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SIMPLIFIED BUDGET – 2025



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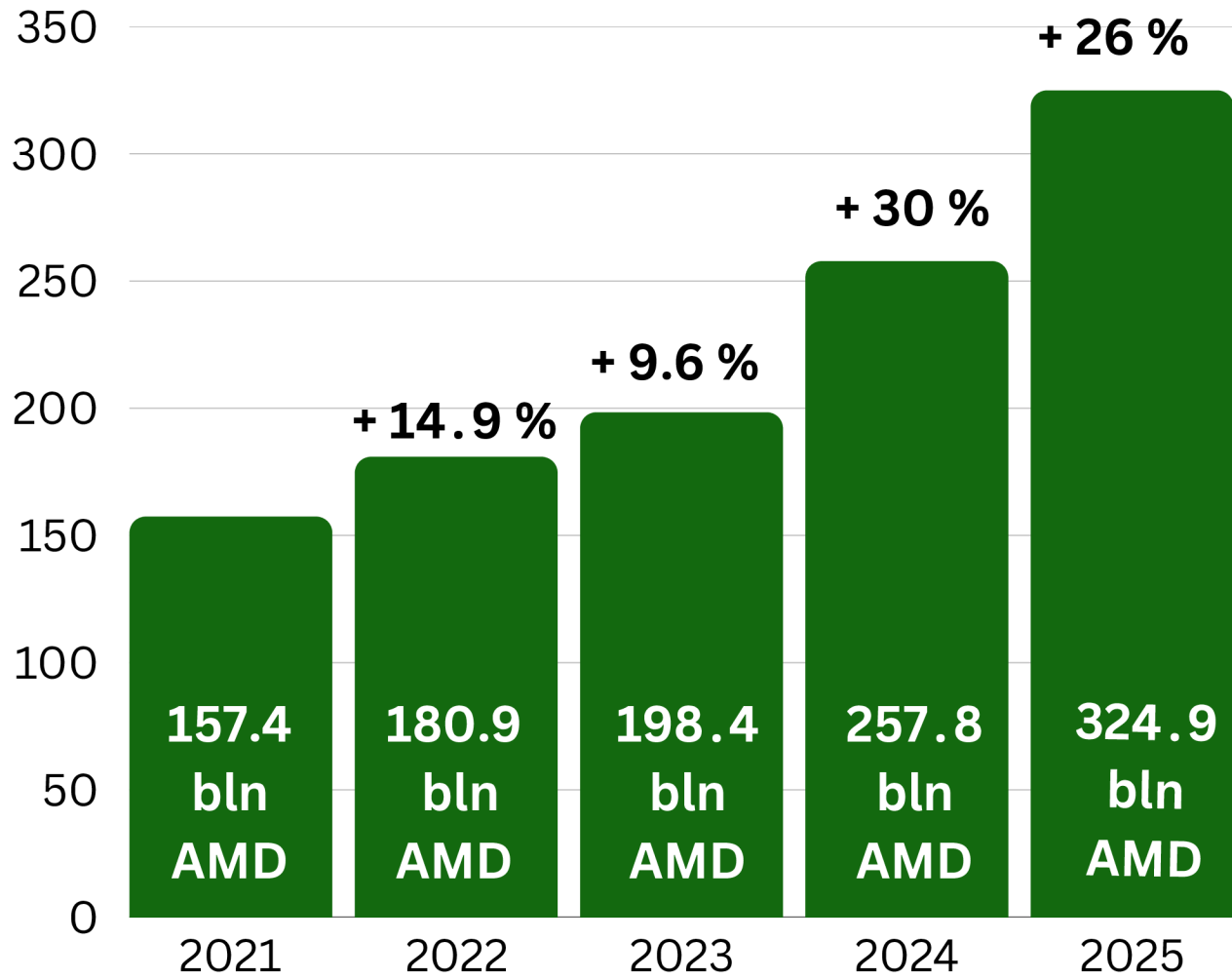
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GENERAL OVERVIEW

- The 2025 Annual Budget Law of the Republic of Armenia involves – AMD 2,837.6 bln revenues, AMD 3,441.6 bln expenditures and a deficit equaling to AMD 604 bln, or 26 %, 31.5 % and 5.5 % of the GDP respectively.
- Expenditures in the Education Sector are represented in the Annual Budget Law by programmes of Education and Science activity, which are coordinated by the RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports (MoESCS).
- According to the explanatory note of the RA Government for 2025, education is a fundamental human right, and the state has the obligation to ensure universal, equally accessible, inclusive, and quality education. It is among the priorities of the Government Programme.
- AMD 324.9 bln will be allocated to the education sector programme, which is an increase of 26 %, or AMD 67 bln drams, compared to the previous year. The share of education programme expenditures in GDP in 2025 will be 2.9 %, and 9.4% in total state budget expenditures.
- The analysis is based on the budget allocations and measures planned for 2025 under the "General Education" and "Ensuring Quality Education" programmes.

