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NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Quarterly Update constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the Securities Act. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “budget,” “intend,” “projection” or other similar words. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, certain statements contained in the information in this update. A number of important factors, including factors affecting the University’s financial condition and factors which are otherwise unrelated thereto could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in such forward-looking statements. THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT PLAN TO ISSUE ANY UPDATES OR REVISIONS TO THOSE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN ITS EXPECTATIONS, OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR.

Projections and Financial Data

The projections set forth in this update were not prepared with a view toward complying with the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with respect to forward-looking information and preliminary financial data, but, in the view of the University’s management, were prepared on a reasonable basis, reflect the best currently available estimates and judgments, and present, to the best of management’s knowledge and belief, the expected course of action and the expected future financial performance of the University. However, this information is not fact and should not be relied upon as being necessarily indicative of future results, and readers of this update are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking information and preliminary financial data.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GENERAL

The Ohio State University (the “University”) was founded in 1870 by the Ohio General Assembly under provisions of the Morrill Act as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College (the “College”). The College was located on 331 acres of land approximately two miles north of the City of Columbus. In 1878, the General Assembly designated the College a university and changed its name to The Ohio State University.

The University is one of 14 public universities in the State of Ohio (“the State”, “Ohio”) and is declared by statute to be a body politic and corporate. The University’s main campus is in Columbus on 1,715 acres containing 408 buildings (the “Columbus Campus”). Also in Columbus, the University owns two 18-hole regulation golf courses with 25 buildings on 289 acres and the Don Scott Airport with 67 buildings on 1,347 acres. In addition to the Columbus Campus, the University operates educational programs at campuses located in Lima, Mansfield, Marion, and Newark (collectively, the “Regional Campuses”) housed in 79 buildings on 1,448 acres. The University also operates the Agricultural Technical Institute (“ATI”) and Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (“OARDC”) in Wooster, Ohio (the “Wooster Campus”, together with the Regional Campuses, the “Extended Campuses”) and the Molly Caren Agriculture Center in London, Ohio, along with various other research farms throughout Ohio collectively comprising 9,267 acres and 386 buildings. An additional 311 buildings are located on 454 acres at various other locations across Ohio.

The Columbus Campus is the fourth largest individual campus of any public university or college in the United States in terms of head count enrollment and third largest in terms of full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment.¹ The enrollment for Autumn 2024 was 61,443 students for the Columbus Campus and 5,458 for the Extended Campuses, bringing the total enrollment for all campuses at that time to 66,901 students. During the academic year ending June 30, 2025, the University awarded a total of 17,514 degrees consisting of 11,583 baccalaureate degrees, 2,997 master’s degrees, 931 doctorate degrees, 812 professional degrees, 714 associate degrees, and 477 post-baccalaureate degrees. The University has more than 500,000 living alumni. The University has one of the largest athletic departments in the country with 36 varsity sports. As of September 30, 2024, the University employed a total of 55,394 faculty and staff (including student employees).

The Board of Trustees

The University is governed by a Board of Trustees (the “Board”) which, under Ohio law, is directed and granted authority to do all things necessary for the proper maintenance and successful and continuous operation of the University. Two of the Trustees must be students at the University. Other than charter Trustees, Trustees are appointed by the Governor of the State of Ohio with the advice and consent of the State Senate. Trustees, other than charter Trustees and student Trustees, are appointed for terms of nine years if appointed before July 1, 2025, or six years if appointed on or after July 1, 2025. The student Trustees are appointed for overlapping two-year terms. The charter Trustees, who are not residents of Ohio, are appointed by the other members of the Board for three-year terms. There may be up to three charter Trustees. Charter Trustees and student Trustees have no voting power on the Board and are not considered as members of the Board when determining whether a quorum is present. Student trustees are not entitled to attend executive sessions of the Board.

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¹ Based on most recent IPEDS benchmarking available as of publication (Autumn 2022).

As of November 1, 2025, the officers and members of the Board and the years in which their respective terms expire are:

John W. Zeiger, Chair (2026)	Zeiger, Tigges & Little LLP, Founding Partner
Elizabeth P. Kessler, Vice Chair (2027)	Jones Day, Partner-in-charge, Columbus Office
Gary R. Heminger (2027)	Former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Marathon Petroleum Corporation and MPLX GP LLC
Jeff M.S. Kaplan (2028)	Former Secretary and Senior Advisor to the Board, The Ohio State University
Elizabeth A. Harsh (2029)	Ohio Cattlemen's Association and Ohio Beef Council, Executive Director
Reginald A. Wilkinson (2029)	Connecting the Dots, LLC, President
Michael F. Kiggin (2030)	Capitol Strategy Group, Principal
Tom B. Mitevski (2030)	DGD Group, Inc., Executive Vice President
Pierre Bigby (2031)	Bigby Financial Planning LLC, Founder
Juan Jose Perez (2031)	Perez Morris Law Firm, Founding Member
Bradley R. Kastan (2032)	Janney Montgomery Scott, Senior Vice President
George A. Skestos, Jr. (2032)	Arcadia Holdings LLC, Founder and Managing Principal
Kara J. Trott (2033)	Quantum Health, Inc., Founder and Board Chair
Pat Tiberi (2034)	Ohio Business Roundtable, President and Chief Executive Officer
M. Katherine Holcombe (2028)	Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, Realtor
Kendall C. Buchan (2026)	Graduate Student Trustee
Patrick C. Arp (2027)	Undergraduate Student Trustee
Amy Werner Chronis (2027)	Charter Trustee

The secretary of the Board is Jessica A. Eveland.

Senior Management

Biographical information regarding certain individuals who are part of or have been approved to serve as the senior management of the University as of November 1, 2025, unless otherwise noted, is set forth below.

Walter “Ted” Carter Jr. serves as President of the University. Prior to joining the University on January 1, 2024, Mr. Carter served as president of the University of Nebraska System. At Nebraska, he oversaw four campuses, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and a community of almost 70,000 students, faculty and staff. At Nebraska, Mr. Carter focused on greater access and opportunities for the state’s students and families. He launched the Nebraska Promise, a financial aid program guaranteeing full tuition coverage for low- and middle-income students and at the same time, implemented a budget plan that included a two-year tuition freeze. Prior to his tenure at Nebraska, he led both the U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Naval War College and was the longest continuously serving superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy since the Civil War. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with combat distinction for valor and is a recipient of the Bronze Star and last year received the U.S. Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate Award. Mr. Carter is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor’s degree in physics and oceanography and of the Navy Fighter Weapons School, known as Top Gun, and retired as a vice admiral after 38 years of service and more than 6,300 flying hours logged. He holds additional educational credentials from the Navy Nuclear Power School, the U.S. Air Force Air War College, the Naval War College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Dr. Ravi V. Bellamkonda serves as the Executive Vice President and Provost for the University, his appointment commencing January 14, 2025. In this role, Dr. Bellamkonda oversees a university-wide portfolio of programs and initiatives in the Office of Academic Affairs and in Research, Innovation and Knowledge following

the July 2025 departure of former Executive Vice President of Research, Innovation and Knowledge (ERIK) Dr. Peter Mohler (See **Recent Developments**). The deans of 15 academic colleges, ERIK and University Libraries report to the Provost. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Bellamkonda was provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Emory University where he launched and led several major initiatives, including faculty recruitment and retention efforts focused on arts and humanistic inquiry, as well as artificial intelligence in service to humanity across areas such as medicine, business, law and more. In addition, he helped lead the ambitious Student Flourishing initiative, which included curricular innovations as well as the Emory Purpose Project focused on well-being and ethics. Prior to his tenure at Emory, Dr. Bellamkonda served as the Vinik Dean of the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University and as the Wallace H. Coulter Professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, and associate vice president for research, at Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University and began his professional career at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Bellamkonda is an internationally renowned biomedical researcher and the scientific founder of a startup that is pioneering first-in-human trials for a tumor monorail device. Dr. Bellamkonda earned a PhD at Brown University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has a bachelor's degree in engineering from Osmania University.

Dr. John J. Warner serves as Chief Executive Officer of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (the "OSUWMC") and Executive Vice President of the University. Dr. Warner leads efforts to advance and pioneer interdisciplinary approaches to health care delivery, research, and teaching at the OSUWMC. He also works closely with other University leaders to advance the excellence of the University and its academic medical center through signature integrated teaching and learning, and convergent research initiatives. From 2018 until joining the University in April 2023, Dr. Warner was executive vice president and chief executive officer of University of Texas Southwestern Health System. Prior to those roles, Dr. Warner was chief executive officer of UT Southwestern University Hospitals and Clinics, and held the Nancy and Jeremy Halbreich, Susan and Theodore Strauss Professorship in Cardiology, and the Jim and Norma Smith Distinguished Chair for Interventional Cardiology. Additionally, he has served in many vital roles with the American Heart Association. Dr. Warner received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University and completed his residency training in internal medicine at UT Southwestern, where he served as chief resident. He did his fellowship training in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology at Duke University Medical Center. He served on the faculty at Duke until he returned to UT Southwestern in 2003. He received his master's degree in business administration from the Physician Executive MBA program at the University of Tennessee in 2011.

Michael Papadakis serves as Senior Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer for the University. Mr. Papadakis joined the University in June of 2011 as Treasurer and Vice President of Financial Services, was subsequently elevated to Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Vice President of Financial Services & Innovation, and served as interim Senior Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer for a year prior to his permanent appointment. Prior to joining the University, he served as a Director of energy investment banking at KeyBanc Capital Markets. Additionally, Mr. Papadakis held previous roles in corporate tax at Deloitte & Touche, strategic business valuation at Arthur Andersen and is a Certified Public Accountant. He earned his master's degree in finance from the Fisher College of Business at the University and a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting from the University of Cincinnati and has completed the General Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Anne K. Garcia serves as Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the University. Ms. Garcia serves as the chief legal adviser to the president, Board of Trustees, and the University, including the OSUWMC. In addition, Ms. Garcia oversees the Office of University Compliance and Integrity, which is responsible for compliance efforts across the University, including the OSUWMC. As an attorney for a state university of the State of Ohio, she is also an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio. Prior to her current appointment in September 2020, Ms. Garcia served as interim Vice President and General Counsel for nearly one year and prior to that as senior associate general counsel and Vice President for Legal and Compliance for the OSUWMC. An experienced healthcare and higher education attorney, Ms. Garcia came to the University in 2016 from Saint Louis University, where she worked for six years and most recently served as senior associate general counsel and executive director of compliance. While there, she led the team that negotiated the reinvestment of the university hospital into a new joint venture with SSM Healthcare. She also served in private practice, defending physicians, nurses and hospitals involved in medical malpractice litigation. Ms. Garcia earned her J.D. degree from Tulane University School of Law and her bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Chris Kabourek serves as Senior Vice President for Administration and Planning and Senior Advisor to the President. Mr. Kabourek joined the University as Senior Vice President for Administration and Planning on November 1, 2024 and was elevated to his current position as of September 1, 2025. Mr. Kabourek oversees the

Department of Public Safety, Facilities Operations and Development, Planning, Architecture and Real Estate, Transportation and Traffic Management, UniPrint, Office of Technology and Digital Innovation, WOSU Public Media and Communications. Mr. Kabourek joined the University from the University of Nebraska where he worked for 27 years, including as interim president following the departure of President Carter from the University of Nebraska in addition to his role as chief financial officer. His areas of expertise include facilities and capital planning, accounting, budgeting, procurement, human resources and an understanding of their connection to teaching, research and service and patient care missions. At University of Nebraska, Mr. Kabourek was the chief architect of Nebraska's deferred maintenance strategy, addressing \$800 million in facility needs and positioning the university to become self-sustaining in its buildings. He also provided leadership on strategic planning efforts, business functions in information technology, legislative and capital budget requests, and scholarship and financial aid initiatives. Mr. Kabourek earned his bachelor's degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and his master's in business administration from University of Nebraska and has completed the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard University.

