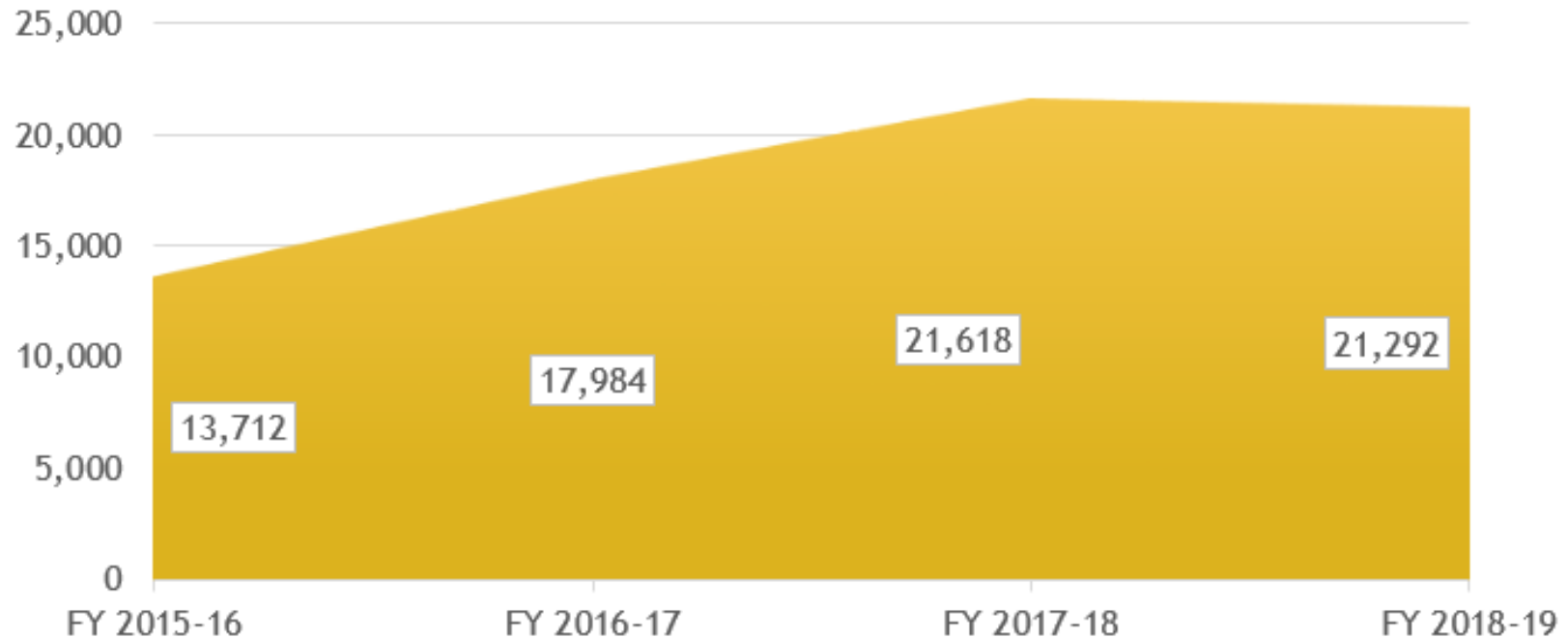


Number of Business Filings Rejections (FY 2015-16 – FY 2018-19)⁸

When a customer attempts to file a document that does not meet statutory requirements, the Secretary of State’s Office will reject the filing and return it to the filer with a brief written explanation of the reason the filing was rejected. An entity may file an appeal with the Richland County Circuit Court following a refusal by the Secretary of State to file a document. During the time covered by the performance evaluation report, no appeals of the Secretary of State’s refusal to file a document were filed with the court.

Number of Business Filing Rejections



⁸ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Business filings, information technology, and administration (December 5, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Secretary of State, Office of the,” and under “Meetings,” <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/SecretaryofState/SoS%20Presentation%20-%20Business%20Filings%20IT%20and%20Administration%20-%20PDF.pdf> (accessed January 21, 2020), slide 32 and 34. Hereinafter “Business Filings Presentation.”