

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

	COLORADO						
	1992-93	2001-02	2005-06	2006-07	Change over 5 years*	Change from 1992-93 to 2006-07	<i>U.S.</i> <i>Change</i> <i>(5 year)</i>
NUMBER OF TEACHERS	33,243	45,630	45,871	46,829	2.6%	40.9%	6.1%
TEACHERS PER 1,000 STUDENTS	56.8	64.5	61.9	62.2	-3.6%	9.5%	
<i>- national</i>	<i>53.7</i>	<i>63.2</i>	<i>63.8</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>20.9%</i>	

* Change figures over 5 years are between 2001-02 and 2006-07.

Summary:

1. The number of teachers in Colorado has increased.
2. Colorado continues to have fewer teachers per 1,000 students than the national average.
3. Over the last 5 years, the number of teachers per 1,000 students in Colorado has decreased over 3.6 percentage points. Over the same time period the national average of teachers per 1,000 students has increased over 4.4 percentage points.
4. Over the last 15 years, Colorado's consistent lag of teachers per 1,000 students has become over 11 percentage points less than the national average.