Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

March 08, 2024



Position 1 - Dr. Stacey Mitchell, Board Chair

Position 2 - Anna Vasquez

Position 3 - Philip Hilder

Position 4 - Jed Silverman

Position 5 - Vanessa Goodwin, Vice Chair

Position 6 - Ellen Cohen

Position 7 - Lois J. Moore

Position 8 - Joni Baird

Position 9 - Vicki Huff

Ex-Officio - Tracy Calabrese



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Board of Directors Public Meeting

Friday, March 08, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the date set out above, a quorum of the board of directors (the "board") of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. ("HFSC" and / or the "corporation") will meet in the City Hall Council Annex Chamber, 900 Bagby Street (public level), Houston, Texas 77002.

In accordance with Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act) the agenda is posted for public information, at all times, for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting on the bulletin board located on the exterior wall of the City Hall building at 901 Bagby Street. The notice of this meeting, the agenda and the meeting packet are also posted <u>online</u> at www.hfsctx.gov/meeting-archives.

The items listed below may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. After the meeting concludes, a recording of the meeting will be posted to HFSC <u>website</u> at <u>www.hfsctx.gov.</u>

PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC MEETING:

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or view the meeting through a live stream broadcast on the internet. To view the live stream meeting online please visit www.houstontx.gov/htv.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public is permitted to speak in-person during the public comment agenda item and as permitted by the chair. A speaker may address any subject relevant to the purpose of the corporation. Each speaker should limit his or her comments to three minutes. The chair may limit both the number of speakers and the time allotted for each speaker. A speaker who plans to submit a document for the board's consideration should provide at least ten copies of the document, each marked with the speaker's name. If you have questions regarding attending this meeting, please contact Board Secretary Natalee Veazey at (713) 929-6760.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Roll call; confirmation of presence of quorum.
- 3. Public Comment.
- 4. Reading of draft minutes from January 12, 2024, regular board meeting. Consideration of proposed corrections, if any. Approval of minutes.
- 5. Report from Dr. Stacey Mitchell, board chair, including a monthly update of activities and other announcements.
- 6. Report from Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO, including an overview of operations and technical updates, and other corporate business items.

- 7. Consider approval of an interlocal agreement between the corporation and Tarrant County, Texas, Medical Examiner's Office for firearms evidence comparison outsourcing services.
- 8. Consider approval of the purchase of DNA processing equipment from Qiagen, LLC to be funded by the FY2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Competitive DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) federal grant, total budget not to exceed \$527,090.00.
- 9. Presentation from Mr. David Leach, treasurer and CFO, regarding the proposed fiscal year 2025 budget.
 - a. Consider approval of HFSC's budget proposal for fiscal year 2025 and related action.
- 10. Report from Mrs. Jackeline Moral, quality director, including an overview of the blind quality control program, quality updates, and disclosures.

CLOSED MEETING

11. Executive session in accordance with Sections 551.071, et seq. of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney, and 551.074(a)(1)-(2), deliberate or hear personnel matters related to Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO.

OPEN MEETING RECONVENES

- 12. Reconvene into open meeting and consider any action deemed necessary as a result of the closed meeting, relating to consultation with attorney and personnel matters, and possible related action.
- 13. Adjournment.

NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS:

Persons requiring accommodations for special needs may contact HFSC at 713-929-6760.

Certification of Posting of Notice of the Board of Directors, Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

I, Natalee Veazey, do hereby certify that a notice of this meeting was posted on Tuesday, the 5th day of March 2024, in a place convenient to the public on the bulletin board located on the exterior wall of the City Hall building at 901 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas 77002, and on the HFSC website as required by Section 551.002 et seq., Texas Government Code.

Given under my hand this the 5th day of March 2024.

Natalee Veazey Board Secretary



Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

Board of Directors Public Meeting ~ Minutes ~

Friday, January 12, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:00 a.m., Chairwoman Stacey Mitchell called the meeting to order.

The Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. ("HFSC" and/or the "corporation") board of directors (the "board") convened this in-person meeting on Friday, January 12, 2024, in the City Hall Council Annex Chamber, 900 Bagby St. (public level), Houston, Texas 77002. In a manner permitted by the corporation's bylaws, the meeting was called by providing all directors with notice of the date, time and purpose of the meeting at least three days before the scheduled date.

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act) a notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board located on the exterior wall of the City Hall building at 901 Bagby on January 9, 2024.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following board members were present in-person:

Chairwoman Stacey Mitchell
Philip Hilder
Anna Vasquez
Joni Baird
Vicki Huff
Ellen Cohen
Tracy Calabrese

The following board members arrived late:

ı	Vice Chairwoman Vanessa Goodwin
	(approx. 9:02am)
	Jed Silverman (approx. 9:13am)

The following board members were absent:

Lois Moore	

Chairwoman Mitchell declared a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairwoman Mitchell gave members of the public an opportunity to address the board. No members of the public addressed the board.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

Following a motion by Director Vasquez, seconded by Director Baird, the board unanimously approved the November 17, 2023 meeting minutes.

