

Derek Merrin (OH-09) Research Report

Significant Findings

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- ✓ Merrin was repeatedly called out for being backed by perpetrators of the FirstEnergy scandal.
- ✓ Merrin voted for a bill which retained surcharges to help for the creation of two FirstEnergy-owned coal plants.

Merrin Proposed Legislation To Void Local Lead Safety Laws To Benefit His Bottom Line As A Landlord

- ✓ Merrin was a landlord who owned multiple rental properties in Toledo.
- ✓ Merrin had been previously called out for not certifying his properties as lead-safe.
- ✓ Merrin proposed legislation voiding Toledo's laws protecting tenants, including children, from lead poisoning, saying he did not like that Toledo's ordinance required testing at rental properties, including ones like his own.

Merrin Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Was Projected To Cut Health Insurance For Nearly 32,000 People In Ohio's 9th Congressional District And Slash More Than \$75 Million In Revenue For Ohio Hospitals

- ✓ Merrin supported the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ Joint Economic Committee Minority: Almost 32,000 people in Ohio's 9th congressional district were projected to lose health insurance under the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill made "unprecedented" cuts to the social safety net, slashing Ohio Medicaid funds by \$33 billion over the coming decade and throwing 340,000 Ohioans off their health insurance.
- ✓ Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill were projected to cut more than \$75 million in revenue to hospitals in OH-09, making patient care worse.
- ✓ Nursing home administrators warned that Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill could shutter facilities in the Toledo area.

Merrin Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Failed To Extend Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits, Driving Up Health Care Costs For Nearly 40,000 Individuals In OH-09 On Marketplace Plans

- ✓ Merrin supported the Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ 2025: Almost 40,000 individuals in OH-09 were enrolled in ACA marketplace plans.
- ✓ January 2026: Affordable Care Act advanced premium tax credits expired after the One Big Beautiful Bill failed to extend them.

- ✓ Failure to extend ACA advanced premium tax credits was expected to drastically increase premium payments for OH-09 residents, with a 60-year old couple making \$85,000 projected to pay almost \$1,600 more monthly.

Merrin Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Made Massive Cuts To SNAP, Putting Almost 45,000 Households In OH-09 At Risk Of Losing Food Assistance

- ✓ Merrin supported the Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ Almost 45,000 households in OH-09, more than 62% of which included children, received SNAP benefits and were at risk of losing federal food assistance under the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ Urban Institute estimated 717,000 Ohio families would lose some or all of their SNAP benefits.
- ✓ Ohio Association of Foodbanks Executive Director: The One Big Beautiful Bill would fundamentally change “the basic food assistance that we’ve promised to all of our citizens.”
- ✓ Center for American Progress: The Senate’s version of the One Big Beautiful Bill would enact the largest cut to SNAP in the program’s history.

Merrin Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Was Expected To Raise Ohioans’ Energy And Gas Costs By \$410 Per Year In 2035 As Reductions In Planned Clean Energy Projects Decreased Available Energy Supply

- ✓ Merrin supported the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill was projected to raise household energy costs in Ohio by \$410 per year in 2035 as reductions in planned clean energy projects decreased available energy supply.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill was projected to raise gas prices by \$300 annually in 2035.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill’s clean energy tax credit cuts threatened to kill thousands of jobs in OH-09.

Merrin Supported The Big Beautiful Bill Which Extended Trillions In Tax Cuts To The Ultra-Rich While The Bottom 20% Of Households Were Expected To Lose Money Annually

- ✓ Merrin supported the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill gave more than \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill was expected to lower incomes for the bottom 20% of households.
- ✓ Center for American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill was “the largest transfer of wealth from working-class Americans to the ultrawealthy in the nation’s history.”

Merrin Said He Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Which Provided Coverage To Nearly 40,000 Individuals On Marketplace Plans In OH-09 And Ensured That 300,000 Residents With Pre-Existing Conditions In The District Were Able To Get Health Insurance

- ✓ Merrin said he would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
- ✓ Repealing the ACA threatened the coverage of nearly 40,000 individuals on marketplace plans in OH-09.
- ✓ Repealing the Affordable Care Act would end coverage protections for almost 300,000 OH-09 residents with pre-existing conditions.

Merrin Voted To Redirect Billions Of Taxpayer Dollars Away From Public Schools To Pay For Private School Tuition For Families Making Six Figures And Whose Students Mostly Already Attended Private School

- ✓ 2023: Merrin voted to redirect \$2 billion from public schools to pay for private school tuition, including for families making six figures whose students never attended public school to begin with.
- ✓ 2025: An Ohio judge ruled that the state’s private school voucher program was unconstitutional and took money away from constitutionally-required public schools.

Merrin Supported Reckless Tariffs Which Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country’s History And Were Estimated To Cost Americans Thousands Of Dollars

- ✓ Merrin supported reckless tariffs.
- ✓ Tariffs were one of the largest tax increases in the country’s history, causing families to pay thousands of dollars more after raising costs on everything from cars to groceries.
- ✓ 2025: Northwest Ohio business owners expressed concerns about Trump’s tariffs raising costs.

Merrin Supported The Iran War Which Was Raising Prices On Everything From Groceries To Gas, And Cost Americans \$100 Billion And More Than A Dozen Lives

- ✓ Merrin said he supported the Iran War and that he “trust[ed] [Trump] on this issue.”
- ✓ The Iran War had driven up costs of groceries and gas.
- ✓ The Iran War had cost Americans \$100 billion and the lives of more than a dozen service members.

Merrin Was An Anti-Abortion Extremist Who Supported An Abortion Ban With No Exceptions And Wanted To Jail Doctors, Women, And Girls As Young As 13 For Getting Abortions

- ✓ Merrin cosponsored H.B. 598, an abortion ban with no exceptions for victims of rape, incest, or health of the woman.
- ✓ Merrin cosponsored H.B. 413, a bill that would ban abortion and jail doctors, women, and girls as young as 13 for getting abortions.

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FirstEnergy-Linked Groups Spent Over \$23,000 In Campaign Contributions To Merrin And Expenditures Supporting His Reelection

Merrin Received \$23,616 From Sources Linked To FirstEnergy. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/4/26](#)]

Contributor	Recipient	Notes	Date	Amount
American Electric Power Ohio Committee for Responsible Government	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)	-	10/25/2016	\$500.00
The American Electric Power Committee for Responsible Government (C00096842)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)	-	6/26/2017	\$1,000.00
Growth & Opportunity PAC, Inc.	Storytellers Group, LLC	Advertising - Direct Mail – Supporting Derek Merrin	4/3/2018	\$7,635.11
Friends of Larry Householder	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)	-	4/5/2018	\$7,707.79

Growth & Opportunity PAC, Inc.	Storytellers Group, LLC	Advertising - direct mail – Supporting Derek Merrin	4/13/2018	\$2,273.66
Calfee Fund for Good Government (C00351635)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)		8/28/2018	\$250.00
Calfee Fund for Good Government (C00351635)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)		11/21/2019	\$500.00
FirstEnergy Corp. PAC (C00140855)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)	-	7/16/2020	\$1,000.00
FirstEnergy Corp. PAC (C00140855)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)	Void	9/17/2020	-\$1,000.00
Calfee Fund for Good Government (C00351635)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)		7/13/2021	\$500.00
The American Electric Power Committee for Responsible Government (C00096842)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)	-	7/14/2021	\$1,000.00
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FirstEnergy Corp. PAC (C00140855)	Friends of Derek Merrin (State)	-	6/29/2017	\$500.00
Total:				\$23,116.56

[Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/4/26](#)]

2025: American Electric Power Agreed To Pay \$19 Million In Relation To The FirstEnergy Scandal. “Today, the Securities and Exchange Commission announced that American Electric Power (AEP) will pay \$19M to settle the investigation into the utility’s role in the House Bill 6 Scandal. The SEC determined AEP made the following violations of the Exchange Act: issued a misleading press release around their role in fully funding Empowering Ohio, failed to disclose transactions tied to payments to the dark money group, and failed to keep accurate books and records around the issue.” [The Ohio Environment Council, [1/17/25](#)]

Growth And Opportunity PAC Was The Super PAC Arm For Generation Now, Where FirstEnergy Contributed \$60 Million To Support Larry Householder’s Political Allies. “According to the criminal complaint against Householder and his associates, an unnamed company, identified by reporters to be FirstEnergy, contributed \$60 million to Generation Now over a roughly three-year period. Among other things, Generation Now used the money to support the election of candidates who would assist Householder in his efforts to reclaim the speakership of the Ohio House and who would subsequently support the nuclear bailout bill. The complaint alleges that \$500,000 was also converted for Householder’s personal use through Generation Now and other entities. In 2018, Generation Now pursued its political spending mission through a linked super PAC. That year, the nonprofit contributed \$1.05 million to a federal super PAC, Growth and Opportunity PAC.” [CREW, [7/24/20](#)]

Calfee Halter & Griswold Had The Same Address As FirstEnergy-Linked Dark Money Group Partner For Progress, Which Was Run By Current Calfee Partner Mike Vanburen. “At the center of the bribery scheme is the dark money group Partners for Progress, which FirstEnergy admits was created and funded to conceal the bribes. IRS filings show the group operated at the same address as Cleveland law firm Calfee, Halter & Griswold on East 6th Street downtown, and according to internal First Energy documents, Partners for Progress was run by current Calfee partner Mike VanBuren.” [WKYC, [4/23/24](#)]

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Householder Accepted \$60 Million From FirstEnergy In Exchange For Passing A \$1.3 Billion Bailout For Two Of FirstEnergy's Nuclear Power Plants. “The former speaker, Larry L. Householder, was convicted in March of racketeering and bribery for accepting some \$60 million from a major utility holding company, FirstEnergy Corporation, in exchange for arranging a \$1.3 billion bailout for two troubled nuclear power plants the company operates.” [New York Times, [6/29/23](#)]

FirstEnergy Gave Householder Money To Regain The Speaker's Post In Exchange For Householder Pushing Legislation To Bail Out FirstEnergy's Nuclear Plants. “Over several days of socializing at high-end restaurants, prosecutors said, they discussed a deal: Mr. Householder needed money to regain the speaker's post when its occupant left office in 2018. The company needed a legislative solution to its nuclear power woes. What began with a handshake became a multimillion-dollar political operation, with the money laundered through nonprofit groups allowed by the tax code to conceal donors' names.” [New York Times, [6/29/23](#)]

2023: Householder Was Sentenced To 20 Years In Prison

June 2023: Householder Was Sentenced To 20 Years In Prison For The Scandal. “Former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder, 64, of Glenford, Ohio, was sentenced in federal court here today to 240 months in prison for leading a racketeering conspiracy to receive nearly \$61 million in bribes to pass and uphold a billion-dollar nuclear plant bailout. The Court remanded Householder to the custody of the U.S. Marshals at the conclusion of sentencing.” [Department of Justice, [6/29/23](#)]

2019: Merrin Voted For Householder For House Speaker And For The FirstEnergy Nuclear Bailout Legislation

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July 2019: Merrin Voted For The FirstEnergy Nuclear Bailout Legislation

July 2019: Merrin Voted For H.B. 6. [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 6, [7/23/19](#)]

H.B. 6 Was The Legislation To Bail out FirstEnergy Nuclear Plants. “And so it went: At least \$3 million spent in 2018 to elect Republicans backing Mr. Householder's speaker ambitions. Nearly \$17 million more in 2019 on a successful media campaign supporting H.B. 6, the legislation bailing out FirstEnergy nuclear plants.” [New York Times, [6/29/23](#)]

2016-2019: Merrin Benefitted From The Support Of Householder And FirstEnergy As They Worked To Have Householder Regain Speakership And Pass The Nuclear Bailout Law

2018: Householder Supported The Candidacy Of 21 House Republicans, Including Merrin, So They Would Support Him As Speaker Of The House

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Householder secretly spent millions in 2018 to support Republican candidates for 21 seats in the State House — more than a fifth of the 99 seats — who would back his insurgent campaign to again become House speaker. He spent more millions on a media campaign to push the nuclear bailout law to passage, and then tens of millions on a scorched-earth crusade to undermine a ballot initiative that threatened to undo it.” [New York Times, [6/29/23](#)]

- **2018: Householder Was Merrin’s Largest Campaign Donor, Donating \$7,708 To His Campaign.** “On the Republican side, Rep. Derek Merrin, of Monclova Township, is running against primary challenger Barbara Lang in the 47th District consisting of Lucas County's western suburbs and most of Fulton County. Mr. Merrin raised \$47,673 with his largest contributions coming on behalf of House Speaker candidate Larry Householder (R., Glenford), whose campaign donated \$7,708.” [Toledo Blade, [4/26/18](#); Ohio Secretary of State, Friends of Derek Merrin Contributions, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

2016-2019: Merrin Received Significant Campaign Donations And A Gift From Householder And Campaign Donations From FirstEnergy PAC

2016-2017: Merrin Accepted \$1,500 From FirstEnergy PAC. [Ohio Secretary of State, Friends of Derek Merrin Contributions, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

