Who are you?

Ohio public school board members by the numbers

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Every two years, OSBA conducts a survey of public school board members. The purpose of this biennial survey is to get an accurate and timely demographic profile of Ohio's boards of education.

This year's survey was emailed to each district treasurer to complete. The results give important demographic information for 3,000-plus board members that serve Ohio districts. More than 320 districts responded to the survey, giving it one of the highest response rates ever and helping ensure its statistical validity.

The following provides a brief demographic synopsis of Ohio board members. Due to rounding, some survey categories do not total 100%.

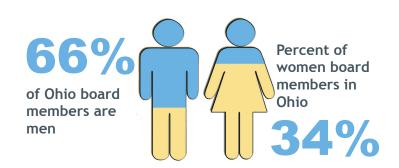
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total public school board members in Ohio

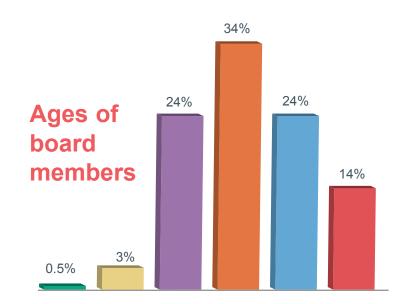
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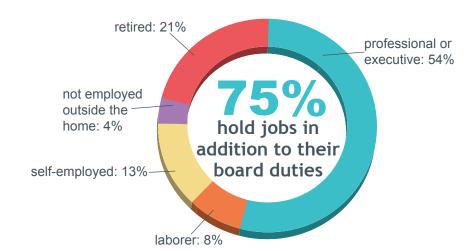
new board members took office in 2014











Diversity of board members

Caucasian 96%
African-American 3%
Asian-American 0.1%
Latin-American 0.02%
Other 0.3%

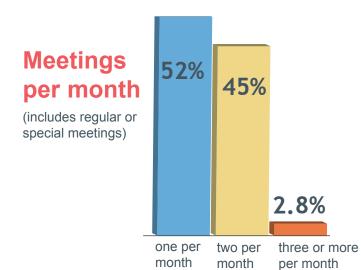
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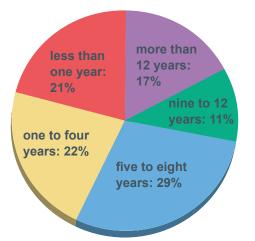
Number of boards reporting that meetings last from one to three hours most of the time

84%





Board members' terms of service



Districts represented in the survey

Local 54%
City 28%
Exempted village 9%
ESC 7%