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This report provides pay data for the following 17 staff position titles that are used in Senate committees: Archivist; Chief Clerk; Chief Counsel; Communications Director; Counsel; Deputy Chief Clerk; Deputy Staff Director; General Counsel; Legislative Aide; Minority Staff Director; Professional Staff Member; Research Assistant; Senior Counsel; Senior Professional Staff Member; Staff Assistant; Staff Director; and Systems Administrator. The following table provides FY2023 pay levels and the change in median pay levels for these positions in constant 2024 dollars, between FY2022 and FY2023.

FY2023 Median Pay and Percentage Change for Selected Staff Positions in Senate Committees, 2024 Dollars, and Percentage Change, FY2022-FY2023

Position	FY23 Pay, 2024\$	Change, FY22-FY23	Position	FY23 Pay, 2024\$	Change, FY22-FY23
Archivist	_	_	Minority Staff Director	_	_
Chief Clerk	\$180,176	4.40%	Professional Staff Member	\$132,727	18.51%
Chief Counsel	\$177,896	3.70%	Research Assistant	\$67,015	10.21%
Communications Director	\$160,949	-1.41%	Senior Counsel	\$147,389	1.61%
Counsel	\$120,103	-8.19%	Senior Professional Staff Member	\$131,403	-14.96%
Deputy Chief Clerk	\$118,049	-7.25%	Staff Assistant	\$57,089	8.14%
Deputy Staff Director	\$190,795	2.22%	Staff Director	\$212,978	6.17%
General Counsel	\$180,127	-2.82%	Systems Administrator	\$101,610	18.86%
Legislative Aide	\$85,830	21.82%			

Source: Report of the Secretary of the Senate, as collated by LegiStorm, various years, and CRS calculations based on based the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the first half of 2024. "—" indicates no data available.

Report tables provide aggregate statistics on pay for each staff position for FY2001, FY2004, FY2009, FY2014, and FY2019-FY2023, including quartiles, median pay, and average pay, based on available data. Graphic displays are also included, providing representations of pay from the following two perspectives:

- a line graph showing change in median pay, FY2001-FY2023, in nominal (current) and constant 2024 dollars; and
- distributions of FY2023 pay in 2024 dollars, in \$10,000 increments.

Other data, which may not represent the entire FY2001-FY2023 period, are available to congressional staff upon request.

The Congressional Research Service provides a number of products on staffing issues. These can be found in CRS Report R44688, *Congressional Staff: CRS Products*.

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Introduction

Levels of pay for congressional staff are a source of recurring interest among Members of Congress, congressional staff, and the public. In Senate committees, the chair and ranking member set the terms and conditions of employment for majority and minority staff, respectively. This includes job titles and descriptions; rates of pay, subject to maximum levels; and resources available to carry out their official duties. There may be interest in congressional pay data from multiple perspectives, including assessment of the costs of congressional operations; guidance in setting pay levels for staff in committee offices; consideration by staff when negotiating compensation for a new position or promotion; or comparison of congressional staff pay levels with those of other federal government pay systems.

Publicly available information sources do not provide aggregated congressional staff pay data in a readily retrievable form.² Pay information in this report is based on the Senate *Report of the Secretary of the Senate*, published semiannually by the Senate,³ as collated by LegiStorm. Data in this report are based on official Senate reports, which afford the opportunity to use consistently collected data from a single, authoritative source. Additionally, this report provides annual data by fiscal year, which allows for observations about the nature of Senate committee staff compensation over time.

This report provides pay data for 17 staff position titles that are used in Senate committees, and for which sufficient data could be identified. The positions include the following:

Archivist	Deputy Staff Director	Senior Counsel
Chief Clerk	General Counsel	Senior Professional Staff Member

Chief Counsel Legislative Aide Staff Assistant
Communications Director Minority Staff Director Staff Director

Counsel Professional Staff Member Systems Administrator

Deputy Chief Clerk Research Assistant

When committees had more than two staff members with the same job title, data for no more than two staff per committee were collected. Senate committee staff had to hold a position with the same job title in the same committee for the entire year examined, and not receive pay from any other congressional employing authority for their data to be included. Every recorded payment ascribed in the LegiStorm data to those staff for the fiscal year is tabulated. Data collected for this report may differ from an employee's stated annual salary due to the inclusion of overtime, bonuses, or other payments in addition to base salary paid in the course of a year.⁴

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¹ The maximum annual pay for staff in Senate committees is \$221,900. See 2 U.S.C. 4571 and 2 U.S.C. 4575 note. Maximum payable rates for Senate committee staff since 2001 are available in **Table 1**.

² In this report, *pay* refers to monies paid by the Senate to staff, and excludes other components of total compensation, which might include paid leave or employer contributions to various insurance and retirement benefits.

³ Volumes of the *Report of the Secretary of the Senate* since April 2011 are available at https://www.senate.gov/legislative/common/generic/report_secsen.htm.

⁴ Other forms of payment do not appear to be recorded in a consistent manner. Sometimes overtime and other pay are listed as separate entries and in other instances, significant one-time changes in a semiannual total may suggest payments in addition to regular salary.

Data Concerns

Data presented here are subject to some challenges that could affect findings presented or their interpretation. Some of the concerns include the following:

- A large number of position titles in Senate committees are held by only one Senate employee. Data provided here almost certainly do not represent all of the jobs carried out by Senate committee staff.
- The manner in which staff titles are assigned might have implications about the representativeness of the data provided. Of positions for which data were collected, two broad categories emerge. The first category identifies position titles that usually appear to apply to one staff member per committee.⁵ Since almost all available data were collected for those positions, pay information provided is likely to be highly representative of what Senate committees pay staff in those positions. The second category includes positions for which committees might hire two or more staff members.⁶ Since pay data were collected for no more than two staff per committee for each position, it is more likely that data for those positions are a sample of staff in those positions rather than nearly complete data. Those data may be less closely representative of what all staff in those positions are paid.
- Pay data provide no insight into the education, work experience, position tenure, and full- or part-time status of staff, or other potential explanations for levels of compensation.
- Differences might exist in the job duties of staff in positions with the same title. Aggregation of pay by job title rests on the assumption that staff with the same title carry out the same or similar tasks. Given the wide discretion congressional employing authorities have in setting the terms and conditions of employment, there may be differences in the duties of similarly titled staff that could affect their levels of pay. Acknowledging the imprecision inherent in congressional job titles, an older edition of the *Senate Handbook* states, "Throughout the Senate, individuals with the same job title perform vastly different duties."

