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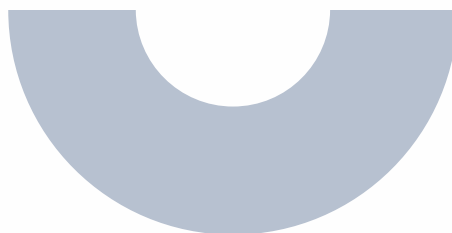


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Message from OMJ Administrator

As federal and state policies continued to evolve throughout the year, the OhioMeansJobs – Sandusky County team remained committed to serving the residents, businesses, and partners of Sandusky County with flexibility and care. We understand change can create uncertainty, and we worked diligently to ensure our services remained responsive, accessible, and focused on the needs of our community. Where significant program rule changes impacted performance outcomes, you will find brief explanations included alongside the data to provide clarity and context.

We strive every day to meet individuals where they are, offering guidance, resources, and support tailored to their unique circumstances.

In 2025, in anticipation of upcoming budget reductions, we made the difficult but necessary decision to attrit the Business Service Consultant position. This step was taken thoughtfully to maintain fiscal responsibility while preserving the core services our community relies on.



Casey Nead, MSSA, LSW

Assistant Director

OMJ - Sandusky County Overview

OhioMeansJobs - Sandusky County is a free resource to job seekers and employers. We offer a multitude of services from simple, resume and job application assistance, to more in-depth assessments and assistance with training, if needed.



Vision

To ensure every resident of Sandusky County has the skills, support, and opportunity to secure meaningful employment and build a strong future.

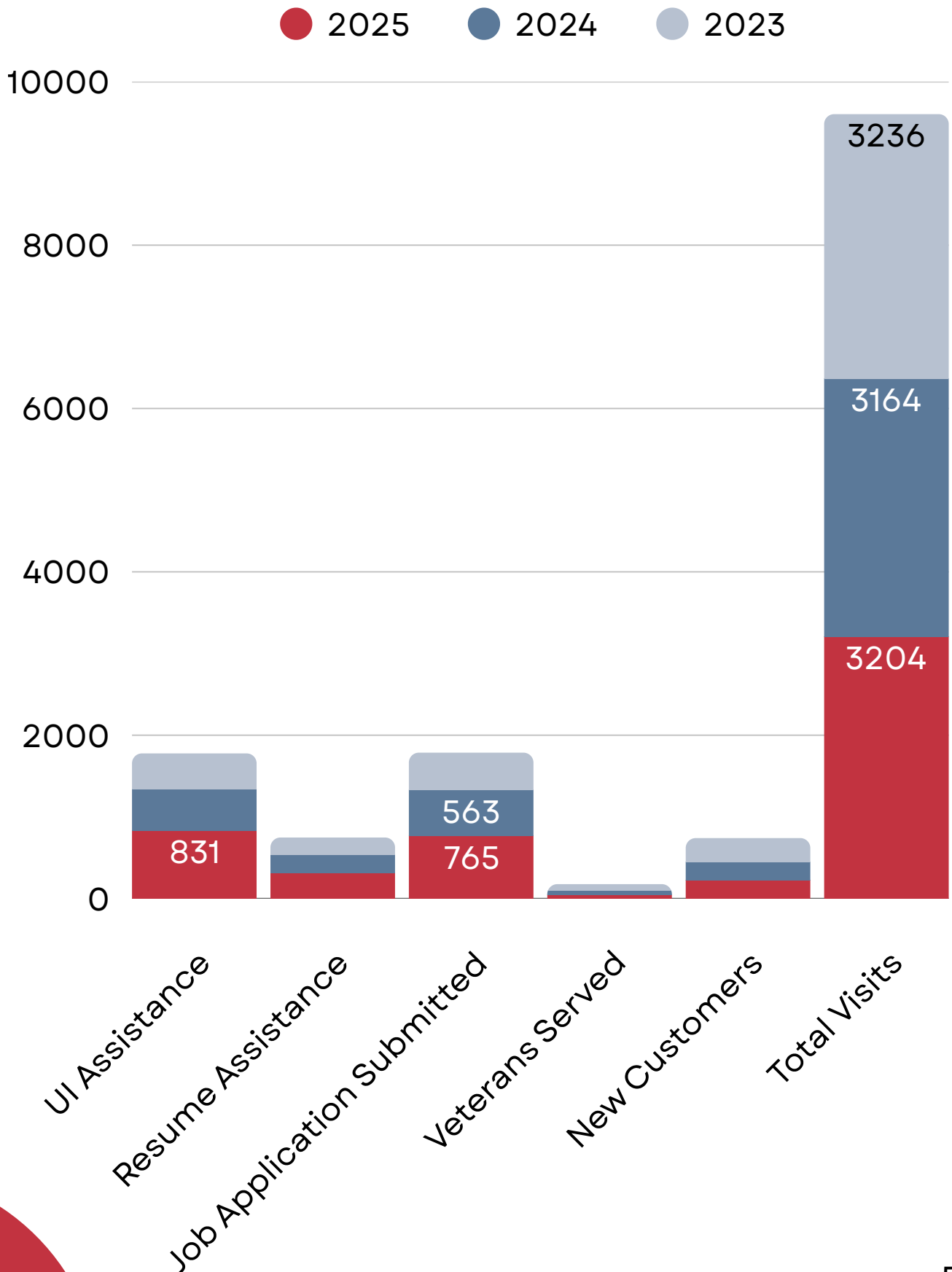
Job Seekers

- Resume Assistance
- Job Applications
- Meaningful Assistance with Unemployment
- Person-Centered Assessments
- Career Counseling
- Training Assistance, if necessary
- Supportive Services

