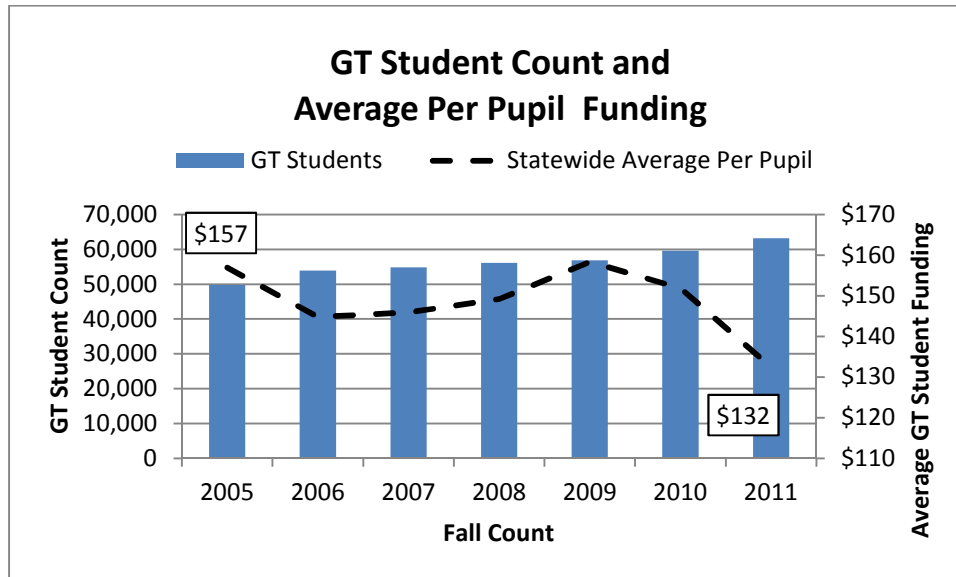


In 2011-12, the number of GT students served grew by over 3,500 students from the prior year as the funding level fell by over -\$686,000. More students are identified as needing gifted and talented service as the funding to serve this population of students has been cut.



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.*