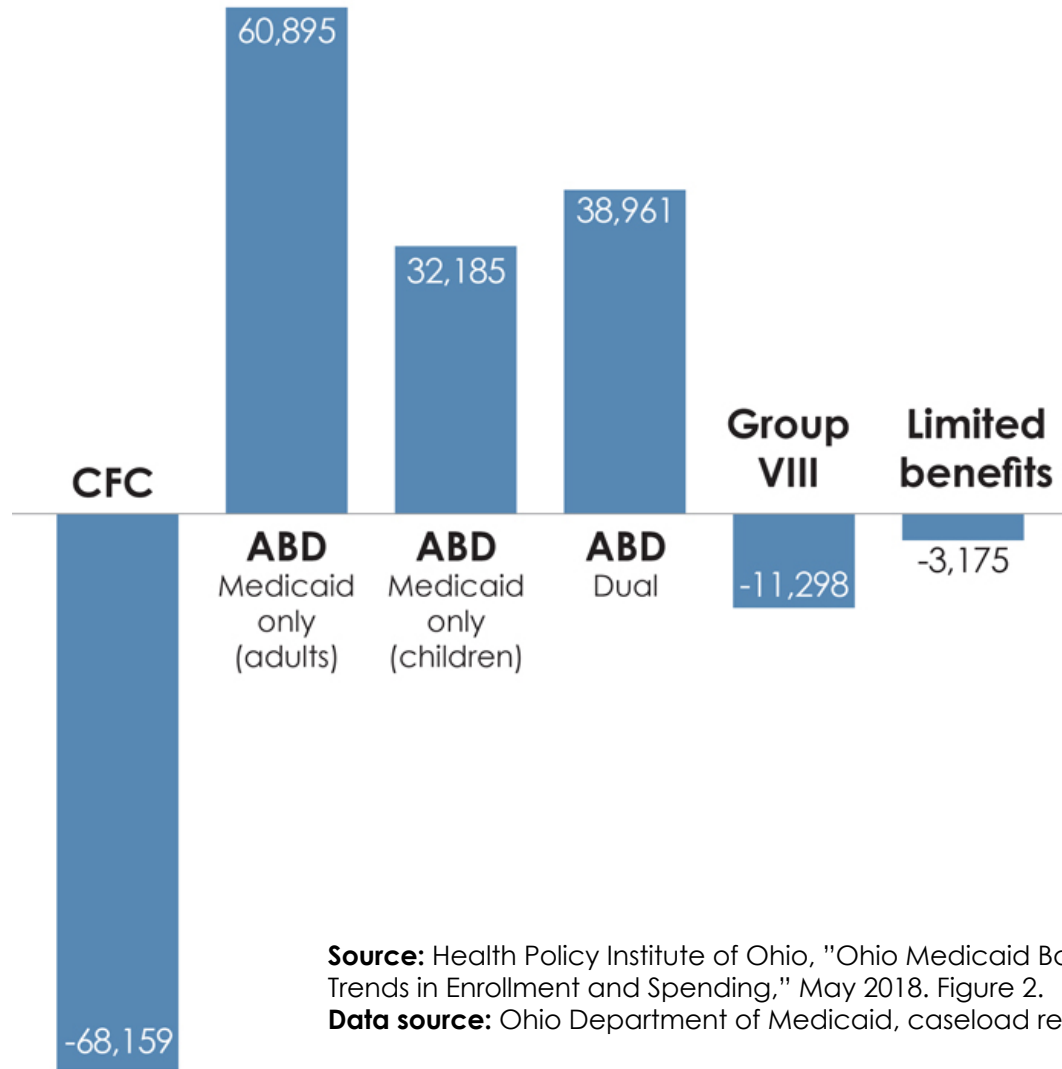# Ohio Medicaid enrollment trend, 2003-2017

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Source: Health Policy Institute of Ohio, "Ohio Medicaid Basics Update: Recent Trends in Enrollment and Spending," May 2018. Figure 1.
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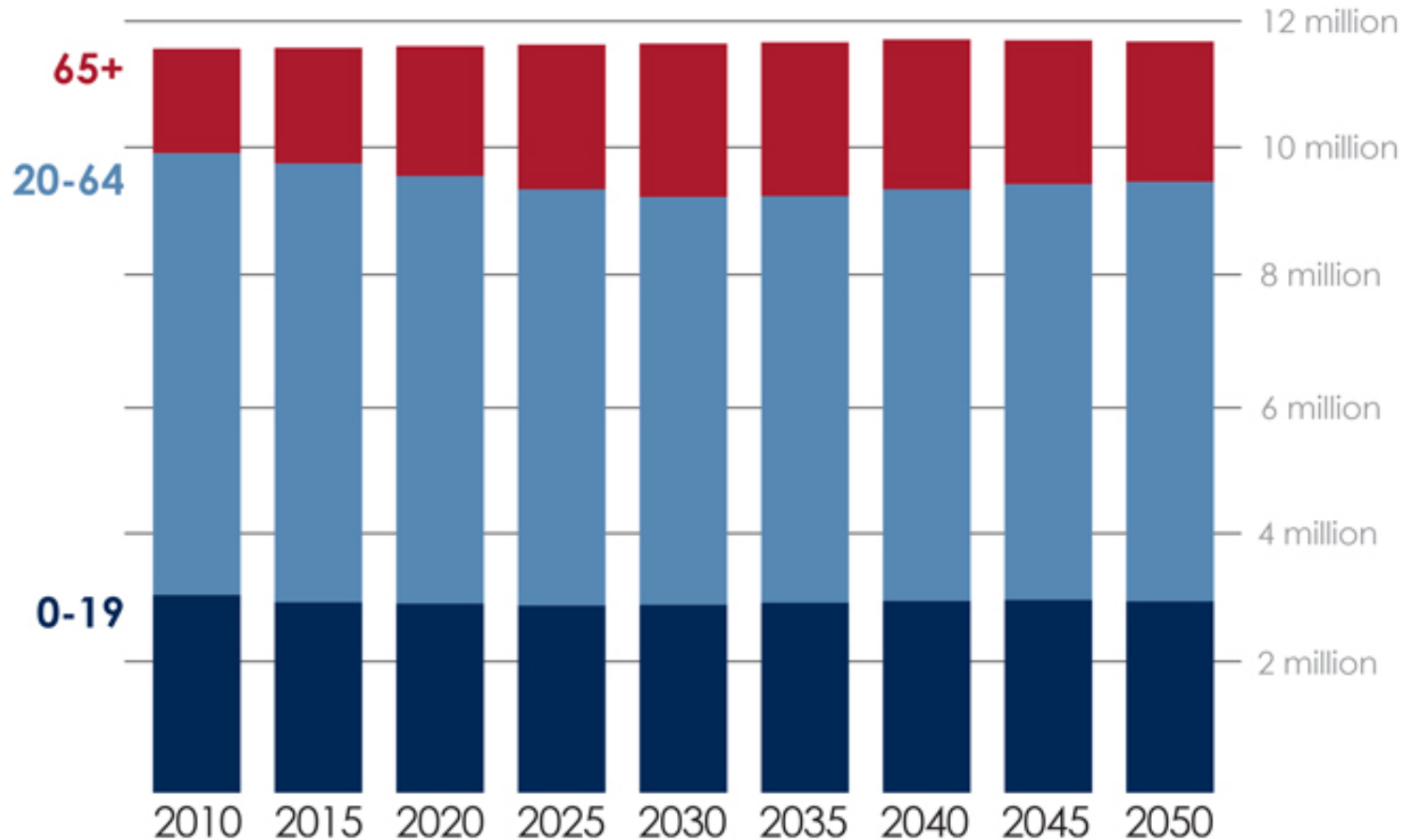
Ohio Medicaid enrollment change, by eligibility group, July 2016 to June 2017

