

Understanding the impact of *School Choice*



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Ohio School Choice scholarship programs provide tuition support to parents who choose to enroll their children in a participating private school.

How many new EdChoice Expansion Scholarships are there this year?

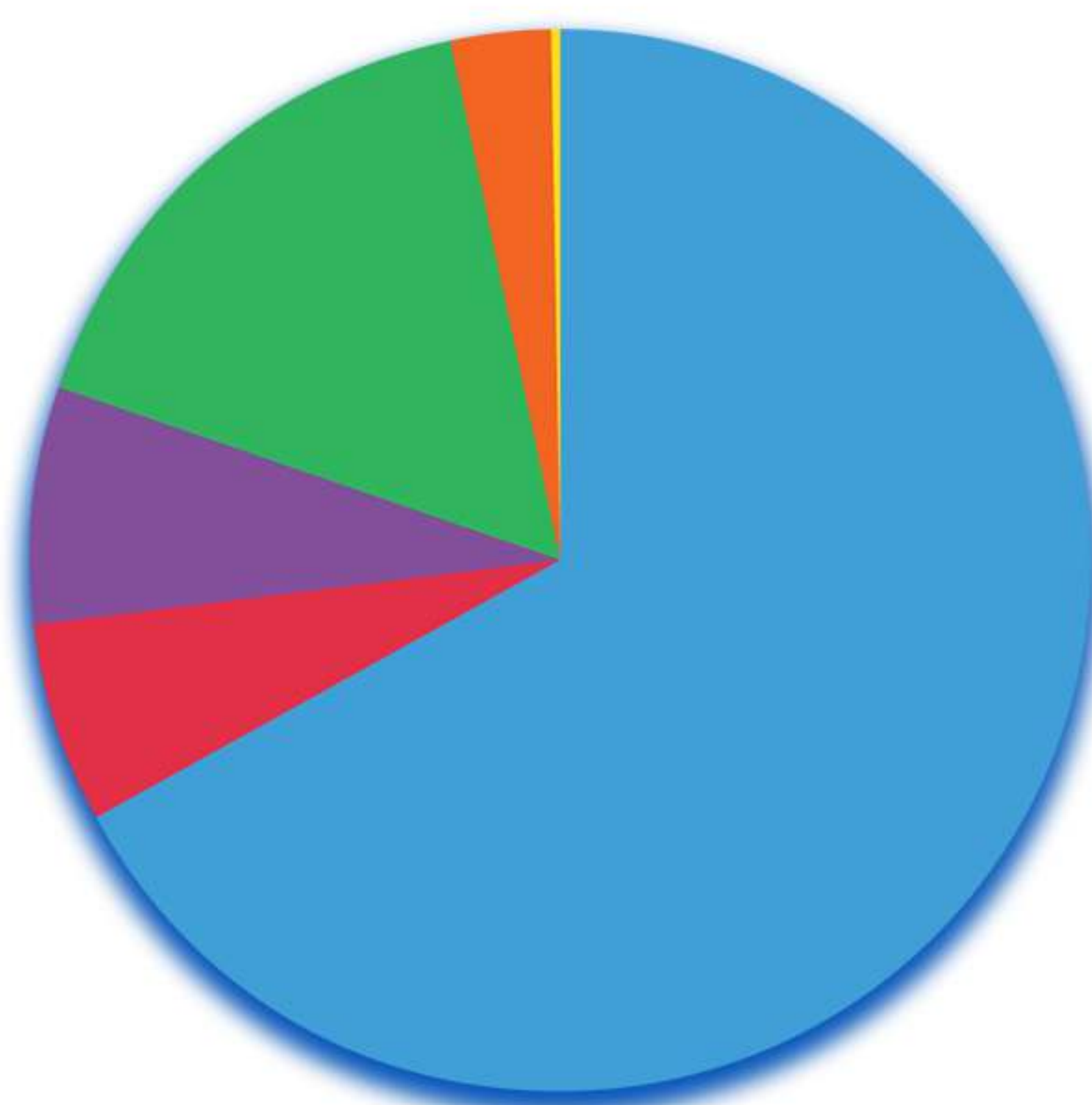
As of March 8th, 157,197 Ohioans have applied for School Choice scholarships. Of these, 70,671 are new EdChoice Expansion applications.

Who's benefiting most from EdChoice scholarships in Ohio?