Data Tables and Visualizations

Tables in this section provide background information on Senate pay practices, comparative data for each position, and detailed data and visualizations for each position. **Table 1** provides the maximum payable rates for Senate committee staff since FY2001 in both nominal (current) and constant 2024 dollars. Constant dollar calculations throughout the report are based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

Table 2 provides FY2023 pay levels in median pay in 2024 dollars and percentage changes for each of the 17 positions; for Members of Congress; and for salaries paid under the General Schedule in Washington, DC, and surrounding areas and in the Rest of the United States (RUS)

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⁵ Positions that typically employ one staff member per committee include staff director and systems administrator.

⁶ Positions that typically employ two or more staff members per committee include counsel, staff assistant, and professional staff member.

⁷ U.S. Senate, Committee on Rules and Administration, *Senate Handbook* (Washington: 1996), pp. I-13, available to congressional clients from the author.

area. **Table 3** through **Table 19** provide available tabular pay data for each staff position for FY2001, FY2004, FY2009, FY2014, and FY2019-FY2023, including data distributed by quartile, median pay, and average pay. Staff pay tables also provide a comparison, at various intervals to FY2023, based on data availability, of the cumulative percentage change in median pay for that position, in 2024 dollars.⁸

Graphic displays are also included for each position, providing representations of pay from the following two perspectives:

- distributions of FY2023 pay in 2024 dollars, in \$10,000 increments; and
- a line graph showing change in median pay, FY2001-FY2023 (or available data), in nominal (current) and 2024 dollars.

Senate Committee Staff Pay Tables

	Intorne	eting Pay Tables: Statistics	Doscribing P	av Data							
For each year including the f	that data are ava	ilable, statistical values for staff pos	_	-	ole 19,						
Minimum & I	Maximum T	he smallest and largest pay level, re	espectively, for each	position							
Average (Me	di \$-	he mean is the average of a list of rivided by the total number of value 45,000, and \$90,000, were identified ould be (\$30,000 + \$45,000 + \$90	s. For example, if the	nree salaries, \$3 osition, the ave	0,000,						
Median	lo	The midpoint at which half of the numbers in a list are higher and the other half lower. For example, if three salaries, \$30,000, \$45,000, and \$90,000, were identified for a given staff position, the midpoint (median) would be \$45,000.									
Statistical Qu	ni ni \$ th m di	Statistical values that divide data into quarters for more detailed analysis. In a list of numbers, Quartile I (QI) is a number that falls in the middle between the lowest number, or minimum, and the median. For example, if QI for a given staff position was \$50,000, this would indicate that 25% of employees in that position make \$50,000 or less. Quartile 2 (Q2) is also the median. Quartile 3 (Q3) is a number that falls in the middle between the median and the highest number in the list, or maximum. Numbers between QI and Q3 compose the interquartile range, the difference between the largest and smallest values in the middle 50% of a list of numbers. Quartiles might also be described as percentiles, as shown below.									
	9	Statistical Measures Used	d in Pay Tables	1							
Minimum	Quartile I (QI)	Quartile 2 (Q2) Median	Quartile 3 (Q3)	Maximum	Average						
Lowest number in	25 th Percentile	50th Percentile	75 th percentile	Highest number in a	The mean,						
a list	25% of staff make less than Q1	50% of staff make less than Q2	75% of staff make less than Q3	list	expressing the central value in a						
	Middle number between Minimum and Median	Median—midpoint at which half of the numbers in a list are higher and the other half lower	Middle number between Median and Maximum		set of data						
	Lower Quartile	e Interquartile Range = Q3-Q1	Upper Quartile								

⁸ 2024 CPI-U based on the first half of the year.

Table I. Senate Committee Staff Pay, Annual Maximums, 2001-2024

Year	Nominal \$	Constant 2024 \$	Year	Nominal \$	Constant 2024 \$
2001	\$142,415	\$251,011	2013	\$171,315	\$229,549
2002	\$147,315	\$255,607	2014	\$171,315	\$225,885
2003	\$152,015	\$257,884	2015	\$171,315	\$225,617
2004	\$155,415	\$256,813	2016	\$171,315	\$222,807
2005	\$159,415	\$254,791	2017	\$171,315	\$218,159
2006	\$162,515	\$251,628	2018	\$171,315	\$212,958
2007	\$162,515	\$244,660	2019	\$173,900	\$212,324
2008	\$166,615	\$241,557	2020	\$173,900	\$209,736
2009	\$171,315	\$249,258	2021	\$173,900	\$200,325
2010	\$171,315	\$245,236	2022	\$203,700	\$217,266
2011	\$171,315	\$237,732	2023	\$212,100	\$217,281
2012	\$171,315	\$232,912	2024	\$221,900	\$221,900

Source: 2 U.S.C. 4571, 2 U.S.C. 4575 note, CRS calculations based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the first half of 202..