5. CHAIRWOMAN MITCHELL'S REPORT:

Chairwoman Mitchell greeted the board with optimism for the new year and new City of Houston administration. She expressed hope that the strong relationship between HFSC and the city would continue. In addition, she reminded the board about HFSC's internal company meetings, encouraging them to attend for continued exposure to HFSC's operations and culture.

6. PRESIDENT AND CEO DR. PETER STOUT'S REPORT:

To begin his report, Dr. Stout provided updates for each section. Currently, forensic biology (F.Bio) and firearms sections are of particular interest due to the increase in homicide cases. For F.Bio, the key challenges are staff recruitment/turnover rates, extensive training periods, increased outsourcing costs, and priority case management. To further expand on these topics, Dr. Stout explained that the training for DNA writers and interpreters is complex and requires months of training in order to ensure the staff are ready before being allowed to work on cases. Because of the extensive and complex training, the pool of candidates readily available for hire is not large. In addition, only four accredited commercial laboratories exist that can process sexual assault cases, and they are running at maximum capacity. Therefore, their pricing has increased by about 80%, and this increase in expenses is causing HFSC to exhaust the F.Bio. federal grant funds faster than expected. As for the firearms section, they are facing similar challenges. With the lack of examiners (about five short) and long training timeline, the firearms section will be backlogged for the next two years, at least. Currently, the section is trying to secure an outsourcing agreement with the Tarrant County lab; however, even Tarrant County is limited in capacity to process HFSC's cases. In both sections, the priority case management is tricky to maneuver and balance since both the Houston Police department (HPD) and the Harris County District Attorney's Office (HCDAO) want their cases to be processed at a faster rate due to the increase in backlogged homicide cases. In the seized drugs section, their pressure is coming from the fact that the majority of jail inmates are held in relation to some type of seized drugs case, and the number of inmates keeps growing. Once again, the section is short on staff by five analysts, and they are waiting on three more trainees to be signed off by early 2024. Their backlog will continue to grow until the three trainees are able to join the section as trained analysts, which should help maintain the backlog for now. Also, the section is in the process of negotiating an outsourcing contract with a commercial laboratory in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to help with low priority requests. Plus, the section received grant funds to implement liquid chromatography technology, which will help with complex cases. Between the training and new technology implementation, this takes away the analysts' time on processing requests at a normal rate. Next, Dr. Stout covered toxicology's main challenges, which are recruitment and training. The section is training their new staff in blood alcohol in order to allow experienced staff to train in drug testing. However, a commercial demand exists for toxicologists where the analysts can find employment with better salaries and less stressors, such as the lack of testifying in court. Overall, the toxicology section is able to maintain their backlog for now. The crime scene unit (CSU) has cleared their backlogs. Due to limited staff, CSU is only able to respond to certain types of calls when they should be responding to more types of calls. Hence, the CSU section is trying to recruit more investigators. At the same time, the section faces a high turnover rate due to the mental health impact of the job's nature. Another issue is that CSU spends the most time in the courthouse, waiting to testify. Out of all the sections, CSU has the highest time spent preparing for trial followed by waiting in court. Lastly, digital multimedia is doing well. The use of ARPA funds has helped the section in terms of training and equipment needs. The section is actively cross training all of their analysts in different tasks to help make the section more efficient in maintaining their requests.

7. <u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DNA OUTSOURCING SERVICES BETWEEN</u> SIGNATURE SCIENCE AND HFSC:

Chairwoman Mitchell refreshed the board's memory by informing them that the contract renewal will continue aiding the forensic biology section with their backlog management, funded by FY2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance

(BJA) DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) federal grant. This contract is fundamental to the section's operational needs.

Following a motion by Director Cohen, seconded by Director Hilder, the board unanimously approved the contract between Signature Science and HFSC and authorized Dr. Stout to execute the agreement on the board's behalf.