Date	Contributor	Recipient	Amount
8/4/17	FirstEnergy PAC FSL	Friends of Derek Merrin	\$500
11/19/16	FirstEnergy PAC FSL	Friends of Derek Merrin	\$1,000

[Ohio Secretary of State, Friends of Derek Merrin Contributions, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

- **2018-2022: Merrin Did Not Return Campaign Contributions From FirstEnergy PAC.** [Ohio Secretary of State, Friends of Derek Merrin Expenditures, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

2019: Merrin Received A Gift From “Friends Of Householder.” [Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2019 Addendum #1, filed [2/18/20](#)]

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Merrin Was Repeatedly Called Out For Being Backed By Perpetrators Of The FirstEnergy Scandal

Canary Media Reported That Merrin Was “Among The ‘Team Householder’ Candidates Listed On A Government Exhibit” Who Were Expected To Receive Dark Money Funds From Householder. “Merrin also was among the ‘Team Householder’ candidates listed on a government exhibit introduced last year at the criminal trial of former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder. The government claimed Householder directed the use of dark money funds to help candidates whom he expected to support his bid to become speaker and then to pass a bailout for FirstEnergy.” [Canary Media, [10/15/24](#)]

Daily Beast Reported That Merrin Had “Eyebrow-Raising Ties To Former Speaker Householder” And Received Upwards Of \$17,000 From Householder’s Dark Money Group. “Merrin also has some eyebrow-raising ties to former Speaker Householder, who is serving 20 years in prison after being convicted in a \$60 million bribery case. Before the scandal broke, Merrin had taken upwards of \$17,000 between Householder’s dark money Growth & Opportunity PAC and his official committee. After Householder was arrested, Merrin was one of 20 Republicans who voted against expelling the former speaker from the legislature in 2021. (Since then, Merrin has sponsored an ethics reform bill to guard against future corruption schemes).” [Daily Beast via Archive Today, [1/30/24](#)]

Merrin Voted For A Bill Which Retained Surcharges To Help For The Creation Of Two FirstEnergy-Owned Coal Plants

Merrin Voted For H.B. 128. [Ohio General Assembly, HB 128, Votes, [3/25/21](#)]

H.B. 128 Did A Partial Repeal Of H.B. 6 And Retained Its Subsidies For Utility-Scale Solar Projects And For Two Coal Plants. “The final nail in the coffin of Ohio’s nuclear subsidies occurred on March 31 when Gov. Mike DeWine signed H.B. 128, a bill passed unanimously by the state’s Senate last Thursday. Approved 86-7 by the Ohio House on March 10, H.B. 128 strips the nuclear subsidy provisions from H.B. 6, the controversial and, since last July, scandal-scarred piece of legislation signed into law in 2019 to aid Ohio’s economically challenged nuclear facilities, Davis-Besse and Perry. H.B. 128 also removes the earlier bill’s ‘decoupling’ provision, which would have been of substantial financial benefit to FirstEnergy Corporation, the former parent company of Energy Harbor, owner and operator of Davis-Besse and Perry. The new bill retains H.B. 6’s subsidies for utility-scale solar projects, however, and for two coal plants (one in Ohio, one in Indiana).” [American Nuclear Society, [3/31/21](#)]

H.B. 6 Authorized Surcharges On Ohio Customers To Support Ohio Valley Electric Cooperative’s Coal Plants In Ohio And Indiana From 2020 To 2030. “From 2020 to 2030, the bill also authorizes an additional surcharge on Ohio customers to support coal plants in the Ohio Valley Electric Cooperative (OVEC) located in Ohio and Indiana.” [Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, [4/7/21](#)]

- **OVEC Was Partly Owned By FirstEnergy Subsidiaries.** [OVEC, Shareholders, accessed [5/14/26](#)]

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Cleveland.com Referred To Merrin As A “Real Estate Investor.” “Rep. Derek Merrin, a Republican from Monclova Twp. and a real estate investor, added the preemption language as an amendment to the Ohio House budget bill, which passed last week.” [Cleveland.com, [5/7/17](#)]

In A Toledo Municipal Court Eviction Case, Merrin Was Identified As The Plaintiff And “Landlord.” “PLAINTIFF DEREK S MERRIN [...] Landlord complaint filed for restitution of property and money. Defendant(s) retains possession of premises at 3217 GLANZMAN RD UNIT 36 TOLEDO, OH 43614. Notice to leave premises served to defendant(s) by Plaintiff on 03/24/2016.” [Toledo Municipal Court, Derek S Merrin vs. Lennise McBrayer, filed [6/1/16](#)]

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Asset	Value of Asset Min	Value of Asset Max	Income Type	Income Current Year Min	Income Current Year Max	Income Preceding Year Min	Income Preceding Year Max
Rental Property [RP] Location: Waterville, Lucas County, OH, US	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$5,001	\$15,000	\$5,001	\$15,000
Rental Property [RP] Location: Toledo/Lucas County, OH, US	\$100,001	\$250,000	Rent	\$2,501	\$5,000	\$5,001	\$15,000
Rental Property [RP] Location: Toledo/Lucas County, OH, US	\$50,001	\$100,000	Rent	\$2,501	\$5,000	\$5,001	\$15,000
Rental Property [RP] Location: Toledo/Lucas County, OH, US	\$50,001	\$100,000	Rent	\$2,501	\$5,000	\$5,001	\$15,000
Rental Property [RP] Location: Toledo/Lucas County, OH, US	\$50,001	\$100,000	Rent	\$2,501	\$5,000	\$5,001	\$15,000
Rental Property [RP] Location: Toledo/Lucas County, OH, US	\$50,001	\$100,000	Rent	\$2,501	\$5,000	\$5,001	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$400,006	\$900,000		\$17,506	\$40,000	\$30,006	\$90,000

[US House Clerk, Derek Merrin 2025 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [7/29/25](#)]

2015-2022: Merrin Owned Eight Real Estate Properties From Which He Received Rental Income

2015-2022: Merrin Owned Eight Rental Properties Throughout His Time In The Ohio Legislature.

Address	City	County	Years Claimed On PFD
1649 Crestwood Road	Toledo	Lucas	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
1455 Vance Street	Toledo	Lucas	2015, 2016
1241 Applegate Street	Waterville	Lucas	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
3217 Glanzman Road #36	Toledo	Lucas	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
4646 Manorwood Road	Toledo	Lucas	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
2320 Ann Drive	Toledo	Lucas	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
1511 Gould Road	Toledo	Lucas	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
5142 Tappan	Toledo	Lucas	2021, 2022

[Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2015 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/15/16](#); Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2016 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [5/15/17](#); Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2017 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [4/9/18](#); Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2018 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [5/15/19](#); Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/13/20](#); Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [5/13/21](#); Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2021 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [4/3/22](#); Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [5/12/23](#)]

2022: Merrin Earned \$15,000-\$74,994 From Rental Income

2022: Merrin Owned Six Rental Properties From Which He Earned \$15,000-\$74,994. [Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [5/12/23](#)]

Address	2022 Income	City	County
1241 Applegate Street	\$10,000-\$24,999	Waterville	Lucas
3217 Glanzman #36 Road	\$1,000-\$9,999	Toledo	Lucas
4646 Manorwood Road	\$1,000-\$9,999	Toledo	Lucas
2320 Ann Drive	\$1,000-\$9,999	Toledo	Lucas
1511 Gould Road	\$1,000-\$9,999	Toledo	Lucas
5142 Tappan	\$1,000-\$9,999	Toledo	Lucas

[Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [5/12/23](#)]

- **Merrin Did Business Under The Name Merrin Property Holdings LLC.** [Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Derek Merrin 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [5/12/23](#)]

All Six Of Merrin's 2022 Rental Properties Were Located In Ohio's 9th Congressional District

1241 Applegate Street, Waterville, OH, 43566 Was Located In Ohio's 9th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

3217 Glanzman Road, #36, Toledo, OH, 43614 Was Located In Ohio's 9th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

4646 Manorwood Road, Toledo, OH, 43612 Was Located In Ohio's 9th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

2320 Ann Drive, Toledo, OH, 43613 Was Located In Ohio's 9th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

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Merrin Had Been Previously Called Out For Not Certifying His Properties As Lead-Safe

October 2024: The Columbus Dispatch Called Out Merrin For Not Certifying His Properties As Lead-Safe

Columbus Dispatch Headline: "Ohio Congressional Candidate's Rental Properties Are Not Yet Lead-Safe." [Columbus Dispatch, [10/6/24](#)]

City Records Showed That Merrin Had Several Rental Properties Which Were Not Yet Certified As Lead-Safe. "An Ohio congressional candidate with several rental properties in Toledo has not yet certified them as lead-safe, according to city records. State Rep. Derek Merrin, R-Monclova, is challenging U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Toledo, for the 9th District seat. The district includes the city of Toledo and most of Northwest Ohio. It encompasses Defiance, Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie counties. It is one of the closest watched congressional races in the nation as Kaptur is the longest-serving woman in Congress and the district was drawn more Republican during the last redistricting cycle." [Columbus Dispatch, [10/6/24](#)]

Merrin Proposed Legislation Voiding Toledo's Laws Protecting Tenants, Including Children, From Lead Poisoning, Saying He Did Not Like That Toledo's Ordinance Required Testing At Rental Properties, Including Ones Like His Own

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- **News 5 Cleveland: "Merrin Owns Rental Properties And He's Proposed Measures Friendly To Landlords Like Himself."** "But while Merrin will labor under the radar to, say, reduce BMV visits for residents, he's helped himself as well. Outside the Statehouse, Merrin owns rental properties and he's proposed measures friendly to landlords like himself. [...] A year earlier, Merrin added an amendment to the operating budget aimed at kneecapping a Toledo lead ordinance. That measure ordered landlords who own properties built prior to 1978 remove lead paint or face a fine. The city passed another version of that legislation in 2020. The deadline for compliance was June of last year, and some landlords were still dragging their feet." [News 5 Cleveland, [1/3/23](#)]

2016: The Toledo City Council Voted Unanimously To Approve A Lead Ordinance That Called For Properties Built Before 1978 To Be Inspected For Lead Paint

The Toledo City Council Voted Unanimously To Approve A Lead Ordinance Called That For Rental Properties Built Before 1978 To Be Inspected For Lead Paint Before Leasing To Tenants. "Toledo City Council today approved a controversial 'lead safe' ordinance that calls for some rental properties built before 1978 to be inspected and deemed safe before leasing to tenants. Council voted 10-0 to approve the law that won't take effect for one year." [Toledo Blade, [8/16/16](#)]

- **Columbus Dispatch: Houses Built Before 1978, And Especially Those Built Before 1950, Were Likely To Have Lead Paint.** “Houses built before 1978, and especially those built before 1950, are likely to have lead paint.” [Columbus Dispatch, [6/12/17](#)]

2017: Merrin Proposed Legislation That Would Void Local Laws Created To Address Lead Poisoning, Including Toledo’s, And Remove Mandatory Lead Pipe Testing For Rental Properties In Ohio

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3217 Glanzman Road #36, Toledo, OH Was A 3-Bedroom Condo Built In 1964. [Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

3 bd | 1.1 ba | 1,120 sqft
3217 Glanzman Rd UNIT 36, Toledo, OH 43614

● **Off market**
Zestimate®: **\$79,000** | Rent Zestimate®: **\$1,252**
Est. refi payment: \$446/mo  [Refinance your loan](#)

Home value | Owner tools | [Home details](#) | Neighborhood details

Facts and features [Edit](#)

 Type: Condo	 Heating: Forced air
 Year built: 1964	 Cooling: Central
	 Parking: No Data

[Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

4646 Manorwood Road, Toledo, OH, 43612 Was A Single-Family Home Built In 1949. [Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

3 bd | 1 ba | 1,021 sqft
4646 Manorwood Rd, Toledo, OH 43612

● **Off market**
Zestimate®: **\$98,800** | Rent Zestimate®: **\$1,257**
Est. refi payment: \$558/mo [Refinance your loan](#)

Home value | Owner tools | **Home details** | Neighborhood details

Type:	SingleFamily	Cooling:	No Data
Year built:	1949	Parking:	None
Heating:	Forced air	Lot:	4,356 sqft

[Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

2320 Ann Drive, Toledo, OH, 43613 Was A Single-Family Home Built In 1964. [RedFin, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

2320 Ann Dr, Toledo, OH 43613

\$154,626 **3** **1.5** **1,409**
Redfin Estimate Beds Baths Sq Ft



About this home

Single-family	6,000 sq ft lot
Built in 1964	\$110 Redfin Estimate per sq ft

[RedFin, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

1511 Gould Road, Toledo, OH, 43612 Was A Single-Family Home Built In 1929. [Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

3 bd | 2 ba | 1,304 sqft
1511 Gould Rd, Toledo, OH 43612

● **Off market**
Zestimate®: **\$127,700** | Rent Zestimate®: **\$1,400**
Est. refi payment: \$721/mo [Refinance your loan](#)

Home value Owner tools **Home details** Neighborhood details

Facts and features [Edit](#)

