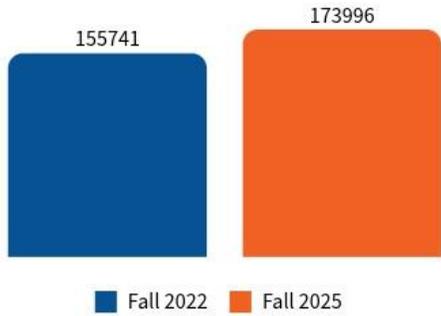




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POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT IS UP 18,200+ SINCE THE 2022 PANDEMIC LOW.

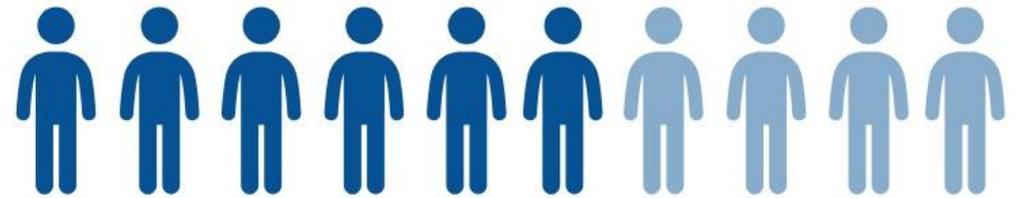
ENROLLMENT IS UP 5% SINCE 2024.



IN 2024-25 KENTUCKIANS EARNED 12,320



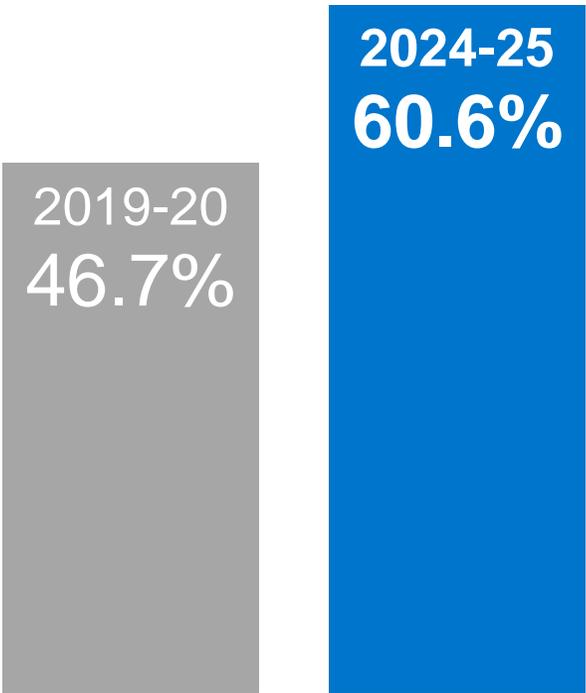
MORE CREDENTIALS & DEGREES THAN IN 2019-20.



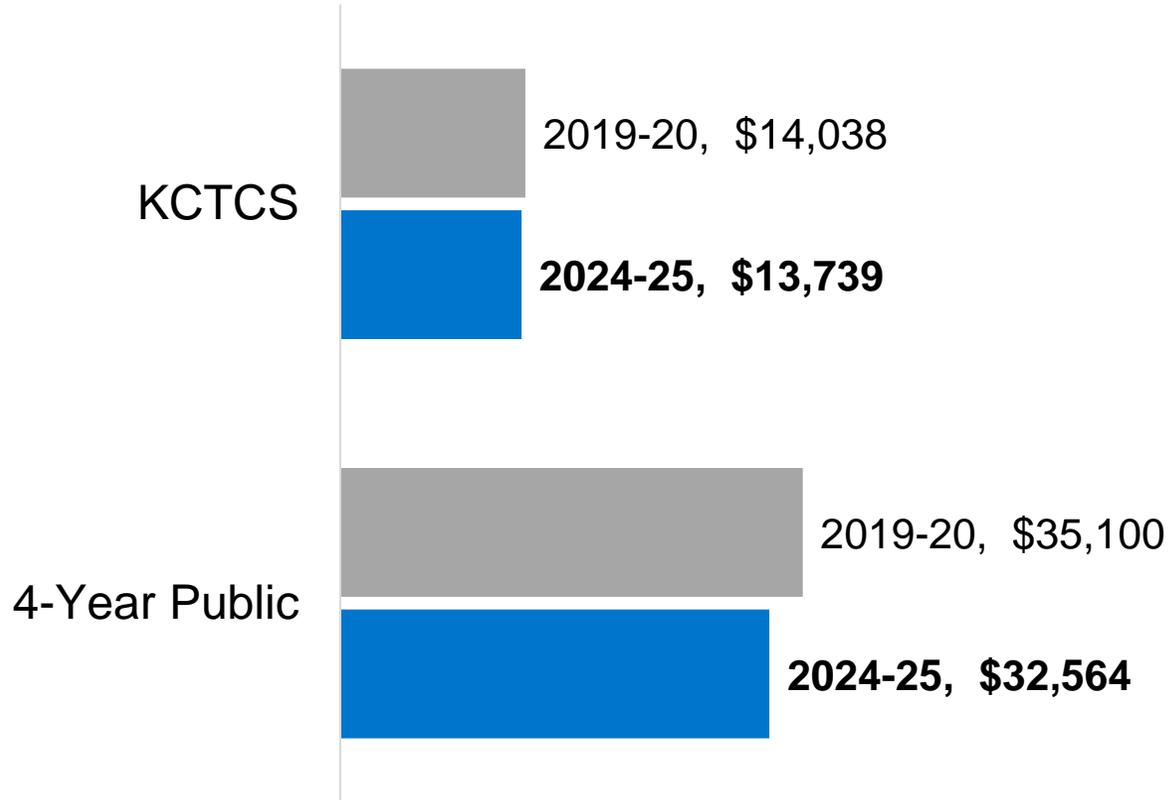
6 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS GRADUATE WITHOUT DEBT