Michael Eicher was named Senior Vice President for Advancement in September 2012, and Senior Vice President for External Affairs in September 2025. He oversees the full integration of the University's fundraising and alumni relations efforts and the University's marketing and government relations efforts. He joined the University from Johns Hopkins University, where he served as senior vice president for external affairs and development. Prior to working at Johns Hopkins, Mr. Eicher was vice chancellor at the University of California, Los Angeles. Mr. Eicher graduated from the University of California, San Diego.

Ross Bjork serves as Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation Endowed Athletics Director, his appointment commencing July 1, 2024. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Bjork served as director of athletics at Texas A&M University, overseeing more than 600 student-athletes competing at the Division I level in 20 varsity sports. While at Texas A&M, the school set new records in overall grade point average and NCAA graduate success and academic progress rates, and he played a leading role in launching one of the largest fundraising campaigns in Texas A&M athletics' history. He also provided input and guidance to leaders in the Texas legislature in the development of a name, image and likeness law and oversaw the creation of an organization which equips student-athletes with education and resources related to finance, personal branding, networking and media training. Prior to that role, he served as athletic director and vice chancellor for intercollegiate athletics at the University of Mississippi and director of intercollegiate athletics at Western Kentucky University and before that as an associate or assistant athletic director at schools including UCLA, University of Miami and University of Missouri. He earned his bachelor's degree in recreation administration from Emporia State University and a master's degree in athletic administration from Western Illinois University.

Dr. Melissa Shivers serves as Senior Vice President for Student Life. Dr. Shivers joined the University as Vice President for Student Life in January 2020 and was elevated to her current position as of December 1, 2020. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Shivers served as Vice President for Student Life at the University of Iowa where she focused on strategic initiatives related to student life and student success, especially those with a focus on health, safety, and well-being. Prior to that, Dr. Shivers spent seven years at the University of Tennessee where she held various roles, including associate vice chancellor for student life and dean of students. Dr. Shivers also held positions at the University of Georgia, Clemson University and Georgia Southern University. Dr. Shivers earned her bachelor's degree in communication arts from Georgia Southern University, her master's degree in education, counseling and guidance services from Clemson University and her PhD in counseling and student personnel services from the University of Georgia.

Katie Hall serves as Senior Vice President of Talent, Culture and Human Resources for the University. In this role, Ms. Hall provides leadership across the University to support the University's values and fosters a Buckeye culture that positively impacts the University community. Prior to this appointment on February 7, 2024 and since April 2023, Ms. Hall served as interim Senior Vice President of Talent, Culture and Human Resources for the University. Prior to assuming the interim role, Ms. Hall was Associate Vice President for Strategy and Optimization and Chief of Staff for the Office of Human Resources. Ms. Hall joined the University over 20 years ago and has served in many capacities for the Office of Human Resources. Ms. Hall also served as Chief of Staff for former Ohio State President Michael Drake. She has also served on important shared governance committees, including the University Staff Advisory Committee where she served as chair in 2009. Prior to joining the University, Ms. Hall worked at Bowling Green State University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Ferris State University in various student life capacities. She earned a master's degree in higher education administration at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Pittsburgh.

Elizabeth Parkinson serves as Senior Vice President for Marketing and Communications. Ms. Parkinson has announced that she will retire from this position effective March 31, 2026. Beginning September 1, 2025, marketing and communications are overseen by two different senior leaders as described above and Ms. Parkinson is assisting in the transition efforts. Prior to joining the University in March 2021, Ms. Parkinson served as assistant vice president for marketing communications at the University of Michigan for five years, where she was responsible for the overall marketing and brand strategy for the university with direct oversight of creative, photography and video, digital media, and brand management. Prior to joining the University of Michigan, Ms. Parkinson served as senior vice president of marketing and partnerships for the Detroit Lions, where she led a 30-person team. She previously served as senior vice president of marketing and communications for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, led marketing and public relations for Ann Arbor SPARK and worked for the public relations agency Edelman. Ms. Parkinson earned her bachelor's degree from Alma College.

Academic Structure

The academic organization of the University consists of 15 colleges, seven schools, the Graduate School and the Agricultural Technical Institute. The University offers more than 200 undergraduate majors, 170 programs leading to a master's degree, 109 programs leading to a doctoral degree, nine programs leading to a professional degree and more than 12,000 different courses. The 15 colleges within the University are:

Arts and Sciences	Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	Pharmacy
Business	Law	Public Affairs
Dentistry	Medicine	Public Health
Education and Human Ecology	Nursing	Social Work
Engineering	Optometry	Veterinary Medicine

The seven schools within the University's colleges are:

Architecture	Environment and Natural Resources
Biomedical Science	Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Communication	Music
Earth Sciences	

University Libraries consists of the Thompson Library and ten department library and special collections locations on the Columbus Campus. The libraries on the Columbus Campus have a combined collection size of over 6.6 million volumes. The University Libraries website provides access to more than 11.5 million books and journal volumes in print and microformat, as well as an extensive collection of electronic databases.

Accreditations and Memberships

The University has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools since 1913, and in 2017 the University underwent its decennial reaffirmation of accreditation. Additionally, the University has programs, departments and colleges that are accredited by 50 specialized accrediting bodies. The University is a member of both the Association of American Universities and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

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Faculty and Employees

As of September 30, 2024, the number of University faculty and non-instructional staff, including full and part-time employees, was as follows:

	Columbus Campus and All Other	Extended Campuses⁽¹⁾	Total University
<u>Instructional Staff</u>			
Regular Faculty ⁽²⁾ :			
Professor	1,286	89	1,375
Associate Professor	742	128	870
Assistant Professor	598	58	656
Instructor	17	0	17
Total Regular Faculty	2,643	275	2,918
Other Faculty:			
Clinical Faculty ⁽³⁾	2,628	12	2,640
Auxiliary Faculty ⁽⁴⁾	2,769	246	3,015
Research Faculty ⁽⁵⁾	121	0	121
Total Other Faculty	5,518	258	5,776
Total Instructional Staff	8,161	533	8,694
<u>Non-Instructional Staff</u>			
Nonfaculty Executives	165	0	165
Unclassified	19,234	795	20,029
Classified Civil Service	3,696	254	3,950
Union Classified	2,056	109	2,165
Union Unclassified	4,070	0	4,070
Graduate Associates	4,278	70	4,348
Other Students	11,460	513	11,973
Total Non-Instructional Staff	44,959	1,741	46,700
Total Staff	53,120	2,274	55,394

(1) Also includes University Extension offices.

(2) Regular faculty are tenure track with at least 50% FTE.

(3) Clinical faculty includes the following titles: Professor-Clinical, Associate Professor-Clinical, Assistant Professor-Clinical, and Instructor Clinical with at least >10% FTE.

(4) Auxiliary faculty includes all other instructional staff including Lecturers, House Staff and Visiting Faculty.

(5) Research faculty includes: Research Professor, Research Associate Professor, and Research Assistant Professor with >10% FTE.

The University faculty membership in distinguished academic societies includes the National Academy of Engineering (13 members), the National Academy of Sciences (10 members), and the National Academy of Medicine (eight members). The faculty also includes 24 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and more than 100 fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Many Fulbright Fellowships have been awarded to University faculty and graduate students each year.

The University is a party to collective bargaining agreements with the Communications Workers of America, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Ohio Nurses Association, which agreements cover only some of its employees. The remaining University employees, including faculty and other instructional staff, have not elected to join a bargaining unit.

Retirement Plans

The University participates in contributory retirement plans administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (“STRS”) and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (“OPERS”). As an alternative to STRS and OPERS, eligible employees may elect to participate in the University’s Alternative Retirement Plan (“ARP”). The ARP was approved by the University’s Board of Trustees in February 1999. The number of University employees who contributed to the various retirement plans during Fiscal Year 2024 is as follows:

OPERS	49,204
STRS	6,679
ARP	7,381

STRS and OPERS are two of five statewide public employee retirement systems created by and operating pursuant to Ohio law, all of which currently have unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities. The Ohio General Assembly has the power to amend the format of those systems and to revise rates and methods of contributions to be made by public employers and their employees and eligibility criteria, benefits, or benefit levels for members.

STRS and OPERS both offer three separate retirement plans: a defined benefit plan, a defined contribution plan, and a combined plan.

- The STRS and OPERS defined benefit plans are cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans. Subject to eligibility requirements, the defined benefit plans currently provide for retirement benefits, disability benefits, postretirement health care coverage, and death benefits.
- The STRS and OPERS defined contribution plans are plans in which the member selects where both member and employer contributions are invested.
- The STRS and OPERS combined plans have features of both a defined contribution plan and a defined benefit plan. Subject to eligibility requirements, the combined plans currently provide for retirement benefits, disability benefits, postretirement health care coverage, and death benefits.

Ohio law requires the University to offer the ARP to certain employees. The ARP is a tax-qualified, defined contribution plan (Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code) maintained for eligible full-time faculty and staff.

STRS, OPERS and the ARP are funded by both employee and employer contributions at rates established under Ohio law. Currently, the statutory employee contribution rate is 10% of eligible compensation for OPERS and 14% of eligible compensation for STRS and the employer contribution rate is 14% of eligible compensation for both OPERS and STRS. Law enforcement employees contribute 13% of eligible compensation to OPERS and the University contributes 18.1%. Employee and employer contributions to the ARP are equal to the amount the University would have contributed to STRS or OPERS, as applicable to the employee, less any amount required to be paid by the University to the applicable state retirement system (“mitigating rate”). The mitigating rate is charged independently by OPERS and STRS and may differ between OPERS and STRS. A mitigating rate also applies to the OPERS and STRS defined contribution plans and can differ from the rate applied to the ARP. Contributions to STRS, OPERS and the ARP are subject to limits under the Internal Revenue Code.

