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A National Survey of State Legislative Program Evaluation and Performance Audit Offices

2025

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Introduction

Legislative program evaluation keeps government accountable. Across the country, specialized offices within state legislatures conduct performance audits, program evaluations, and policy analyses that examine whether public programs are working as intended, whether taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely, and whether there are better ways to achieve policy goals. This work—methodical, nonpartisan, and often far from the headlines—is a critical part of how legislatures fulfill their constitutional responsibility to oversee the executive branch and ensure that citizens can trust their government.

Ensuring the Public Trust has documented this work since 2001, surveying the offices that perform it and profiling how they are organized, what they produce, and how they interact with their legislatures. This 2025 edition is the first update since 2019. It is based on a survey distributed to NLPES member offices in the spring of 2025, to which 34 offices from 32 states and the District of Columbia responded. Not every office responded to every question. The report also profiles 12 additional offices that did not respond to the survey, using data from previous editions and public records, bringing the total to 46 offices.

Beyond the standard questions about statute, staffing, and structure, the 2025 survey places new emphasis on two questions that many evaluators grapple with: *How do we know whether our work is making a difference?* and *How do we make sure our findings get used?*

Part A of this report summarizes the survey findings. Part B profiles each office and provides contact information.

Note: The survey used the terms 'performance evaluation' and 'performance audit' as well as 'office' and 'unit.' For simplicity, this report uses 'performance evaluation' and 'office' to be inclusive of the different terms and organizational structures, unless explicitly stated.

Part A: Summary of Survey Findings

History and Authority

Most legislative program evaluation offices have deep roots. More than half of responding offices were established before 1975, over 50 years ago. The 1970s were the peak founding decade, with ten offices created during that period alone. The oldest responding office in Texas traces its origins to 1929; the newest, in North Dakota, was created in 2025. Nearly all offices (97 percent) have their authority codified in statute.

Organizational Placement

Evaluation offices are organized in several ways within the legislative branch. Forty-one percent sit within an auditor's office that also conducts financial and compliance audits, with the evaluation unit typically operating as a separate division. Thirty-five percent operate as independent legislative offices. The rest are attached to legislative committees, budget offices, or have other organizational structures.

Most offices report to a joint legislative oversight or audit committee (56 percent). The majority of directors are appointed by a legislative committee or commission (59 percent), and about two-thirds serve at the pleasure of their designating authority.

Professional Standards and Peer Review

Reflecting the close ties between program evaluation and the audit profession, 56 percent of offices follow Government Auditing Standards (the Yellow Book) issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Forty-one percent use internally developed standards, and some offices follow more than one set. Two offices reported having no formal standards.

Nearly two-thirds of offices (65 percent) undergo peer review. Of those, 59 percent are reviewed through the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) and 41 percent through the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society (NLPES).

Staffing

Evaluation offices range from single-person operations to teams of 85, with a median of about 15 evaluators and more than 700 across all responding offices. More than half of employees hold master's degrees, and about a third have less than three years of experience. Forty-six percent of offices are actively engaged in succession planning.

Products and Activities

All responding offices conduct performance audits, program evaluations, or policy analyses as a primary function. Many also take on additional work: 42 percent conduct financial audits, 39 percent provide short-term policy research for members or committees, and 36 percent perform technology reviews or assess agency performance measures. Twenty-one percent conduct sunset reviews.

On average, offices devote about two-thirds of their workload to performance evaluations. The typical office publishes about nine reports per year, though this ranges widely from a handful to over 200. Most reports run 25 to 50 pages, and nearly 88 percent of offices spend six months or more on projects.

Two-thirds of offices publish follow-up studies to track whether agencies have implemented recommendations. Forty-one percent annually compile recommendations that remain unaddressed, giving legislators a ready-made agenda for corrective action.

Impact: How Do We Know Whether We Are Doing a Good Job?

Gone are the days when success was measured merely by the thud of a heavy report landing on a desk. The 2025 survey asked offices how they assess whether their work makes a difference, and the answers show a profession increasingly focused on outcomes.

Fifty-eight percent of offices use internal performance measures. The most common metrics include recommendation implementation rates, reports published, and timeliness of delivery. Others are also tracking cost savings, legislative actions tied to their findings, and stakeholder satisfaction. Arizona tracks specific dollar amounts of fraud uncovered. Utah monitors legislative policy impacts over three-year cycles to capture long-term change. The District of Columbia analyzes website traffic to gauge public engagement with audit work. Georgia tracks revenue generated from audit findings.

When asked what their offices achieved in the past two years, the results were striking: 97 percent reported agency management improvements resulting from their work; 90 percent cited new laws or policy changes; 87 percent reported greater government transparency; and 58 percent identified budget savings or improved efficiency.

Yet demonstrating impact remains a challenge. The most commonly cited barriers were a lack of stakeholder follow-through on recommendations (62 percent of respondents) and difficulty establishing measurable outcomes (54 percent). Forty-two percent simply said they lack the time to devote to communicating their impact, underscoring that even offices with strong results can struggle to convey them.

Communication: How Do We Make Sure Our Work Gets Used?

Nearly all offices (97 percent) send reports to the committees they serve, and 71 percent distribute them to all legislative members. Two-thirds regularly brief members and present findings to committees.

But offices are also exploring newer channels. Seven offices now offer podcasts after report releases, and 11 publish video reports or presentations. Offices in Pennsylvania and Alabama display dashboards and infographics to distill complex findings for busy legislators. Meanwhile, California takes a different approach, maintaining the philosophy that reports should speak for themselves while ensuring staff are available to brief members who want to dig deeper.

Externally, 68 percent of offices email report announcements to the press, and 42 percent use social media, including X, BlueSky, and LinkedIn. Only one office, West Virginia, reported holding press conferences even occasionally.

When asked how often their findings and recommendations are used by the legislature to inform legislation or policy, 29 percent of offices said “often” and 71 percent said “sometimes.” No office reported that its work is rarely or never used — a testament to the value that legislatures place on this work, even when that value is difficult to quantify.

History and Authority

What year was your legislative performance evaluation office or unit created?

1920s: Texas (1929)

1930s: New Jersey (1933)

1940s: Alabama (1947), Nevada (1949)

1950s: Hawaii (1950), West Virginia (1951), Arkansas (1953), New Hampshire (1953), Alaska (1955), Pennsylvania (1959)

1960s: Michigan (1965), Colorado (1966), Wisconsin (1966), Montana (1967), Maryland (1968), Arizona (1969), Florida (1969), Florida (1969)

1970s: Georgia (1971), Illinois (1971), Kansas (1971), District of Columbia (1973), Minnesota (1973), Mississippi (1973), Virginia (1973), Washington (1973), Rhode Island (1974), South Carolina (1975), Utah (1975), Texas (1977), Kentucky (1978)

1980s: Delaware (1980), Missouri (1984)

1990s: Louisiana (1991), New Mexico (1991), Nebraska (1992), Tennessee (1992), California (1993), Idaho (1994)

2000s: Maine (2001)

2010s: Connecticut (2017), Alabama (2019), Maryland (2019), Oklahoma (2019)

2020s: Virginia (2021), North Dakota (2025)

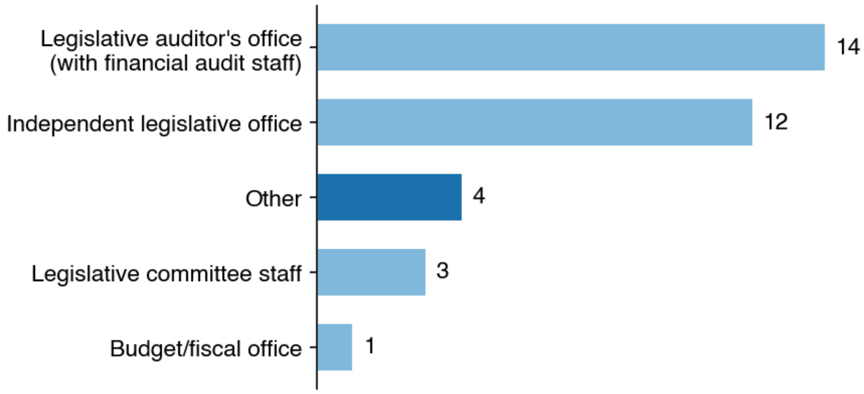
46 responses

Is the authority of your office or unit codified in statute?

