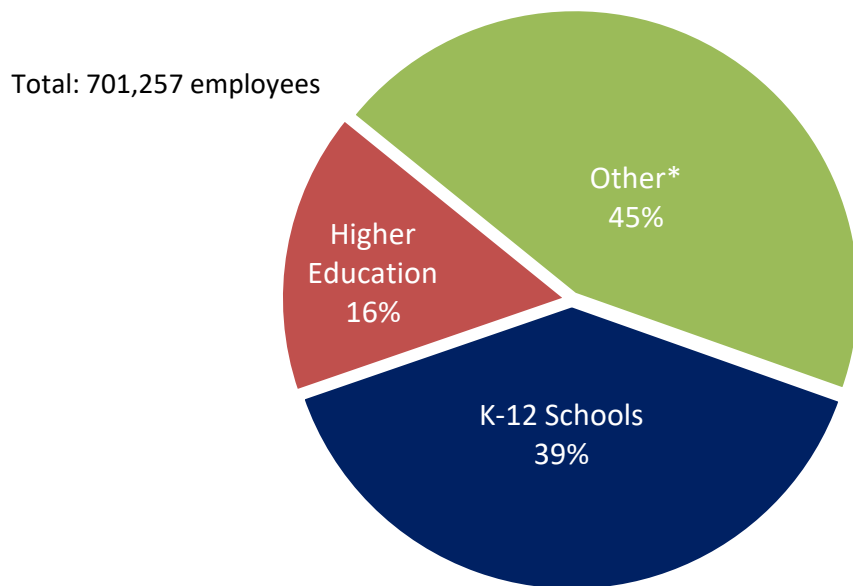


Over half of Ohio's public employees work for K-12 schools and higher education institutions

State and Local Government Employee
Head Count by Function, 2024



*"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, parks and recreation, financial administration, various public utilities, and local libraries.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- Education employees accounted for 55.4% (388,592) of the total 701,257 Ohio public employees in 2024.
 - 39.3% (275,656) worked for K-12 schools
 - 16.1% (112,936) worked in higher education
- From 2015 to 2024, the total education employee headcount decreased by 2.8% (11,251 employees).
 - -10.7% (-13,516 employees) in higher education
 - +0.8% (+2,265 employees) in K-12 schools
- The next five largest public employee sectors were:
 - Hospitals and health (7.5%, 52,940 employees)
 - Police protection (4.9%, 34,011 employees)
 - Fire protection (3.7%, 26,097 employees)
 - Public welfare (3.3%, 23,349 employees)
 - Corrections (3.1%, 21,680 employees)