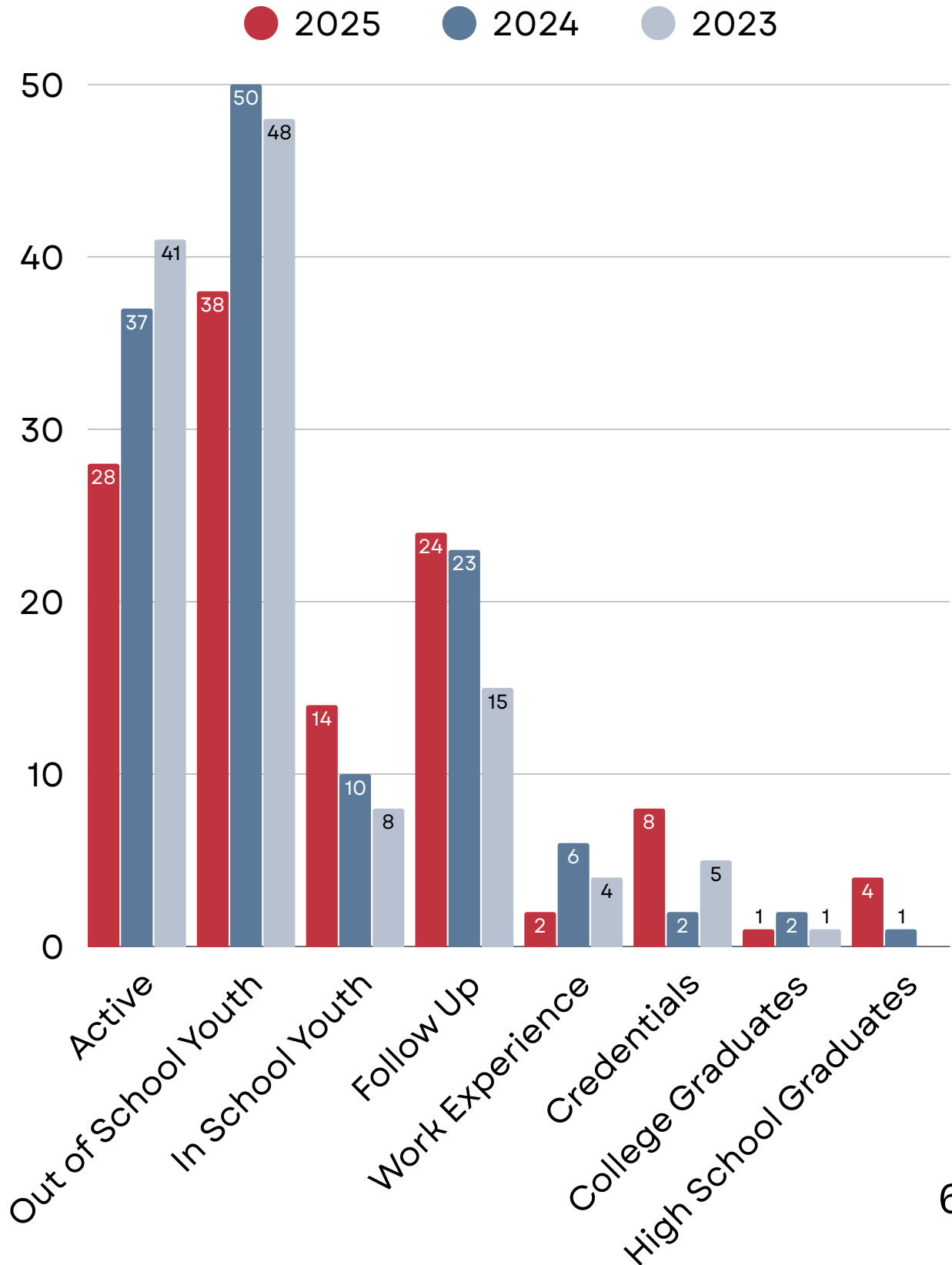
Employers

- Free Job Postings on OhioMeansJobs.com and social media
- On-the-Job Training funding
- Incumbent Worker Training funding
- Assistance with establishing Registered Apprenticeships