EDUCATION SECTOR BUDGET

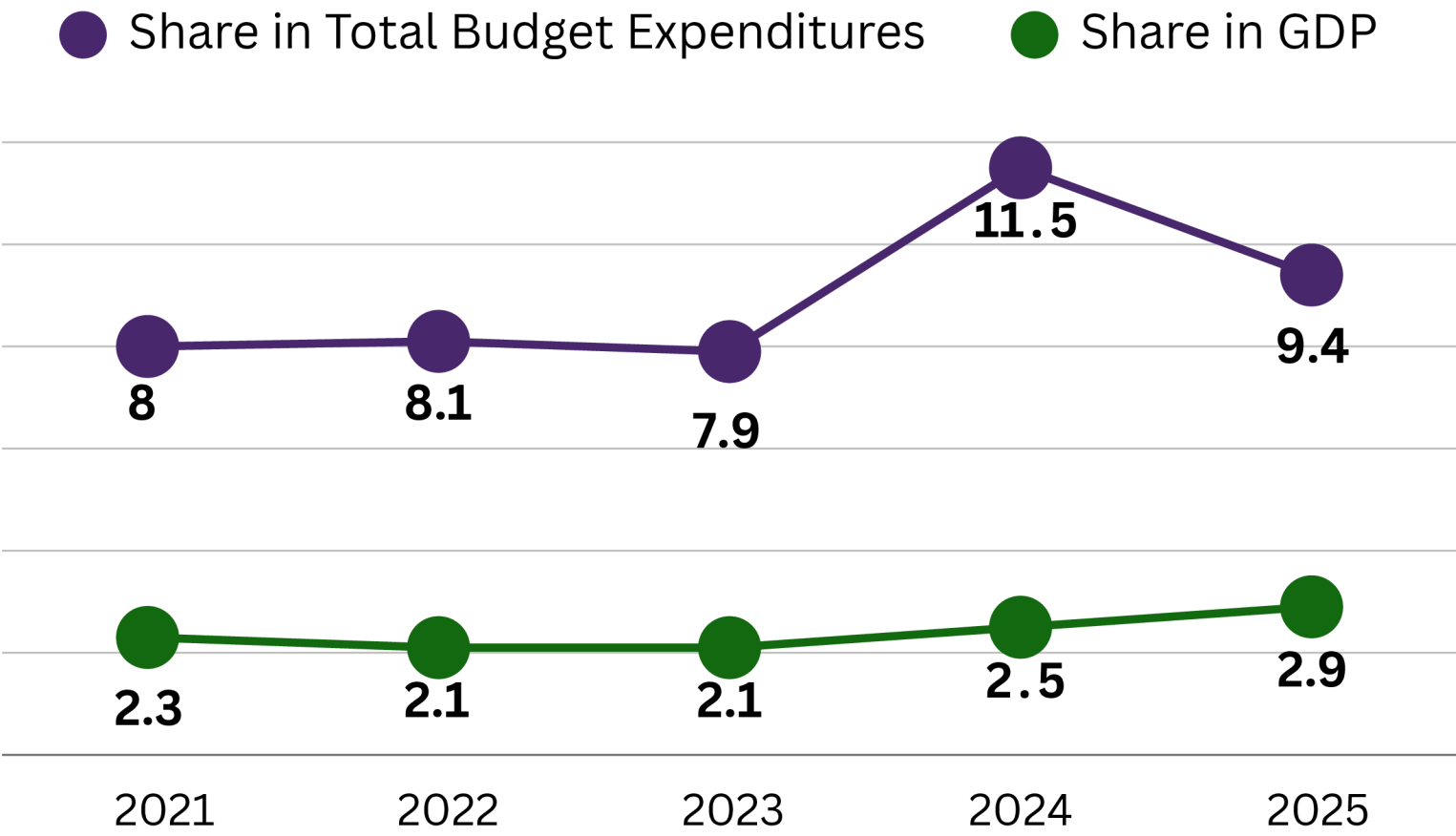
Budget of the Education Sector and its annual growth (%) in 2021-2025



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

- The budget for the Education Sector for 2021-2025 has increased in the mentioned years. The budget for 2025 will increase by 2.1 times compared to the budget of 2021, or by AMD 167.4 bln. The largest growth of 30% was recorded in 2024 compared with the budget of 2023; this is the largest growth for the specified period compared to the previous year.
- AMD 324.9 bln will be allocated to the Education Sector In 2025. This is an increase by 26 % compared to the previous year.

Share of the Education Sector Budget in Total Budget Expenditures and GDP, %, 2021-2025



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

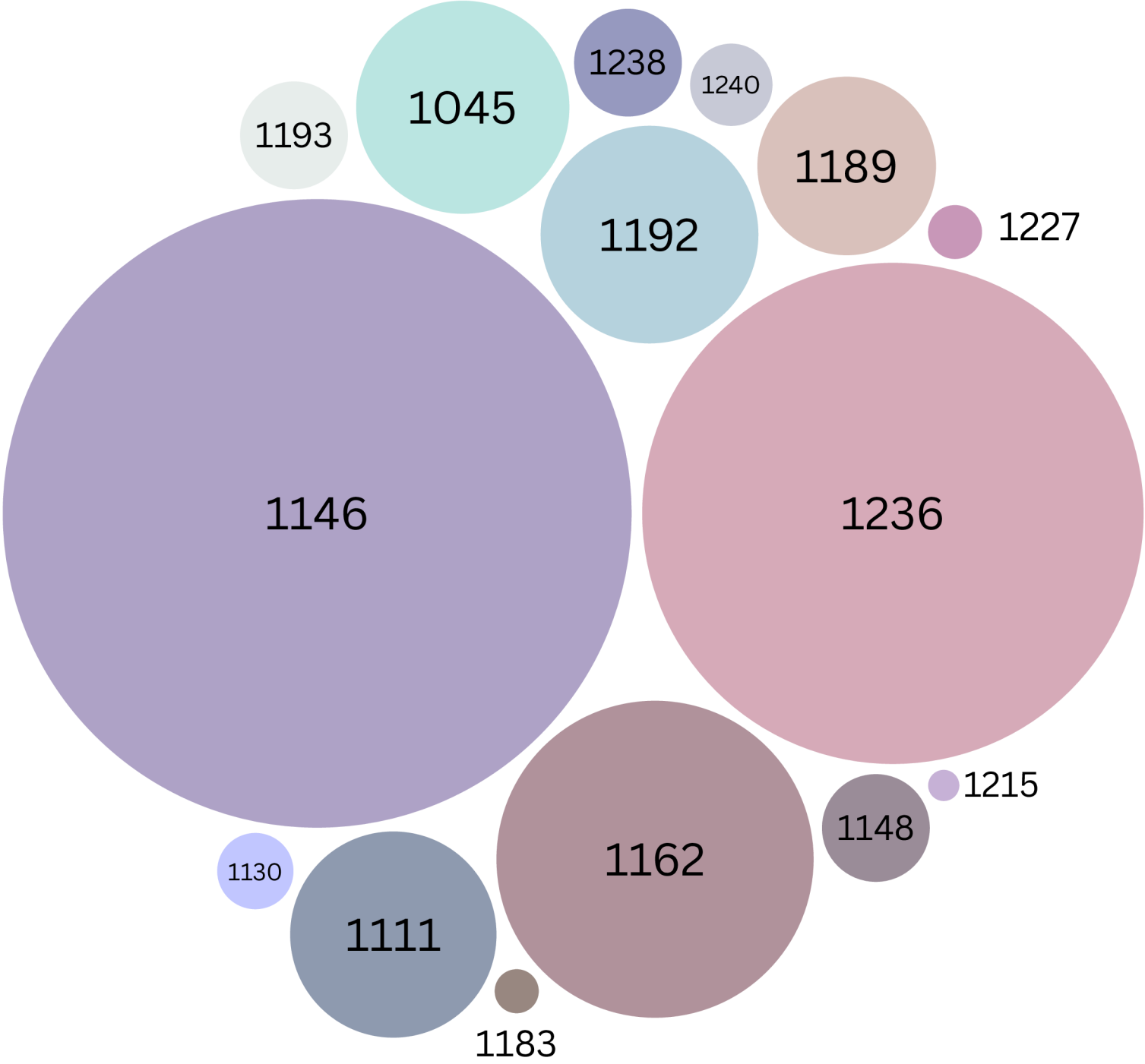
- The share of budget expenditures allocated at Education Sector programmes in the Total budget expenditures in 2025 is 9.4 %, which will decrease by 2.1 % compared to the previous year. Allocations to the Education Sector Programmes in 2025 will amount to 2,9 % of GDP, which exceeds by 0.4 percentage points compared to the previous year.