Table 2. FY2023 Median Pay2024 dollars, and Changes in Pay for Selected Senate Committee Staff, Members Of Congress, and Selected General Schedule Employees

	EV22 D	FY22-	FY19-	FY14-	FY09-	FY04-	FY01-
Position	FY23 Pay, 2024\$	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23
Chief Clerk	\$180,176	4.40%	9.52%	4.80%	-3.37%	18.64%	33.45%
Chief Counsel	\$177,896	3.70%	-11.20%	-14.20%	-19.10%	-29.63%	-0.27%
Communications Dir.	\$160,949	-1.41%	-1.38%	-13.35%	-18.09%	-2.86%	
Counsel	\$120,103	-8.19%	-8.88%	-10.59%	-30.49%	-23.06%	-19.01%
Deputy Chief Clerk	\$118,049	-7.25%	_	_	_	_	_
Deputy Staff Director	\$190,795	2.22%	-6.05%	-5.99%	-13.10%	_	_
General Counsel	\$180,127	-2.82%	_	_	_	_	_
Legislative Aide	\$85,830	21.82%	_	_	_	_	_
Professional Staff Member	\$132,727	18.51%	5.31%	8.43%	-5.08%	-5.92%	3.23%
Research Assistant	\$67,015	10.21%	_	_	_	_	_
Senior Counsel	\$147,389	1.61%	-5.56%	-15.60%	-24.67%	-8.42%	_
Sr. Professional Staff Mbr.	\$131,403	-14.96%	-24.10%	-11.02%	-33.85%		_
Staff Assistant	\$57,089	8.14%	14.30%	7.77%	-0.58%	-5.10%	-13.58%
Staff Director	\$212,978	6.17%	1.82%	-4.83%	-12.55%	-15.21%	-8.22%
Systems Administrator	\$101,610	18.86%	-23.33%	-25.34%	-28.90%	-5.35%	8.77%
Congressional Staff Pos	itions Pay Ch	ange Sum	mary				
Increase		10	4	3	0	1	3
Decrease		5	7	8	11	8	4
Members of Congress, (General Sche	dule Pay C	hange				
MCs	\$178,250	-3.95%	-16.10%	-22.31%	-29.59%	-31.77%	-30.30%
General Schedule, DC	Varies	0.71%	-5.23%	-3.22%	-9.35%	-3.70%	-3.00%
General Schedule, RUS	Varies	0.24%	-6.83%	-7.40%	-13.75%	-12.47%	-7.29%

Source: CRS calculations, based on data provided in **Table 3-Table 19** for congressional positions; CRS Report 97-1011, *Salaries of Members of Congress: Recent Actions and Historical Tables*, for Members of Congress; and the Office of Personnel Management for federal civilian workers in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas and rest of the U.S. localities, various years. Nominal Member pay in 2024 is \$174,000. General Schedule pay for individuals varies by grade, step and locality, but percentage changes are consistent within each locality. Excludes Archivist and Minority Staff Director, for which there are no data. "—" indicates no data available. 2024 dollars are based on Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the first half of 2024.

Table 3. Archivist

	Nominal\$							2024\$						
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	
FY19	4	\$64,659	\$70,191	\$75,099	\$79,810	\$84,750	\$74,902	\$78,945	\$85,699	\$91,692	\$97,444	\$103,476	\$91,451	
FY20	5	\$65,000	\$73,500	\$74,125	\$84,744	\$90,000	\$77,474	\$78,395	\$88,646	\$89,400	\$102,207	\$108,546	\$93,439	
FY21	4	\$78,500	\$80,422	\$82,531	\$86,792	\$95,167	\$84,682	\$90,428	\$92,642	\$95,072	\$99,980	\$109,628	\$97,550	
FY22	4	\$67,137	\$80,315	\$88,354	\$92,522	\$94,089	\$84,484	\$71,608	\$85,664	\$94,238	\$98,684	\$100,355	\$90,110	
FY23	3	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	

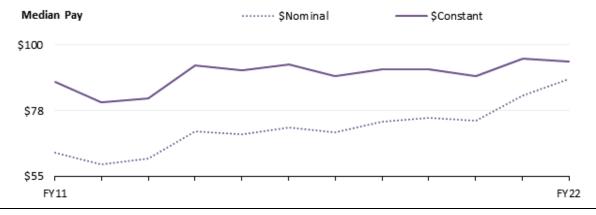


Table 4. Chief Clerk

				Nomi	nal\$			2024\$						
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	
FY01	13	\$61,583	\$74,115	\$76,604	\$90,812	\$103,271	\$80,403	\$108,543	\$130,630	\$135,018	\$160,060	\$182,019	\$141,713	
FY04	18	\$34,704	\$83,837	\$95,339	\$112,631	\$149,295	\$97,442	\$57,345	\$138,535	\$157,542	\$186,115	\$246,701	\$161,016	
FY09	18	\$81,166	\$113,121	\$128,157	\$135,301	\$168,757	\$126,366	\$118,094	\$164,588	\$186,465	\$196,858	\$245,537	\$183,858	
FY14	14	\$75,540	\$97,873	\$130,396	\$145,773	\$171,000	\$126,002	\$99,602	\$129,050	\$171,931	\$192,206	\$225,470	\$166,138	
						Mos	t Recent Fiv	ve Years						
FY19	14	\$102,900	\$121,756	\$134,743	\$157,133	\$171,315	\$138,190	\$125,636	\$148,658	\$164,514	\$191,852	\$209,167	\$168,723	
FY20	15	\$102,917	\$125,125	\$136,213	\$163,450	\$169,633	\$141,243	\$124,125	\$150,910	\$164,283	\$197,132	\$204,589	\$170,349	
FY21	13	\$101,235	\$131,627	\$150,907	\$164,308	\$168,709	\$147,769	\$116,618	\$151,628	\$173,838	\$189,276	\$194,345	\$170,224	
FY22	16	\$127,368	\$152,203	\$161,807	\$171,219	\$186,750	\$160,264	\$135,850	\$162,339	\$172,583	\$182,622	\$199,187	\$170,937	
FY23	15	\$122,175	\$155,358	\$175,880	\$186,867	\$196,409	\$170,225	\$125,159	\$159,153	\$180,176	\$191,431	\$201,207	\$174,383	

