School District Operating Spending

Spending Per Pupil

- Increase in per-pupil operating spending over the ten-year period from FY 2012 to FY 2021: 26.3%
- Increase in Consumer Price Index during the same time period: 15.6%
- Ohio’s national ranking in per-pupil operating spending (FY 2019): 20th

Per-Pupil Operating Spending Varies by District Type

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 Budgets

- A Typical School District Budget, FY 2021
  - Salaries: 53.1%
  - Fringe Benefits: 21.5%
  - Purchased Services: 19.6%
  - Other: 5.7%

- Total operating spending reported by Ohio school districts (FY 2021): $20.6b
- The share of the average school district budget for salaries and fringe benefits (FY 2021): 74.6%
- The average cost of fringe benefits as a percentage of the cost of salaries (FY 2021): 40.4%

- Ohio Average Teacher Salary (FY 2020): $61,406
- Number of FTE Teachers Reported by Ohio School Districts (FY 2020): 100,717

Average Teacher Salaries for Ohio and Neighboring States and National Ranks, FY 2020

- U.S. Average Salary: $64,133
- Ohio Average Salary: $61,406 (17th)
- Average Teachers Salaries for Ohio and Neighboring States:
  - $63,568 (16th)
  - $51,745 (42nd)
  - $53,907 (36th)
  - $70,339 (11th)
  - $50,238 (48th)