CODE	BUDGET PROGRAMMES IN EDUCATION SECTOR	2024 AMD mln	2025 AMD mln	2025/2024 %
1146	General Education Programme	126,642.7	132,760.8	4.8
1045	Primary (Craftsmanship) and Secondary Vocational Education Programme	12,381.1	15,268.7	23.3
1111	Higher and Postgraduate Professional Education Programme	13,188.7	14,164.3	7.4
1148	Extracurricular Upbringing Programme	3,887.0	3,940.7	1.4
1183	Safe School Programme	1,586.2	791	-50.1
1189	School Seismic Safety Improvement Programme	14,191.3	10,704.8	-24.6
1192	Ensuring Quality Education Programme	13,800.8	15,757.4	14.2
1193	Introduction of Universal Inclusive Education System	3,485.5	3,803.9	9.1
1162	Scientific and Scientific-Technical Research Programme	32,074.7	33,912.2	5.7
1130	Development of state policy, coordination and monitoring of programs in the fields of education, science, culture and sports	1,898.9	1,911.3	1
1215	Expanding international cooperation in the field of education, culture and sports, strengthening the educationalpotential of Armenia in the Diaspora and in foreign countries	388.8	398.3	2,4
1227	Introduction of Information and Communication Technologies in Education Sector	736.3	876.7	19.1
1236	Creation, Construction, Improvement of Public Educational and Preschool Institutions	29,971.2	84,420.2	181.7
1238	Preschool Education	3.579.6	4,031.0	12.6
1240	Creation of the "Academic City"	0	2,114.1	100

BUDGET PROGRAMMES IN EDUCATION SECTOR

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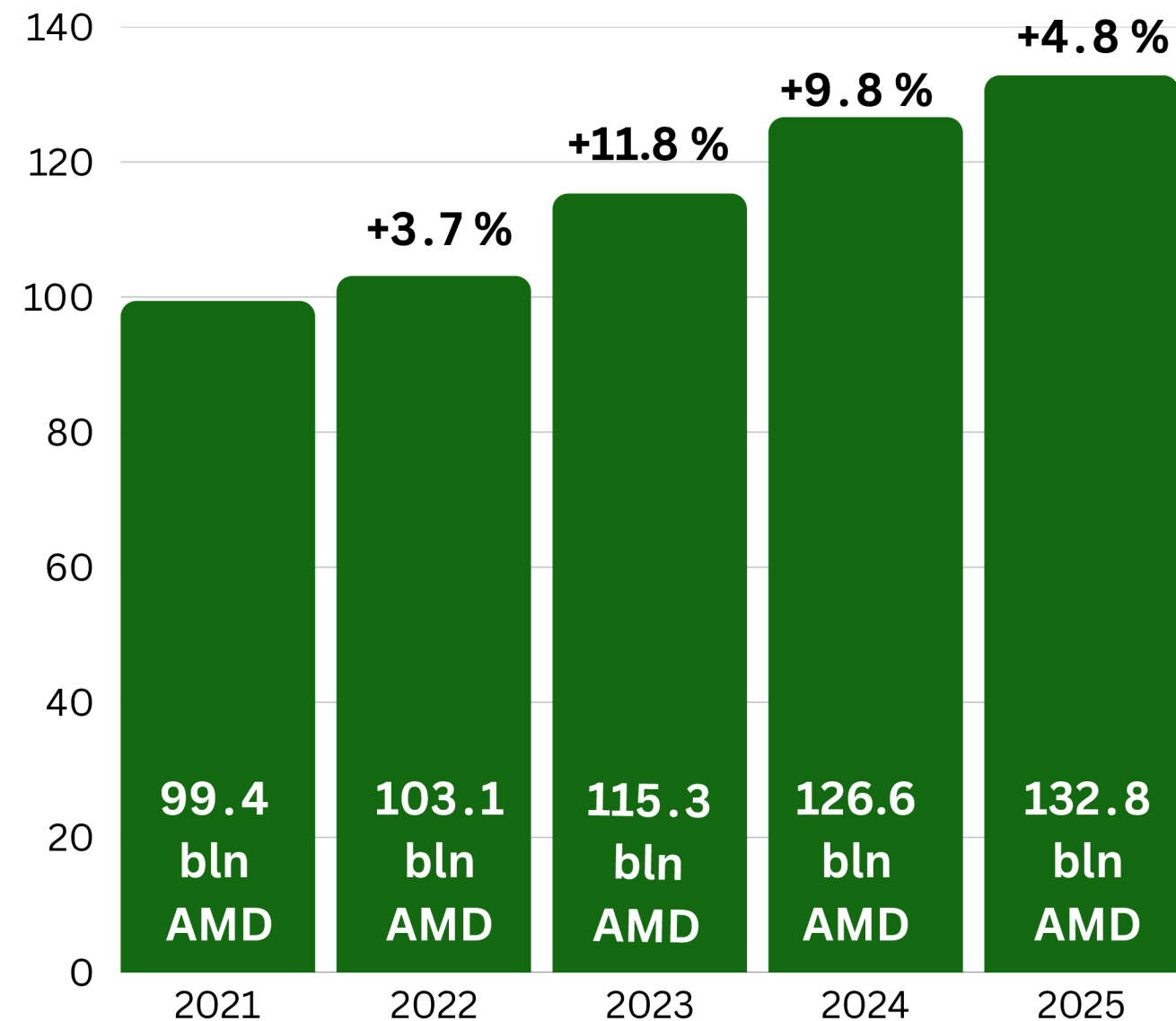
CODE	BUDGET PROGRAMMES IN EDUCATION SECTOR	2025 %
1146	General Education Programme	40.9%
1045	Primary (Craftsmanship) and Secondary Vocational Education Programme	4.7%
1111	Higher and Postgraduate Professional Education Programme	4.4%
1148	Extracurricular Upbringing Programme	1.2%
1183	Safe School Programme	0.2%
1189	School Seismic Safety Improvement Programme	3.3%
1192	Ensuring Quality Education Programme	4.9%
1193	Introduction of Universal Inclusive Education System	1.2%
1162	Scientific and Scientific-Technical Research Programme	10.4%
1130	Development of state policy, coordination and monitoring of programs in the fields of education, science, culture and sports	0.6%
1215	Expanding international cooperation in the field of education, culture and sports, strengthening the educationalpotential of Armenia in the Diaspora and in foreign countries	0.1%
1227	Introduction of Information and Communication Technologies in Education Sector	0.3%
1236	Creation, Construction, Improvement of Public Educational and Preschool Institutions	26%
1238	Preschool Education	1.2%
1240	Creation of the "Academic City"	0.7%



