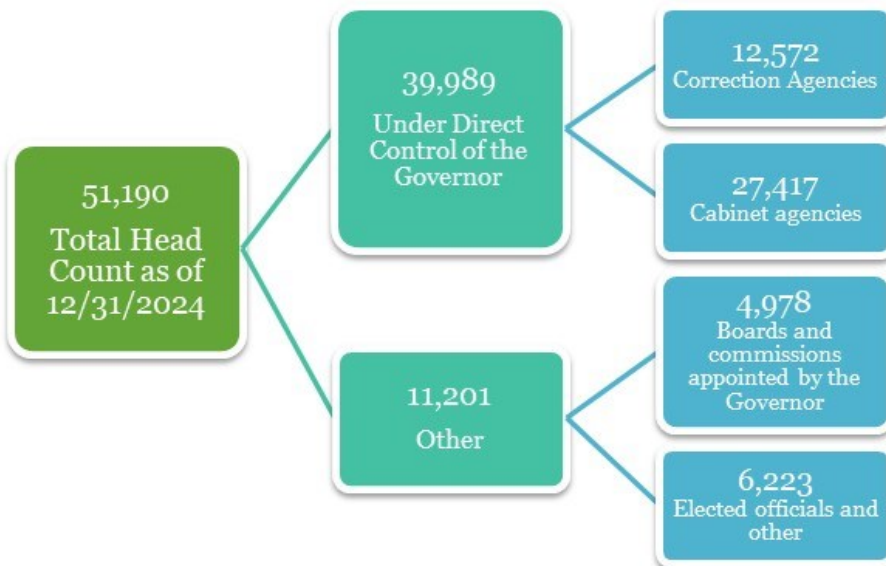




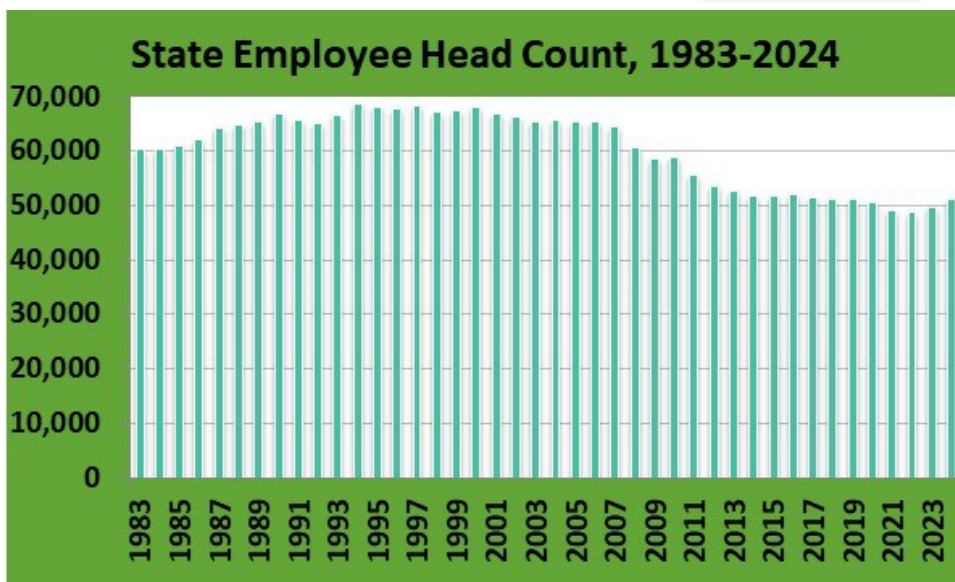
Legislative Budget Office of LSC

State Government Operating Expenses

July 2025



- ◇ The December 2024 head count of state employees was 51,190, an increase of 1,467 (3.0%) over December 2023 but more than 17,000 (25.3%) lower than the highest count since 1983 of 68,573 that was recorded in 1994.
 - ◆ 91.2% (46,671) of the 51,190 state employees were full-time permanent employees.
- ◇ For FY 2025, the state government's operating expenses amounted to \$11.36 billion (10.8% of total state budget expenditures) across all funds:
 - ◆ \$6.22 billion (5.9%) for employee payroll, including both salaries and fringe benefits;
 - ◆ \$2.25 billion (2.2%) for purchased personal services; and
 - ◆ \$2.88 billion (2.8%) for supplies and maintenance and equipment.



State government's operating expenses and their shares of total state budget expenditures, FY 2021-FY 2024 (\$ in billions)

Category	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total operating expenses	\$9.17 (11.3%)	\$9.76 (10.8%)	\$9.94 (10.6%)	\$10.56 (10.6%)
Payroll	\$5.16 (6.4%)	\$5.46 (6.1%)	\$5.49 (5.9%)	\$5.86 (5.9%)
Purchased personal services	\$1.65 (2.0%)	\$1.89 (2.1%)	\$2.04 (2.2%)	\$2.11 (2.1%)
Supplies, maintenance, & equipment	\$2.35 (2.9%)	\$2.41 (2.7%)	\$2.41 (2.6%)	\$2.59 (2.6%)

Data sources: Ohio Administrative Knowledge System; Ohio Department of Administrative Services