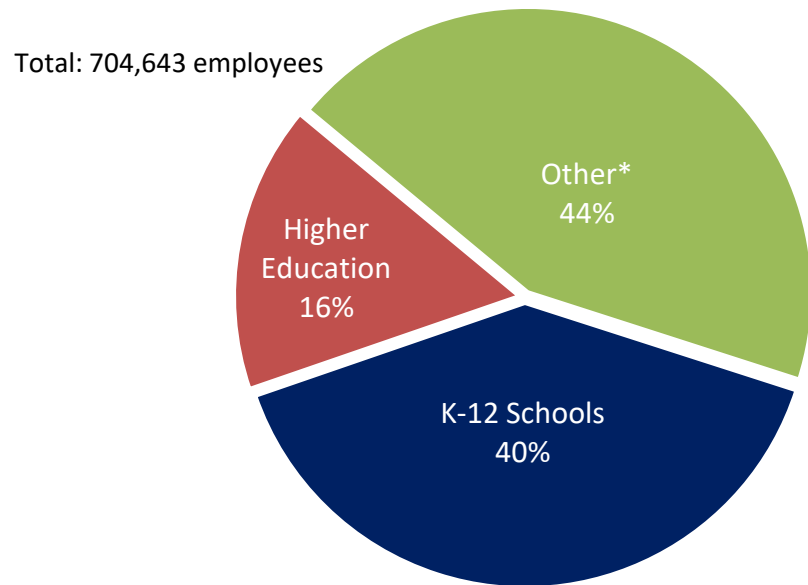


Over half of Ohio's public employees work for K-12 schools and higher education institutions

State and Local Government Employee Head Count by Function, 2023



*“Other” represents the five sectors listed at right plus 18 more with small shares of the total, including corrections, other government administration, highways, parks and recreation, financial administration, various public utilities, and local libraries.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- Education employees accounted for 56.1% (395,110) of the total 704,643 Ohio public employees in 2023.
 - 39.8% (280,209) worked for K-12 schools
 - 16.3% (114,901) worked in higher education
- From 2014 to 2023, the total education employee headcount decreased by 2.8% (11,316 employees).
 - -10.9% (-14,035 employees) in higher education
 - 1.0% (2,719 employees) in K-12 schools
- The next five largest public employee sectors were:
 - Hospitals and health (7.3%, 51,455 employees)
 - Police protection (4.9%, 34,461 employees)
 - Fire protection (3.7%, 26,310 employees)
 - Public welfare (3.3%, 23,227 employees)
 - Judicial and legal (3.0%, 21,082 employees)