CFC
-68,159

ABD Medicaid only (adults)
60,895

ABD Medicaid only (children)
32,185

ABD Dual
38,961

Group VIII
-11,298

Limited benefits
-3,175

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Population projections, by age, Ohio 2010-2050

Ohio Medicaid spending, in billions, SFY 2008-2017
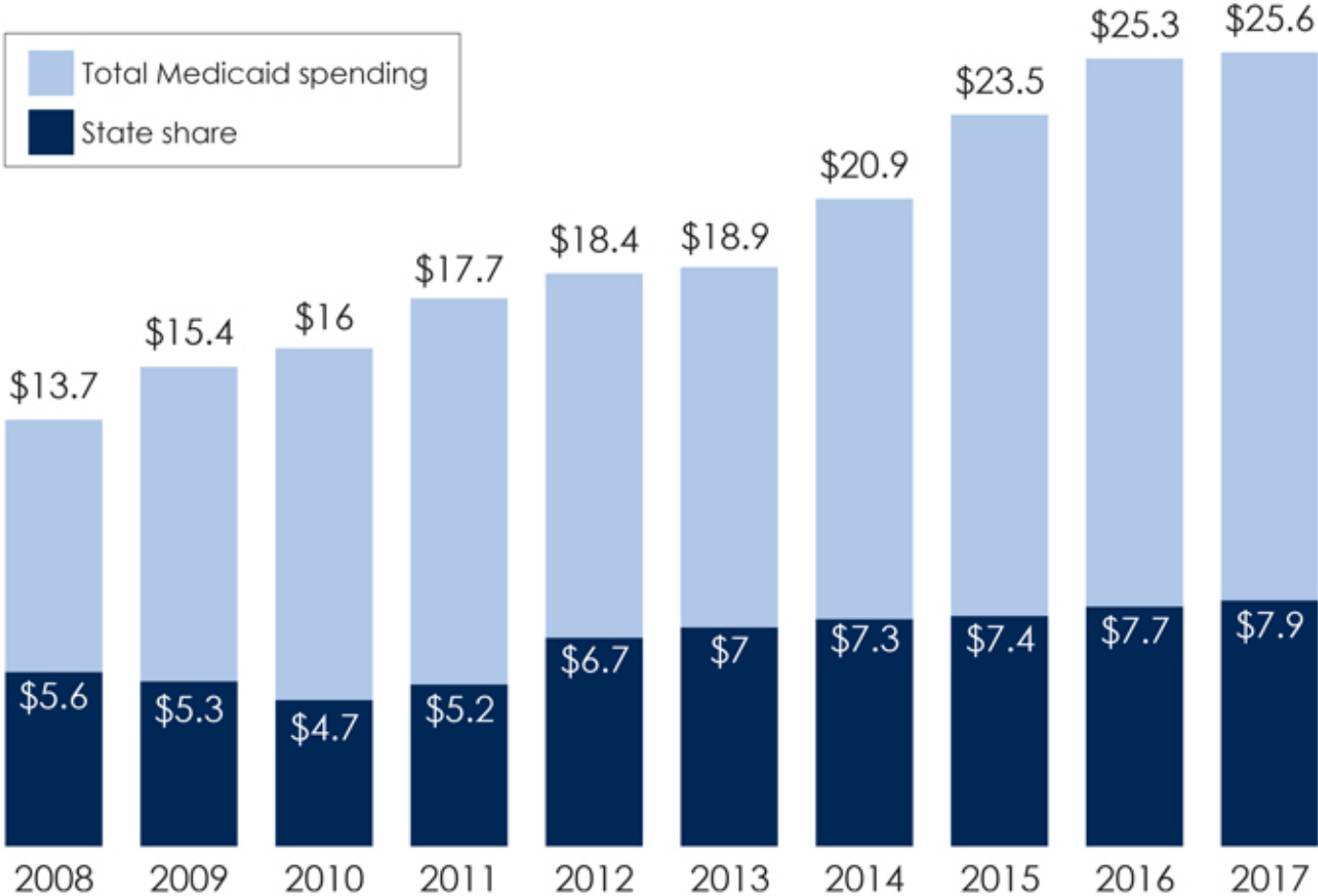

