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**OHIOMEANSJOBS SANDUSKY COUNTY
ANNUAL REPORT**

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Conquering challenges, **Embracing the Future**

Welcome to our annual report, a showcase of achievements, progress, and commitment to excellence throughout the year.

Meet Your Dedicated OhioMeansJobs Team



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From Top Left: Casey Morrow, Jacob Berryman, Trisha Foos, Matt Kreilick, Renee Livas, Abby Roberts, Emily Fry, Amber Wallace, Bethany Buehler, Jenny Ayres, and April Middleton.

Looking towards the future, learning from the past.

Welcome to the 2024 OhioMeansJobs Sandusky County annual report, highlighting our exceptional journey and accomplishments throughout the past year. We pride ourselves on working diligently with customers to assist them with meeting their workforce goals.

The past year has been challenging. As the job market slowed, local manufacturers experienced lay offs at an increasing rate. Sandusky County's unemployment rate was a bit higher than the state and nation's average. The county had an unemployment rate of 4.38% while the state had 4.33% and the nation at 4.35%.

In 2024, OMJ Sandusky County had some challenges as we hired and trained multiple new team members while implementing several new programs from the state. We welcomed Bethany, Emily, and Jenny to the OhioMeansJobs Center. You can still find QR codes in our atrium for those interested in submitting quick job applications from their phone, along with a slideshow with local employer information, opportunities, and average wage.

Technology continues to impact the workforce like never before and will continue in the foreseeable future. The agency continues our partnership with the GOWBI social media program to increase our reach and engagement on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. The digital billboard along State Route 412 allows us to advertise for local job openings and provide information on programs and hiring events for the public.

A new grant rolled out in early 2024 called Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) that focuses on assisting customers in obtaining training and employment in 5G and Broadband careers. Despite a rocky rollout, Sandusky County was the first county in the state of Ohio to enroll trainees in this grant! With a decrease in funding for training, QUEST has been a huge help and success with Sandusky County spending \$257,236.26 dollars of this grant.

HYPE Sandusky County has remained dedicated to youth participants, fostering a culture of self-sufficiency. Due to low enrollment numbers, the agency opted out of the Summer Youth Employment Program in 2024. HYPE continues to celebrate youth participant successes, one being featured in this report.

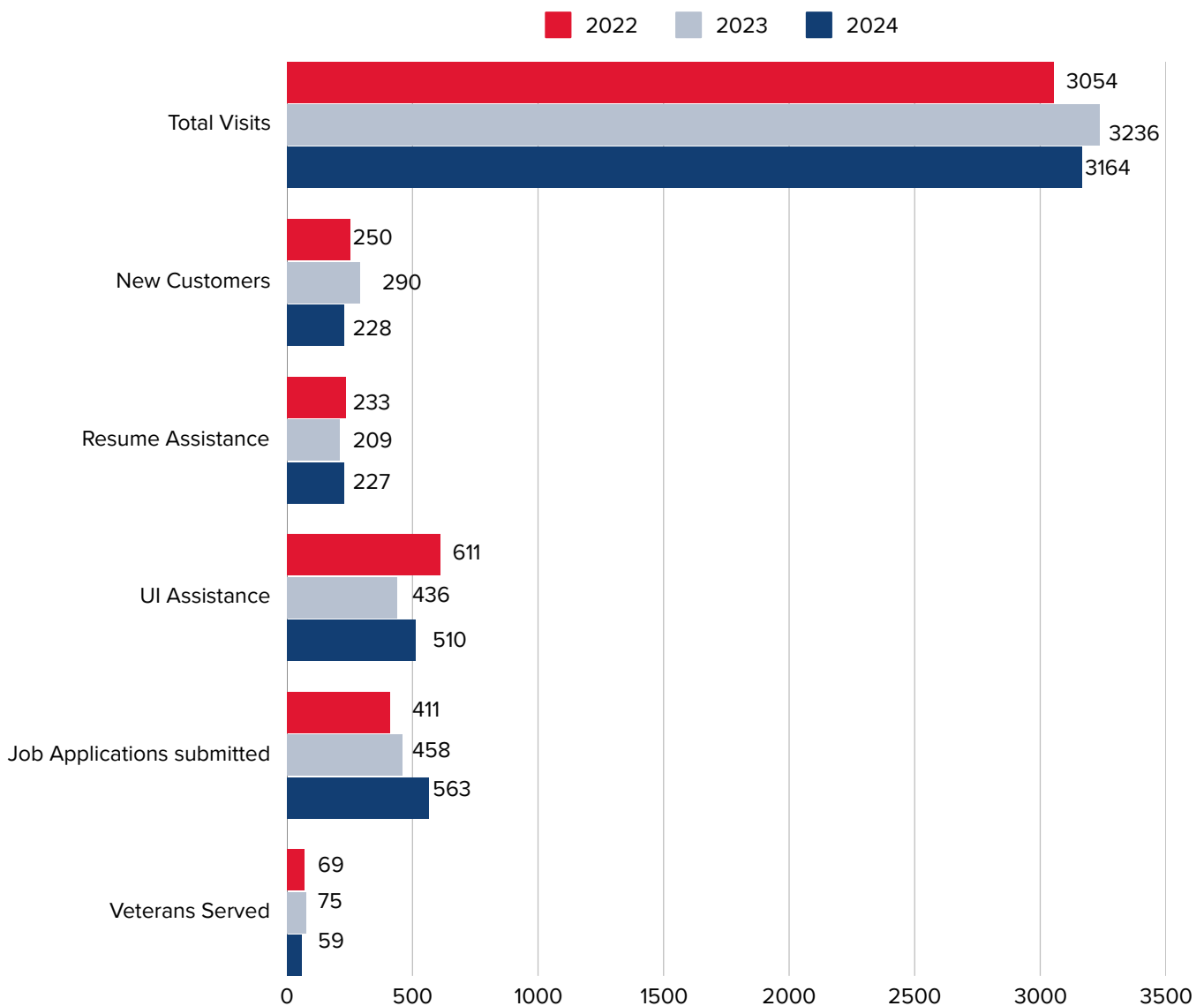
Looking ahead, OhioMeansJobs Sandusky County will remain steadfast in our commitment to delivering exceptional services in a timely manner to all youth, job seekers, and employers. We are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and confident in our ability to navigate the evolving world of workforce. On the horizon, we have a new way to communicate with participants and customers through Engage by Cell.

Thank you to Greater Ohio Workforce Board Inc. (GOWBI), Sandusky County partners, OhioMeansJobs Sandusky County staff, and most importantly our community members, for your unwavering support. We invite you to read the following pages of this report to discover our milestones, achievements, and progress of our organization.

