

# 551 - Department of Agriculture

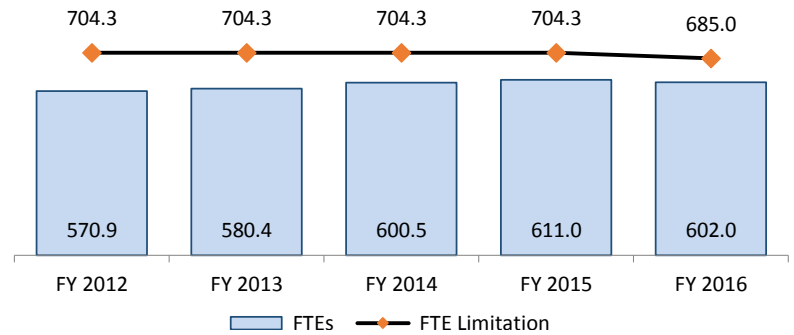
Workforce Summary Document prepared by the State Auditor's Office.  
Based on information **self-reported** by the agency, the following items are worth noting.

## Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees

The agency's full-time equivalent (FTE) employee limitation decreased by 2.7 percent to 685.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015. Compared to fiscal year 2012, the agency saw an increase of 31.1 (5.4 percent) in the total number of FTEs. In fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the agency employed 4.3 and 20.8 federally funded FTEs, respectively. Those FTEs do not count against the FTE limitation.

### FTEs Below/Above FTE Limitation

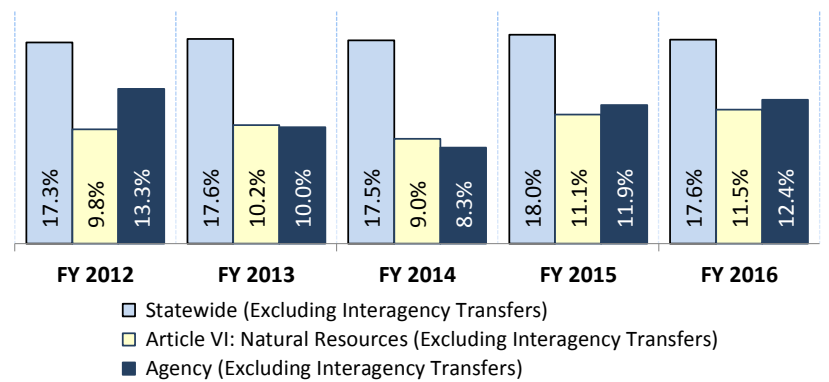
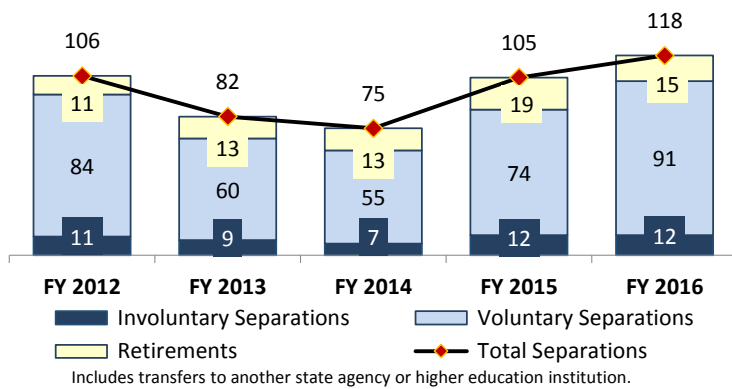
	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
FTE Limitation	704.3	704.3	704.3	704.3	685.0
Number Below or Above Limitation	-133.4	-123.9	-103.8	-93.3	-83.0
Percent Above or Below Limitation	-18.9%	-17.6%	-14.7%	-13.2%	-12.1%



Source: State Auditor's Office Full-time Equivalent State Employee System.

