



North Carolina DHHS Division of Social Services

Foster Care Overview

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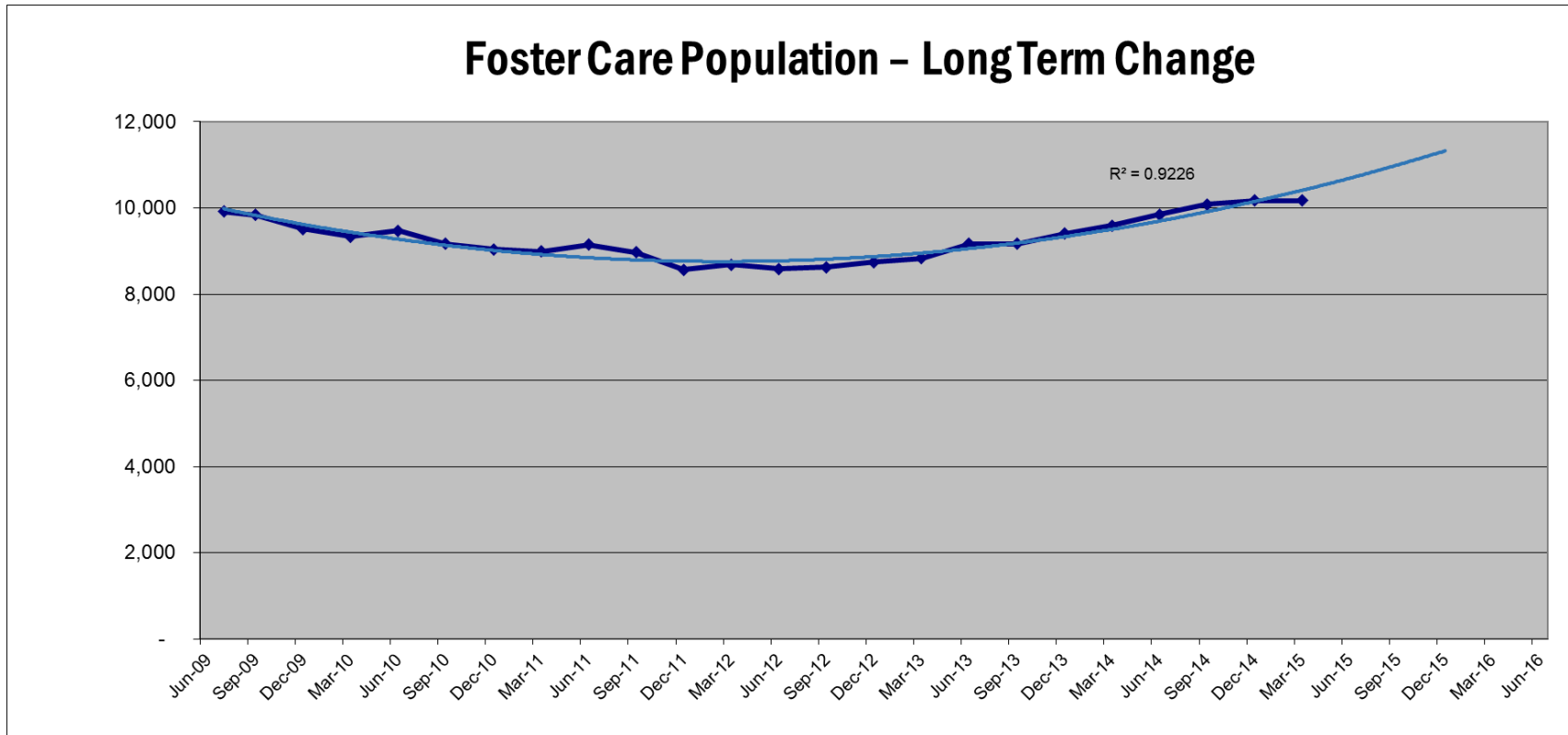
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What is Foster Care?