Sincerely,

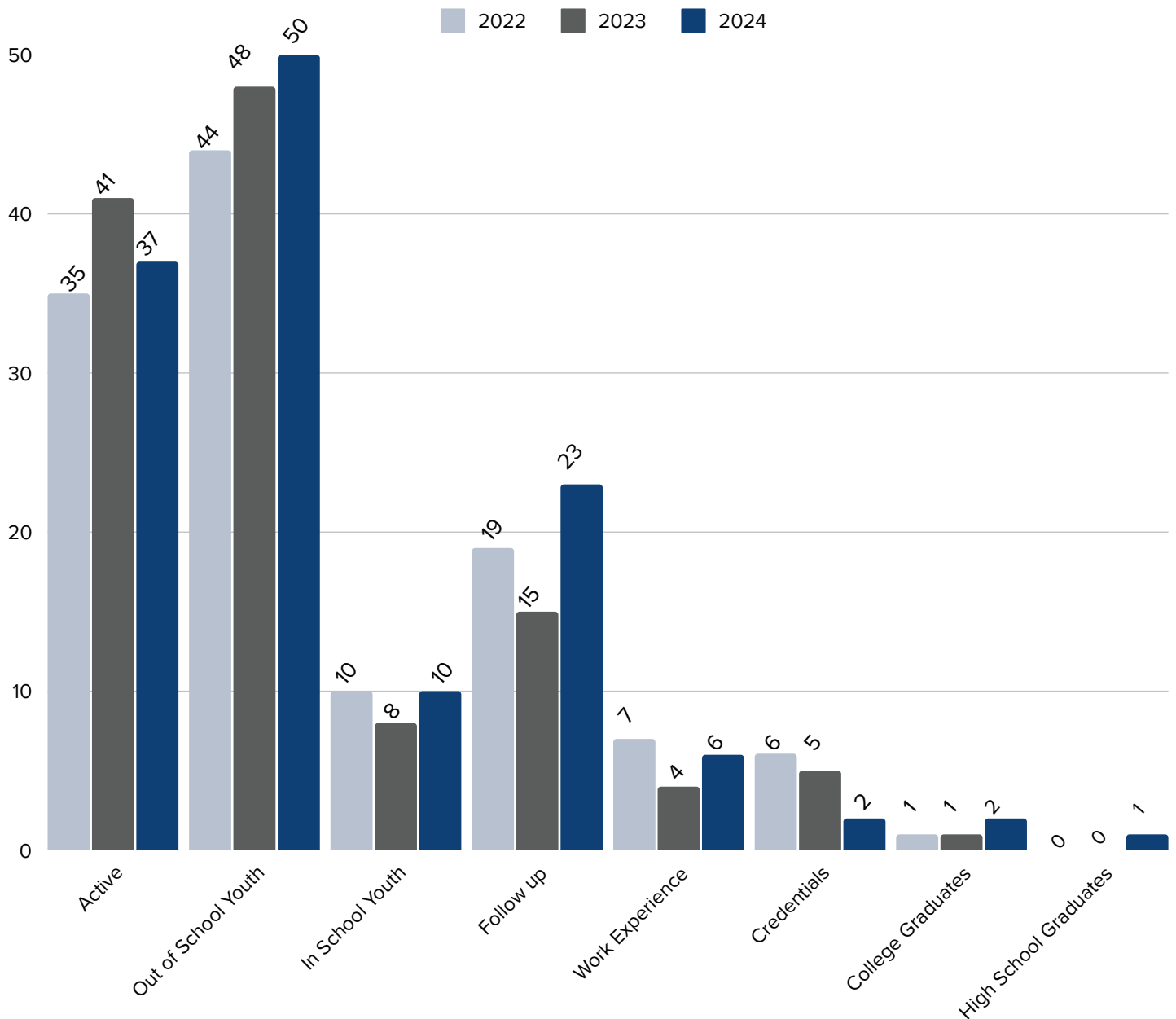
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OhioMeansJobs Center Statistics



