

A tall, modern skyscraper with a grid of windows and a decorative street lamp in the foreground. The street lamp is ornate with a glass globe and a decorative top. The building is a multi-story structure with a mix of glass and light-colored panels. The sky is a clear, light blue.

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Introduction

Section 103.13(H) of the Revised Code requires the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) to prepare a report each year evaluating the extent to which Ohio's various occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions are financially self-supporting. This report summarizes the year-end cash balances for funds used by 41 such boards and commissions in FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). These boards and commissions use a number of different funds as operating accounts into which their receipts are deposited and from which their expenses are paid. As of June 30, 2017, the 23 state funds used primarily by the boards and commissions had a combined cash balance of \$84.2 million, compared to a combined cash balance of \$93.2 million as of July 1, 2016. The boards and commissions also encumbered a total of \$5.4 million in FY 2017 funds to be spent in FY 2018, leaving the funds with a combined unobligated cash balance of \$78.8 million at the end of FY 2017, compared to a combined unobligated cash balance of \$88.8 million at the end of FY 2016. Collectively, these boards and commissions had sufficient revenues to cover their expenditures and were financially self-supporting in FY 2017.

The report is divided into two sections. Section I provides a simplified cash balance statement for the 23 funds used primarily by the boards and commissions for operations and also summarizes their revenue and expenditure activities for FY 2017. Section II compares the total number of active licenses for each board or commission in FY 2017 to FY 2016. The financial and licensing data presented in this report was compiled from information provided by the boards and commissions and data from the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS).

This report may be viewed online at www.lsc.ohio.gov by clicking on Budget Central, and then Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Board Report under the Budget Reference Documents heading.

Section I: Revenues, Expenditures, and Year-End Fund Balances

Year-end fund balances

In FY 2017, 41 different boards and commissions regulated and licensed various occupations and professions in the state of Ohio. These boards and commissions did not receive any funding from the General Revenue Fund (GRF). Rather, their operations were supported by license fees, fines, penalties, and other assessments deposited into many non-GRF funds. This section of the report presents a review of cash balances in 23 of these funds at the close of FY 2017 (Table 1),¹ as well as operating income and expenditures for each board by fund over the course of their licensing cycles (Table 2). This information helps indicate whether these licensing and regulatory boards and commissions are financially self-supporting.

Table 1 is a simplified cash balance statement covering 23 of the funds that are used primarily by the boards and commissions. As of July 1, 2016, the first day of FY 2017, these funds had a combined cash balance of \$93.2 million. During FY 2017, a total of \$86.3 million in receipts (including transfers) were deposited into the funds and a total of \$95.3 million in expenditures (including transfers) were paid out of the funds. As of June 30, 2017, the last day of FY 2017, these 23 funds had a combined cash balance of \$84.2 million and outstanding encumbrances of \$5.4 million, leaving the funds with a combined, unobligated cash balance of \$78.8 million. All of the 23 funds finished FY 2017 with positive unobligated cash balances.

In FY 2017, of the \$95.3 million in expenditures made by boards and commissions, \$66.9 million (70.2%) was used for operations and \$28.4 million (29.8%) was transferred out. Of the amount expended for operations, \$46.5 million (69.5%) was for personal services, which includes payroll and fringe benefits, \$12.3 million (18.4%) was for supplies and maintenance, \$4.7 million (7.0%) was for subsidies for things such as training and education programs, \$2.8 million (4.2%) was for purchased personal services, and the remaining \$0.6 million (0.9%) was for equipment and other miscellaneous expenditures.

Of the \$28.4 million transferred out of the funds used by boards and commissions in FY 2017, the largest transfer was \$15.3 million from the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90) to the Professional Licensing System Fund (Fund 5JQ0) to support the replacement of the automated licensing system. Fund 5JQ0 is used by the Department of Administrative Services to purchase equipment, products, and services necessary to develop and maintain a replacement automated licensing

¹ Table 1, which shows fund cash balances, does not include the three funds that are used mainly for purposes other than board activities: the General Operations Fund (Fund 4700) used by the Department of Health, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40) used by the Department of Public Safety, and the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560) used by the Department of Commerce. Nor does it include federal funds used by the State Board of Pharmacy.

system for professional licensing boards. Additional funds were transferred from Fund 4K90, including approximately \$390,000 to funds used by boards for education assistance programs for nurses (Fund 5AC0) and accountants (Fund 4J80). Lastly, about \$250,000 was transferred from Fund 4K90 to the Nursing Education Assistance Fund (Fund 6820), used by the Department of Higher Education, to provide financial assistance to Ohio students enrolled in at least half-time study in approved pre-licensure or post-licensure nurse education programs. In total, \$15.9 million was transferred from Fund 4K90.

The next largest transfer was \$10.0 million from the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500) to the GRF. Approximately \$1.5 million was transferred from the State Medical Board Operating Fund (Fund 5C60) to the Professional Licensing System Fund (Fund 5JQ0). Additionally, \$1.0 million was transferred from the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530), utilized by the Division of Financial Institutions, to the GRF and about \$2,200 was transferred to the Financial Literacy Education Fund (Fund 5FW0).

Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90)

The Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90) serves as an operating fund for 25 of the boards and commissions covered in this report. Fund 4K90 finished FY 2017 with a cash balance of \$20.0 million, a decrease of \$12.9 million (39.2%) from the beginning cash balance of \$32.8 million. Taking into account the year-end encumbrance of \$1.3 million, Fund 4K90 finished FY 2017 with an unobligated cash balance of \$18.7 million.²

Fund 4K90 receipts totaled about \$35.6 million in FY 2017, an increase of \$3.9 million (12.1%) from FY 2016 receipts of \$31.7 million. Much of this increase is due to differences in renewal cycles. The majority of biennial licenses issued by the largest boards and commissions are renewed in odd-numbered fiscal years. Fund 4K90 expenditures and transfers out for FY 2017 totaled \$48.5 million, an increase of \$6.8 million (16.3%) over FY 2016 expenditures of \$41.7 million. The difference in expenditures is partially due to the differences in amounts transferred out of Fund 4K90 in each year. When transfers are excluded, expenditures totaled \$32.5 million in FY 2017, about \$0.6 million (1.7%) less than FY 2016 expenditures of \$33.1 million.

² The Fund 4K90 balance reflects the combined cash balance of all boards and commissions operating out of the fund, including the contribution of the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, which is otherwise not covered in this report.

Table 1. Simplified Cash Balance Statement for Funds Used by Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Boards and Commissions, FY 2017

Fund Name	Fund Code	Beginning Cash Balance	Revenues (Including transfers in)	Expenditures (Including transfers out)	Ending Cash Balance	Year-End Encumbrances	Unobligated Ending Cash Balance
Division of Securities Fund	5500	\$15,514,327	\$18,941,092	\$14,999,040	\$19,456,379	\$292,592	\$19,163,786
Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund	4K90	\$32,836,107	\$35,592,161	\$48,473,345	\$19,954,923	\$1,296,083	\$18,658,840
Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund	83M0	\$10,351,402	\$6,083,123	\$6,167,848	\$10,266,676	\$1,175,440	\$9,091,236
Investor Education and Enforcement Expense Fund	5GK0	\$7,553,356	\$0	\$163,767	\$7,389,588	\$254,071	\$7,135,517
Consumer Finance Fund	5530	\$7,320,560	\$4,990,248	\$5,364,925	\$6,945,883	\$673,450	\$6,272,433
State Medical Board Operating Fund	5C60	\$4,615,102	\$9,772,230	\$10,235,526	\$4,151,806	\$572,849	\$3,578,957
Private Investigator and Security Guard Provider Fund	5B90	\$2,641,002	\$1,489,806	\$1,407,534	\$2,723,274	\$42,147	\$2,681,127
Division of Real Estate Operating Fund	5490	\$2,112,588	\$3,419,610	\$3,293,986	\$2,238,212	\$305,586	\$1,932,626
Medical Marijuana Control Program Fund	5SY0	\$0	\$2,830,811	\$848,958	\$1,981,853	\$504,550	\$1,477,303
Manufactured Homes Commission Regulatory Fund	5MC0	\$1,223,291	\$785,508	\$663,892	\$1,344,907	\$87,364	\$1,257,543
Real Estate Recovery Fund	5480	\$1,123,604	\$44,443	\$0	\$1,168,047	\$0	\$1,168,047
Motor Vehicle Dealers Board Fund	5390	\$920,016	\$237,479	\$12,385	\$1,145,109	\$31,946	\$1,113,164
Real Estate Appraiser Recovery Fund	4B20	\$973,373	\$23,714	\$0	\$997,087	\$0	\$997,087
Real Estate Appraiser Operating Fund	6A40	\$1,109,774	\$573,142	\$705,855	\$977,062	\$77,702	\$899,360
CPA Education Assistance Fund	4J80	\$863,002	\$363,660	\$345,235	\$881,427	\$0	\$881,427
Real Estate Education and Research Fund	5470	\$904,816	\$68,480	\$84,204	\$889,092	\$25,449	\$863,643
Board of Pharmacy Drug Law Enforcement Fund	4A50	\$620,125	\$0	\$35,155	\$584,970	\$12,050	\$572,920
Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports Fund	5MT0	\$334,703	\$609,902	\$548,949	\$395,657	\$22,301	\$373,356
Auctioneers Fund	5B80	\$356,394	\$291,500	\$347,802	\$300,091	\$1,117	\$298,975
Auction Education Fund	4D20	\$244,748	\$25,742	\$8,047	\$262,443	\$3,259	\$259,184
Drug Database Fund	5SG0	\$100,000	\$143,331	\$127,221	\$116,109	\$0	\$116,109
Nurse Education Grant Program Fund	5AC0	\$1,490,292	\$20,640	\$1,495,476	\$15,457	\$0	\$15,457
Veterinary Student Loan Program Fund	5BU0	\$20,998	\$5,310	\$0	\$26,308	\$26,000	\$308
TOTAL		\$93,229,582	\$86,311,929	\$95,329,150	\$84,212,361	\$5,403,956	\$78,808,405

Data Source: The Ohio Administrative Knowledge System

Revenues and expenditures

After examining a fund's year-end cash balance, it may be helpful to examine a fund's revenue and expenditure patterns without taking into account the beginning cash balance. While a sufficient beginning cash balance may help a board or commission to absorb an operating deficit during a given year, a board or commission with an annual expenditure level consistently exceeding its annual revenue level may eventually have to reduce its expenditures, increase its license fees, or both. Table 2 lists revenues and expenditures for each board and commission at the fund level. It also compares each fund's revenues and expenditures to determine whether the revenues generated during a given period were sufficient to cover the expenditures incurred in that period. Transfers in and transfers out are excluded from this table in order to view board finances only pertaining to operations.³ Nearly all of the revenue received by the boards and commissions covered in this report comes from license fees.⁴ This means that license renewal cycles (generally one, two, or three years) can have a significant effect on annual revenue.