Type: SingleFamily	Cooling: Central
Year built: 1929	Parking: Garage - Attached, Garage - Detached
Heating: Forced air, Gas	Lot: 4,800 sqft

[Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

5142 Tappan Ave, Toledo, OH, 43612 Was A Single-Family Home Built In 1955. [Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

2 bd | 1 ba | 720 sqft
5142 Tappan Ave, Toledo, OH 43612

● **Sold**
: **\$55,000** | Sold on 07/28/21 | Zestimate®: **\$102,700**
Est. refi payment: \$310/mo [Refinance your loan](#)

Home value Owner tools **Home details** Neighborhood details

Facts and features [Edit](#)

Type: Single Family Residence	Heating: Forced Air, Natural Gas
Year built: 1955	Cooling: None
	Parking: 2 Garage spaces
	Lot: 4,791 sqft

[Zillow, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Certifying Merrin's Units Were Lead Safe Would Cost Him Thousands Of Dollars

The Average Cost Of A Lead Clearance Exam Was About \$400 Per Unit

According To Toledo LeadSafe, The Average Cost Of A Lead Clearance Exam Was \$400 Per Unit, But Varied By Technician. “How much do I charge for clearance exam? The average cost of a clearance exam in Toledo is around \$400 per unit. This price is based upon our experiences with Local Lead Inspectors. This price is set by the individuals or companies doing the work and may vary.” [LeadSafe Toledo, For Lead Workers, accessed [6/18/24](#)]

Encapsulating Or Removing Lead Paint Cost Thousands Of Dollars Per Property

If Lead-Based Paint Was Detected In A Home, The EPA Recommended That It Was Encapsulated Or Removed. “The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) enacted laws in 2010 designed to prevent contamination from lead-based paints. With simple testing, you can determine the presence of lead-based paint in a home and there are several options for removing or protecting the paint. To do it safely, it is crucial to work with a contractor who is certified in lead paint removal and can determine the best abatement strategy. Encapsulation, or encasement, involves brushing or rolling on a specially-made coating to create a watertight bond to seal in the paint. [...] Removal approaches vary but often include using a wire brush or wet hand scraping with liquid paint removers.” [Toledo City Paper, [8/15/17](#)]

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2017: The Average Lead Paint Removal Project Cost About \$10,000. “The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) enacted laws in 2010 designed to prevent contamination from lead-based paints. With simple testing, you can determine the presence of lead-based paint in a home and there are several options for removing or protecting the paint. To do it safely, it is crucial to work with a contractor who is certified in lead paint removal and can determine the best abatement strategy. [...] Removal approaches vary but often include using a wire brush or wet hand scraping with liquid paint removers. Contractors often wet sand surfaces with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtered vacuum. Sometimes, paint can be stripped off with a low-temperature heat gun. Using open flame burning, torching, machine sanding without a HEPA attachment, abrasive blasting or power washing are all forbidden. On average, the EPA estimates that professional lead-based paint removal costs about \$8 to \$15 per square foot or about \$9,600 to \$30,000 for a 1,200- to 2,000-sq. ft. house. The average removal project costs about \$10,000.” [Toledo City Paper, [8/15/17](#)]

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Joint Economic Committee Minority: Almost 32,000 People In Ohio’s 9th Congressional District Were Projected To Lose Health Insurance Under The One Big Beautiful Bill

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated Almost 32,000 People In OH-09 Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans’ Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. “Source: The Joint Economic Committee – House Minority’s district-level numbers were created by combining estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office on the national total number of people who would lose insurance by 2034 with a range of state-level data on recent trends in Affordable Care Act enrollment, the total number of Medicaid enrollees in each state, and early analyses of how some Medicaid cuts in the bill would impact each state. Estimates were allocated to the district-level based on data provided by the House Budget Committee on the number of people in each District who are enrolled in Medicaid or in ACA Marketplace Plans. These estimates were sourced from the Regional Leadership Council and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Due to redistricting in 2024, Congressional district data for North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, and New York may not be an exact match. ACA estimates are rounded, and data may not sum to overall totals due to rounding.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

Joint Economic Committee Minority: Estimated Number Of People In Ohio’s 9th Congressional District Losing Health Insurance Under The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Est. Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage	Est. Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage	Est. Total Number of People Losing Health Coverage
12,300	18,895	31,195

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made “Unprecedented” Cuts To The Social Safety Net, Slashing Ohio Medicaid Funds By \$33 Billion Over The Coming Decade And Throwing 340,000 Ohioans Off Their Health Insurance

August 2025: Ohio Capital Journal: The One Big Beautiful Bill Made “Unprecedented Cuts To The Social Safety Net.” “The survey by Scioto Analysis was released on Monday. It comes after the July 4 signing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The law gives \$1 trillion in tax cuts to the richest 1%. It also balloons the deficit by \$3.4 trillion, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. In addition, it makes unprecedented cuts to the social safety net. It slashes nearly \$1 trillion in Medicaid spending over 10 years. Ohio will lose about \$37 billion over that period, according to estimates by KFF. The Trump bill will also slash another \$230 billion in federal food assistance over the same period.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [8/7/25](#)]

October 2025: Signal Cleveland Headline: “Under Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill, Ohio To Lose \$33 Billion For Medicaid; 340,000 To Lose Insurance, Analysts Say.” [Signal Cleveland, [10/16/25](#)]

- **October 2025: The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Slash \$33 Billion In Federal Funds Earmarked For Ohio’s Medicaid Program In The Coming Decade.** “The Trump administration’s signature health care package is projected to slash \$33 billion over the coming decade in federal funds otherwise earmarked for Ohio’s Medicaid program, according to new estimates. That’s a 13% cut against the current spending baseline for Medicaid, the publicly funded health insurance program for the poor and disabled. The new law – formally known as H.R. 1 and commonly referred to as the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ – kicks in at full force in 2027.” [Signal Cleveland, [10/16/25](#)]
- **October 2025: KFF: The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Expected To Purge 340,000 Ohioans From Medicaid.** “The new law – formally known as H.R. 1 and commonly referred to as the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ – kicks in at full force in 2027. This sweeping spending bill is expected to purge 340,000 Ohioans from Medicaid, which covers more than 3 million residents in the state. That’s according to Jennifer Tolbert, director of state health policy and data for KFF, a health policy news outlet, who spoke at a panel event last Thursday hosted by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. ‘Of those, 290,000 will lose coverage because of the Medicaid changes,’ Tolbert said.” [Signal Cleveland, [10/16/25](#)]

Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill Were Projected To Cut More Than \$75 Million In Revenue To Hospitals In OH-09, Making Patient Care Worse

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In OH-09 Were Projected To Lose More Than \$75 Million In Revenue As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts. [Third Way, [GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, 7/8/25](#)]

Projected Revenue Cuts To Hospitals Serving OH-09 From The One Big Beautiful Bill			
Hospital Name	City	Zip Code	Projected Cut to Hospital Revenue
H B Magruder Memorial Hospital	Port Clinton	43452	\$980,851
Community Hospital Of Williams City	Bryan	43506	\$1,421,426
Defiance Hospital Inc.	Defiance	43512	\$1,688,613
Mercy Hospital of Defiance LLC	Defiance	43512	\$814,573
Henry County Hospital (CAH)	Napoleon	43545	\$567,776
Fulton County Health Center	Wauseon	43567	\$1,482,852
The Toledo Hospital	Toledo	43606	\$31,737,940
St Vincent Medical Center	Toledo	43608	\$23,870,185
Univ of Toledo Medl Center	Toledo	43614	\$5,284,598
Bay Park Community Hospital	Oregon	43616	\$2,869,164
Firelands Regional Medical Center	Sandusky	44870	\$3,995,657
Paulding County Hospital	Paulding	45879	\$418,975
TOTAL:			\$75,132,610

[Third Way, [GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, 7/8/25](#)]

NOTE: This table reflects OH-09 lines post-redistricting.

Cleveland.com: Medicaid Cuts In The Big Beautiful Bill Would “Increase Death Rates, Cause Later Stage Disease Diagnosis, And Threaten Hospitals’ Bottom Line, Experts Say.” “Pushing more than 7 million people off the Medicaid rolls, as the latest draft of Congress’ ‘big beautiful’ tax and spending bill would do, will increase death rates, cause later stage disease diagnosis, and threaten hospitals’ bottom line, experts say. Studies examining mortality and disease rates of millions who obtained Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act prove the case, says Philip A. Cola, a professor of healthcare management at Case Western Reserve University’s Weatherhead School of Management. People without insurance are more likely to delay treatment for chronic or emerging conditions, says Cola, leading to higher rates of late-stage diagnoses for cancer and other conditions. They’re also less likely to get regular checkups that can catch problems early. ‘People don’t go and seek the help

that they probably know that they need, and so it leads to later stage diagnosis,' which leads to increased mortality rates, says Cola." [Cleveland.com, [5/27/25](#)]

Dr. Christina Campana, Ohio Chapter Of The American College Of Emergency Physicians President: Decreased Reimbursements And Increased ER Visits Forced Hospitals To Cut Costs, Resulting In “Fewer Staff, Longer Wait Times, And In Some Cases, Communities Losing Access To Health Care Altogether.”

“‘When Medicaid is cut, those people don’t stop getting sick or injured,’ said Dr. Christina Campana, president of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. ‘They keep showing up to the emergency department because they have nowhere else to go.’ [...] Campana said that if those covered by expanded Medicaid are suddenly uninsured, ‘it’s going to be orders of magnitude worse. We’re already on a thin sheet of ice. I think there’s going to be more unnecessary deaths and the amount of preventable things is going to be really hard for health care workers to stomach.’ She explained how all patients will be hurt. At her hospital, about 66% of the people who show up in the ER are covered by Medicare or Medicaid, or both. About 20% have private insurance, and the remaining 14% are uninsured. ‘So when you cut Medicaid, you’re increasing the number of people who are uninsured, and decreasing reimbursements,’ Campana said, explaining that will force hospitals to cut costs. ‘When you trim costs, you actually end up cutting care. So the way the hospital deals with this is they end up cutting staffing. It forces hospitals to make really hard choices. They have fewer staff, longer wait times, and in some cases, communities losing access to health care altogether. Particularly in small, rural communities.’” [Ohio Capital Journal, [7/10/25](#)]

- **Dr. Campana: “If Hundreds Of Thousands Of Low-Income Ohioans Are Suddenly Uninsured, Emergency Rooms Will Have To Care For A Lot More People Who Can’t Pay.”** “One place the hammer will fall most heavily is the emergency department. That’s because under the 1986 Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, it has to treat all emergencies, whether people have insurance or not. ‘Emergency departments are the safety net of our health care system,’ said Campana, who is herself an emergency department doctor. So if hundreds of thousands of low-income Ohioans are suddenly uninsured, emergency rooms will have to care for a lot more people who can’t pay. ‘It’s going to leave Ohio in the lurch — especially the most vulnerable patients,’ Campana said. ‘It doesn’t save money in the long run. It just shifts costs. Worse outcomes. Driving more people to the emergency department. It’s penny wise and pound foolish.’ Ohio hospitals generally and rural ones in particular are already struggling. The Ohio Hospital Association in May told the legislature that half of Ohio hospitals and 72% of rural hospitals have reported operating losses since 2022.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [7/10/25](#)]

Nursing Home Administrators Warned That Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill Could Shutter Facilities In The Toledo Area

WTOL: “Concern Has Continued to Increase For Local Nursing Homes Across The Greater Toledo Area On How The Proposed Cuts To Medicaid May Impact Their Facilities.” “U.S. lawmakers are still discussing President Donald Trump’s ‘Big, Beautiful Bill.’ However, concern has continued to increase for local nursing homes across the greater Toledo area on how the proposed cuts to Medicaid may impact their facilities.” [WTOL, [6/20/25](#)]

June 2025: A Perrysburg Nursing Home Administrator Said Potential Medicaid Cuts “Could Essentially Come To Where Some Places Are Really Struggling To Stay Open And Provide The Care.” “According to Jeff Miller, administrator for The Manor in Perrysburg, a skilled nursing facility with around 98 residents receiving both short-term rehab and long-term care, it’s estimated that about 80% of their residents rely on Medicaid. ‘We’ve been getting underfunded by Medicaid, and as we see the proposed thing going through right now, it’s very scary for us because that would be another cut that we would have to absorb. So yes, it could essentially come to where some places are really struggling to stay open and provide the care,’ Miller said.” [WTOL, [6/20/25](#)]

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Number Of OH-09 Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
District	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
OH-09	39,757

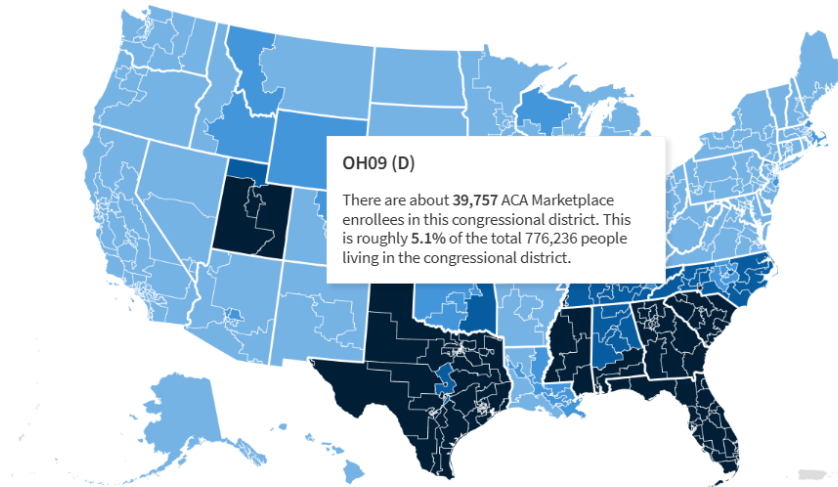
[KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

Figure 1

At least 10% of the population in all congressional districts in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina are enrolled in the ACA Marketplaces

Share of Population That is Enrolled in the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces in 2025 by Congressional District, 119th Congress

■ < 6% ■ 6%–8% ■ 8%–10% ■ ≥ 10%



Note: Sum of estimated plan selections do not sum up to national total due to rounding. Congressional district level enrollment was estimated by taking county-level enrollment and mapping it to the Congressional district level, apportioning enrollment when counties are in multiple congressional districts. Party listed is the party of the House member for the congressional district and is as of October 3, 2025.