8. QUALITY SPECIALIST MRS. JACKELINE MORAL'S REPORT:

To begin, Mrs. Moral shared with the board that the quality division completed their monthly goals for November and December before giving an overview of all the blind quality controls submitted in 2023. She reminded the board that the goal of the blind quality control program is to test analysts on their proficiency and accuracy levels when processing requests. This confirms to the stakeholders that HFSC is a reliable lab. To date, the quality division has administered 3,011 tests as well as authored four publications regarding the program. Next, Mrs. Moral gave an update on the Ansi National Accrediting Board (ANAB) property & evidence on-site assessment that the client services/case management (CS/CM) division underwent the last several months. CS/CM finalized their assessment in December and now are waiting on the results. Then, she informed the board of a disclosure to the Texas Forensic Science Commission (TFSC) and ANAB concerning a CSI trainee that reproduced and presented a case form as the original record, despite initially stating they shredded the original record. The CSI trainee was terminated since this action violated the HFSC Code of Ethics. Even though this CSI trainee led other crime scenes, they were always supervised on scenes. Because of this requirement, the supervisor was able to catch this particular incident on time and question the CSI trainee about what happened. HPD and HCDAO were notified of the disclosure. Lastly, Mrs. Moral gave an overview on the 2023 testimony monitoring program. Each staff member testifying in court must be monitored at least once a year. For 2023, 96 % of the staff who testified in court were monitored. Out of the 77, only four weren't monitored; however, their testimonies have been requested from the court for review. In addition, a recorded total of 997 hours were spent in court, of which only 206 hours were actual testimonies. As mentioned previously, CSU has the largest percentage of time spent in court, followed by firearms and F.Bio. For the monitors, they spent 197 hours in court for 2023. Overall, there was a 65% increase in staff providing testimonies in court from last year. In comparison, HFSC received 2,735 subpoenas and only 232 actually testified in 2023. These numbers are expected to increase tremendously when the legal system adds three more courts in 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Board Secretary

Director Hilder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Baird seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The undersigned secretary of the board h	ereby certifies the following are true and correct minutes of the January 12,
2024 public meeting of the board.	
By:	
Natalee Veazey	

March 2024 President's Report



March updates

- There are currently **30** staff members at HFSC in training
 - 5 of those are in firearms examiner training
 - 7 of those are in DNA analyst training
 - 3 of those are in seized drugs analyst training
- The Latent Prints and Digital Multimedia backlogs are cleared!
- Expecting closer to 60 day TAT from vendor lab on Sexual Assault Kits by May 2024
- Nominated to the National Academy of Sciences study committee entitled Advancing the Field of Forensic Pathology: Lessons Learned from Death in Custody Investigations

Change to firearms—Pause in Trigger pull measurements

- Estimation of the pressure needed to depress the trigger and cause the firearm to discharge
- 5 to 10 request per month





ANSI/ASB BPR 107

Best Practice Recommendation for Measuring Trigger Pull of a Firearm and Estimating Its Uncertainty

ASB Approved May 2022

ANSI Approved October 2022



410 North 21st Street Colorado Springs, CO 80904



This document may be downloaded from: www.aafs.org/academy-standards-board

Measurement uncertainty validation

- We have found that we have a high variability
- Results are not very reproducible
- Pausing to assess the risk in the method and see if we can reduce the variability
 - Reaching out to other labs for other methods and equipment



Past practice and what doesn't change

- Examiners have never testified as to "intent" related to the trigger pressure
- Trigger pull is a number.
 - There is no dataset to relate that number to a meaning for intent
 - No way to relate an expected or standard trigger pull
 - Large variation between weapons
 - Can't differentiate intentional from unintentional
- Even with reduced variability in measurement this is still the same
 - Still evaluate functionality. Will continue to evaluate functionality