In order to provide a more complete picture of revenue and expenditure patterns for those boards and commissions issuing annual licenses, Table 2 lists their FY 2017 revenues and expenditures by fund. For those boards and commissions issuing biennial licenses, the table lists total revenues and expenditures by fund over the FY 2016-FY 2017 period. Likewise, for boards and commissions issuing on a triennial basis, the table lists revenue and expenditure data over the FY 2015-FY 2017 period. Some boards and commissions with biennial or triennial license renewal cycles stagger their license renewal periods to avoid larger fluctuations in revenues and expenditures from year to year.

Annual renewal cycles

As shown in Table 2, in FY 2017, 12 boards and commissions on primarily annual renewal cycles registered higher revenues than expenditures. The Division of Securities within the Department of Commerce, which regulates the sale of securities and licenses security professionals, registered the largest overall surplus of \$13.8 million. The Division uses two funds: the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500), which had a surplus of \$13.9 million, and the Investor Education and Enforcement Expense Fund (Fund 5GK0), which had a deficit of \$163,767. The Department of Commerce's portion of Fund 5SY0,⁵ Medical Marijuana Control Program, registered the next highest revenue

³ Table 2 excludes funds that are primarily used to disburse grants (and are therefore not used for general board operations): the CPA Education Assistance Fund (Fund 4J80), the Nurse Education Grant Program Fund (Fund 5AC0), and the Veterinary Student Loan Program Fund (Fund 5BU0).

⁴ The main exception is the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, which is primarily funded by fees and fines, such as a portion of moneys collected from seat belt law violations.

⁵ The State Board of Pharmacy also uses Fund 5SY0. It licenses retail dispensaries and registers patients and caregivers. The Board has not issued any licenses as of the end of FY 2017.

surplus of \$726,166. However, as of the end of FY 2017, the program is not yet fully operational and is not currently issuing licenses for cultivators, processors, and testing laboratories. The third largest surplus of \$653,731 was registered by the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board, also within the Department of Commerce, in the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560).

The following boards and commissions on annual renewal cycles registered expenditures at levels higher than their revenues in their portion of Fund 4K90: the Motor Vehicle Repair Board (\$65,146), the Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics (\$33,657), and the Board of Sanitarian Registration (\$5,198). The State Board of Pharmacy also uses Fund 4K90 for some responsibilities and it registered a deficit of \$73,641 in the fund. In all seven of its funds, the State Board of Pharmacy registered a total deficit of \$589,265. The Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing, within the Department of Commerce, registered a total deficit in its four funds of \$80,445, while the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board, which uses the Department of Health's General Operations Fund (Fund 4700), registered a deficit of \$1,557.

Biennial renewal cycles

In FY 2017, 16 boards and commissions that operate mainly on biennial renewal cycles registered higher revenues than expenditures over their two-year licensing period. The State Medical Board had the largest surplus of \$1.3 million in the State Medical Board Operating Fund (Fund 5C60), followed by the State Board of Cosmetology with a surplus of \$1.2 million in Fund 4K90. A total of five boards and commissions on biennial renewal cycles had higher expenditures than revenues over the licensing period. The largest deficit of \$2.8 million was registered by the Board of Nursing in its portion of Fund 4K90. The next largest deficit of \$91,336 was registered by the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board in its portion of Fund 4K90.

Triennial renewal cycles

Three of the boards that mainly renew licenses on a triennial basis registered surpluses over their three-year licensing period: the Accountancy Board with a surplus of \$1.9 million in their portion of Fund 4K90, the Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund (Fund 83M0), within the Department of Public Safety, with a surplus of \$1.7 million, and the Board of Building Standards, within the Department of Commerce, with a surplus of \$348,166 in Fund 5560 related to Board operations. The Department of Commerce's Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing registered a deficit of \$302,921 in the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490). Fund 5490 is used for triennial license renewals (most of the other licenses issued by the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing are renewed on an annual basis).