34 responses

Organization

Which best describes the organizational placement of your program evaluation office?

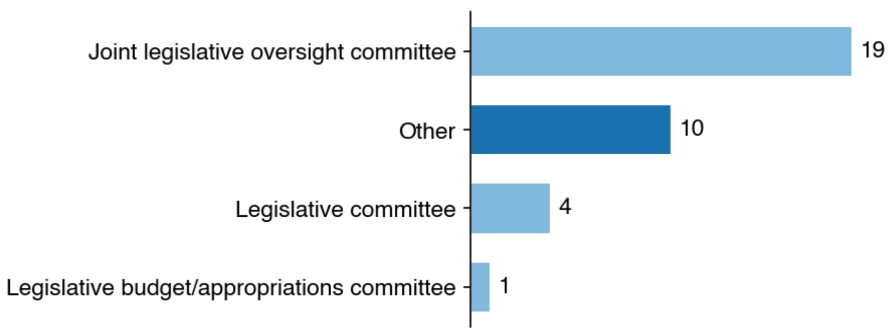


Other responses:

- Equal membership from Legislative and Executive Branches of Government
- Joint legislative unit under the direction of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House
- Legislative auditor's office without financial audit staff
- Legislative Auditor's Office (no financial audit staff)

34 responses

Who do you report your program evaluation work to?

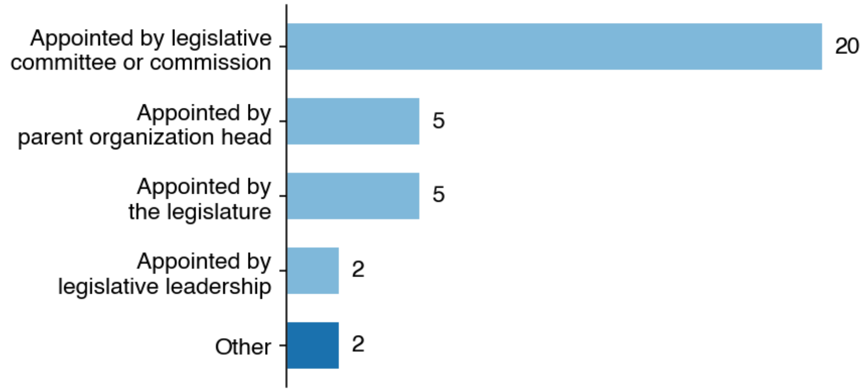


Other responses:

- Bicameral Commission
- The management of those entities we audit
- Legislature and public
- Those charged with governance (e.g., legislative leadership, Governor, Cabinet, entity management)
- Depends on who assigned the project
- Legislature, Governor's Office, Agency Leadership, General Public
- Governor and legislative leadership
- Joint Fiscal Committee
- Legislature, Governor
- Joint legislative commission (not specifically "oversight"

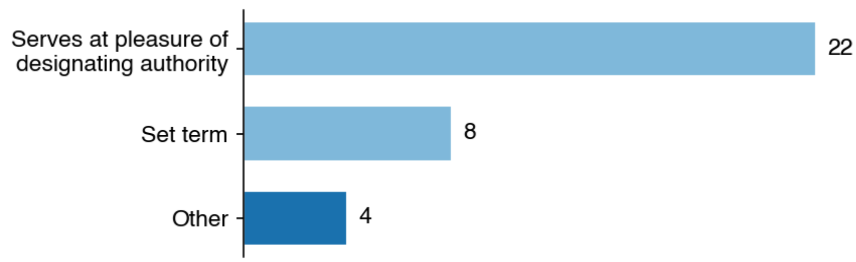
34 responses

How is the director of your program evaluation office selected?



34 responses

What is your director's term of service?

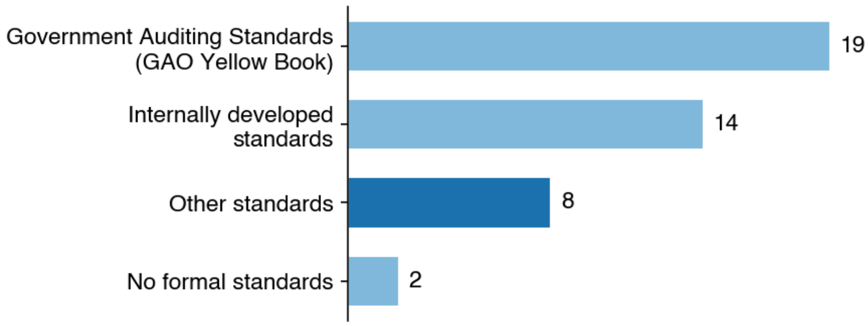


Set term lengths:
• 2 years • 4 years • 5 years • 6 years • 10 years
Other term arrangements:
• Serves at the pleasure of the State Auditor • Serves at the pleasure of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee • Coterminous with Legislative Auditor, who is appointed for 6 year terms • 5 years and until a successor is named

34 responses

Professional Standards and Peer Review

What professional standards does your office follow?



Other responses:

- AICPA - GAAS
- Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature, Florida Legislature Joint Policies and Procedures of the Presiding Officers, The Program Evaluation Standards
- Internal Manual of Guides
- We are guided by, but do not strictly follow, the GAO Yellow Book Standards
- We use the GAO Yellow Book Standards for guidance but our committee has not adopted them as a standard
- Principles-based application of GAO Yellow Book
- AICPA Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
- We largely follow GAO Yellow Book

Note: Offices may follow more than one set of standards.

34 responses

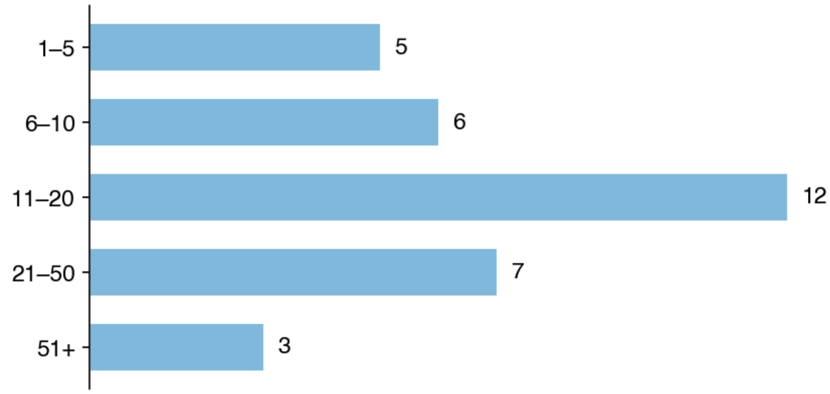
Does your office undergo peer review?

Note: NCSL is the National Conference of State Legislatures

34 responses

Staffing

Total number of evaluation staff



Median: 15 | Mean: 22 | Range: 0–85 | Total: 733

33 responses

Is your office actively engaged in succession planning?

Succession planning strategies:

- We have a workforce development goal in our strategic plan that includes various action, such as identifying individuals in key supervisory who are eligible for retirement during the next 5 years, identifying individuals who may be suited to take over those roles, and providing training and other opportunities to those individuals to help them prepare for taking on those supervisory roles
- We use temporary management / supervisory assignments to expose and prepare audit staff for leadership. We also focus on sharing more information between the executive office and senior management to prepare them for executive roles
- Identification of mission critical positions, identification of required skills by level, individual skill inventories, individual training plans and identification of skill development opportunities
- Documenting procedures and hiring and training longtime employees on management and decision making
- Identify likely successor to the Director of the Performance Division and include in all management and planning meetings
- Annual meeting to frankly discuss likelihood of key staff leaving, when, who would replace, etc
- Have a deputy position that is involved in all budget and hiring discussions and decisions
- We don't have a formal, documented plan but are actively discussing and working on the concept
- 5 year plan to develop managers to assume Chief Deputy roles. 5 year plan to develop experienced in-charges to assume Audit Manager roles. 10 year plan to prepare next Legislative Auditor
- Key strategies include providing advanced opportunities for staff to push into roles above them by doing work above their current level of responsibility. Increased communication with the leadership team on management's duties, decisions, etc

33 responses

Products and Activities

Which activities does your office conduct?