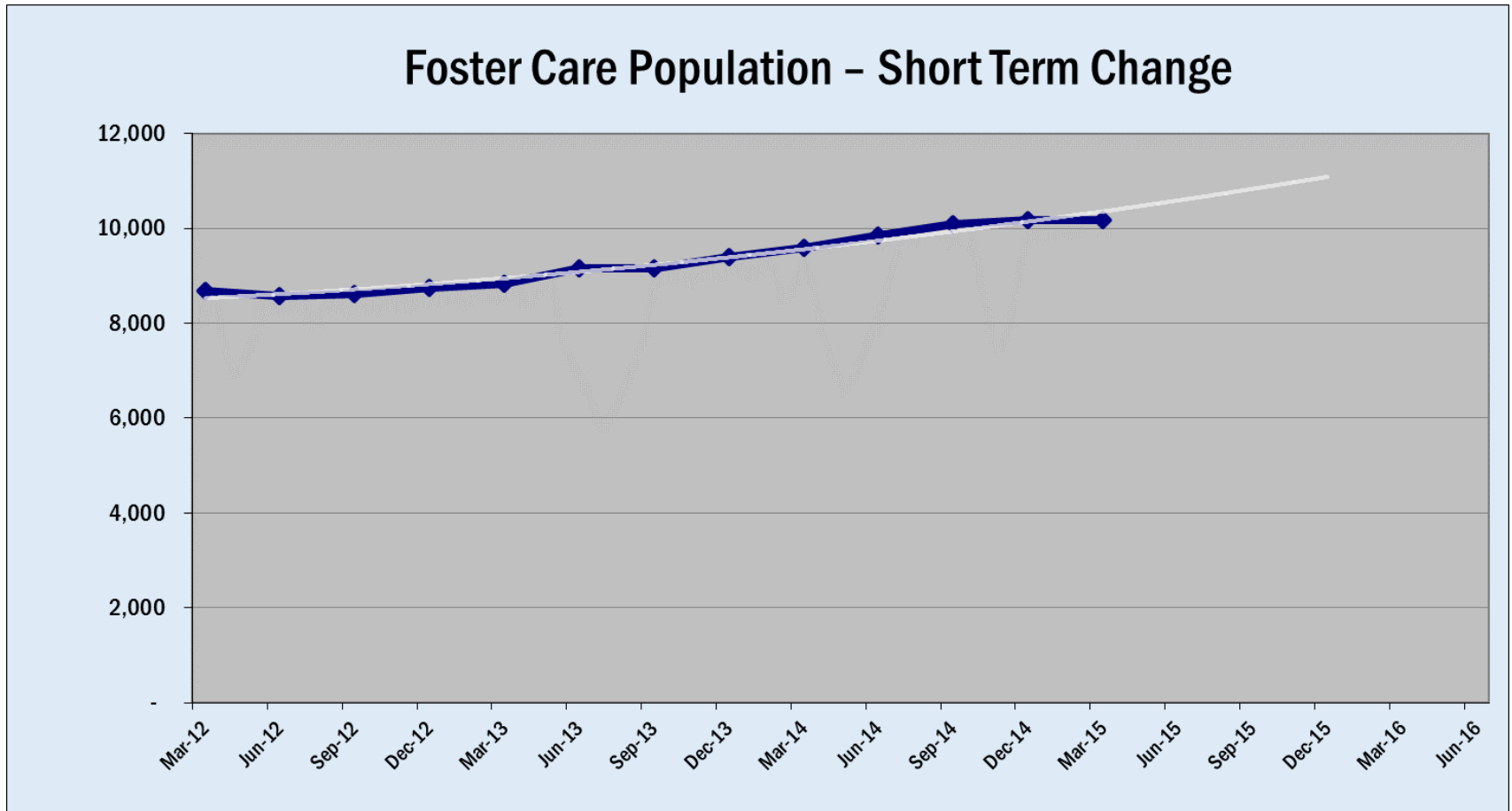


- **Foster care means 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the State agency has placement and care responsibility. (per US HHS Administration for Children Youth and Families)**
 - Legal Status of a child (birth – 18)
 - Court determined (legal option for Voluntary Placement Agreements)
 - Not a placement type (Foster Parent licensure)
 - Not exclusive of Mental Health treatment (therapeutic foster care)
 - Federal oversight and monitoring through title IV-E of the Social Security Act