Table 2. Summary of Revenues and Expenditures by Agency by Fund

Agency Name	Fund Code	Revenues	Expenditures	Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures
Annual Renewal Cycle, FY 2017				
Division of Securities (Commerce)	Total	\$18,941,092	\$5,162,807	\$13,778,285
	5500	\$18,941,092	\$4,999,040	\$13,942,052
	5GK0	\$0	\$163,767	-\$163,767
Medical Marijuana Control Program (Commerce)	5SY0	\$1,012,000	\$285,834	\$726,166
Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (Commerce)	5560	\$1,416,579	\$762,848	\$653,731
Division of Financial Institutions (Commerce)	5530	\$4,985,698	\$4,362,728	\$622,970
Division of Industrial Compliance (Commerce)	5560	\$578,859	\$189,862	\$388,997
Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission*	5MC0	\$785,508	\$663,892	\$121,616
Private Investigator & Security Guard Unit (Public Safety)	5B90	\$1,489,806	\$1,407,534	\$82,272
Ohio Athletic Commission	4K90	\$353,169	\$272,887	\$80,282
Ohio Board of Dietetics	4K90	\$393,448	\$326,673	\$66,775
State Board of Optometry	4K90	\$409,785	\$345,829	\$63,956
Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports (Aging)	5MT0	\$609,902	\$548,949	\$60,953
Ohio Optical Dispensers Board	4K90	\$365,415	\$365,396	\$19
Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board (Health)	4700	\$137,845	\$139,402	-\$1,557
State Board of Sanitarian Registration	4K90	\$144,910	\$150,108	-\$5,198
State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics	4K90	\$139,410	\$173,067	-\$33,657
Motor Vehicle Repair Board	4K90	\$476,314	\$541,460	-\$65,146
Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing (Commerce)**	Total	\$709,614	\$790,059	-\$80,445
	5480	\$44,443	\$0	\$44,443
	4B20	\$23,714	\$0	\$23,714
	5470	\$68,480	\$84,204	-\$15,724
	6A40	\$572,977	\$705,855	-\$132,878
State Board of Pharmacy	Total	\$7,697,875	\$8,287,140	-\$589,265
	3EBO***	\$126,547	\$88,189	\$38,358
	3HDO***	\$89,500	\$72,058	\$17,442
	5SGO***	\$143,331	\$127,221	\$16,110
	3CTO***	\$1,975	\$4,564	-\$2,589
	4A50***	\$0	\$35,155	-\$35,155
	4K90	\$7,323,188	\$7,396,829	-\$73,641
	5SY0	\$13,334	\$563,124	-\$549,790

*These amounts do not include revenues and expenditures related to licenses that are renewed biennially or triennially (Fund 4K90).

**The total shown for the Division does not include Fund 5490, which is used by the Division for licenses issued on a triennial basis.

***These funds are grant funds, holding funds, or special law funds that do not collect license revenue. Funds 3EBO, 3HDO, and 3CTO are federal funds.

Table 2. Summary of Revenues and Expenditures by Agency by Fund

Agency Name	Fund Code	Revenues	Expenditures	Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures
Biennial Renewal Cycle, FY 2016-FY 2017				
State Medical Board	5C60	\$19,497,961	\$18,148,788	\$1,349,173
State Board of Cosmetology****	4K90	\$8,699,406	\$7,511,417	\$1,187,989
Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing Board (Public Safety)	Total	\$788,814	\$26,836	\$761,978
	5390	\$470,242	\$25,589	\$444,653
	4W40	\$318,572	\$1,247	\$317,325
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors	4K90	\$2,321,767	\$1,696,971	\$624,796
Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	4K90	\$3,011,364	\$2,653,784	\$357,580
Architects Board and the Ohio Landscape Architects Board	4K90	\$1,378,050	\$1,020,843	\$357,207
Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	4K90	\$1,036,988	\$687,881	\$349,107
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	4K90	\$1,253,707	\$942,699	\$311,008
State Board of Psychology	4K90	\$1,449,406	\$1,139,032	\$310,374
Ohio State Dental Board	4K90	\$3,331,288	\$3,059,969	\$271,319
Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission	4K90	\$762,947	\$496,263	\$266,684
Ohio State Barber Board	4K90	\$1,462,396	\$1,211,892	\$250,504
State Chiropractic Board	4K90	\$1,285,315	\$1,062,494	\$222,821
Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	4K90	\$1,188,856	\$1,007,539	\$181,317
Respiratory Care Board	4K90	\$1,192,413	\$1,042,850	\$149,563
Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers Licensing Board (Public Safety)	4W40	\$59,281	\$4,474	\$54,807
Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection (Health)	4700	\$783,160	\$807,968	-\$24,808
State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	4K90	\$1,374,794	\$1,411,651	-\$36,857
Auctioneers Program (Agriculture)	Total	\$658,800	\$729,462	-\$70,662
	4D20	\$51,912	\$49,370	\$2,542
	5B80	\$606,888	\$680,092	-\$73,204
Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	4K90	\$1,518,688	\$1,610,024	-\$91,336
Board of Nursing	4K90	\$13,014,158	\$15,856,391	-\$2,842,233
Triennial Renewal Cycle, FY 2015-FY 2017				
Accountancy Board	4K90	\$4,805,237	\$2,860,725	\$1,944,512
Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (Public Safety)	83M0	\$20,013,612	\$18,268,419	\$1,745,193
Board of Building Standards (Commerce)*****	5560	\$3,134,294	\$2,786,128	\$348,166
Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing (Commerce)	5490	\$9,240,466	\$9,543,387	-\$302,921

****These amounts do not include \$23,460 in reinstatement fees from the Board's lapsed license amnesty program that were deposited directly into the GRF.

*****These amounts only represent the Board's licensing activities and do not include other Board activities related to regulating building standards.

