# **EARNS Summer Outreach**





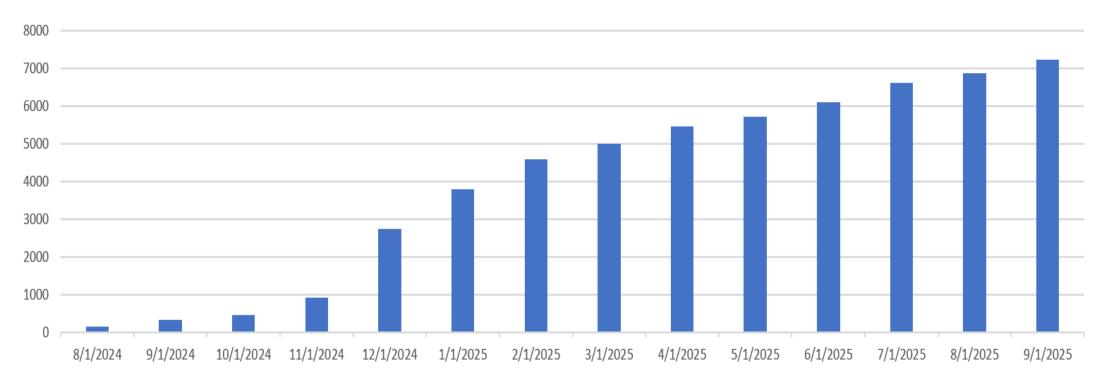




### **EARNS** funded accounts

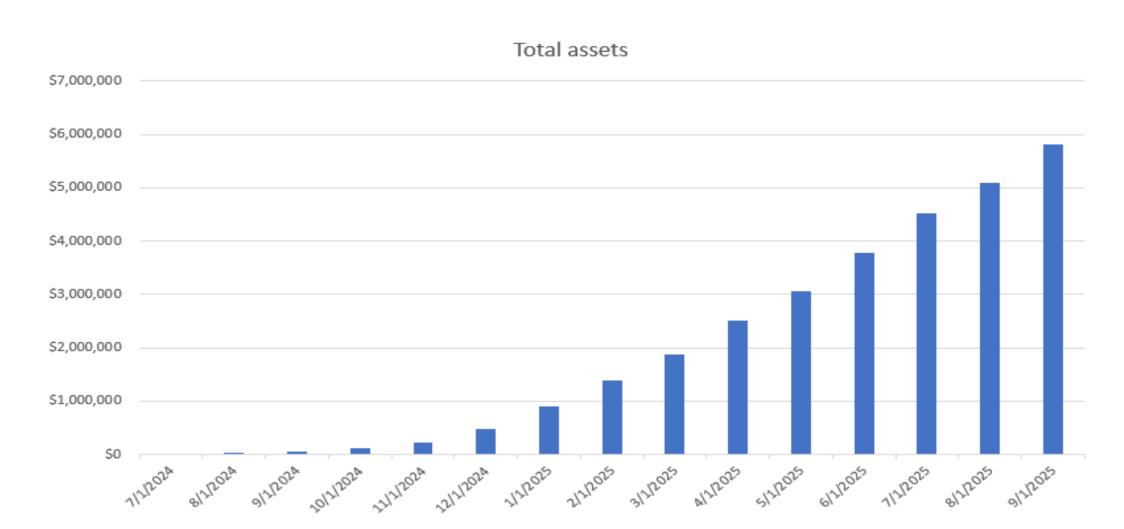


#### Funded accounts



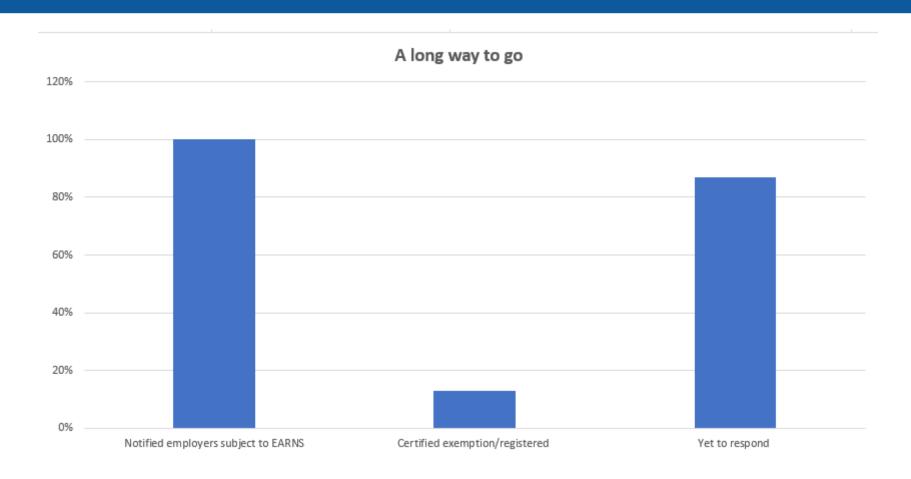
# **EARNS** total assets





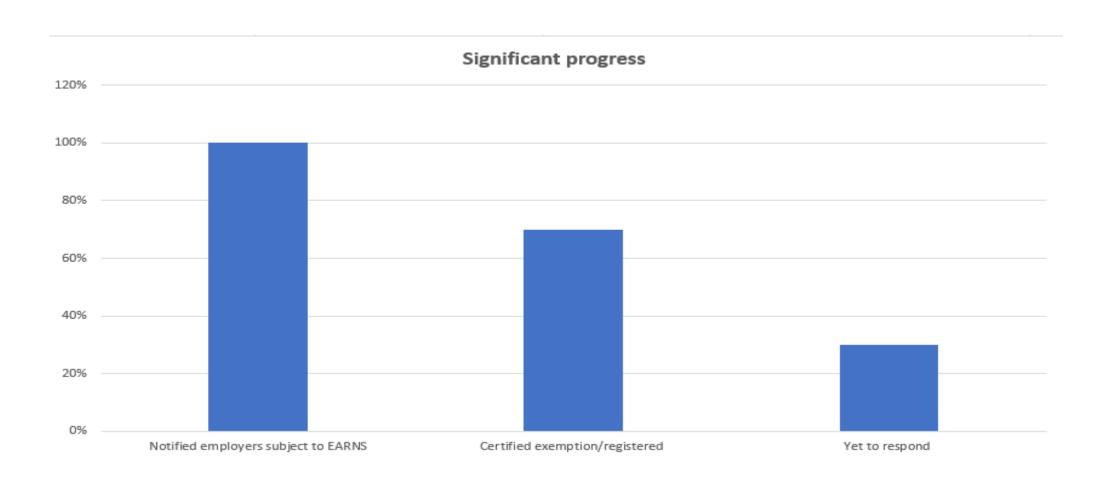
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# **EARNS SWOT analysis**



### **Strengths**

- Competitive benefit at no charge to employers.
- Required participation for certain employers.
- Portability & simplicity.
- Automatic enrollment.
- Roth IRA: Tax-free potential wealth & penalty-free access to contributions.
- Part of Office of the State Treasurer/Board oversight.
- Interstate partnership economies of scale/expertise.

### Weaknesses

- Gap between registered & facilitating employers.
- No employer matching contributions.
- Lack of employee awareness/financial literacy.
- Employee population financially stressed.
- Doesn't cover "micro-businesses" with <5 employees.

## **Opportunities**

- Achieve financial self-sustainability.
- Establish equitable enforcement framework.
- Future promotion of federal savers match (2027).
- Reaching "gig" workers. (About 70,000 lack access in DE.)
- Using EARNS to promote financial literacy.
- Collaboration with ABLE and other programs.

### **Threats**

- Risk of loss of public support in DE.
- Unpredictable changes at the federal level.
- Bear markets/market volatility.
- Recession and rise in unemployment.
- Increased inflation.