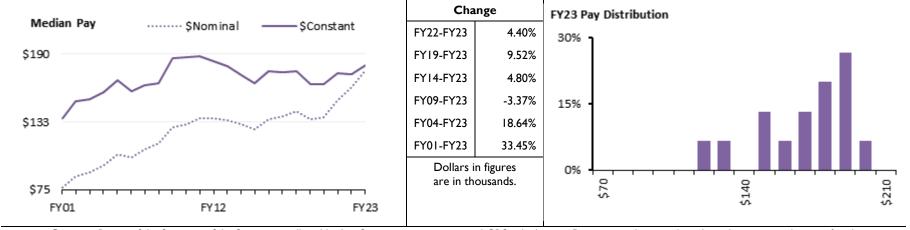


Table 5. Chief Counsel

				Nomi	nal\$			2024\$						
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	
FY01	7	\$84,486	\$96,958	\$101,201	\$119,531	\$136,993	\$107,951	\$148,910	\$170,892	\$178,370	\$210,678	\$241,454	\$190,268	
FY04	7	\$120,165	\$136,965	\$152,992	\$153,795	\$154,382	\$144,151	\$198,565	\$226,325	\$252,810	\$254,137	\$255,105	\$238,201	
FY09	6	\$115,811	\$138,236	\$151,134	\$162,964	\$168,091	\$147,836	\$168,501	\$201,129	\$219,896	\$237,107	\$244,568	\$215,096	
FY14	8	\$56,250	\$140,792	\$157,255	\$162,469	\$171,315	\$144,077	\$74,168	\$185,639	\$207,347	\$214,221	\$225,885	\$189,971	
						Mos	t Recent Fiv	ve Years						
FY19	14	\$126,117	\$161,302	\$164,078	\$170,969	\$171,315	\$161,491	\$153,982	\$196,942	\$200,331	\$208,745	\$209,167	\$197,173	
FY20	15	\$125,000	\$163,861	\$168,450	\$170,975	\$173,254	\$164,667	\$150,759	\$197,629	\$203,163	\$206,208	\$208,957	\$198,601	
FY21	8	\$123,908	\$165,389	\$171,791	\$173,015	\$173,900	\$164,776	\$142,737	\$190,520	\$197,896	\$199,305	\$200,325	\$189,815	
FY22	П	\$110,930	\$141,327	\$160,833	\$186,311	\$189,521	\$161,178	\$118,318	\$150,739	\$171,544	\$198,718	\$202,142	\$171,911	
FY23	8	\$139,430	\$149,640	\$173,654	\$198,689	\$201,831	\$172,909	\$142,836	\$153,295	\$177,896	\$203,542	\$206,761	\$177,132	

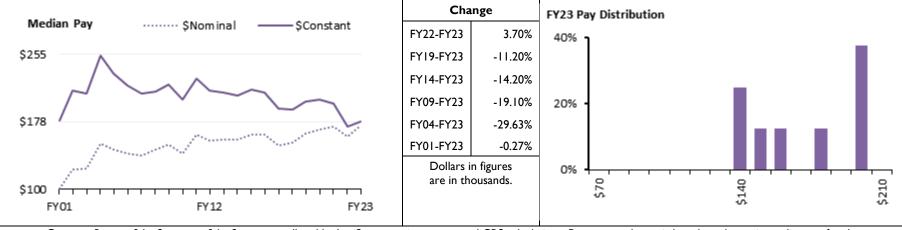


Table 6. Communications Director

				Nomi	nal\$					202	4\$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY01		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
FY04	9	\$65,525	\$89,665	\$100,268	\$120,499	\$128,083	\$101,743	\$108,276	\$148,166	\$165,686	\$199,117	\$211,649	\$168,123
FY09	7	\$96,248	\$117,287	\$135,050	\$149,502	\$158,855	\$131,961	\$140,038	\$170,649	\$196,494	\$217,521	\$231,129	\$192,000
FY14	4	\$94,550	\$119,794	\$140,880	\$157,914	\$171,000	\$136,828	\$124,668	\$157,952	\$185,756	\$208,216	\$225,470	\$180,412
						Mo	st Recent Fiv	ve Years					
FY19	5	\$118,125	\$126,417	\$133,667	\$171,315	\$171,315	\$144,168	\$144,225	\$154,349	\$163,201	\$209,167	\$209,167	\$176,022
FY20	7	\$98,042	\$126,500	\$142,000	\$158,407	\$173,254	\$140,444	\$118,245	\$152,568	\$171,262	\$191,051	\$208,957	\$169,386
FY21	6	\$98,917	\$107,243	\$131,862	\$141,181	\$142,330	\$124,716	\$113,947	\$123,539	\$151,899	\$162,634	\$163,958	\$143,667
FY22	П	\$99,167	\$134,441	\$153,065	\$172,489	\$185,121	\$150,486	\$105,771	\$143,394	\$163,259	\$183,977	\$197,449	\$160,508
FY23	8	\$125,732	\$134,954	\$157,111	\$182,803	\$202,765	\$161,000	\$128,803	\$138,250	\$160,949	\$187,269	\$207,718	\$164,933
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\$15	53 -	·	****	******			FY04-FY23	-2.86%					
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Source: Report of the Secretary of the Senate, as collated by LegiStorm, various years, and CRS calculations. Percentage change is based on change in median pay for the periods noted. In the visualizations, position pay information based on 2024 dollars in thousands of dollars, or change in those levels, is presented in solid purple. "—" indicates no data available. 2024 dollars are based on Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the first half of 2024.