Section II: Active Licenses, FY 2016 and FY 2017

Table 3 lists the total number of active licenses for each board or commission for FY 2016 and FY 2017 and the percent change in the number of licenses between these fiscal years. Of the 40⁶ boards and commissions listed in the table, 21 reported increases in the number of active licenses, 18 reported decreases, and one reported no change. Three boards and commissions reported increases in active licenses of more than 10%, and four⁷ reported a decrease of more than 10%. Licenses first issued in FY 2017 are noted as "(new)," and discontinued licenses are noted as "(discontinued)."

Table 3. Active Licenses, FY 2016 and FY 2017			
Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
Accountancy Board	33,807	33,748	-0.2%
Certified Public Accountant – Ohio Permit	22,514	22,628	0.5%
Certified Public Accountant – Ohio Registration	8,168	8,112	-0.7%
Public Accountant – Ohio Permit	10	9	-10.0%
Public Accountant – Ohio Registration	58	54	-6.9%
Firm Registration – Peer Review	1,382	1,274	-7.8%
Firm Registration – Tax Consulting	1,675	1,671	-0.2%
Architects Board and the Ohio Landscape Architects Board	8,306	9,069	9.2%
ARC Individual Certificate of Qualification	6,281	6,590	4.9%
ARC Firm Certificate of Qualification	1,247	1,649	32.2%
Landscape Architect Individual Certificate of Qualification	649	666	2.6%
Landscape Architect Firm Certificate of Authorization	129	164	27.1%
Ohio Athletic Commission	2,093	2,280	8.9%
Athlete Agent	120	117	-2.5%
Boxing/Mixed Martial Arts/Toughperson	744	833	12.0%
Nonofficial: Second, Manager, Trainer, Matchmaker	701	777	10.8%
Official: Judge, Referee, Timekeeper, Physician, Inspector	76	80	5.3%
Boxing/Mixed Martial Arts/Toughperson Promoter	25	25	0.0%
Wrestling Promoter	29	37	27.6%
Federal ID Boxing	77	68	-11.7%
National Mixed Martial Arts ID	321	343	6.9%
Auctioneers Program (Department of Agriculture)	3,183	3,022	-5.1%
Auctioneer	2,668	2,467	-7.5%
Apprentice Auctioneer	163	141	-13.5%
Special Auctioneer	3	3	0.0%

⁶ Medical marijuana licenses were not issued at the end of FY 2017. Thus, the Medical Marijuana Control Program under the Department of Commerce is not included. The State Board of Pharmacy issues other licenses, so it is included.

⁷ Included in this is the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. However, in FY 2016 and in past years, it appears that the Dual Embalmer/Funeral Director licenses were double counted. Thus, comparisons from FY 2016 to FY 2017 are difficult.

Table 3. Active Licenses, FY 2016 and FY 2017

Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
Auctioneer: Corporation, Partnership, or Association	249	322	29.3%
Auction Firm	100	89	-11.0%
Ohio State Barber Board	11,761	11,036	-6.2%
Barber	8,663	8,068	-6.9%
Barber School	19	19	0.0%
Barber Shop	2,987	2,852	-4.5%
Barber Teacher	92	97	5.4%
Board of Building Standards (Department of Commerce)	4,551	4,645	2.1%
Commercial Building Inspector	764	752	-1.6%
Residential Building Inspector	313	333	6.4%
Commercial Building Official	407	404	-0.7%
Residential Building Official	764	792	3.7%
Electrical Safety Inspector	558	544	-2.5%
Fire Protection Designer	561	583	3.9%
Fire Protection Inspector	96	84	-12.5%
Industrialized Unit Inspector	49	47	-4.1%
Residential I.U. Inspector	33	34	3.0%
Mechanical Inspector	103	113	9.7%
Residential Mechanical Inspector	26	36	38.5%
Medical Gas Inspector	22	21	-4.5%
Commercial Plans Examiner	352	368	4.5%
Residential Plans Examiner	57	92	61.4%
Commercial Plumbing Inspector	250	260	4.0%
Residential Plumbing Inspector	196	182	-7.1%
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	9,705	9,621	-0.9%
Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor	617	763	23.7%
Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor – Clinical Supervisor	1,934	1,608	-16.9%
Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor III	1,135	1,102	-2.9%
Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II	347	330	-4.9%
Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant	4,772	4,843	1.5%
Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant	220	117	-46.8%
Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist	151	192	27.2%
Registered Applicant for Prevention Certification	378	488	29.1%
Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant	128	146	14.1%
Gambling Endorsement	23	32	39.1%
State Chiropractic Board	2,590	2,700	4.2%
Chiropractic Physician	2,418	2,512	3.9%
Preceptorship	23	32	39.1%
Acupuncture Certificate	149	156	4.7%