Budget

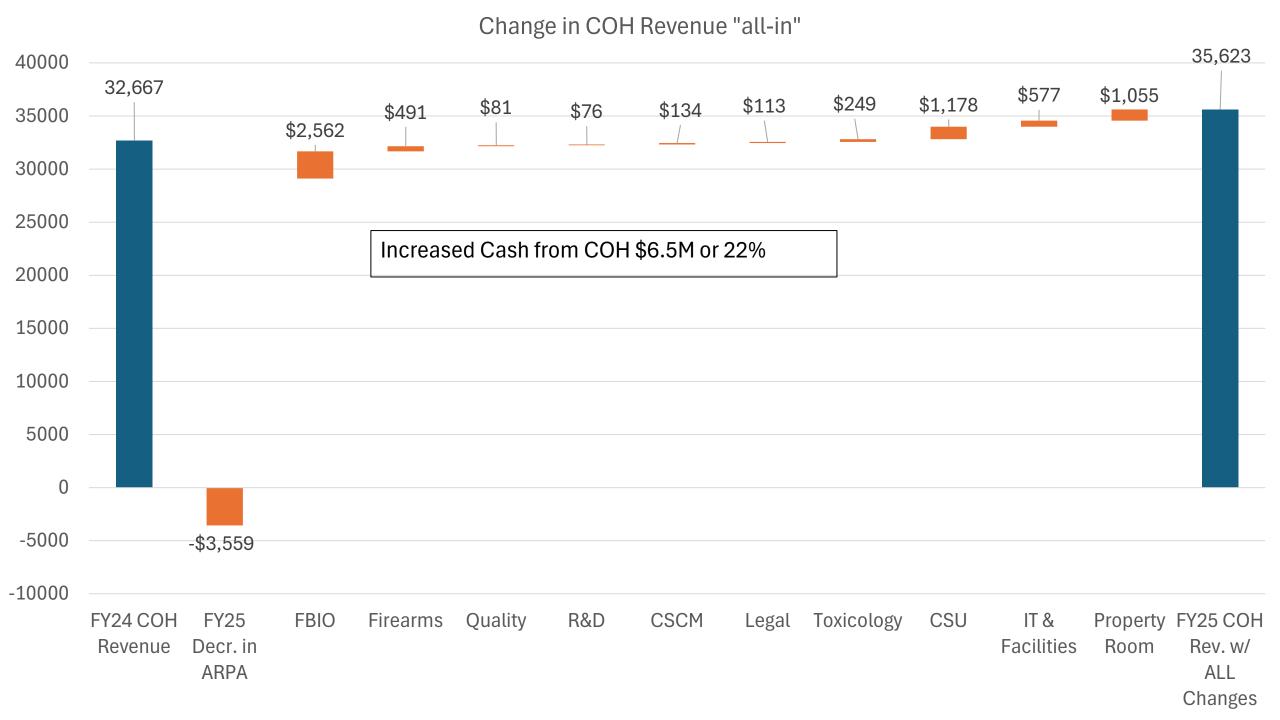
FY25

What HFSC needs to start making progress, not just tread water stabilizing backlogs



What is in FY25

- This is a "what we think we need to begin making progress" budget
- FBIO
 - Target adding ~4 analysts per year for the next 5 years and scaling outsourcing as analysts come on line
- Adding examiners to firearms
- Adds support functions in anticipation of increase load and demand with courts
 - Quality, R&D, CSCM, legal, IT & facilities
- QTOF in Tox
- CSU
 - Adds two "academy" classes of about 7 new CSI's each
 - The start of costs associated with property management

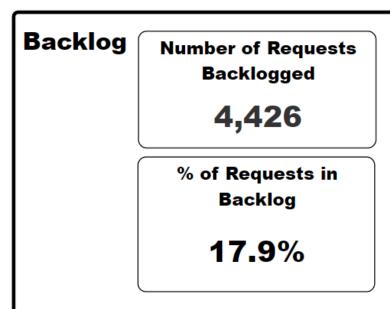


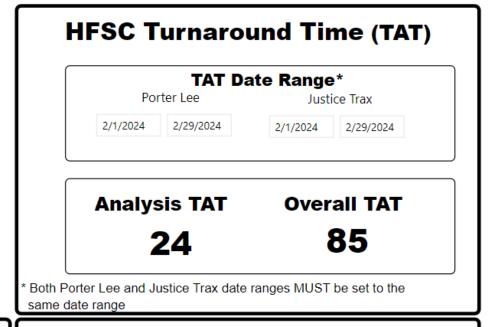
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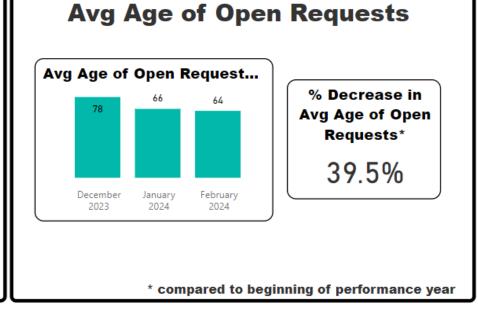


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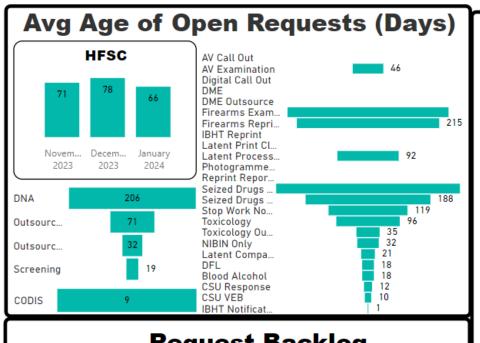