The University also maintains a tax-qualified retirement plan and a related Section 415(m) plan for eligible employees whose contributions to STRS, OPERS or the ARP are limited under the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions may be funded from both employee and employer contributions. In addition, optional supplemental retirement programs (403(b) and 457(b) plans) are available for eligible employees.

Federal law requires University employees hired after March 31, 1986, to participate in the federal Medicare program. The current rate for Medicare is 1.45% of covered wages for both the employer and the employee. Otherwise, University employees do not currently contribute to the federal Social Security system.

In accordance with GASB Statement Nos. 68 and 75, employers participating in cost-sharing multiple-employer plans are required to recognize a proportionate share of the collective net pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liabilities of the plans. Although changes in net pension and OPEB liabilities generally are recognized as expense in the current period, GASB 68 and 75 require certain items to be deferred and recognized as expense in future periods. Deferrals for differences between projected and actual investment returns are amortized to pension expense over five years. Deferrals for employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date are amortized in the following period (one year). Other deferrals are amortized over the estimated remaining service lives of both active and inactive employees (amortization periods range from 3 to 9 years).

The collective net pension liabilities of the retirement systems and the University’s proportionate share of these liabilities (as of June 30, 2023 for STRS-Ohio and as of December 31, 2023 for OPERS) reported as of June 30, 2024 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<u>STRS-Ohio</u>	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net pension liability – all employers	\$21,534,938	\$25,861,873	-
Proportion of the net pension liability – University	4.8%	11.0%	-
Proportionate share of net pension liability	\$1,036,827	\$2,832,398	\$3,869,225

The collective net OPEB assets or liabilities of the retirement systems and the University’s proportionate share of these assets or liabilities (as of June 30, 2023 for STRS-Ohio and as of December 31, 2023 for OPERS) reported as of June 30, 2023, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<u>STRS-Ohio</u>	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net OPEB liability (asset) all employers	(\$1,944,862)	(\$902,524)	-
Proportion of net OPEB liability/asset – University	4.8%	11.2%	-
Proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset)	(\$93,638)	(\$101,060)	(\$194,698)

Enrollment

The University attracts students from a variety of backgrounds and geographical locations, with representation in the Autumn Semester of 2024 from all 50 states and 124 foreign countries. Ohio residents represent 71.1% of the University's enrollment, while 19.4% are from other states and 9.4% are international students. The head count enrollment (full-time and part-time students) for each of the Columbus Campus and the Extended Campuses of the University for the Autumn Semesters of 2020 through 2024 is shown below:

<u>Autumn of Academic Year</u>	<u>Columbus Campus</u>	<u>Extended Campuses</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>
2020-21	61,369	6,588	67,957
2021-22	61,677	6,095	67,772
2022-23	60,540	5,255	65,795
2023-24	60,046	5,359	65,405
2024-25	61,443	5,458	66,901

The following table shows the total Autumn head count enrollment for undergraduate and graduate students for all campuses, and for students enrolled in professional programs, as well as the aggregate FTE enrollment for all campuses.

<u>Autumn of Academic Year</u>	<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Professional</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time Equivalent</u>
2020-21	53,557	11,110	3,290	67,957	61,179
2021-22	53,189	11,278	3,305	67,772	60,768
2022-23	51,377	11,199	3,219	65,795	59,158
2023-24	51,078	11,102	3,225	65,405	59,123
2024-25	52,269	11,408	3,224	66,901	60,820

Prior to 1987, the University practiced open admissions for freshmen, accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Admissions would "close" when the number of applications received reached the FTE enrollment limitation. Because of increased demands for the Columbus Campus, the University adopted a selective admissions policy beginning with applications for Autumn 1987.

The application deadline for freshman fall admission to the Columbus Campus is fixed at February 1st of each year. All resident and nonresident freshman applicants to the Columbus Campus are considered within a competitive process. Criteria considered in the admissions process include successful completion of specified minimum college preparatory requirements; high school performance (class rank or GPA), including participation in accelerated programs; standardized test score (ACT or SAT), which are optional for applicants to provide for 2024 and 2025 admission, but required for 2026 admission; experiences that demonstrate leadership or engaged involvement; status as a first-generation college student; demonstration of talent in a particular area; high school performance if adversely affected by physical, mental or learning environment facts; and eligibility for and likelihood of benefiting from organized support services at the University.

Admissions

The table below sets forth, for the Columbus Campus, the number of completed freshman applications received and accepted, the percentage of applicants accepted for admission, the number of freshmen enrolled, the percentage of accepted applicants who enrolled and the average ACT scores and retention rates of enrollees in the Autumn Semesters of the academic years indicated.

<u>Autumn of Academic Year</u>	<u>Applications Completed</u>	<u>Applicants Accepted</u>	<u>Percent Accepted</u>	<u>Applicants Enrolled</u>	<u>Percent Enrolled</u>	<u>Average ACT</u>	<u>Retention Rate</u>
2020-21	49,068	33,598	68.5%	8,602	25.6%	28.8	94.0%
2021-22	58,162	33,247	57.2%	8,350	25.1%	28.6	93.4%
2022-23	65,161	34,341	52.7%	7,966	23.2%	28.9	94.2%
2023-24	69,993	35,551	50.8%	7,983	22.5%	30.4	94.2%
2024-25	72,791	44,078	60.6%	9,530	21.6%	30.1	TBD

The average freshman composite scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT critical reading and math) for the Columbus Campus was 1,385 for the Autumn Semester 2024; the average ACT Composite was 30.1. Non-Ohio resident freshman enrollment was 36.1% for Autumn Semester 2024.

Tuition Guarantee Program / Fees and Charges

The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee Program continued into its ninth year in Fiscal Year 2026. The Tuition Guarantee Program freezes the cost of tuition, housing and dining, and general fees for four years for each incoming freshman cohort on the Columbus and Extended Campuses. Continuing undergraduate students who are part of Tuition Guarantee cohorts will not see an increase in their tuition and fees. Approved tuition increases for the 2025-26 academic year include a 3.0% increase in resident tuition for incoming undergraduate students in the Tuition Guarantee Program and a 7.5% increase in the non-resident surcharge for out-of-state undergraduate students. The international student surcharge will increase approximately 6.0% in the 2025-26 academic year. The tuition increases for Master's and Ph.D. students include a 3.0% increase in resident tuition and a 4.0% increase in non-resident surcharge. Tuition and fees support approximately 75% of the cost of instruction with the remainder funded through State Share of Instruction.

Instructional and general fees per full-time undergraduate and graduate student (including the tuition surcharge paid by non-resident students) for the Columbus and Extended Campuses for academic years 2021-22 through 2025-26 are shown below. Instructional fees for graduate and professional programs vary based on market demand. All graduate and professional program fee schedules for the current and for prior academic years can be accessed here: [University Registrar Graduate and Professional Students Program Fee Tables](#)*(1)

* This website contains additional data concerning fees and charges for specific graduate and professional degree programs, but the website is not incorporated into and does not constitute a part of this Update to Bondholders.

Columbus Campus					2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Resident	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2021-22 ⁽²⁾			\$11,434	\$11,434	\$11,434	\$11,434	\$11,434
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2022-23 ⁽²⁾			NA	11,983	11,983	11,983	11,983
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2023-24 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	12,350	12,350	12,350
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2024-25 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	12,728	12,728
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2025-26 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	NA	13,116
	Undergraduate (Non-Guarantee)				9,540	9,741	9,741	9,741	9,741
Non-Resident	Graduate				11,928	12,500	12,993	13,390	13,798
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2021-22 ⁽²⁾			34,517	35,671	36,940	38,212	40,216
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2022-23 ⁽²⁾			NA	36,220	37,489	38,761	40,765
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2023-24 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	37,856	39,128	41,132
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2024-25 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	39,506	41,510
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2025-26 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	NA	41,898
	Undergraduate (Non-Guarantee)				32,623	33,978	35,247	36,519	38,523
	Graduate				37,880	39,101	40,723	42,229	43,790
Extended Campuses									
Resident	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2021-22 ⁽²⁾			8,550	8,550	8,550	8,550	8,550
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2022-23 ⁽²⁾			NA	8,944	8,944	8,944	8,944
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2023-24 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	9,212	9,212	9,212
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2024-25 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	9,488	9,488
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2025-26 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	NA	9,772
	Undergraduate (Non-Guarantee)				7,140	7,283	7,283	7,283	7,283
Non-Resident	Graduate				11,736	12,276	12,705	13,086	13,478
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2021-22 ⁽²⁾			31,633	32,787	34,056	35,328	37,332
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2022-23 ⁽²⁾			NA	33,181	34,450	35,722	37,726
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2023-24 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	34,718	35,990	37,994
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2024-25 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	36,266	38,270
	Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee	2025-26 ⁽²⁾			NA	NA	NA	NA	8,554
	Undergraduate (Non-Guarantee)				30,223	31,520	32,789	34,061	36,065
	Graduate				37,888	38,877	40,435	41,925	43,470

(1) Note, additional data is presented at the University Registrar's website including additional data relating to graduate and professional degrees available at the University and the varying levels at which those degree programs assess tuition and fees. On the University Registrar's website, annual tuition for these degree programs can be estimated by multiplying the per credit hour total of instructional and general fees by 16 credit hours (reflecting two semesters and a maximum fee based on 8 credit hours per semester), plus any flat rate program fee.

(2) First-year students are enrolled under the Ohio State Tuition Guarantee, which provides certainty for those students and their families about the cost of in-state tuition, general fees, and housing and dining for four years. A non-resident surcharge not covered by the Tuition Guarantee Program may result in annual increases for non-resident students.

Comparative information concerning the academic year 2024-25 instructional and general fees charged to Ohio residents by the University and the other public universities in the State of Ohio (excluding Northeast Ohio Medical University) are set forth below.

Instructional General and Other Fees 2024-25*

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>
Bowling Green State University	\$14,356	\$13,688
Central State University	8,058	12,100
Cleveland State University	12,987	16,210
Kent State University	13,231	13,057
Miami University	18,161	16,752
The Ohio State University	13,244	13,901
Ohio University	14,158	9,510
Shawnee State University	9,898	11,019
University of Akron	13,136	10,125
University of Cincinnati	13,976	14,902
University of Toledo	12,717	17,571
Wright State University	11,522	14,726
Youngstown State University	11,113	13,628

* Based on Fall 2024 full-time charges for 15 credit hours and two semesters for incoming students. Amounts shown include Instructional and General Fees and certain other fees that are not uniform to all public universities. Source: Most recent Ohio Department of Higher Education Tuition and Fees Survey available as of publication.