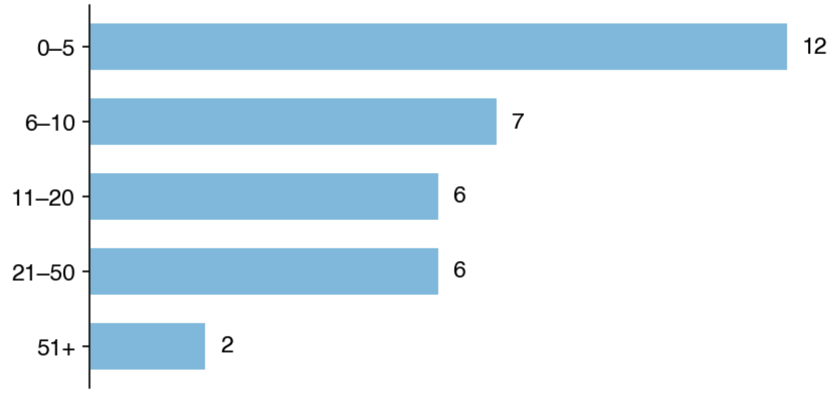
Other responses:

- Special audits and studies as directed by our oversight committee and/or legislation; Accountability reviews, such as school district compliance reviews and county and community college district expenditure limitation reports; Financial investigations/bulletins
- Attestation examinations
- Legislative briefings, committee presentations
- Mandatory health insurance assessments and other requested work.
- Local mandate analysis
- Special reviews, investigations into complaints of fraud or misuse of funds
- Investigations of the background of any appointee of the Governor or other appointee to a state board or commission requiring the advice and consent of the Senate
- Review of children's fatalities and near fatalities when families have had prior contact with child welfare services. We also complete reviews of Occupational Boards' financial conditions. We are responsible for the statewide single audit but contract that service out to an independent accounting firm.

Note: Most offices conduct more than one type of activity.

33 responses

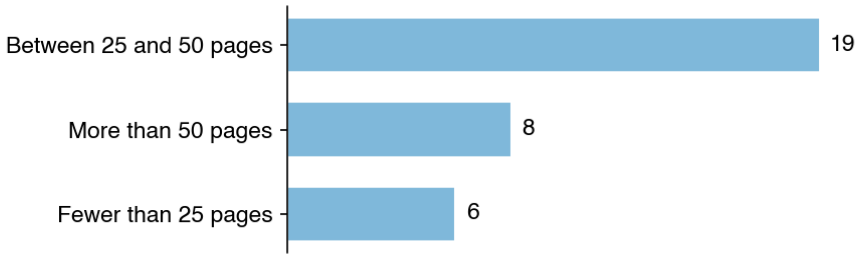
How many evaluation reports did you publish last year?



Median: 9 | Mean: 22 | Range: 0–206

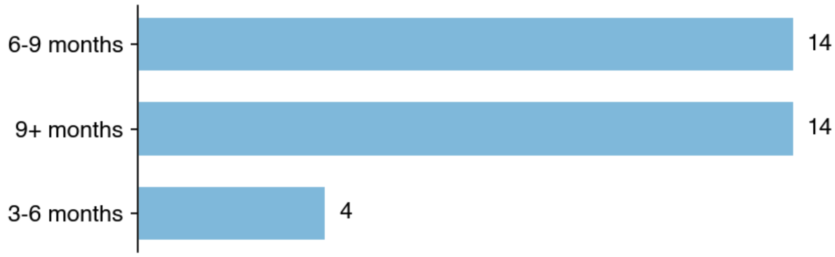
33 responses

What is the typical length of your evaluation reports?



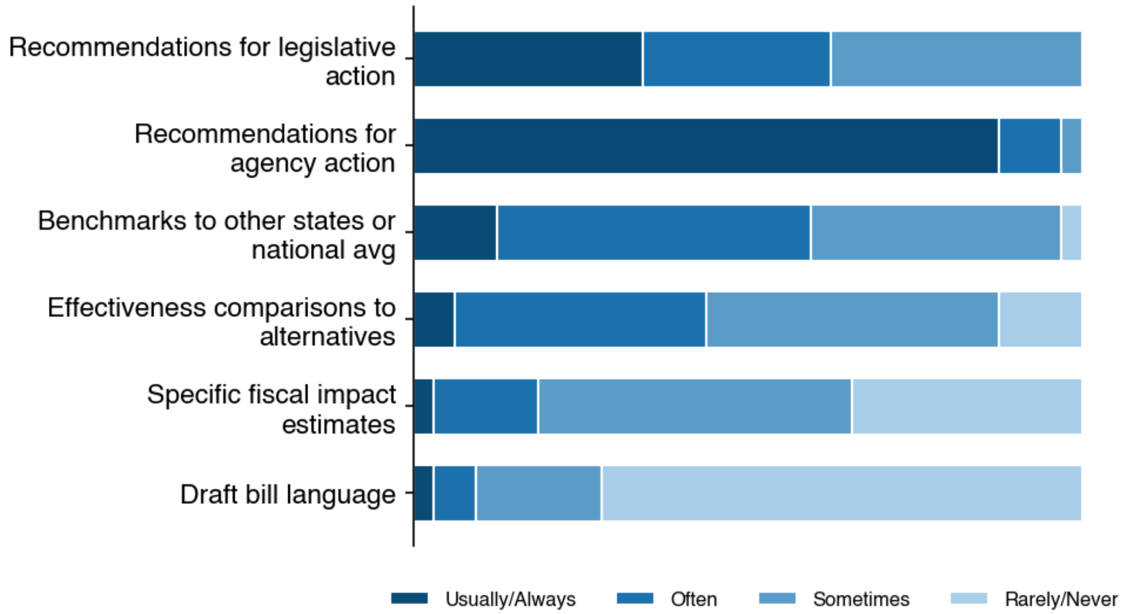
33 responses

What is the typical time to complete a project?



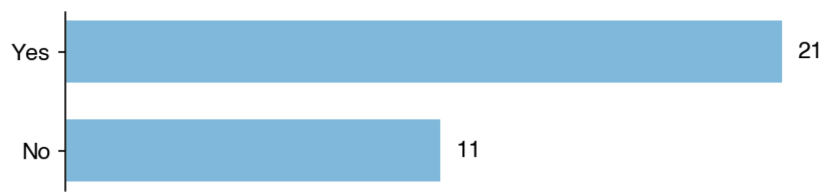
32 responses

How often do your reports include the following elements?



32 responses

Does your office publish follow-up studies on report recommendations?



32 responses

Does your office annually publish compilations of recommendations not yet implemented?

32 responses

Impact

Does your office use internal performance measures?