Source: KFF analysis of [Missouri Census Data Center GeoCorr 2022 tool](#), [CMS state and county Open Enrollment Period public use files](#), and state enrollment data • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)

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[KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

NOTE: This KFF data was published prior to Ohio's 2025 redistricting. These numbers represent the number of people who were impacted in the old OH-09.

January 2026: Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits Expired After The One Big Beautiful Bill Failed To Extend Them

January 2026: Affordable Care Act Enhanced Premium Tax Credits Expired. “The Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced premium tax credits expired on January 1st, 2026, causing premium payments to increase significantly for many Americans enrolled in ACA exchange plans. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected that a permanent extension of the enhanced tax credits would increase the number of people with health insurance by 3.8 million in 2035. Without the extension, the CBO anticipated insurers on the individual market would raise rates with the expectation that some healthier people would drop coverage rather than pay a significantly higher monthly amount. The total number of people who have enrolled in the ACA Marketplaces and paid for at minimum one month of coverage won't be available until the summer of 2026.” [Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker, [1/14/26](#)]

July 2025: The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans. “The OBBBA did not extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace plans. As a

result, when open enrollment begins on November 1, 2025, 20 million marketplace enrollees will see their premium costs spike.” [Center for American Progress, [7/29/25](#)]

Failure To Extend ACA Advanced Premium Tax Credits Was Expected To Drastically Increase Premium Payments For OH-09 Residents, With A 60-Year Old Couple Making \$85,000 Projected To Pay Almost \$1,600 More Monthly

KFF: Without Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits, A 60-Year Old Couple Making \$85,000 In OH-09 Were Projected To See Their Monthly Premiums Rise By 264%, Or \$1,592. [KFF, [10/9/25](#)]

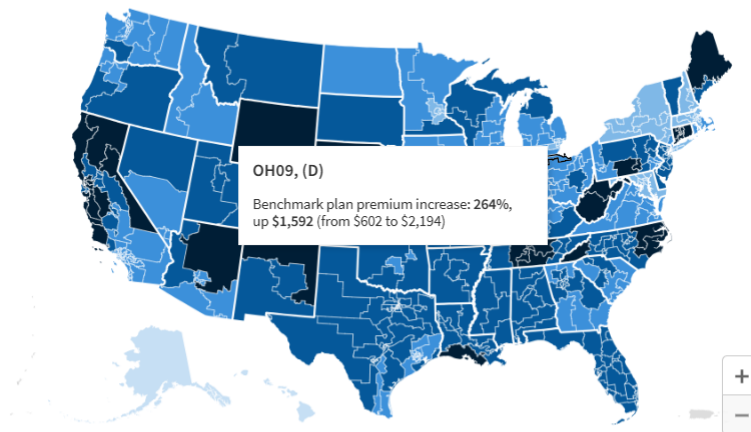
Figure 1

Premium Payments for Subsidized Enrollees Will Increase Nationwide if Enhanced ACA Subsidies Expire

Percent Increase in Average Monthly Premium Payments for Benchmark Silver Plan Without Enhanced Subsidies, 60-Year Old Couple Making \$85,000, 2026

40-Year-Old, \$32,000 **60-Year Old Couple, \$85,000**

■ < 100% ■ 100%–200% ■ 200%–300% ■ 300%–400% ■ ≥ 400%



Note: Premiums reflect the state median increase from rate filings applied to 2025 amounts and weighted by plan selections. Premiums do not reflect state-provided subsidies. Hawaii and Alaska have different federal poverty levels; the premium increase for an Alaskan 60-year-old couple making 401% of poverty would be [substantially higher](#).

Source: KFF analysis of [Census data](#), [CMS data](#), [Missouri Census Data Center Geocorr 2022 tool](#), plan selection data from state regulators and [2025 Open Enrollment Period Public Use Files](#), and premium data from Healthcare.gov, state regulators, or insurer filings • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)

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[KFF, [10/9/25](#)]

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Merrin Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Made Massive Cuts To SNAP, Putting Almost 45,000 Households In OH-09 At Risk Of Losing Food Assistance

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Almost 45,000 Households In OH-09, More Than 62% Of Which Included Children, Received SNAP Benefits And Were At Risk Of Losing Federal Food Assistance Under The One Big Beautiful Bill

The Congressional Budget Office Estimated 3.2 Million People Could Lose Access To SNAP As A Result Of The Plan’s Increased Work Requirements. “Millions of low-income people would lose access to federal food aid under the House budget plan passed early Thursday, according to a new analysis from the Congressional Budget Office. CBO estimates that the plan’s increased work requirements for parents and older people will force 3.2 million people out of the program in an average month and slash \$92 billion in federal spending. The exact number of people who could lose access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is not yet clear, because the bill’s various provisions could interact with each other, CBO said.” [Politico, [5/22/25](#)]

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 44,700 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In OH-09. [USDA, accessed [4/1/26](#)]

Who Receives SNAP?

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of low-income families so they can purchase healthy food.

In OH District 9, SNAP serves...

44,700
HOUSEHOLDS

[USDA, accessed [4/1/26](#)]

2024: Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: More Than 62% Of Ohio SNAP Participants Were In Families With Children. [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [1/21/25](#)]

Whom Does SNAP Reach?

In federal fiscal year 2024, it helped:

- **1,386,900** Ohio residents, or **12%** of the state population (**1 in 9**)
- **41,697,500** participants in the United States, or **12%** of the total population (**1 in 8**)

OHIO	more than 62% of SNAP participants are in families with children	more than 43% are in families with members who are older adults or are disabled	more than 35% are in working families
NATIONALLY	more than 62% of SNAP participants are in families with children	more than 37% are in families with members who are older adults or are disabled	more than 38% are in working families

Source: CBPP analysis of data from USDA Food and Nutrition Service®

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Ohio: Estimated Monthly Loss Of SNAP Benefits Due To Policies Proposed In The U.S. Senate Budget Reconciliation Bill						
Families Losing Some Or All SNAP Benefits	Families With Monthly Benefit Reduction ≥\$25					
	All Families		Families With Children		Working Families	
	Number Of Families	Average Monthly Benefit Reduction	Number Of Families	Average Monthly Benefit Reduction	Number Of Families	Average Monthly Benefit Reduction
717,000	132,000	\$96	108,000	\$60	96,000	\$71

[Urban Institute, [7/2/25](#)]

Ohio Association Of Foodbanks Executive Director: The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Fundamentally Change “The Basic Food Assistance That We’ve Promised To All Of Our Citizens”

Ohio Association Of Foodbanks Executive Director Joree Novotny: The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Fundamentally Change “The Basic Food Assistance That We’ve Promised To All Of Our Citizens.” “The U.S. Senate has passed a version of the reconciliation bill that includes a 20% cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), totaling more than \$180 billion through 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Food insecurity advocates said they are extremely concerned. The proposed cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act would affect more than 40 million people nationwide. In Ohio, experts project the change would create a gap the state can’t afford. ‘Ohio would be responsible for nearly \$400 million each year in new spending just to maintain what are already inadequate benefits for primarily children, seniors, disabled Ohioans and working families,’ said Joree Novotny, executive director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. Novotny is sounding the alarm over proposed reductions to both Medicaid and SNAP benefits in the legislation, which comes as food banks in Northeast Ohio report record need. [...] Novotny, however, urged Congress to reconsider the cuts. ‘Ultimately, we need this legislation to serve the interests of American and Ohio families that are struggling with high prices and trying to survive paycheck to paycheck,’ she said. ‘This isn’t reflective of what they’re looking for. And we would urge Congress to reconsider before it structurally, fundamentally changes the basic food assistance that we’ve promised to all of our citizens.’” [WDTN, [7/2/25](#)]

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The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Raise The National Average Retail Electricity Rates By 9% In 2030. “A tax package on track to pass both chambers of Congress would raise electricity prices, accelerate the release of heat-trapping greenhouse gases and undercut low-emission energy investments, according to researchers who have analyzed the legislation. [...] Overall, the bill would raise ‘national average retail electricity rates and

monthly household electricity bills by about 9% in 2030,' researchers at Princeton University concluded." [NJ Spotlight News, [6/5/25](#)]

Price Increases Were A Product Of Rising Energy Demand And Decreased Energy Supply As The One Big Beautiful Bill Phased Out Tax Credits For Clean Energy

July 2025: The One Big Beautiful Bill Rapidly Phased Out Tax Credits For Clean Energy. "Congress moved one step closer to passing President Donald Trump's 'One Big, Beautiful Bill' this week — and with that, one step closer to spiking power bills across the nation. The bill would rapidly phase out tax credits for clean energy, slowing the construction of solar, wind, and battery projects, which made up over 90% of new electricity connected to the grid last year." [Canary Media, [7/3/25](#)]

Cuts To Clean Energy Tax Credits Would Cause Factories To Close And Decrease The Likelihood Of Future Project Development. "President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act ends long-standing federal support for solar and wind power, while creating a friendly environment for oil, gas and coal production. [...] A related tax credit for using U.S.-made components in solar and wind farms ends for projects that enter service after 2027. A carveout allows projects that start construction within one year of the law's enactment to claim the credit. The credit was designed to spur demand at U.S. factories in order to break the nation's dependence on equipment from China. 'If nothing changes, factories start to close,' Michael Carr, executive director of the Solar Energy Manufacturers Association, told CNBC. 'Factories that are on the drawing board that probably penciled [favorably] two weeks ago, maybe don't pencil now. We'll see investment slow down in the sector going forward.'" [CNBC, [7/3/25](#)]

July 2025: Canary Media: Increasing The Nation's Energy Supply Was Critical To Preventing Energy Price Hikes, As Demand For Electricity Rose Nationwide Due In Large Part To Data Centers. "Clean energy is the cheapest and easiest way to get power onto the grid. With demand for electricity nationwide rising due in large part to AI data centers, swiftly bringing affordable energy online is more crucial than ever. But if tax incentives are repealed, fewer solar, wind, and storage projects will be built. Between now and 2035, the U.S. could see 57% to 72% less new clean-energy capacity come online than it would have with the tax credits in place, according to Rhodium Group. Meanwhile, new gas construction likely can't make up the difference in the near term: Developers who want to build new gas power plants face wait times of up to five to seven years for turbines." [Canary Media, [7/3/25](#)]

Canary Media: Ohio "Imports About A Quarter Of Its Electricity From Other States," Underscoring Ohio's Need For More Clean Energy Generation. "The Ohio Chamber of Commerce would like the Inflation Reduction Act's tax credits to continue through 2035, said Tony Long, the organization's general counsel and director of energy policy. The state needs more energy generation, he added, noting that Ohio imports about a quarter of its electricity from other states. 'These credits will help continue to drive new development of energy sources,' Long said, noting that IRA tax credits have helped small and medium-sized businesses grow." [Canary Media, [6/30/25](#)]

Even Republican Representatives Acknowledged The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Raise Energy Costs For American Consumers

June 2025: 13 House Republicans Signed A Letter Saying They Were "Deeply Concerned By Several Provisions" Of The Megabill's Clean Energy Tax Credit Rollbacks. "Thirteen House Republicans are urging Senate leaders to 'substantially and strategically' improve clean energy tax credit provisions in the House-passed megabill. Led by Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-Va.), the lawmakers said they remain 'deeply concerned by several provisions' that would aggressively phase down incentives from the Democrats' 2022 climate law and add strict new supply chain requirements." [Politico, [6/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Raise Gas Prices By \$300 Annually In 2035

