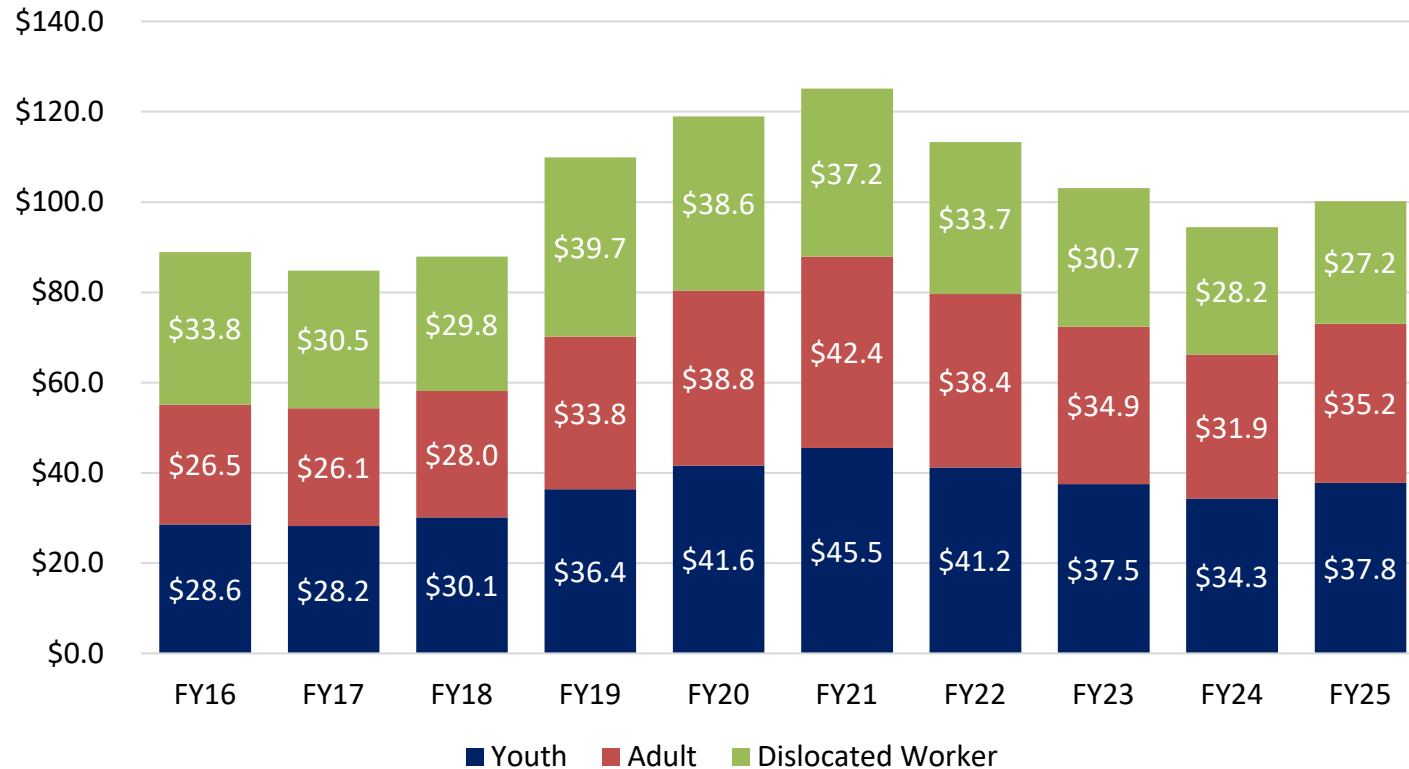


Ohio's federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grants increase slightly

Ohio's Federal WIOA Allocations (in millions)



Sources: U.S. Department of Labor; Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

- After decreasing for a few years, Ohio's federal WIOA grant increased slightly from \$94.4 million in FY 2024 to \$100.2 million in FY 2025 – a 6.1% increase.
- WIOA's purpose is to increase opportunities for individuals with employment barriers, to provide workers with the necessary skills to advance in their jobs, and to increase participants' retention and earnings.
- Eligibility for each component is as follows:
 - **Adult services** – must be 18 years of age or older, legally authorized to work in the U.S., and be properly registered for selective service.
 - **Dislocated Worker services** – must meet the requirements specified for Adult services and other requirements such as being terminated from employment or employed at a facility in which there is a substantial layoff or plant closure.
 - **Youth services** – varies depending on whether the youth is in school or out of school. In-school youth must be between the ages of 14 and 21, be low income, and have specified employment barriers (e.g., skills deficient, English language learner, or homeless). Out-of-school youth must be between the ages of 16 and 24 and have specified employment barriers (e.g., school dropout, offender, or homeless).