Examples of performance measures used:

- Number of Reports Published, Number of White Papers issued, number of recommendations implemented
- We have a strategic plan that includes various performance measures, such as:

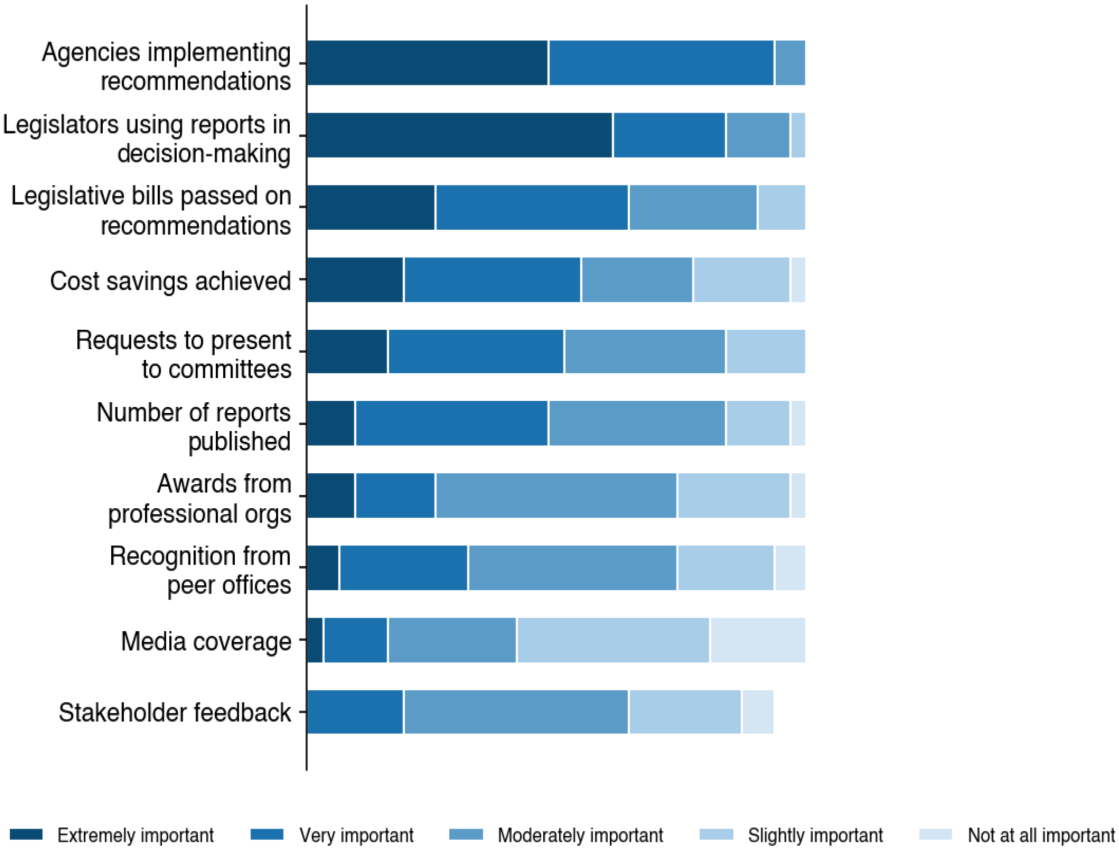
-Number of legislative actions related to a report/product/service
-Percent of reports/products issued within designated time frames
-Report recommendation implementation or deficiency correction by auditees
-Completed audits/projects within budgeted hours
-Number of actions taken to improve auditees' understanding of and ability to implement recommendations
-Percent of staff time spent on projects that are directly productive to Office mission
-Number of presentations/briefings/trainings to provide education to stakeholders about the results of specific audit reports/products/services

We also track:
-Dollar amount of fraud uncovered
-Dollar amount of agency/school district questioned costs

- Audit timeliness measures, such as the "number of months until publication" and an audit's "budget to actuals" (hours). We also monitor how often staff work arduous hours (excessive and sustained overtime)
- We compare the actual hours spent on an audit against the hours originally budgeted
- We are currently developing more formal internal performance measures but currently use recommendation adoption and tracking, satisfaction surveying for joint committee members, report delivery timeliness, resource utilization, and communication of research and findings
- Number of reports issued, staff retention rate, number of Council testimonies, number of legislative briefings/presentations website analytics (number and types of users, engagement with content), peer review rating

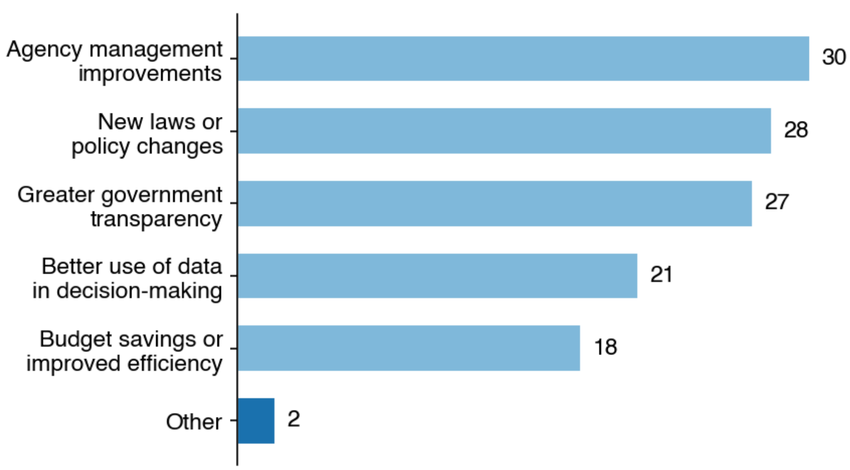
33 responses

How important is each of the following for assessing your office's impact?



31 responses

What outcomes has your office achieved in the past two years?

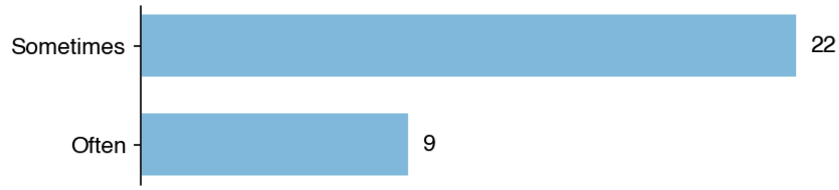


Other responses:

- Revenue generation
- Best practice handbooks for both state agencies and public education

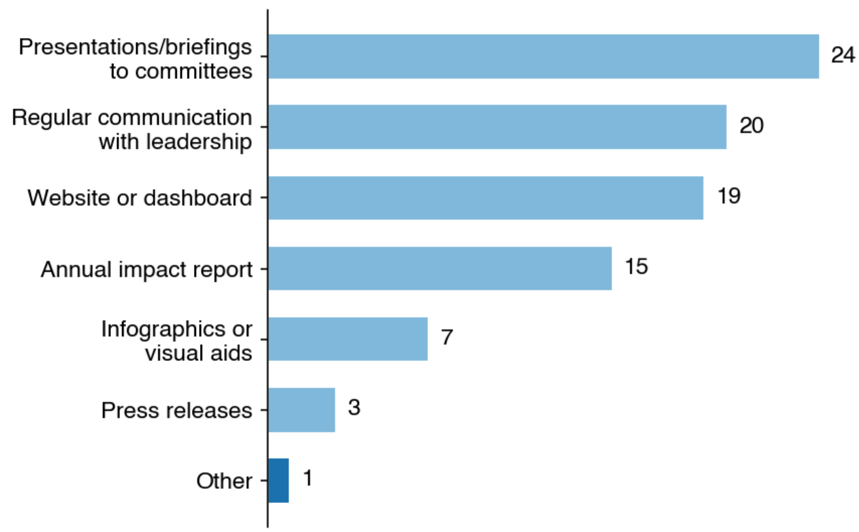
31 responses

How often are your findings and recommendations used by the legislature to inform legislation or policy changes?



31 responses

What tools or strategies does your office use to communicate impact to external stakeholders?

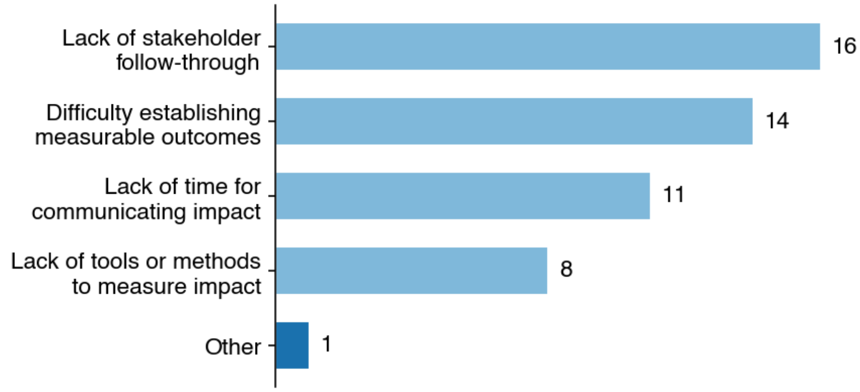


Other responses:

- We use no such tools. The value and impact of our work is best reflected by the Legislature's high demand for our services, as well as the willingness of those we audit to implement our recommendations.