OMJ Center Statistics

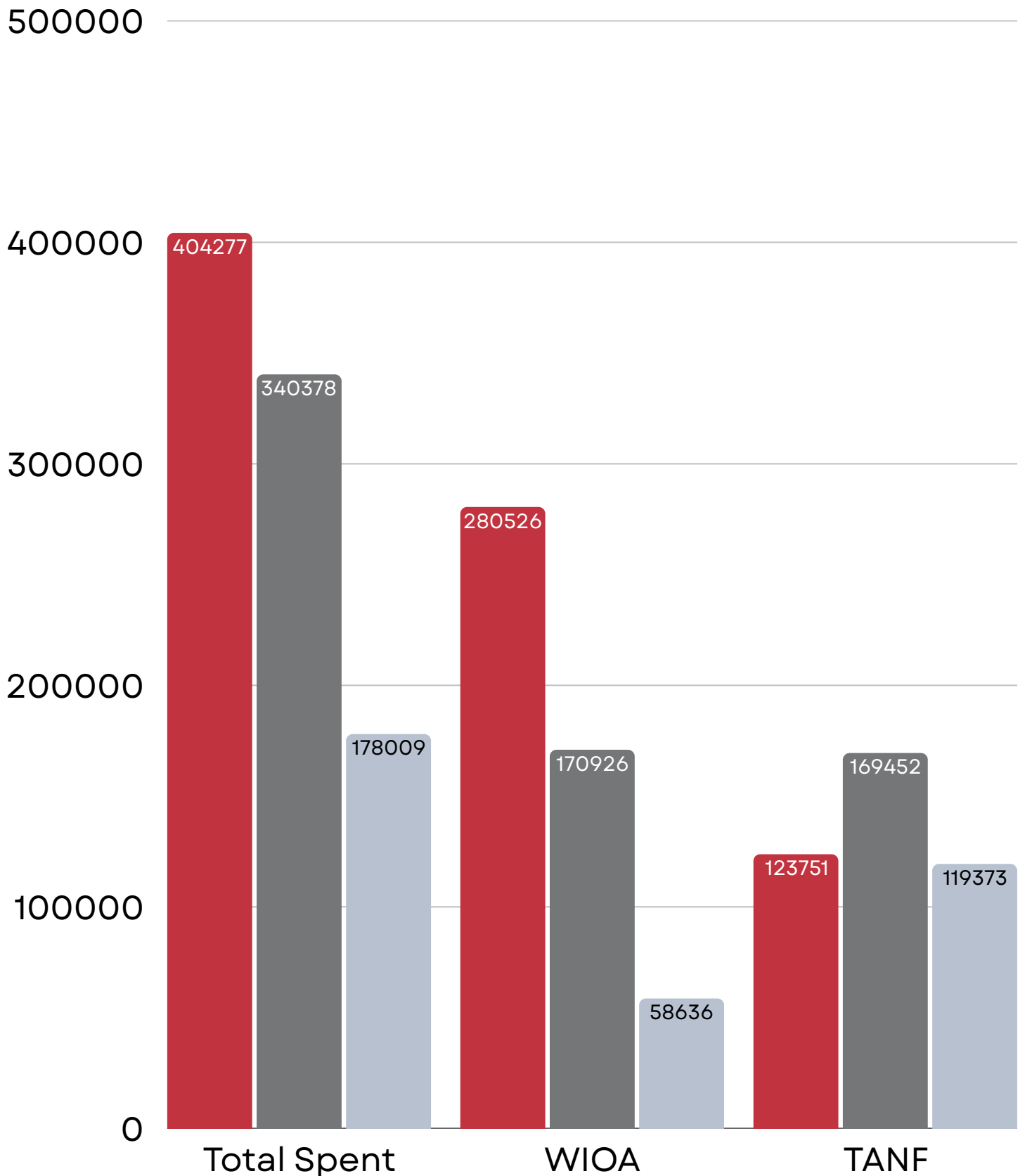


HYPE Statistics



HYPE Expenditures

● 2025 ● 2024 ● 2023



HYPE Testimonials

Emma completed the Medical Assistant with Phlebotomy program from EHOVE Career Center in May 2025. Following graduation, she took a meaningful pause to welcome her second daughter in June 2025. In September, Emma joined the team at Toledo Clinic Woodville Family Medicine Center as a medical assistant. Since then, she has put her EHOVE training into practice, consistently providing high-quality care to the patients she serves.

When asked about her journey through the program, Emma shared: "the HYPE program helped me keep the confidence to finish school and land my first job after graduation. My caseworker helped me stay goal oriented, I was able to accomplish everything while still being a mom to my girls."



Pictured Above: Emma

In March 2025, Madison earned her associate's degree in Veterinary Technology from Stautzenberger College. Shortly after graduation, she began working as a veterinary technician at Hartschuh Veterinary Services in New Washington, Ohio, where she has been employed since April 2025. In her role, Madison applies the expertise and practical skills she developed during her studies to deliver exceptional care to animals. Reflecting on her educational experience, Madison shared: "HYPE was a foundation for my personal growth. It fundamentally changed how I approach problems, communicate my ideas, and believe in my own potential. I feel more capable, confident, and prepared for my future because of this program."

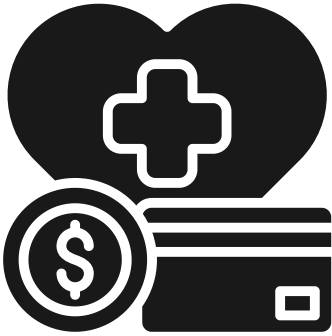


Pictured Above: Madison

Child Care

The agency continued to navigate multiple changes in child care eligibility guidelines with a total of three programs: Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC), Child Care Choice Voucher Program (CCCVP), and Early Childhood Education (ECE).

Although overall, there were less applications processed in 2025, this is due to ECE being designated to the county in 2024 and an influx of applications received. In 2025, all programs were determined using 1 application and once a child is eligible for ECE, they remain eligible until reaching kindergarten age.