## Employee Turnover <sup>a</sup>

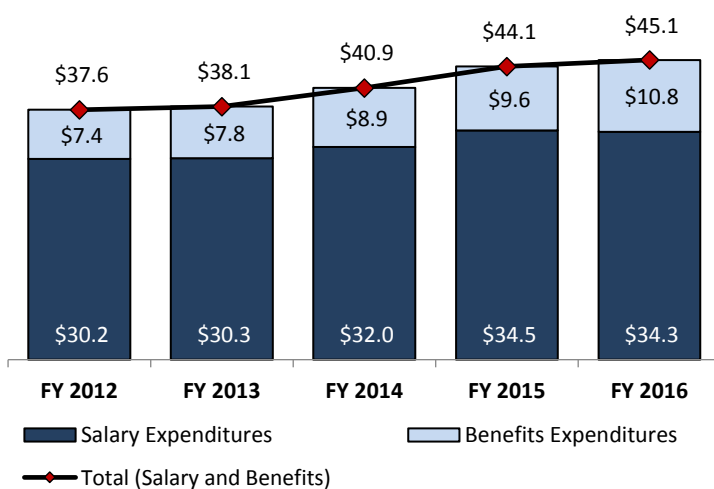
Excluding interagency transfers, the turnover rate within the agency (12.4 percent) was lower than the statewide turnover rate (17.6 percent) and higher than the turnover rate of Article VI agencies (11.5 percent) during fiscal year 2016. The fiscal year 2016 agency turnover rate including employees who transferred to another state agency or higher education institution was 18.5 percent.



## Compensation Information <sup>a</sup>

The average agency salary in fiscal year 2016 of \$54,469 represented an increase of 11.3 percent compared to the average agency salary in fiscal year 2012. In fiscal year 2016, 74.7 percent of employees were paid below the midpoint of the salary range in which they were assigned; and total agency expenditures for salary and benefits were higher compared to fiscal year 2012.

### Salary and Benefits Expenditures (in Millions)



### Average Salary Trends

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Commissioner	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 140,938
Agency Average	\$ 48,925	\$ 50,233	\$ 51,797	\$ 53,946	\$ 54,469
Article Average	\$ 51,832	\$ 52,115	\$ 53,576	\$ 55,263	\$ 56,766
Statewide Average	\$ 40,160	\$ 40,398	\$ 42,116	\$ 43,255	\$ 45,365

Note: With the exception of the commissioner, the average salary is for classified regular, full-time employees only.

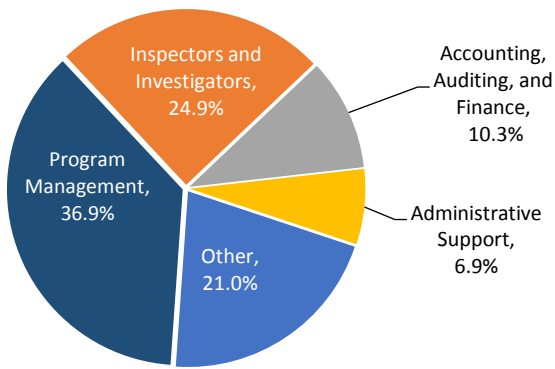
### Number of and Total Dollars Spent on Salary Actions

	Fiscal Year 2015		Fiscal Year 2016	
	Actions	Dollars Spent	Actions	Dollars Spent
Promotions	54	\$ 179,182	38	\$ 108,222
Merits	11	\$ 8,377	85	\$ 28,712
One-Time Merits	367	\$ 888,076	9	\$ 18,500
Equity Adjustments	17	\$ 83,007	12	\$ 19,734
Reclassifications	35	\$ 4,605	12	\$ 5,944
<b>Totals</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>\$ 1,163,247</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>\$ 181,112</b>

<sup>a</sup> Turnover, salary trends, and salary action information was prepared from quarterly and year-end summary information received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Uniform Statewide Payroll/Personnel System (USPS) and the Standardized Payroll/Personnel Reporting System (SPRS). Unless otherwise indicated, these data are reported for classified regular, full-time and part-time employees. Salary and benefit information was taken from the Uniform Statewide Accounting System of Texas.

## Job Classifications <sup>b</sup>

### Fiscal Year 2016 Major Occupational Categories



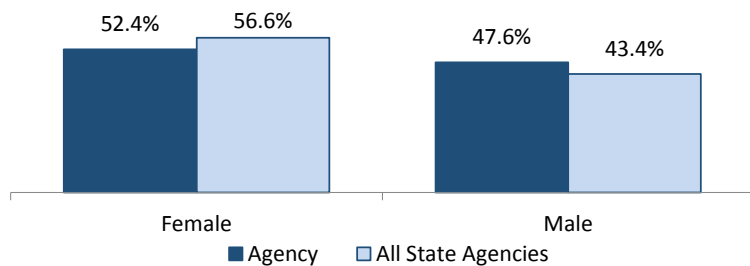
### Agency Job Classifications

In fiscal year 2016, the majority (64.0 percent) of employees were classified in the following job titles: Program Specialist (27.7 percent), Inspector (24.9 percent), Administrative Assistant (5.7 percent), and Auditor (5.7 percent).

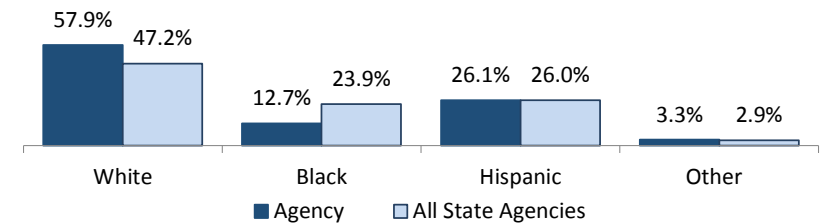
## Fiscal Year 2016 Workforce Demographics <sup>b</sup>

On average, employees at the agency were 46.2 years of age and had 7.0 years of agency length of service. Of the agency's employees, 65.9 percent were 40 years of age or older, and 53.6 percent had fewer than 5 years of agency length of service. The Employees Retirement System estimates that between fiscal years 2017 and 2021, 21.9 percent of the agency's workforce will be eligible to retire (based on data as of November 2016).

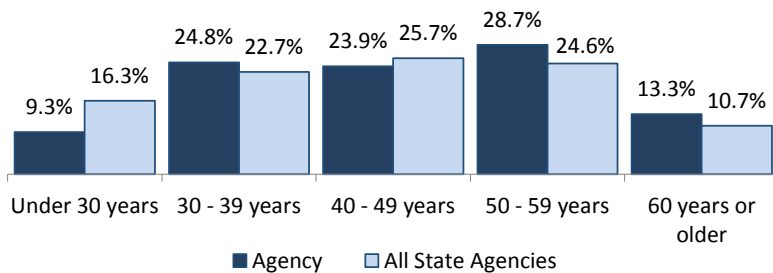
### Gender



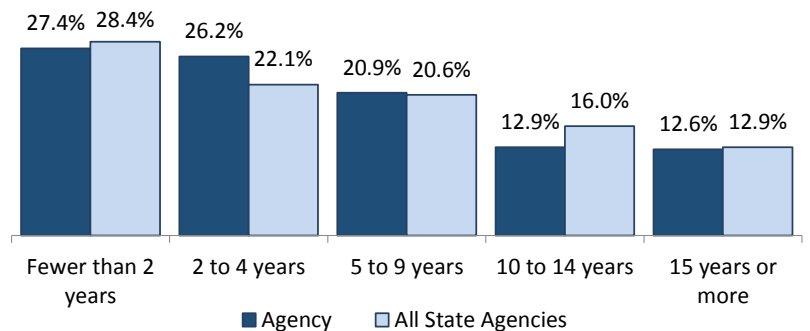
### Ethnic Group



### Age



### Agency Length of Service

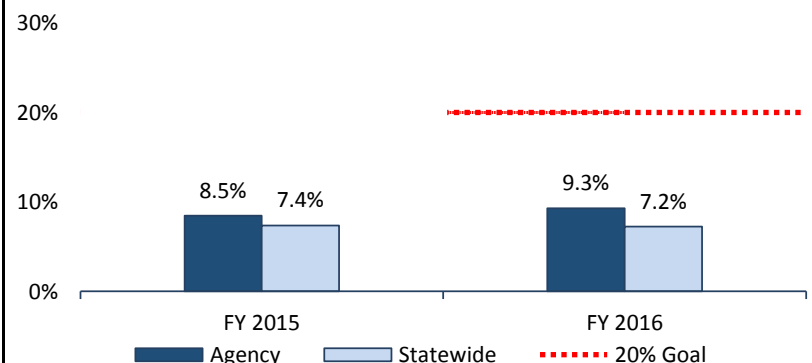


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## Veteran Employment <sup>c</sup>

Senate Bill 805 (84th Legislature) amended Texas Government Code, Section 657.004, to set a goal for state agencies of employing veterans in full-time positions equal to at least 20.0 percent of the total number of agency employees effective September 1, 2015.

In fiscal year 2016, the agency's total percent of veterans employed is higher than the statewide average and has increased since fiscal year 2015.



<sup>c</sup> Information on veteran employment was obtained from the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Statewide totals include state agencies and higher education institutions.