31 responses

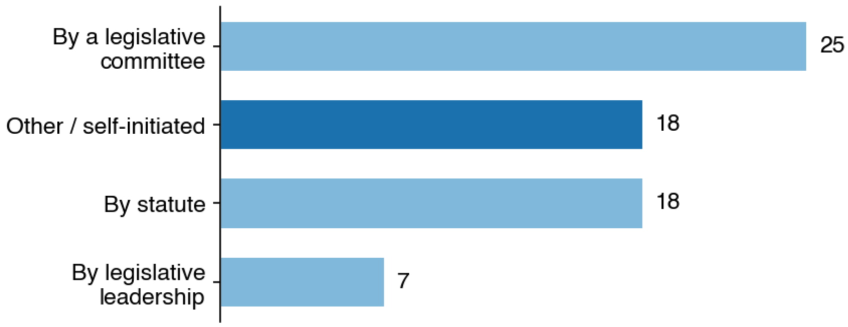
What barriers does your office face in demonstrating the impact of its work?



26 responses

Communication

How is your program evaluation work assigned to you?



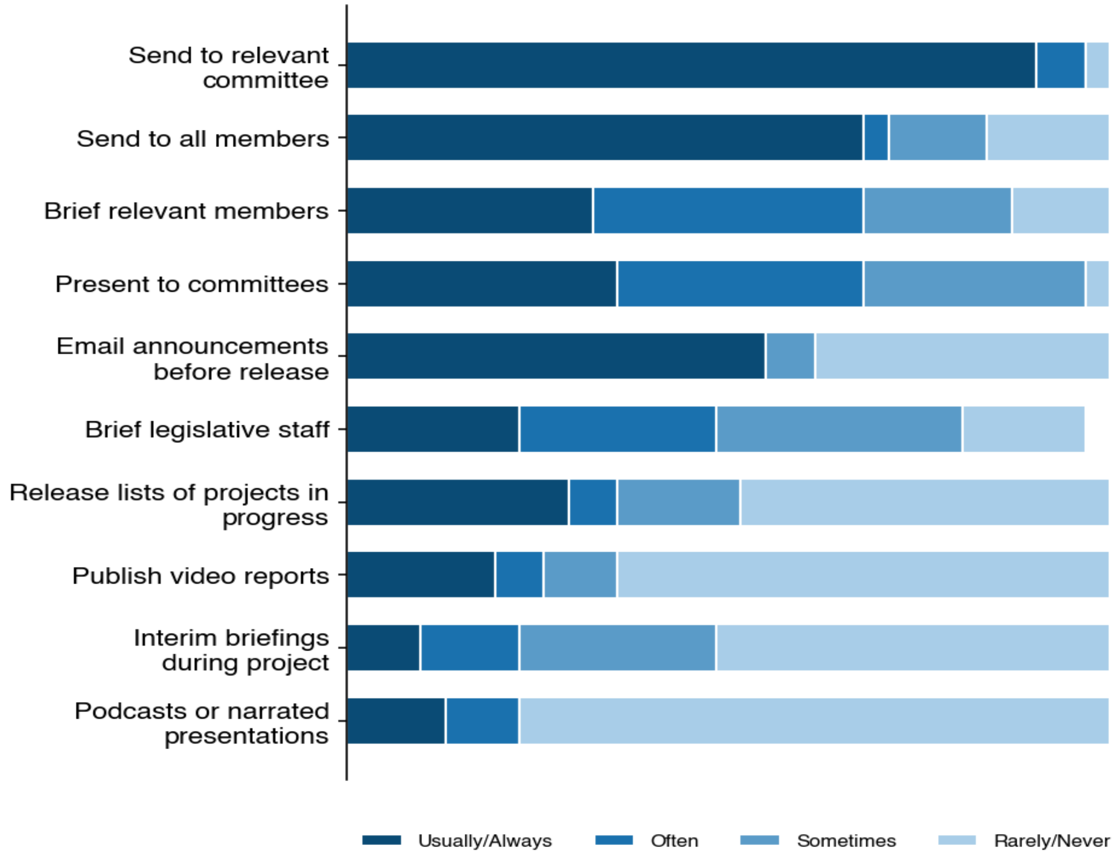
Other responses:

- Bicameral Commission
- We may self-initiate certain audits, resources permitting.
- State Auditors develop topics
- Can be self-initiated
- Auditor General discretion
- Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

Note: Many offices receive work through multiple channels.

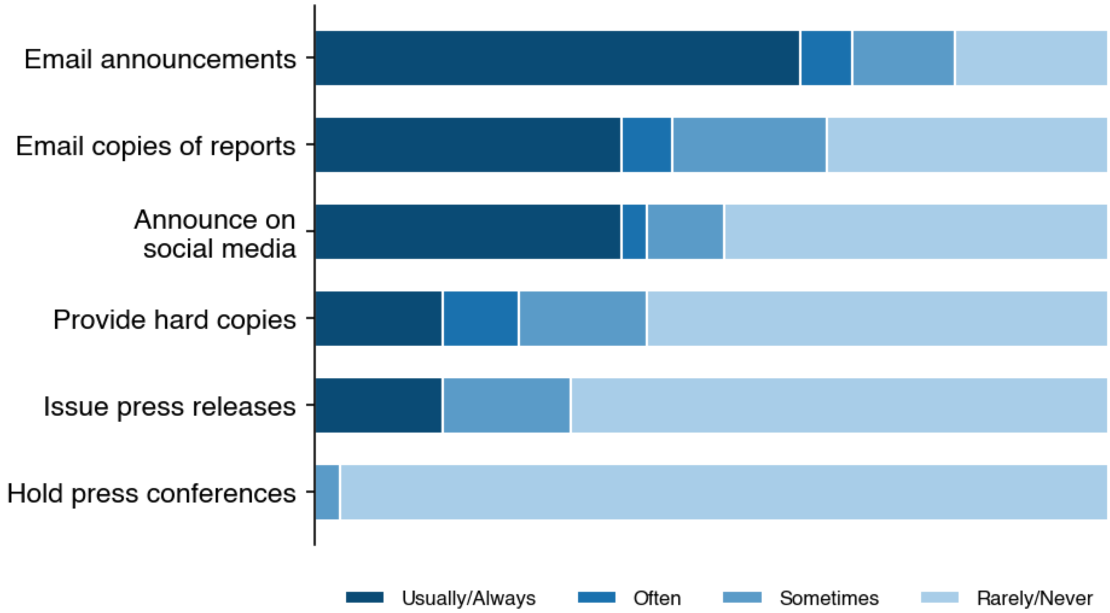
34 responses

How does your office publicize reports to legislators?



31 responses

How does your office announce reports to the press?



31 responses

Notable communication approaches

Communicating with legislators

Sending reports to relevant committee members is essentially universal: 28 of 31 respondents do so routinely. Twenty-one offices also distribute reports or summaries to every member of the legislature. Committee presentations are nearly as common, with 11 offices presenting routinely and another 10 doing so often.

Individual member briefings show more variation. Ten offices routinely brief relevant members one-on-one, including California, Idaho, Minnesota, and Utah. Another 11 do so often. Four offices rarely or never brief individual members.

A smaller but growing number of offices have embraced video and audio. Six offices (Delaware, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin) routinely publish video reports or presentations. Four (Georgia, Kansas, Utah, and Wisconsin) regularly produce podcasts or narrated presentations. West Virginia archives its interim committee presentations on YouTube, combining permanence with accessibility at minimal cost.

California stands out for its deliberate restraint. “We believe in allowing our audit reports to speak for themselves,” the office reported, “and do not seek to publicize our work.” California focuses its briefings on the legislator who requested a given audit and the staff who serve relevant policy committees.

Oklahoma takes a different but equally distinctive approach: reports are delivered in public meetings where press are typically present. “We typically direct the press to our committee members for interviews,” the office noted—a clean separation between audit findings and political commentary.

Communicating with the press and public

Press communication patterns show even wider variation. Nineteen offices routinely email report announcements to journalists, but only five (Hawaii, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Washington) routinely issue formal press releases. Press conferences are rare; only one office reported holding them even occasionally.

