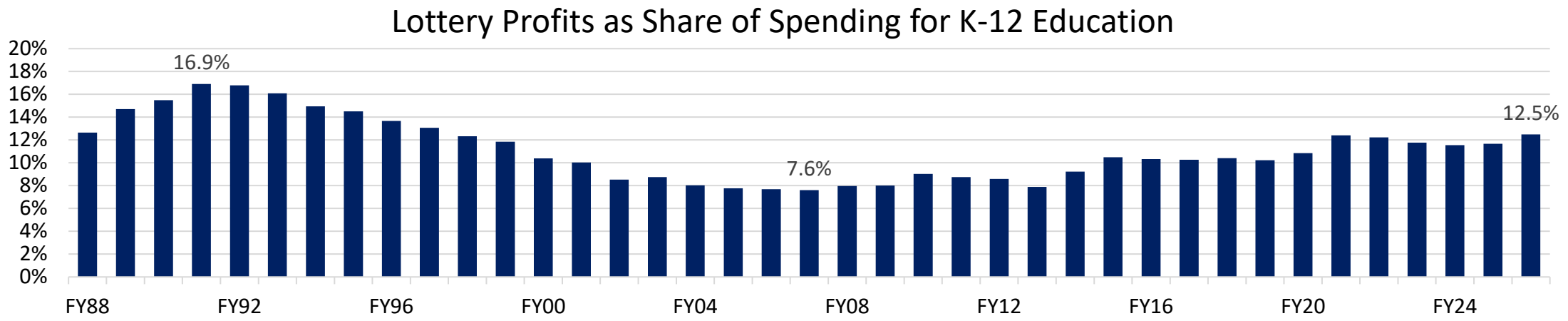
Lottery profits comprise about 12% of state spending on primary and secondary education



Sources: Ohio Lottery Commission; Ohio Legislative Service Commission

- Lottery profits have always been a relatively small percentage of total GRF and lottery spending on primary and secondary education. After reaching a peak of 16.9% in FY 1991, this percentage fell to a low of 7.6% in FY 2007 and has since increased to 12.5% in FY 2026.
- Lottery profits spending on education reached a record $1.65 billion in FY 2026, with an average growth rate of 4.9% since FY 2022.
- Video lottery terminals (VLTs) at Ohio's seven horse racetracks (known as racinos), the first of which opened in June 2012, contributed $490.5 million to lottery profits in FY 2026.
- From FY 1988 to FY 2026, total GRF and lottery spending on primary and secondary education increased by $9.82 billion (285.1%). Of this growth, $1.22 billion (12.4%) was provided by the lottery.
- The Ohio Constitution has permanently earmarked lottery profits for education since 1987. Generally, lottery profits are combined with the GRF to support primary and secondary education in Ohio.