Kentucky is making college more affordable

Percent of KY Undergrads with No Debt



Reduction in Average Debt Amounts

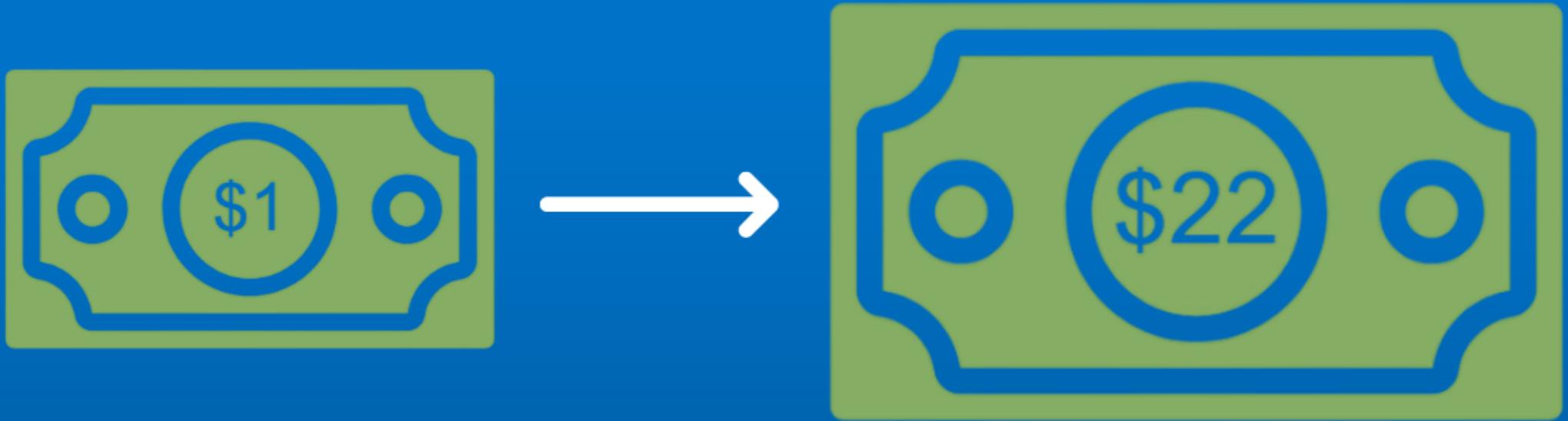


Wages for Kentuckians 10 years after high school graduation



Median Wages for Public High School Graduates from 2011-2014

Source: KYSTATS



*For every **\$1 Kentucky invests in higher education**, the state is projected to receive approximately **\$22 in total economic returns** over the working lifetime of the Class of 2015 cohort.*



We help lead and coordinate higher education in Kentucky.



We set standards, approve programs, and support affordability.



We use data to guide policy and connect education to workforce needs.



Our goal is a strong, accessible college system that helps build Kentucky's workforce.

Guiding Statute: KRS 164.020

Statewide Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary Education



Affordability

Kentucky will ensure postsecondary education is affordable for all Kentuckians.



Transitions

Kentucky will ensure more students transition to college prepared to succeed.



Success

Kentucky will ensure more students earn high-quality degrees and credentials.



Talent

Kentucky will increase talent and innovation to support our communities, employers and economies.

