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Board of Cosmetologist Examiners

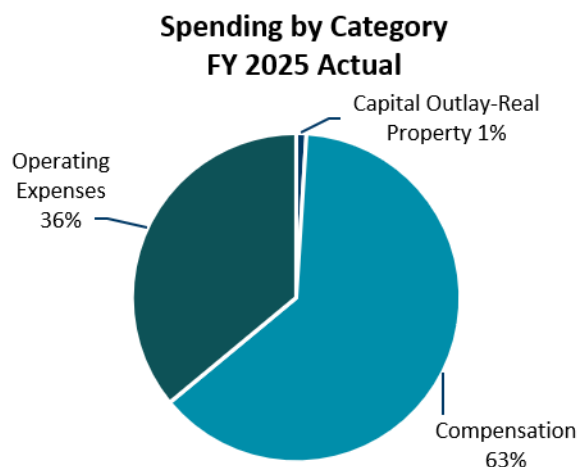
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AT A GLANCE

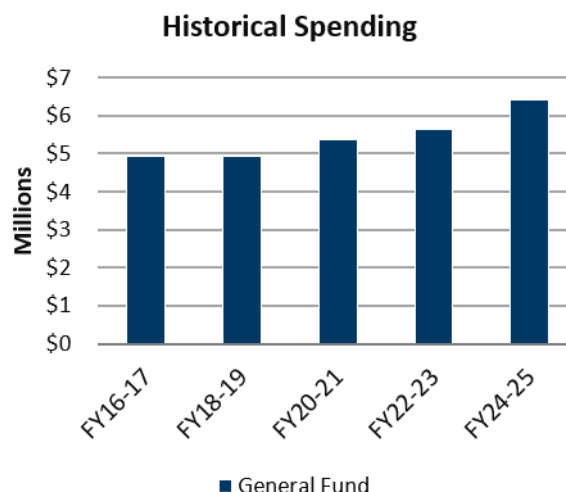
- As of July 2026, there were 36,081 practitioners and 5,433 establishments licensed in Minnesota.
- The Board issued 14,437 total licenses, including initial licenses and license renewals, in fiscal year 2026.
- The Board performed 3,155 salon and 47 school inspections in fiscal year 2026.
- 350 investigations were completed in fiscal year 2026 with 269 investigations open at year close.

PURPOSE

The Board of Cosmetology (“Board”) credentials, licenses, inspects, disciplines, and educates Minnesotans who provide cosmetic hair, nail, or skin care services and education. Businesses and consumers rely on the Board for essential functions related to the safe practice of cosmetology. The Board’s mission is to constantly strive to serve and care for our licensees, applicants, and the public by being committed to public protection, superior service, excellence, and continuous improvement.

BUDGET

Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board receives a direct appropriation from the general fund to cover operational expenses and does not receive funding from any other source. All receipts collected by the Board are deposited into the general fund.

STRATEGIES**The Board contributes to the State of Minnesota by:**

- Assisting salon and school owners and license applicants through in-person, email, and telephone correspondence in answering questions related to the licensing process and other general topics, which results in more successful licensees.
- Educating licensees on proper infection control practices through inspections and outreach, resulting in better and safer services that protect Minnesotans.

- Implementing reasonable, rational regulation with the aim of reducing barriers that are unnecessary for public protection. This promotes continued participation in the cosmetology industry and Minnesota economy.
- Requiring continuing education for license renewal.
- Continuously updating licensing exams to ensure minimum competency is tested for and met by all individuals receiving licenses.
- Ensuring public availability of salon and school inspection reports, license status, and formal disciplinary action to help consumers make informed decisions.
- Reaching voluntary resolution of violations and offering remedial education when necessary to ensure licensing and safety standards are met.
- Routinely updating cosmetology laws and rules to align with appropriate and effective national standards. The Board actively promotes participation in rulemaking, which encourages individuals to remain active and engaged in Board activity and accountability.
- Conducting routine inspections of salons and schools to ensure safety, infection control, and education standards are met. Inspectors provide educational materials in conjunction with inspections to improve awareness and results.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of Licenses, Permits, Registrations Issued Per Quarter	Quantity	GLSuite Licensing Database; FY26 Q2	Consistent	3,605
Number of Inspections Performed Per Quarter	Quantity	Laserfiche Workflow System; FY26 Q2	Consistent	716
Number of Complaints Investigated Per Year	Quantity	FY26 Complaint Committee Meeting Minutes	Increased	619
Average Application Processing Time (in business days)	Quality	GLSuite Licensing Database	Increased	13
Percent of Salons Inspected Per Year	Result	Laserfiche Workflow System, 2026 Q2	Consistent	58%

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

Not applicable. The Minnesota Board of Cosmetology does not implement or support evidence-based practices within the scope of MMB's Results Management framework. Funding supports statutory regulatory functions such as licensing, inspection, and enforcement activities.

Minnesota Statutes and Administrative Rules Governing Cosmetology:

Minnesota Statute 155A, <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/155A>

Minnesota Rule Chapter 2105, <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/2105/>

Minnesota Rule Chapter 2110, <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/2110/>