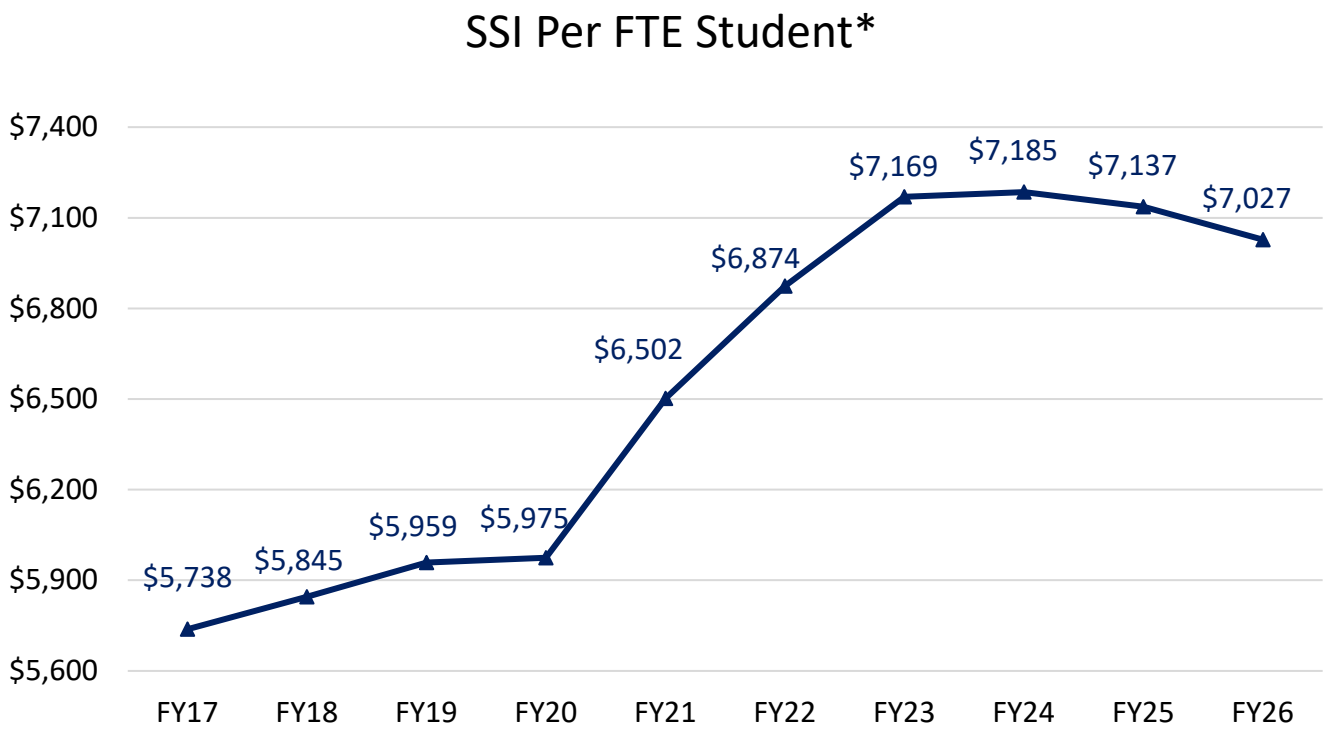
State Share of Instruction funding per student decreases after reaching a decade high in FY 2024



*An FTE (full-time equivalent) student takes the equivalent of 15 credit hours per semester. Out-of-state undergraduate students are not included as they are not eligible for state subsidy.

Source: Ohio Department of Higher Education

- On a per-FTE student basis, FY 2026 State Share of Instruction (SSI), the main state subsidy to public colleges and universities for core academic activities, decreased 2.2% ($157) from the decade high of $7,185 in FY 2024.
- The decrease from FY 2024 to FY 2026 was due to increased enrollment, which outpaced funding growth.
  - Enrollment increased 4.0% (11,769 FTEs) to 303,598 FTEs
  - SSI funding increased 1.8% ($36.8 million) to $2.13 billion
- Higher education enrollment began increasing in FY 2024. From FY 2023 to FY 2026, FTE students increased:
  - 3.6% (7,573 FTEs) at four-year and regional campuses
  - 8.1% (6,484 FTEs) at community colleges
- Overall, SSI per FTE student increased 22.5% ($1,290) from FY 2017 to FY 2026. Over that same time, SSI per FTE student increased:
  - 21.7% ($1,352) to $7,576 at four-year and regional campuses
  - 24.4% ($1,110) to $5,661 at community colleges
- SSI is allocated mostly through formulas based on institutional outcomes, such as course completions and degree attainment.