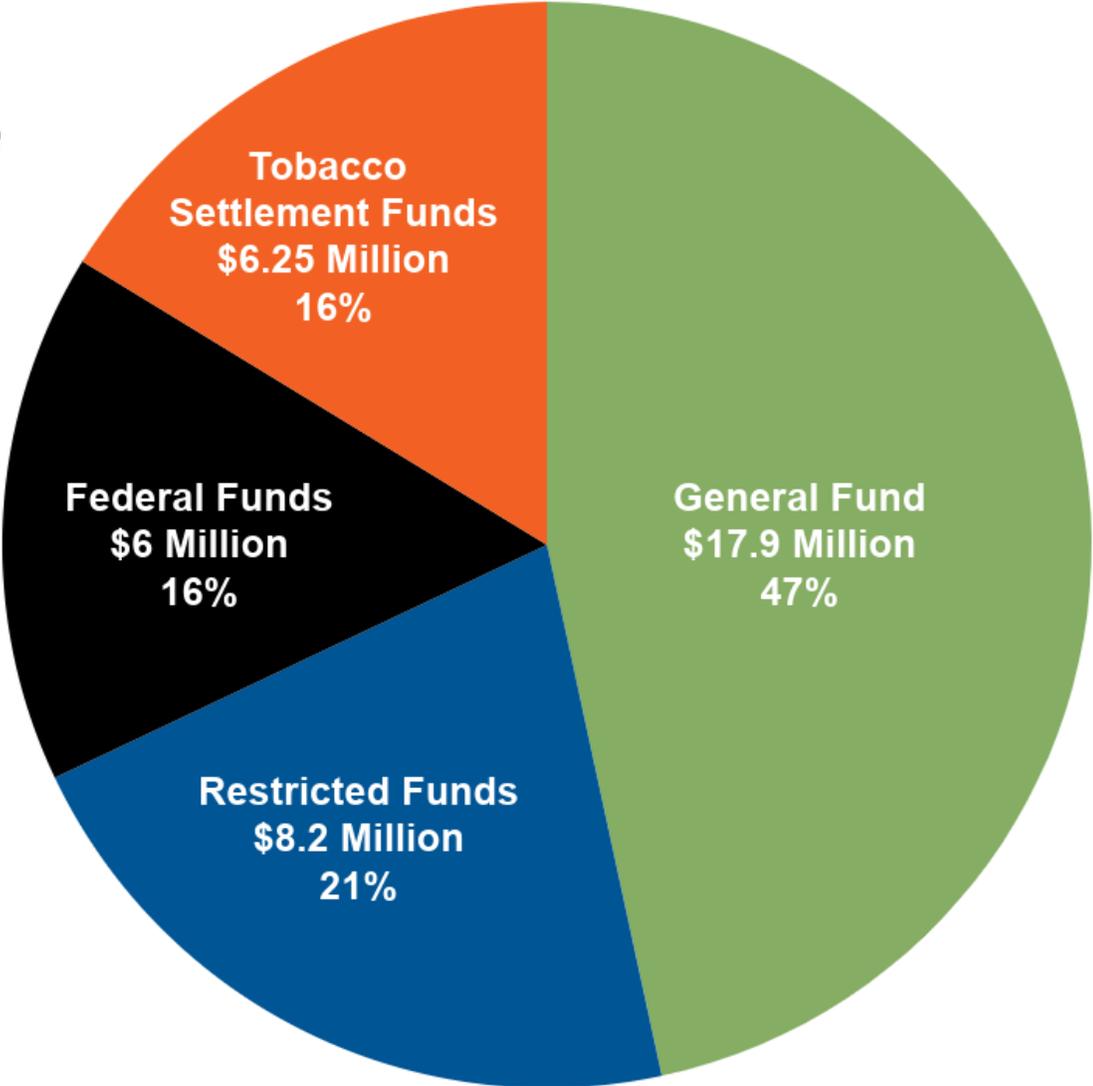


Value

Kentucky will improve understanding that postsecondary education is key to greater opportunity and growth.