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

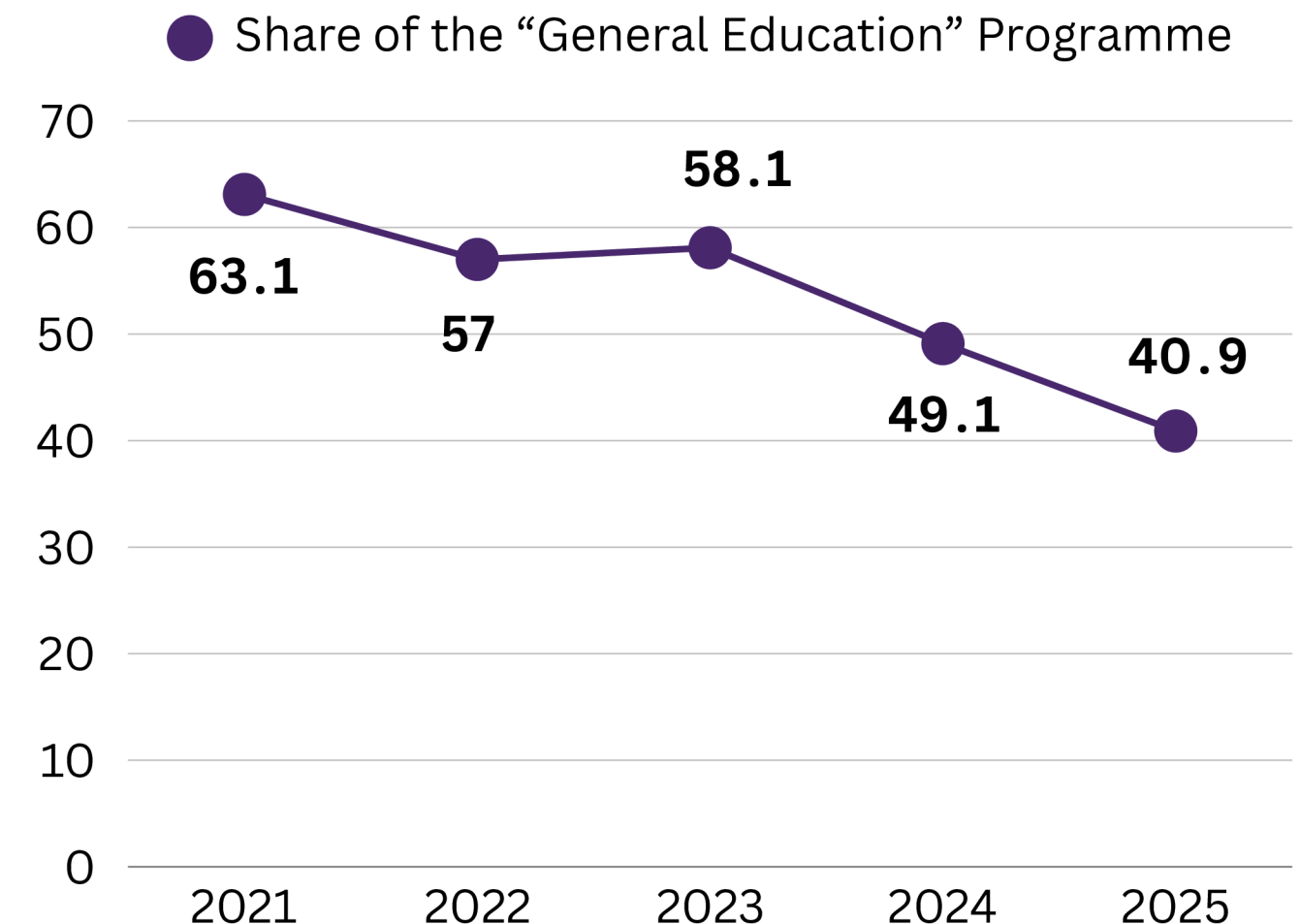
Budget of the General Education Programme and its annual growth 2021-2025, %



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

- The budget of the "General Education" programme has increased in 2021-2025 and compared to 2021, the budget in 2025 will increase by 33.5 %, or AMD 33.3 bln. The largest increase of the budget was recorded in 2023, increase by 11.8 % compared to 2022.
- AMD 132.8 bln will be allocated to the "General Education" programme in 2025, which will increase by 4.8 % compared to the previous year.

