TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION

For the Fiscal Years 2016-2025

	2025 (1)	2024 (1)	2023 (1)	2022 (1)	2021 (1)
General government	5,893	5,798	5,859	5,811	5,769
Primary and secondary education	162,706	157,860	153,595	156,512	156,712
Higher education:					
Universities	75,063	72,476	68,209	67,987	65,824
Community colleges	18,070	16,882	17,002	17,025	17,122
Health and human services	18,045	18,423	18,432	18,286	18,270
Economic development	1,922	1,944	2,083	2,280	2,236
Environment and natural resources	5,022	4,999	4,869	4,295	4,222
Public safety, corrections and regulation	34,481	35,157	35,267	35,232	34,205
Transportation	11,461	11,439	11,421	11,423	11,624
Agriculture	2,120	2,119	2,128	2,127	2,136
Total	334,783	327,097	318,865	320,978	318,120

Source: North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management

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Table 17

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1)	(1)	(1)		
5.004	5 504	4.000	5.400	4.057
5,631	5,501	4,983	5,160	4,857
156,693	155,755	151,263	153,236	154,079
67,166	65,697	64,028	63,345	62,194
17,761	18,095	18,028	18,021	18,129
18,270	18,098	18,038	17,970	17,552
2,554	2,141	2,136	2,340	3,365
4,157	4,140	4,128	4,112	4,148
34,963	34,034	34,089	34,009	33,966
11,669	11,666	12,141	12,578	12,591
2,159	2,088	2,082	2,077	2,066
321,023	317,215	310,916	312,848	312,947

(1) Counts for fiscal year end 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 are projected from prior year data.