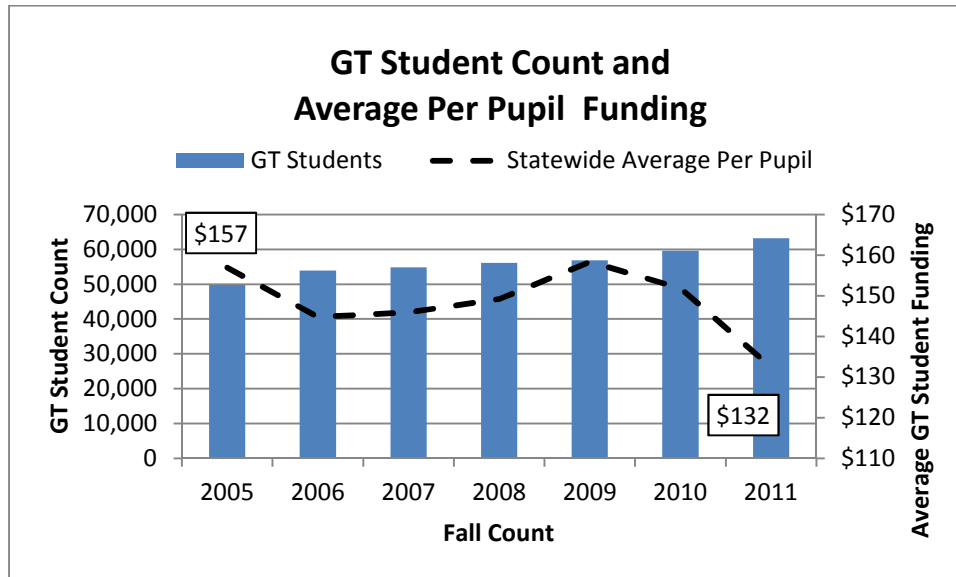


In 2011-12, the number of GT students served grew by over 3,500 students from the prior year as the funding level fell by over -\$686,000. More students are identified as needing gifted and talented service as the funding to serve this population of students has been cut.



Six years of comparison: 2005 to 2011

Statewide average per pupil funding has decreased as the number of students increased by over 13,000.

“Each administrative unit (AU) determines the local contribution towards the AU’s program plan. It is estimated that in budget year 2011-12, AUs will combine state funding with an additional \$30 million from local and other resources to provide educational programs for their gifted students.

”[Understanding Colorado School Finance and Categorical Program Funding](#), July 2011, CDE, Pg. 13.