Table 7. Counsel

				Nomi	nal\$			2024\$						
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	
FY01	15	\$45,667	\$71,588	\$84,134	\$92,014	\$113,854	\$82,655	\$80,489	\$126,176	\$148,289	\$162,179	\$200,672	\$145,682	
FY04	22	\$52,750	\$75,798	\$94,462	\$113,957	\$149,251	\$96,079	\$87,166	\$125,252	\$156,092	\$188,307	\$246,627	\$158,764	
FY09	19	\$68,347	\$95,717	\$118,751	\$138,168	\$168,189	\$118,728	\$99,443	\$139,265	\$172,779	\$201,030	\$244,710	\$172,746	
FY14	22	\$53,000	\$86,667	\$101,875	\$125,569	\$148,087	\$103,676	\$69,882	\$114,274	\$134,326	\$165,567	\$195,259	\$136,700	
						Mos	st Recent Fiv	ve Years						
FY19	19	\$59,833	\$91,158	\$107,954	\$134,379	\$171,147	\$113,992	\$73,054	\$111,300	\$131,806	\$164,070	\$208,962	\$139,179	
FY20	22	\$72,624	\$84,450	\$106,000	\$132,833	\$172,912	\$112,912	\$87,590	\$101,853	\$127,844	\$160,207	\$208,544	\$136,180	
FY21	14	\$70,037	\$100,861	\$113,427	\$129,418	\$173,500	\$118,085	\$80,679	\$116,188	\$130,663	\$149,084	\$199,864	\$136,029	
FY22	18	\$81,087	\$109,991	\$122,647	\$135,487	\$183,572	\$124,478	\$86,488	\$117,316	\$130,815	\$144,510	\$195,798	\$132,768	
FY23	19	\$85,370	\$102,771	\$117,239	\$151,000	\$184,721	\$127,879	\$87,455	\$105,281	\$120,103	\$154,688	\$189,234	\$131,003	

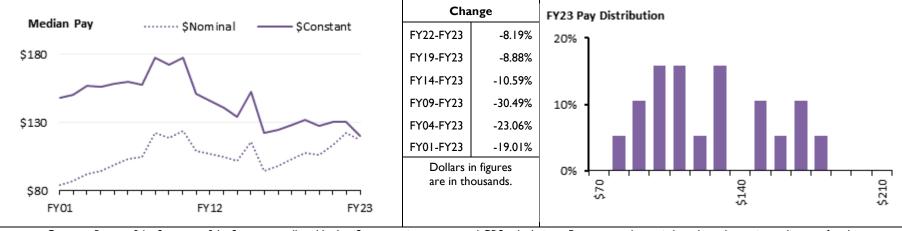


Table 8. Deputy Chief Clerk

		Current \$, Nominal						Constant \$, 2024						
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	
FY22	6	\$79,991	\$96,664	\$119,324	\$127,733	\$146,417	\$114,117	\$85,318	\$103,101	\$127,270	\$136,240	\$156,167	\$121,717	
FY23	6	\$100,333	\$100,990	\$115,234	\$138,790	\$145,333	\$119,836	\$102,784	\$103,456	\$118,049	\$142,180	\$148,883	\$122,764	
		Cha	ınge	FY2	3 Pay Dist	ribution								
		FY22-FY23	-7.25%		50% 7		_							
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Table 9. Deputy Staff Director

				Nomi	inal\$					2024	4\$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY09	4	\$129,586	\$143,753	\$150,901	\$155,852	\$163,426	\$148,704	\$188,543	\$209,156	\$219,557	\$226,759	\$237,780	\$216,359
FY14	7	\$133,000	\$147,054	\$153,929	\$167,087	\$171,315	\$155,218	\$175,365	\$193,895	\$202,960	\$220,310	\$225,885	\$204,660
						Mos	st Recent Fiv	e Years					
FY19	П	\$93,333	\$140,956	\$166,337	\$170,139	\$171,315	\$149,410	\$113,955	\$172,10	\$203,090	\$207,731	\$209,167	\$182,423
FY20	15	\$120,000	\$153,894	\$170,860	\$172,534	\$173,254	\$161,467	\$144,729	\$185,607	7 \$206,070	\$208,089	\$208,957	\$194,741
FY21	8	\$124,667	\$162,080	\$167,667	\$172,332	\$173,900	\$162,770	\$143,610	\$186,709	\$193,144	\$198,519	\$200,325	\$187,503
FY22	13	\$129,917	\$168,450	\$175,000	\$188,800	\$190,042	\$172,574	\$138,569	\$179,668	\$186,655	\$201,374	\$202,698	\$184,067
FY23	6	\$141,010	\$173,331	\$186,246	\$196,445	\$210,000	\$182,062	\$144,454	\$177,565	\$190,795	\$201,243	\$215,130	\$186,509
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Source: Report of the Secretary of the Senate, as collated by LegiStorm, various years, and CRS calculations. Percentage change is based on change in median pay for the periods noted. In the visualizations, position pay information based on 2024 dollars in thousands of dollars, or change in those levels, is presented in solid purple. 2024 dollars are based on Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the first half of 2024.

Table 10. General Counsel

				Current \$	Nominal					Constant	\$, 2024		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QΙ	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY19	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
FY20	7	\$150,558	\$165,336	\$170,547	\$171,072	\$171,514	\$166,491	\$181,584	\$199,407	\$205,692	\$206,325	\$206,858	\$200,800
FY21	4	\$167,225	\$170,166	\$171,938	\$172,837	\$173,158	\$171,065	\$192,635	\$196,024	\$198,065	\$199,100	\$199,470	\$197,059
FY22	6	\$140,833	\$170,508	\$173,785	\$181,187	\$187,204	\$171,446	\$150,212	\$181,863	\$185,358	\$193,254	\$199,671	\$182,864
FY23	6	\$157,783	\$168,377	\$175,832	\$185,517	\$196,866	\$176,825	\$161,638	\$172,490	\$180,127	\$190,049	\$201,675	\$181,144
		Cha	ınge	FY	23 Pay Dis	tribution							
		FY22-FY23	-2.82%		35% า								
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Table 11. Legislative Aide