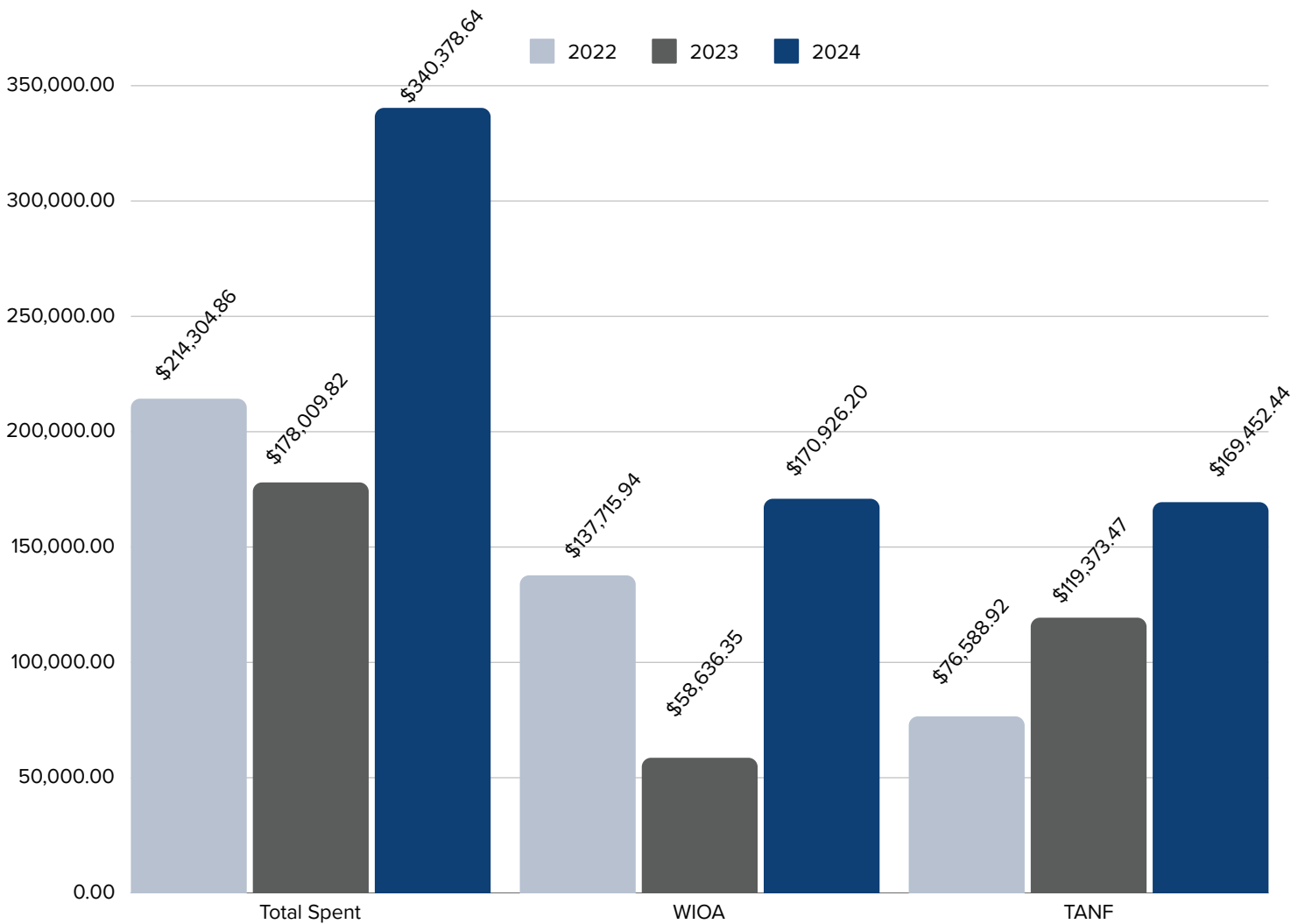


Empowering Youth Promoting Sufficiency





Youth Expenditures



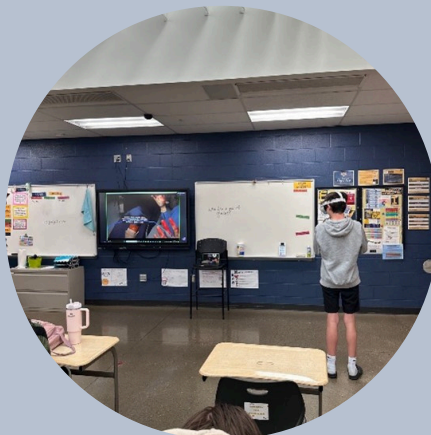
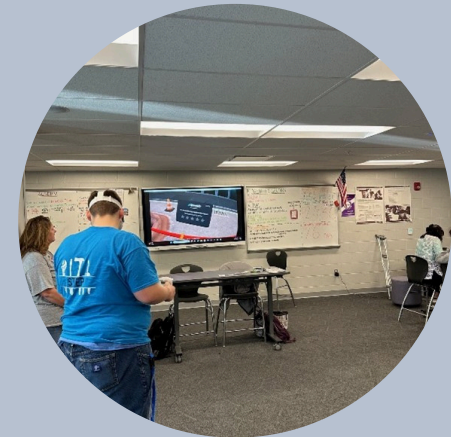
HYPE Success Story

Georgia recently graduated from Terra State Community College with an Associate of Applied Business- Accounting degree in May 2024.

After completing her associate degree, Georgia continued taking classes at both Terra State and Franklin University working towards earning her bachelor's degree in accounting. Her ultimate career goal is to become a forensic accountant. While in school, she was also employed at Almost Family, Inc. as a caregiver. Georgia had this to say about her experience with the program, "The HYPE program has helped me in many ways! The HYPE program has helped me with my college tuition while attending Terra as well as provided me with school supplies and incentives for employment and educational accomplishments. The HYPE program is great for ALL young adults."



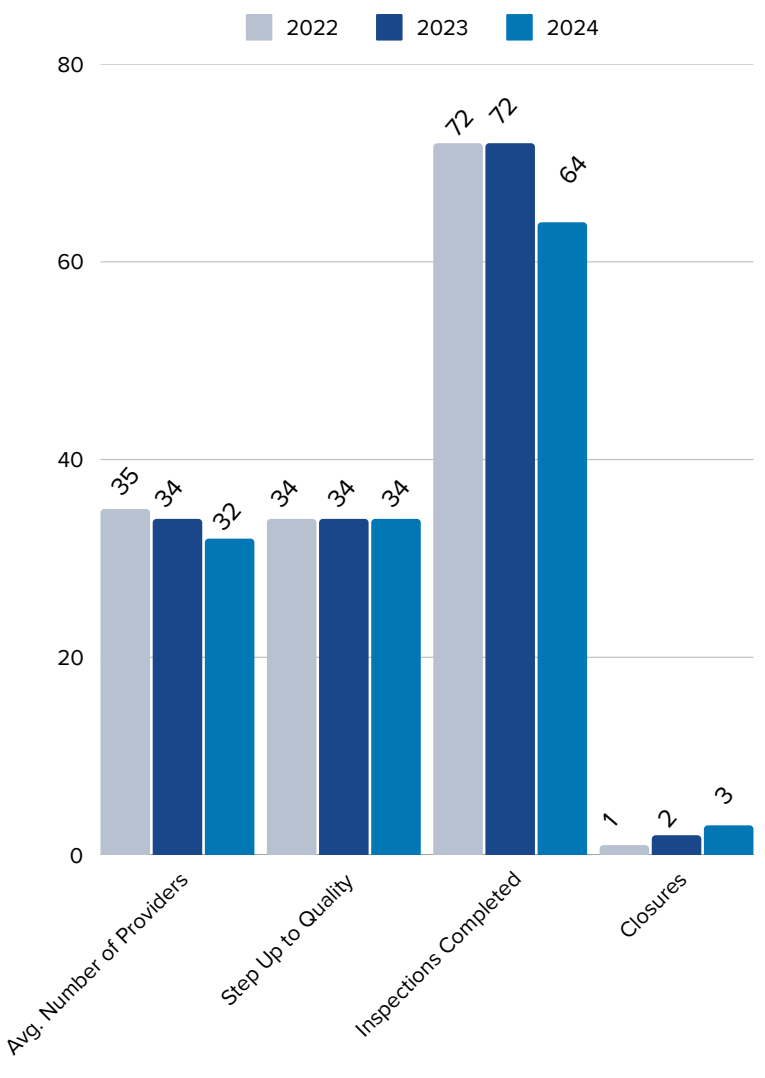
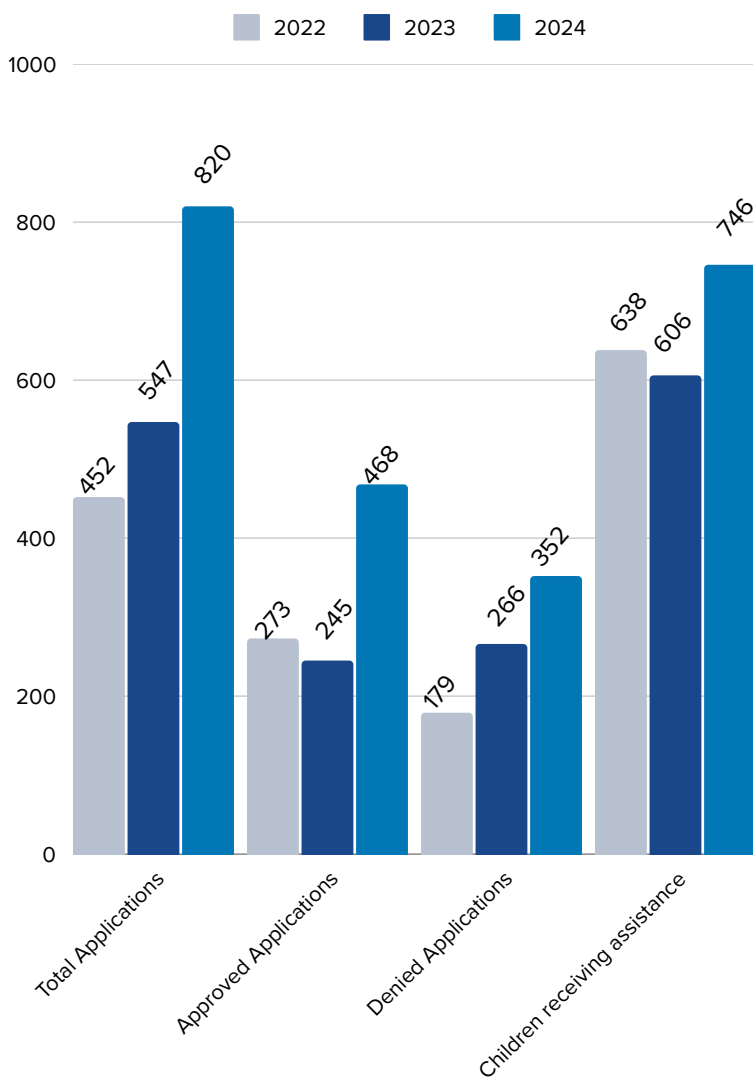
Immersive & Interactive Virtual Reality Experience



