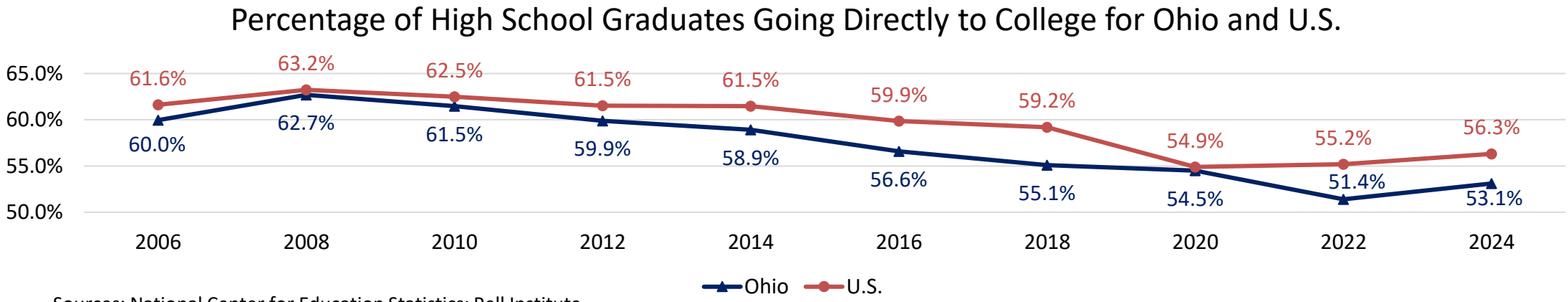
Percentage of Ohio high school graduates going directly to college increased in 2024



Sources: National Center for Education Statistics; Pell Institute

- The percentage of Ohio high school graduates going directly to college ("immediate matriculation rate") increased by 1.7 percentage points to 53.1% in 2024, according to estimates made by the Pell Institute.
- Ohio's immediate matriculation rate has generally been decreasing since its high-water mark of 62.7% in 2008. Since then, the rate has fallen 9.6 percentage points.
- Since 2006, Ohio's rate has been below the national average.
  - Ohio's rate was 3.2 percentage points below the national average in 2024.
  - The gap between the two rates was smallest in 2020, when it was 0.4 percentage points, and greatest in 2018, when it reached 4.1 percentage points.

Percentage of High School Graduates Going Directly to College in 2024 for Ohio and Neighboring States

State	National Rank	Percentage
Michigan	29	55.0%
Kentucky	30	54.8%
Pennsylvania	33	53.4%
Ohio	**34**	**53.1%**
Indiana	36	52.5%
West Virginia	40	51.3%