

FY 27 BUDGET OVERVIEW

PRESENTATION TO THE ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

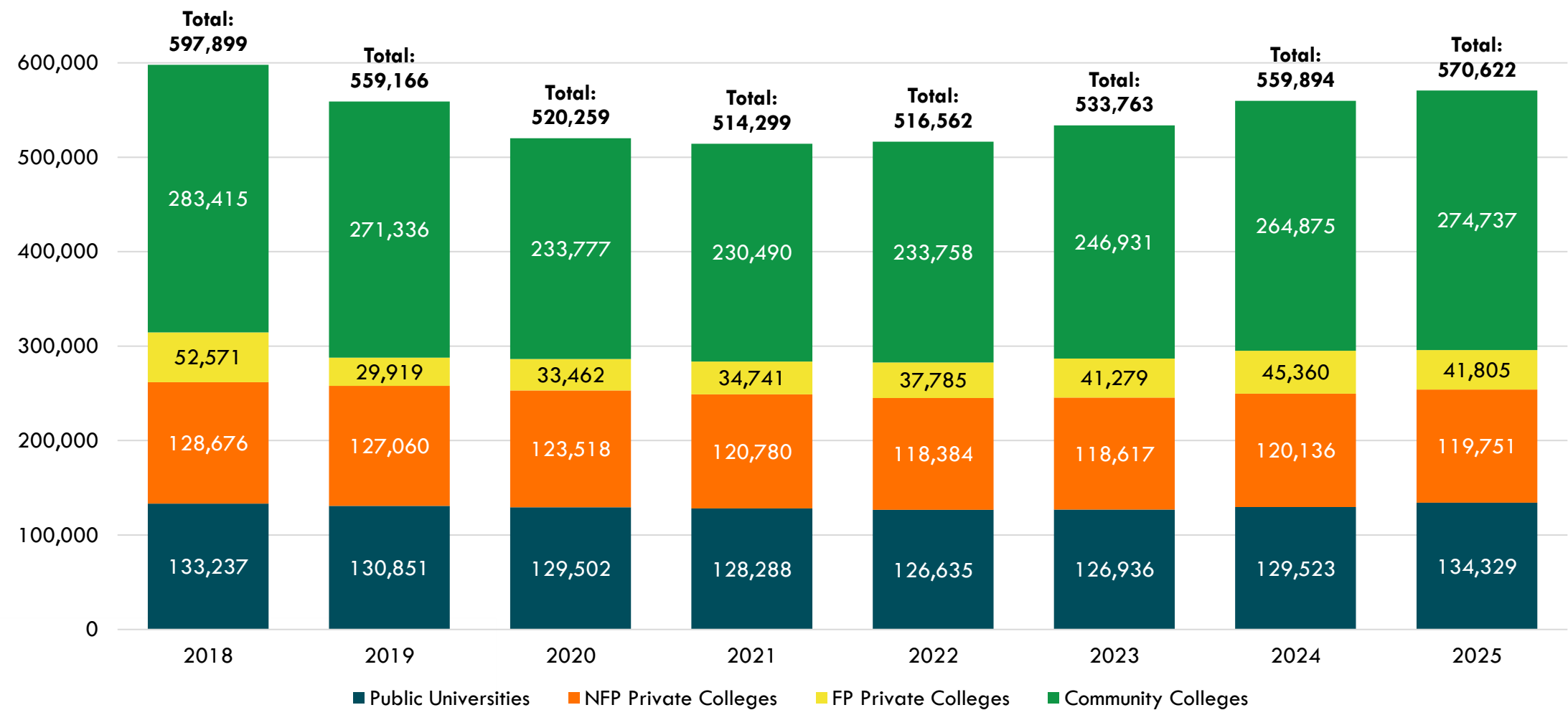
GINGER OSTRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 21, 2026

