

TABLE 2
NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND TEACHERS PER
1,000 STUDENTS IN K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

	COLORADO						
	1992-93	2000-01	2004-05	2005-06	Change over 5 years*	Change from 1992-93 to 2005-06	<i>U.S.</i> <i>Change</i> <i>(5 year)*</i>
NUMBER OF TEACHERS	33,243	41,788	45,195	45,871	9.8%	38.0%	6.2%
TEACHERS PER 1,000 STUDENTS	56.8	60.2	62.0	61.9	2.7%	8.9%	
<i>- national</i>	<i>53.7</i>	<i>62.6</i>	<i>64.0</i>	<i>63.8</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>18.8%</i>	

* Change figures over 5 years are between 2000-01 and 2005-06.

Summary:

1. The number of teachers in Colorado has increased, Colorado continues to have fewer teachers per 1,000 students than the national average.
2. Over the last 17 years, Colorado's consistent lag of teachers per 1,000 students has become over 10 percentage points less than the national average.