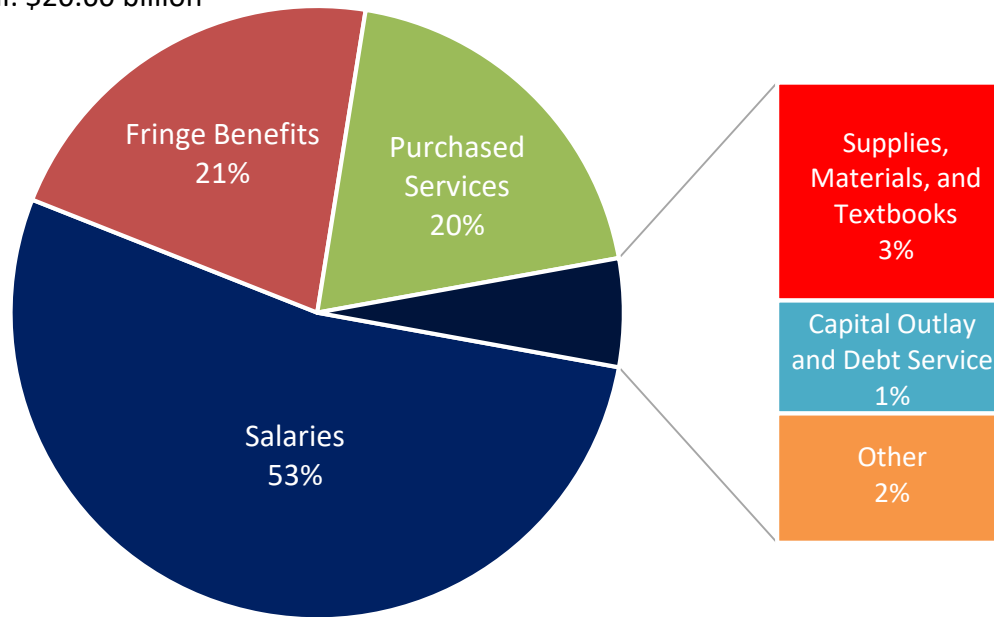


School districts spent 74% of general funds on salaries and fringe benefits in FY 2021

School District General Fund Expenditures by Category, FY 2021

Total: \$20.60 billion



Source: Ohio Department of Education

- 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 \$15.37 billion (74% of total) in FY 2021.
 - Salaries: \$10.95 billion (53%)
 - Fringe benefits: \$4.43 billion (21%)
 - Fringe benefits as a percentage of salaries: 40%
- Purchased service costs totaled \$4.05 billion (20%).
 - Includes pupil transportation, utilities, maintenance, and other services not provided by district personnel and transfers of state aid for resident students educated outside the district through school choice programs.
- Public schools employed about 245,400 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers in FY 2021. Teachers account for 114,700 (47%) of the total FTEs.
 - 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.