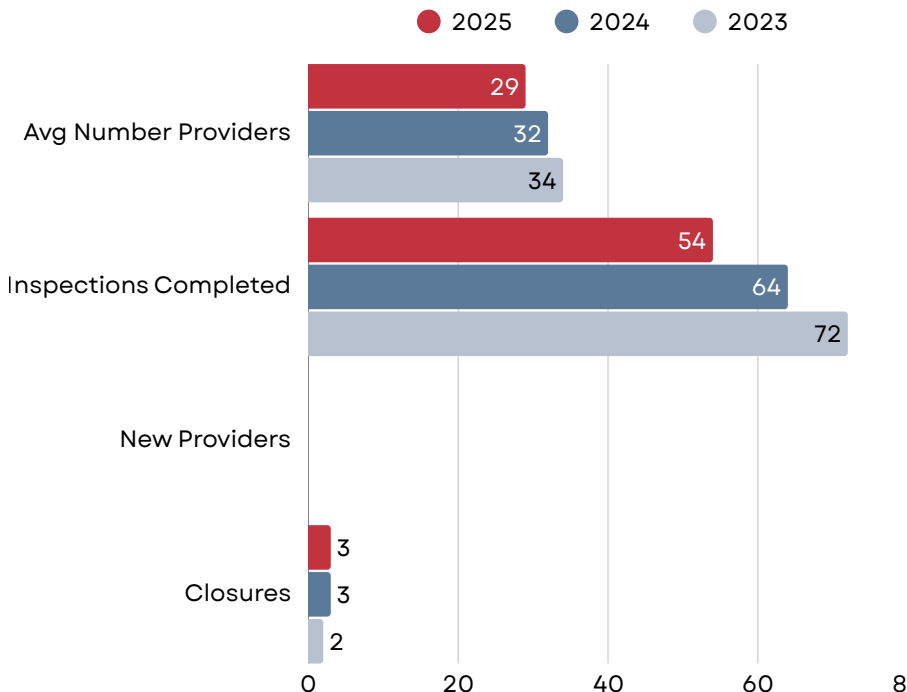
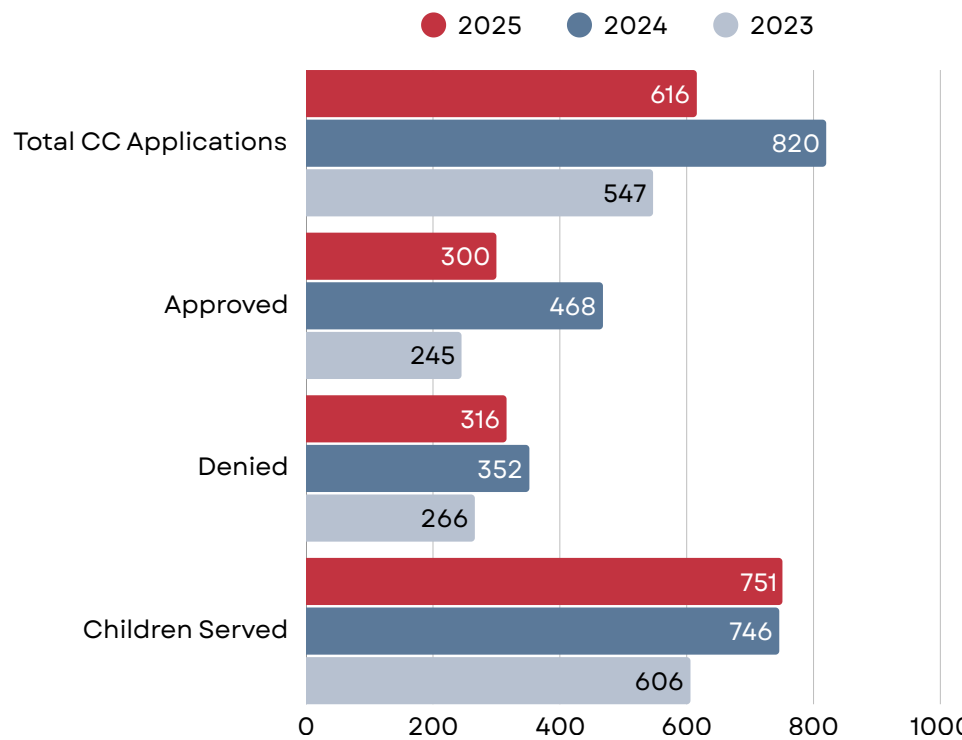
Total Child Care Expenditures:

