

Comparison of the number and percentage of low-income qualified and not low-income qualified voucher users fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025—a jaw-dropper!

Coalition/Vouchers Hurt Ohio Steering Committee member Andrew Wilson took a deep dive into Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Development voucher numbers and developed a [spreadsheet](#) showing the shift in the number and percentage of not low-income qualified and low-income qualified voucher users in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

In most districts, the not low-income group of voucher users increased dramatically percentage-wise from fiscal year 2023 to 2025 and the low-income qualified group decreased dramatically percentage-wise.

To illustrate, the percentage of voucher users identified as not low-income qualified in Centerville School District increased from 40% in fiscal year 2023 up to 91.7% in fiscal year 2025; whereas the percentage of low-income qualified voucher users decreased from 60% down to 8.3% in that same time frame.

Public funds that should be reserved for the public common school system (Article VI, section 2 of the Ohio Constitution) are freely flowing to folks that never used the public school system.

Nearly 300 boards of education have financially supported the EdChoice voucher lawsuit one or more years since FY2021. Districts continue to join on an ongoing basis. Why are not all boards of education engaged in this noble effort to preserve and enhance the public common school system?