

Ohio Child Support Program Key Facts

The Child Support Program encourages responsible parenting, family self-sufficiency, and child well-being by providing services to locate parents, establish paternity, establish, modify, and enforce support obligations, and collect support for children.




1 in 3 
ONE IN THREE (3) CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED
IN OHIO'S CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

40% Of Ohio's children are born to unmarried parents

Collections

Child support is an important source of financial help for low income families, lifting over a million children and adults out of poverty nationwide per year.

1.88 Billion 
OHIO COLLECTED 1.88B DOLLARS
IN CHILD SUPPORT IN FFY21

 **→ 63%** \$1.16 Billion (63%) of all child support payments collected in Ohio come from Employers through income withholdings.

Paternities

The child support program established paternity for 50,412 children in FFY21.

 **50,412**
PATERNITIES

Cost Effectiveness

Ohio's Child Support program is very cost effective, collecting \$6.35 for every \$1 expended, which is higher than the national average of \$5.39.

 Spent = \$1
 Collected = \$6.35

The Child Support program reduces or avoids the need for other public programs by recovering costs and by reducing or eliminating the need for public assistance programs.