Share of the Budget of the General Education Programme in the Education Sector Budget, 2021-2025, %



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

- The major part of the budget will be allocated to the implementation of the measures of the "General Education" programme.
- 22, 23, 26, and 28 measures were implemented in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 respectively. 27 measures will be implemented in 2025.

EDUCATION: SIMPLIFIED BUDGET– 2025				
GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES	2024 AMD mln	2025 AMD mln	2025/2024 %	
Elementary General Education	40,124.4	41,929.6	4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The major part 89.6 %, or more than AMD 119 bln will be allocated to implementing general education measures.
Basic General Education	50,818.4	52,218.6	2.8	
Secondary General Education	22,907.4	24,842,1	8.4	
Special Elementary General Education	341	361.4	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.9 %, or AMD 1.3 bln, will be allocated to special general education, and 2.9 %, or AMD 3.8 bln, to general vocational education.
Special Basic General Education	512.2	557.1	8.8	
Special Secondary General Education	370.9	331.2	-10.7	
Specialized Elementary General Education	232.7	218.7	-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The expenditures for holding School Olympiads will increase by 24.3 %, with AMD 71 mln allocated to it.
Specialized Basic General Education	1,670.8	1,537.3	-4.4	
Specialized Secondary General Education	1,928.1	2,044.4	6	
Implementation of Innovative Pedagogical Approaches in General Education	126.4	126.4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations to the measure providing the educational institutions with teaching and educational materials will increase by 38.3 % and AMD 19.6 mln will be allocated to it: allocations to the measure providing students of educational institutions with textbooks and educational literature will increase by 33.9 %, and AMD 1.5 bln will be allocated to it.
Holding School Olympiads	57.1	71	24.3	
Providing the students of educational institutions with textbooks and educational materials	1,161.0	1,554.5	33.9	
Providing the educational institutions with teaching and educational materials	14.2	19.6	38.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General education measures will increase significantly in 2025, especially participation in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) will increase by 75.1 % compared to the previous year and AMD 204.4 mln will be allocated to it: AMD 946.6 mln will be allocated for the implementation of STEM education and development of robotics in schools, which will increase by 10.2 %.
Implementation of STEM education and development of robotics in schools	858.6	946.6	10.2	
Assessment and testing services	669.8	672.2	0.4	
Participation in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)	116.7	204.4	75.1	

Source: RA Ministry of Finance

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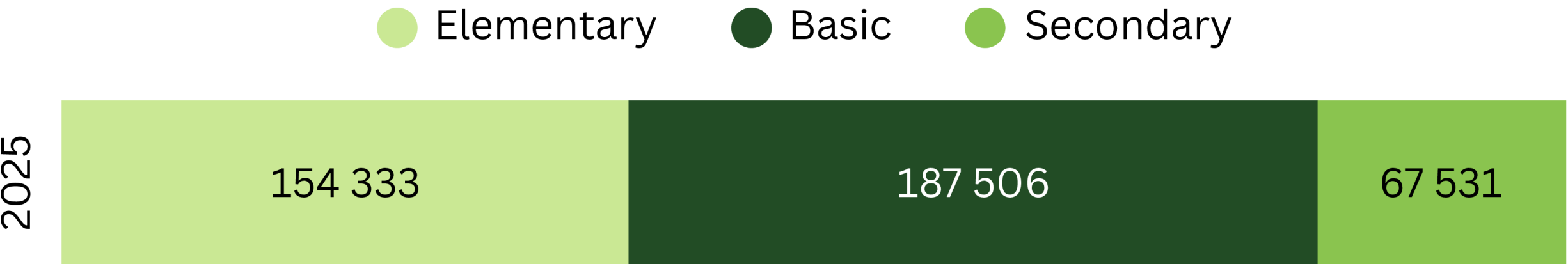
- The minimum funding of AMD 5.3 mln will be allocated to the measure of funding of experts involved in the work of the Republican Commission on Granting Qualification Category.
- Starting in 2025, funding of the measure additional payments to teachers working in multi-component classes in the Syunik region of the RA will stop.
- The compensation to teachers of state general education schools working in remote, border, mountainous and high-mountainous settlements of the RA will increase significantly, by about 4 times, or by 307.5 % compared to the previous year, for which AMD 21.9 mln will be allocated.
- The budget for the measure for textbooks fees for children from border communities of the RA receiving social assistance will be reduced by 21.2 %, AMD 94.7 mln will be allocate to it.

Source: RA Ministry of Finance

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES	2024 AMD mln	2025 AMD mln	2025/2024 %
Funding of experts involved in the work of the Republican Commission on Granting Qualification Category.	5.3	5.3	0
Compensation to teachers of the state general education schools working in remote, border, mountainous and high-mountainous settlements of the RA.	5.3	21.9	307.5
Compensation of transportation expenses for students and pedagogical workers of the general education schools.	625.3	523.3	-16.3
Compensation for textbooks fees for children from border communities of the RA receiving social assistance.	120.3	94.8	-21.2
Provision of additional payment to the teachers who have received a qualification category through attestation.	276.1	368.0	33.3
Providing nominal scholarships to students of general education schools.	64.2	134.6	109.7
Awarding the teachers of general education institutions on the occasion of "Teacher's Day".	11	11	0
Establishing a clear, increased salary scale for teachers teaching in the field of STEM (except mathematics) in all state general education institutions of the RA.	1,976.8	1,978.8	0.1
Establishing additional payments to teachers working in state educational institutions with up to 100 students in rural areas of the RA.	1,502.9	1,753.2	16.6
Establishing additional payments to teachers working in multi-component classes in the Syunik region of the RA.	13.7	0	-100
Conducting expertise of development programs of candidates for the position of director of a state general educational institution.	32	32.2	0.6
Programme to assist the teachers forcibly displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh in 2023.	162.7	202.8	24.6