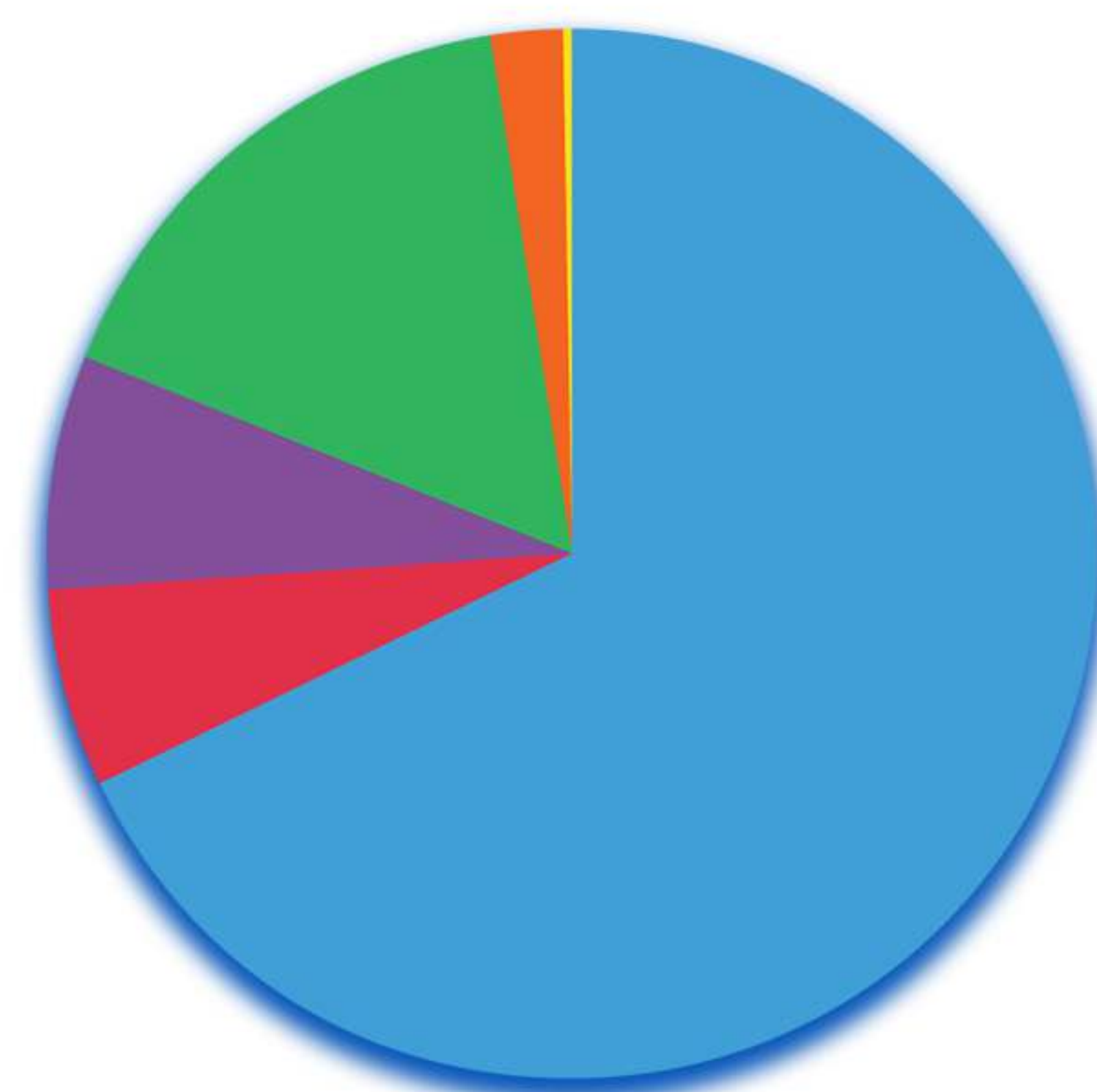
Now that school choice scholarships are available to all households in Ohio, applications of all 5 scholarship programs almost exactly match the racial and ethnic breakdown of all students reported by Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW).

There is no question that Ohio's School Choice programs have provided educational lifelines to the most disadvantaged pupils, including Black and other children of color, who constitute a higher percentage of children living in poverty in Ohio.

Population of All Ohio Students (SY 2023)

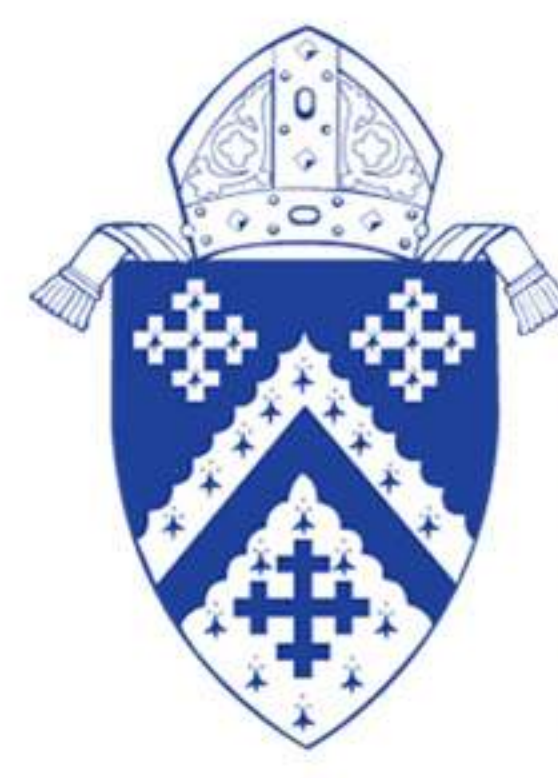


Completed State Scholarship Applications (SY 2024)