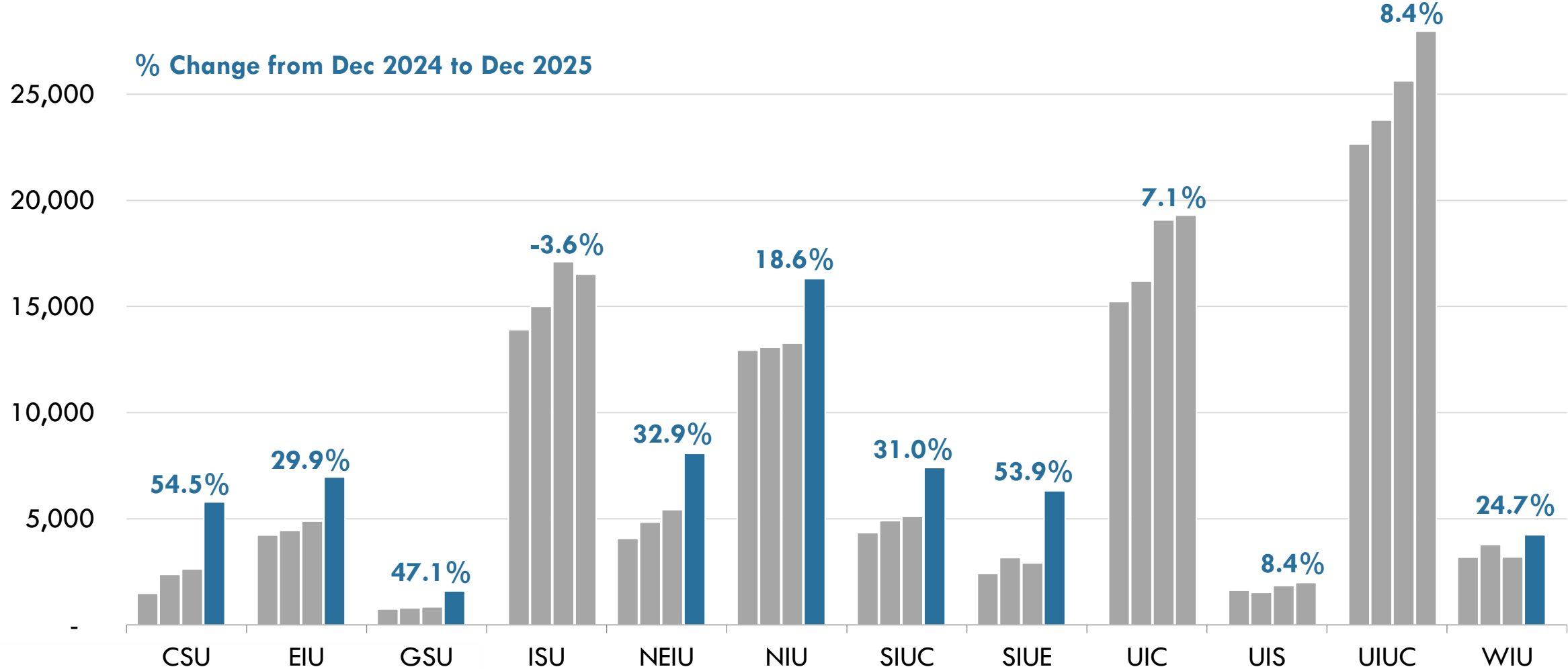


Undergraduate Enrollment Has Bounced-Back

Fall Enrollment Trends: Undergraduate 2018 to 2025



Applications from Illinois Residents Increased through Common App