Social media has emerged as a genuine communication channel, with 12 offices routinely posting report announcements. Minnesota specifically noted using X, BlueSky, and LinkedIn for outreach. Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, and Kansas are among the other regular users. However, 15 offices essentially never use social media, suggesting the decision to adopt remains as much philosophical as practical.

Several offices have developed distinctive approaches to public engagement. Georgia publishes an annual legislative report and features selected reports prominently on its website homepage. Delaware posts reports on its committee website and publishes an annual summary of all completed work. Minnesota maintains a dedicated email list for report notifications alongside project-specific contact lists.

Part B: Profiles of NLPES Member Offices

The following pages profile each of the 46 offices included in this report. For the 34 offices that responded to the 2025 survey, information was provided directly by the office. For the remaining 12, information was compiled from previous editions of this survey and public records. The source is noted on each profile.

Alabama

Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services (ACES)

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	2019
Reports to	Bicameral Commission
Authorizing statute	Act 2019-517
Organizational placement	Equal membership from Legislative and Executive Branches of Government
Performance evaluators	7
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits/program evaluations (25%), policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Sunset reviews,Other (please specify)
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	Number of Reports Published, Number of White Papers issued, number of recommendations implemented
Website	https://evidence.alabama.gov/
Contact	Marcus Morgan mmorgan@aces.alabama.gov 334 679 1691 64 N. Union Street, Suite 749, Montgomery, AL 36130

Alabama

Department of Examiners of Public Accounts

Information provided by 2015 survey and public records

Created	1975
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Alabama Code Title 41, Chapter 5A
Organizational placement	Legislative oversight committee
Performance evaluators	11
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	N/A
Peer review	N/A
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/epa-home
Contact	Rachel Riddle Chief Examiner 334-242-9287 P.O. Box 302251

Alaska

Division of Legislative Audit

Information provided by 2015 survey and public records

Created	2013
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Alaska Const. Art. IX, §14; AS 24.20.241–311
Organizational placement	Legislative Auditor's office
Performance evaluators	3
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://legaudit.akleg.gov/performance-reviews/
Contact	Kris Curtis Legislative Auditor 907-465-3830 333 Willoughby Avenue, 6th Floor Juneau, Alaska 99811

Arizona

Auditor General – Performance Audit Division

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	Arizona Auditor General - 1969; Performance Audit Division - 1978; Division of School Audits - 1995
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	N/A
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	80
Financial auditors	75
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Sunset reviews,Other (please specify) (Special audits and studies as directed by our oversight committee and/or legislation; Accountability reviews, such as school district compliance reviews and county and community college district expenditure limitation reports; Financial investigations/bulletins)
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	We have a strategic plan that includes various performance measures, such as: -Number of legislative actions related to a report/product/service -Percent of reports/products issued within designated time frames -Report recommendation implementation or deficiency correction by auditees -Completed audits/projects within budgeted hours -Number of actions taken to improve auditees' understanding of and ability to implement recommendations -Percent of staff time spent on projects that are directly productive to Office mission -Number of presentations/briefings/trainings to provide education to stakeholders about the results of specific audit reports/products/services We also track: -Dollar amount of fraud uncovered -Dollar amount of agency/school district questioned costs
Website	www.azauditor.gov
Contact	Jeff Gove jgove@azauditor.gov 602-553-0333 2910 N 44th St., Ste. 410 Phoenix, AZ 85018

Arkansas

Legislative Audit

Information provided by 2015 survey and public records

Created	1953
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Arkansas Code 10-4-401 through 10-4-432
Organizational placement	Legislative Auditor's office
Performance evaluators	N/A
Financial auditors	275
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	Generally accepted auditing standards
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://arklegaudit.gov/
Contact	Tim Jones Assistant Legislative Auditor-Investigations 501-683-8600 500 Woodlane Street, Suite 172 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

California

State Auditor's Office

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1993....although a similar office (Auditor General) existed prior.
Reports to	Joint Legislative Audit Committee
Authorizing statute	Government Code, section 8543. More broadly, sections 8543 through 8548.9.
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	68
Financial auditors	29
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews,Assessments of performance measures and data
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	Audit timeliness measures, such as the "number of months until publication" and an audit's "budget to actuals" (hours). We also monitor how often staff work arduous hours (excessive and sustained overtime).
Website	auditor.ca.gov
Contact	Grant Parks grantp@auditor.ca.gov 916-445-0255 621 Capitol Mall, Suite #1200; Sacramento CA 95814

Colorado

Office of the State Auditor

Information provided by 2015 and 2019 surveys and public records

Created	1969
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Colorado Const. (1964 amendment); CRS 2-3-103
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor’s office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	30
Financial auditors	26
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by National State Auditors’ Association (NSAA)
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://content.leg.colorado.gov/audits
Contact	Nina Frant Performance Audit Quality Assurance Director 303-869-2839 1525 Sherman St., 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

Connecticut

Auditors of Public Accounts

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	2017
Reports to	Legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	8
Financial auditors	100
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	We compare the actual hours spent on an audit against the hours originally budgeted.
Website	https://wp.cga.ct.gov/apa/
Contact	Scott Simoneau Scott.Simoneau@ctauditors.gov (959) 710-5686 165 Capitol Ave Hartford, CT 06106-1628

Delaware

Division of Legislative Services

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	unit: Joint Legislative Oversight & Sunset Committee created in 1980 - office created in 1966
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	29 Del. C. § 1106A. Note: The Delaware Code is currently being updated following the passage of recent legislation. Senate Bill 113 formally added the Division of Legislative Services to the Code. Previously, the Code only addressed the Division Director’s qualifications, compensation, and removal under 29 Del. C. § 1106, as well as the Director’s duties under 29 Del. C. § 1107. SB 113 info available at: https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/142154
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	2
Financial auditors	n/a
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Bill drafting
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	We are currently developing more formal internal performance measures but currently use recommendation adoption and tracking, satisfaction surveying for joint committee members, report delivery timeliness, resource utilization, and communication of research and findings.
Website	https://legis.delaware.gov/Offices/DivisionOfResearch
Contact	Amanda Mcatee amanda.mcatee@delaware.gov 302.744.4021 411 Legislative Ave, Dover, DE 19901

District of Columbia

Office of the District of Columbia Auditor

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1973
Reports to	Legislature
Authorizing statute	Public Law 93-198, the "District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act"
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	18
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Budget analyses and fiscal notes
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	Number of reports issued Staff retention rate Number of Council testimonies Number of legislative briefings/presentations Website analytics (number and types of users, engagement with content) Peer review rating
Website	www.dcauditor.org
Contact	Jason Juffras jason.juffras@dc.gov 202-489-9909 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 800S Washington, D.C. 20004

Florida

Auditor General

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1969
Reports to	Legislature
Authorizing statute	N/A
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	0 - Our financial auditors also conduct performance audits
Financial auditors	228
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews,Other (please specify) (Attestation examinations)
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards), AICPA - GAAS
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	FLAuditor.gov
Contact	Sherrill Norman sherrillnorman@aud.state.fl.us 850 412 2722 111 West Madison Street Suite G-74 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

Florida

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1994
Reports to	Legislative leadership
Authorizing statute	Section 11.51, Florida Statutes www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0000-0099/0011/Sections/0011.51.html
Organizational placement	Joint legislative unit under the direction of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House
Performance evaluators	43
Financial auditors	NA
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Budget analyses and fiscal notes,Assessments of performance measures and data,Sunset reviews,Other (please specify) (Legislative briefings, committee presentations)
Standards followed	Internally developed standards,Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature, Florida Legislature Joint Policies and Procedures of the Presiding Officers, The Program Evaluation Standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://oppaga.fl.gov/
Contact	Kara Collins-Gomez collins-gomez.kara@oppaga.fl.gov (850) 717-0503 111 West Madison Street, Suite 312 Tallahassee, FL 32399

