

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF OUTSTANDING AUDIT
RECOMMENDATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

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STATE OF COLORADO

CONCLUSION

Between July 2009 and June 2014, the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) made 2,813 audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations. Agencies generally agreed with our recommendations and usually implemented them in a timely manner. However, 4 percent of the recommendations made over the 5-year period have not been fully implemented and are still outstanding as of June 30, 2015. Further, 41 of the 107 outstanding recommendations (38 percent) are considered high priority due to their seriousness or because they have been outstanding for 3 years or more.

KEY FACTS

- For Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014 (July 2009 through June 2014), the OSA made a total of 2,813 financial, performance, and information technology (IT) audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations.
- The agencies and organizations agreed to implement 99 percent of all audit recommendations in this 5-year period.
- Overall, as of June 30, 2015, state agencies and other audited organizations have implemented 96 percent of the recommendations that they agreed to implement.

FINANCIAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Financial audit reports contained 1,261 of the 2,813 recommendations (45 percent) made for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014, and state agencies and other audited organizations agreed to implement 1,237 (98 percent) of them.
- As of June 30, 2015, the agencies and organizations had not fully implemented 75 of the 1,237 financial audit recommendations (6 percent) that they had agreed to implement.
- Of the 75 outstanding financial audit recommendations, 29 (39 percent) are considered high priority due to their seriousness or because they have been outstanding for 3 years or more.
- The number of outstanding financial audit recommendations has increased since June 30, 2014.

PERFORMANCE AND IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Performance and IT audit reports contained 1,552 of the 2,813 recommendations (55 percent) made in Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014, and state agencies and other audited organizations agreed to implement 1,541 (99 percent) of them.
- As of June 30, 2015, the agencies and organizations had not fully implemented 32 of the 1,541 performance and IT audit recommendations (2 percent) that they had agreed to implement.
- Of the 32 outstanding performance and IT audit recommendations, 12 (38 percent) are considered high priority because they have been outstanding for 3 years or more.
- The number of outstanding performance and IT audit recommendations has decreased since June 30, 2014.

BACKGROUND

- The OSA tracks the implementation status of all recommendations contained in audit reports presented to the Legislative Audit Committee.
- The purpose of this initiative is to hold state agencies and other audited organizations accountable for the audit recommendations that they have agreed to implement and to provide better information to policy makers and the public.
- Implementation status for recommendations that result from financial audits is determined by the OSA through follow-up audits.
- Implementation status for recommendations that result from performance audits and IT audits is based on self-reported data from the respective state agencies and other audited organizations.