

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS
NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED, AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

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STATE OF COLORADO

CONCLUSION

Over the 5-year period, July 2014 through June 2019, the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) made 1,516 audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations (auditees). Auditees generally agreed with our recommendations and usually implemented them timely. However, 95 of the recommendations that auditees agreed to (6 percent), have not been fully implemented as of June 30, 2020. Furthermore, 35 of the 95 unimplemented recommendations (37 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 2015 through 2019 (July 2014 to June 2019), the OSA made a total of 1,516 financial, performance, and information technology (IT) audit recommendations to auditees.
- Auditees agreed to implement 98 percent of all audit recommendations.
- Overall, as of June 30, 2020, auditees have implemented 94 percent of the recommendations that they agreed to implement.
- The number of unimplemented recommendations has decreased since June 30, 2019.

FINANCIAL AND FINANCIAL-RELATED IT AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- For Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019, a total of 491 of the recommendations that auditees agreed to implement (33 percent) were financial or IT recommendations from financial audits.
- As of June 30, 2020, auditees had not fully implemented 43 of these recommendations (9 percent).
- Of the 43 unimplemented recommendations from financial audits, 30 (70 percent) are considered high priority due to their seriousness or because they have been unimplemented for 3 years or more.

PERFORMANCE AND IT PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- For Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019, a total of 994 of the recommendations that auditees agreed to implement (67 percent) were from performance or IT performance audits.
- As of June 30, 2020, auditees had not fully implemented 52 of these recommendations (5 percent).
- Of the 52 unimplemented recommendations from performance or IT performance audits, five (10 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 or IT performance audits is based on self-reported data from the respective auditees, and on follow-up audit work performed by the OSA on select audits.