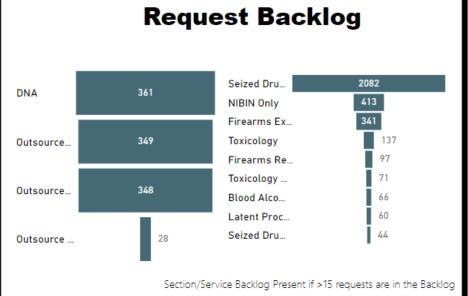


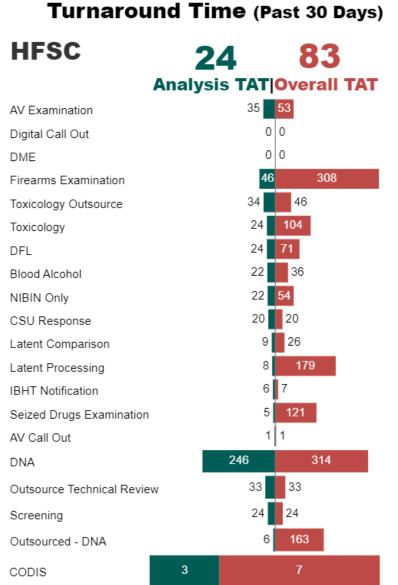




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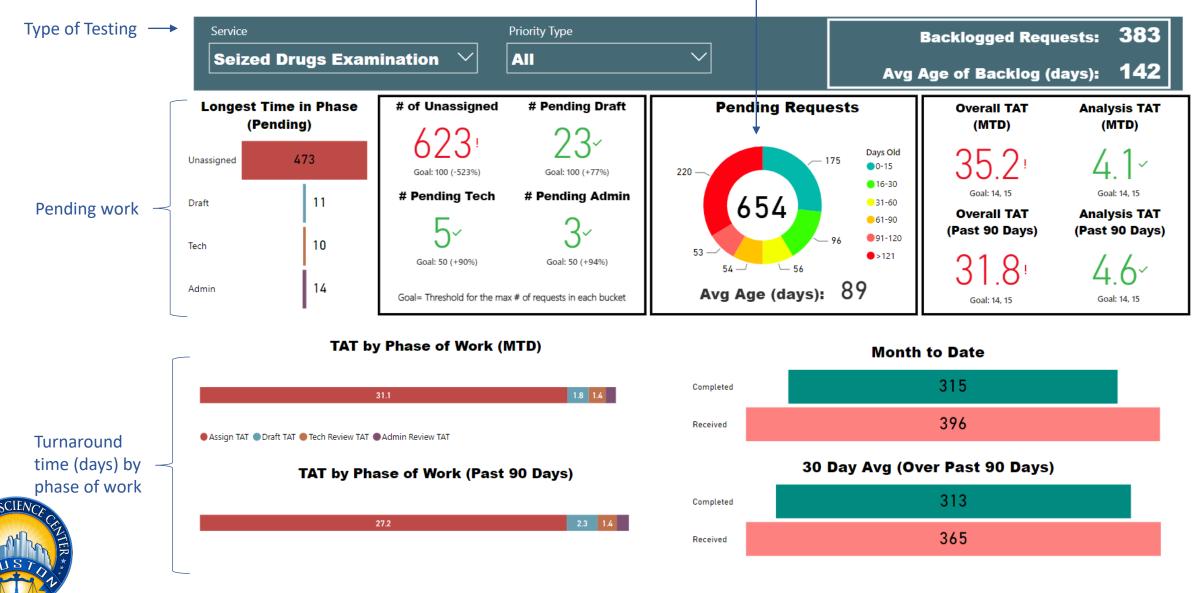






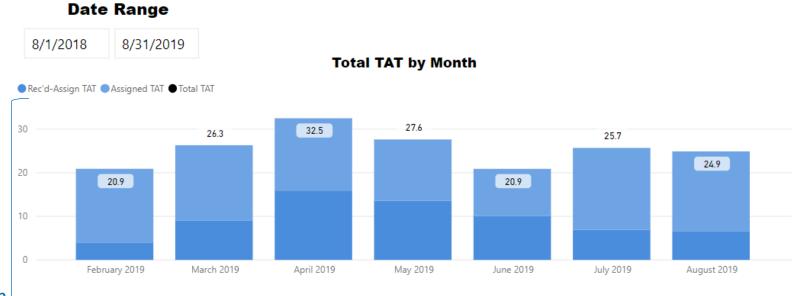
Key for Dashboard Section Pages

Center of ring=total pending cases
Ring=breakdown of age for all pending cases



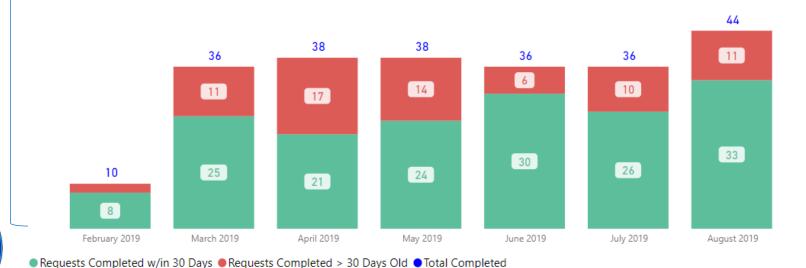
TAT= Turnaround Time MTD= Month to date Backlogged Requests = Requests open over 30 days

