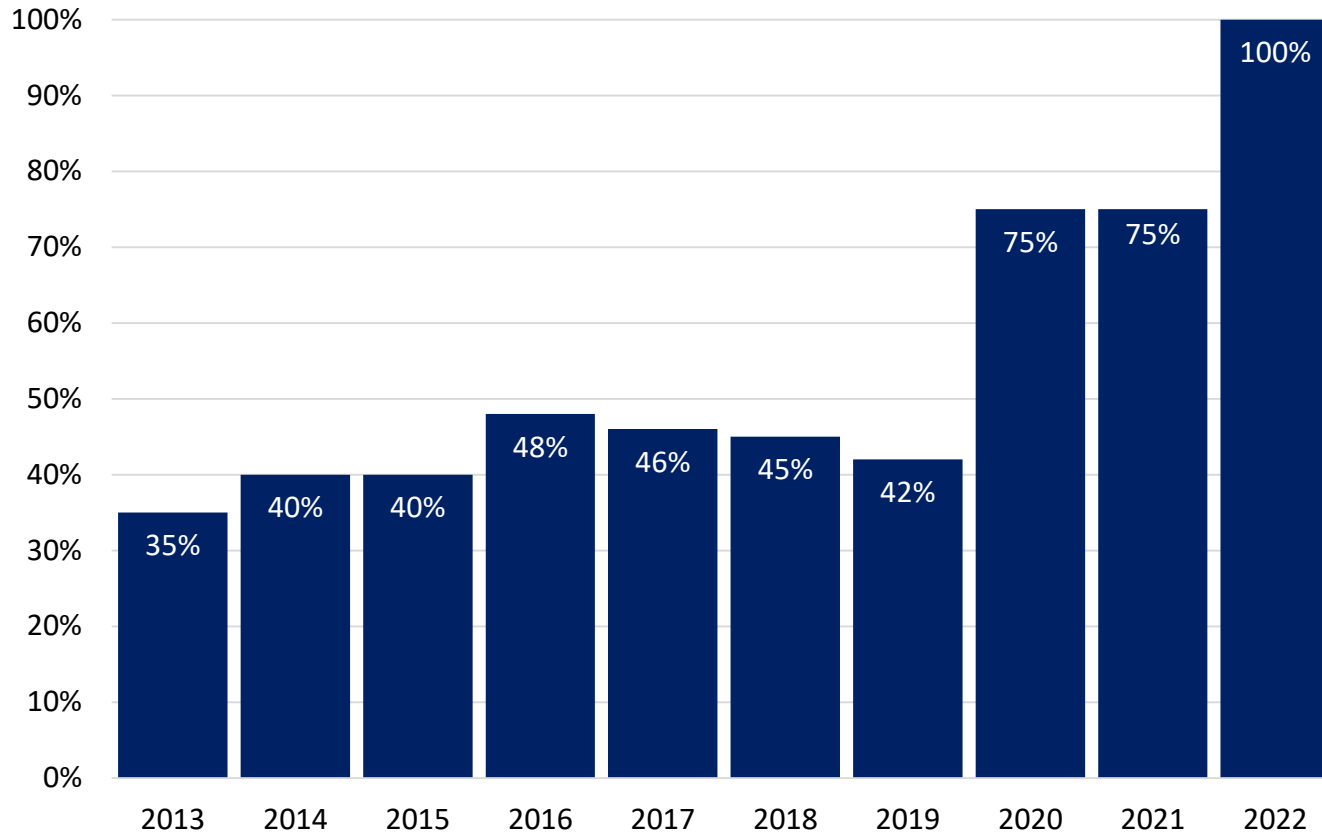


FY 2022 state reimbursement rate for county indigent defense costs reaches 100%

Indigent Defense Cost State Reimbursement Rate



Source: Ohio Public Defender Commission

- In FY 2022, the state reimbursement rate for county indigent defense costs reached 100% for the first time. Counties are required to provide and pay for legal counsel for indigent persons when a right to counsel exists.
- The FY 2020-FY 2021 biennial operating budget removed the 50% cap on the state's annual reimbursement rate and authorized 100% reimbursement, subject to available appropriations.
- From FY 2013 to FY 2022, the total cost to the state and counties for providing indigent defense services increased by an estimated \$54.3 million (47.4%), from \$114.6 million to an estimated \$168.9 million.
- Counties use one of four general methods of providing indigent defense services: court-appointed counsel (40 counties), county public defender (29 counties), contract with the state's Office of the Ohio Public Defender (10 counties), or contract with a nonprofit corporation (9 counties).