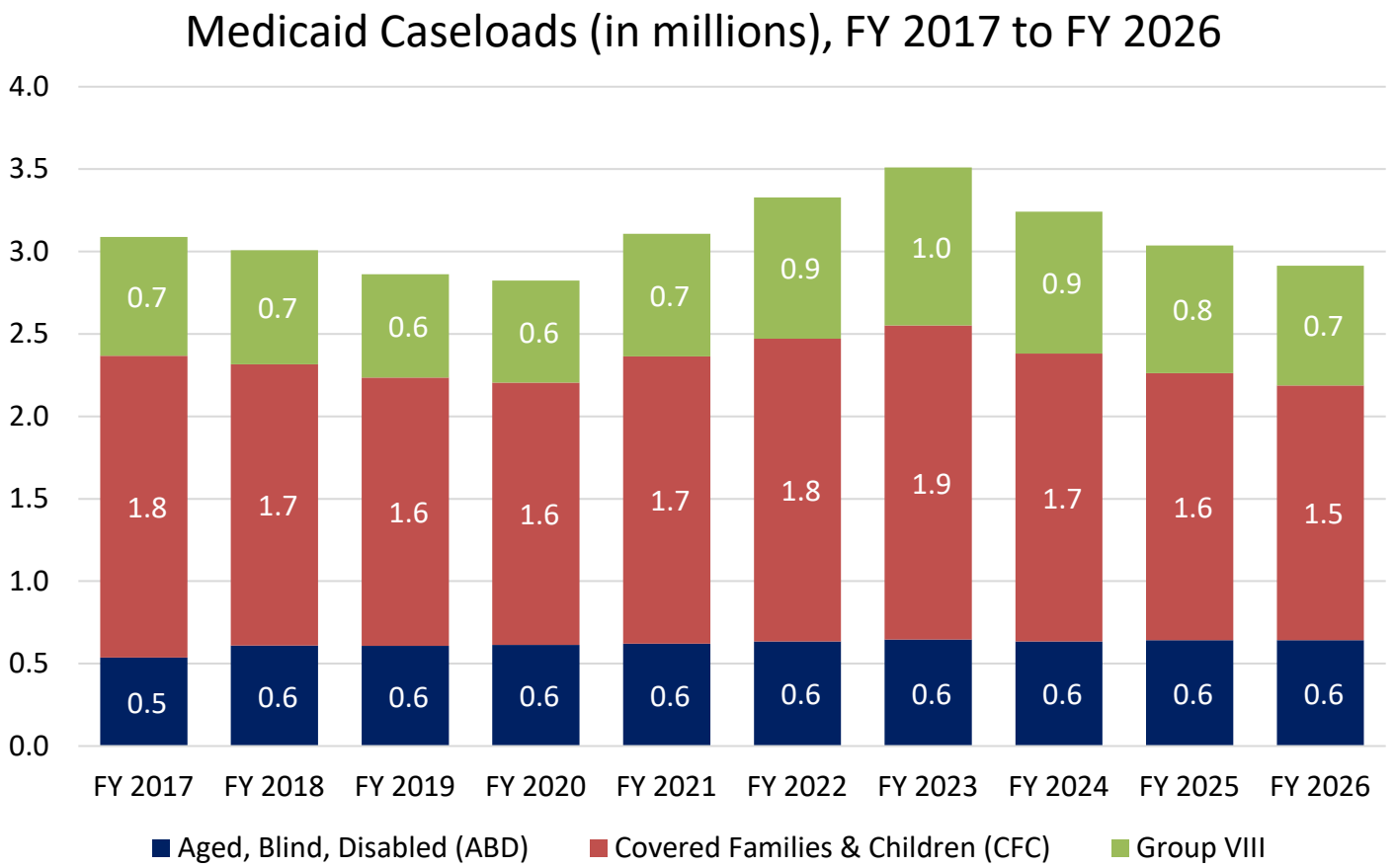
Pandemic caseload increases have peaked and begun decreasing



Source: Ohio Department of Medicaid Monthly Caseload Reports

- After annual Medicaid caseloads decreased from FY 2017 through FY 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic reversed this trend. During this time, Group VIII and CFC caseloads increased primarily due to economic factors and the suspension of eligibility redeterminations required to receive enhanced federal Medicaid funding.
- Beginning in late FY 2023, extended eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic began to phase out, and a resumption of eligibility redeterminations led to caseload decreases starting during FY 2024.
- Since FY 2024, caseloads have continued to decrease in each of FY 2025 and FY 2026, with FY 2026 caseloads decreasing to below 3.0 million for the first time since FY 2020.