Caseload Growth: June 2009 - March 2015



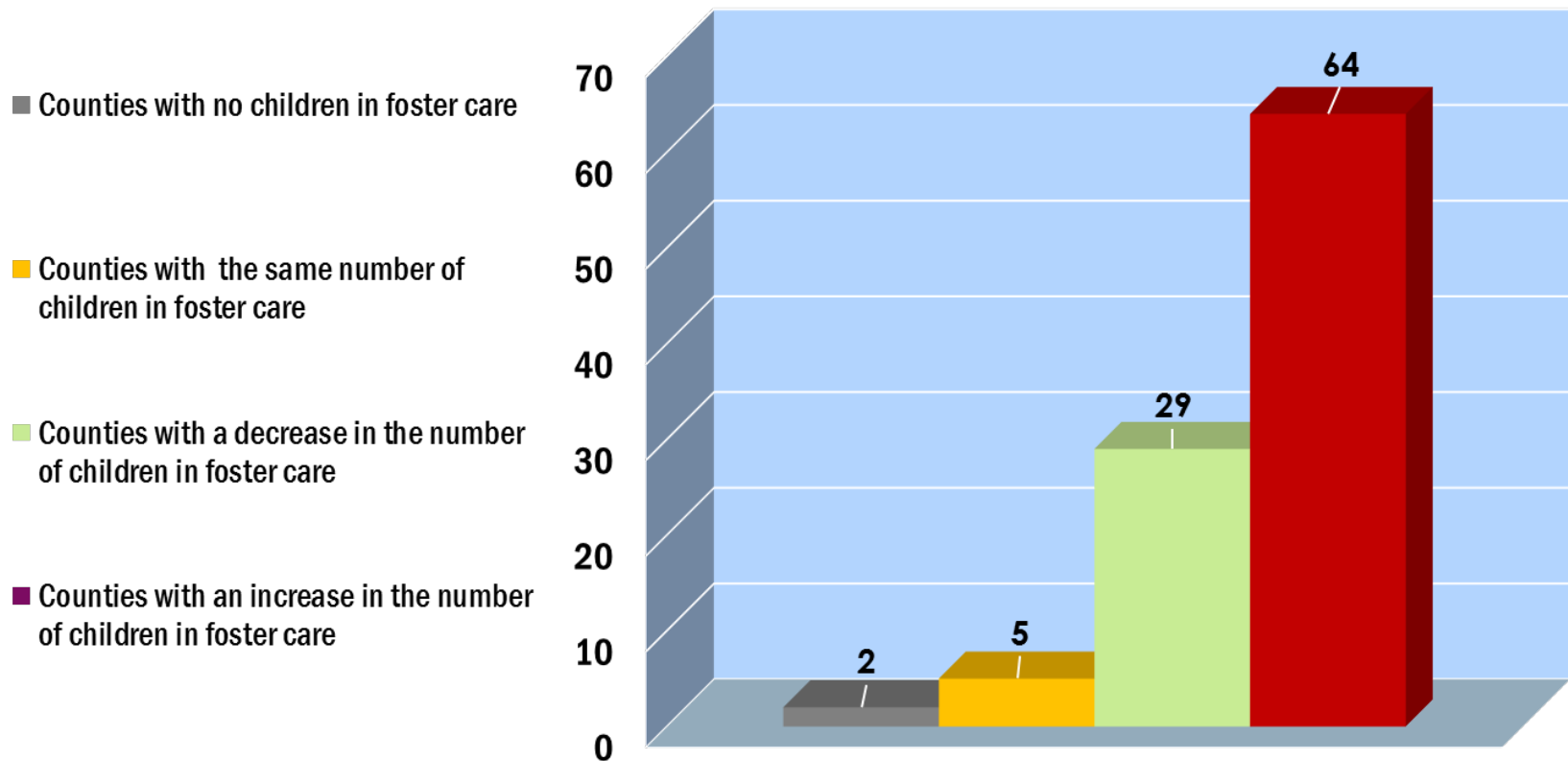
Caseload Growth: March 2012 - March 2015