Due To Increased Demand And Decreased Supply, Energy Innovation Projected That Ohioans Would Spend “\$130 More On Annual Vehicle Fuel Alone In 2030 And \$300 Annually In 2035.” “Although the House OBBBA leads to more fossil fuel production, prices still exhibit a net increase, as increased demand would raise prices more than increased domestic supply could lower them. [...] Some fuels see greater price increases than others; in Ohio in 2035, we find a \$0.27 per gallon increase in gasoline (approximately 9.4 percent), 5.2- and 2.3-percent increases in residential electricity and natural gas prices, respectively, and 8.2- and 15-percent increases in electricity and natural gas prices for industrial producers, respectively. We find the average Ohio household will spend \$130 more on annual vehicle fuel alone in 2030 and \$300 annually in 2035.” [Energy Innovation, [June 2025](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Clean Energy Tax Credit Cuts Threatened To Kill Thousands Of Jobs In OH-09

Ohio Was A Hub For Clean Energy Investment From The Inflation Reduction Act, With Clean Energy Tax Credits Generating More Than \$21 Billion In Investments Since 2022

Canary Media: “Ohio Is Among The Top States To Benefit From The Inflation Reduction Act’s Clean Energy Incentives” With Some Of The Most Announced Projects In The Country. “Ohio is among the top states to benefit from the Inflation Reduction Act’s clean energy incentives. As of last summer, its 9th Congressional District had eight announced projects — more than any other district nationwide, according to E2, which advocates for policies that benefit the economy and the environment. Ohio also ranked among the top 10 states nationwide for announced projects.” [Canary Media, [6/30/25](#)]

March 2025: Clean Energy Tax Credits Generated More Than \$21 Billion In Investment Across 154 Current And Planned Clean Energy And Manufacturing Facilities In Ohio Since 2022. “On May 22, the United States House of Representatives passed its 2025 budget Reconciliation legislation entitled the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA); the bill has now moved on to the U.S. Senate for committee markups and an eventual vote. The legislation repeals multiple federal policies, funding programs, and tax credits that drive American energy manufacturing and deployment. As passed, the text claws back unobligated funding, expands new oil and gas leasing, changes and eliminates existing energy and manufacturing tax credits, and repeals certain Clean Air Act programs. In particular, the bill drastically changes and terminates existing clean energy tax credits passed by Congress in 2022, which to date have generated \$11.41 billion in new private-led investment across 48 domestic energy and manufacturing facilities in Ohio. An additional \$10.06 billion of outstanding private investment has been announced across 106 facilities in Ohio. As passed in the House, the OBBBA would undercut these 154 projects, threatening billions in investments, holding back economic growth, costing jobs, and forcing families and businesses to pay higher energy bills.” [Energy Innovation, [June 2025](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Eliminated Clean Energy Tax Credits For Wind, Solar, And Nuclear Energy Projects By 2032

The Guardian: The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Eliminate Tax Credits For Wind, Solar, And Nuclear Energy Projects By 2032. “A Republican push to dismantle clean energy incentives threatens to reverberate across the US by costing more than 830,000 jobs, raising energy bills for US households and threatening to unleash millions more tonnes of the planet-heating pollution that is causing the climate crisis, experts have warned. A major tax bill passed by the Republican-held House of Representatives on Thursday morning will, as currently, demolish key components of climate legislation signed by Joe Biden that has spurred a record torrent of renewable energy and electric vehicle investment in the US. Under the reconciliation bill, tax credits for cleaner cars will end this year, with incentives for wind, solar and even nuclear energy projects scaled down and then eliminated by 2032. Clean energy manufacturing tax credits will be axed by 2031, while Americans seeking to upgrade their homes to cleaner or more energy efficient appliances will get no further subsidy after the end of this year. ‘This bill is worse than what people envisioned – it pulls the rug out from facilities banking on these incentives, it raises everyday household costs by hundreds of dollars and undercuts any sort of action on climate

change,’ said Robbie Orvis, senior director at Energy Innovation, a non-partisan climate policy thinktank.” [The Guardian, [5/22/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Clean Energy Tax Incentive Rollbacks Threatened To Tank Both Established And Early-Stage Clean Energy Development Projects

Third Way: Without Tax Incentives, Both Established And Early-Stage Clean Energy Development Projects Were Vulnerable. “New data released today from the Clean Investment Monitor (CIM) shows that planned clean energy investments are projected to support hundreds of thousands of jobs, ranging from building new facilities to day-to-day operations and beyond. But those jobs may never come to be if Republicans succeed in cutting clean energy tax incentives through reconciliation, putting clean energy investments across the US at risk of cancellation. [...] These aren’t just speculative jobs. Battery plants, solar supply chains, and EV component producers are already putting Americans to work building innovative new technologies and helping the United States build a competitive edge in these emerging industries. Tax incentives help existing projects secure continued investment and stay in business. Without them, both established and early-stage projects are vulnerable.” [Third Way, [6/23/25](#)]

Washington Post: Cuts To Clean Energy Tax Credits Would “Kill Some Big Projects On The Drawing Board And Leave Investors Facing Losses For Others On Which Construction Has Begun.” ““The latest Senate draft bill will destroy millions of jobs in America and cause immense strategic harm to our country!’ Tesla founder Elon Musk posted on X on Saturday, extending his split with the administration he served as leader of the U.S. DOGE Service. [...] The rapid seesaw in Washington’s industrial policy — with what some estimates say is \$1 trillion of government and private investment at stake — will kill some big projects on the drawing board and leave investors facing losses for others on which construction has begun. Construction was supposed to be well underway by now at NorSun’s planned \$620 million factory in Tulsa, where hundreds of people could be put to work building solar wafers and ingots and helping revitalize manufacturing in the United States. But shovels haven’t hit the ground, and the project has been put on hold indefinitely. ‘We’re in a time where anything that gets done by one administration risks getting undone by the next,’ said Todd Templeton, director of Americas for NorSun, which was relying on the targeted subsidies to manufacture the wafers and ingots that enable solar panels to harness the sun’s energy — technology that was invented in the U.S. but hasn’t been made in an American factory in more than a decade.” [Washington Post, [6/29/25](#)]

Canary Media And Energy Innovation Estimated The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Clean Energy Tax Credit Rollbacks Could Cost Ohio Between 32,000 And 91,000 Jobs By 2030

Canary Media: “Thousands Of Ohio Jobs Are At Risk As Republicans In Congress Decide The Fate Of The Inflation Reduction Act’s Clean Energy Tax Credits.” “Thousands of Ohio jobs are at risk as Republicans in Congress decide the fate of the Inflation Reduction Act’s clean energy tax credits, according to two new reports. The 2022 federal climate law spurred announcements of more than \$7 billion in clean energy projects in Ohio. An analysis by the nonpartisan business group E2 links those investments to nearly 5,000 announced jobs. A separate research paper published this month by the BlueGreen Alliance, a coalition of labor unions and environmental groups, used broader criteria to conclude that Republicans’ ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ puts more than 17,000 direct manufacturing jobs at risk in the state. The ripple effect on other sectors that work with clean energy companies could bring the number to more than 91,000.” [Canary Media, [6/30/25](#)]

Energy Innovation: Ohio Faced The Fifth Worst Job Losses In The Country In The Energy And Manufacturing Sector, With The One Big Beautiful Bill Projected To Cost The State 32,000 Jobs By 2030. “In 2030, the states with the worst job losses are: • California with 70,000 lost jobs • Texas with 61,000 lost jobs • Florida with 59,000 lost jobs • North Carolina with 45,000 lost jobs • Ohio with 32,000 lost jobs.” [Energy Innovation, [June 2025](#)]

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Third Way: Trump's Big Beautiful Bill Was Slated To Become "One Of The Largest Job-Killing Packages For U.S. Manufacturing In A Generation." "President Trump has said he wants to catapult the United States into a new manufacturing renaissance. But as currently drafted, his signature legislation is slated to become one of the largest job-killing packages for U.S. manufacturing in a generation. CIM's data, included below, shows that eliminating clean energy incentives has consequences: fewer jobs, less investment, and a retreat from global competitiveness in key industries." [Third Way, [6/23/25](#)]

Business And Labor Leaders In Ohio Said Cuts To Clean Energy Tax Credits In The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Result In Mass Layoffs In Manufacturing Due To Clean Energy Investments Vanishing "Overnight"

Al Frasz, Commercial Business Manager Of Ohio-Based Solar Company Yellowlite, Said The One Big Beautiful Bill's Cuts To Clear Energy Tax Credits Put His Company "In A Mode Of Having To Lay Off 35% To 40% Of Our Employees." "Cleveland, Ohio-based solar company YellowLite is among the firms already pausing hiring in response to federal policy uncertainty. The company said it had planned to bring on 20 to 25 more workers this year to keep up with growing business. Those plans are now on hold. If the threatened cuts happen, the company fears business will 'decline dramatically,' said Al Frasz, YellowLite's commercial business manager. 'We will probably be in a mode of having to lay off 35% to 40% of our employees.' Frasz is one of dozens of business, labor, civic, and other leaders in Ohio calling upon Congress to revise the current reconciliation budget bill to preserve the IRA tax credits and other clean energy provisions." [Canary Media, [6/30/25](#)]

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Power A Clean Future Ohio Executive Director Joe Flarida: "What We're Going To See Is A Ton Of Investment That's Taken Place Over The Past Couple Of Years Completely Vanish Overnight." "Businesses are reacting to the Senate's proposal, like the House's, that would drastically scale back the very tax credits that had been driving an American energy and manufacturing boom,' said Michael Timberlake, E2's communications director, when the group released its data on May 29. Part of the Inflation Reduction Act's success in spurring clean energy investments stems from its 10-year time frame for tax credits, noted Joe Flarida, executive director of Power a Clean Future Ohio, which works with local governments on clean energy. That signaled to businesses and communities that there would be some stability, which is important for business planning. 'What we saw was this massive movement and response to use and leverage those tax credits in a productive way,' Flarida said. Pulling the rug out from under organizations that planned or broke ground on projects expecting those tax credits 'is going to be a wasteful-government-spending dilemma,' he continued. 'What we're going to see is a ton of investment that's

taken place over the past couple of years completely vanish overnight. And this is just bad policymaking.” [Canary Media, [6/30/25](#)]

Ohio/Indiana UAW Leader: “The Reconciliation Bill Threatens To Upend All The Positive Stuff We Have Worked Towards Building Good Manufacturing Jobs, Working With Companies Throughout Ohio.” ““This is in the politicians’ hands — if they’re going to continue these credits or they won’t,” said David Green, director of the United Auto Workers’ Region 2B office, which covers Indiana and Ohio. The labor union’s members have benefited from IRA-spurred growth in the automobile industry’s electric vehicle sector. ‘The reconciliation bill threatens to upend all the positive stuff we have worked towards building good manufacturing jobs, working with companies throughout Ohio and Indiana. ... Good union jobs are on the line, and we need to do everything we can to protect the middle class of this country.’” [Canary Media, [6/30/25](#)]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave More Than \$1.5 Trillion In Tax Cuts To The Wealthiest Americans

Center For American Progress: “Under This Proposal, Millionaires Would See A Larger Tax Cut Than The Bottom Half Of Americans Combined—With More Than \$1.5 Trillion In Tax Cuts Going To The Top 5 Percent.” “The One Big Beautiful Bill Act would issue the largest transfer of wealth from working-class Americans to the ultrawealthy in the nation’s history. To do so, House Republicans are proposing to cut programs that are essential to people, especially in states that voted for Trump in the last election, in order to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. Under this proposal, millionaires would see a larger tax cut than the bottom half of Americans combined—with more than \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts going to the top 5 percent. In total, households that make at least \$1 million per year would receive roughly twice as much in tax breaks as the bottom 50 percent of the nation combined. Roughly 57 million households in the bottom 60 percent would see a tax increase or a negligible tax change (\$100 in either direction) under the House Republican proposal. Not only does this proposal extend the

2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's tax breaks for the wealthy, but it also adds additional loopholes that skew the tax code even more in favor of the ultrawealthy. Polling demonstrates that Republican voters oppose the bill when they learn that the tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit those who are already rich." [Center for American Progress, [6/13/25](#)]

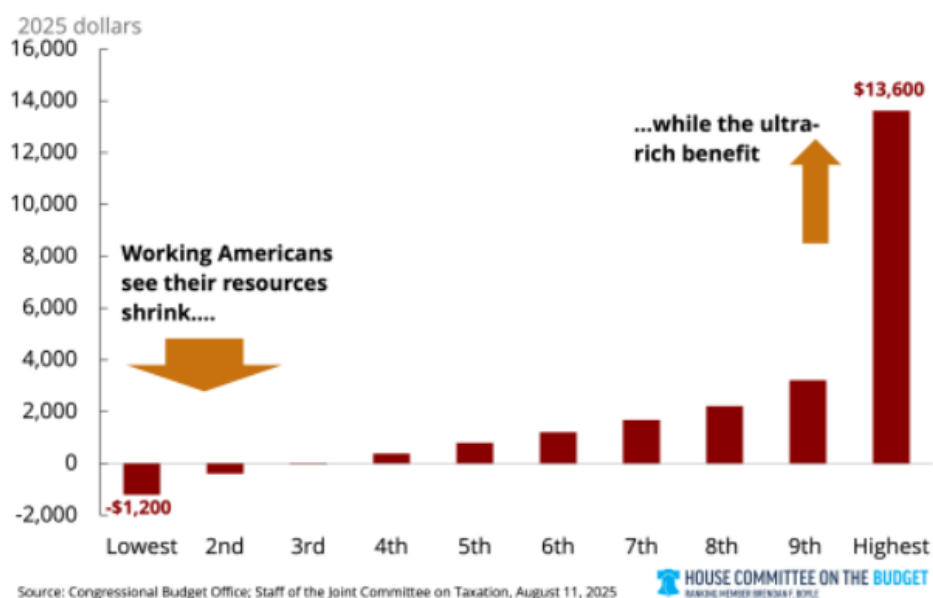
The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Expected To Lower Incomes For The Bottom 20% Of Households

The Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Cost The Lowest-Income Households \$1,600 A Year In Federal Resources While The Highest-Income Households Would Gain \$12,000. "The lowest-income households in the United States would lose \$1,600 a year in federal resources under the domestic-policy package House Republicans passed last month, Congress' nonpartisan scorekeeper predicts. At the same time, resources would be increased by \$12,000 for the highest-income households under the legislation, according to the analysis the Congressional Budget Office published Thursday. For middle-income households, the bill is projected to increase resources by \$500 to \$1,000 a year, an increase of less than 1 percent of their income." [Politico, [6/12/25](#)]

Yale Budget Lab: The Bottom 10% Of American Households By Income Would See An Average Reduction In Incomes, While Those At The Top Would See An Increase. "The Budget Lab has previously estimated the net budget impact of combining the OBBBA and recent increases in tariffs. Conventionally scored, OBBBA costs \$2.4 trillion as written (\$4.0 trillion if the temporary provisions become permanent). The tariffs implemented as of June 1 would raise \$2.4 trillion. A natural follow-up question is: what is the net distributional impact of both the OBBBA and tariffs? This report answers that question by incorporating tariffs into CBO's distributional estimates of the OBBBA. Our tariff estimates, which reflect the Trump Administration's 2025 tariff increases this year through June 1, are based on prior TBL analysis and are adjusted to match the income concepts in CBO's report. [...] The results of this exercise are shown in Figure 1, which reports average annual changes to after-tax-and-transfer income over the 2026-2034 period. We find that the combination of OBBBA and 2025 tariffs would reduce resources on average among the bottom 80 percent of households. The bottom ten percent of households would see an average reduction of more than 6.5 percent in incomes, while those at the top would see an increase of nearly 1.5 percent." [Yale Budget Lab, [6/16/25](#)]

House Committee On The Budget Minority: "Everyone In The Bottom Twenty Percent Of The Income Distribution, Or Those Making Less Than \$43,000 A Year, Will See A Net Decline In Household Resources." "CBO analyzed the combined effects of the tax policies and spending reductions and found that working families will experience a net loss in household resources, while the ultra-rich will get richer. Specifically: Families already struggling to make ends meet lose the most. Households in the lowest income decile, making \$24,000 a year or less, lose about \$1,200 every year, mostly due to deep cuts to Medicaid and food assistance. That amounts to over 3 percent of their total income, a devastating hit for people who can afford it the least. Everyone in the bottom twenty percent of the income distribution, or those making less than \$43,000 a year, will see a net decline in household resources. Middle-class families get next to nothing. For those in the 5th and 6th decile, or the middle of the distribution, they will experience a resource gain of only 0.8 to 1 percent. That is barely enough to keep up with rising costs due to President Trump's reckless actions. The ultra-rich get a windfall. Families making over \$700,000 a year will see a \$13,600 boost, almost entirely from tax cuts. That figure does not even count the massive estate tax giveaways for the ultra-rich." [House Committee On The Budget Minority, [8/11/25](#)]

Average Annual Change in Household Resources, 2026-2034



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CNN: “Low-Income Americans Will Feel The Effect Of Changes To Aid Programs, While The Wealthy Will See Most Of The Windfall From Tax Cuts, According To Multiple Assessments.” “It took intense lobbying from President Donald Trump, an all-nighter, and a vote on a bill for which many people did not yet have a clear grasp of the final changes, but House Republicans got it done this week. They passed their version of the ‘one big, beautiful bill,’ a behemoth that pairs tax cuts with new provisions that will push people off Medicaid and food assistance. Low-income Americans will feel the effect of changes to aid programs, while the wealthy will see most of the windfall from tax cuts, according to multiple assessments. [...] Higher-income taxpayers would come out ahead, with 60% of the tax cuts going to the top 20%, who have incomes of at least \$217,000, next year and more than a third going to the top 5%, or those who earn \$460,000 or more, according to the center. The following numbers show how the rich would get the biggest boost in their after-tax income compared to others. Those in the top 20% would see an average tax cut of \$12,660 next year, increasing their after-tax income by 3.4%. But again, that’s compared with current law, in which Trump’s first-term tax cuts are expiring. Middle-income earners, those making between about \$67,000 and \$119,000, would get a tax break of \$1,840, bumping up their after-tax income by 2.4%, while those in the lowest bracket, who earn less than about \$35,000, would get a tax cut of \$160, nudging up their after-tax income by 0.8%.” [CNN, [5/24/25](#)]

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February 2024: Merrin Said He Would Repeal Obamacare. “Two Republican candidates in a U.S. 9th Congressional District candidate forum Tuesday at the Sandusky Register, state Rep. Derek Merrin and Steve Lankenau, say their willingness to take part speaks to their ability to fight for the district. [...] Both candidates said they would repeal Obamacare, although Lankenau stressed it’s important to have something to replace it. Lowering the cost of health care should be a priority and should not be a partisan issue, Merrin said.” [Sandusky Register, [2/28/24](#)]

Repealing The ACA Threatened The Coverage Of Almost 40,000 Individuals On Marketplace Plans In OH-09

2025: Nearly 40,000 Individuals In OH-09 Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

Number Of OH-09 Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
District	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
OH-09	39,757

[KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

NOTE: This KFF data was published prior to Ohio’s 2025 redistricting. These numbers represent the number of people who were impacted in the old OH-09.

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would End Coverage Protections For Almost 300,000 OH-09 Residents With Pre-Existing Conditions

2014: The Affordable Care Act Barred Insurance Companies From Denying Coverage To People With Pre-Existing Conditions, Refusing To Cover Costs Associated With Such Conditions, And Charging Higher Premiums To Those With Pre-Existing Conditions

NPR: Before The Affordable Care Act, It Was Legal For Health Insurers To Deny Coverage To People With Pre-Existing Conditions. “A ‘preexisting condition’ refers to any health issue someone has before they sign up for a health insurance policy — from high blood pressure to pregnancy to allergies. Before the Affordable Care Act, it was perfectly legal for health insurers to deny coverage to people with such conditions. An estimate from the Kaiser Family Foundation suggests that about 54 million people have conditions that — without legal protections — could prompt health insurers to deny them policies. Polls show this is one of the most popular provisions of the law, across the political spectrum.” [NPR, [10/27/20](#)]

January 2014: ACA Regulations Preventing Insurance Companies From Refusing To Cover Costs Related To Pre-Existing Conditions Went Into Effect. “Insurers pursue multiple strategies to reduce the cost of covering enrollees with pre-existing conditions, or medical conditions and health problems that existed before the individual enrolled in a health plan. One strategy, the pre-existing condition exclusion, allows insurers to refuse to cover any costs associated with care for a pre-existing condition permanently or over a period of time. Beginning January 1, 2014, insurers in the individual and group markets will be prohibited from imposing pre-existing condition exclusions under the Affordable Care Act. This new fact sheet provides an overview of how pre-existing condition

exclusions are regulated under current law, and how the ACA will change those regulations in 2014, enabling consumers to access necessary benefits and services beginning from their first day of coverage.” [KFF, [10/8/12](#)]

2014: The Affordable Care Act Barred Insurers From Charging People With Pre-Existing Conditions Higher Premiums. “Beginning in 2014, the ACA barred insurers in the individual market from charging people higher premiums because of their health status or health conditions. Insurers can only adjust an individual’s premium by specific factors: age (within limits), geographic area, and tobacco use (also within limits). Before the ACA, people in the individual market frequently paid much higher premiums if they had pre-existing conditions. Often, a ‘standard’ premium rate would be established for a particular insurance product, and people could be charged a higher premium (‘rated up’) if they had health conditions or get a reduced premium (‘rated down’) if they were healthy.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/5/20](#)]

Almost 300,000 Residents Of OH-09 Had Pre-Existing Conditions

2019: Center For American Progress Estimated 297,500 Non-Elderly Residents Of OH-09, Or 51% Of The Non-Elderly Population, Had Pre-Existing Conditions. [Center for American Progress, [10/2/19](#)]

NOTE: The 2019 district level data from the Center for American Progress uses the district lines for the 116th Congress.

2020: Center For American Progress: If The ACA Were Repealed, 741,000 People In Ohio Would Lose Their Health Coverage, Raising The State’s Uninsured Rate Among The Non-Elderly From 7.4% To 15.2%. “A ruling that invalidates the ACA or eliminates core features of the law would have a devastating effect on American families. Select your state from the drop-down list below to see some of the harms that would result from ACA repeal. 41,000 people in Ohio would lose coverage, raising the state's uninsured rate among the nonelderly population from 7.4 percent to 15.2 percent.” [Center for American Progress, [3/2/20](#)]

March 2020: Center For American Progress Estimated 135.4 Million Americans, Including 4.8 Million Residents Of Ohio, With Pre-Existing Conditions Would Face Higher Premiums Statewide If The ACA Were Repealed. [Center for American Progress, [3/2/20](#)]

Merrin Voted To Redirect Billions Of Taxpayer Dollars Away From Public Schools To Pay For Private School Tuition For Families Making Six Figures And Whose Students Mostly Already Attended Private School

2023: Merrin Voted To Redirect \$2 Billion From Public Schools To Pay For Private School Tuition, Including For Families Making Six Figures Whose Students Never Attended Public School To Begin With

2023: Merrin Voted For Roughly \$2 Billion For School Vouchers, Including For Households Making More Than \$135,000

Merrin Voted For H.B. 33, The FY 2024-25 Budget. In June 2023, Merrin voted for H.B. 33: “Establishes operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-2025.” The bill passed 67-30. [Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 33, 6/30/23](#)]

- **Associated Press: Ohio’s FY 2024-25 Budget Included Roughly \$2 Billion For Universal School Vouchers.** “Ohio’s new budget could include almost \$3 billion in income tax cuts, funding for universal school vouchers and hundreds of other measures. [...] Roughly \$2 billion would be spent phasing in a universal voucher program over the next two years, providing income-based scholarships on a sliding scale for any Ohio child to attend private school, with scholarship amounts decreasing as income increases.” [Associated Press, [6/30/23](#)]

- **Ohio Capital Journal: Ohio’s FY 2024-25 Budget Increased Eligibility For “EdChoice Expansion Scholarships.”** “Lawmakers expanded the Education Choice-Expansion eligibility to 450% of the poverty line last year through the state budget — creating near-universal school vouchers. This means a family of four above the \$135,000 income threshold can still be eligible for at least 10% of the maximum scholarship. K-8 students can receive a \$6,165 scholarship and high schoolers can receive a \$8,407 scholarship in state funding under the expansion. There were 93,159 applicants for the EdChoice Expansion scholarships and 89,794 were awarded scholarships, according to ODEW data. The amount of EdChoice-Expansion scholarship payments more than tripled from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2024.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [10/25/24](#)]
- **Ohio Capital Journal: The Ohio FY 2024-25 Budget Would Give Full Private School Vouchers Up To \$8,407 To Families Of Four Making \$135,000.** “With Gov. Mike DeWine spending the day before a holiday poring over a 1,200-page document debating line-item vetos, he had a lot of input from advocacy groups as to the final education budget. [...] The compromise budget included near-universal private school scholarship eligibility, in which households earning up to 450% of the federal poverty level, or \$135,000 for a family of four, qualifies for a full scholarship. The scholarships amount to \$6,165 for K to 8 students and \$8,407 for high schoolers.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [7/4/23](#)]
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Experts Found More Than Half The Students Receiving Vouchers Had Never Attended Public School

Statehouse News Bureau: “Experts Have Said More Than Half Of Students Receiving EdChoice Vouchers Have Never Attended Public School.” “School Choice Ohio said more than 143,000 students used EdChoice vouchers to attend private schools this fiscal year. Experts have said more than half of students receiving EdChoice vouchers have never attended public school.” [Statehouse News Bureau, [6/24/25](#)]

2025: An Ohio Judge Ruled That The State’s Private School Voucher Program Was Unconstitutional And Took Money Away From Constitutionally-Required Public Schools

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2025: An Ohio Judge Ruled That The EdChoice Private School Voucher Program Was Unconstitutional. “The group of around 200 public school districts suing the state over private school vouchers got a win in a Columbus court today, as a judge ruled the EdChoice private school voucher program is unconstitutional. The lawsuit was filed

by the group Vouchers Hurt Ohio more than two years ago, but this isn't the end for the case." [Statehouse News Bureau, [6/24/25](#)]