The following student budget has been used by the University's Office of Financial Aid and represents estimated average undergraduate student costs at the Columbus Campus for academic year 2025-26.

Estimated Annual Expenses 2025-26

<u>Basic Fees</u>	<u>Per Student</u>
Tuition and fees for In-State Residents	\$13,640
Tuition and fees for Out-of-State-Residents*	42,422
Room and Board**	15,178
Books and Supplies	1,020
Miscellaneous Costs, Personal Expenses, Phone, Transportation, etc.	3,458
Additional Out-of-State Travel	628
Total In-State Expenses	\$33,296
Total Out-of-State Expenses	\$62,706

* Includes the non-resident tuition surcharge.

** Based on the most popular room and board plan.

Financial Aid

Approximately 78% of the students of the University receive some form of financial assistance. The primary responsibility for this function is placed with the Office of Student Financial Aid. During Fiscal Year 2024, students received total assistance amounting to \$1.29 billion. The primary sources included the Pell Grant Program, Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Programs, Federal Work Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Ohio College Opportunity Grants, and the University scholarships, loans, employment, and graduate student fee waivers.

The following table summarizes the financial aid provided to University students for the five fiscal years ended June 30, 2024. A portion of funds provided is derived from sources outside the University. All programs assisted by the federal and state governments are subject to appropriation and funding by those governments.

Student Financial Aid
(dollars in thousands)

<u>Source</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021*</u>	<u>2022*</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Scholarships and Grants					
University	\$502,355	\$631,397	\$525,024	\$521,216	\$548,757
State Funds	20,062	19,937	20,433	22,193	29,518
Pell Grants	58,688	58,433	58,044	57,453	64,897
Other Federal Grants	9,079	29,628	67,531	4,913	5,807
Other Funds	<u>50,174</u>	<u>45,065</u>	<u>51,835</u>	<u>53,308</u>	<u>57,070</u>
Total Scholarships and Grants	\$640,358	\$784,460	\$722,866	\$659,081	\$706,049
Loan					
University	\$904	\$891	\$854	\$555	\$832
Federal Stafford & PLUS	332,629	310,496	317,404	317,182	313,453
Other Loans	<u>50,056</u>	<u>43,026</u>	<u>50,176</u>	<u>55,933</u>	<u>62,551</u>
Total Loans	\$383,589	\$354,413	\$368,434	\$373,670	\$376,836
Student Employment					
Federal Work-Study	\$3,392	\$2,129	\$2,680	\$3,306	\$3,885
University Student Payroll	<u>171,151</u>	<u>155,933</u>	<u>175,443</u>	<u>190,842</u>	<u>206,235</u>
Total Student Employment	\$174,543	\$158,062	\$178,123	\$194,148	\$210,120
Total Financial Assistance	\$1,198,490	\$1,296,934	\$1,269,423	\$1,226,900	\$1,293,005

* Increased University scholarships and Other Federal Grants funding in Fiscal Year 2021 and increased Other Federal Grants funding in Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 due to federal COVID relief funding for higher education.

Physical Plant

In total the University consists of 1,337 buildings and structures on 14,520 acres. The Columbus Campus programs are housed in 408 structures on the 1,715-acre campus. There are 79 additional structures located on 1,448 acres at the University's Regional Campuses. ATI and OARDC programs are housed in 359 structures located on 7,175 acres at the University's Wooster Campus and eight other research farms throughout Ohio. The Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio comprises 27 buildings on 2,092 acres. An additional 311 buildings, including county extension buildings, are located on 454 acres across Ohio. The total estimated replacement value of the University's buildings, all of which are either owned by the University or by the State for the use and benefit of the University, is \$18.4 billion. The replacement value of the Columbus Campus alone is \$16.2 billion.

The Columbus Campus includes 1,715 acres comprising the east and west academic campuses. The Columbus Campus includes numerous academic and laboratory buildings and facilities, a number of hospital facilities (University Hospital – 569 beds, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute – 356 beds, East Hospital – 237 beds, Ross Heart Hospital – 150 beds, the Brain & Spine Hospital – 116 beds, and the Harding Hospital – 84 beds), one of the largest academic research libraries in North America, 42 residence hall buildings which can house approximately 14,750 students and a 102,780-seat stadium. Two 18-hole golf courses across 289-acres and the 1,347-acre Don Scott Field are also located in Columbus. The Don Scott Field area contains the airport and experimental and demonstration farms and research areas on 743 acres and has 604 acres of undeveloped land.

In 2012, the University entered into a 50-year lease and concession agreement (the "Concession Agreement") with QIC Global Infrastructure ("QIC") pursuant to which the University leased its parking facilities and related assets. In June 2024, QIC sold its interest in CampusParc LP, the parking concessionaire under the Concession Agreement, to Ardian Infrastructure. The University approved this change in control of the concessionaire, and the Concession Agreement remains in place in accordance with its terms.

In 2017, the University entered into a 50-year agreement to lease the University's utility system to Ohio State Energy Partners LLC (the "Concessionaire") and granted the Concessionaire the exclusive right to operate, maintain and make capital investments in the utility system and to charge the University a utility fee in connection therewith, which includes fixed, variable, and operating and maintenance components. The variable component of the utility fee

reflects the University's obligation to reimburse the Concessionaire over time for costs incurred by the Concessionaire in completing approved capital projects. The Fiscal Year 2025 variable component of the utility fee is \$62.9 million which is based on \$492 million of capital investments in the utility system made by the Concessionaire. Future variable components of the utility fee could increase based on additional capital investments in the utility system approved by the Board, including \$176.9 million approved by the Board as of October 31, 2024 for projects that have not yet started and for remaining spend on capital projects previously approved.

In pursuit of its teaching, research, and public service missions, the University continues to make significant investments in its facilities. Capital assets which include the University's land, buildings, improvements, equipment, library books, construction in progress and lease assets per GASB 87, net of depreciation, were \$8.52 billion at June 30, 2024. Fiscal Year 2024 additions to University capital assets totaled \$1.09 billion, of which \$650 million supported projects of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. The new Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center, and the Energy Advancement and Innovation Center were both completed during Fiscal Year 2024 and construction continues on the new 820-bed inpatient hospital facility. Several other major university construction projects are under way including an outpatient care facility located in Powell, the relocation of Cannon Drive, the Biomedical and Materials Engineering Complex, and the renovation of Campbell Hall. The University's estimated future capital commitments, based on contracts and purchase orders as of June 30, 2024, total approximately \$768 million.

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Part of one of the most comprehensive health sciences campuses in the country, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center ("OSUWMC") includes the College of Medicine and its School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences; the Office of Health Sciences, including the Ohio State Faculty Group Practice; various research centers, programs and institutes; The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute; and the Ohio State Health System (the "Health System"), which includes University Hospital, Ohio State East Hospital, Ohio State Harding Hospital, the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Dodd Rehabilitation Hospital, the Ohio State Brain and Spine Hospital, the Ohio State Primary Care Network, Outpatient Care multispecialty facilities and Ohio State Express and Urgent Care locations. The OSUWMC hospitals served more than 60,500 adult inpatients and more than 3.10 million outpatients in Fiscal Year 2024. In 2025, *U.S. News & World Report* named the OSUWMC to its list of America's "Best Hospitals," based on structure, patient experience, outcomes and expert opinion, for the 33rd consecutive year.

A comparative summary of the OSUWMC patient activity statistics for the five years ended June 30 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Inpatient Admissions	62,352	62,921	58,320	60,713	60,599
Outpatient Visits	2,248,881	2,736,194	2,741,356	2,894,811	3,108,890
Surgeries	44,741	50,740	51,388	56,040	58,897

University Hospital specialties include organ and tissue transplantation, maternity, digestive diseases, bariatric surgery and minimally invasive surgery. In addition to having a Level I Trauma Center as designated by the American College of Surgeons, University Hospital is also home to a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, central Ohio's only adult burn center and the only adult solid organ transplant program in central Ohio. University Hospital has been redesignated a Magnet[®] hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, one of the highest awards a hospital can receive for outstanding nursing services.

Ohio State East Hospital blends academic medicine with a community-based setting in a comprehensive outpatient facility and an approximately 230-bed hospital on Columbus' Near East Side. The hospital provides a full range of medical and surgical services to patients throughout central Ohio, including orthopedics, general surgery, vascular surgery, plastic surgery, ENT, cardiovascular and pulmonary care, family medicine, general internal medicine and emergency medicine. Additionally, patients at Ohio State East Hospital have access to central Ohio's leading alcohol and drug addiction recovery services, a comprehensive wound-healing center with limb preservation program, digestive disease treatment, a full-range of diagnostic services, a sleep disorders center and outpatient oncology services.

The Ohio State Heart and Vascular Center comprises the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital and the Dorothy M. Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute (“DHLRI”) and is dedicated to advancing the field of cardiovascular medicine and surgery. The University’s Ross Heart Hospital is an approximately 150-inpatient-bed facility that offers comprehensive heart and vascular care spanning every specialty from open heart surgery to electrophysiology, vascular surgery, advanced heart failure care and emergency cardiac care. The DHLRI is one of the nation’s few free-standing facilities devoted entirely to the research of diseases affecting the heart, lungs and blood vessels.

The 84-bed Ohio State Harding Hospital offers counseling services along with the most comprehensive inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services in central Ohio. Programs are available for adults and older adults with complex psychiatric disorders. Ohio State Harding Hospital’s team includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, registered nurses, occupational therapists, recreational therapists, chaplains and licensed counselors. Treatment for anxiety disorders, panic attacks, post-traumatic stress disorders, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, ADHD and trauma occurs in a supportive environment emphasizing family participation and a return to independent living.

The only free-standing cancer hospital in central Ohio and the first in the Midwest, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (“OSUCCC – James”) is an international leader in cancer prevention, detection and treatment. The OSUCCC – James is a 350-bed cancer hospital, designated a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute (“NCI”) since 1976 and one of only a few institutions nationally funded by the NCI to conduct both phase I and phase II clinical trials on novel anticancer agents provided by the NCI. The OSUCCC – James achieved Magnet® status in 2013.

Ohio State University Physicians, Inc. (“OSUP”) is the medical group managing the OSUWMC’s outpatient physician clinics. OSUP was established in 2002 and designated by the Board as the faculty practice plan for the College of Medicine. The University’s Faculty Group Practice (“FGP”) is a business unit of the Office of Health Sciences that represents the majority of the physicians delivering care to patients at the OSUWMC. Both OSUP and FGP physicians have an employment relationship with the College of Medicine in support of its teaching, patient care and research mission areas.