2025: \$3,132,978

2024: \$3,146,394

2023: \$2,773.236

Child Care Eligibility



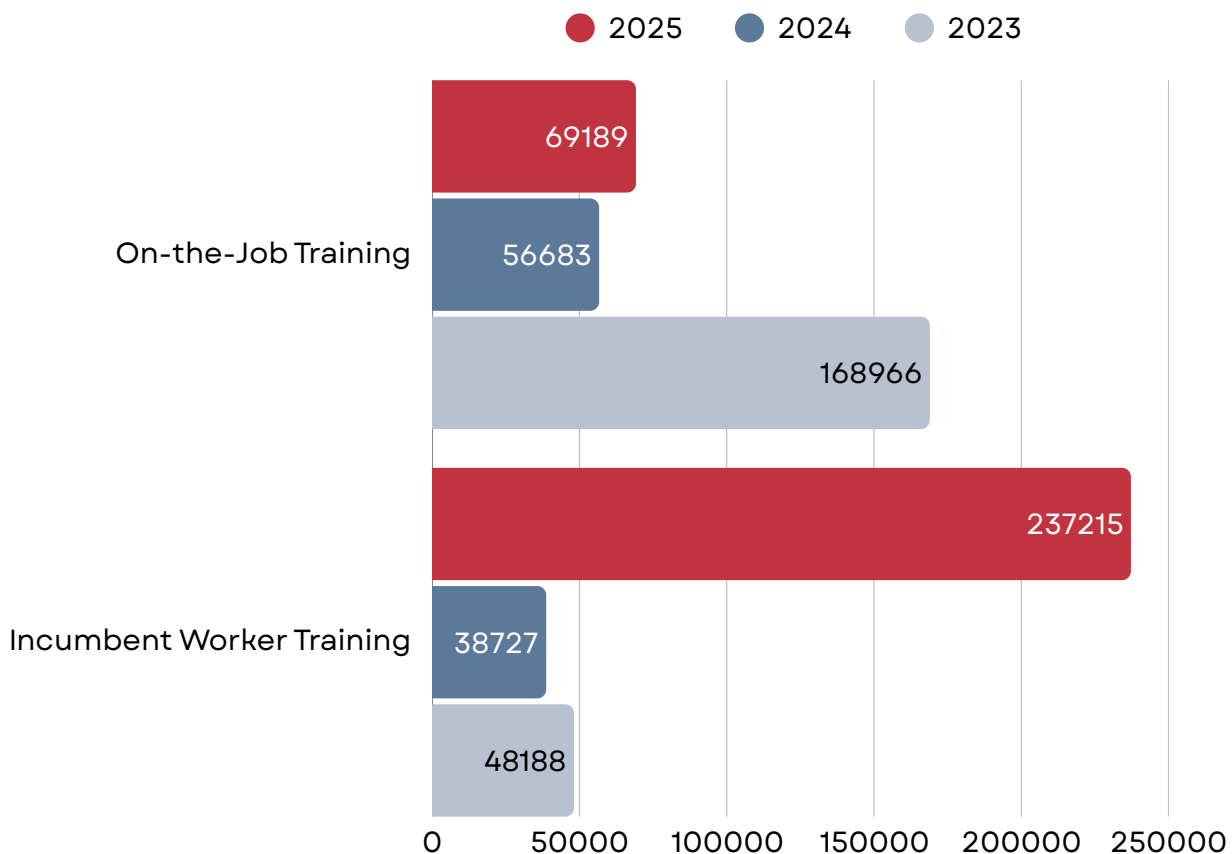
Child Care Licensing

Business Services Review

In 2025, the agency opted not to replace the vacant Business Service Consultant position due to known, upcoming budget cuts. This has changed how business services are reported.

The agency worked with local employer, Findlay’s Tall Timbers, DBA Ohio Logistics in Clyde, OH. After talking with the employer, it was determined OMJ - Sandusky County would spearhead a multi-county contract to assist with funding company-wide training for the new Warehouse Management System. The agency requested and received additional funding from the state of Ohio, Rapid Response to support this project, which resulted in 71 employees receiving training and certificates.

Ohio Logistics partners stated, “Training on the new Warehouse Management System (WMS) empowered Ohio Logistics associates by equipping them with technical skills essential for today’s fast-paced supply chain environment. This upskilling initiative not only ensured that our team could confidently operate a high-tech logistics platform but also positioned Ohio Logistics as a forward-thinking provider capable of delivering innovative solutions to retain and attract customers in an ever-evolving industry. By investing in technology and our workforce, we safeguarded jobs that might otherwise have been at risk, transforming potential layoffs into opportunities for growth and career stability. This commitment to technology and talent underscores our dedication to both operational excellence and employee success.”



