Ohio's Runaway Medicaid Program

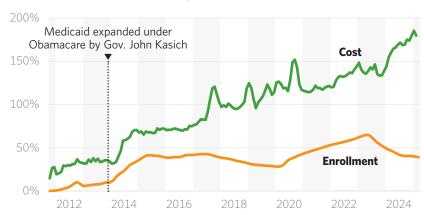
Since Gov. John Kasich expanded Ohio's Medicaid program under Obamacare, costs and enrollment have exploded. Average monthly costs have jumped more than 48 percent in just six years as more Ohioans joined the entitlement program. These costs pull resources from other vital government programs and increase Ohioans' dependence on a bankrupt federal government.

Ohio private sector
4.89 million

Ohioans enrolled in Medicaid 3.02 million (62%)

Change in Medicaid Costs and Enrollment

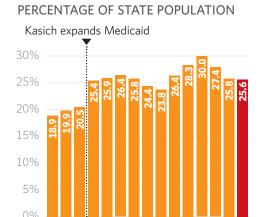
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More Than One-Quarter



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Medicaid Comprises About Half of Ohio's Budget



* Through March 2025—9 months of FY 2025. SOURCES: Ohio Department of Medicaid and Ohio Office of Budget and Management.



