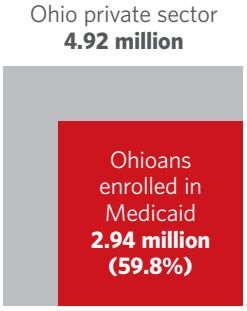
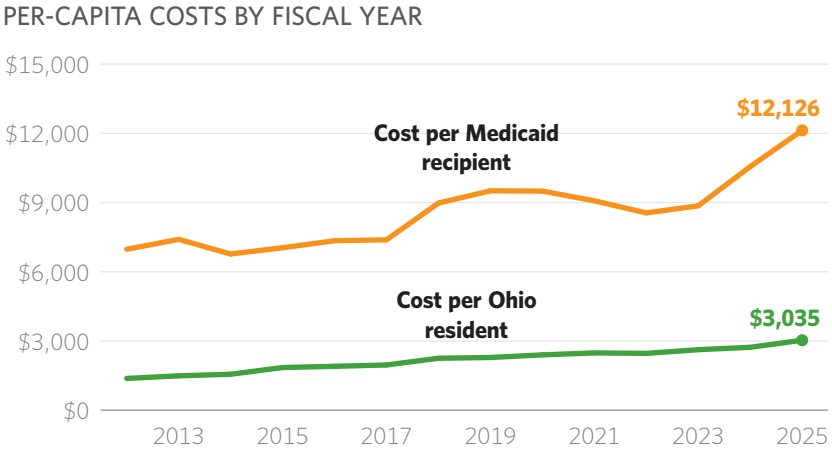
Ohio's Runaway Medicaid Program

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's Medicaid Costs per Capita Rising



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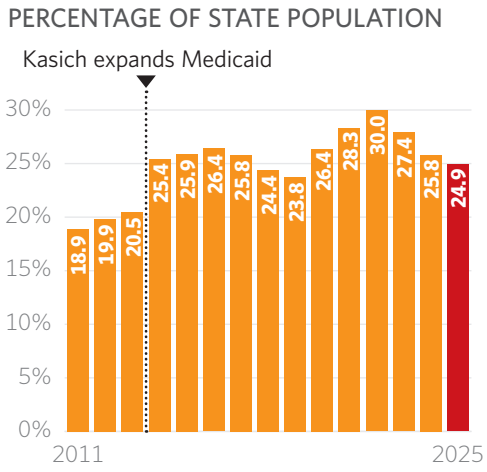
One-Quarter of Ohio on Medicaid



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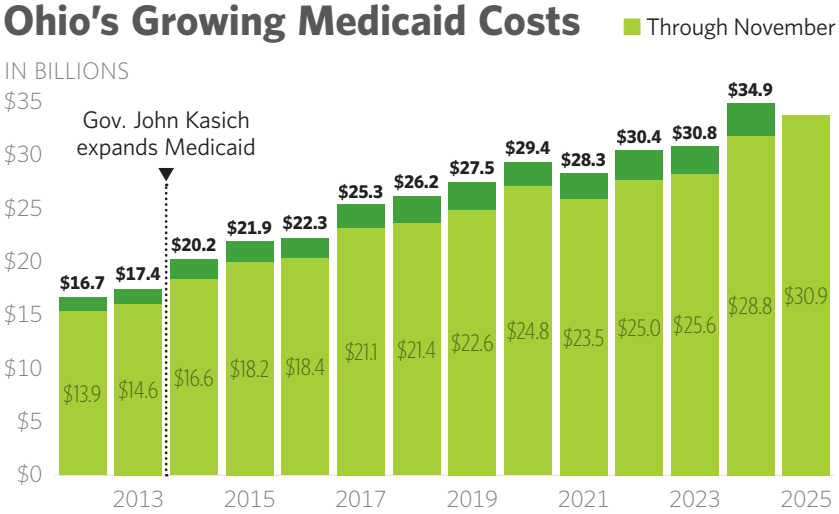
Ohio's Growing Medicaid Costs



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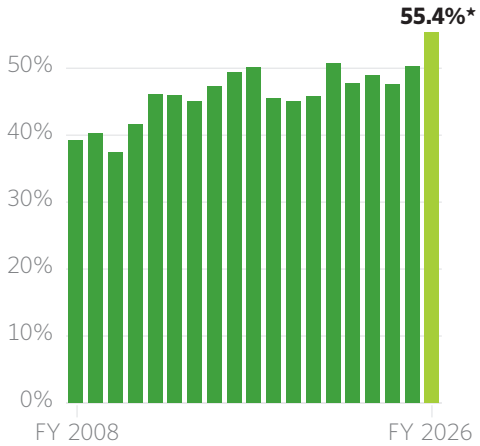
Medicaid Comprises More than Half of Ohio's Budget



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