

Fast facts about the State Auditor's Office

History

The Office of State Auditor was established in Washington's state Constitution in 1889, with a mission to act as "... the auditor of public accounts..."

Although formally part of the Executive Branch of state government, the State Auditor is elected every four years, allowing him or her to remain independent of all branches of government that require auditing.

Troy Kelley was elected in 2012 as the tenth State Auditor.

Executive leadership team and key contacts

Doug Cochran – Chief of Staff – 360-902-0090

Chuck Pfeil – Director of Performance Audit – 360-902-0366

Kelly Collins – Director of Local Audit – 360-902-0091

Barb Hinton – Deputy Director for Quality Assurance – 360-902-0375

Diane Perry – Deputy Director for Administration – 360-902-0372

Thomas Shapley – Deputy Director for Communications – 360-902-0367

Adam Wilson – Communications Manager – 360-725-9726

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Mark Rapozo – Deputy Director of Local Audit – 360-902-0471

Lou Adams – Deputy Director of Performance Audit – 360-725-9741

Sheri Sawyer – Deputy Director, Local Government Performance Center
– 360-725-9745

Matt Miller – Deputy Director for External Relations – 360-902-0364

Cindy Evans – Manager of Legal Affairs – 360) 725-5585

Employees

At the end of 2014, the Office employed around 366 people.

The agency is organized by teams, usually identified by where they work or their primary job functions, such as Team Wenatchee or Team Audit Support.

The agency's 14 offices cover responsibilities across the state, from Pullman and Spokane in the east, Walla Walla and Tri-Cities in the south, and Vancouver and Bellingham anchoring the western corridor.

Eighty-five percent of staff are auditors, conducting financial, accountability, and performance audits, as well as special investigations. The remaining 15 percent provide support in IT, communications, client help desks, and administrative roles.

About 30 percent of all staff are Certified Public Accountants or hold other certifications and advanced degrees.



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Past State Auditors

*Thomas Milburne Reed :
1889-1893*

Leban R. Grimes : 1893-1895

*J. E. Frost (appointed to
complete Grimes's term) :
1895-1897*

Neal Cheetham : 1897-1901

*John D. Atkinson : 1901-
1905*

*Charles Clausen : 1905-1933
(28 years in office)*

*Cliff Yelle : 1933-1965 (32
years in office)*

*Robert V. Graham : 1965-
1993 (28 years in office)*

*Brian Sonntag : 1993-2013
(20 years in office)*

We have 14 office locations throughout the state. Our Performance Audit



division is located in Olympia.

What the Office audits

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education.

We perform special investigations of fraud and whistleblower cases and referrals from our Citizen Hotline, and conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments.

We take our role as partners in accountability seriously. We provide training and technical assistance to government organizations and have an extensive program to coordinate audit efficiency and to ensure high-quality audits.

Our mission:
The State Auditor’s Office holds state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources.

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