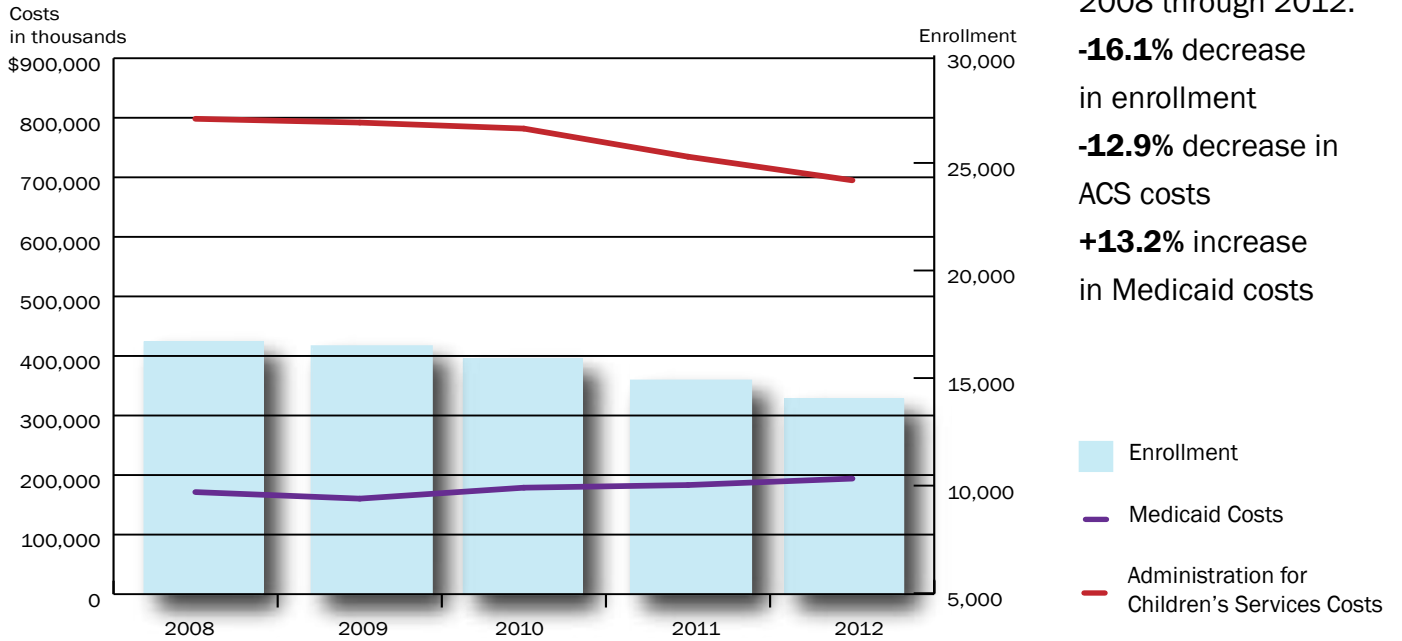


How Has the Recent Decline in the Number of Children in Foster Care Affected Costs?

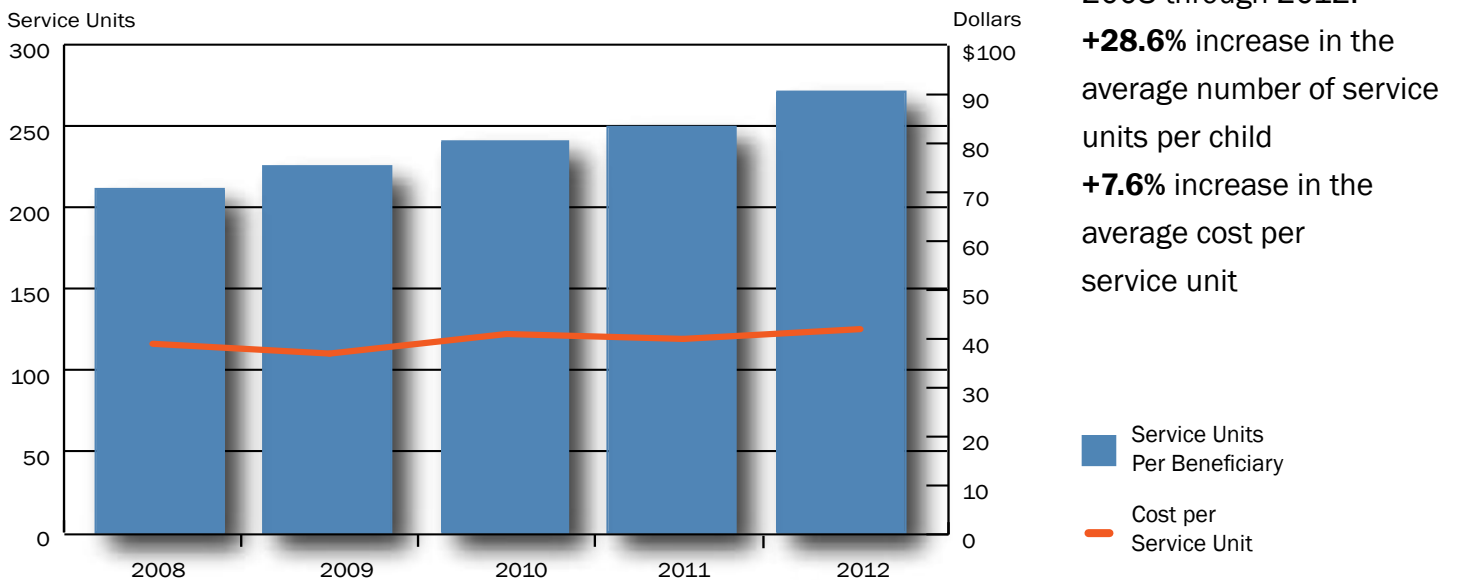
Foster Care Enrollment and Spending



The majority of foster care costs are accounted for in the budget of the Administration for Children's Services, although medical expenses are covered separately in the budget for Medicaid. Both the ACS and Medicaid costs are supported by a mix of federal, state, and city funds. With the expansion of Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act, beginning in 2014 foster care children will be able to retain Medicaid coverage up to age 26.

What Is Driving the Increase in Medicaid Costs?

Medicaid Utilization and Costs for Children in Foster Care



SOURCES: Comptroller's Annual Financial Report; Mayor's Management Report; New York State Department of Health
 NOTE: Service units are discrete medical services such as an office visit or vaccination of a child.