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How are public-sector unions faring 1 year after *Janus*?

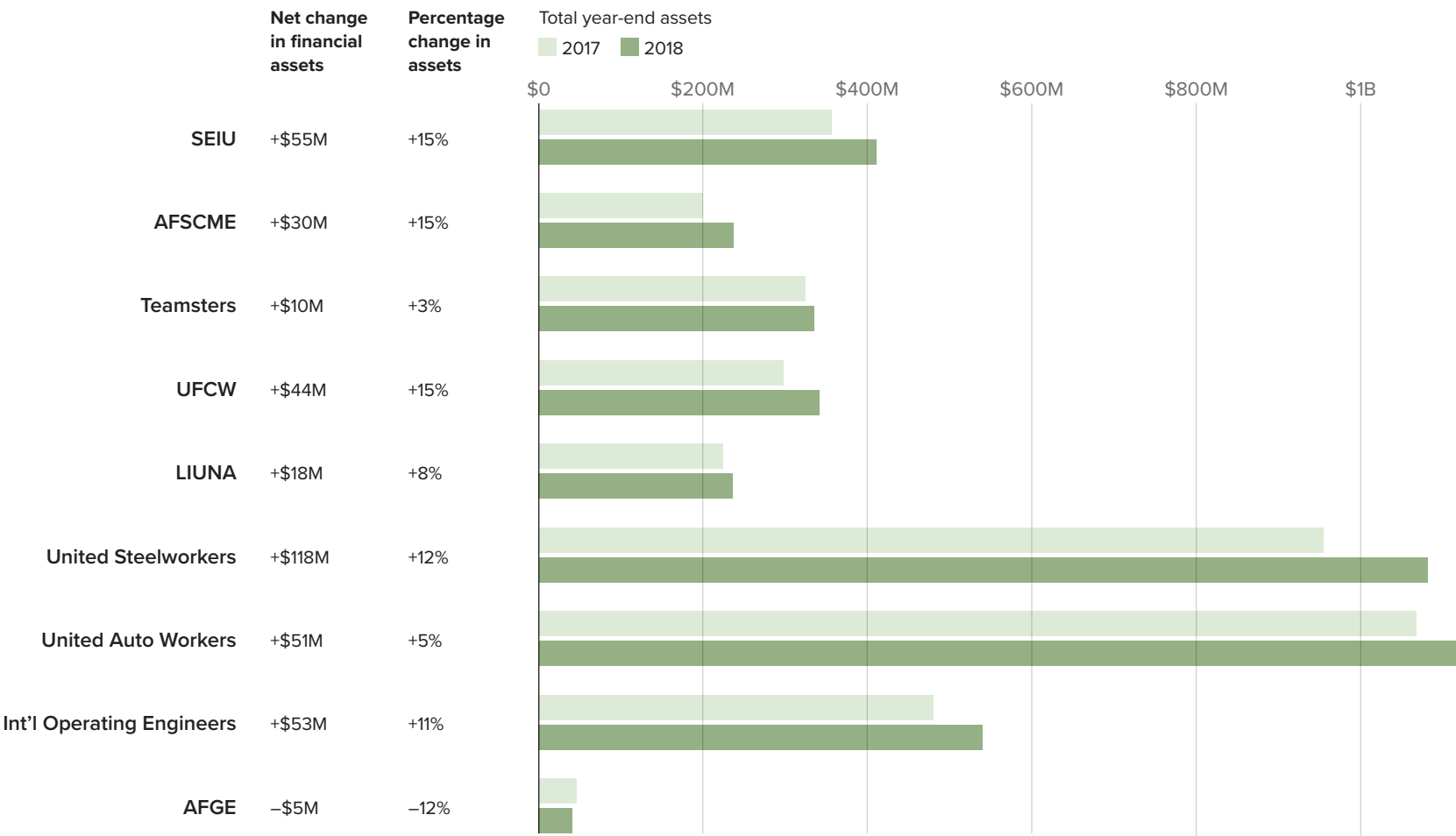
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In June 2018, the Supreme Court ruled in *Janus v. AFSCME* that public-sector unions cannot require non-members to pay “fair share fees” — payments to compensate the union for negotiating contracts on their behalf. Effectively imposing right-to-work rules on public-sector workplaces nationwide, the ruling was expected to shrink union membership and drain union treasuries.