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Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (Department of Commerce)	18,351	17,553	-4.3%
Electrical Contractor	6,327	5,529	-12.6%
Plumbing Contractor	4,516	4,219	-6.6%
Hydronics Contractor	1,795	1,887	5.1%
HVAC Contractor	4,337	4,325	-0.3%
Refrigeration Contractor	1,376	1,593	15.8%
State Board of Cosmetology*	130,463	112,680	-13.6%
Cosmetologist	22,073	17,639	-20.1%
Cosmetologist Instructor	4,643	3,245	-30.1%
Advanced Cosmetologist	52,185	43,462	-16.7%
Beauty Salon	9,379	9,239	-1.5%
Esthetician	1,032	982	-4.8%
Esthetician Instructor	163	121	-25.8%
Advanced Esthetician	3,399	3,035	-10.7%
Esthetic Salon	816	806	-1.2%
Hair Designer	167	135	-19.2%
Hair Designer Instructor	6	5	-16.7%
Advanced Hair Designer	145	127	-12.4%
Hair Designer Salon	328	359	9.5%
Independent Contractor	20,303	19,090	-6.0%
Manicurist	4,267	3,957	-7.3%
Manicurist Instructor	196	132	-32.7%
Advanced Manicurist	8,566	7,429	-13.3%
Nail Salon	1,272	1,216	-4.4%
Natural Hair Stylist	6	5	-16.7%
Natural Hair Stylist Instructor	3	1	-66.7%
Advanced Natural Hair Stylist	42	34	-19.0%
Natural Hair Stylist Salon	16	14	-12.5%
Cosmetology School	191	178	-6.8%
Tanning Facility	1,265	1,100	-13.0%
Boutique Services Registration (new)	N/A	337	N/A
Boutique Services Salon (new)	N/A	32	N/A
Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	33,743	36,959	9.5%
Professional Counselor	4,663	4,353	-6.6%
Professional Clinical Counselor	5,092	5,782	13.6%
Social Worker Assistant	471	511	8.5%
Social Worker	15,414	17,104	11.0%
Independent Social Worker	7,746	8,790	13.5%
Marriage and Family Therapist	155	175	12.9%
Independent Marriage and Family Therapist	202	244	20.8%

*S.B. 213 of the 131st General Assembly eliminated "managing" licenses and replaced them with "advanced" practicing licenses.

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Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
Ohio State Dental Board	35,863	35,189	-1.9%
Dentist	7,088	7,404	4.5%
Dental Hygienist	8,377	8,720	4.1%
Dental Assistant Radiology	16,031	14,421	-10.0%
Limited Residents	353	221	-37.4%
Limited Teaching	37	34	-8.1%
Limited Continuing Education	18	15	-16.7%
Coronal Polishing	1,609	1,784	10.9%
Expanded Function Dental Assistant	2,221	2,441	9.9%
Oral Health Access Supervision – Hygienist	98	105	7.1%
Oral Health Access Supervision – Dentist	31	44	41.9%
Board of Dietetics	4,199	4,294	2.3%
Dietitian	4,161	4,248	2.1%
Limited Permit	38	46	21.1%
State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	6,584	4,311	-34.5%
Crematory	135	145	7.4%
Dual Embalmer/Funeral Director**	N/A	2,065	N/A
Embalmer Apprentice	44	48	9.1%
Embalmer Registration	53	56	5.7%
Embalmer**	2,183	11	-99.5%
Embalming Facility	1	3	200.0%
Funeral Director Apprentice	88	74	-15.9%
Funeral Director Registration	72	88	22.2%
Funeral Director**	2,849	653	-77.1%
Funeral Home	1,152	1,156	0.3%
Courtesy Card Permit	7	12	71.4%
Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (Department of Public Safety)	101,372	101,744	0.4%
Instructors	9,107	9,738	6.9%
Fire Instructor	4,085	4,278	4.7%
Assistant Fire Instructor	374	344	-8.0%
EMS Instructor	1,909	1,958	2.6%
Assistant EMS Instructor	180	176	-2.2%
Continuing Education Instructor	2,415	2,621	8.5%
Physician EMS Instructor***	N/A	219	N/A
Fire Safety Inspector Instructor	144	142	-1.4%
Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters	91,796	91,547	-0.3%
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	19,245	19,149	-0.5%
Paramedic	17,947	18,126	1.0%
Advanced EMT	1,944	1,953	0.5%

**In FY 2016 and years past, Dual Embalmer/Funeral Director licenses were double counted in the Embalmer and Funeral Director license categories.

***In previous years, the Physician EMS Instructor license was included in the EMS Instructor license category.

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Firefighter – Level II	23,597	23,702	0.4%
Firefighter – Level I	5,155	5,173	0.3%
Firefighter – Volunteer	11,540	11,028	-4.4%
Fire Safety Inspector	10,080	10,205	1.2%
Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)	2,288	2,211	-3.4%
Medical Transportation	469	459	-2.1%
Emergency Medical Service	127	121	-4.7%
Nonemergency Medical Service	325	321	-1.2%
Air Medical Service	17	17	0.0%
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors	30,018	31,337	4.4%
Professional Engineer	25,517	26,500	3.9%
Professional Surveyor	1,287	1,283	-0.3%
Dual: Professional Engineer/Professional Surveyor	640	642	0.3%
Companies	2,574	2,912	13.1%
Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports (Department of Aging)	1,959	1,942	-0.9%
Nursing Home Administrator	1,959	1,940	-1.0%
Nursing Home Administrator, Temporary	0	2	N/A
Division of Financial Institutions (Department of Commerce)	18,299	21,734	18.8%
OMBA Loan Originator	8,822	10,394	17.8%
OMLA Mortgage Loan Originator	4,991	6,360	27.4%
Mortgage Broker (OMBA)	697	812	16.5%
OMBA Mortgage Banker	560	625	11.6%
OMBA CUSO	6	6	0.0%
OMLA CUSO	8	10	25.0%
Mortgage Loan Act Registrant	1,588	1,691	6.5%
Check Cashier	837	1,015	21.3%
Credit Service Organization	55	51	-7.3%
Money Transmitter	94	103	9.6%
Pawnbroker	295	307	4.1%
Precious Metals Dealer	112	120	7.1%
Premium Finance Company	48	51	6.3%
Small Loan Company	168	161	-4.2%
Temporary OMBA Loan Originator	0	1	N/A
Not For Profit 501(c)(3)	2	4	100.0%
Third Party Processor	16	23	43.8%
Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection (Department of Health)	9,080	7,442	-18.0%
X-ray Machine Operator	595	444	-25.4%
Radiographer	7259	5930	-18.3%
Radiation Therapy Technologist	454	430	-5.3%
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	772	638	-17.4%

