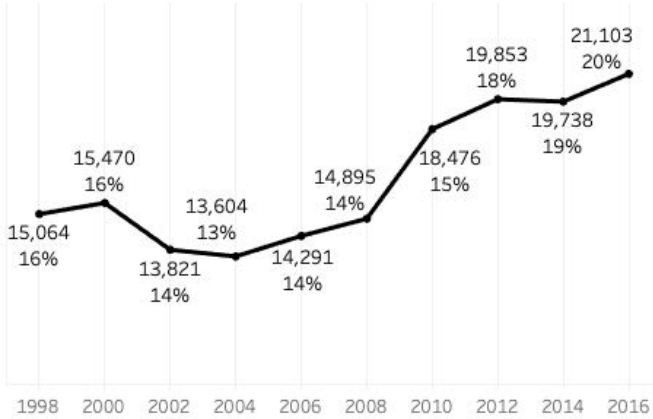


# The Truth About: Out-of-State Students

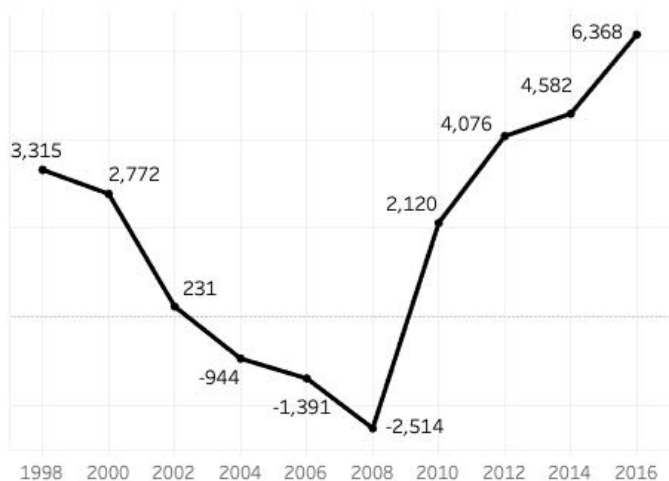


Note: This figure is the total number of first-time undergraduate students from outside Ohio attending an Ohio college, as well as the percentage of the total first-time undergraduate enrollment. Total number out-of-state is calculated by subtracting Ohio residents from the total number of students deemed "first-time undergraduate."

Source: IPEDS (Fall 1998-2016)

## Out-of-State Students Continue to Come to Ohio

Since 1998, the number of out-of-state students coming to Ohio institutions has increased by a little over 6,000. The influx of out-of-state students helped offset the declining percentage of in-state students enrolling in Ohio's higher education system. This drop can be at least partly attributed to **falling high school graduation totals in Ohio**. For example, over a five-year period after the 2012-2013 school year, the number of Ohio high school graduates had decreased by more than 10,000 students, or a drop of roughly 8 percent



Note: This figure is the net migration of first-time undergraduate students. Net migration is calculated as the number of students who migrate to Ohio subtracted from the number of students who leave Ohio.

Source: IPEDS (Fall 1998-2016)

## Ohio's Net Migration has Rebounded

Ohio's net migration of first-time undergraduate students has rebounded from negative migration to positive migration. This indicator, along with stable in-state enrollment rates shows that Ohio is increasingly being chosen as a higher education destination. Retaining these out-of-state students is essential to solving Ohio's **long-term demographic problem** of anemic population growth. If Ohio does not increase in-migration, it will face long-term budgetary and economic challenges. Population loss in an aging state means **a reduction in tax revenue, a reduced educated labor force** for which businesses can draw upon to fill positions, and a **need for more community-support spending**.



Note: This figure is the total number of first-time undergraduate students from outside Ohio attending an Ohio college, by institutional sector. Total number out-of-state is calculated by subtracting Ohio residents from the total number of students deemed "first-time undergraduate."

Source: IPEDS (Fall 1998-2016)

## Public Universities & Out-of-State Students

Since the Great Recession in 2008, Ohio's public universities have shown a dramatic increase in enrollment of out-of-state students, almost doubling in a decade. Increased need for **tuition dollars, state funding formulas for SSI, selectivity**, and other factors may account for the dramatic increase in public universities' out-of-state student enrollment.