- **The Judge Ruled That Private School Vouchers Took Money From Constitutionally-Required Public Schools.** "EdChoice has been expanded to provide private school vouchers to any Ohio family that wants them. The expansion of EdChoice takes money from constitutionally required public schools, according to a 47-page decision from Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Jaiza Page." [Statehouse News Bureau, [6/24/25](#)]

Merrin Supported Reckless Tariffs Which Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country's History And Were Estimated To Cost Americans Thousands Of Dollars

Merrin Supported Reckless Tariffs

Merrin Endorsed Reckless Tariffs, Saying China Had Been Subsidizing Industries And That You Had To Institute Tariffs In Instances Where "It's Just Completely Not Fair." HOST: "Donald Trump on the campaign trail has been talking a lot about tariffs and how we would levy large tariffs on imported goods, as he did the last time he was in office. [...] Where do you stand on Donald Trump levying tariffs against things like automobiles?" MERRIN: "Yeah Scott I'm a free trader but I want fair trade. What we have right now is we have communist China that subsidizes a specific industries and make it almost impossible for US companies to compete. So overall I'm a free trader but I think you gotta look at a couple instances where it's just completely not fair." [Scott Sands Show via Spotify, 10:31, [9/27/24](#)] (AUDIO)

Tariffs Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country's History, Causing Families To Pay Thousands Of Dollars More After Raising Costs On Everything From Cars To Groceries

2025: Tariffs Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country's History

Center For Economic And Policy Research: Trump's Tariffs Were The Largest Tax Increase In The Country's History. "Donald Trump is putting in place the largest tax increase in the country's history with his big import taxes (tariffs). We won't know the full size of Trump's taxes until after Liberation Day III (August 1), and probably not even then, but we already know that they are huge. This is evident from the tariff revenue the government is collecting. In June the government collected \$26.6 billion in tariff revenue. That is up from around \$6 billion a month in 2024 before Trump's tax hikes. The difference of \$20 billion comes to \$240 billion on an annual basis. Summed over a decade, as we do with other measures, this comes to \$2.4 trillion. This would be a substantial tax hike in itself, roughly \$1,900 per household, but we know that the figure is almost certain to go much higher. Trump is threatening taxes of an additional 10 to 30 percent on imports from our major trading partners, such as Mexico, Canada, the European Union, and Japan. The tax take could easily end up being twice its current level, making Trump's tariff frenzy by far the largest tax increase in US history." [Center For Economic and Policy Research, [7/17/25](#)]

2026: Tariffs Were Estimated To Cost American Families Thousands Per Year

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family. ‘President Trump’s tariffs have been a disaster for American families, driving costs up at the worst possible time,’ said U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, Ranking Member of the Joint Economic Committee. ‘While the Supreme Court has thankfully and correctly ruled that much of Trump’s tariff agenda was an illegal exercise of presidential power, today’s ruling cannot undo the damage that tariffs have already caused.’” [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, [2/20/26](#)]

- **Joint Economic Committee Headline: “UPDATED DATA: American Families Have Already Paid More Than \$1,700 Each In Tariff Costs Since Trump Entered Office.”** [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, [2/20/26](#)]

2026: The Joint Economic Committee Estimated That Tariffs Would Cost American Families More Than \$2,500 On Average

Joint Economic Committee Minority: “American Families Will Pay More Than \$2,500 Each In Tariff Costs In 2026.” “Even though the Supreme Court ruled that the bulk of President Trump’s tariff agenda was illegal, the administration moved immediately to enact new tariffs that Treasury Secretary Bessent claims will result in ‘virtually unchanged tariff revenue in 2026’. If Bessent’s estimates hold true, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority estimates that American families will pay more than \$2,500 each in tariff costs in 2026. Building on its previous tariff cost estimates, the Committee combined official data from the U.S. Treasury Department on the amount of tariff revenue collected since the start of 2025 with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is ultimately paid by American consumers. The Committee found that if tariff revenue stays at the level recorded in January 2026 for the rest of the year, American families would in total pay more than \$330 billion in tariff costs in 2026, an average of more than \$2,500 per household in tariff costs this year. This is substantially higher than the more than \$1,700 in average tariff costs that the JEC – Minority previously estimated that families paid during the first year of Trump’s second term.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Fact Sheet, [March 2026](#)]

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Consumers Shouldered The Burden Of Tariffs As They Raised The Price Of Basic Goods Like Food And Clothing

Consumers Shouldered 55% Of The Tariff Burden As Compared To Businesses

The Hill Headline: “US Consumers Shouldering 55 Percent Of Trump Tariff Costs: Goldman Sachs.” [The Hill, [10/13/25](#)]

Fox News Headline: “US Businesses And Consumers Shoulder The Bulk Of Tariff Cost Burden, Goldman Sachs Finds.” [Fox News, [10/21/25](#)]

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Tariffs Raised Prices On Cars

Kelley Blue Book: “President Trump Has Announced A 25% Tariff On All Cars Built Outside The United States And On Many Parts Used In Cars Built Here. [...] Shoppers Can Expect The Tariffs To Increase Car Prices By As Much As \$6,000 On Vehicles Priced Under \$40,000.” “President Trump has announced a 25% tariff on all cars built outside the United States and on many parts used in cars built here. See our latest news updates below on where tariffs stand. Effective Dates: Imported Cars: Tariffs began on April 3. Car Parts: Tariffs began on May 3. These tariffs have started to increase car prices. To save money, consider locking in a new car deal before any potential price increases take effect. Can You Avoid a Car Tariff? No vehicle made at an assembly plant in the United States is 100% made here. Even Tesla sources its parts from other countries. This means that with tariffs, car prices will increase for American car buyers, though the timing remains unclear. You can potentially avoid paying a tariff on a new car by purchasing one that was imported to the U.S. before the tariffs took effect, or by buying a used car. How Will Tariffs Affect Car Buying? If new cars become too expensive, used cars will become more attractive. However, if demand spikes, used car prices may also increase. Here’s more information: New cars: Shoppers can expect the tariffs to increase car prices by as much as \$6,000 on vehicles priced under \$40,000. Higher car prices mean higher car taxes, financing, car insurance, and other ownership costs. This price pressure will make cars less affordable for consumers.” [Kelley Blue Book, [9/15/25](#)]

Tariffs Raised Prices On Groceries

Tariffs Contributed To Prices Rising For Groceries. “President Donald Trump pledged to bring down grocery costs. But his administration’s policies are contributing to an acceleration in prices, food economists and companies say. Grocery prices last month rose at their fastest pace in three years, stoked by Trump’s tariffs, a crackdown on immigration, and extreme weather hurting food production. Prices jumped 0.6% in August from the month prior, according to the latest reading from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and they are up 2.7% from a year ago. Food prices are deeply personal to consumers, and weekly grocery bills shape their overall perceptions of the economy. More than half of Americans count grocery costs as a major stress in their lives. Low-income and middle-income Americans, hit the hardest by rising grocery costs, are changing where they shop and what they buy. Companies are also taking extreme measures to appeal to shoppers strained by higher prices, such as bringing back paper coupons.” [CNN, [9/20/25](#)]

- **Axios Headline: “Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up.”** [Axios, [9/11/25](#)]
- **News ABC 12 Headline: “Trump’s Tariffs Could Lead To Higher Grocery Bills As NC Farmers Face Export Challenges.”** [News ABC 12, [4/2/25](#)]

Tariffs Raised Prices On Apparel Goods

Tariffs Raised Prices On Apparel Goods. “The impact of President Donald Trump’s tariffs on prices throughout the economy is expected to increase over the summer. At U.S. department store chains including Macy’s , Nordstrom, and Dillard’s , the evidence of sticker price inflation is starting to show up across more items. Recent price increases in apparel, footwear, and bags across major U.S. department-store websites tracked by DataWeave indicate a turning point in May, when prices started their ascent. DataWeave analyzes nearly 15,000 SKUs (stock keeping units), a scannable code retailers use to identify and track a product, and has been collecting that data from January to June for signs of price hikes in footwear, apparel, and bags. ‘Footwear is now as much as 4% above January levels at some banners, while apparel is roughly half that pace,’ said Karthik Bettadapura, co-founder & CEO of DataWeave.” [CNBC, [7/2/25](#)]

- **CNBC Headline: “Inside America’s Department Stores, Tariff-Triggered Price Hikes Are Picking Up.”** [CNBC, [7/2/25](#)]
- **The Guardian Headline: “Clothing Prices Rising In US As Trump Tariffs Kick In, H&M Boss Says.”** [The Guardian, [6/26/25](#)]

2025: Northwest Ohio Business Owners Expressed Concerns About Tariffs Raising Costs

February 2025: WVTG Reported “The Glass City” Was “Staring Down The Barrel Of Dealing With Possibly Higher Costs”

February 2025: WTVG: “The Glass City Is One Of The United State’s [sic] Major Manufacturing Hubs And Is Staring Down The Barrel Of Dealing With Possibly Higher Costs.” “According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, manufacturing is one of Northwest Ohio’s leading industries. However, with proposed tariffs by the Trump administration on things like steel and aluminum experts say the region could be negatively affected. Some say manufacturing is the backbone of Northwest Ohio. From producing glass and advanced materials to car production, which could all include higher prices. The Glass City is one of the United State’s major manufacturing hubs and is staring down the barrel of dealing with possibly higher costs.” [WTVG, [2/26/25](#)]

May 2025: A Toledo Small Businesswoman Said With Tariffs “It’s Going To Be That Much Harder” To Bring In Income

May 2025: Toledo Small Businesswoman Anita Boyer Said With Tariffs “It’s Going To Be That Much Harder” To Bring In Income. “Some local small businesses are beginning to feel the pinch of President Donald Trump’s tariff agenda. Including one local small business run by a disabled retiree. She said a recent trip to Michaels cost her 33% more for items she needed. Small businesses nationwide are bracing for increased costs due to the tariffs. It’s something some small businesses say will be a challenge. Anita Boyer is a crafter, known as the ‘Craft Queen.’ Boyer is a one-woman store where she hand crafts quilts, creates t-shirts and more. [...] But for her, tariffs are making her job more difficult. ‘It is to bring some income into the house, some extra, so yeah, it’s going to be that much harder,’ she said.” [WTVG, [5/2/25](#)]

Merrin Supported The Iran War Which Was Raising Prices On Everything From Groceries To Gas, And Cost Americans \$100 Billion And More Than A Dozen Lives

Merrin Said He Supported The Iran War And He “Trust[ed] [Trump] On This Issue”

Merrin Supported The Iran War, Saying Trump Was Within His Authority And “I Do Trust Him On This Issue.” “Merrin said President Donald Trump has been within his authority when it comes to Iran. ‘I do trust him on this issue,’ he said. ‘I hope the conflict with Iran comes to an end here very, very quickly.’” [Ohio Capital Journal, [4/20/26](#)]

The Iran War Had Driven Up Costs Of Groceries And Gas

Associated Press: “U.S. Consumer Prices Climbed Sharply Again Last Month As The 10-Week War With Iran Delivered Higher Gasoline Prices And More Pain For Americans. “U.S. consumer prices climbed sharply again last month as the 10-week war with Iran delivered higher gasoline prices and more pain for Americans. The Labor Department’s consumer price index rose 3.8% from April 2025, the biggest jump in three years, and up from a 3.3% year-over-year gain in March. On a month-to-month basis, April prices rose 0.6% from March as gasoline prices rose 5.4%, according to the data released Tuesday. The month-over-month gain was down from a 0.9% increase in overall prices from February to March, when the initial financial shock from the war hit the U.S. economy.” [AP, [5/12/26](#)]

NY Post Headline: “Fed’s Preferred Inflation Gauge Worsens As Iran War Sends Food, Energy Prices Surging.” [NY Post, [5/28/26](#)]

The Iran War Drove Up Energy And Gas Prices. “US inflation increased at its fastest pace in three years in April, driven by higher energy prices amid the war with Iran, and cementing economists’ views that the Federal Reserve could hold interest rates unchanged well into next year.” [NY Post, [5/28/26](#)]

The Iran War Had Cost Americans \$100 Billion And The Lives Of More Than A Dozen Service Members

The Iran War Had Killed 13 American Service Members. John Klinner is one of the 13 US troops killed in connection with Operation Epic Fury, the name the Pentagon has given to the war with Iran. He died alongside five other crew members who were aboard a US Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker refueling aircraft when it crashed on March 12 in western Iraq. [CNN, [5/25/26](#)]