American Indian or American Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, Multiracial, White, Non-Hispanic

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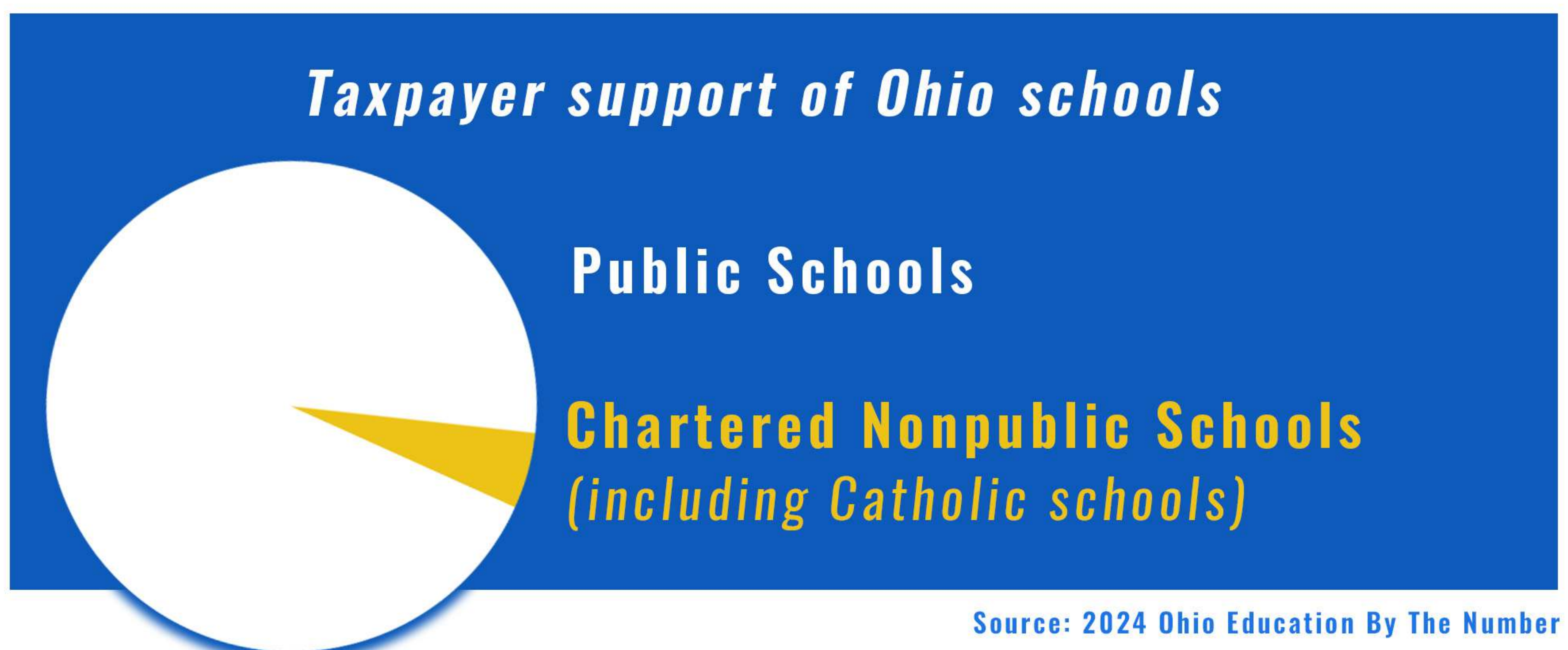
How can the State of Ohio afford EdChoice scholarships?

Ohio Educational Choice Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale that never exceeds the state maximum, currently \$6,166 and \$8,404 for grades K-8 and 9-12, respectively. This is far less than the \$15,428 public schools spent on average per pupil last year.¹ Each student who opts for a choice scholarship, rather than enrolling in a public school, represents a savings to taxpayers.

According to the nonpartisan Legislative Service Commission, the state anticipated growth of the EdChoice Expansion scholarship and earmarked \$400 million to fund it this year.² This earmark is an estimate, and, with all scholarships funded from the same education budget line item, the state will not run out of scholarship funding.

What amount of tax dollars fund Chartered Nonpublic Schools?

Chartered Nonpublic schools, including Catholic schools, educate 9.3% of Ohio's K-12 students, while receiving less than 5% of education funding from taxpayers. For comparison, and as noted by the Fordham Institute, "Ohio Public schools receive more than \$27 billion per year from local, state, and federal tax revenues, and some non-taxpayer support."³



Source: 2024 Ohio Education By The Number

¹ODEW FY 2023 District Profile Report

²ODEW FY 2024 Budget Greenbook

³2024 Ohio Education By The Numbers