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Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board (Department of Health)	708	697	-1.6%
Individual	415	411	-1.0%
Corporation	242	239	-1.2%
Trainee	51	47	-7.8%
Division of Industrial Compliance (Department of Commerce)	13,268	13,021	-1.9%
Examiners of Steam Engineers	9,207	8,776	-4.7%
Historical Boiler Operator	674	690	2.4%
Plumbing Inspector Certificate	197	200	1.5%
Backflow Tester Certificate	3,063	3,232	5.5%
Backflow Lawn Irrigation Certificate	127	123	-3.1%
Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission	2,423	2,359	-2.6%
Licensed Installer	222	209	-5.9%
Certified Inspector	50	46	-8.0%
Licensed Dealer/Broker	259	251	-3.1%
Licensed Salesperson	293	264	-9.9%
Park Owner/Operator	1,578	1,571	-0.4%
Certified Third Party Agencies	6	6	0.0%
Certified Building Departments	13	11	-15.4%
Certified Health Districts	2	1	-50.0%
State Medical Board	70,298	70,857	0.8%
Medical Doctor	40,665	41,533	2.1%
Doctor of Osteopathy	6,164	6,430	4.3%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	969	977	0.8%
Doctor of Medicine Training Certificate	3,594	3,989	11.0%
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Training Certificate	1,071	1,162	8.5%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Training Certificate	96	93	-3.1%
Physician Assistant	2,720	3,506	28.9%
Physician's Assistant Certificate to Prescribe (discontinued as of 12/15/2015)****	2,073	0	-100.0%
Physician's Assistant Provisional Certificate to Prescribe (discontinued as of 12/15/2015)****	250	0	-100.0%
Anesthesiologist Assistant	241	262	8.7%
Radiologist Assistant	14	15	7.1%
Telemedicine License	134	157	17.2%
Massage Therapist	11,560	11,947	3.3%
Cosmetic Therapist	183	177	-3.3%
Acupuncturist	242	243	0.4%
Mechanotherapist	15	14	-6.7%
Naprapath	1	1	0.0%
Clinical Research Faculty Certificate	28	29	3.6%
Oriental Medicine Practitioner	32	41	28.1%

****S.B. 110 of the 131st General Assembly eliminated the requirement that a physician assistant who seeks prescriptive authority obtain a certificate to prescribe. Instead, prescriptive authority may be delegated to a physician assistant that has a prescriber number issued by the Board. Prescriber numbers are issued to eligible applicants as part of a Physician Assistant license.

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Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
Clinical Professional Development Certificate	0	1	N/A
Conceded Eminence Certificate	8	10	25.0%
Special Activity Certificate	17	5	-70.6%
Genetic Counselor	221	265	19.9%
Motor Vehicle Repair Board	1,639	1,749	6.7%
Motor Vehicle Repair Operator	1,639	1,749	6.7%
Motor Vehicle Dealers Licensing Board (Department of Public Safety)*****	28,394	36,357	28.0%
Motor Vehicle Dealer License	7,191	7,182	-0.1%
Motor Vehicle Leasing Dealer	1,162	1,083	-6.8%
Motor Vehicle Salesperson	19,945	28,012	40.4%
Motor Vehicle Distributor/Auction	95	79	-16.8%
Motor Vehicle Construction Equipment Auction License	1	1	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers Licensing Board (Department of Public Safety)*****	555	496	-10.6%
Salvage Motor Vehicle Dealer	522	479	-8.2%
Salvage Motor Vehicle Auction/Pool	25	11	-56.0%
Salvage Motorcycle/Scooter/APV	8	6	-25.0%
Board of Nursing	285,097	297,366	4.3%
Registered Nurse	200,320	213,927	6.8%
Licensed Practical Nurse	57,836	52,823	-8.7%
Certificate of Authority	14,627	16,347	11.8%
Certificate to Prescribe	9,851	11,236	14.1%
Certified Dialysis Technician	1,582	1,519	-4.0%
Community Health Worker	401	516	28.7%
Medication Aide – Certified	164	218	32.9%
Dialysis Technician Intern Certificate	316	367	16.1%
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (new)	N/A	42	N/A
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – Certified Nurse Midwife (new)	N/A	1	N/A
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – Certified Nurse Practitioner (new)	N/A	361	N/A
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – Clinical Nurse Specialist (new)	N/A	9	N/A
Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	30,552	30,846	1.0%
Occupational Therapist	5,732	5,661	-1.2%
Occupational Therapy Assistant	4,470	4,694	5.0%
Physical Therapist	9,387	9,795	4.3%
Physical Therapist Assistant	8,060	7,943	-1.5%
Athletic Trainer	2,903	2,753	-5.2%
Ohio Optical Dispensers Board	4,134	4,284	3.6%
Optician	3,056	3,049	-0.2%
Ocularist	8	8	0.0%
Apprentice Registration	1,070	1,227	14.7%

