



FACT SHEET

Evaluating Kentucky's Ability To Monitor Unused And Underutilized Properties

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Finding Highlights

- The Division of Real Properties (DRP) maintains a database (ARCHIBUS) of real properties that are owned or leased by executive branch agencies.
- ARCHIBUS contains information on 8,466 state-owned and 1,214 leased properties, but does not contain utilization metrics.
- While there is not a universal standard for public property management, the federal government has implemented a system that is more developed and field-tested.
- A comparison against federal reporting requirements revealed 18 missing data elements: 15 are likely collected by other agencies, while the remaining 3 are undocumented.
- The Government Accountability Office reviews found federal standards were insufficient on their own, serving as a starting point rather than an all-inclusive tool for asset management.

Conclusions

- DRP meets the legal obligation of maintaining a real property database, but ARCHIBUS currently serves as a real property inventory rather than a management database. It does not contain the data needed to identify unused or underutilized assets.
- Tracking property utilization may require DRP to define metrics for different asset types, establish interagency data-sharing agreements, and modify ARCHIBUS or increase staff time.
- Without statutory clarification on the intended purpose of ARCHIBUS, recommending structural changes to ARCHIBUS or offering conclusions about underutilization risks investing dollars in data collection that may not align with the General Assembly's objectives.

Key Numbers

45

Number of federal data elements

19

Total number of data elements in ARCHIBUS

10

Number of federal data elements existing in ARCHIBUS

15

Number of data elements missing from ARCHIBUS likely found in other state databases

3

Number of undocumented federal data elements