Growth in the Foster Care Population



Foster Care Population: January 2013 vs March 2015

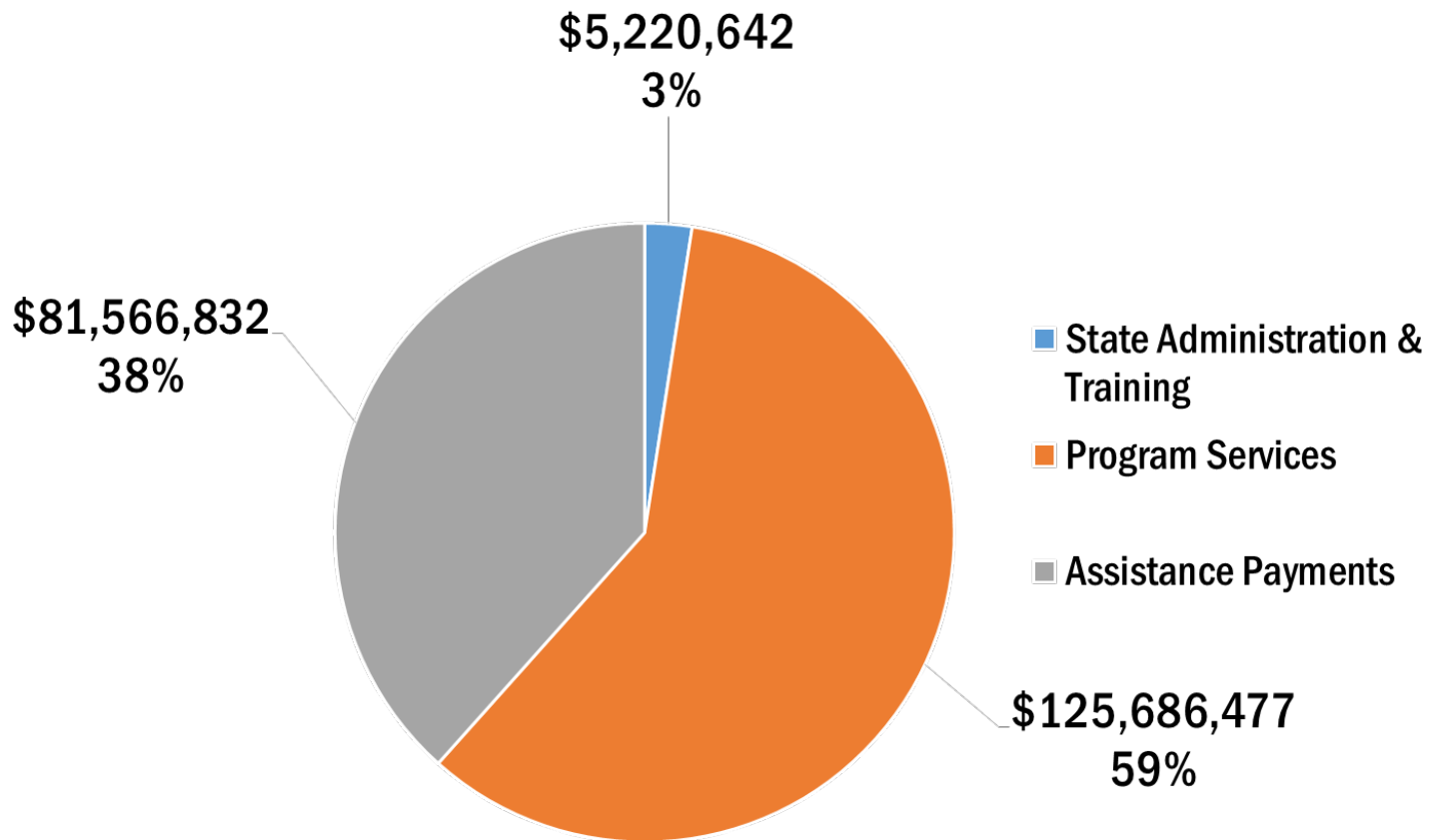


Reasons Cited for Entry Into Foster Care

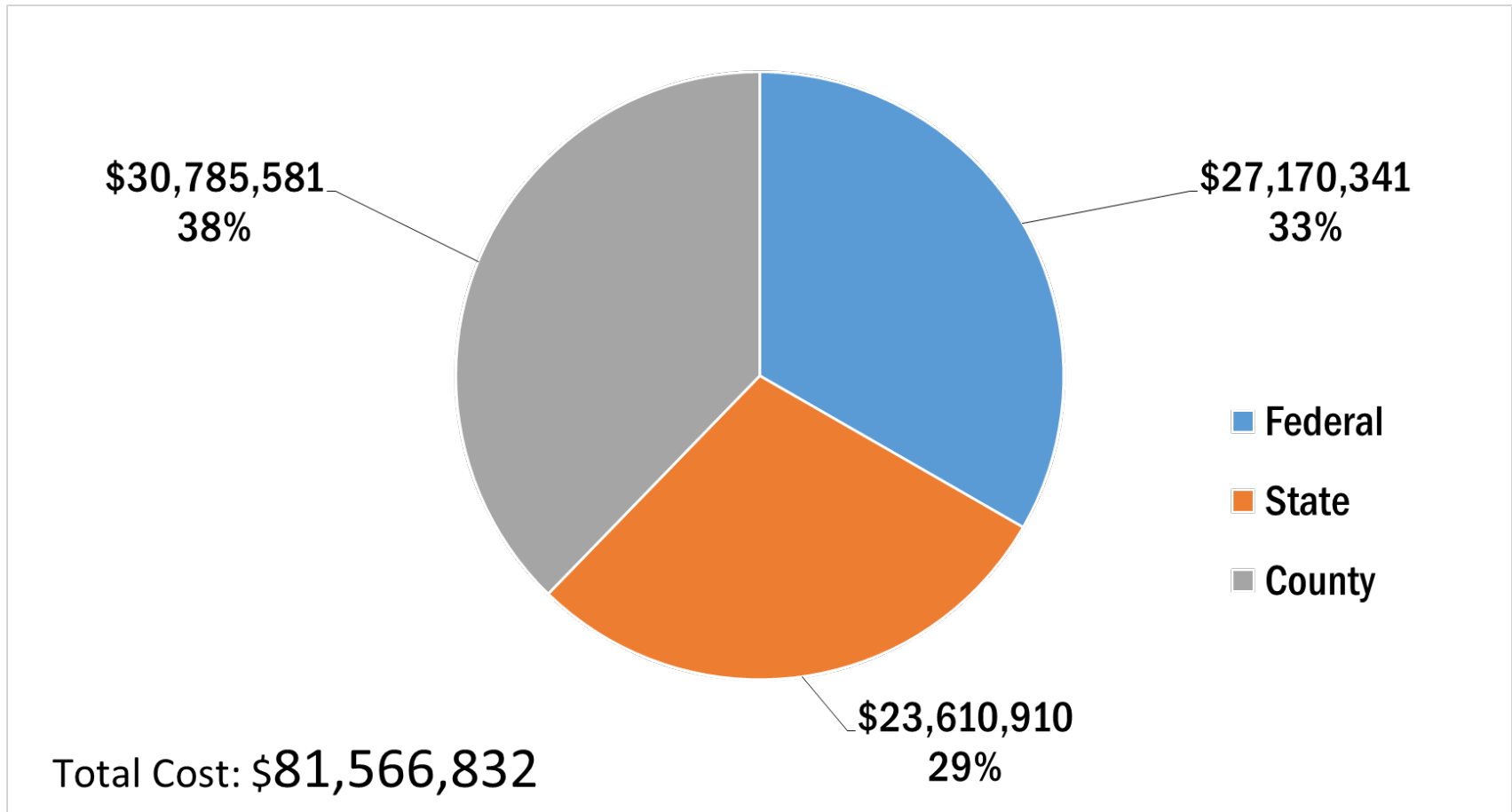


		2010	2014	Change	% Change
Total Number of Children Entering Care		4,982	5,727	745	15.0%
Reasons for Entering Foster Care					
Number of Children for Whom Reason was Cited	Other	727	756	29	4%
	Incarceration	269	410	141	52%
	Alcoholic (Parent)	468	541	73	16%
	Physical Abuse	467	534	67	14%
	Child's Behavior Problem	560	485	-75	-13%
	Inadequate Housing	580	820	240	41%
	Coping	1,098	1,391	293	27%
	Drug Addict (Parent)	1,348	1,805	457	34%
	Neglect	3,956	4,695	739	19%