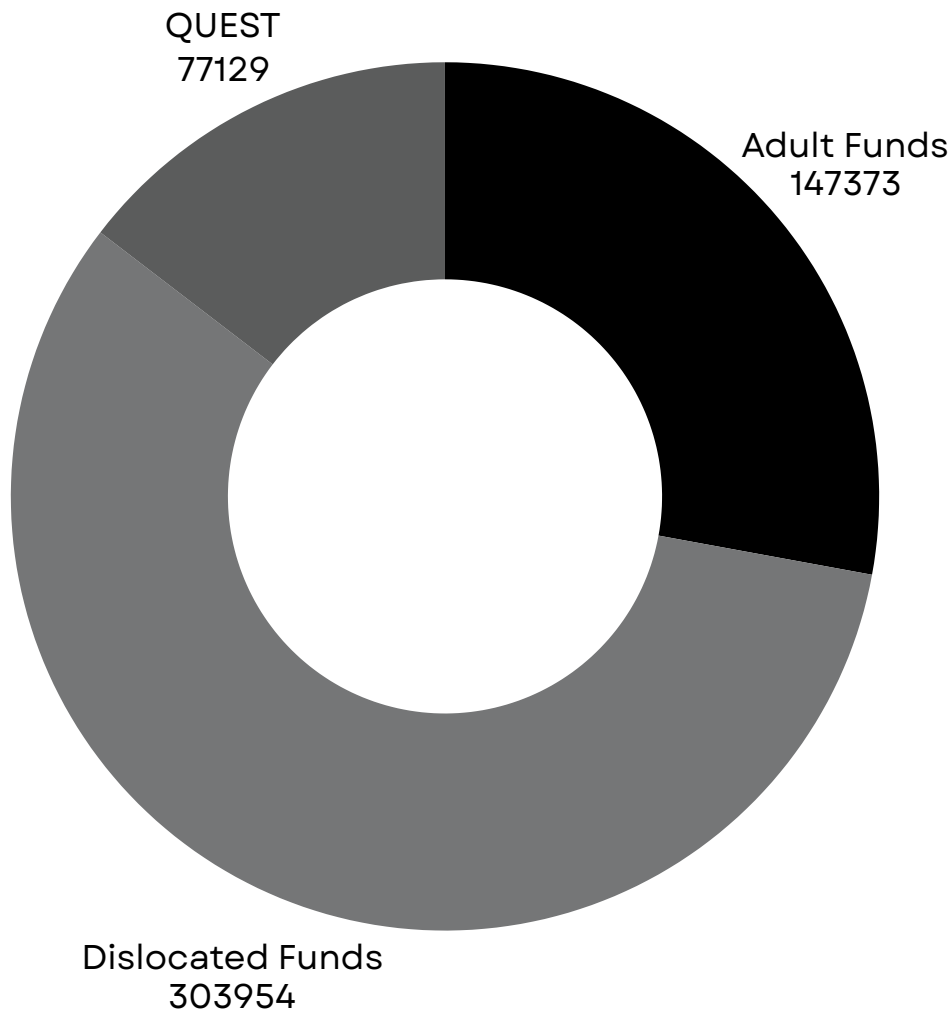
A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPATING BUSINESS PARTNERS!

BMG, Crescent Manufacturing, Damschroder Roofing, Green Bay Packaging, JS Fabrications, Missler Industries, Ohio Logistics, Sandusky County EMS, and Whirlpool Corporation

Total Training Expenditures

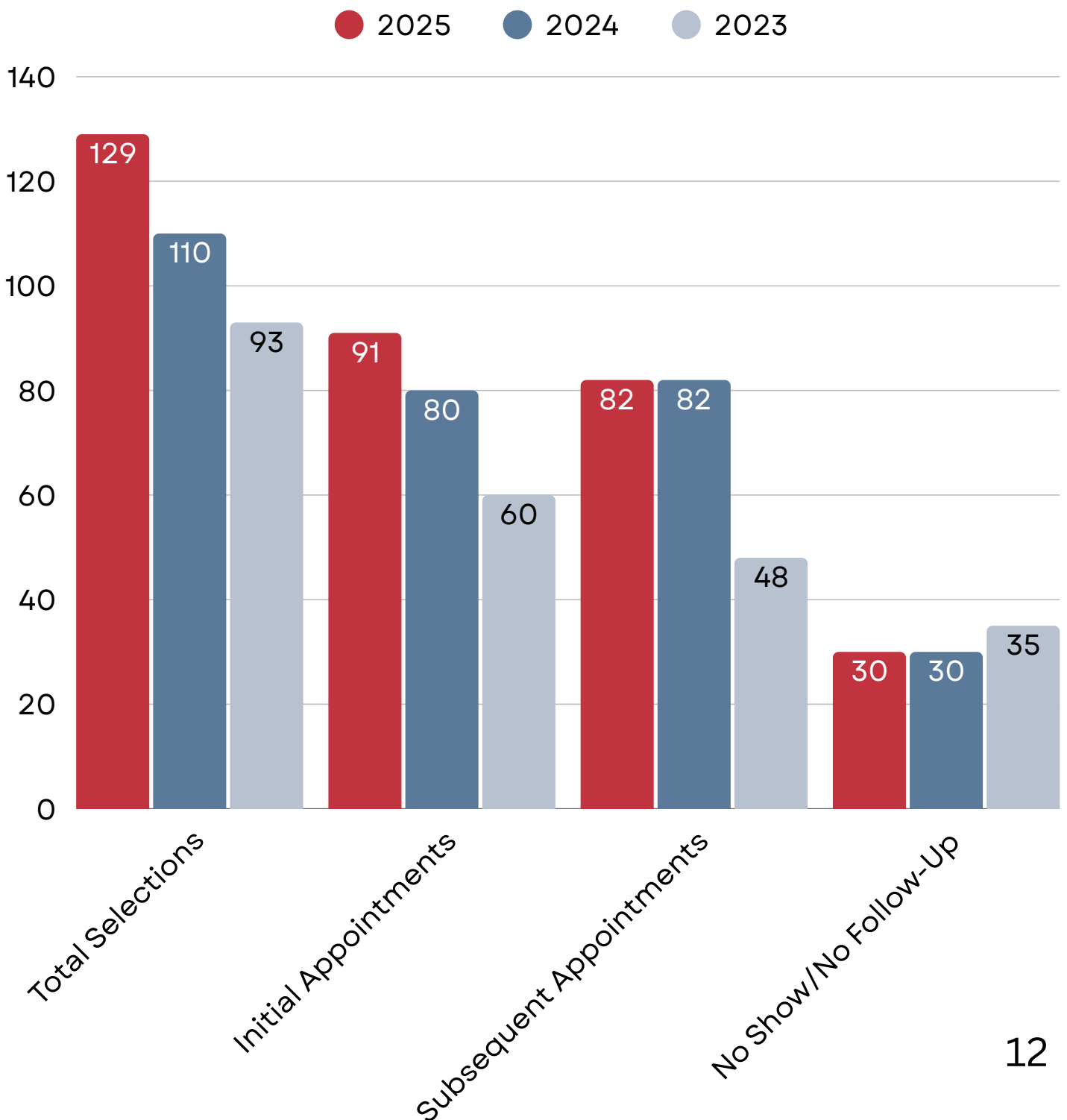
OhioMeansJobs – Sandusky County is funded through federal and state workforce programs, primarily the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. In the past year, our agency experienced a funding reduction of more than 50%. Despite this significant decrease, we remained committed to serving both job seekers and local employers, continuing to provide meaningful workforce services and training opportunities throughout our community.