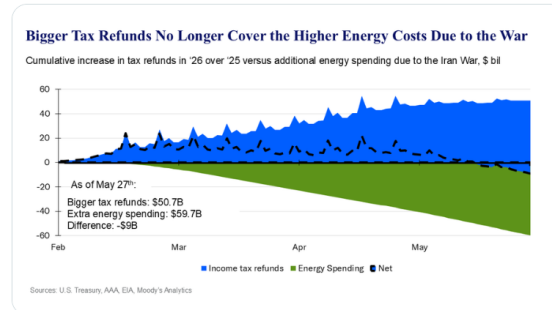
Mark Zandi Reported That Moodi’s Cost Estimate Of The Iran War On American Households Was \$100 Billion, Or Nearly \$750 Per Household. “\$100 billion. That’s our estimate of the cost of the Iran War to American households. That’s nearly \$750 per household. This includes the additional U.S. military costs and the higher energy and other prices resulting from the war. This is a big economic blow, but deficit-financed tax cuts have cushioned it. Until now. As of May 16th, the bigger tax refunds Americans have received this year no longer cover the higher costs of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel caused by the war. The financial pressure is thus mounting quickly, particularly on already hard-pressed middle and lower-income households. With the saving rate about as low as it ever goes, unless the war ends soon and energy prices come down, they will have little choice but to rein in their spending, weighing further on the already sagging economy.” [Mark Zandi, Twitter, [6/1/26](#)]



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[Mark Zandi, Twitter, [6/1/26](#)]

Merrin Was An Anti-Abortion Extremist Who Supported An Abortion Ban With No Exceptions And Wanted To Jail Doctors, Women, And Girls As Young As 13 For Getting Abortions

Merrin Cosponsored H.B. 598, An Abortion Ban With No Exceptions For Victims Of Rape, Incest, Or Health Of The Woman

Merrin Cosponsored H.B. 598, Which Was An Abortion Ban. “To enact sections 2904.01, 2904.02, 2904.03, 2904.031, 2904.032, 2904.04, 2904.05, 2904.22, 2904.30, 2904.35, and 2904.40 of the Revised Code to enact the Human Life Protection Act to prohibit abortions based upon a condition precedent.” [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 598, introduced [3/15/22](#)]

- **H.B. 598 Had No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Life Or Health Of The Woman, But Instead Required Doctors To Use An Affirmative Defense To Certify An Abortion Was Necessary Or Be Liable To Prosecution.** “Companion bills in the Republican-controlled Ohio General Assembly -- Senate Bill 123 and House Bill 598 -- were pushed as ‘trigger’ bills, new laws that would become effective when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on abortion. [...] There are no exceptions in the bills for rape or incest. Each bill allows doctors to use an affirmative defense — which is different than an exception — if prosecuted for criminal abortion if they perform one when a woman’s life or health is in peril. Physicians would have to certify in writing that the abortion was necessary, and so would a second doctor with whom the first doctor has no professional relationship.” [Cleveland.com, [11/7/22](#)]
- **An Affirmative Defense Required A Defendant To Bear The “Burden Of Going Forward With The Evidence And The Burden Of Proof By A Preponderance Of The Evidence.”** R.C. 2901.05(A) -- On an affirmative defense the defendant bears both the burden of going forward with the evidence and the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence. R.C. 2901.05(C) -- An affirmative defense is either: (1) designated by statute as such; or (2) ‘A defense involving an excuse or justification peculiarly within the knowledge of the

accused, on which he can fairly be required to adduce supporting evidence.” [Office of the Ohio Public Defender, Law Library, Criminal Law Casebook, accessed [7/16/24](#)]

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Merrin Cosponsored H.B. 413, A Bill That Would Ban Abortion And Jail Doctors And Girls As Young As 13 For Getting Abortions

Merrin Cosponsored H.B. 413. [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 413, introduced [11/14/19](#)]

- **ACLU Ohio: H.B. 413 Was A “Total Ban On Abortion.”** “House Bill 413 – The ‘total abortion ban’. The global-attention grabbing of the nine, this bill, which claims life begins at conception, is a total ban on abortion, with additional regulations forcing doctors to re-implant ectopic pregnancies and punishments for doctors and individuals seeking abortions.” [ACLU Ohio, [12/19/19](#)]
- **Jurist News: H.B. 413 Had No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest Or Mental Health Of The Woman.** “The Ohio State House of Representatives on Friday introduced HB 413 that, if passed, would severely restrict abortion care and require unproven medical practices. HB 413 would outlaw abortion in almost all circumstances. [...] Additionally, there are no exceptions for rape or incest in the bill, nor would a woman be allowed to seek out an abortion for any mental health condition she might have, or for any disease or injury caused by the pregnancy itself.” [Jurist News, [11/29/19](#)]
- **The Guardian: H.B. 413 Would Ban Abortion “Outright.”** “In addition to ordering doctors to do the impossible or face criminal charges, H.B. 413 bans abortion outright and defines a fertilized egg as an ‘unborn child’.” [The Guardian, [11/29/19](#)]

H.B. 413 Created “The Capital Offense Of Aggravated Abortion Murder And The Offense Of Abortion Murder.” “To amend sections 109.57, 109.572, 109.97, 177.01, 313.131, 2105.19, 2108.77, 2151.356, 2151.414, 2151.419, 2152.02, 2152.021, 2152.11, 2152.12, 2152.16, 2152.17, 2152.20, 2152.59, 2152.72, 2152.74, 2152.86, 2317.02, 2901.01, 2901.02, 2901.07, 2901.13, 2903.41, 2909.24, 2921.32, 2921.34, 2923.01, 2923.02, 2923.131, 2923.132, 2923.31, 2923.32, 2927.21, 2929.01, 2929.02, 2929.021, 2929.022, 2929.023, 2929.024, 2929.03, 2929.04, 2929.05, 2929.06, 2929.13, 2929.14, 2929.143, 2929.31, 2929.32, 2929.34, 2930.16, 2933.51, 2933.81, 2933.82, 2937.222, 2941.14, 2941.143, 2941.147, 2941.148, 2945.06, 2945.11, 2945.38, 2945.57, 2945.74, 2949.02, 2950.01, 2950.99, 2953.08, 2953.09, 2953.11, 2953.21, 2953.25, 2967.01, 2967.05, 2967.12, 2967.121, 2967.13, 2967.18, 2967.19, 2967.193, 2967.26, 2971.01, 2971.03, 2971.07, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3313.662, 3319.31, 3319.39, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3734.44, 4715.30, 4717.05, 4717.051, 4717.14, 4723.092, 4723.281, 4730.25, 4731.22, 4734.36, 4741.22, 4757.361, 4759.07, 4760.13, 4761.09, 4762.13, 4765.114, 4774.13, 4776.10, 4778.14, 5103.0319, 5120.032, 5120.53, 5120.61, 5139.05, 5139.20, 5149.101, and 5153.111 and to enact sections 2904.01, 2904.02, 2904.03, 2904.04, 2904.20, 2904.30, and 2904.35 of the Revised Code to create the capital offense of aggravated abortion murder and the offense of abortion murder.” [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 413, introduced [11/14/19](#)]

Under H.B. 413, Children Age 13 Charged With “Murder/Aggravated Murder; Abortion Murder/Aggravated Abortion Murder” Received A “DYSO, TJ” Disposition. [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 413, introduced [11/14/19](#)]

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A	OFFENSE CATEGORY	AGE	AGE	AGE	AGE
B	(Enhancement factors)	16 & 17	14 & 15	12 & 13	10 & 11
C	Murder/aggravated murder; <u>abortion murder/aggravated abortion murder</u>	N/A	MSYO, TJ	DSYO, TJ	DSYO, TJ
D	Attempted murder/attempted aggravated murder; <u>attempted abortion murder/attempted aggravated abortion murder</u>	N/A	MSYO, TJ	DSYO, TJ	DSYO, TJ

[Ohio Legislature, H.B. 413, introduced [11/14/19](#)]

- H.B 413 Defined “DYSO” As A “Discretionary Serious Youthful Offender Disposition” And “TJ” As A “Traditional Juvenile.”** “(I) The table in division (H) of this section is for illustrative purposes only. If the table conflicts with any provision of divisions (A) to (G) of this section, divisions (A) to (G) of this section shall control. [...] (3) ‘DSYO’ refers to discretionary serious youthful offender disposition. [...] (12) ‘TJ’ refers to traditional juvenile.” [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 413, introduced [11/14/19](#)]
- Under Ohio Law, A “Discretionary Serious Youthful Offender” Was A Case In Which The Juvenile Court, At Their Discretion, Can Impose A Serious Youthful Offender Disposition, Meaning The Person Is Not Transferred To Adult Court Under a Mandatory Or Discretionary Transfer.** “(F) ‘Discretionary serious youthful offender’ means a person who is eligible for a discretionary SYO and who is not transferred to adult court under a mandatory or discretionary transfer. (G) ‘Discretionary SYO’ means a case in which the juvenile court, in the juvenile court's discretion, may impose a serious youthful offender disposition under section 2152.13 of the Revised Code. (H) ‘Discretionary transfer’ means that the juvenile court has discretion to transfer a case for criminal prosecution under division (B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code.” [Ohio Revised Code Section 2152.02, Effective [4/4/23](#)]
- 2002: Ohio Enacted A Serious Youthful Offender Law Under Which Juveniles Could Be Designated A Serious Youthful Offender And Would Serve A Blended Sentence For Juvenile And Adult Sentences Instead Of Being Bound To Adult Court.** “In 2002, the Ohio legislature enacted the serious youthful offender or ‘SYO’ sentencing law. Under the SYO sentencing law, juvenile offenders who are designated serious youthful offenders are not bound over to adult court. Rather, juvenile offenders designated serious youthful offenders are subject to blended sentences where both a juvenile disposition and an adult sentence are imposed. To be designated as an SYO, one or more of the following factors must apply: The juvenile offender must be 10 years old or older; The act charged against the juvenile offender is an offense of violence; The juvenile offender used, displayed or brandished a firearm during the commission of the act charged; The juvenile offender was previously committed to a Department of Youth Service’s facility.” [Rittgers Rittgers & Nakajima, Blog, [4/5/16](#)]
- H.B. 413 Included A “Particular Type Of Disposition” For Children Who Are “Adjudicated A Delinquent Child For Committing An Act That Would Be A Felony If Committed By An Adult.”** “Sec. 2152.11. (A) A child who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult is eligible for a particular type of disposition under this section if the child was not transferred under section 2152.12 of the Revised Code. If the complaint, indictment, or information charging the act includes one or more of the following factors, the act is considered to be enhanced, and the child is eligible for a more restrictive disposition under this section; (1) The act charged against the child would be an offense of violence if committed by an adult. (2) During the commission of the act charged, the child used a firearm, displayed a firearm, brandished a firearm, or indicated that the child possessed a firearm and actually

possessed a firearm. (3) The child previously was admitted to a department of youth services facility for the commission of an act that would have been aggravated murder, murder, aggravated abortion murder, abortion murder, a felony of the first or second degree if committed by an adult, or an act that would have been a felony of the third degree and an offense of violence if committed by an adult.” [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 413, introduced [11/14/19](#)]

The Guardian: H.B. 413 Would Punish Doctors, Women, And Children As Young As 13 With “Abortion Murder,” Punishable By Life In Prison, If They Have An Abortion. “It also appears to punish doctors, women and children as young as 13 with ‘abortion murder’ if they ‘perform or have an abortion’. This crime is punishable by life in prison. Another new crime, ‘aggravated abortion murder’, is punishable by death, according to the bill.” [The Guardian, [11/29/19](#)]

- **H.B. 413 Would Create A Crime For “Aggravated Abortion Murder” Punishable By Death.** “It also appears to punish doctors, women and children as young as 13 with ‘abortion murder’ if they ‘perform or have an abortion’. This crime is punishable by life in prison. Another new crime, ‘aggravated abortion murder’, is punishable by death, according to the bill.” [The Guardian, [11/29/19](#)]

Vox: “As Written, The Bill Would Appear To Allow Ohioans To Be Sentenced To Life In Prison For Getting An Abortion.” “But the new crimes are notable in large part because they would apparently allow patients to be charged with a felony for ending their pregnancies. A spokesperson for Keller told Vox that ‘the intent of the bill is towards the doctors, it’s not toward punishing the women that are going through these crisis situations.’ But as written, the bill would appear to allow Ohioans to be sentenced to life in prison for getting an abortion.” [Vox, [12/5/19](#)]

ACLU Ohio: H.B. 413 Would Include “Punishments For Doctors And Individuals Seeking Abortions.” “House Bill 413 – The ‘total abortion ban’. The global-attention grabbing of the nine, this bill, which claims life begins at conception, is a total ban on abortion, with additional regulations forcing doctors to re-implant ectopic pregnancies and punishments for doctors and individuals seeking abortions.” [ACLU Ohio, [12/19/19](#)]

H.B. 413 Included Language That Anyone That Purposely Performed Or Had An Abortion Was “Guilty Of Abortion Murder.” “Sec. 2904.04. (A) No person shall purposely perform or have an abortion. (B) No person shall cause an abortion as a proximate result of the offender's committing or attempting to commit an offense of violence that is a felony of the first or second degree and that is not a violation of section 2904.03 of the Revised Code. (C) Division (B) of this section does not apply to an offense that becomes a felony of the first or second degree only if the offender previously has been convicted of that offense or another specified offense. (D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of abortion murder and shall be punished as provided in section 2929.02 of the Revised Code.” [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 413, introduced [11/14/19](#)]