Legislative Budget Office of the Legislative Service Commission

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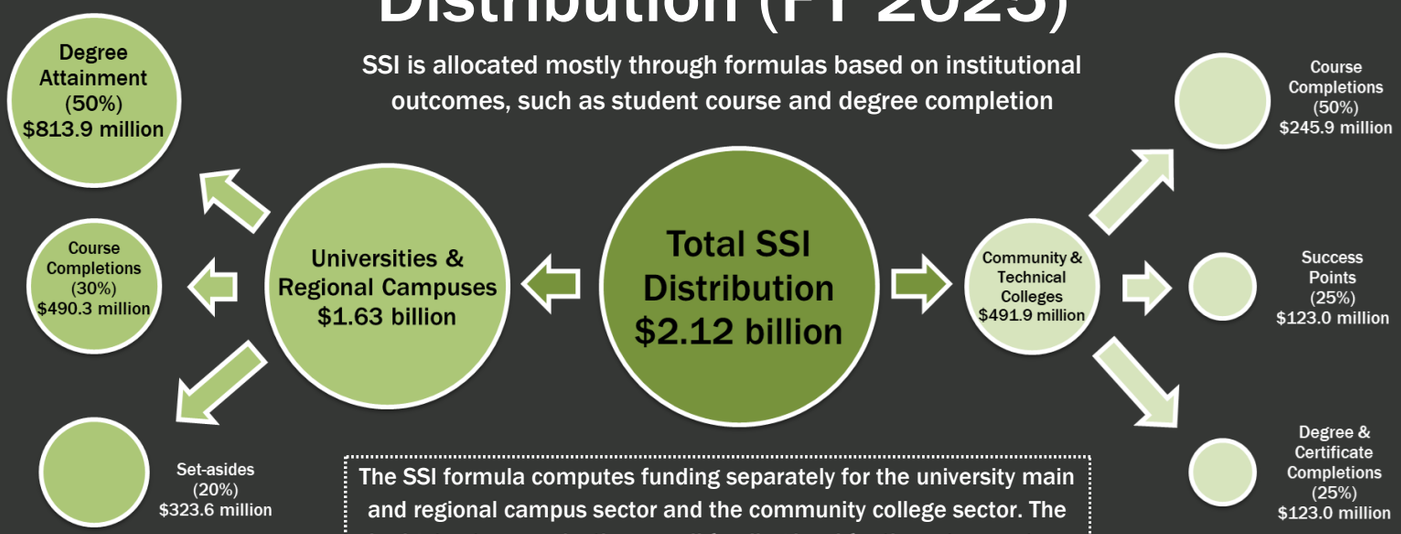
State Share of Instruction

- Serves as Ohio's primary financial support to public higher education
- Provides unrestricted operating subsidies to Ohio's 60 public colleges and universities, funding a portion of the operating costs of serving approximately 297,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) students

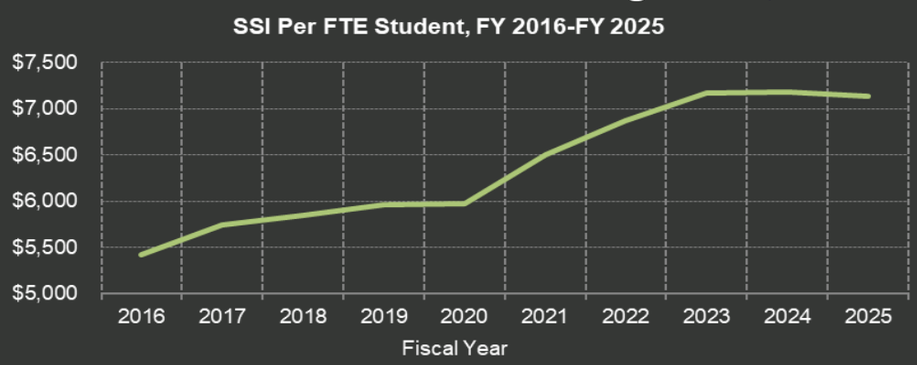
Distribution (FY 2025)

SSI is allocated mostly through formulas based on institutional outcomes, such as student course and degree completion



The SSI formula computes funding separately for the university main and regional campus sector and the community college sector. The budget act earmarks the overall funding level for these two sectors and allocates those amounts based on prescribed percentages for each institutional outcome factor.

- On a per-student basis, SSI decreased to $7,137 in FY 2025 after reaching decade high of $7,185 in FY 2024



From FY 2016 to FY 2025:

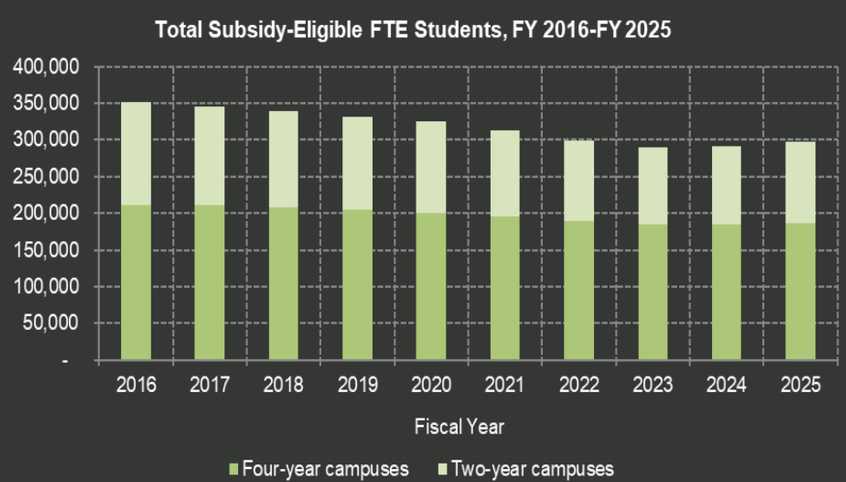
Enrollment	Funding
15.4%	11.4%

SSI per student increased 31.7% since FY 2016 due to declining enrollment and increased appropriations

Total subsidy-eligible FTEs at public colleges and universities decreased each year from FY 2016 to FY 2023 (led by two-year campuses) but grew in FYs 2024 and 2025

From FY 2016 to FY 2025

Two-year campus enrollment	Four-year campus enrollment
21.0%	11.7%



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