For a limited time, the State of Ohio provided QUEST funding to support Broadband & 5G occupational training. Those funds concluded on June 30, 2025. Sandusky County was proud to be the first and one of only a handful of counties in Ohio to fully utilize these training dollars for the duration of the grant, ensuring eligible residents were able to gain skills that lead to in-demand careers.

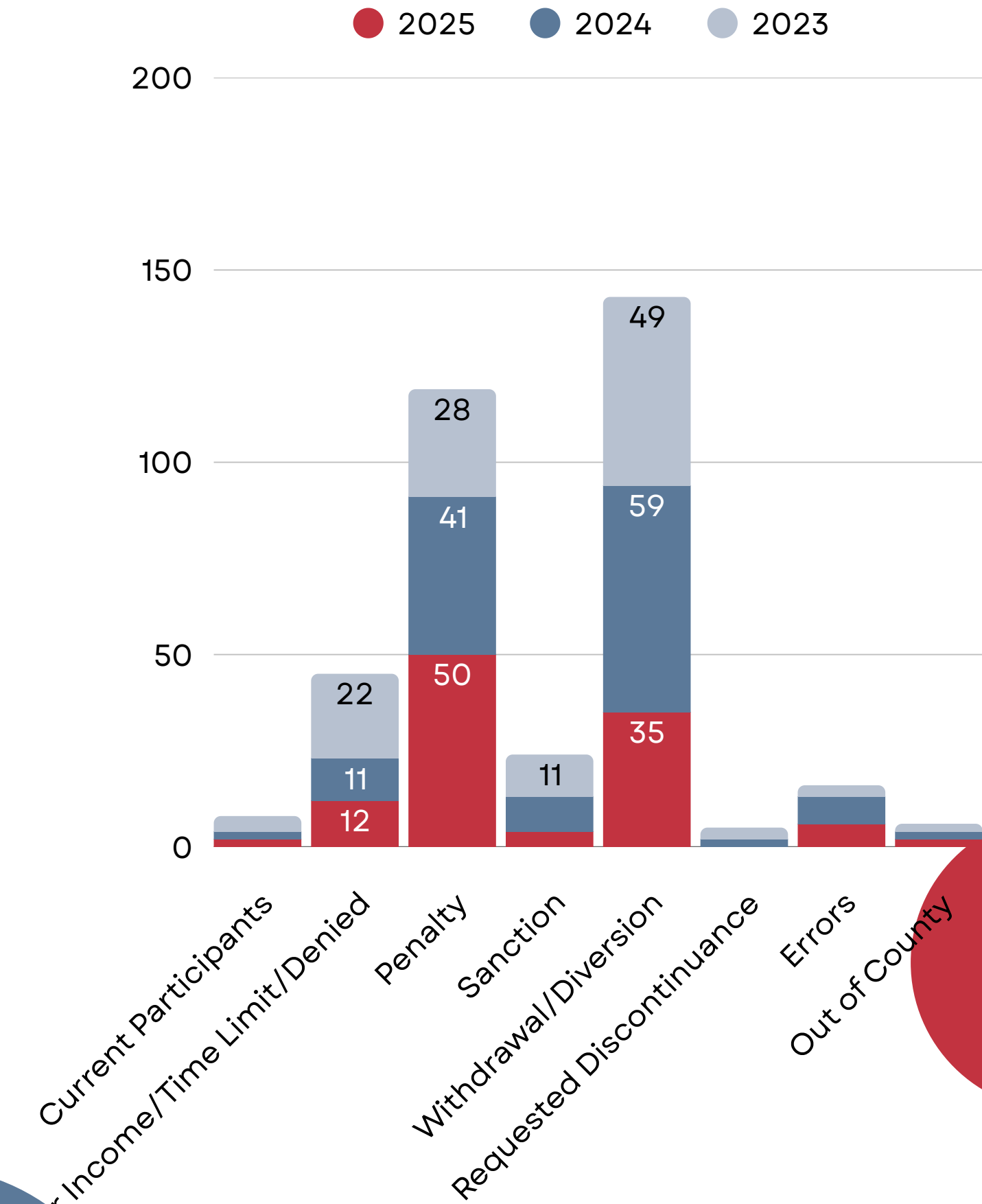


Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment

Although RESEA is a state mandated program for individuals receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits, it is managed and operated at the county level. This program is a requirement for UI recipients the state has determined are at a higher risk of exhausting benefits in an effort to assist them in getting back to work as soon as possible.