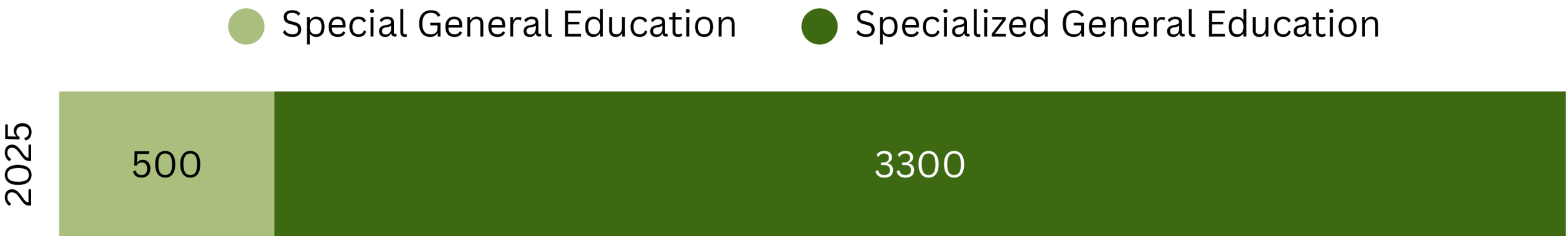
The expenditures in 2025 are intended for the education of 409 370 students studying in 20 586 classes of 1,325 general education schools

Number of students in General Secondary schools



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

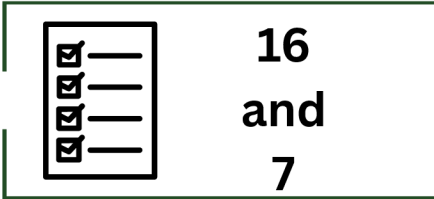
Number of students in special and specialized general education schools



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

EXPECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR 2025

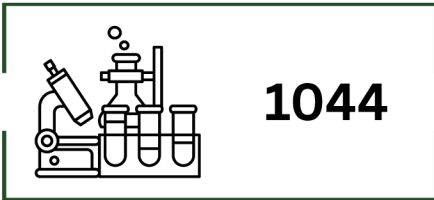
Number of Republican and International Subject Olympiads



Providing the students of educational institutions with textbooks: Number of textbooks



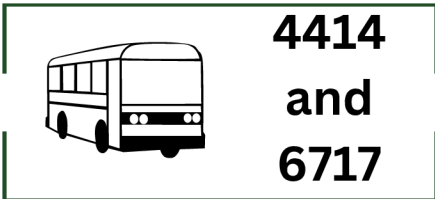
Number of groups operating in Engineering Laboratories



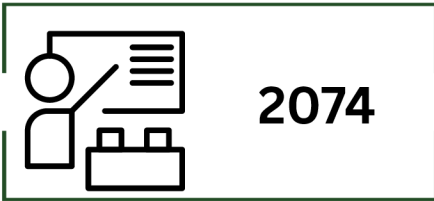
Number of participants in the main Phase of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)



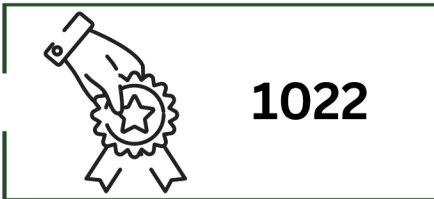
Number of students and pedagogical workers receiving compensation of transportation expenses



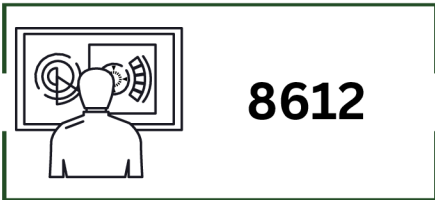
Number of teachers who have received a qualification category



Number of winners of the final stages of the Republican Olympiads and participants of the final stages of the International Olympiads



Number of teachers teaching STEM subjects in all educational institutions of the Republic of Armenia



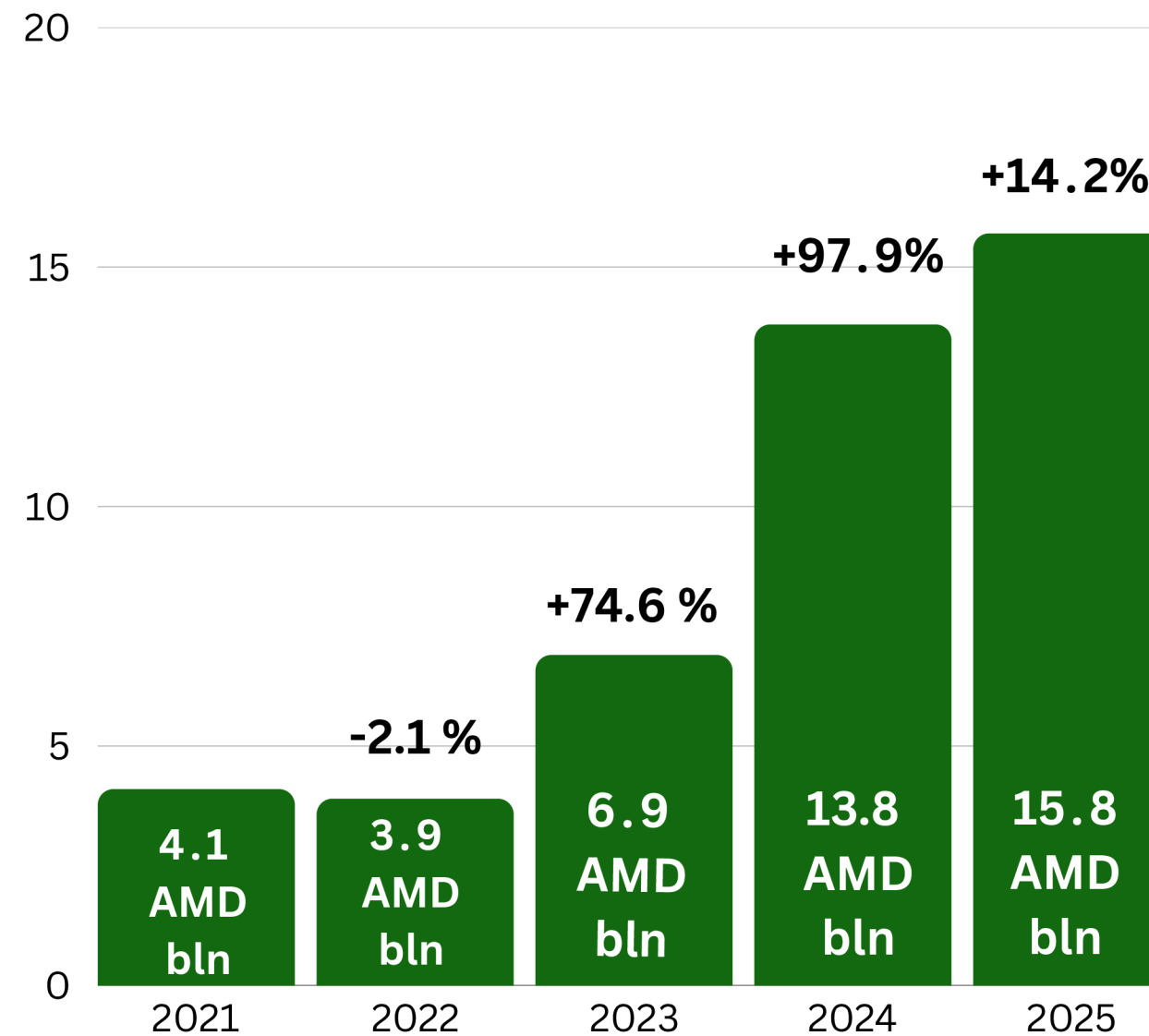
Programme to assist the teachers forcibly displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh in 2023: Number of teachers