		-		Current \$,	Nominal					Constant	\$, 2024		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY22	10	\$49,167	\$55,781	\$66,058	\$75,135	\$85,554	\$66,072	\$52,441	\$59,496	\$70,458	\$80,139	\$91,252	\$70,472
FY23	5	\$64,083	\$81,625	\$83,783	\$83,992	\$90,283	\$80,753	\$65,649	\$83,619	\$85,830	\$86,043	\$92,488	\$82,726
		Cha	nge	FY	23 Pay Dist	tribution							
		FY22-FY23	21.82%		60% 7			_					
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Table 12. Minority Staff Director

				Current \$, Nominal					Constan	t \$, 2024		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QΙ	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY14	10	\$90,500	\$168,214	\$169,785	\$171,315	\$171,315	\$160,094	\$119,327	\$221,797	\$223,868	\$225,885	\$225,885	\$211,089
						Most Rece	ent Five Yea	ars					
FY19	7	\$109,675	\$164,817	\$171,315	\$171,315	\$171,315	\$160,653	\$133,908	\$201,233	\$209,167	\$209,167	\$209,167	\$196,149
FY20	6	\$153,573	\$170,408	\$173,254	\$173,254	\$173,254	\$169,341	\$185,220	\$205,524	\$208,957	\$208,957	\$208,957	\$204,238
FY21	5	\$111,675	\$155,154	\$172,982	\$173,900	\$173,900	\$157,522	\$128,644	\$178,730	\$199,268	\$200,325	\$200,325	\$181,458
FY22	5	\$111,675	\$173,900	\$182,017	\$188,800	\$190,042	\$169,287	\$119,112	\$185,481	\$194,138	\$201,374	\$202,698	\$180,561
FY23	2	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_

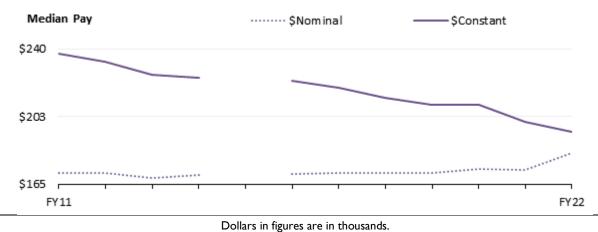


Table 13. Professional Staff Member

				Nom	inal\$					2024	1\$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY01	20	\$39,833	\$60,937	\$72,950	\$89,726	\$132,792	\$77,309	\$70,207	\$107,404	\$128,578	\$158,146	\$234,050	\$136,259
FY04	32	\$34,065	\$68,049	\$85,378	\$101,933	\$134,736	\$85,743	\$56,290	\$112,446	\$141,081	\$168,438	\$222,643	\$141,685
FY09	29	\$18,224	\$86,135	\$96,104	\$122,582	\$169,161	\$101,308	\$26,516	\$125,324	\$139,829	\$178,353	\$246,124	\$147,399
FY14	25	\$19,208	\$62,167	\$92,833	\$124,224	\$165,659	\$95,105	\$25,327	\$81,969	\$122,404	\$163,794	\$218,427	\$125,399
FY19	27	\$19,895	\$77,758	\$103,224	\$116,278	\$152,000	\$96,765	\$24,291	\$94,939	\$126,031	\$141,969	\$185,585	\$118,146
FY20	29	\$43,625	\$80,336	\$111,945	\$132,458	\$162,400	\$102,113	\$52,615	\$96,891	\$135,014	\$159,754	\$195,867	\$123,156
FY21	28	\$61,000	\$95,167	\$110,417	\$132,396	\$163,362	\$111,521	\$70,269	\$109,628	\$127,195	\$152,514	\$188,186	\$128,467
FY22	33	\$49,412	\$88,668	\$105,000	\$129,192	\$186,750	\$108,471	\$52,703	\$94,573	\$111,993	\$137,795	\$199,187	\$115,695
FY23	24	\$47,390	\$97,842	\$129,562	\$145,985	\$186,528	\$122,880	\$48,548	\$100,232	\$132,727	\$149,551	\$191,084	\$125,882

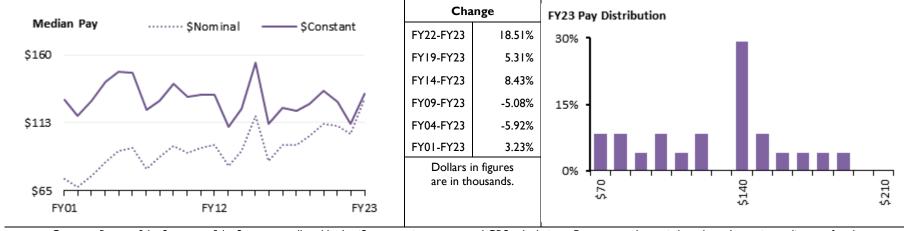


Table 14. Research Assistant

				Current \$,	Nominal					Constant	\$, 2024		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY22	6	\$49,167	\$54,674	\$57,007	\$59,672	\$69,823	\$57,910	\$52,441	\$58,315	\$60,804	\$63,646	\$74,473	\$61,767
FY23	7	\$56,875	\$60,788	\$65,417	\$70,960	\$80,833	\$66,660	\$58,264	\$62,273	\$67,015	\$72,693	\$82,808	\$68,289
		Cha	nge	FY2	3 Pay Dist	ribution		•					
		FY22-FY23	10.21%		60% 7								
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Table 15. Senior Counsel