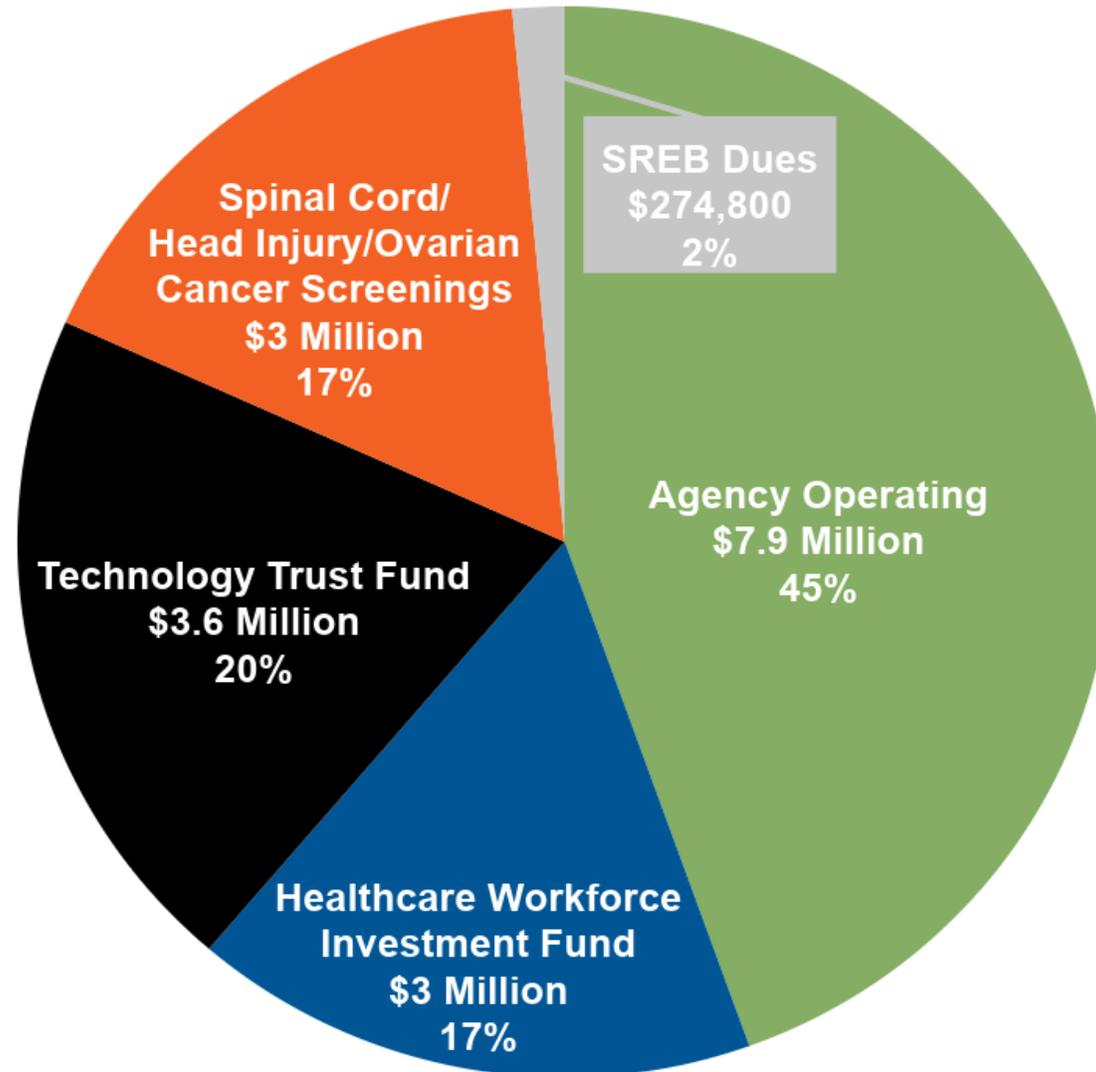
TOTAL CPE BUDGET

\$38,441,300



CPE GENERAL FUND BREAKDOWN

\$17,920,500



Expanding Workforce and Economic Development Impact

Healthcare Workforce Collaborative



A statewide partnership of education leaders, healthcare providers, and policymakers **working together to address Kentucky's healthcare workforce shortages**. It aligns education, training, and workforce strategies to strengthen the talent pipeline and meet the Commonwealth's healthcare needs.

Kentucky Graduate Profile



The connection between higher education and employers – It **defines the knowledge, skills, and abilities students should develop before earning a postsecondary credential**. It emphasizes career readiness, critical thinking, communication, and durable skills needed to succeed in the workforce and contribute to Kentucky's economy.

Investing in Kentucky's Future

Summer Bridge Programs



We're working with colleges and universities to **introduce high school students to healthcare career pathways early** – helping them successfully transition into healthcare-related postsecondary programs and addressing Kentucky's critical healthcare workforce shortages.

Futuriti.org



Futuriti provides Kentuckians with a powerful, homegrown tool that **connects education pathways directly to in-demand careers across the Commonwealth**. By helping students make informed decisions that align with workforce needs, Futuriti represents a strategic investment in Kentucky's **talent pipeline, economic growth, and long-term workforce stability**.

Additional Agency Requests

Component	2026-27	2027-28
Futuriti.org	\$250,000	\$250,000
Summer Bridge Programs	\$750,000	\$750,000
Workforce and Economic Development	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL Additional Request	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

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