TANF Work Activities

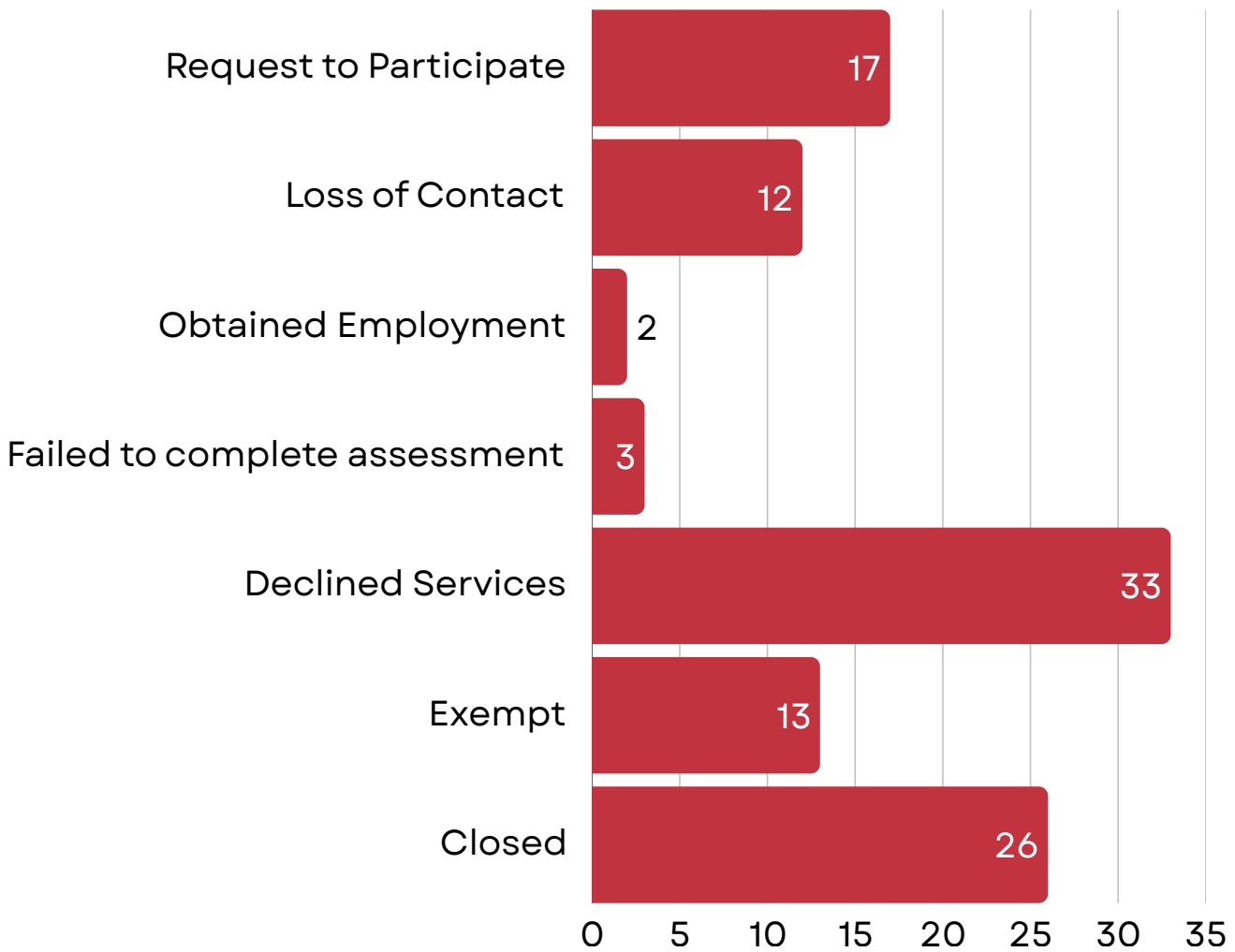


SNAP Work Activities

In late 2024, the State of Ohio implemented significant changes to SNAP work participation requirements for adults without dependents. Under new guidelines, individuals in this category are no longer required to participate in work activities to receive benefits. However, to continue receiving SNAP beyond three months within a 36-month period, they must choose to engage in an approved work or training activity. Individuals who do not participate are limited to three months of benefits during that three-year timeframe.

This report reflects the first full year operating under updated guidelines, during which participation became voluntary for those seeking to maintain benefits beyond the initial three-month period. In Sandusky County, participation levels under this model have remained limited. Data indicates that most individuals opted to receive the initial three months of benefits rather than engage in ongoing work or training activities to extend eligibility.

Throughout this transition, our team remained committed to clearly communicating program requirements, outlining available options, and offering supportive services designed to promote employment and long-term stability for those who choose to participate.



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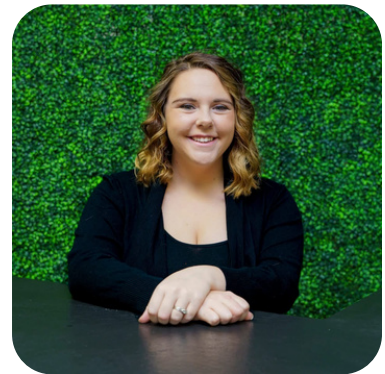
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