Key for Dashboard Historical Pages 1/2

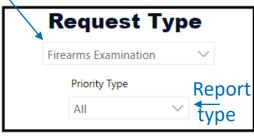


Data broken down by __month

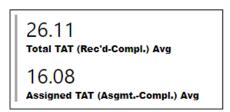
Requests Completed



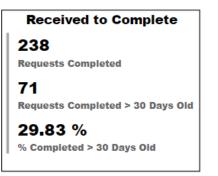
Type of testing



Selected Time Frame Averages



Overall average for the selected date range



Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

Key for Dashboard Historical Pages 2/2



Client Services and Case Management (CS/CM)



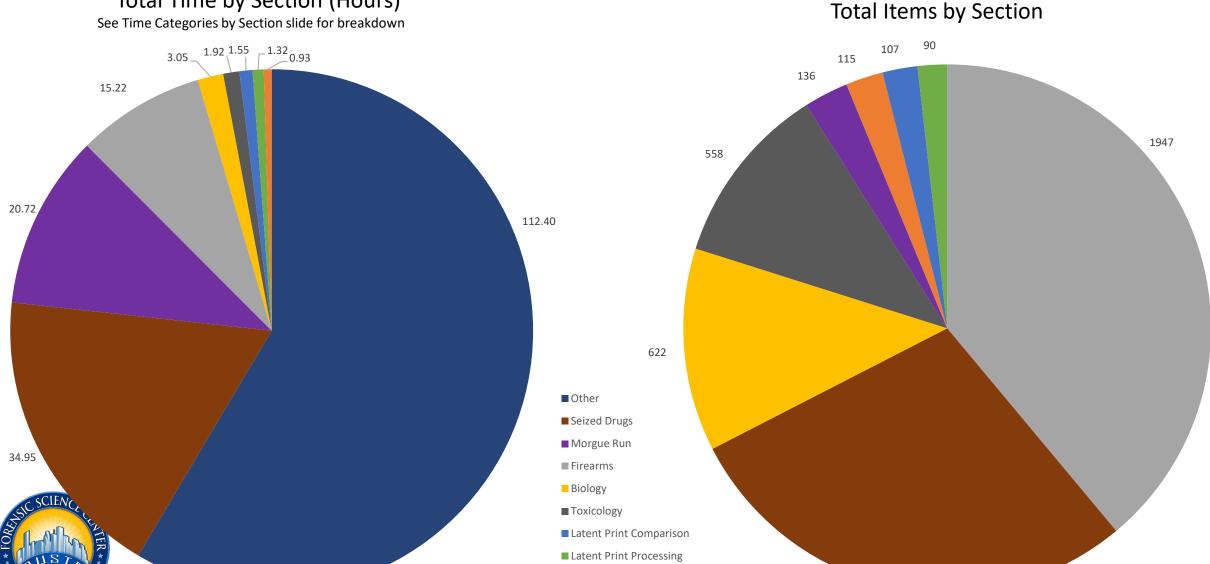
CS/CM - February

Evidence Handling

1426



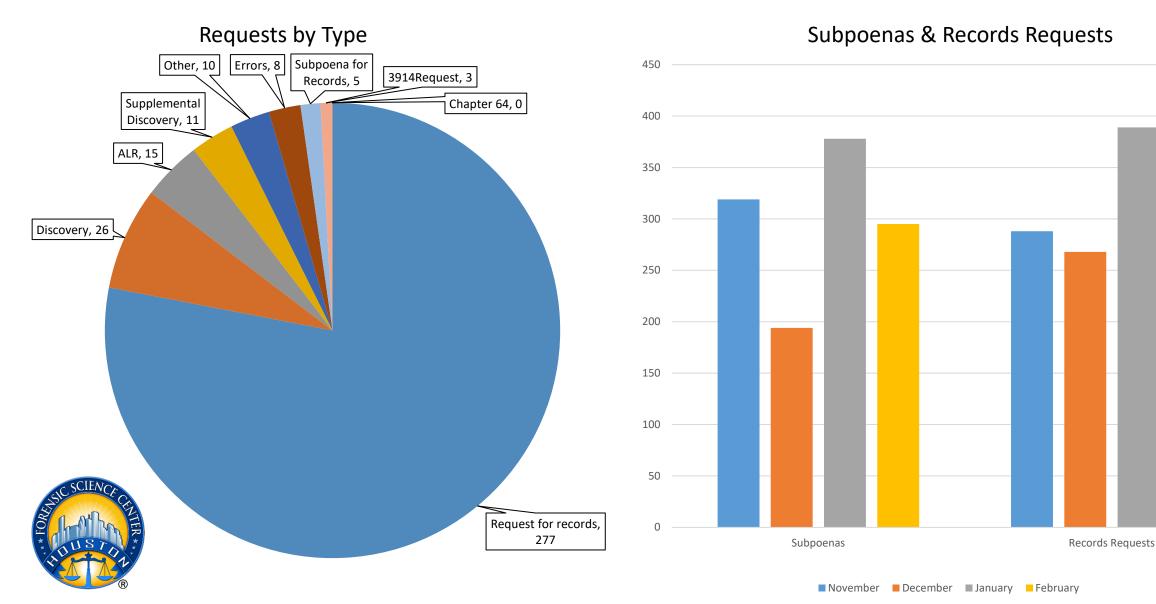
See Time Categories by Section slide for breakdown



