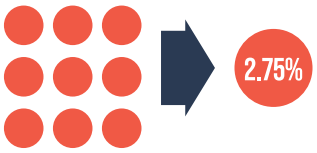
OHIO'S SCHOOL FUNDING SHIFT

LOWER STATE TAXES | HIGHER TAX BURDENS | LESS SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

1 OHIO REDUCED STATE REVENUE

State tax cuts have drained billions from Ohio's budget.

THEN	2026
9 GRADUATED TAX BRACKETS	1 FLAT RATE



Ohio's income tax structure narrowed from nine brackets to one flat rate starting in 2026

$17 BILLION LOST EACH YEAR

Five income tax rate reductions since 2005 now drain an estimated $17 billion annually from Ohio's budget.

Source: Policy Matters Ohio/ITEP, The Great Ohio Tax Shift, 2026

$10 BILLION AT RISK EACH YEAR

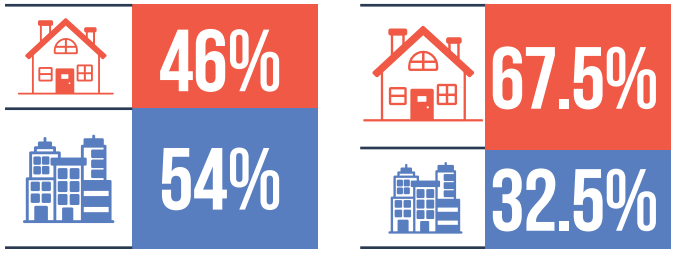
State proposals aim to scrap the state income tax entirely - a $10+ billion annual hole in state revenue.

Source: Statehouse News Bureau, 2206

2 THE BURDEN SHIFTED TO HOMEOWNERS

Tax shifts and cuts have pushed more of the cost of funding schools onto homeowners.

Homeowners now cover more of school property taxes



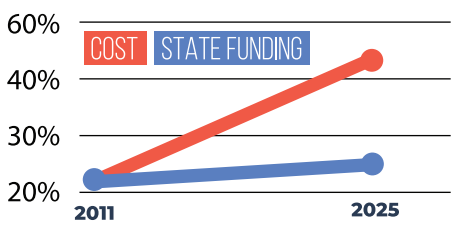
Business's share has been cut by more than a third

20-YEAR PHASE-OUT OF THE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX

The state's 20-year phase-out of the business equipment tax pushed even more of the tax bill onto homeowners.

3 SCHOOLS ARE LOSING GROUND

Funding has not kept pace with costs



State K-12 funding has grown **23%** since 2011. School costs have grown **44%**

Ohio once covered **46% OF SCHOOL COSTS.**

Today, it covers just **32%**

4 OHIO IS FALLING BEHIND

42nd IN PER-CAPITA STATE TAXES

One of the lightest state-level tax burdens in the country

8th HIGHEST PROPERTY TAX RATE IN AMERICA

44% above the national average

45th IN STATE SHARE OF K-12 FUNDING

Down from 35th nationally just two decades ago.

STATE DOLLARS PER STUDENT

NATIONAL AVERAGE	OHIO
$9,077	$6,405

NEARLY 30% BELOW AVERAGE