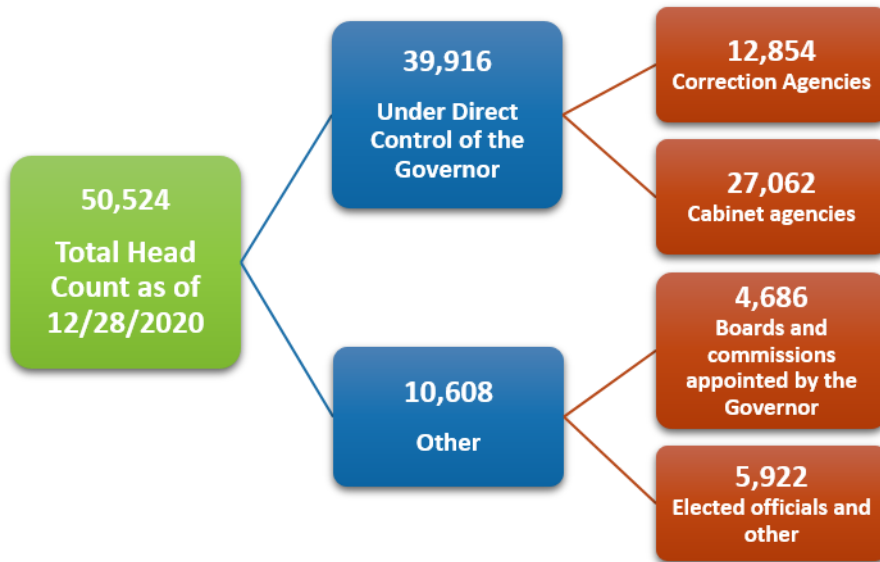




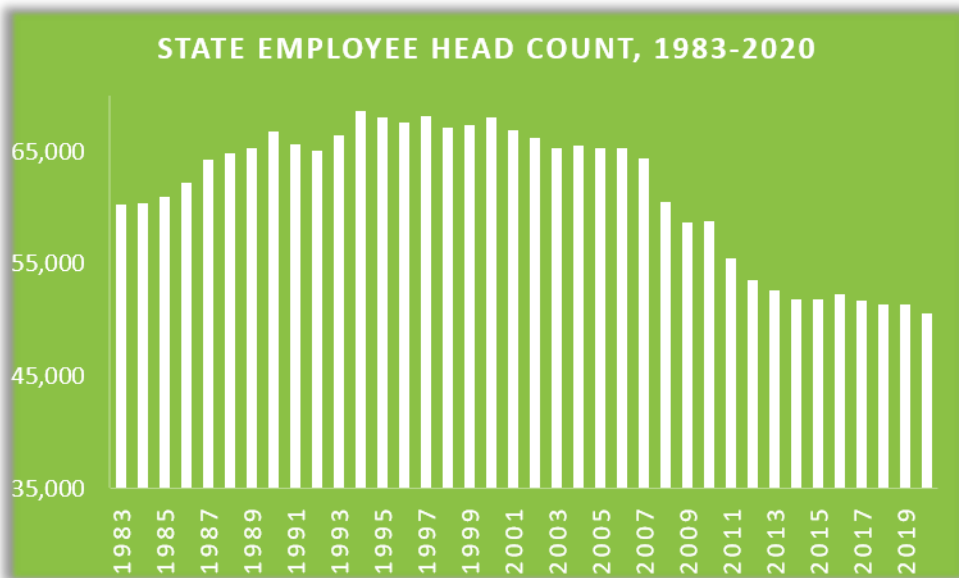
Legislative Budget Office of LSC

State Government Operating Expenses

July 2021



- ◇ The December 2020 head count of state employees was 50,524, the lowest count since 1983 and 26.3% lower than the highest count of 68,573 that was recorded in 1994.
 - ◆ 69.0% (34,857) of the 50,524 state employees belong to various bargaining units.
- ◇ For FY 2021, the state government’s operating expenses amount to \$9.17 billion (11.3% of total state budget expenditures) across all funds:
 - ◆ \$5.16 billion (6.4%) for employee payroll, including both salaries and fringe benefits;
 - ◆ \$1.65 billion (2.0%) for purchased personal services; and
 - ◆ \$2.35 billion (2.9%) for supplies and maintenance and equipment.



State government’s operating expenses and their shares of total state budget expenditures, FY 2017-FY 2020 (\$ in billions)

| Category | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | FY 2020 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total operating expenses | \$7.90 (11.6%) | \$8.14 (11.7%) | \$8.41 (11.8%) | \$8.77 (11.7%) |
| Payroll | \$4.54 (6.7%) | \$4.72 (6.8%) | \$4.87 (6.9%) | \$5.08 (6.8%) |
| Purchased personal services | \$1.50 (2.2%) | \$1.57 (2.3%) | \$1.56 (2.2%) | \$1.66 (2.2%) |
| Supplies, maintenance, & equipment | \$1.86 (2.7%) | \$1.85 (2.6%) | \$1.98 (2.8%) | \$2.03 (2.7%) |

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