■ Digital & Multimedia

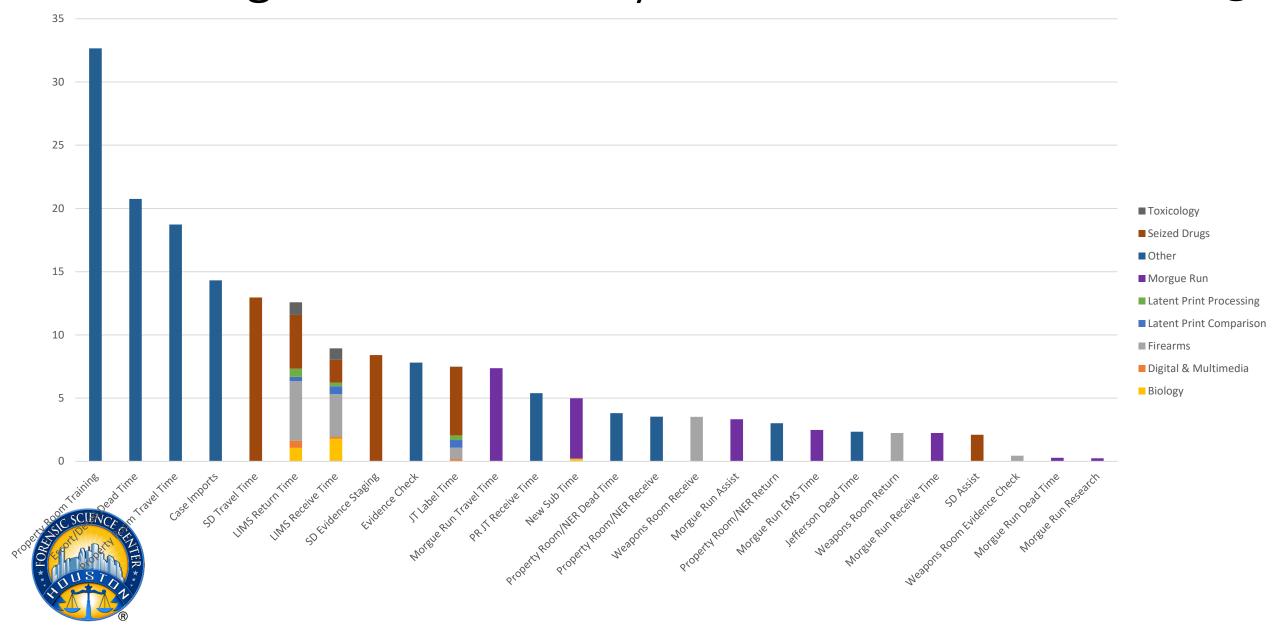
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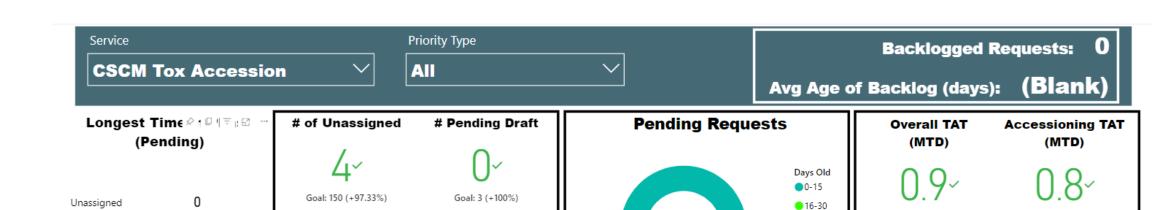
Administrative



Time Categories – February

Evidence Handling





31-60

61-90

●91-120 ●>121

Month to Date

Avg Age (days):

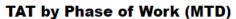
Overall TAT

(Past 90 Days)

Accessioning TAT

(Past 90 Days)

Accessioning TAT is TAT for request received to assigned



Pending Admin

Goal: 60 (+100%)

Goal= Threshold for the max # of requests in each bucket

Completed 285 Assign TAT Draft TAT Admin Review TAT TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) Completed 287 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days) Completed 296 Received 296