Georgia

Performance Audit Division, GA Department of Audits and Accounts

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	Performance Audit Division - 1971
Reports to	Legislature
Authorizing statute	Sections 50-6-1 thru 50-6-32, O.C.G.A
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	34
Financial auditors	NA
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Budget analyses and fiscal notes,Assessments of performance measures and data
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	Milestone dates met Report release date met Review time Number of reports released Implementation of recommendations rate Cost savings/revenue generation recommendations made
Website	https://www.audits2.ga.gov/
Contact	Lisa Kieffer kiefferl@audits.ga.gov 404-651-8867 270 Washington Street SW, Ste 4-101, Atlanta, GA 30334

Hawaii

Office of the Auditor

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1950
Reports to	Governor and legislative leadership
Authorizing statute	The State Constitution in Article VII, Section 10, establishes the position of Auditor.
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office without financial audit staff
Performance evaluators	20
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Sunset reviews,Other (please specify) (Mandatory health insurance assessments and other requested work.)
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards), Internal Manual of Guides
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	System of Quality Management
Website	https://auditor.hawaii.gov/
Contact	Daria Loy-Goto daria.loy-goto@hawaii.gov (808) 587-0800 465 South King Street, Fifth Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Idaho

Office of Performance Evaluations

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1994
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Idaho Code 67-457 through 67-464
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	7
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees
Standards followed	We are guided by, but do not strictly follow, the GAO Yellow Book Standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	N/A
Website	legislature.idaho.gov/ope
Contact	Ryan Langrill rlangrill@ope.idaho.gov 2083321470 954 W. Jefferson St. Ste 202, Boise ID 83702

Illinois

Office of the Auditor General

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1971
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Illinois State Auditing Act (30 ILCS 5/)
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	18
Financial auditors	42
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	www.auditor.illinois.gov
Contact	Joe Butcher jbutcher@auditor.illinois.gov 217.785.1502 400 W. Monroe Suite 306 Springfield, IL 62704

Kansas

Legislative Division of Post Audit

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1971
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	KSA 46-1102
Organizational placement	Legislative committee staff
Performance evaluators	20
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Technology/IT reviews
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	self written
Website	https://www.kslpa.gov/
Contact	Chris Clarke chris.clarke@lpa.ks.gov 7854310370 800 SW Jackson, Suite 1200, Topeka KS 66612

Kentucky

Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee, Legislative Research Commission

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1978
Reports to	Legislative committee
Authorizing statute	KRS 6.905. KRS6.900 through 6.935 are our entire set of statutes.
Organizational placement	Legislative committee staff
Performance evaluators	11
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Assessments of performance measures and data,Other (please specify) (Local mandate analysis)
Standards followed	Internally developed standards,We use the GAO Yellow Book Standards for guidance but our committee has not adopted them as a standard.
Peer review	No
Performance measures	We have performance measures developed by our overall agency (Legislative Research Commission) but they are not specific to program evaluation.
Website	https://legislature.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx
Contact	Will Spears Will.Spears@LRC.KY.GOV 502-900-9923 702 Capital Ave, Frankfort, Ky, 40601

Louisiana

Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Performance Audit Services

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1991
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:522
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	31
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Budget analyses and fiscal notes
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://lla.la.gov/
Contact	Emily Dixon edixon@lla.la.gov 225-339-3966 1600 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Maine

Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA)

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	2001
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/3/title3ch37sec0.html
Organizational placement	Legislative committee staff
Performance evaluators	N/A
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	Internally developed standards, Principles-based application of GAO Yellow Book
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://legislature.maine.gov/opega
Contact	Peter Schleck peter.schleck@legislature.maine.gov 207.287.1903 82 State House Station Room 104, Cross State Office Building Augusta, ME 04333-0082

Maryland

Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	2019
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Maryland State Government Article 2-1230
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	8
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses
Standards followed	No formal standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	N/A
Website	dls.maryland.gov
Contact	Michael Powell michael.powell@mga.maryland.gov 90 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Maryland

Office of Legislative Audits

Information provided by 2015 and 2019 surveys and public records

Created	1968
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Maryland State Government Code, Title 2, Subtitle 12, Part IV
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	N/A
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by National State Auditors' Association (NSAA)
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://ola.maryland.gov/
Contact	Brian Tanen Legislative Auditor 410-946-5900 Room 1202, 301 W. Preston St, Baltimore MD, 21201

Michigan

Office of the Auditor General

Information provided by 2015 and 2019 surveys and public records

Created	1965
Reports to	Legislative leadership
Authorizing statute	Michigan Const. of 1963, Art. IV, §53
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	52
Financial auditors	50
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by National State Auditors' Association (NSAA)
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://audgen.michigan.gov/
Contact	Doug Ringler Auditor General 517-334-8050 201 N. Washington Square, 6th floor, Lansing, MI, 48913

Minnesota

Office of the Legislative Auditor, Program Evaluation Division

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	OLA was established in 1973, the Program Evaluation Division was created in 1975
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Minnesota Statutes 3.971 - 3.979
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	19
Financial auditors	35
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews,Sunset reviews,Other (please specify) (Special reviews, investigations into complaints of fraud or misuse of funds)
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	N/A
Website	auditor.leg.state.mn.us
Contact	Jodi Munson Rodriguez jodi.rodriguez@state.mn.us 651-296-1230 658 Cedar St, Room 140, St Paul, MN 55155,

Mississippi

PEER Committee

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1973
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	N/A
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	14
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Budget analyses and fiscal notes,Bill drafting,Other (please specify) (Investigations of the background of any appointee of the Governor or other appointee to a state board or commission requiring the advice and consent of the Senate)
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	Number of reports released, number of requests for research assistance from legislators
Website	https://www.peer.ms.gov/
Contact	Jennifer Sebren Jennifer.sebren@peer.ms.gov (601) 359-1451 P.O. Box 1204, Jackson, MS 39201

Missouri

Joint Committee on Legislative Research

Information provided by 2015 survey and public records

Created	1984
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Missouri Const., Art. III, §35; RSMo Ch. 23, §23.150 et seq.
Organizational placement	Legislative committee
Performance evaluators	14
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	N/A
Peer review	N/A
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://lr.mo.gov/
Contact	Julie Morff Director, Oversight Division

Montana

Legislative Audit Division

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1967
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Montana Legislative Audit Act
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	14
Financial auditors	24
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews,Short-term policy research for members or committees
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	Multiple Key Performance Indicators that are established at both the team/function level and organization-wide
Website	https://archive.legmt.gov/lad/
Contact	Will Soller wsoller@legmt.gov 406-444-3200 Capitol Building, PO BOX 201705, Helena MT59620

Nebraska

Legislative Audit Office, Legislative Oversight Division

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1992
Reports to	Legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 50-1201 to 50-1216
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	7 (when fully staffed, we currently have one vacant position)
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Bill drafting
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards),Internally developed standards
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/divisions/auditor.php
Contact	Steph Meese legauditoffice@leg.ne.gov (402) 471-1282 State Capitol; P.O. Box 94604; Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

Nevada

Legislative Counsel Bureau - Audit Division

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1949
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	NRS 218G
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	FTE: 49 Actively Filled: 43
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Technology/IT reviews,Assessments of performance measures and data,Sunset reviews,Other (please specify) (Review of children's fatalities and near fatalities when families have had prior contact with child welfare services. We also complete reviews of Occupational Boards' financial conditions. We are responsible for the statewide single audit but contract that service out to an independent accounting firm.)
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	Various measures. Core measures highlighted in budget documents include Audit Completed, Percent of Audit Recommendations Fully or Partially Implemented, Percent of Audit Recommendations Accepted
Website	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/division/audit/
Contact	Daniel Crossman audit@lcb.state.nv.us 775-684-6815 401 S. State Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

New Hampshire

Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	The Office of LBA was created in 1953. Performance audits started in 1987 under the Audit Division, which was already conducting financial audits.
Reports to	Joint Fiscal Committee
Authorizing statute	RSA 14:31
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	11 FTEs, 10 are currently filled. Doesn't include the Director of Audits
Financial auditors	12
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Other (please specify) (Committee directed research)
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://gc.nh.gov/lba
Contact	Jay Henry jay.henry@gc.nh.gov 603-271-2785 107 North Main Street, State House Room 102; Concord, NH 03301