				Nomi	nal\$					2024	1\$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY01		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
FY04	10	\$59,750	\$86,507	\$97,399	\$111,472	\$140,487	\$101,063	\$98,733	\$142,948	\$160,946	\$184,200	\$232,146	\$166,999
FY09	13	\$97,585	\$117,052	\$134,472	\$149,333	\$158,651	\$131,288	\$141,983	\$170,308	\$195,653	\$217,275	\$230,833	\$191,020
FY14	12	\$86,690	\$120,016	\$132,443	\$153,692	\$170,650	\$133,079	\$114,304	\$158,245	\$174,631	\$202,648	\$225,008	\$175,469
						Mos	t Recent Fiv	e Years					
FY19	9	\$112,333	\$120,250	\$127,828	\$151,638	\$157,500	\$133,767	\$137,154	\$146,819	\$156,071	\$185,143	\$192,300	\$163,323
FY20	14	\$98,958	\$119,687	\$140,542	\$154,537	\$173,254	\$136,408	\$119,351	\$144,352	\$169,503	\$186,383	\$208,957	\$164,517
FY21	П	\$98,302	\$112,280	\$126,750	\$147,724	\$163,475	\$129,051	\$113,239	\$129,341	\$146,010	\$170,172	\$188,316	\$148,661
FY22	П	\$103,125	\$129,191	\$136,000	\$157,614	\$184,999	\$144,083	\$109,992	\$137,795	\$145,057	\$168,111	\$197,319	\$153,679
FY23	7	\$100,625	\$103,859	\$143,875	\$177,713	\$189,667	\$142,473	\$103,083	\$106,396	\$147,389	\$182,054	\$194,300	\$145,953

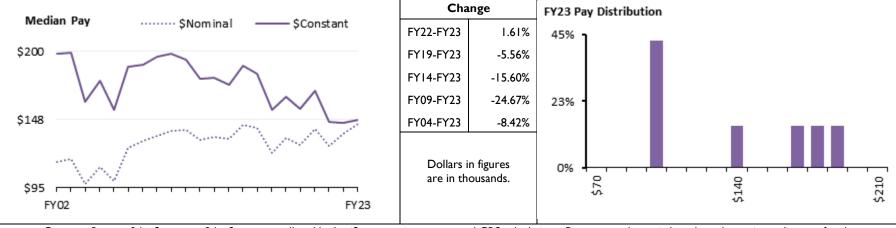
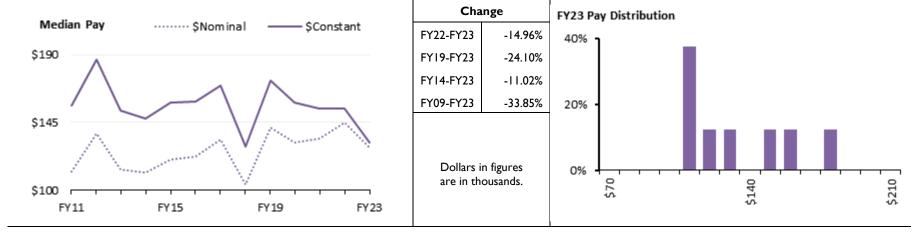


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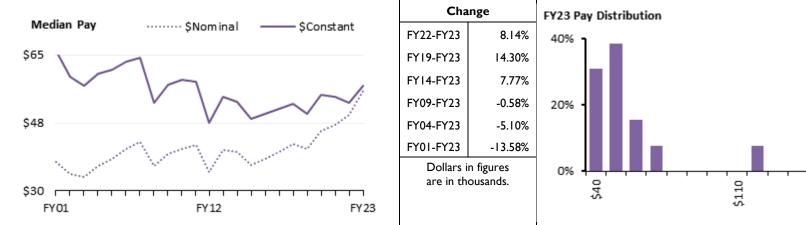
				Nomi	nal\$					2024	1\$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY09	6	\$130,128	\$133,656	\$136,534	\$144,679	\$169,161	\$142,075	\$189,332	\$194,466	\$198,653	\$210,504	\$246,124	\$206,714
FY14	П	\$59,152	\$103,106	\$112,000	\$142,521	\$154,363	\$114,887	\$77,994	\$135,949	\$147,676	\$187,919	\$203,534	\$151,483
						Mos	t Recent Fiv	e Years					
FY19	10	\$77,257	\$119,002	\$141,795	\$150,714	\$161,807	\$132,421	\$94,327	\$145,296	\$173,125	\$184,014	\$197,558	\$161,680
FY20	П	\$103,391	\$120,984	\$131,400	\$142,877	\$166,283	\$132,517	\$124,697	\$145,916	\$158,478	\$172,320	\$200,549	\$159,825
FY21	10	\$83,250	\$121,410	\$134,050	\$144,175	\$164,321	\$131,539	\$95,900	\$139,859	\$154,419	\$166,083	\$189,290	\$151,527
FY22	П	\$105,000	\$134,220	\$144,873	\$159,256	\$169,562	\$145,318	\$111,993	\$143,159	\$154,521	\$169,862	\$180,855	\$154,996
FY23	8	\$110,835	\$112,632	\$128,269	\$152,742	\$176,333	\$135,158	\$113,543	\$115,383	\$131,403	\$156,473	\$180,641	\$138,460



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Table 17. Staff Assistant

				Nomi	nal\$					2024	I \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY01	19	\$25,750	\$32,297	\$37,480	\$48,082	\$62,500	\$40,255	\$45,385	\$56,925	\$66,059	\$84,746	\$110,158	\$70,951
FY04	24	\$24,374	\$33,991	\$36,404	\$41,907	\$74,208	\$39,881	\$40,277	\$56,168	\$60,155	\$69,248	\$122,623	\$65,900
FY09	29	\$29,405	\$36,382	\$39,465	\$48,696	\$85,670	\$45,776	\$42,783	\$52,935	\$57,421	\$70,852	\$124,647	\$66,602
FY14	16	\$30,081	\$34,134	\$40,174	\$51,644	\$99,667	\$48,008	\$39,663	\$45,007	\$52,970	\$68,094	\$131,414	\$63,301
						Mo	st Recent F	ive Years					
FY19	14	\$34,187	\$37,451	\$40,908	\$52,656	\$107,175	\$51,547	\$41,741	\$45,726	\$49,946	\$64,291	\$130,855	\$62,936
FY20	20	\$33,000	\$40,613	\$45,460	\$50,786	\$62,438	\$45,689	\$39,800	\$48,983	\$54,828	\$61,252	\$75,305	\$55,104
FY21	14	\$33,500	\$41,946	\$47,000	\$58,203	\$112,164	\$54,962	\$38,590	\$48,319	\$54,142	\$67,047	\$129,208	\$63,314
FY22	19	\$34,479	\$45,370	\$49,494	\$55,677	\$119,409	\$54,944	\$36,775	\$48,392	\$52,791	\$59,385	\$127,361	\$58,603
FY23	13	\$40,000	\$44,629	\$55,727	\$65,057	\$123,402	\$58,940	\$40,977	\$45,719	\$57,089	\$66,646	\$126,416	\$60,380