The Ohio State Brain and Spine Hospital has 116 beds, bringing together a multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses and scientists committed to meeting the specialized needs of patients with brain and spine disorders by restoring function, optimizing recovery and providing hope. The hospital includes more than 60,000 square feet of space with dedicated units for stroke care, neurotrauma and traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and spine surgery, epilepsy, chronic pain, acute rehabilitation, neurosurgery and sleep medicine.

Dodd Rehabilitation Hospital is home to Ohio State’s nationally accredited inpatient rehabilitation program specializing in amputee, cancer, stroke, brain and spinal cord rehabilitation. The program was the first in Ohio and is dedicated to physical medicine and rehabilitation research, training and treatment. Our Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation works to restore functioning to people who have been disabled as a result of a disease, disorder or injury.

On November 14, 2018, the OSUWMC and Bon Secours Mercy Health launched Healthy State Alliance. Healthy State Alliance brings together two organizations with complementary missions, capabilities and talents to leverage their respective strengths, significantly expand access to life-changing care and improve the health of all those they serve. Early efforts focused on addressing the opioid epidemic and increasing access to cancer and transplant care. As new critical health issues emerged such as COVID-19, Healthy State Alliance evolved and adapted to meet the needs of the communities and our internal teams.

As part of its strategic planning and development process, the University and the OSUWMC are continually evaluating opportunities that may involve the addition or acquisition of, or affiliation with, other organizations and enterprises including acute care hospital facilities, long-term care entities and other health care enterprises, or the divestiture of enterprises, operations or facilities that the OSUWMC currently owns or operates. In addition, the OSUWMC may engage in such discussions with health insurers, Health Maintenance Organizations, preferred provider organizations, third-party administrators and other health insurance-related businesses. Because the health care field is rapidly evolving, the OSUWMC is often simultaneously discussing or evaluating a variety of potential acquisitions, divestitures, combinations, affiliations, expansions and joint ventures. Many of those discussions and evaluations never progress to an actual agreement, and the University does not typically disclose such discussions or evaluations unless and until a definitive agreement is reached. See **Recent Developments**.

Other Public Institutions

Public higher education institutions in Ohio now include 14 public universities (with 24 branch campuses), including one freestanding medical college (in addition to five at public universities) and 23 two-year community and technical colleges. These institutions all receive State assistance and conduct full-time educational programs in permanent facilities.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (formerly known as the Ohio Board of Regents) is a cabinet-level agency for the Governor of the State of Ohio that oversees higher education for the State. The Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education is an appointee of the Governor, with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The current Chancellor is Mike Duffey. The Chancellor has statewide coordinating, recommendatory, advisory, and directory powers with respect to public institutions of higher education. Among the Chancellor's powers and responsibilities are to formulate and revise a state master plan for higher education; to make recommendations to the Governor of the State of Ohio and the Ohio General Assembly concerning the development of state-financed capital plans for higher education; to prepare a state plan for and be the state agency responsible for participation in federal programs relative to the construction of higher education academic facilities; to approve or disapprove the establishment of technical colleges, state institutions of higher education, community colleges and new branches or academic centers of state universities; to approve or disapprove all new degree programs at higher education institutions; to review and recommend the elimination of graduate and professional programs; to approve increases in fees and fee pledges of higher education institutions related to the issuance of new debt, and to review appropriation requests of those institutions and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the biennial higher education operating and capital appropriations.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

General

The financial statements of the University are prepared in a "business type activity" format in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* and GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for Public Colleges and Universities - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 34*. GASB Statement No. 35 defines business type activities as those financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services. Most public colleges and universities have elected to use the business type activity format. For further information see the audited financial statements of the University as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Summary of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Position

It should be noted that the required subtotal for net operating income or loss will generally reflect a "loss" for public colleges and universities such as the University. This is primarily due to the way operating and non-operating items are defined under GASB Statement No. 9, *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*. Operating expenses include virtually all University expenses, except for interest on long-term debt. Operating revenues, however, exclude certain significant revenue streams that the University and other public institutions traditionally rely upon to fund current operations, including state instructional support, current-use gifts, and investment income.

The following "Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Position" presents summary financial information for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024.

Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating Revenues:					
Tuition and fees, net ¹	\$953,569	\$869,740	\$1,003,060	\$1,060,454	\$1,094,229
Grants and contracts	796,229	840,451	888,530	1,001,952	1,144,473
Auxiliary enterprises sales and services, net	298,064	175,961	364,308	394,835	391,487
OSU Health System sales and services, net	3,449,681	3,952,605	4,178,956	4,444,419	4,888,549
OSU Physicians sales and services, net	584,222	647,601	701,680	1,006,767	1,102,050
Departmental sales and other operating revenues	<u>196,443</u>	<u>219,757</u>	<u>248,238</u>	<u>334,430</u>	<u>300,453</u>
Total operating revenues	\$6,278,208	\$6,706,115	\$7,384,772	\$8,242,857	\$8,921,241
Operating Expenses:					
Educational and general	\$2,867,230	\$2,295,373	\$2,604,953	\$3,044,261	\$3,377,437
Auxiliary enterprises	320,392	205,928	351,168	410,383	458,464
OSU Health System	3,345,167	2,728,378	3,223,874	3,964,394	4,400,375
OSU Physicians	563,200	597,475	680,845	1,020,146	1,078,267
Depreciation	<u>435,284</u>	<u>479,451</u>	<u>538,111</u>	<u>579,565</u>	<u>616,748</u>
Total operating expenses	\$7,531,273	\$6,306,605	\$7,398,951	\$9,018,749	\$9,931,291
Net operating income (loss)	(\$1,253,065)	\$399,510	(\$14,179)	(\$775,892)	(\$1,010,050)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):					
State share of instruction and line-item appropriations	\$461,838	\$486,115	\$493,248	\$508,704	\$528,536
Gifts - current use	157,511	129,723	233,381	211,735	189,492
Net investment income (loss)	233,115	1,860,926	(300,714)	515,360	988,951
CARES Act assistance ²	169,863	150,037	180,653	90,667	5,352
Grants, interest expense and other non-operating	<u>4,528</u>	<u>(26,203)</u>	<u>(61,032)</u>	<u>(63,269)</u>	<u>(21,354)</u>
Total non-operating revenues(expenses)	\$1,026,855	\$2,600,598	\$545,536	\$1,263,197	\$1,690,977
Income (loss) before changes in net position	(\$226,210)	\$3,000,108	\$531,357	\$487,305	\$680,927
Changes in Net Position:					
State capital appropriations	\$69,905	\$63,988	\$52,886	\$46,714	\$61,016
Private capital gifts	77,425	78,942	44,112	58,407	57,232
Additions to permanent endowments and other changes in net position	88,273	71,021	78,388	71,449	74,174
Increase (decrease) in net position	9,393	3,214,059	706,743	663,875	873,349
Net Position - beginning of year	\$5,672,928	\$5,682,321	\$8,899,239	\$9,605,982	\$10,269,857
Effect of GASB 87 (Leases) ³	-	2,859	-	-	-
Net Position-end of year	\$5,682,321	\$8,899,239	\$9,605,982	\$10,269,857	\$11,143,206

¹ Net of scholarship allowances in Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024 of \$238,920, \$234,727, \$268,547, \$249,555 and \$280,161 respectively.

² See **COVID-19 Pandemic** below for a discussion concerning CARES Act assistance.

³ In Fiscal Year 2022, the University implemented GASB Statement No. 87, Leases. The cumulative effect of adopting GASB No. 87 was a small increase in the University's net position as of July 1, 2020.

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The following Total Net Position (Equity) Summary presents net investment in capital assets, restricted – nonexpendable, restricted – expendable and unrestricted net position balances for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024.

Net Position (Equity) Summary
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$3,226,206	\$3,736,988	\$3,785,241	\$4,085,173	\$4,272,696
Restricted – Nonexpendable	1,622,782	1,789,304	1,870,686	1,942,078	2,051,766
Restricted – Expendable	1,125,359	2,030,928	1,560,810	1,667,347	1,798,160
Unrestricted	<u>(292,026)</u>	<u>1,342,019</u>	<u>2,389,245</u>	<u>2,575,259</u>	<u>3,020,584</u>
Total Net Position	\$5,682,321	\$8,899,239	\$9,605,982	\$10,269,857	\$11,143,206

General Receipts of the University

General Receipts pledged to the security of the Bonds and to the University's payment obligations under its swaps/derivative agreements (including termination payments if any) include virtually all the receipts of the University, excepting only receipts expressly excluded by the Indenture. Among receipts expressly excluded are State appropriations and any grants, gifts, donations and pledges, and receipts therefrom, which under restrictions imposed in the grant or promise or as a condition of the receipt are not available for payment of Debt Service Charges.

General Receipts for the five most recent fiscal years were as follows:

General Receipts of the University
(dollars in thousands)*

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Tuition, Fees and Other Student Charges	\$1,192,489	\$1,104,466	\$1,271,606	\$1,310,009	\$1,374,390
Unrestricted Government Grants & Contracts	95,394	103,376	110,212	123,563	133,018
Private Gifts and Grants	46,994	43,438	68,244	89,545	101,452
Unrestricted Interest, Dividends, and Quasi-Endowment Distributions**	216,756	206,337	220,109	284,002	333,796
Department and University Sales & Services	146,963	168,707	166,121	211,666	204,714
Auxiliary Sales & Services	344,870	202,336	407,181	436,181	450,351
Hospital Sales & Services	3,449,681	3,952,605	4,178,956	4,444,419	4,888,549
Other Sources	<u>36,004</u>	<u>21,681</u>	<u>30,197</u>	<u>59,112</u>	<u>34,409</u>
Total General Receipts	\$5,529,150	\$5,802,946	\$6,452,626	\$6,958,498	\$7,520,679

*Totals may not add due to rounding.

**The row previously titled 'Unrestricted Endowment Income' has been amended to include unrestricted interest and dividends received by the University and quasi-endowment distributions.