We continue to provide cutting edge technology with TRANSFR VR headsets. These have realistic demos of occupations and can assist with career exploration.

Child Care Stats

The addition of two new childcare programs in 2024, Child Care Choice Voucher (CCC) and Early Childhood Education (ECE) resulted in a large increase in applications and expenditures with over \$3 million dollars supporting children in Sandusky County to attend state approved childcare providers so their caregivers can work and/or attend training.



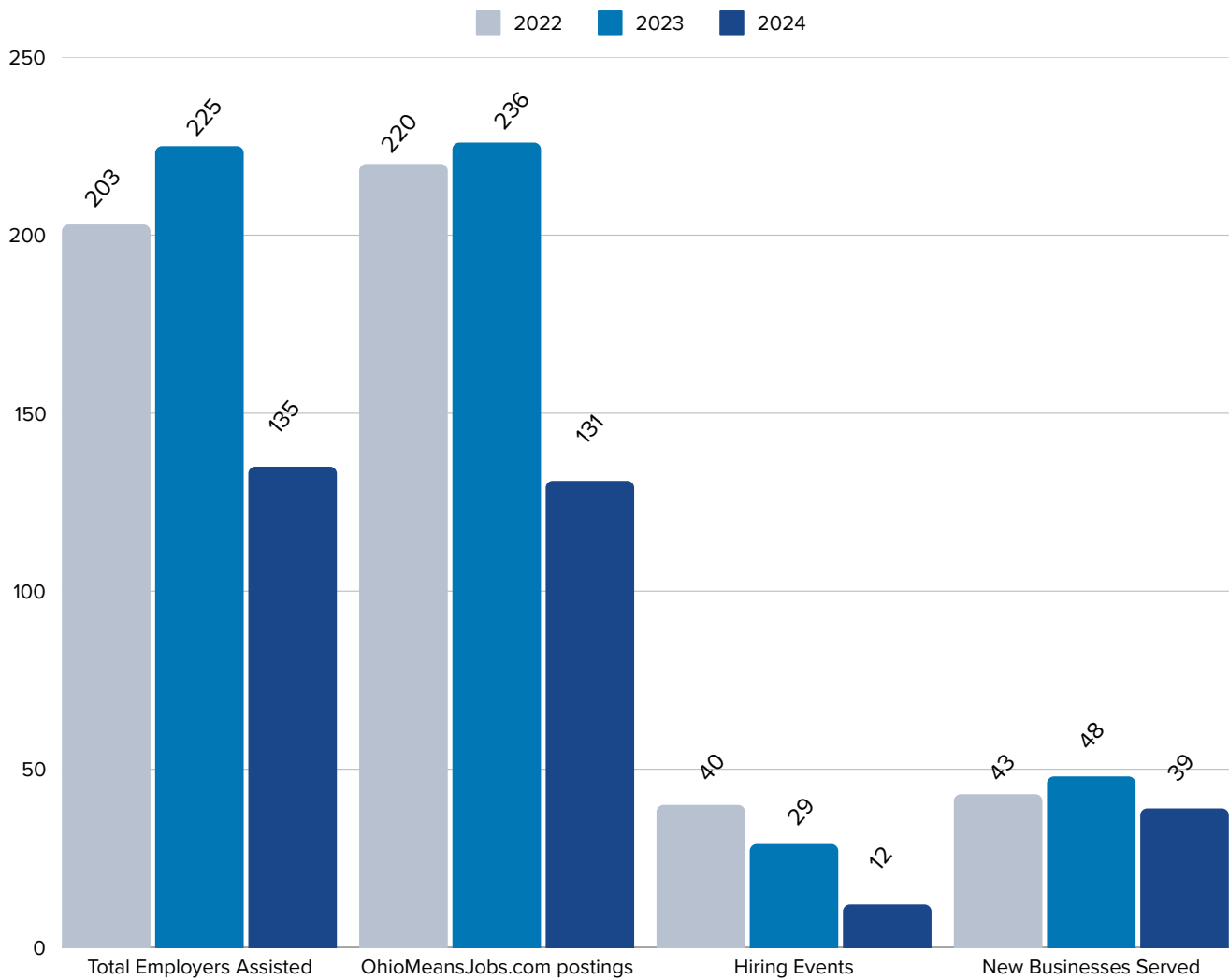
Total Child Care Expenditures:

