

# REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS  
NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED, AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

OCTOBER 2019  
STATE OF COLORADO

## CONCLUSION

Over the 5-year period, July 2013 through June 2018, the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) made 1,517 audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations (auditees). Auditees generally agreed with our recommendations and usually implemented them in a timely manner. However, 98 (7 percent) of the recommendations agreed to, have not been fully implemented as of June 30, 2019. Furthermore, 22 of the 98 unimplemented recommendations (22 percent) are considered high priority due to their seriousness or because they have been unimplemented for 3 years or more.

## KEY FACTS

- For Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018 (July 2013 through June 2018), the OSA made a total of 1,517 financial, performance, and information technology (IT) audit recommendations to auditees.
- Auditees agreed to implement 99 percent of all audit recommendations.
- Overall, as of June 30, 2019, auditees have implemented 93 percent of the recommendations that they agreed to implement.
- The number of unimplemented recommendations has increased slightly since June 30, 2018.

## FINANCIAL AND FINANCIAL-RELATED IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- For Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018, a total of 592 of the recommendations (40 percent) that auditees agreed to implement were financial or financial-related IT recommendations from financial audits.
- As of June 30, 2019, the auditees had not fully implemented 55 of these recommendations (9 percent).
- Of the 55 unimplemented recommendations from financial audits, 20 (36 percent) are considered high priority due to their seriousness or because they have been unimplemented for 3 years or more.

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND IT PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- For Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018, a total of 903 of the recommendations (60 percent) that auditees agreed to implement were from performance audits or IT performance audits.
- As of June 30, 2019, the auditees had not fully implemented 43 of these recommendations (5 percent).
- Of the 43 unimplemented recommendations from performance audits or IT performance audits, 2 (5 percent) are considered high priority because they have been unimplemented for 3 years or more.

## BACKGROUND

- The OSA tracks the implementation status of all recommendations contained in audit reports.
- The purpose of this initiative is to provide transparency to policy makers, the public, and others responsible for holding state agencies and other audited organizations accountable for the audit recommendations that they have agreed to implement.
- The implementation status of recommendations that result from financial audits is determined by the OSA through follow-up audits.
- The implementation status of recommendations that result from performance audits and IT performance audits is based on self-reported data from the respective auditees, and on follow-up audit work by the OSA on select audits.