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Outstanding General Receipts Obligations

The University's General Receipts Bonds (including Senior Lien Obligations and Special Purpose General Receipts Obligations) as of September 30, 2025, consist of the following:

<u>General Receipts Bonds</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Series 2010 C Bonds	\$654,785,000	\$654,785,000
Series 2010 D Bonds	88,335,000	48,460,000
Series 2011 A Bonds	500,000,000	500,000,000
Series 2012 A Bonds	91,165,000	6,840,000
Series 2012 B Bonds	23,170,000	4,800,000
Series 2014 A Bonds	135,985,000	37,165,000
Series 2016 A Bonds	600,000,000	461,567,000
Series 2016 B Bonds	30,875,000	9,790,000
Series 2017 Bonds	69,950,000	24,280,000
Series 2020 A Bonds	185,995,000	109,015,000
Series 2021 A Bonds	600,000,000	570,285,000
Series 2023 A-1 Bonds	164,410,000	164,410,000
Series 2023 A-2 Bonds	164,410,000	164,410,000
Series 2023 B Bonds	265,570,000	262,630,000
Series 2023 C Bonds	111,885,000	111,885,000
Series 2023 D-1 Bonds	125,000,000	125,000,000
Series 2023 D-2 Bonds	150,000,000	150,000,000
Series 2024 A Bonds	<u>63,755,000</u>	<u>63,755,000</u>
Total:	\$4,025,290,000	\$3,469,077,000

Interest Rate Swaps

As part of its debt management, the University is also party to the following floating-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements with a total notional amount of \$328,820,000 as of September 30, 2025:

<u>Notional Amount</u>	<u>Related Bond Series</u>	<u>University Pays</u>	<u>University Receives</u>	<u>Counterparty</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>
\$164,410,000	Series 2023 A-1	1.188%	SIFMA*	Barclays	6/1/2023	6/1/2043
\$164,410,000	Series 2023 A-2	1.264	SIFMA	Wells Fargo	6/1/2023	6/1/2043

*Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) weekly variable rate index.

The University's obligations with respect to its interest rate swap agreements, including any obligation to make termination payments, are secured by a pledge of the University's General Receipts on parity with other General Receipts Obligations.

Operating Budget Procedures

For its Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan, the University continued its long-standing approach of adopting a budget that encompasses all operating funds of the University. This approach affords a holistic view of all operations of the University in an easily understood format that enables the University to highlight the evolution of funding sources which allows leadership to make informed strategic decisions in a timely manner.

The University divides its operating funds budget into a general fund budget (Columbus Campus and, separately, Regional Campuses and the Agricultural Technical Institute), an earnings fund budget, and a restricted fund budget. The general fund budget includes instruction and departmental research, separately budgeted research, public service, student services, general administration, plant operation and maintenance, student aid, and reserves. General fund operating revenues are derived from two primary sources: student tuition/fees and State appropriations. Over the last decade, student tuition/fees have increased at a faster pace than State appropriations and have become the University's largest source of general fund revenue. The earnings fund budget includes all expenditures supported

by the hospitals and student-generated revenues, including room and board, bookstore, intercollegiate athletics, and related income. The restricted fund budget includes all expenditures supported by revenues from grants, contracts, gifts, and donations, and appropriations from the State intended for specific purposes.

The University adopts a general fund operating budget for each fiscal year by allocating to the colleges the increases (or decreases) in State Share of Instruction, student tuition/fees, and indirect cost recoveries collected on research projects. These allocations are based on the enrollments and research efforts adjusted for each college's share of administrative, space, research, and student services costs. Recommendations concerning fees, salaries, benefits, other revenues and expenditures, as well as budget requests for the colleges and support units are developed by the President and senior staff in consultation with the Council of Deans, Senate Fiscal Committee, and other University constituencies and are subject to review and approval by the Board of Trustees.

Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Results

Fiscal Year 2025 audited financial results will be provided as part of the Annual Update to Bondholders on or before December 31, 2025. Interim financial reports (preliminary and unaudited) for each quarter of Fiscal Year 2025 were presented to the Finance & Investment Committee at each Board of Trustees meeting and are available on the University's Office of Business and Finance website:

<https://busfin.osu.edu/university-business/debt-management/investor-relations-continuing-disclosure>.*

* Such interim financial reports are not incorporated into and do not constitute a part of this update to Bondholders.

Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan

The University's Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan reflects an estimated \$11.5 billion of sources and \$10.9 billion of uses resulting in an operating margin (sources less uses) of \$565 million. The University's budget presentation is based on a modified cashflow approach for both revenues and spending that removes the impact of non-cash accruals and depreciation. The Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan projects total sources growth of 4.7% driven primarily by increases in the Health System and OSU Physicians attributable to an estimated increase in adjusted admissions, outpatient growth and some rate increases. Fiscal Year 2026 uses are projected to increase by 7.7% reflecting compensation and benefit increases, strategic hiring across the enterprise, and strategic investments.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the University also approved a \$1.54 billion Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Investment Plan which includes \$325.8 million for new projects beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 and \$1.21 billion of remaining spending for projects approved in prior fiscal years. Major capital projects approved in prior capital budgets that were in various stages of construction include: Phase 2 of the College of Engineering's Biomedical and Materials Engineering Complex, the Waterman Multispecies Animal Learning Center, the OSUWMC Inpatient Hospital, the Outpatient Care facility located in Powell, and the renovation of Campbell Hall. Major new projects approved for Fiscal Year 2026 include the 1922 Club located at Ohio Stadium, along with scoreboard and audio system improvements for Ohio Stadium, Bill Davis Stadium, Buckeye Field, Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, and the Woody Hayes Athletic Center. Capital projects are funded from a variety of sources including gifts, state appropriations, debt financing, and University funds. The following table summarizes estimated spending by fiscal year for projects included in the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Investment Plan.

<u>(dollars in millions)</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>Total</u>
Prior Commitment Remaining Spend	\$557.1	\$413.9	\$209.8	\$20.9	\$11.1	\$1,212.8
New Fiscal Year 2026 Projects	<u>197.3</u>	<u>57.8</u>	<u>52.0</u>	<u>16.9</u>	<u>1.8</u>	<u>325.8</u>
Total Estimated Capital Spend	\$754.4	\$471.7	\$261.8	\$37.8	\$12.9	\$1,538.6

The Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan, is available on the University's Office of Business and Finance website: <https://busfin.osu.edu/university-business/financial-planning-analysis/university-operating-budget>.*

* The Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan is not incorporated into and does not constitute a part of this update to Bondholders.

State Operating Appropriations

All public universities in Ohio receive financial assistance for both operations and designated capital improvements through appropriations by the Ohio General Assembly. These appropriations constitute a portion of the University's annual operating budget and contribute substantially to the successful operation and maintenance of the University. State operating appropriations are allocated across Ohio public universities based on their share of

enrollment and degree completions, indexed for financially and academically at risk resident undergraduate students, medical and doctoral subsidy as well as other criteria intended to advance the goals of the state. The following table shows State operating appropriations to the University (all campuses) for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2025.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>State Operating Appropriations</u>
2021	\$491,065,200
2022	498,160,700
2023	513,644,100
2024	533,610,200
2025	545,463,221

State Capital Appropriation

Every year the University updates its five-year capital investment plan. Administrators work with colleges and central offices to prioritize capital needs, based on standing criteria and areas of emphasis. This provides the basis for a State capital appropriation request which is submitted every other year to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The request identifies the projects proposed to be financed with State appropriations by the General Assembly and the purpose, priority, amount, and source of funds for those projects. The Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education may approve, modify, or disapprove aspects of the University's capital appropriation request. The following table shows capital spending funded from State capital appropriations to the University for recent fiscal biennia and an estimate for the current fiscal biennium.

<u>Fiscal Biennium</u>	<u>State Capital Appropriations</u>
2017-18	\$151,487,000
2019-20	134,805,000
2021-22	116,874,000
2023-24	107,730,000
2025-26 (est.)	137,016,043

State appropriations constitute a portion of the University's annual operating and capital budgets. Under the Ohio Constitution, an appropriation may not be made for more than a two-year period. There can be no assurance that State appropriated funds for operating, or capital improvement purposes will be made available in the amounts requested or required by the University. The General Assembly has the responsibility of determining such appropriations biennially and is not under a legal obligation to make appropriations in accordance with the budget requests of the University. State income and budget constraints may from time to time compel a stabilization or reduction of the level of State assistance and support for higher education in general and the University in particular. In addition, such appropriations (and other similar appropriations) are subject to subsequent limitations pursuant to an Ohio Revised Code section, implemented by the Governor from time to time in the past, which provides in part that if the Governor ascertains that the available revenue receipts and balances for the current fiscal year will in all probability be less than the appropriations for the year, he shall issue such orders to the State agencies to prevent their expenditures and incurred obligations from exceeding such revenue receipts and balances.

Recent Developments

General

The State ended Fiscal Year 2025 with a General Revenue Fund (GRF) fund balance of \$1.1 billion, unchanged from Fiscal Year 2024, reflecting revenues and transfers-in of \$46.3 billion, and disbursements, encumbrances, and transfers-out of \$45.2 billion. GRF tax receipts came in \$1.0 billion above estimate driven largely by the performance of the personal income tax and the sales tax which ended the year \$691 million (7.1%) and \$284 million (2.1%) above estimate, respectively. Non-tax GRF revenues came in \$173 million (1.2%) above estimate. Fiscal Year 2025 GRF disbursements were \$141 million (-0.3%) below estimate driven predominantly by lower than estimated Health and Human Services expenditures that were \$237 million (-10.8%) below estimate largely due to payment timing across the year.

The State's enacted budget for Fiscal Year 2026 projects revenues and transfers-in totaling \$47.1 billion that together with the \$1.1 billion beginning fund balance supports \$46.3 billion of disbursements, encumbrances, and transfers-out, resulting in a Fiscal Year 2026 projected ending balance of \$850 million.

In October 2019, the University launched its most ambitious community-building and fundraising endeavor in history. *Time and Change: The Ohio State Campaign* sought to engage a record one million supporters with a financial goal of \$4.5 billion. The campaign focused on three core areas: i) student success; ii) research and discovery; and iii) healthy, vibrant communities. Through the campaign's conclusion in May 2025, more than \$5.4 billion was pledged from more than 817,000 supporters.

Announced as part of President Carter's 2025 State of the University address, Ohio State's strategic plan, "Education for Citizenship 2035", outlines a plan built on six themes —academic excellence including a new AI fluency initiative, research and innovation, healthcare, talent and culture, operational effectiveness, and intercollegiate athletics. Several initiatives are specified within the strategic plan, including: i) scholarship programs to expand access and opportunity for Ohioans, ii) a \$100 million effort to attract and retain the world's most eminent faculty, iii) hiring 100 new AI experts to support the University's new AI fluency initiative, iv) growing the University's research enterprise to \$2 billion, v) expanding enrollment in the Colleges of Nursing and Veterinary Medicine, vi) opening a Career Services Center of Excellence, with the goal of expanding opportunities for internships and experiential learning, and vii) becoming the nation's most veteran-friendly university. University departments will utilize key performance indicators to monitor and evaluate performance outcomes, and the University will communicate progress and adapt the plan on an ongoing basis.

