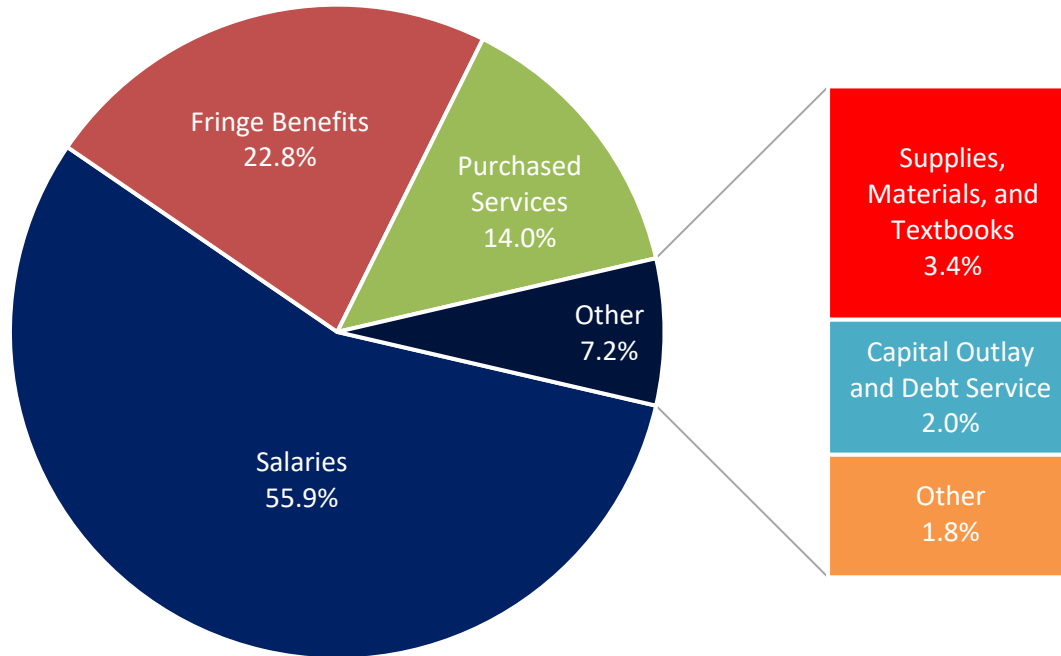


# School districts spent 78.7% of general funds on salaries and fringe benefits in FY 2024

School District General Fund Expenditures  
by Category, FY 2024

Total: \$22.55 billion



Sources: Department of Education and Workforce; DataOhio portal

- Education is labor intensive. Personnel costs account for most of school district general fund budgets.
- District general fund salary and fringe benefit costs amounted to \$17.75 billion (78.7% of total) in FY 2024.
  - Salaries: \$12.61 billion (55.9%).
  - Fringe benefits: \$5.14 billion (22.8%).
  - Fringe benefits as a percentage of salaries: 40.7%.
- Purchased service costs totaled \$3.16 billion (14.0%).
  - Includes pupil transportation, utilities, maintenance, and other services not provided by district personnel.
- School districts employed 229,139 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers in FY 2024. Teachers account for 106,730 (46.6%) of the total.
  - The total excludes coaches, advisors, and other extra- and intra-curricular staff, whose FTE appears to correspond to a relatively small number of regular working hours per day.