2024 - \$3,146,394

2023 - \$2,773,236

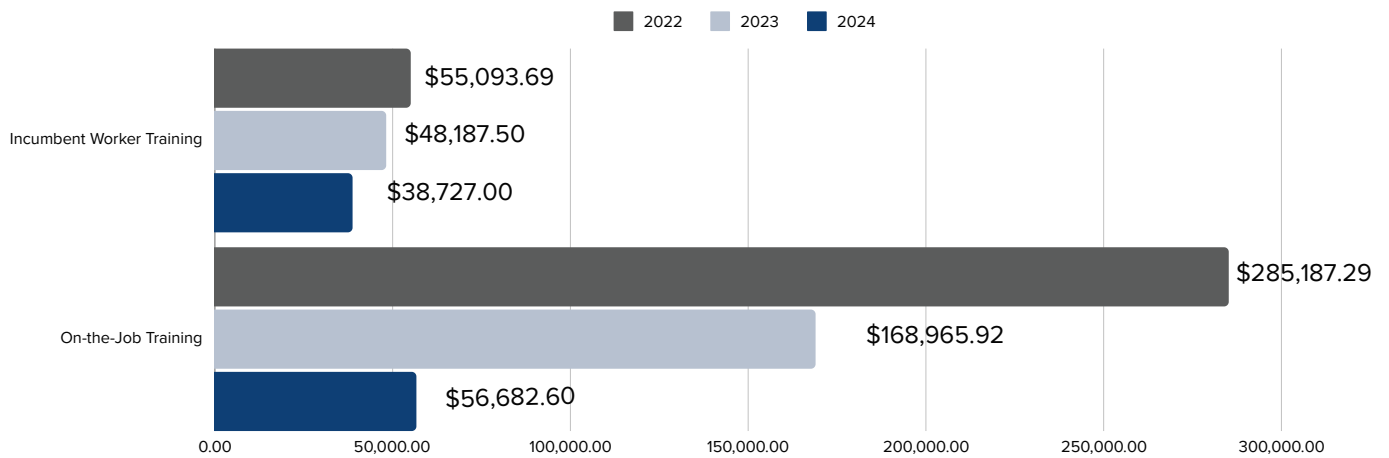
Business Services

A year in review



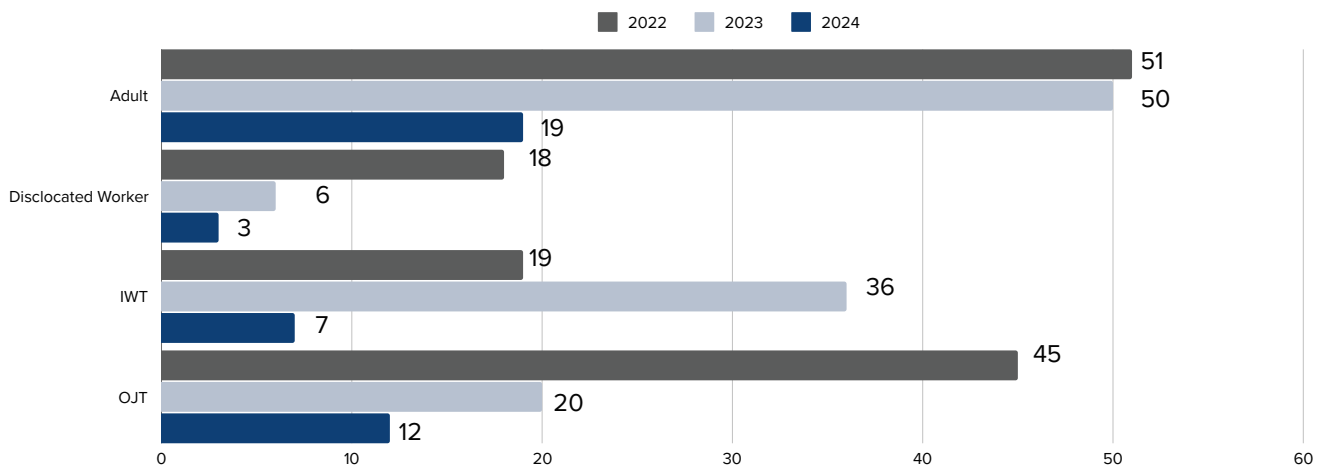
Total Business Contacts: 715

Training Fund Expenditures



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

Standard Technologies, Freeman Company - BMG, Revere Plastics Systems, Crescent Manufacturing, JS Fabrications Inc., Capitol Aluminum and Glass Corporation, Damschroder Roofing



Celebrating Breakthroughs, Inspiring Growth



Since 2022 OhioMeansJobs Sandusky County has been working with Freeman BMG on their Apprenticeship program. In 2024, BMG had 5 employees going through the Apprenticeship program. The first employee will complete the Apprenticeship program in 2025! and will officially be a journeyman!



Missler Industries and OhioMeansJobs Sandusky County began working together in late 2023 to create a tool & die maker apprenticeship sponsored by GOWBI. Missler Industries is a small, family owned business that has quadrupled their workforce since 2019 and doubled the size of their building in 2024! Their apprenticeship was approved in late 2024.



Before Product



Finished Product

Spotlight on Local Business

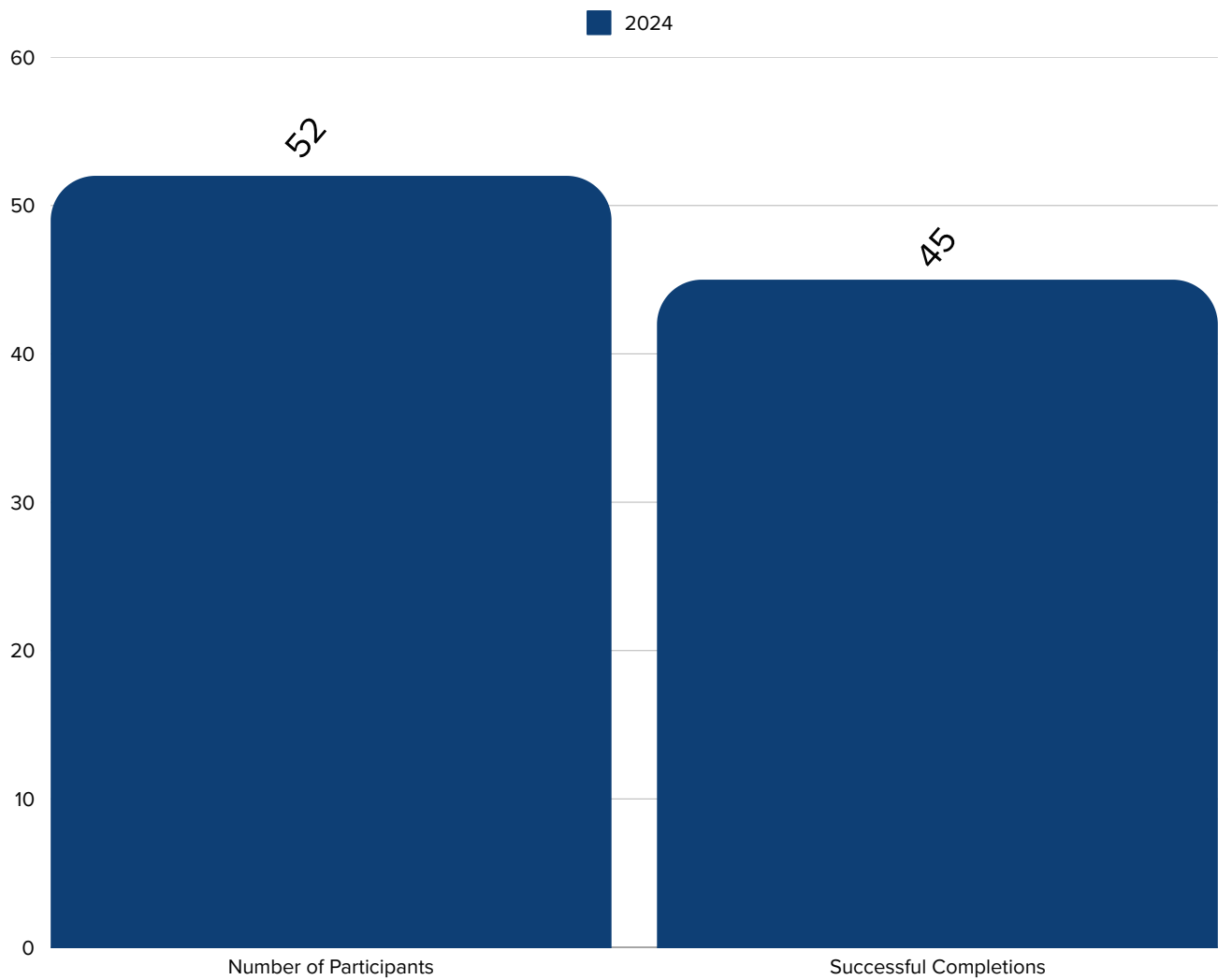


In February, U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur visited Kuns Northcoast Security and presented this veteran owned small business a flag flown over the Capitol.



