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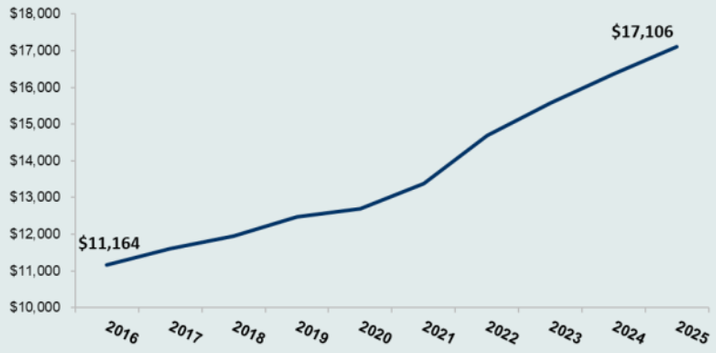
# School District Operating Spending

## Spending Per Pupil

School District Operating Spending Per Pupil, FY 2016 - FY 2025



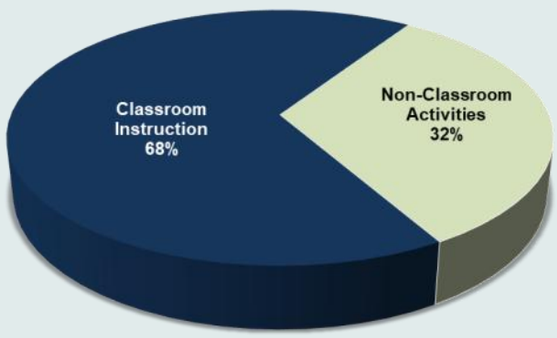

**53.2%** Increase in per-pupil operating spending over the ten-year period from FY 2016 to FY 2025

**33.3%** Increase in Consumer Price Index during the same period

**21st** Ohio's national ranking in per-pupil operating spending (FY 2023)

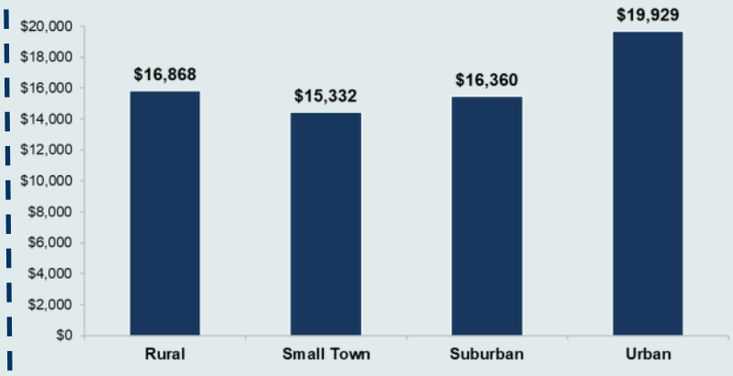
On average, instruction and pupil and staff support comprise over 2/3 of district spending. Non-classroom activities, such as administration and building operations, make up the rest.

School District Operating Spending by Function, FY 2025



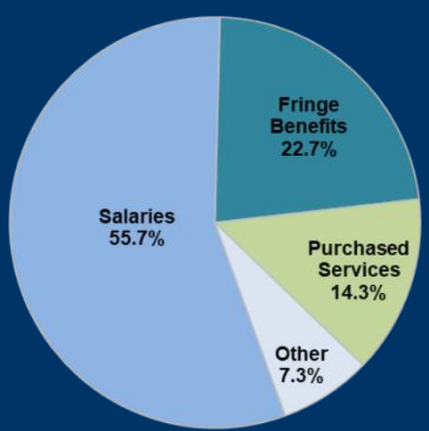

Per-Pupil Operating Spending Varies by District Type

Per-Pupil Operating Spending by District Type, FY 2025




## School District Budgets

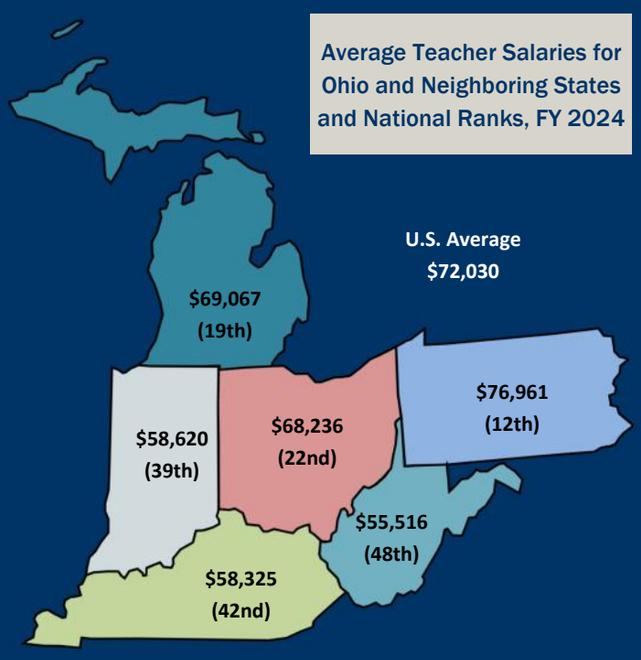
A Typical School District General Fund Budget, FY 2025




**105,964** Number of FTE Teachers Reported by Ohio School Districts (FY 2025)

**$68,236** Ohio Average Teacher Salary (FY 2024)

Average Teacher Salaries for Ohio and Neighboring States and National Ranks, FY 2024




**$24.4b** Total general fund spending reported by Ohio school districts (FY 2025)

**78.4%** The share of the average school district budget for salaries and fringe benefits (FY 2025)

**40.7%** The average cost of fringe benefits as a percentage of the cost of salaries (FY 2025)

Data Sources: Department of Education and Workforce, National Education Association, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics