

551 - Department of Agriculture

Workforce Summary Document prepared by the State Auditor's Office.

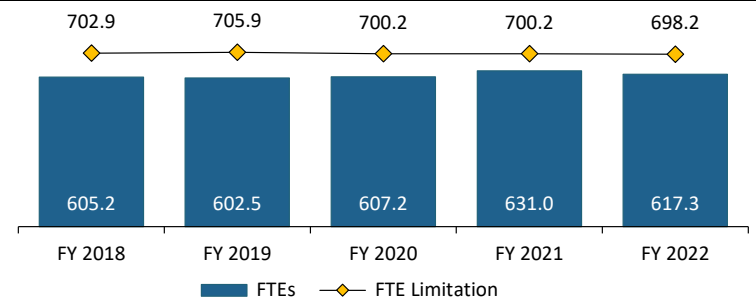
Based on information **self-reported** by the agency, the following items are noteworthy.

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees

The agency's full-time equivalent (FTE) employee limitation decreased by 0.3 percent to 698.2 FTEs in fiscal year 2022 compared with fiscal year 2021. Compared with fiscal year 2018, the agency had an increase of 12.1 (2.0 percent) in the total number of FTEs. In fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the agency employed 18.8 and 11.3 federally funded FTEs. Those FTEs do not count toward the FTE limitation.

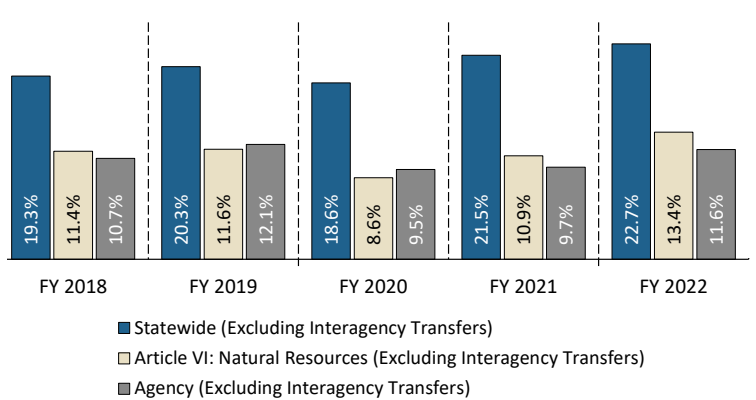
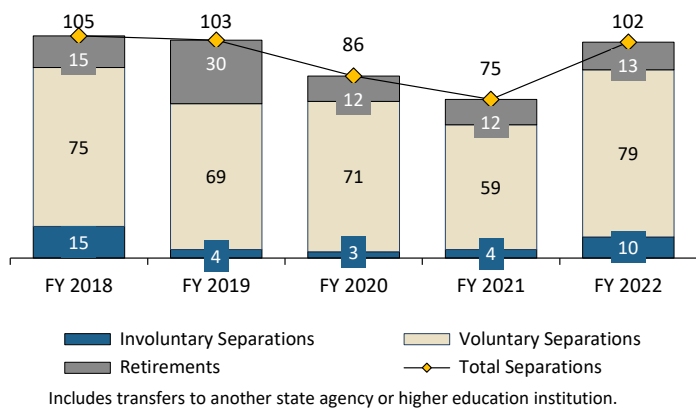
FTEs Below/Above FTE Limitation

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
FTE Limitation	702.9	705.9	700.2	700.2	698.2
Number Below or Above Limitation	-97.7	-103.4	-93.0	-69.2	-80.9
Percent Above or Below Limitation	-13.9%	-14.6%	-13.3%	-9.9%	-11.6%



Employee Turnover^a

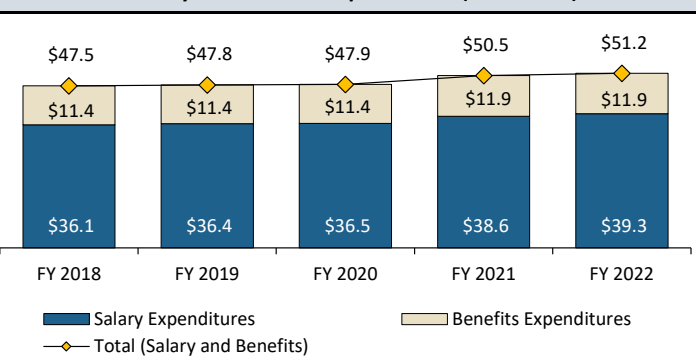
Excluding interagency transfers, the turnover rate within the agency (11.6 percent) was lower than the statewide turnover rate (22.7 percent) and lower than the turnover rate of Article VI agencies (13.4 percent) during fiscal year 2022. The fiscal year 2022 agency turnover rate including employees who transferred to another state agency or higher education institution was 16.2 percent.



Compensation Information^a

The average agency salary of \$62,402 in fiscal year 2022 represented an increase of 11.3 percent compared with the average agency salary in fiscal year 2018. In fiscal year 2022, 56.2 percent of employees were paid below the midpoint of the salary range to which they were assigned. Total agency expenditures for salaries and benefits were higher compared with fiscal year 2018.