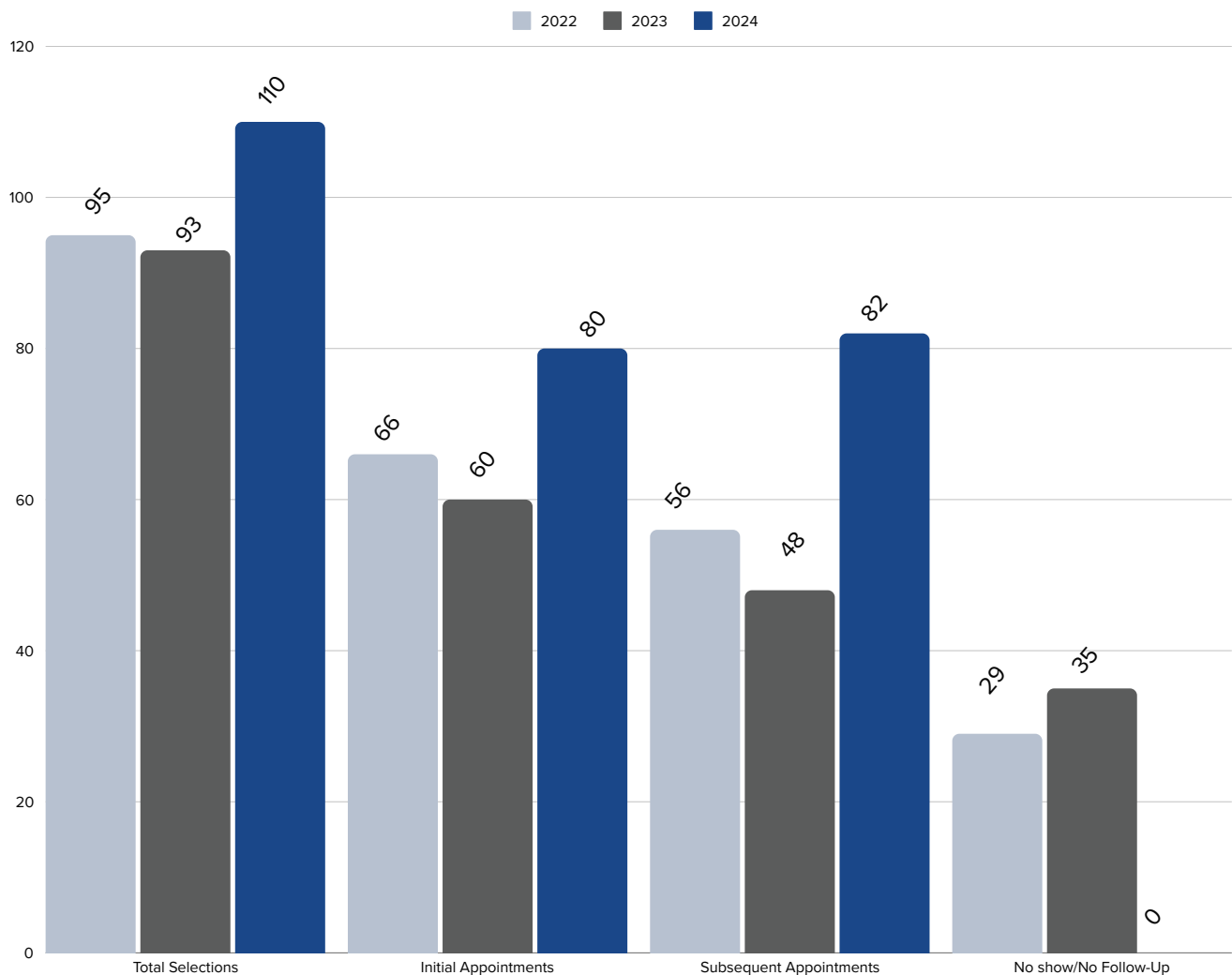
QUEST

This program was new in 2024 and resulted in many individuals obtaining training in 5G and Broadband careers. Sandusky County is proud to report being the first in the state of Ohio to enroll individuals in these exciting career options.