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

ENSURING QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

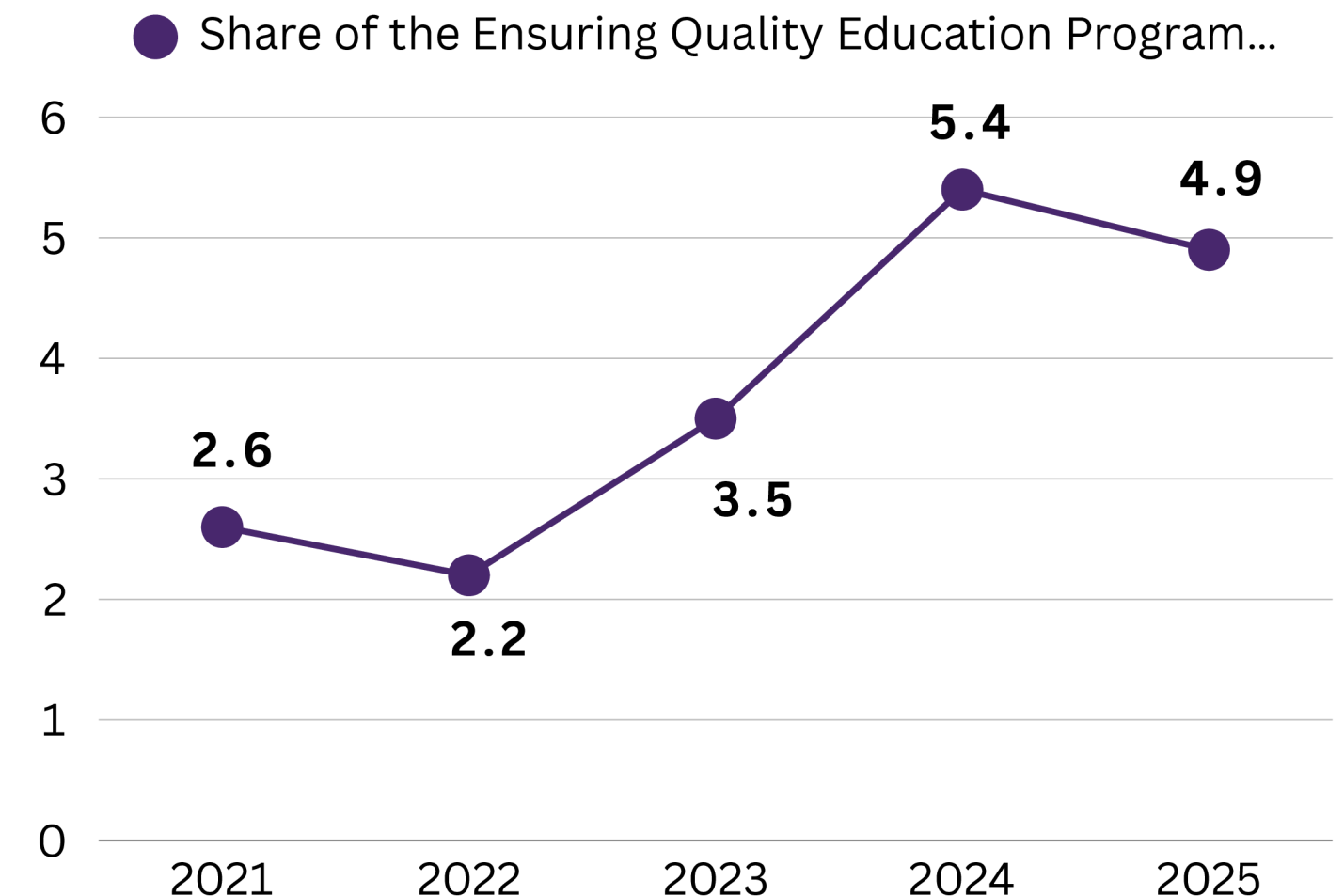
Budget of the Ensuring Quality Education Programme and its annual growth 2021-2025, %



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

- The budget for the Ensuring Quality Education Programme increased in 2021-2025, yet it decreased by 2.1 % in 2022. Compared to 2023, the 2022 budget increased by 74.6 %. The largest budget increase was recorded in 2024, 97.9 % compared to 2023. The budget for the 2025 programme will increase 3.9 times compared to 2021.
- AMD 15.8 bln will be allocated to the Ensuring Quality Education Programme in 2025, which will increase by 4.2 % compared to the previous year.