Salary and Benefits Expenditures (in Millions)



Average Salary Trends

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Commissioner	\$ 140,938	\$ 140,938	\$ 140,938	\$ 140,938	\$ 140,938
Agency Average	\$ 56,092	\$ 57,481	\$ 58,511	\$ 60,205	\$ 62,402
Article Average	\$ 58,320	\$ 59,018	\$ 60,614	\$ 61,300	\$ 63,868
Statewide Average	\$ 47,506	\$ 47,994	\$ 49,500	\$ 50,590	\$ 53,525

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

Number of Salary Actions

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Promotions	130	82	70	139	77
Merits	245	173	176	317	310
One-Time Merits	10	7	11	51	17
Equity Adjustments	14	21	39	7	120
Reclassifications	5	88	11	6	11
Totals	404	371	307	520	535

Salary Range Distribution^b

	Employees	Below Midpoint	At or Above Midpoint
Salary Schedule A	43.25	47.4%	52.6%
Salary Schedule B	586.25	56.8%	43.2%
Totals	629.50	56.2%	43.8%

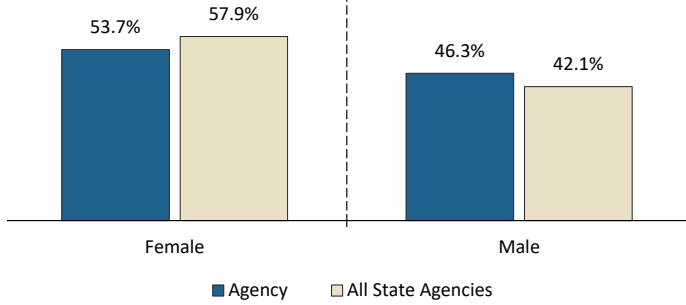
^a Turnover and salary trends information was taken from the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Uniform Statewide Payroll/Personnel System and Standardized Payroll/Personnel Reporting System. Unless otherwise indicated, the data reported is for classified regular, full-time and part-time employees. Salary and benefit information was taken from the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Uniform Statewide Accounting System.

^b Includes classified regular, full-time employees only. The total percentage for salary range distribution is not the sum of salary schedules A and B percentages.

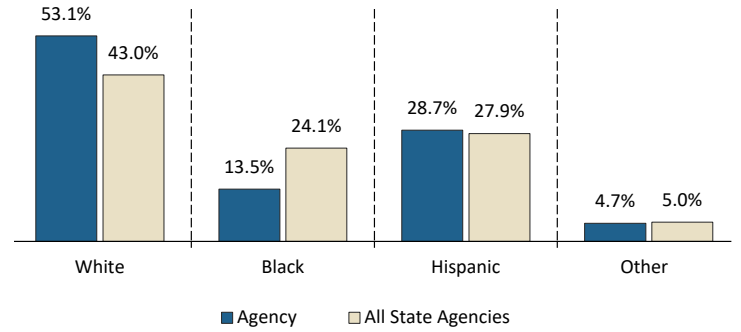
Fiscal Year 2022 Workforce Demographics ^c

On average, employees at the agency were 47.3 years old and had 7.9 years of agency length of service. Of the agency's employees, 70.6 percent were 40 years old or older, and 46.4 percent had fewer than 5 years of agency length of service. The Employees Retirement System estimates that between fiscal years 2022 and 2026, 21.0 percent of the agency's workforce will be eligible to retire (based on fiscal year 2022 data).

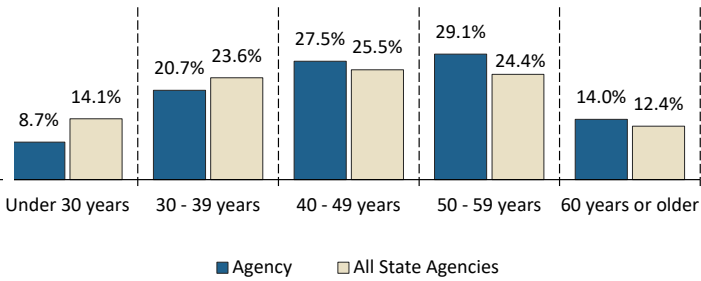
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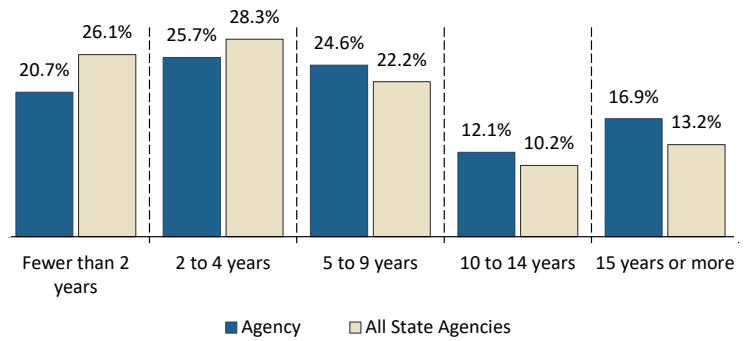
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Age



Agency Length of Service

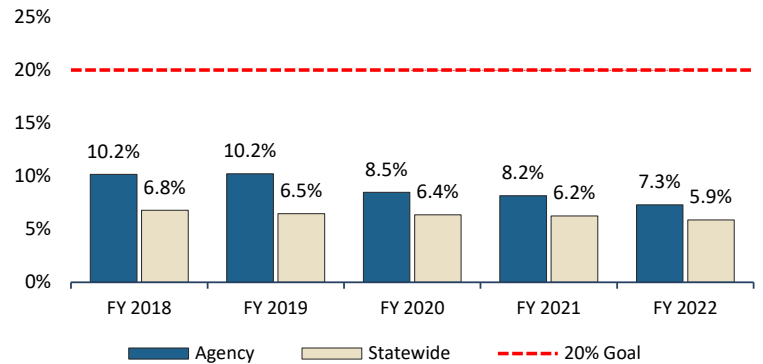


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Veteran Employment ^d

Effective fiscal year 2016, Texas Government Code, Section 657.004, sets for state agencies a goal of employing veterans in full-time positions equal to at least 20.0 percent of the total number of agency employees.

In fiscal year 2022, the agency's total percent of veterans employed was higher than the statewide average and had decreased since fiscal year 2021.



^d Veteran employment information was obtained from the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Statewide totals include state agencies and higher education institutions.