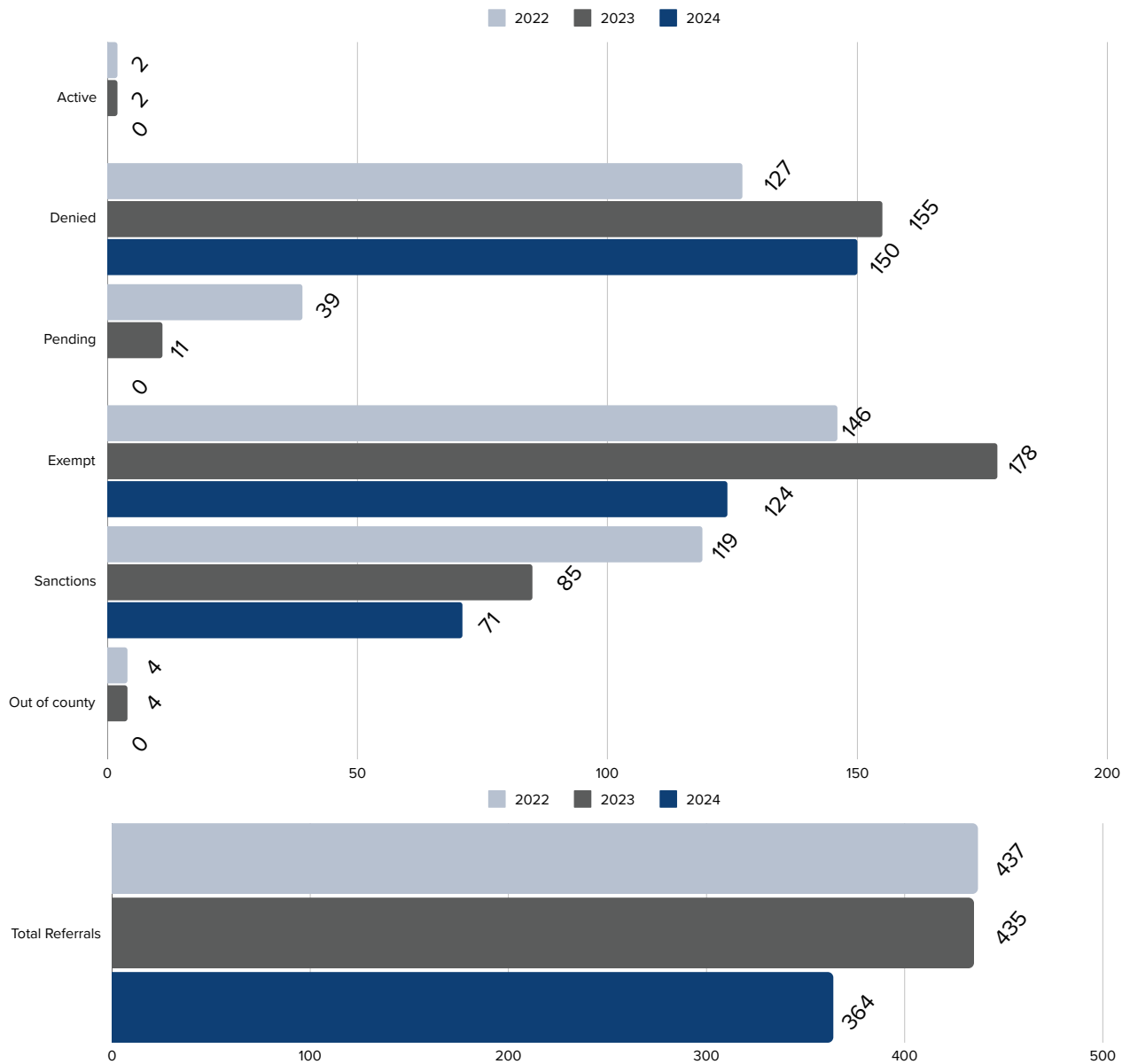
Expenditures:
\$257,236.26

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment

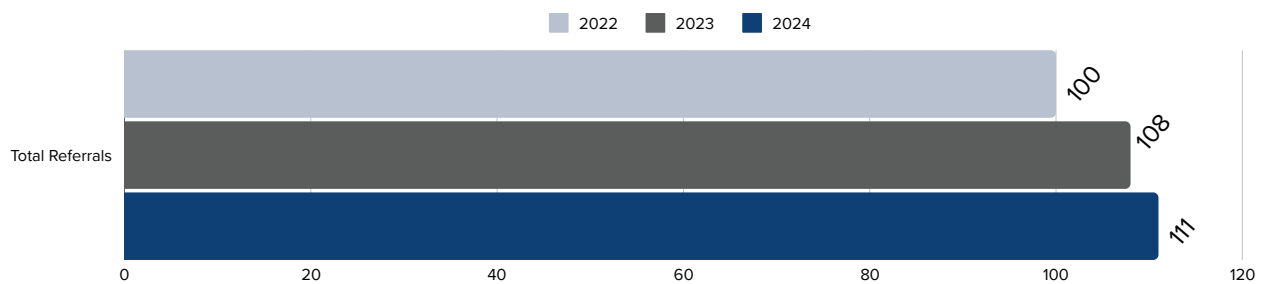
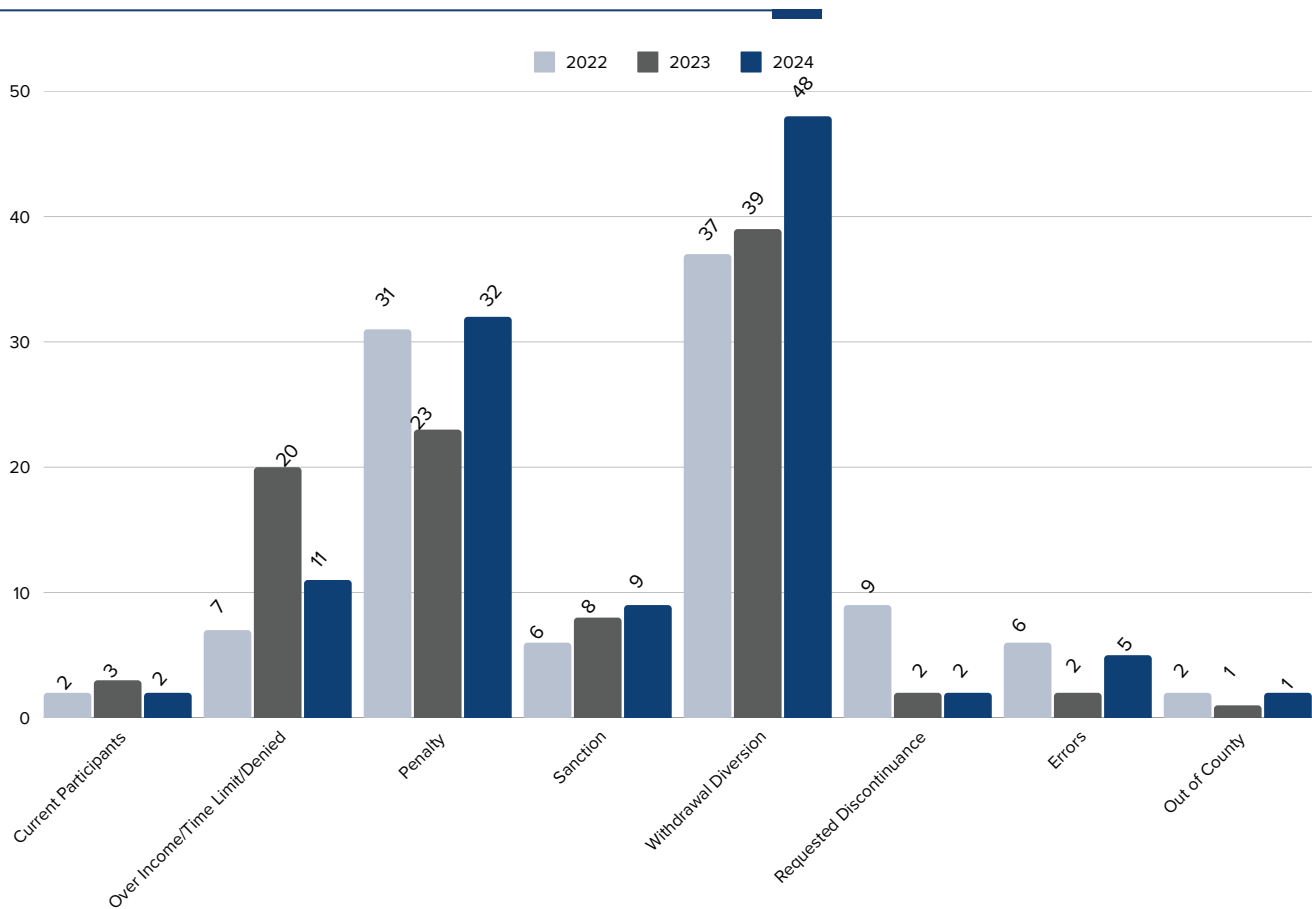


