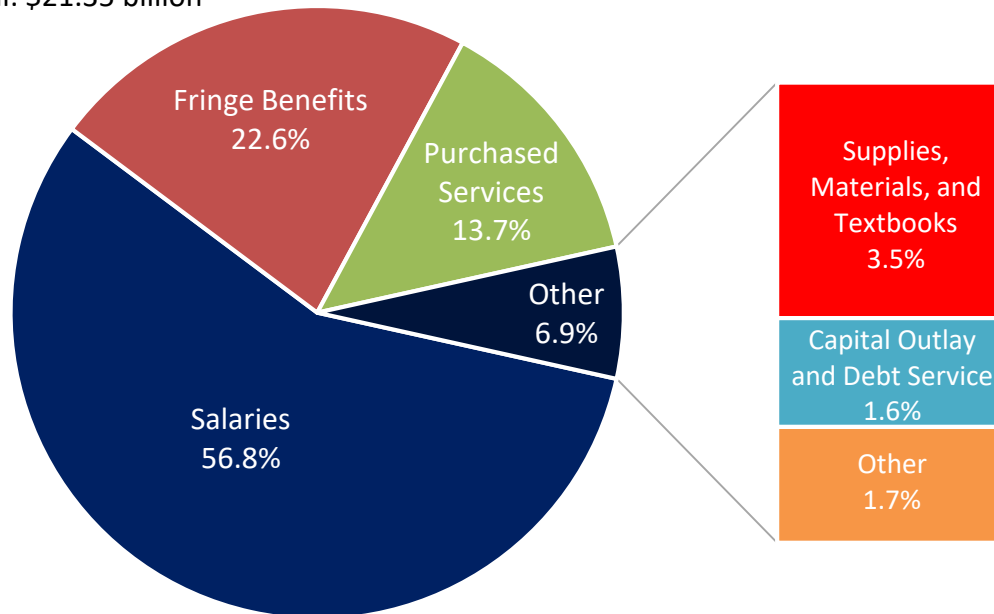


School districts spent 79% of general funds on salaries and fringe benefits in FY 2023

School District General Fund Expenditures by Category, FY 2023

Total: \$21.35 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 \$16.95 billion (79.4% of total) in FY 2023.
 - Salaries: \$12.12 billion (56.8%).
 - Fringe benefits: \$4.83 billion (22.6%).
 - Fringe benefits as a percentage of salaries: 39.9%.
- Purchased service costs totaled \$2.92 billion (13.7%).
 - Includes pupil transportation, utilities, maintenance, and other services not provided by district personnel.
- Public schools employed about 251,700 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers in FY 2023. Teachers account for 114,700 (45.6%) of the total FTEs.
 - 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.