The University continues to advance development of its West Campus Innovation District, renamed the "Innovation District at Ohio State" from "Carmenton" in 2025. The Innovation District at Ohio State brings together the academic and research synergy of the University with strong corporate industry partnerships in innovation and entrepreneurship and is a collaborative economic initiative with the City of Columbus, JobsOhio and many others. The Innovation District at Ohio State encompasses 350 acres on the western edge of the University's Columbus Campus with development planned to occur in multiple phases over many years. Phase 1A of the Innovation District at Ohio State is anchored by the 2023 openings of the Pelotonia Research Center, the James Outpatient Care facility, and the Energy Advancement and Innovation Center. In May 2024, plans for a Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Center (CEC) were approved. Science and Technology Campus Corporation ("SciTech"), a university-affiliate, is developing the five-story, approximately 120,000-square-foot multitenant building supporting research and technology uses. In November 2024, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution permitting the University to enter into a Master Agreement with SciTech and Tishman Speyer Properties, L.P. or its affiliate (Tishman Speyer), which Master Agreement sets forth a process for SciTech and Tishman Speyer to enter into ground leases and ground subleases in phases for an approximately 50-acre portion of the Innovation District at Ohio State. Also in November 2024, the Board of Trustees approved a ground lease to SciTech for Phase 1B under the Master Agreement, an approximate 13 acres mixed-use project that may include commercial residential buildings, ground floor retail, structured parking and other ancillary uses. SciTech, in turn, will then sublease certain vertical parcels within the 13-acre ground leased area to Tishman Speyer for development. Continued development of Phase 1 and future phases by the University will align with the University's broader strategic planning.

After receiving a complaint from a former student-athlete in April 2018, the University initiated an independent investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct by a former University physician, Dr. Richard Strauss. Strauss was employed from 1978-1998 and died in 2005. In May 2019, the University released a report from the independent investigators that detailed acts of sexual abuse against at least 177 former students by Strauss during his employment with the University.

The University first reached settlements totaling \$46.7 million with 185 individual claimants. Then, on May 7, 2021, the University launched an individual settlement program for eligible plaintiffs in five active legal cases with the program closing on September 4, 2021, with 47 eligible enrollees with resolutions totaling \$11.1 million. The federal district trial court granted the University's motions to dismiss in all cases and plaintiffs appealed those decisions to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. During the pendency of the appeals, the University reached settlements with 64 additional individual claimants. In total, the University has settled with 296 survivors for approximately \$60 million. A three-judge panel of the appellate court reversed and remanded the first two appellate cases back to the trial court for further development of the record on the issue of statute of limitations. The University then requested the entire Sixth Circuit rehear that decision, which request was denied. The University next petitioned but the United States Supreme Court declined to consider the issues involving the statute of limitations. The remaining cases will now proceed on a litigation path to include further dispositive motions. The trial judge has ordered the parties to participate in mediation while the discovery process proceeds. No taxpayer, tuition or donor funds are being or will be utilized to pay any settlement amounts for the settled actions. All funds to be paid as part of the settlement will be drawn from existing institutional discretionary funding.

It is possible that additional lawsuits could be filed. While litigation is inherently unpredictable and the outcome of the pending and potential litigation cannot be determined at this time, management of the University is of the opinion that the aggregate amount that may ultimately be paid by the University with respect to these legal actions will not have a material adverse effect on the University's ability to meet its obligations to holders of General Receipts Obligations or to satisfy its other financial commitments.

Dr. Peter Mohler served as Executive Vice President of Research, Innovation and Knowledge (ERIK) for the University. At the beginning of July 2025, Dr. Mohler was named the President of the University of Alabama and began in his new role on July 21, 2025. The University announced that ERIK will remain a distinct entity reporting directly to the Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Ravi Bellamkonda and that John M. Horack will serve as the Vice President for Research, his appointment commencing October 1, 2025, where he will lead ERIK. Mr. Horack joined the University in 2016.

Recent Federal Developments

The University receives funding from the federal government through a variety of programs. Legislative and executive actions, including but not limited to actions seeking to freeze, reduce, eliminate, or reallocate federal grant, loan, and other financial assistance or spending, could affect the availability of such federal funds.

On March 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") announced that it sent a letter to 60 institutions of higher education, including the University, warning of potential enforcement actions if they do not fulfill their obligations to protect Jewish students on campus, including uninterrupted access to campus facilities and educational opportunities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The letter noted that institutions that do not fulfill their obligations under Title VI will be subject to the potential loss of federal funding.

On March 14, 2025, OCR announced that it opened an investigation into 45 universities, including the University, for allegedly engaging in race-exclusionary practices in its graduate programs related to support of a conference organized by The PhD Project, a legally separate non-profit organization not affiliated with the University. On September 23, 2025, the University received a determination letter from OCR that despite no longer being a member of the PhD Project, the University's prior membership violated Title VI. OCR requested that the University sign a resolution agreement requiring the University to disclose any membership or partnership that may be limited by race, along with additional information about the membership. The University signed a resolution agreement with customary changes on October 3, 2025, and will submit the requested documents to OCR by February 1, 2026. The University will take steps to cancel any membership or partnership that is restricted based on race.

Other recent federal developments, including actual, proposed, and potential legislative and executive actions and initiatives, such as regulatory and legislative changes to programs administered by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Education, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and others may, directly or indirectly, significantly impact the amount of federal funding received by the University in the current fiscal year and in future fiscal years if implemented.

While the financial impact of recent federal developments to the University is not quantifiable at this time, management of the University is of the opinion that they will not have a material adverse effect on the University's ability to meet its obligations to holders of General Receipts Obligations or to satisfy its other financial commitments.

COVID-19 Pandemic

COVID-19 Status at the University

The University has fully transitioned back to primarily in-person student instruction, in-person meetings and events, full capacity seating in on-campus dining areas and sporting events and unrestricted group activities at campus recreation centers. Masks are currently optional in most indoor spaces on campus including residence halls, dining facilities, classroom facilities, offices, and the Ohio Union. Mandatory COVID testing is no longer required. While all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to stay up to date on vaccinations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the University announced on April 24, 2023 that it would no longer require COVID-19 vaccination for students, faculty, and staff, with the exception of those who are subject to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other requirements. The University's transition away from a vaccination requirement coincides with the expiration of the federal public health emergency, is in response to changes in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Emergency Use Authorization of COVID-19 vaccinations and is compliant with Ohio law.

The University continues to monitor public health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and all relevant state and federal agencies and will adjust its campus health and safety protocols as necessary.

Financial Impact of COVID-19

The financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been mitigated in part by the University's receipt of funds from federal government relief programs starting with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Approximately \$14 billion of CARES Act funds were designated for higher education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The University's share of the CARES Act allocation to higher education institutions was \$42.9 million (with 50% of such allocation required to be provided to students in the form of emergency financial aid grants). The CARES Act also established a \$175 billion allocation for a health care provider relief fund. The University hospital system and the James Cancer Hospital have received total CARES Act funding of \$178 million. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also provided accelerated advance payments of Medicare reimbursements to health systems that, in effect, provided an interest free loan for one year, with repayments accomplished by netting the advanced amount against future Medicare claim amounts. The University and its affiliates received a total of \$287 million in accelerated advance payments of Medicare reimbursements, all of which was repaid by December 2022. Additional stimulus support was provided by way of the Coronavirus Relief Fund also established under the CARES Act and from which the State of Ohio awarded the University a total of \$42 million. Finally, the University received nearly \$3 million in stimulus for various other aspects of its operation and services.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 (CRRSAA) authorized \$82 billion in support for education through HEERF II, which allocated \$65 million to the University, comprised of \$21 million for direct student aid and \$44 million allocated to the institution. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) authorized an additional \$40 billion to higher education institutions with the University's allocation totaling \$115 million, with that amount split nearly equally between direct student aid and institutional support. This fund is being administered by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administration (NASFAA). The University and the health system also received FEMA public assistance funds, reimbursing certain COVID-19 related expenses including labor, medical equipment, PPE, testing services, and enhanced cleaning. From Fiscal Year 2021 through Q1 of Fiscal Year 2025, the University and health system received a total of \$53.9 million in FEMA funds. An additional \$24.5 million has been submitted to FEMA for review with no current plans to submit any additional projects. In total, the University and its hospital system have been awarded \$787 million in stimulus funding (\$287 million of which was in the form of temporary funding).

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Investments and Liquidity

Financial markets have experienced increased turbulence and volatility. This may in turn result in greater variability in the University's investment returns. As of September 30, 2025, the University had total operating fund cash and investments valued at approximately \$5.69 billion, of which approximately \$3.11 billion can be converted to cash on a same-day or next-day basis and approximately \$2.58 billion can be converted to cash in 2-7 days.² As of September 30, 2025, based on projected Fiscal Year 2026 average daily spending, the University had liquid assets on hand to cover 181 days of spending.

Grants and Contracts

During Fiscal Year 2024, the University's expenditures on research totaled \$1.64 billion.³ Nearly half of these expenditures (\$806 million) came from various federal agencies. The National Institutes of Health (\$400 million), the National Science Foundation (\$81 million), the Department of Defense (\$75 million), the Department of Agriculture (\$52 million), and the Department of Energy (\$30 million) were the primary federal sponsors. The remaining \$838 million came from non-federal sources (industry, state, other non-governmental entities and institutional funds) with institutional funds (\$483 million) and industrial sponsors (\$160 million) being primary sources.

The University's total research expenditures, as reported to the National Science Foundation, are managed by a number of administrative units. The primary administrative unit for external funding awarded to the University's investigators is the Ohio State University Office of Sponsored Programs, which manages the majority of the awards to academic units. In addition, some funds (primarily block grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture) are administered by the OARDC. Research expenditures by the University's investigators at the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Transportation Research Center are also included in the University's total research expenditures. Institutional funds reflect the University's investment in the research enterprise and include cost-sharing on grants for items such as facilities, equipment and graduate associate tuition.

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² The unaudited financial data in this update has been prepared by, and is the responsibility of, the University's management. KPMG LLP has not audited, reviewed, compiled, or applied agreed-upon procedures with respect to the unaudited financial data and, accordingly, does not express an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto.

³ This measure is calculated on a cash basis and is not defined by generally accepted accounting principles. As a result, it may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other organizations.

The following tables show grant and contract expenditures for sponsored projects for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 by administering unit and grant and contract awards for the same time period. Note that total awards and total expenditures will not precisely match, because awards often include multiple years of funding, whereas expenditures reflect activity in a single fiscal year. In addition, institutional cost-share contributions are not included in the awards table.