Source: Health Policy Institute of Ohio, "Ohio Medicaid Basics Update: Recent Trends in Enrollment and Spending," May 2018. Figure 4.
Data source: Data from Ohio Legislative Services Commission, *Historical Revenues and Expenditures* table 4

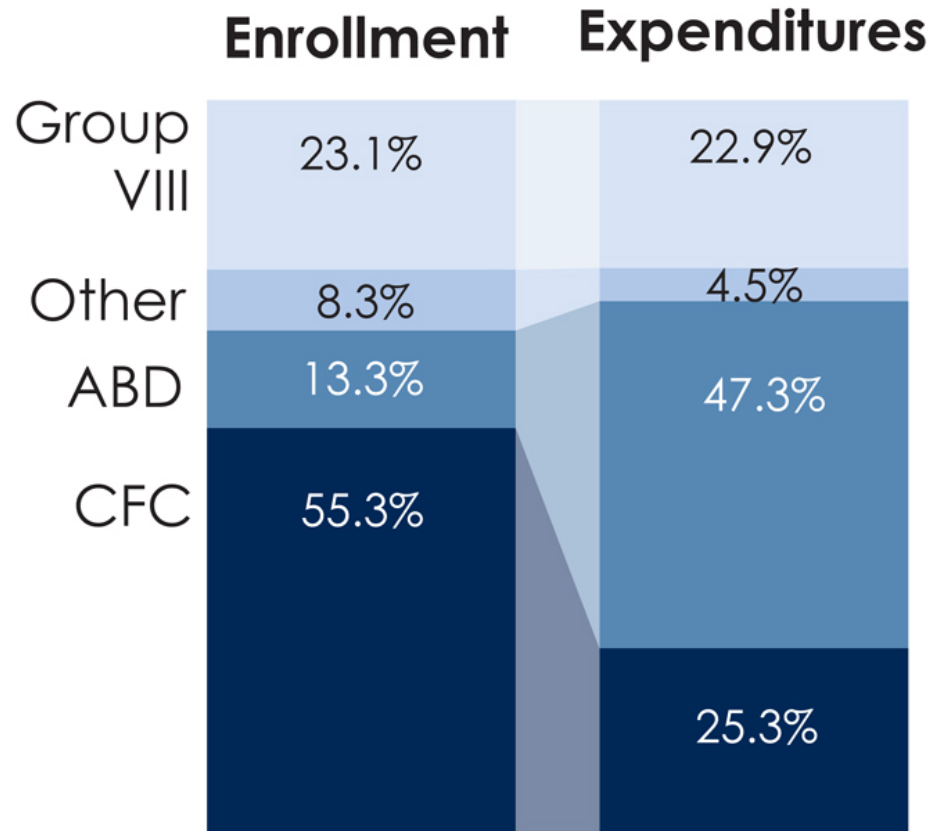# Ohio Medicaid per member per month cost, by eligibility group, SFY 2017

Type	Cost
CFC	$296
Group VIII	$575
ABD – children	$1,777
ABD – adults	$2,225
ABD – dual	$2,048
Other	$60

Source: Health Policy Institute of Ohio, "Ohio Medicaid Basics Update: Recent Trends in Enrollment and Spending," May 2018. Figure 5.
Data source: Optumas

Cost differences between types of Medicaid enrollees, SFY 2017

Enrollment

Group VIII	23.1%
Other	8.3%
ABD	13.3%
CFC	55.3%

Expenditures

Group VIII	22.9%
Other	4.5%
ABD	47.3%
CFC	25.3%

Source: Health Policy Institute of Ohio, "Ohio Medicaid Basics Update: Recent Trends in Enrollment and Spending," May 2018. Figure 6.
Data source: Ohio Department of Medicaid, Medicaid eligibles and expenditures reports (SFY 2017). Additional analysis by HPIO.

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