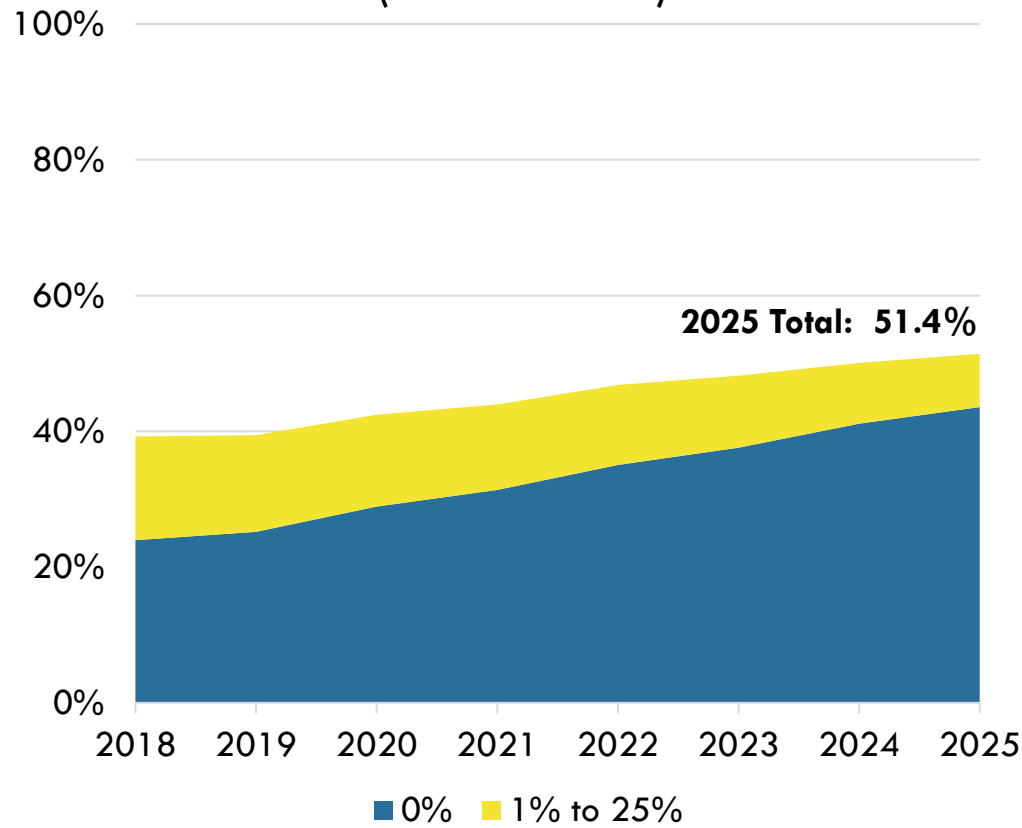


Application volume through December each year 2022- 2025

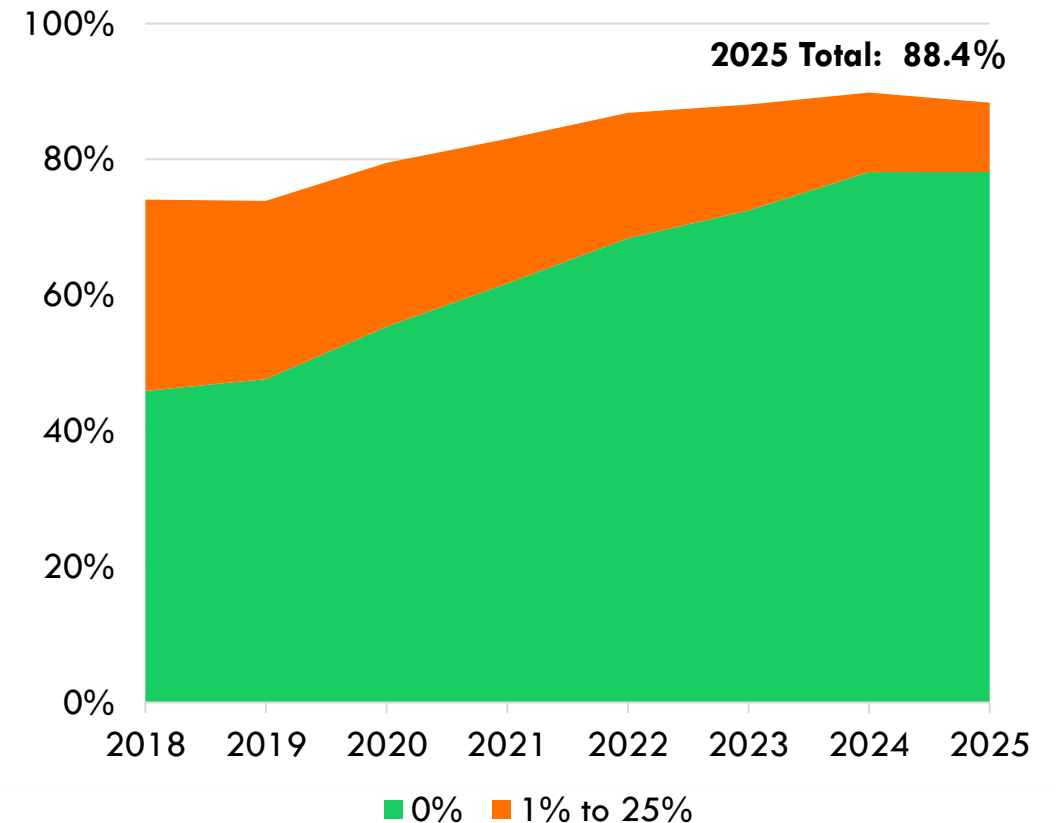
Blue: Participated in the One Click College Admit direct admissions program in 2025