**Grant and Contract Expenditures by Administering Unit
(dollars in thousands)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Office of Sponsored Programs	\$591,971	\$587,783	\$665,311	\$747,050	\$828,255
Ohio Agricultural R&D Center*	28,962	--	--	--	--
Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital	87,442	98,672	110,583	134,278	150,388
Transportation Research Center	35,445	34,817	52,107	61,749	65,861
Institution*	151,627	425,597	441,794	448,740	482,730
Others	<u>72,813</u>	<u>89,242</u>	<u>110,597</u>	<u>107,723</u>	<u>117,093</u>
Total	\$968,260	\$1,236,111	\$1,380,392	\$1,499,540	\$1,644,327

**Grant and Contract Awards by Administering Unit
(dollars in thousands)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Office of Sponsored Programs	\$684,121	\$700,834	\$745,249	\$889,302	\$955,460
Ohio Agricultural R&D Center*	32,912	--	--	--	--
Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital	100,245	131,854	131,193	140,808	124,596
Transportation Research Center	35,445	36,683	53,989	64,854	68,354
Others*	<u>119,826</u>	<u>417,627</u>	<u>354,925</u>	<u>339,081</u>	<u>351,653</u>
Total	\$972,549	\$1,286,998	\$1,285,356	\$1,434,045	\$1,500,063

* Due to information system changes implemented in January 2021: i) awards and expenditures for OARDC can no longer be differentiated by Cost Center and are reported with Others; and ii) Institution includes support directly related to sponsored research and other research support across the University. Beginning Fiscal Year 2021, information reflects the inclusion of research-related awards and expenditures not previously identifiable.

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The following tables shows grant and contract expenditures and grant and contract awards by source for Fiscal Years 2020-2024.

Grant and Contract Expenditures by Source
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Federal Sponsors					
National Institutes of Health	\$265,890	\$285,785	\$316,583	\$361,388	\$400,195
National Science Foundation	57,879	48,648	61,621	68,295	81,383
Department of Education	10,626	10,353	12,221	14,020	15,820
Department of Defense	38,504	42,934	45,916	57,248	74,976
Department of Energy	27,688	26,674	29,058	32,100	30,238
Department of Labor	12,173	13,998	10,548	9,592	5,749
Department of Agriculture	37,563	37,042	43,453	45,973	51,568
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	9,913	8,438	9,173	8,020	8,810
Other Federal Agencies	<u>79,123</u>	<u>85,925</u>	<u>108,329</u>	<u>120,076</u>	<u>137,627</u>
Total Federal Sources	\$539,359	\$559,797	\$636,902	\$716,712	\$806,366
Industry	\$150,200	\$129,914	\$141,772	\$155,199	\$159,867
State of Ohio	47,997	43,601	63,666	65,054	73,356
Other Non-Federal Agencies	79,076	77,202	96,258	113,837	122,008
Institutional funds*	<u>151,628</u>	<u>425,597</u>	<u>441,794</u>	<u>448,738</u>	<u>482,730</u>
Total Non-Federal Sources	\$428,901	\$676,314	\$743,490	\$782,828	\$837,961
Total All Sources	\$968,260	\$1,236,111	\$1,380,392	\$1,499,540	\$1,644,327

Grant and Contract Awards by Source
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Federal Sponsors					
National Institutes of Health	\$310,929	\$337,913	\$345,931	\$366,154	\$387,266
National Science Foundation	72,608	74,872	59,232	78,031	82,191
Department of Education	13,091	11,286	12,195	20,422	14,824
Department of Defense	46,209	54,896	58,459	91,015	100,262
Department of Energy	26,154	33,220	31,740	39,461	31,513
Department of Labor	11,366	15,422	10,930	5,543	4,276
Department of Agriculture	40,894	42,763	46,850	60,948	61,166
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	11,084	7,413	7,765	8,051	10,280
Other Federal Agencies	<u>91,680</u>	<u>119,789</u>	<u>132,600</u>	<u>143,947</u>	<u>155,465</u>
Total Federal Sources	\$624,015	\$697,574	\$705,702	\$813,572	\$847,243
Industry	\$166,251	\$139,154	\$142,285	\$175,452	\$154,160
State of Ohio	53,097	49,283	69,419	66,452	103,815
Other Non-Federal Agencies*	<u>129,186</u>	<u>400,987</u>	<u>367,950</u>	<u>378,569</u>	<u>394,845</u>
Total Non-Federal Sources	\$348,534	\$589,424	\$579,654	\$620,473	\$652,820
Total All Sources	\$972,549	\$1,286,998	\$1,285,356	\$1,434,045	\$1,500,063

*Institutional funds include support directly related to sponsored research and other research support across the University. Beginning Fiscal Year 2021, information reflects the inclusion of research-related awards and expenditures not previously identifiable

The Office of University Advancement

The Ohio State University Foundation (the “Foundation”) is a not-for-profit organization formed in April 1985 which operates exclusively for the benefit of the University. The Ohio State University Foundation is the primary fundraising and gift receipting organization for the University. Through the Foundation and the Office of University Advancement, contributions to the University can be made for current use or to the Endowment Fund. The University will accept gifts and bequests of cash, securities, real estate, tangible and intangible property, life insurance, and life income programs such as pooled income funds, charitable remainder annuity trusts, or charitable remainder unitrusts and gift annuities.

The following table shows gifts and bequests to the University from individuals, businesses, and other organizations during each of the fiscal years listed below (dollars in thousands):

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Endowment Contributions</u>	<u>Private Capital Gifts</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$157,511	\$63,695	\$77,425	\$298,631
2021	129,723	63,157	78,942	271,822
2022	233,381	77,206	44,112	354,699
2023	211,735	70,589	58,407	340,731
2024	189,492	74,174	57,232	320,898

The University Endowment Fund

The University Endowment Fund is comprised of 2,771 individual funds and contains all endowment funds that were established before April 1985. The Fund is invested in the Long-Term Investment Pool and is comprised of a diversified portfolio consisting of equity, fixed income, and alternative investments. The market value of the Fund at June 30 of each of the past five fiscal years is as follows (dollars in thousands):

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
2021	\$1,333,836*
2022	1,261,195
2023	1,300,417
2024	1,387,226
2025 ⁴	1,495,153

** Includes \$43.1 million of fourth quarter market value increase in certain alternative investments. In subsequent fiscal years, these fourth quarter market value changes were captured on up to a three-month lag.*

As of September 30, 2025, the preliminary market value of the fund was approximately \$1.55 billion.⁴

The Ohio State University Foundation

The Foundation administers Unrestricted, Restricted, Endowment and Trusts and Pooled Income Funds for the benefit of the University. The market value of the 3,757 endowment funds held by the Foundation that are invested in the Long-Term Investment Pool at June 30 for the past five fiscal years is as follows (dollars in thousands):

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
2021	\$1,345,059*
2022	1,344,732
2023	1,442,201
2024	1,620,309
2025 ⁴	1,834,983

** Includes \$43.5 million of fourth quarter market value increase in certain alternative investments. In subsequent fiscal years, these fourth quarter market value changes were captured on up to a three-month lag.*

As of September 30, 2025 the preliminary market value of the fund was approximately \$1.91 billion⁵

⁴ The preliminary unaudited financial data included in this update has been prepared by, and is the responsibility of, the University's management.

The Long-Term Investment Pool

The University's Long-Term Investment Pool ("LTIP", which includes the University Endowment Fund, Foundation Endowments, certain operating funds and designated quasi endowments) is the fifth largest endowment fund of any public university or college in the United States based on information reported for Fiscal Year 2023 as part of the 2023 NACUBO-TIAA Study of Endowments. The market value of the Long-Term Investment Pool at June 30 for the past five fiscal years is as follows (dollars in thousands):

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
2021	\$7,041,973*
2022	6,960,782
2023	7,383,676
2024	7,931,714
2025 ⁴	8,619,921

** Includes \$227.6 million of fourth quarter market value increase in certain alternative investments. In subsequent fiscal years, these fourth quarter market value changes were captured on up to a three-month lag.*

As of September 30, 2025, the preliminary market value of the LTIP was approximately \$8.91 billion consisting of the following investment types and market values (dollars in thousands):⁵

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Market Value*</u>
Equity	\$3,626,069
Private Equity	2,988,267
Real Assets	709,767
Absolute Return/Hedge	972,044
Fixed Income	584,102
Cash	<u>33,735</u>
Total	\$8,913,984

** Totals may not add due to rounding*

Total returns on the LTIP net of investment fees through the month ending June 30, 2025 were:

One-year	11.81%
Three-year	9.79%
Five-year	11.55%

The University distributed approximately \$317 million and \$305 million of endowment funds for operations in Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The Short- and Intermediate-Term Pool

The University's Short and Intermediate-Term Pool represents funds available for operating and capital purposes. The market value of the Short and Intermediate-Term Investment Pool at June 30 for the past five fiscal years is as follows (dollars in thousands):

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
2021	\$3,386,482
2022	2,603,631
2023	2,515,424
2024	2,857,114
2025	2,863,516 ⁵

⁵ The preliminary unaudited financial data included in this update has been prepared by, and is the responsibility of, the University's management.

As of September 30, 2025, the preliminary market value of the Short and Intermediate-Term Pool was approximately \$3,116,869 billion and the pool consisted of the following investment types and market values (dollars in thousands):⁶

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Market Value*</u>
Bank Accounts	\$165,565
Money Market Funds	404,845
U.S. Gov't & Agency Bonds	997,801
Asset Backed Securities	553,693
Corporate Bonds	802,773
Municipal Bonds	6,995
Other Fixed Income	<u>185,247</u>
Total	\$3,116,869

** Totals may not add due to rounding*

Insurance Coverage

All real and business property (buildings and their contents) of the University is insured under an all-risk commercial property insurance policy, with some exclusions via concession agreements. The policy insures all buildings and contents on a replacement cost basis and provides coverage for business interruption, boilers, equipment, and machinery breakdown. The University self-funds all policy deductibles. Buildings under construction are insured under the builder's risk policies placed by awarded contractors or the University. Property excluded from the University's all-risk commercial property insurance policy and insured by the applicable concessionaires includes all parking garages and all utility facilities leased by the University to Ohio State Energy Partners.

With limited exceptions, all owned, leased, rented, or borrowed motor vehicles are self-insured for property damage. Liability coverage is provided by the University's excess liability program, which includes automobiles subject to a self-insured retention. All owned or leased aircraft are insured under an aviation hull and liability policy.

Workers' Compensation is self-insured by the University with the purchase of an excess policy to provide coverage for catastrophic losses. The University maintains a self-insurance program for medical malpractice liabilities arising from operation of the OSUWMC, with a purchased human clinical trials liability insurance policy.

The University purchases cyber liability insurance, which provides coverage for cyber extortion, forensics, data restoration, business interruption and Payment Card Industry fines and penalties, subject to policy terms and conditions.

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