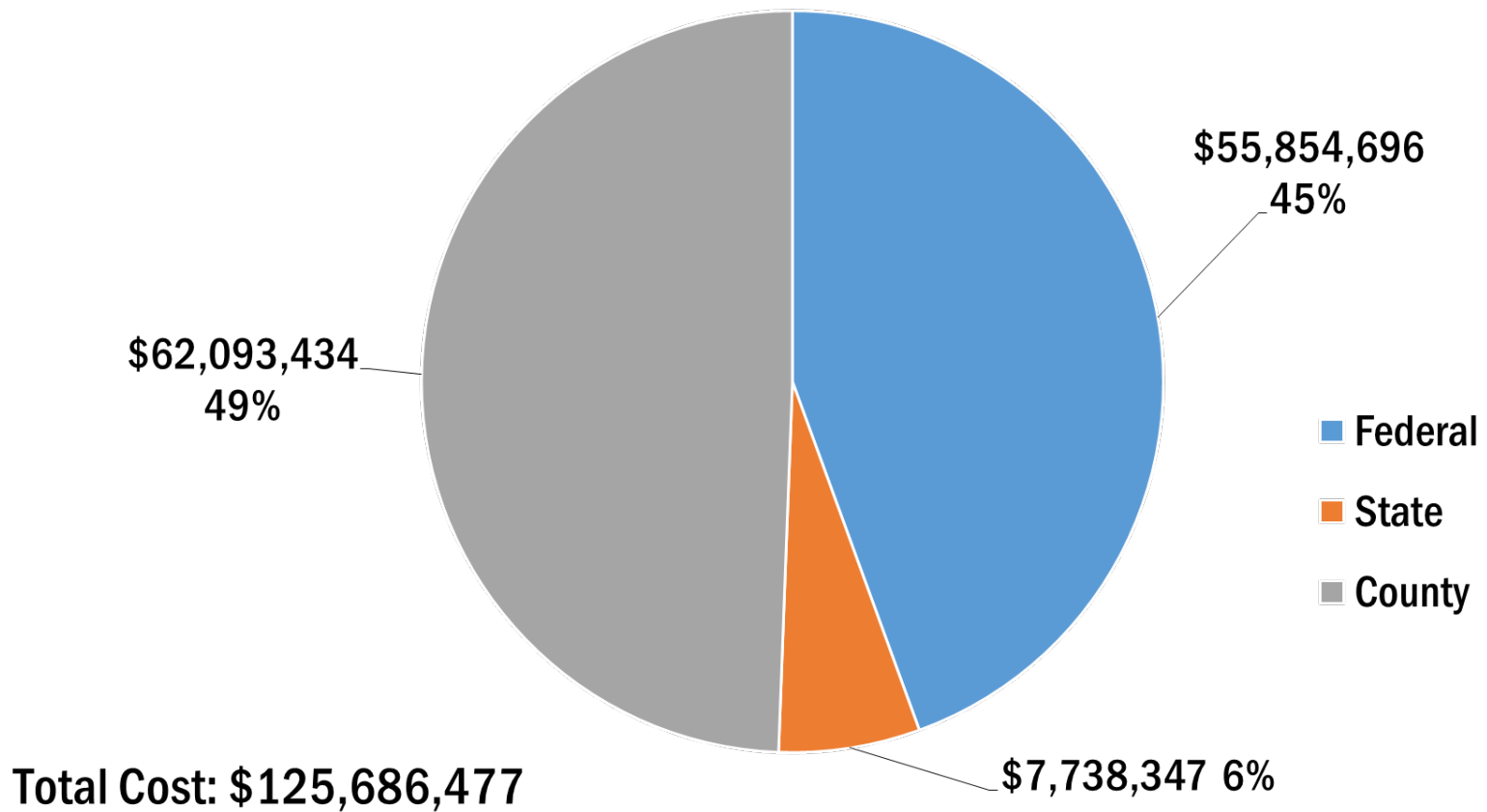
Foster Care Expenditures SFY 2013-2014



Maintenance - Assistance Payments SFY 2013-14



Foster Care Administration: Program Services SFY 2013-14



Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