*****License totals as of August 7, 2017.

Table 3. Active Licenses, FY 2016 and FY 2017

Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
State Board of Optometry	2,264	2,265	0.0%
Therapeutic Optometrist	2,229	2,234	0.2%
Diagnostic Optometrist	16	15	-6.3%
Optometrist Only	19	16	-15.8%
State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics	352	321	-8.8%
Orthotist	77	64	-16.9%
Pedorthist	90	75	-16.7%
Prosthetist	63	57	-9.5%
Prosthetist – Orthotist	115	114	-0.9%
Temporary Orthotist	1	5	400.0%
Temporary Prosthetist	5	6	20.0%
Temporary Prosthetist – Orthotist	1	0	-100.0%
State Board of Pharmacy	43,916	46,549	6.0%
Registered Pharmacist	19,592	19,984	2.0%
Pharmacy Intern	3,365	3,712	10.3%
Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs CAT III	11,917	12,890	8.2%
Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs CAT II	5,824	6,267	7.6%
Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs CAT I	21	20	-4.8%
Wholesale Distributor of Dangerous Drugs	1,706	1,793	5.1%
Controlled Substance Manufacturer	620	639	3.1%
Veterinary Facility Drug	871	1,244	42.8%
Private Investigators and Security Guard Unit (Department of Public Safety)	22,604	23,585	4.3%
Provider Licenses	793	796	0.4%
Class A (Private Investigator & Security Guard) Provider License	315	301	-4.4%
Class A (Private Investigator & Security Guard) Branch	64	62	-3.1%
Class B (Private Investigator) Provider License	235	243	3.4%
Class B (Private Investigator) Branch	7	8	14.3%
Class C (Security Guard) Provider	111	116	4.5%
Class C (Security Guard) Branch	61	66	8.2%
Registrations	21,811	22,789	4.5%
Class A (Private Investigator & Security Guard)	7,306	7,122	-2.5%
Class B (Private Investigator)	894	937	4.8%
Class C (Security Guard)	13,611	14,730	8.2%
State Board of Psychology	4,059	3,937	-3.0%
Psychologist	3,545	3,395	-4.2%
School Psychologist	255	217	-14.9%
Certified Ohio Behavior Analyst	259	325	25.5%
Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing (Department of Commerce)*****	42,356	43,587	2.9%
Real Estate Salesperson	30,630	32,087	4.8%
Real Estate Appraiser	2,968	2,925	-1.4%
Real Estate Broker	4,672	4,566	-2.3%

*****License totals as of August 1, 2017.

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Agency and License	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
Real Estate Business	3,543	3,463	-2.3%
Real Estate Foreign Corporation	27	26	-3.7%
Real Estate Foreign Dealer	28	25	-10.7%
Real Estate Foreign Property Registration	112	114	1.8%
Real Estate Foreign Individual	5	5	0.0%
Real Estate Foreign Salesperson	107	79	-26.2%
Real Estate Registered Appraiser Assistant	264	297	12.5%
Respiratory Care Board	9,819	9,408	-4.2%
Respiratory Care Professional	8,527	8,166	-4.2%
Limited Permit, Student/Graduate	283	337	19.1%
Limited Permit, Employment Based	13	13	0.0%
Home Medical Equipment License	182	147	-19.2%
Home Medical Equipment Certificate of Registration	814	737	-9.5%
Hyperbaric Technologist Certificate (new)	N/A	8	N/A
State Board of Sanitarian Registration	1,525	1,541	1.0%
Registered Sanitarian	1,156	1,140	-1.4%
Sanitarian-in-Training	278	320	15.1%
Training Agencies	91	81	-11.0%
Division of Securities (Department of Commerce)	201,793	204,548	1.4%
Securities Salesperson	178,586	181,460	1.6%
Securities Dealer	2,053	2,024	-1.4%
Investment Advisor	2,636	1,889	-28.3%
Investment Advisor Representative	18,421	19,073	3.5%
State Retirement System Investment Officer	96	101	5.2%
Chief Investment Officer of BWC	1	1	0.0%
Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	8,669	8,621	-0.6%
Audiology	1,050	1,037	-1.2%
Audiology Aide	73	78	6.8%
Speech-Language Pathology	7,192	7,177	-0.2%
Speech-Language Pathology Aide	8	4	-50.0%
Speech-Language Pathology Conditional License	309	288	-6.8%
Dual Audiology Speech-Language Pathology	37	37	0.0%
Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	7,291	8,529	17.0%
Veterinary	4,041	4,397	8.8%
Registered Veterinary Technician	2,876	3,838	33.4%
Veterinary Specialist	120	108	-10.0%
Business Facility License	72	86	19.4%
Limited License for Resident	22	11	-50.0%
Limited License	152	69	-54.6%
Provisional License	3	10	233.3%
Temporary Permit	5	10	100.0%