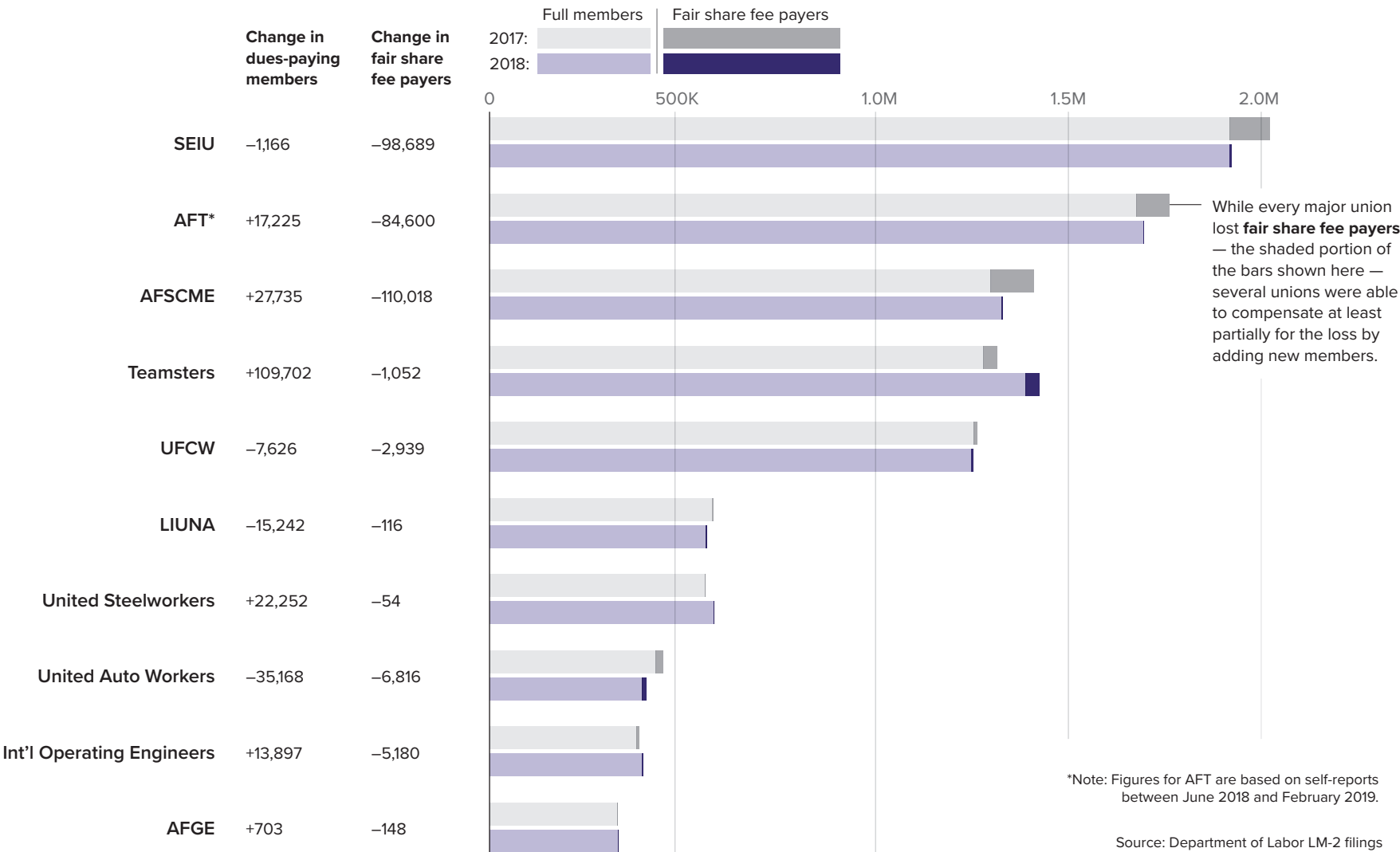
But a POLITICO review of financial filings by the major public-sector unions finds that many found ways to boost their membership to compensate for the loss of fair share fee payers, and most reported financial asset gains compared to last year.

“Unions were really prepared because sadly the outcome was really predictable,” said Sharon Block, a former Obama DOL official.

Changes in public-sector union finances after *Janus* ruling, 2017 to 2018



Changes in public-sector union membership after *Janus* ruling, 2017 to 2018



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