Public University Affordability Has Increased: 44% of Illinois residents and 78% of low-income students pay no tuition and fees

Percent of Illinois Residents That Paid <25% Tuition & Fees Out of Pocket at Illinois Public Universities (FY18 to FY25)



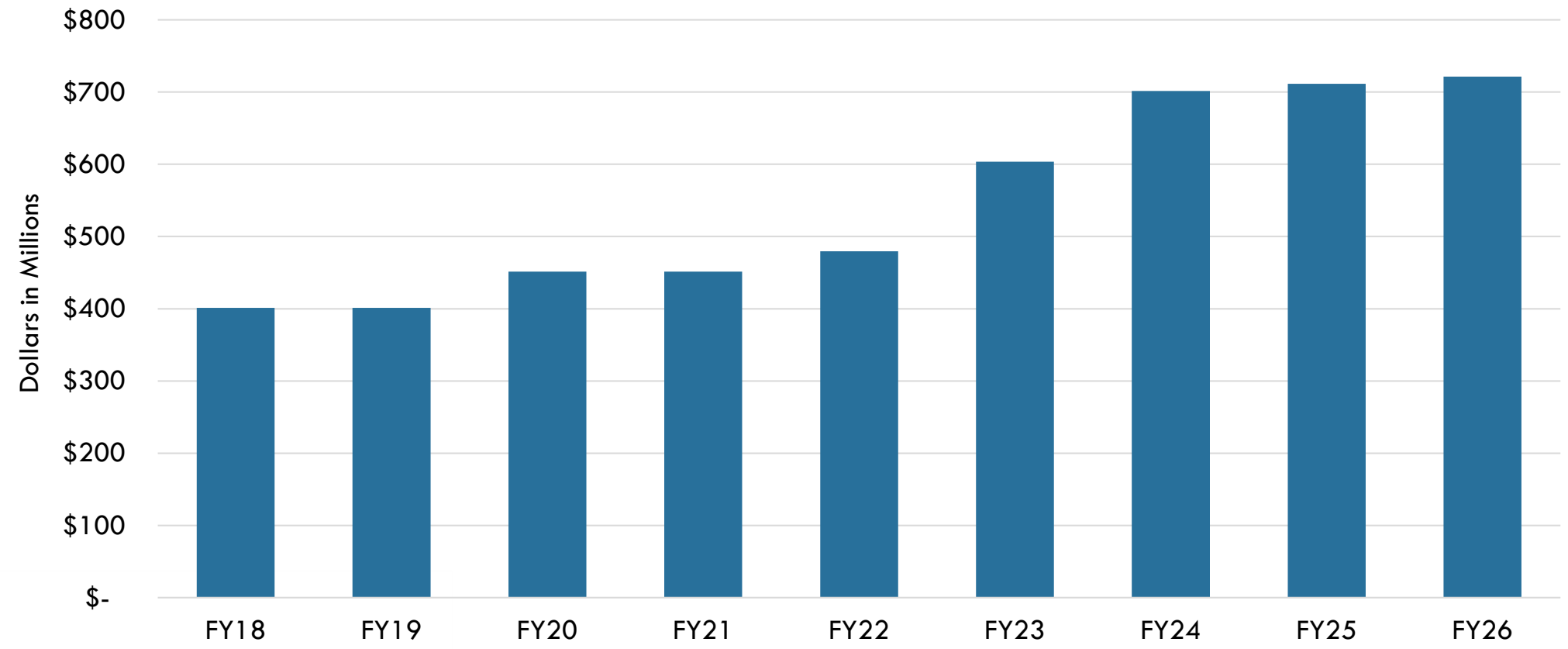
Percent of Pell-Eligible Students That Paid <25% Tuition & Fees Out of Pocket at Illinois Public Universities (FY18 to FY25)





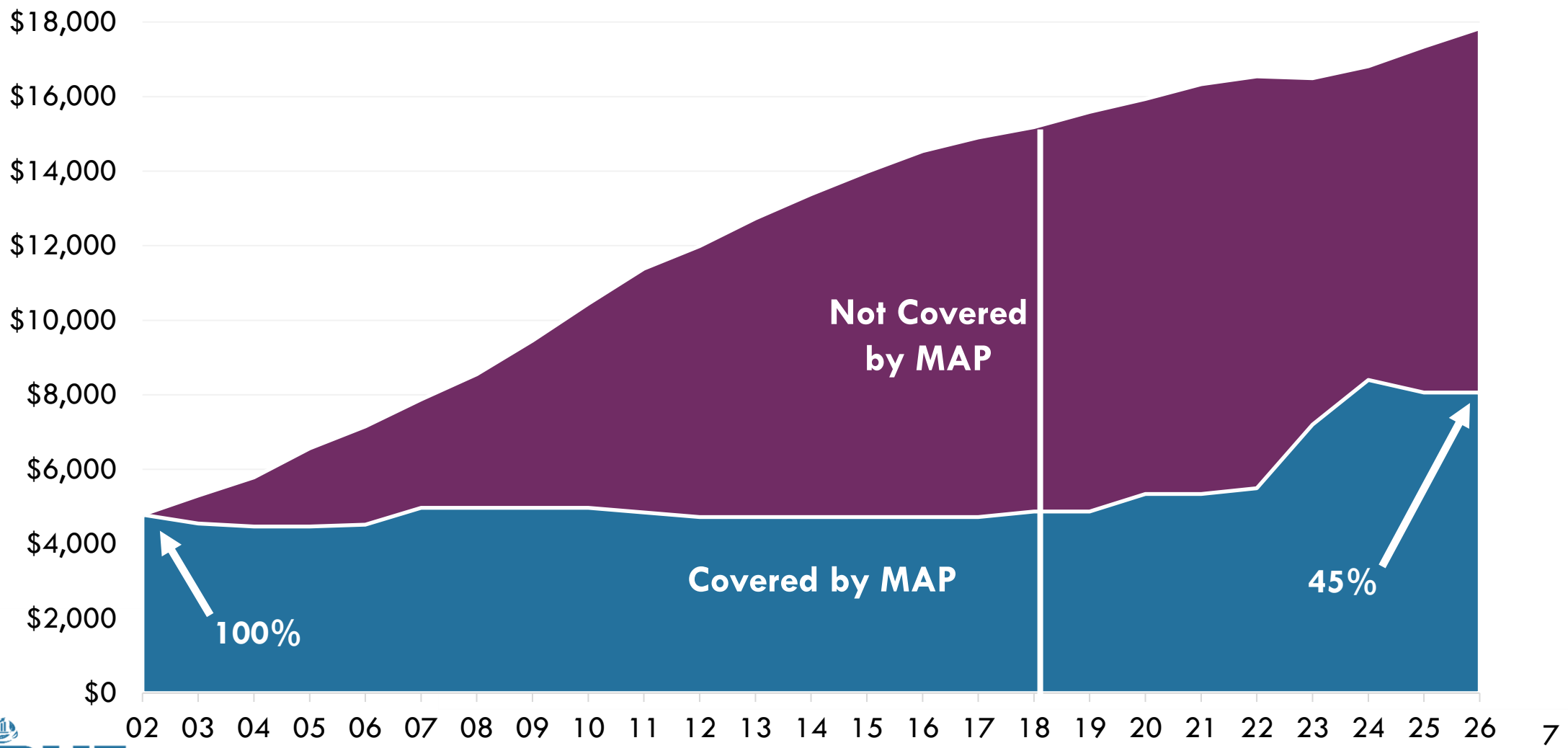
Investment in MAP Drives Improved Affordability

