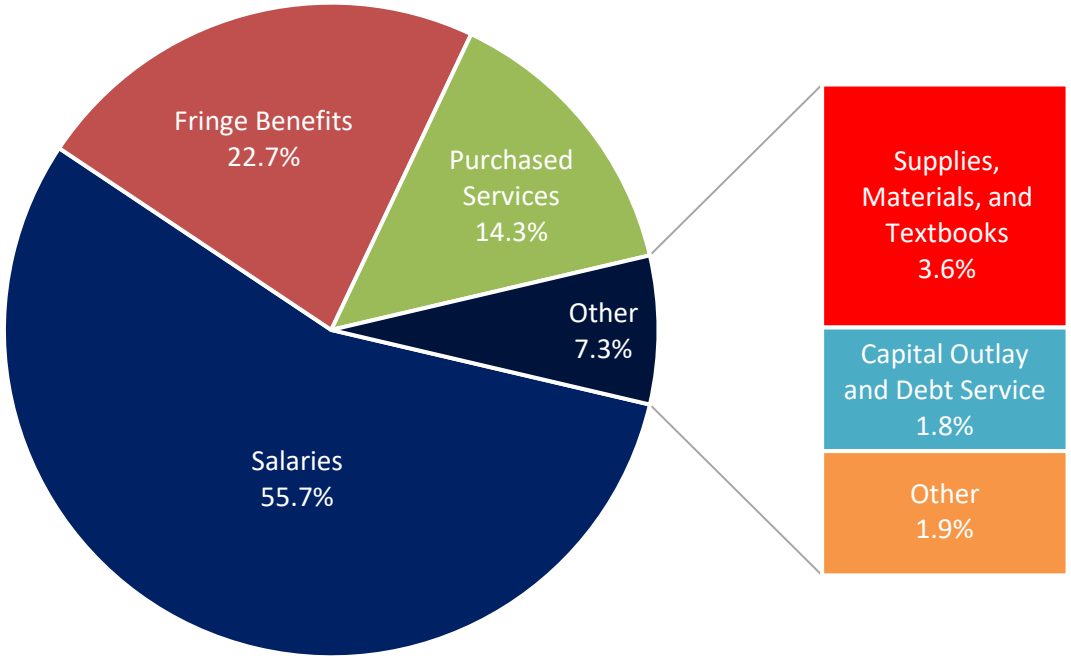
School districts spent 78.4% of general funds on salaries and fringe benefits in FY 2025

School District General Fund Expenditures by Category, FY 2025

Total: $24.39 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 $19.12 billion (78.4% of total) in FY 2025.
  - Salaries: $13.59 billion (55.7%).
  - Fringe benefits: $5.53 billion (22.7%).
  - Fringe benefits as a percentage of salaries: 40.7%.
- Purchased service costs totaled $3.49 billion (14.3%).
  - Includes pupil transportation, utilities, maintenance, and other services not provided by district personnel.
- School districts employed 226,187 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers in FY 2025. Teachers account for 105,964 (46.8%) 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.