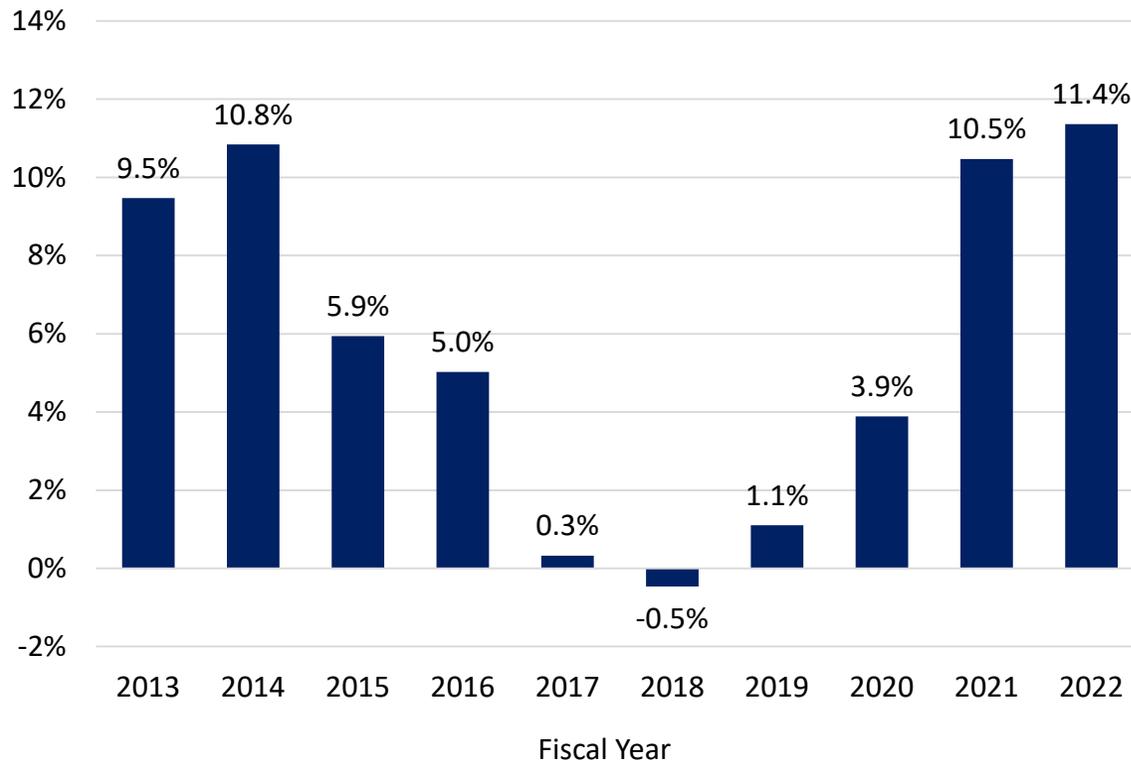


# School choice program spending grows rapidly

Annual Growth in School Choice Program Spending



Source: Ohio Department of Education

- Total spending on school choice programs increased by \$158.9 million (11.4%) in FY 2022, to \$1.56 billion.
- Scholarships to attend private schools have driven recent growth in this spending. Since FY 2019, growth averaged:
  - 14.3% for scholarship programs, mainly from expanded eligibility and larger scholarship amounts (24.6% growth in FY 2022 alone)
  - 3.3% for community and STEM schools (5.2% growth in FY 2022)
- Shares of school choice spending in FY 2022:
  - \$1.00 billion (64%) for community and STEM school foundation aid
  - \$553.4 million (36%) for scholarship programs

School Choice Students and Spending by Program, FY 2022			
Program	Students	Spending (millions)	Share of Spending
Community and STEM schools	115,160	\$1,003.9	64.5%
Traditional EdChoice scholarships	35,797	\$212.2	13.6%
Autism scholarships	4,105	\$116.1	7.5%
Income-based EdChoice scholarships	20,175	\$102.7	6.6%
Jon Peterson Special Needs scholarships	7,293	\$76.5	4.9%
Cleveland scholarships	7,653	\$45.9	2.9%