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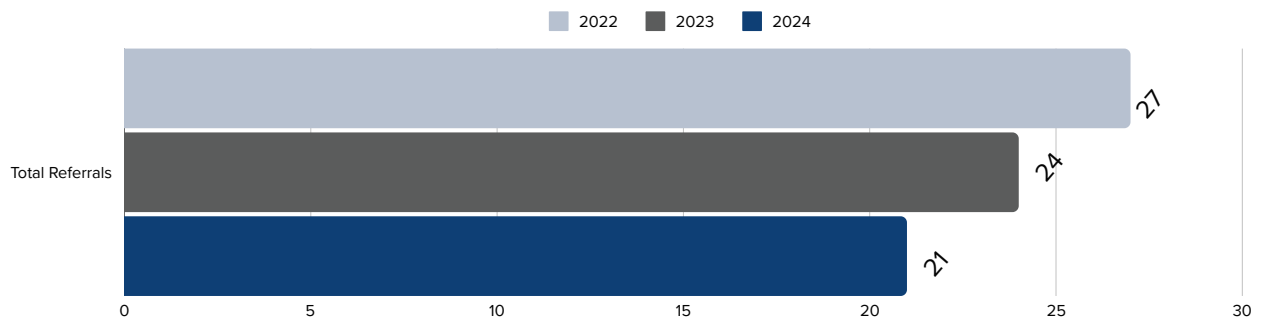
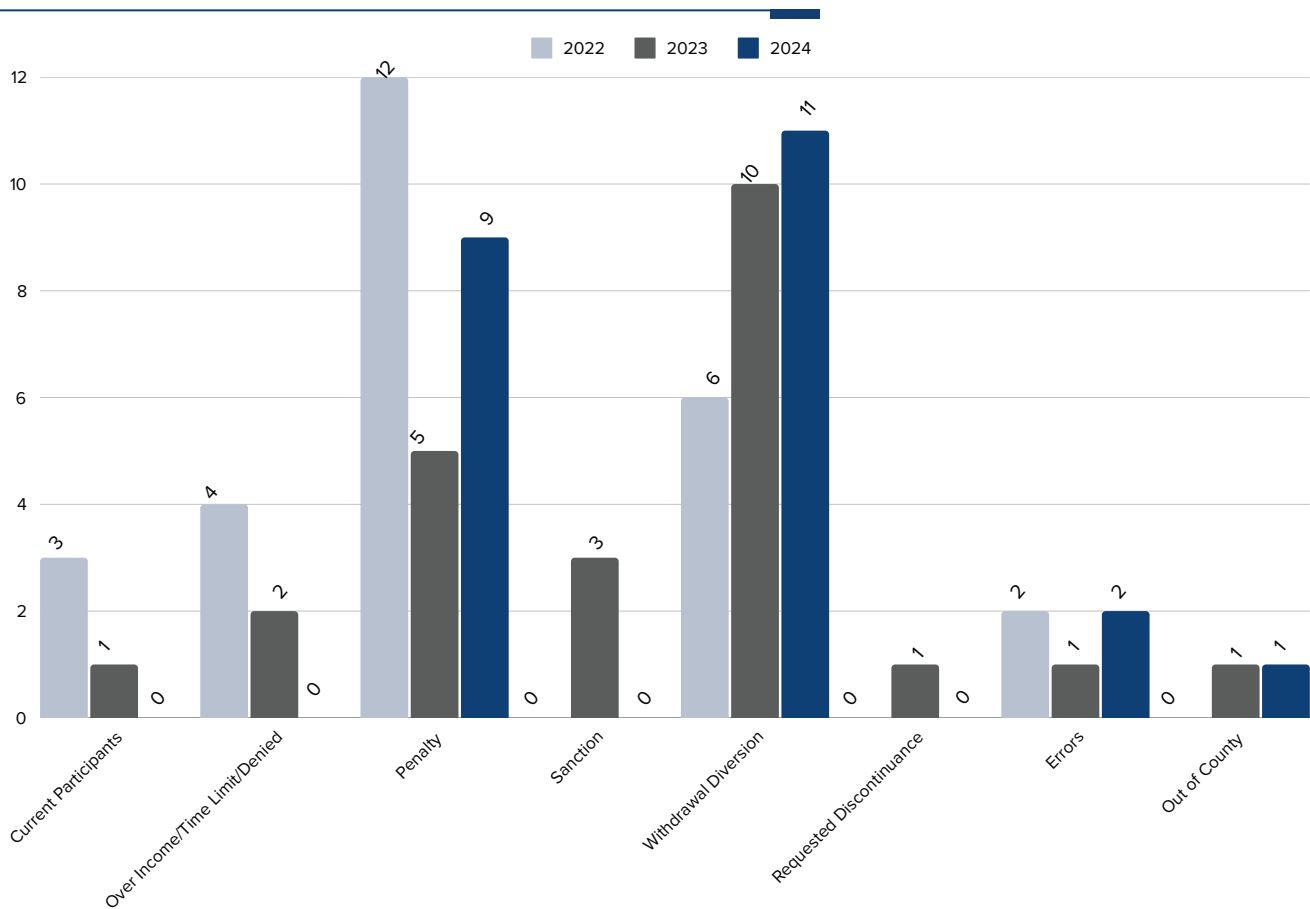
Work Activities



TANF Adult Work Activities



TANF CCMEP Work Activities



Driving Collaboration, Community Engagements



OhioMeansJobs meets people where they are. What better way to do this than getting out in our community! From Farmer's Markets, Community Cookouts, THINK showcase, and Biz Blitz with our Economic Development partners, you can find us involved!



As we move forward in 2025, we look forward to accepting the challenges of the ever changing workforce and assisting the needs of Sandusky County employers and job seekers. We will continue to be adaptive and provide top notch customer service to our customers.

We are excited to implement a new way to communicate with customers and participants called Engage by Cell. This platform allows job seekers to “opt in” to receive job leads via text message.

Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training (QUEST) is an initiative to promote careers in Broadband and 5G. In collaboration with the University of Findlay, Terra State Community College, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership and GOWBI, OhioMeansJobs can assist with funding education in a related occupation.

Thank you for taking the time to read our summary of 2024 as we look forward to 2025.

Looking forward, Accepting challenges

Gratitude, Collaboration, **and Continued Success**

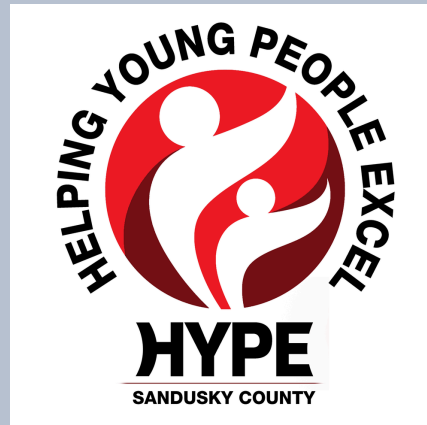


OhioMeansJobs Sandusky County expresses our appreciation to all partners, including, customers, employers, community members, Sandusky County partnering organizations, and OMJ staff, for their unwavering support and dedication.


Thank you!




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