Share of the Budget of the Ensuring Quality Education Programme in the Education Sector Budget, 2021-2025, %



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

- AMD 15.8 bln will be allocated to the Ensuring Quality Education Programme in 2025, which will increase by 4.2 % compared to the previous year.
- 11, 12, 13, and 11 measures were implemented in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 respectively. 9 measures will be implemented in 2025

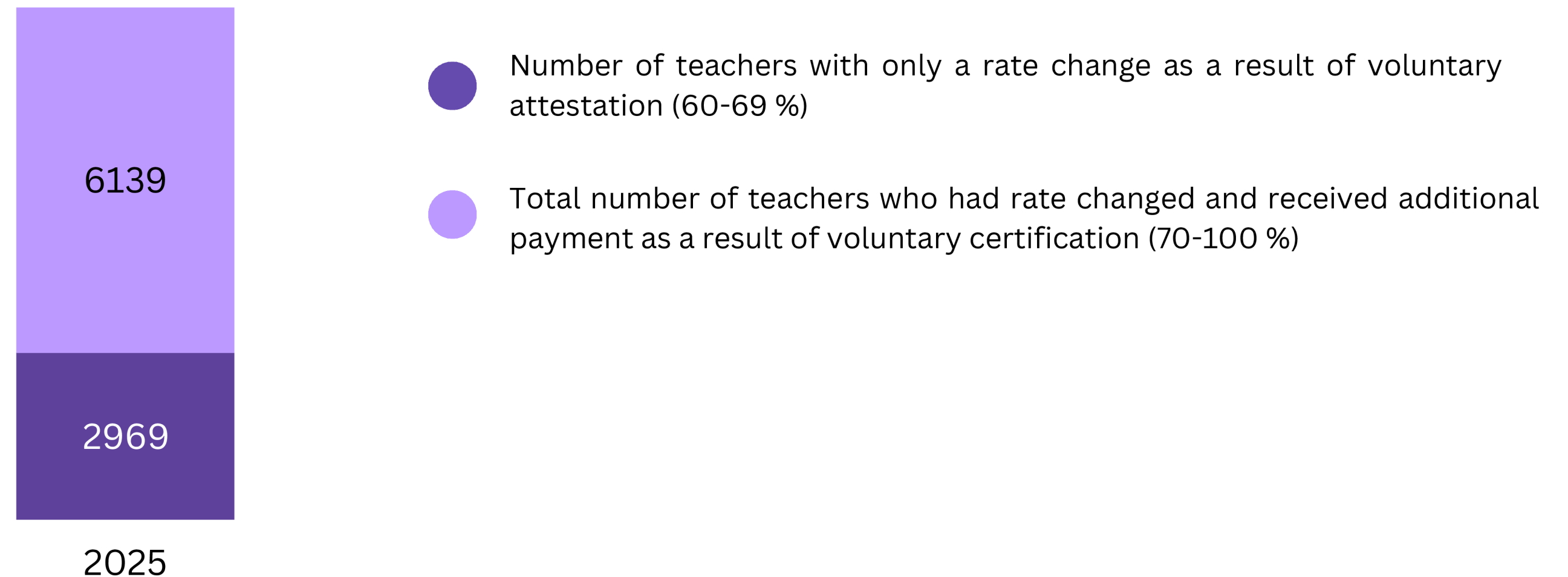
ENSURING QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES	2024 AMD mln	2025 AMD mln	2025/2024 %
Vocational Education and Training (VET) reforms	188,7	199,4	5.7
Reforms in the higher professional education system in connection with membership in the European Higher Education Area	1.4	0	-100
Awarding of academic degrees and scientific and pedagogical titles	24.2	0	-100
Content and methodological services of education	304,9	543,2	78.2
Introduction of a voluntary attestation system aimed at improving the quality of teaching staff	6.187.3	8.673.7	40.2
Production of videos on literacy, skills development, professional orientation, universal inclusion, cultural and sports education	2.9	4	37.9
Training of teachers and educators implementing basic general education programs in educational institutions who are subject to attestation	58.9	72	22.2
Training of teachers and educators implementing basic general education programs in educational institutions who are subject to attestation	683,9	735,9	7.6
Training of teachers teaching STEM subjects in public schools of the RA in accordance with new standards	487,9	138,7	-71.6
Providing public schools of the RA with STEM laboratories	2,018.9	1,667.8	-17.4
Capital investments in general education institutions within the framework of the Additional Financing Loan Program for the Education Improvement Project implemented by the World Bank.	3,841.6	3,722.7	-3.1

- The major part of the funds AMD 8.7 bln, which has increased by 40.2 %, will be allocated to the implementation of a voluntary attestation system aimed at improving the quality of teachers.
- Capital investments in general education institutions within the framework of the Additional Financing Loan Program for the Education Improvement Project, implemented by the World Bank is the second, with funding amount of AMD 3.7 bln.
- Funding of the measure “Training of teachers teaching STEM subjects in public schools of the RA in accordance with new standards” has recorded the largest decrease, by 71.6 %.
- The measure “Content and methodological service of education” will record the largest growth, by 78.2 %, to which AMD 543.2 mln will be allocated.

Source: RA Ministry of Finance

Within the framework of the programme, funds have been planned for the training of teachers in accordance with the state educational standards and subject programmes of general education, the provision of additional payments to teachers as a result of voluntary attestation, and the training of teachers subject to attestation in educational institutions implementing basic programmes of general education.

Total number of teachers who had rate changed and received additional payment as a result of voluntary attestation



Source: RA Ministry of Finance

Within the framework of the programme, significant funds have been allocated to equip state schools of general education in the regions with STEM laboratories and to train teachers teaching the mentioned subjects. The percentage of trained teachers teaching STEM subjects in general education schools in Ararat, Kotayk, and Gegharkunik marzes will reach 50 % by 2025.

Number of trained teachers teaching STEM subjects

- Ararat, Kotayk, and Gegharkunik marzes
- Shirak and Lori marzes



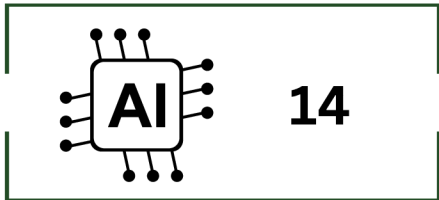
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Provision of state schools of the RA with STEM laboratories, number of schools in the marzes

Ararat, Kotayk, and Gegharkunik marzes



Number of schools equipped with computer equipment within the framework of the “Generation AI High School Project implemented with the support of the Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST)



Source: RA Ministry of Finance



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