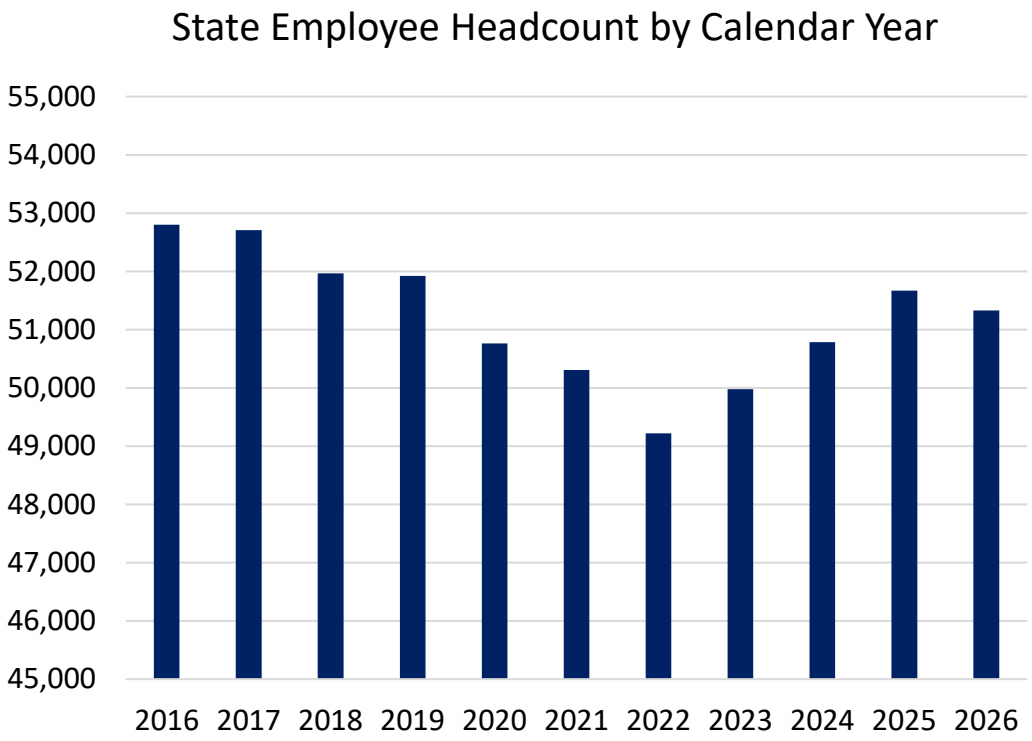
State employee headcount dipped in 2026 after three consecutive years of increases



Source: data.ohio.gov

- As of June 2026, the state employed 51,328 people.
  - Full-time permanent positions: 46,066 (89.7%).
  - Part-time, seasonal, or other temporary roles: 5,262 (10.3%).
- Increase of 2,111 state employees (4.3%) since the decade low of 49,217 in 2022.
- Two state agencies employed approximately one-third of the state workforce in 2026.
  - The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction was the largest state employer, with 11,588 (22.6%) of the total.
  - The Department of Transportation employed 5,471 (10.7%) of the total.
- In contrast, 49 agencies employed fewer than 100 employees, and 32 agencies employed less than 25 employees. Most of these entities are boards and commissions.