MAP Appropriations History FY18-FY26



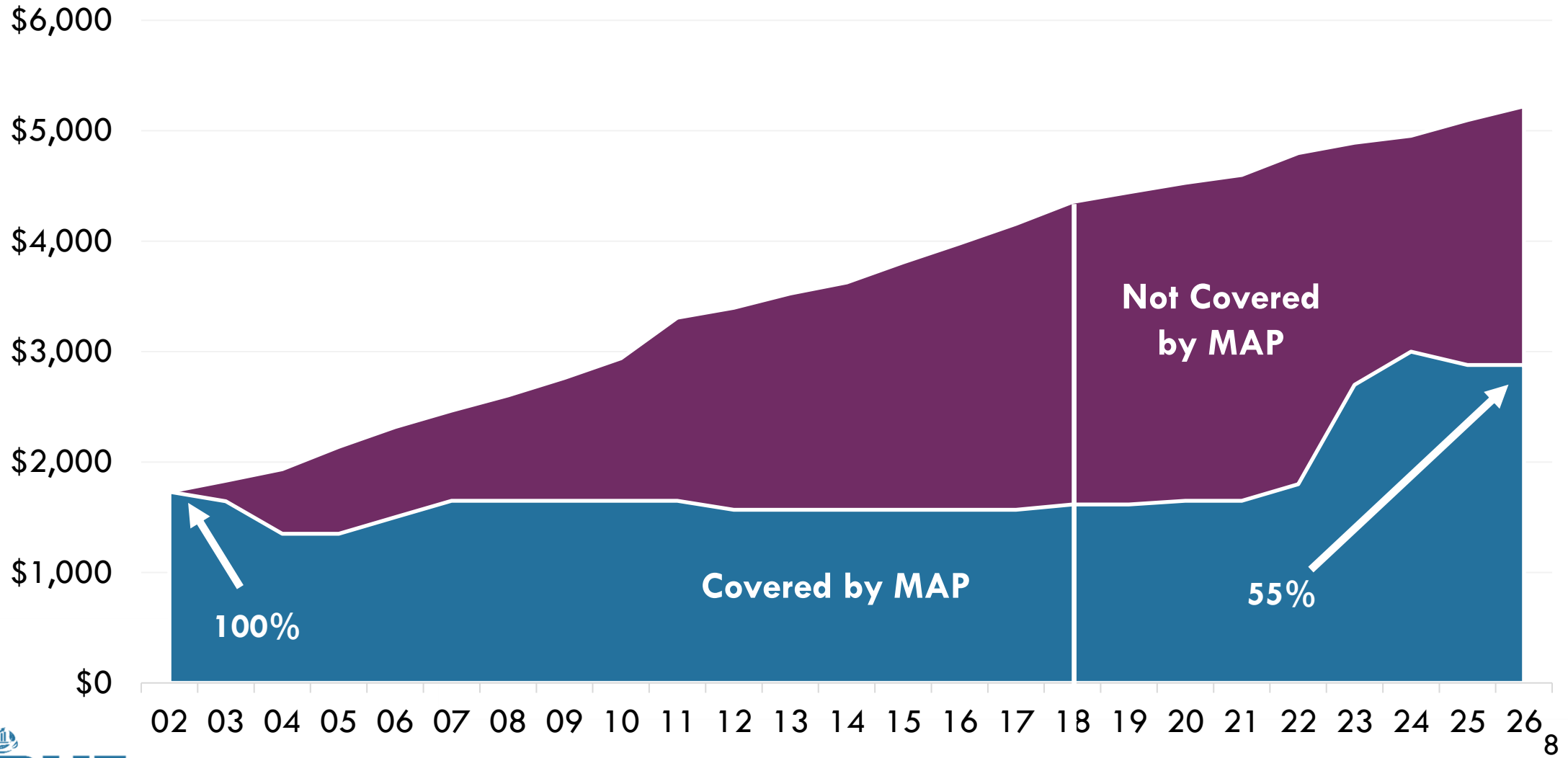


MAP Covers 45% of Public University Weighted Tuition and Fees



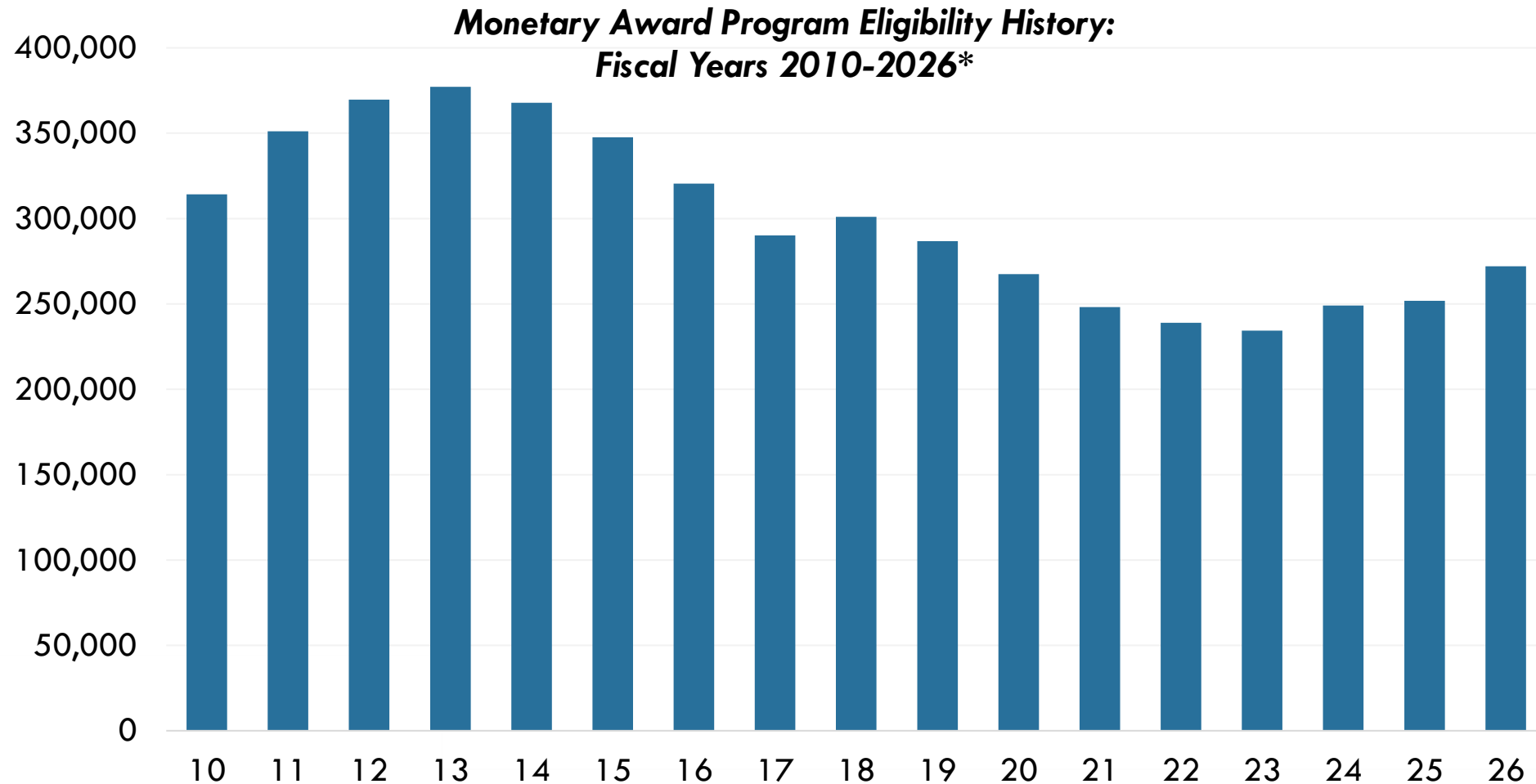


MAP Covers 55% of Community College Weighted Tuition and Fees





MAP-Eligible Students Applying Increased Again



*FY 26 projected



AIM HIGH Attracts and Retains Illinois Students by Improving Affordability

14% of all undergraduates in FY 2025 received AIM HIGH

61% of AIM HIGH recipients in the most recent year received Pell, compared to 36% overall

AIM HIGH is a multi-year award. As university enrollment and retention rates have increased, fewer dollars are available to attract new students



Increase investments in MAP and AIM HIGH to increase affordability

MAP

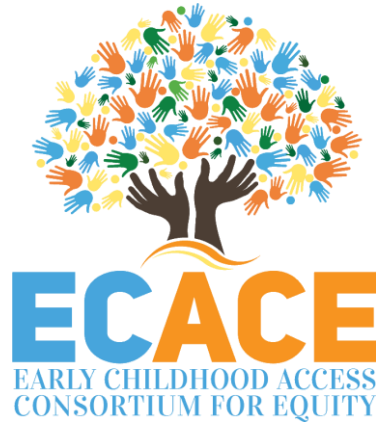


AIM HIGH





\$3 M Increase Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Funding to \$8 M



With federal funding, over \$76 M in scholarships awarded to 4,700 students

With initial state funding of \$5 million, over 660 students received scholarships

\$8 million will serve over 1,065 eligible students





Investing in Institutions =
Student Success





Invest in Public Higher Education to Support Student Success



3% Operating Increase for Institutions

- **\$38.8 M** Increase for Public Universities based on Pell
- **\$9.4 M** Increase for Community Colleges
- **\$1.3 Increase** for Adult Education and Career and Technical Education programs



Support Student Success through Grants, Collaboration, and Communities of Practice

\$1.0M Increase for Student Success Services, including Housing and Basic Needs Insecurity
Continue \$1.3M Mental Health on Campus



Student Success Services



[HOUSE Liaisons](#)
[Benefits Navigators](#)



Illinois Campus Cares Mental
Health Services and
[Illinois Campus Cares Technical
Assistance Center](#)



Investments that Align State's Economic Development and Higher Education Strategies



The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) is a public residential high school for sophomores – seniors focused on STEM. IMSA also provides teacher professional development for K-12 educators across the state.

\$365,000
Increase

Recommend \$1.3 million increase for basic operational increases, offset by \$935,000 decrease for one-time development office support



Invest \$2.5M in Agency Strategic Support of A
Thriving Illinois

State Universities Retirement System Certified Funding Level



State Universities Retirement System* \$ in Thousands	FY26 Enacted Appropriation	FY27 Certified State Contribution	Percentage Change from FY26
State Contribution	2,319,446	2,366,144	2.0%
Community College Health Insurance (CIP)	10,967	11,708	6.8%
Total General Revenue:	\$2,330,413	\$2,377,852	2.0%
Actual Change from FY26 Appropriation:		\$47,439	
*SURS is not included in Total General Revenue table			

SURS current Funded Ratio is 47.1%, as of June 30, 2025



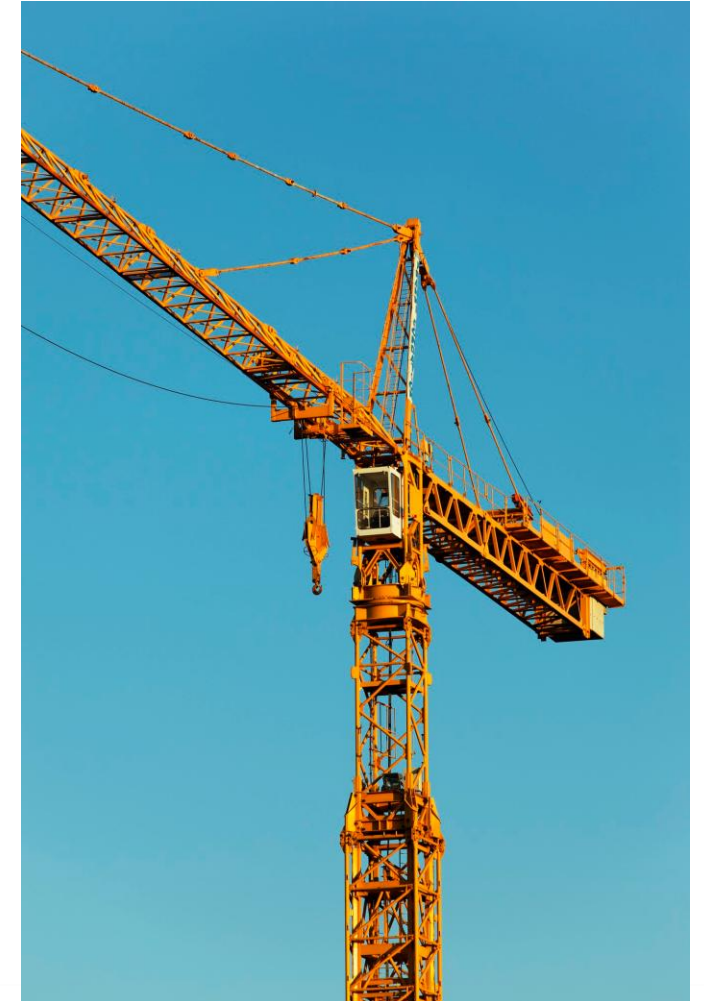
Continue Investments in Capital Infrastructure

Reappropriate Capital Projects Underway

- 15 new construction projects with an appropriation value of \$1.2 billion are underway at public universities
- 47 capital renewal projects at an appropriation value of nearly \$560 million are underway at public universities
- 87 projects at a value of \$681.3 million are underway at community colleges

Reappropriate Projects Appropriated But Not Released

- 5 public university new construction projects with appropriations totaling \$ 138 million
- 127 community college projects with appropriations of nearly \$547million



Access, Affordability, Success