New Jersey

Office of the State Auditor

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1933
Reports to	Legislature, Governor
Authorizing statute	NJSA 52:24-1
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	85
Financial auditors	10
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/audit-reports
Contact	David Kaschak dkaschak@njleg.org (609) 847-3470 125 South Warren Street; PO Box 067; Trenton, NJ 08625-0067

New Mexico

Legislative Finance Committee – Program Evaluation Unit

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1991
Reports to	Legislative budget/appropriations committee
Authorizing statute	NMSA 1978 Chapter 2-5-1
Organizational placement	Budget/fiscal office
Performance evaluators	15
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Technology/IT reviews,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Budget analyses and fiscal notes,Assessments of performance measures and data,Bill drafting
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	1. Recommendations adopted by the executive branch or legislature 2. Potential cost-savings identified for the state 3. Presentation to external groups, other legislative committees, and peer-review acknowledgement
Website	https://www.nmlegis.gov/entity/lfc/Program_Evaluation_Unit_Reports
Contact	Rachel Mercer-Garcia rachel.mercer-garcia@nmlegis.gov 505-986-4600 325 Don Gaspar, Suite 101, Santa Fe, NM 87501

North Dakota

Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	2025
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	N/A
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	1
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	N/A
Website	www.ndlegis.gov
Contact	Allen Knudson lcouncil@ndlegis.gov 701-328-2916 600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 160, Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

Oklahoma

Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	2019
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	62 O.S. § 8011
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	8
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Assessments of performance measures and data,Other (please specify) (special investigations)
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	We have developed internal quality assurances standards to ensure that all observations are sourced and backed by evidence and have had a legal review. We also have an internal process to have the work product reviewed by staff outside of the project team to identify any potential gaps in documentation or explanation of methodology.
Website	www.okloft.gov
Contact	Regina Birchum regina.birchum@okloft.gov 405-724-7760 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City OK 73105

Pennsylvania

Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1959
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Act of August 4, 1959 (P.L.587, No.195), as amended 46 P.S. §§ 70.1-70.7
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	13
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Budget analyses and fiscal notes,Assessments of performance measures and data
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards),Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://www.palbfc.gov
Contact	Mark P. McCaffrey mpmccaffrey@pa.gov 717-787-5281 Finance Building, Room 207; P.O. Box 8737; Harrisburg, PA 17105-8737

Rhode Island

Office of the Auditor General

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1974
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	RI General Law Section 22-13
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	2
Financial auditors	35
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Other (please specify) (certain oversight responsibilities for local governmental entities (e.g., municipalities, fire districts, charter schools))
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards), AICPA Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://www.oag.ri.gov
Contact	Tony Bucci tbucci@rilegislature.gov 401-222-6637 33 Broad Street, Suite 201, Providence, RI, 02903

South Carolina

Legislative Audit Council

Information provided by 2015 and 2019 surveys and public records

Created	1975
Reports to	Council of citizens
Authorizing statute	S.C. Code §2-15-10 et seq.
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	13
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NLPES
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://lac.sc.gov/
Contact	K. Earle Powell Director 803-253-7612 1331 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 315, Columbia, S.C. 29201

Tennessee

Office of Research and Education Accountability

Information provided by 2015 and 2019 surveys and public records

Created	1977
Reports to	Other: Tennessee General Assembly membership
Authorizing statute	N/A
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	11
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by National State Auditors' Association (NSAA)
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://comptroller.tn.gov/about-us/learn-about-our-office/research-and-education-accountability/russell-moore.html
Contact	Russell Moore Director 615-747-5258 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243

Texas

State Auditor's Office

Information provided by 2015 survey and public records

Created	1929
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Texas Government Code, Chapter 321
Organizational placement	Auditor's office
Performance evaluators	N/A
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards), AICPA Standards
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://sao.texas.gov/
Contact	Becky Beachy Audit Manager

Texas

Sunset Advisory Commission

Information provided by 2015 and 2019 surveys and public records

Created	1977
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Texas Government Code, Chapter 325
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	21
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	Yes, by NLPES
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://www.sunset.texas.gov/
Contact	Eric Beverly Executive Director 512-463-1300 P.O. Box 13066, Austin, TX 78711

Utah

Office of the Legislative Auditor General

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1975
Reports to	Legislative Audit Subcommittee
Authorizing statute	Utah Code 36-12-15 Office of the Legislative Auditor General established -- Qualifications -- Powers, functions, and duties -- Reporting -- Criminal penalty -- Employment. The legislative auditor general is also a constitutional officer: Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 33. [Legislative auditor appointed.] The Legislature shall appoint a legislative auditor to serve at its pleasure.
Organizational placement	Legislative Auditor's Office
Performance evaluators	46
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews
Standards followed	We largely follow the GAO Yellow Book
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	implementation rate of recommendations determined by 3-years of follow-up; legislative policy impact from bills passed connected to audits each general legislative session; audits heard by a lead and review legislative committee and action taken; number of audits released; internal audit phase milestones and deadlines tracked for operational purposes
Website	https://olag.utleg.gov/
Contact	Kade Minchey, Auditor General kminchey@le.utah.gov 801-643-6430 450 N. State St, Ste N385 North Capitol Building Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Virginia

Behavioral Health Commission

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	2021
Reports to	Joint legislative commission
Authorizing statute	Code of Virginia, Title 30, Chapter 63 https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title30/chapter63/
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	4
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Assessments of performance measures and data
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	No
Performance measures	# and % of staff recommendations adopted by the Commission; # and % of staff recommendations implemented by legislative or budget action; # and % of recommendations from other legislative commissions adopted by the Commission; # and % of recommendations from other legislative commissions implemented by legislative or budget action
Website	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title30/chapter12/article3/
Contact	Nathalie Molliet-Ribet nmolliet-ribet@bhc.virginia.gov 804-967-3977 411 E. Franklin St, Suite 505, Richmond, VA 23219

Virginia

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Information provided by 2015 and 2019 surveys and public records

Created	1973
Reports to	Joint legislative committee
Authorizing statute	Code of Virginia, Title 30, Chapter 7
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	27
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	N/A
Standards followed	No formal standards adopted
Peer review	No
Performance measures	N/A
Website	https://jlarc.virginia.gov/
Contact	Hal Greer Director 804-371-4572 919 East Main St, Suite 2101 Richmond Va, 23219

Washington

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	1973
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	Chapter 44.28 RCW
Organizational placement	Independent legislative office
Performance evaluators	22
Financial auditors	N/A
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Sunset reviews
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	Recommendations to Agencies Implemented, JLARC Member Satisfaction, Committee Presentations Legislator Satisfaction Timely Report Delivery Staff Retention
Website	https://leg.wa.gov/jlarc
Contact	Eric Thomas eric.thomas@leg.wa.gov 360-786-5182 P.O. Box 40910; Olympia, WA 98504-0910

West Virginia

Legislative Auditor's Office

Information provided by 2025 survey

Created	The Legislative Auditor's Office was established by WV Code in 1951, with Post Audit beginning in 1994 the 1960s and the Performance Evaluation & Research Division becoming an entity in
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	W.Va. §4-2-4. Powers of Auditor; reports.
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	28 (the Legislative Auditor, 16 in Post Audit, 11 auditors in PERD)
Financial auditors	0
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Budget analyses and fiscal notes,Assessments of performance measures and data,Sunset reviews
Standards followed	GAO Yellow Book Standards (Government Auditing Standards)
Peer review	Yes, by NCSL/NLPES
Performance measures	We have a Quality Control Manager who is responsible for developing our quality management system and evaluating each audit and its related work for quality and adherence to GAO Yellow Book standards.
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Wisconsin

Legislative Audit Bureau

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Created	1966
Reports to	Joint legislative oversight committee
Authorizing statute	s. 13.94, Wis. Stats.
Organizational placement	Legislative auditor's office (with financial audit staff)
Performance evaluators	20
Financial auditors	40
Work types	Performance audits, program evaluations, policy analyses,Financial compliance audits,Technology/IT reviews,Short-term policy research for members or committees,Assessments of performance measures and data,Other (please specify) (Best Practices Reviews and Investigative Audits)
Standards followed	Internally developed standards
Peer review	Yes, by NSAA
Performance measures	N/A
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