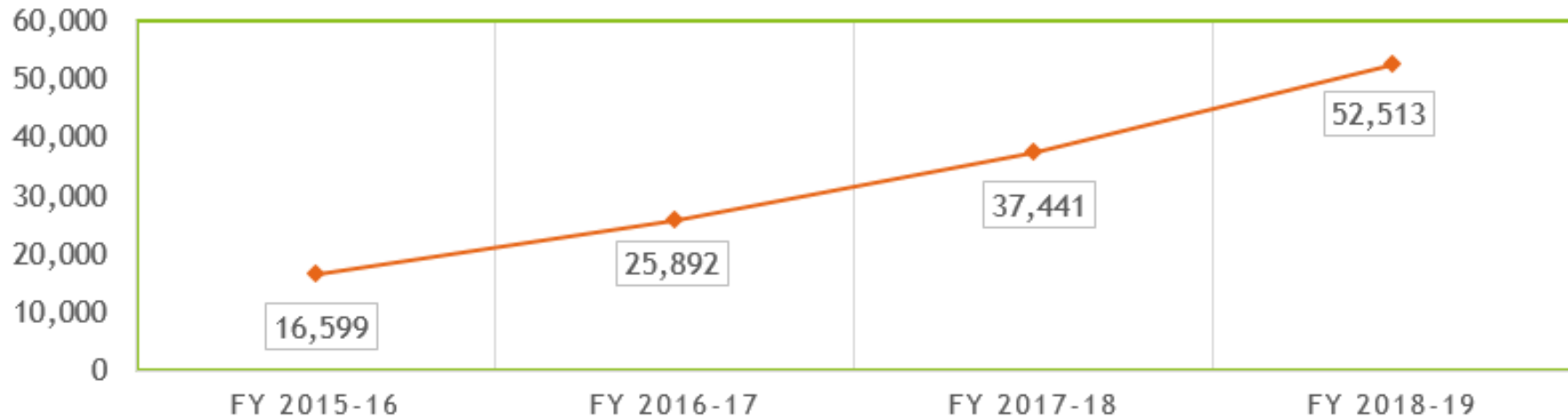


Number of Certificates of Existence for Business Entities furnished by Secretary of State (FY 2015-16 – FY 2018-19)¹⁹

The Secretary of State may furnish a certificate of existence for a business entity that may be relied upon as conclusive evidence that the business entity is in existence or is authorized to do business in South Carolina.

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES OF EXISTENCE



¹⁹ 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 47. Hereinafter “Business Filings Presentation.”