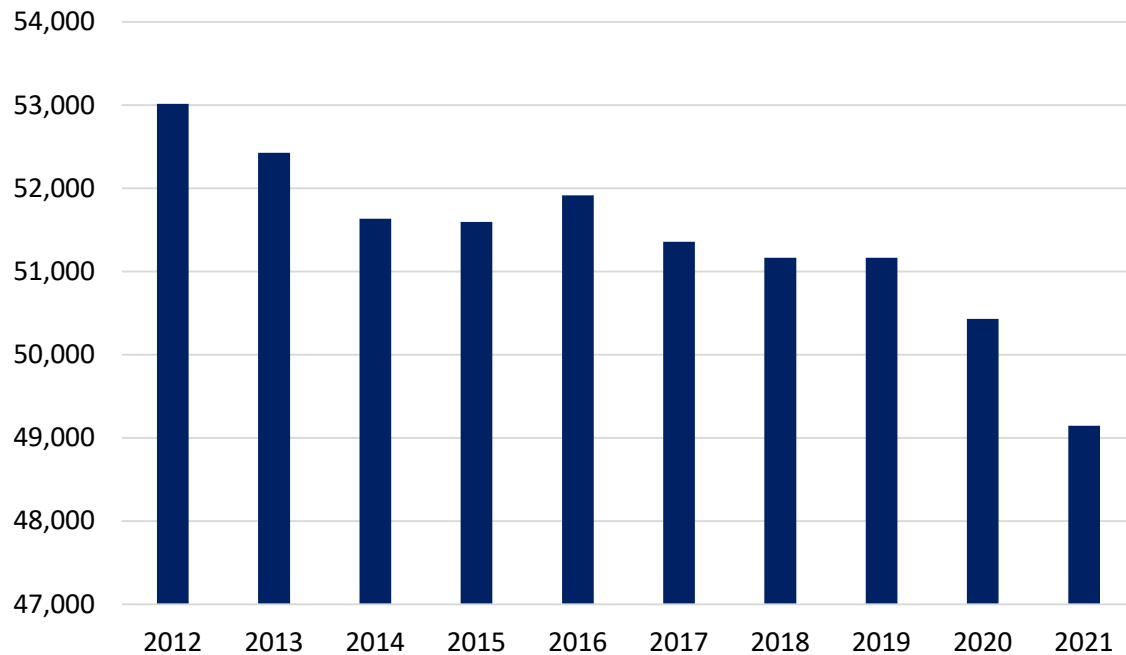


Ohio's state employee headcount continues to decline, hitting a ten-year low in 2021

State Employee Head Count by Calendar Year



Source: data.ohio.gov

- There were a total of 49,147 state employees as of December 2021, the fewest number in over ten years.
 - The number of state employees in 2021 was 2.6% less than the 50,430 employed in 2020.
 - Over the past ten years, the number of state employees fell by 7.3% from a high of 53,014 in 2012.
 - The number of state employees fell each year over the past ten years except for 2016. In that year, the state employed 51,915 people, 317 more than in 2015.
- In 2021, 89.3% (43,893) of state employees were in full-time permanent positions. The remaining 10.7% (5,254) were employed in part-time, seasonal, or other temporary roles.
- Two state agencies employed just over one-third of the state workforce in 2021. The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction was the largest state employer, with 11,188 (22.8%) of the total, followed by the Department of Transportation, with 5,216 (10.6%) of the total.
- In contrast, 52 agencies employed less than 100 employees, and 34 agencies employed less than 25 employees. Most of these entities are boards and commissions.