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Table 18. Staff Director

				Nomi	nal\$					2024	1\$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY01	7	\$122,300	\$127,396	\$131,658	\$139,564	\$141,465	\$132,763	\$215,559	\$224,539	\$232,051	\$245,986	\$249,337	\$234,000
FY04	13	\$95,875	\$140,482	\$152,015	\$154,336	\$154,565	\$145,224	\$158,427	\$232,138	\$251,195	\$255,030	\$255,408	\$239,974
FY09	6	\$108,585	\$150,701	\$167,386	\$168,285	\$169,161	\$154,373	\$157,988	\$219,266	\$243,541	\$244,849	\$246,124	\$224,609
FY14	14	\$96,250	\$150,862	\$169,729	\$171,281	\$171,315	\$153,548	\$126,909	\$198,916	\$223,794	\$225,840	\$225,885	\$202,459
						Mos	st Recent Fiv	e Years					
FY19	16	\$135,148	\$168,000	\$171,315	\$171,315	\$171,315	\$166,718	\$165,010	\$205,120	\$209,167	\$209,167	\$209,167	\$203,554
FY20	19	\$159,221	\$170,157	\$173,254	\$173,254	\$173,254	\$170,279	\$192,032	\$205,222	\$208,957	\$208,957	\$208,957	\$205,368
FY21	16	\$123,750	\$168,045	\$173,269	\$173,900	\$186,942	\$167,963	\$142,554	\$193,580	\$199,598	\$200,325	\$215,349	\$193,485
FY22	21	\$141,667	\$182,037	\$188,077	\$189,463	\$190,042	\$181,458	\$151,101	\$194,160	\$200,603	\$202,081	\$202,698	\$193,542
FY23	13	\$142,320	\$203,546	\$207,900	\$210,000	\$227,758	\$203,066	\$145,796	\$208,518	\$212,978	\$215,130	\$233,321	\$208,026

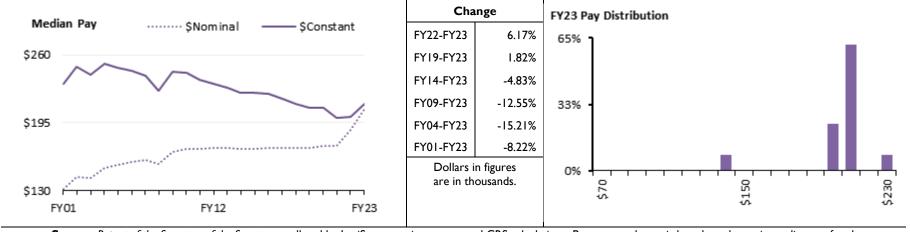
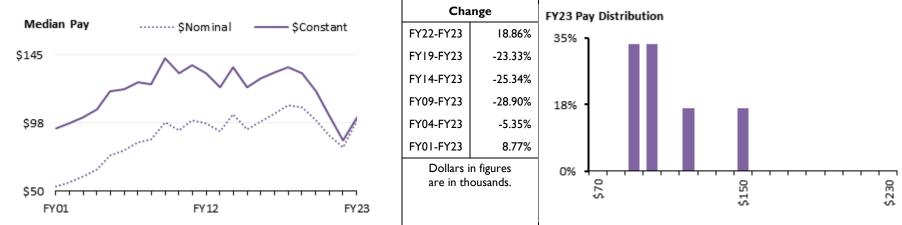


Table 19. Systems Administrator

				Noi	minal\$					2024	1\$		
Year	#	Minimum	QΙ	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
FY01	7	\$37,766	\$47,907	\$53,000	\$60,723	\$79,902	\$55,418	\$66,564	\$84,438	\$93,414	\$107,027	\$140,830	\$97,677
FY04	8	\$57,215	\$61,823	\$64,965	\$67,590	\$75,258	\$65,508	\$94,544	\$102,158	\$107,351	\$111,689	\$124,359	\$108,248
FY09	5	\$87,962	\$90,133	\$98,230	\$100,200	\$112,571	\$97,819	\$127,982	\$131,140	\$142,921	\$145,788	\$163,788	\$142,324
FY14	5	\$77,563	\$77,871	\$103,212	\$109,720	\$124,791	\$98,631	\$102,269	\$102,676	\$136,089	\$144,670	\$164,542	\$130,049
						Mos	st Recent Fiv	ve Years					
FY19	4	\$77,103	\$97,838	\$108,546	\$115,175	\$123,676	\$104,468	\$94,139	\$119,456	\$132,529	\$140,624	\$151,003	\$127,550
FY20	7	\$82,603	\$90,277	\$99,000	\$117,984	\$139,650	\$105,397	\$99,625	\$108,881	\$119,401	\$142,298	\$168,428	\$127,116
FY21	5	\$79,603	\$86,333	\$89,000	\$133,333	\$133,724	\$104,399	\$91,699	\$99,452	\$102,524	\$153,594	\$154,044	\$120,263
FY22	7	\$80,153	\$86,432	\$88,500	\$125,297	\$145,711	\$105,403	\$85,491	\$92,189	\$94,394	\$133,642	\$155,415	\$112,423
FY23	6	\$94,167	\$97,744	\$99,188	\$113,305	\$155,935	\$94,167	\$96,467	\$100,131	\$101,610	\$116,073	\$159,744	\$96,467



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