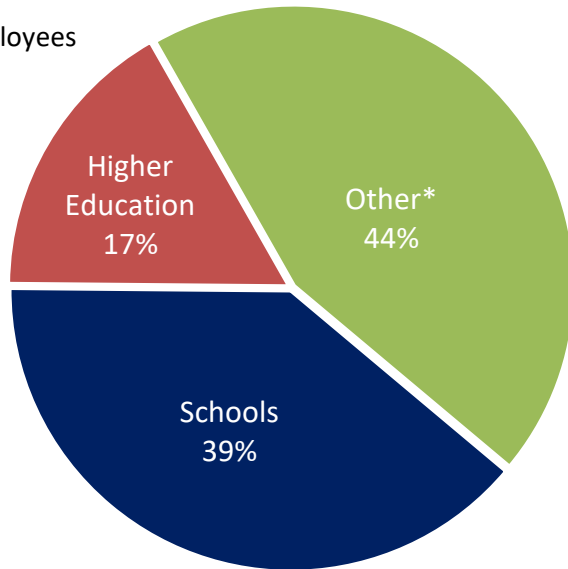


Over half of Ohio's public employees worked for schools and higher education institutions in 2021

State and Local Government Employee Head Count by Function, 2021

Total: 666,066 employees



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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- Education employees accounted for 55.6% (370,761) of the total 666,066 Ohio public employees in 2021.
 - 39.0% (259,950) worked for schools
 - 16.6% (110,811) worked in higher education
- From 2012 to 2021, the total education employee headcount decreased by 7.9% (31,923 employees).
 - -12.5% (-15,897 employees) in higher education
 - -5.8% (-16,026 employees) in schools
- The next five largest public employee sectors were:
 - Hospitals and health (7.0%, 46,483 employees)
 - Police protection (5.0%, 33,153 employees)
 - Fire protection (3.5%, 23,494 employees)
 - Public welfare (3.4%, 22,972 employees)
 - Corrections (3.3%, 21,733 employees)