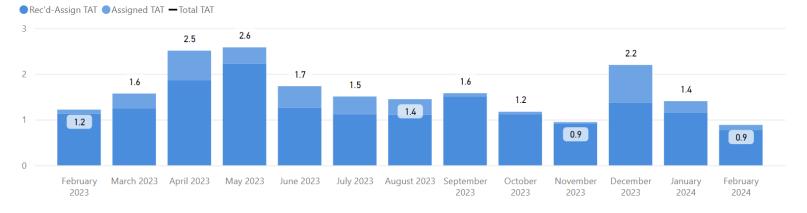
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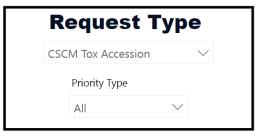
Draft

Admin

Date Range2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Total TAT by Month





Selected Time Frame Averages

1.60
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
0.30
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete

3835
Requests Completed

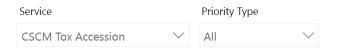
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Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

0.21 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old



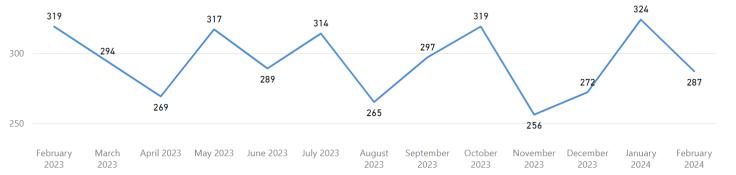
■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests





Received by Month



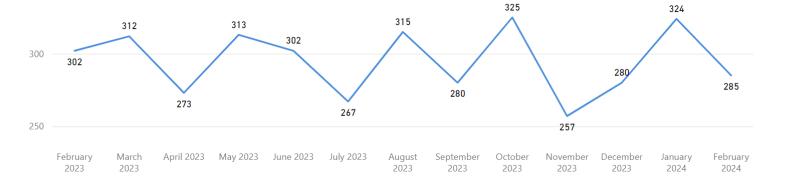
Total Received

3,822

Received per Month (Avg)*

294

Completed by Month



Total Completed

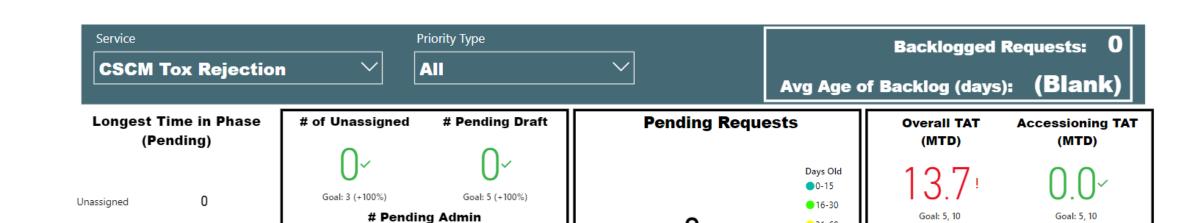
3,835

Completed per Month (Avg)*

295



^{*} months with zero activity are not calculated into the average



31-60

61-90

●91-120 ●>121

Month to Date

Avg Age (days): (Blank)

Overall TAT

(Past 90 Days)

Goal: 5, 10

Accessioning TAT is TAT for request received to assigned.

Accessioning TAT

(Past 90 Days)

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

Goal: 10 (+100%)

Goal= Threshold for the max # of requests in each bucket

0

0

Draft

Admin

Completed

Assign TAT Draft TAT Admin Review TAT

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Completed

Completed

Completed

TO

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Completed

Received

10

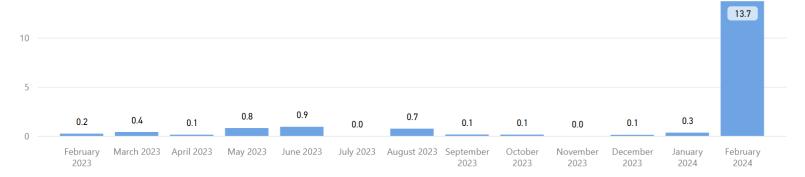
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Date Range2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Total TAT by Month

● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT **—** Total TAT

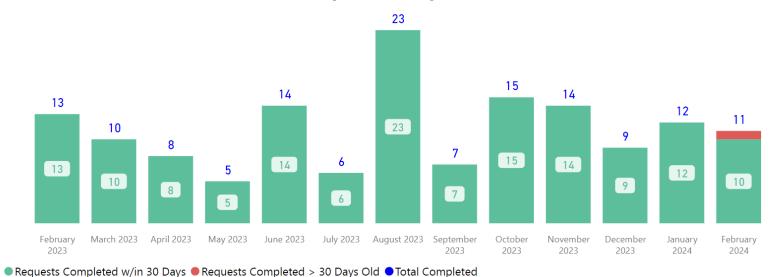


Request Type CSCM Tox Rejection Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

1.37
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
1.37
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed





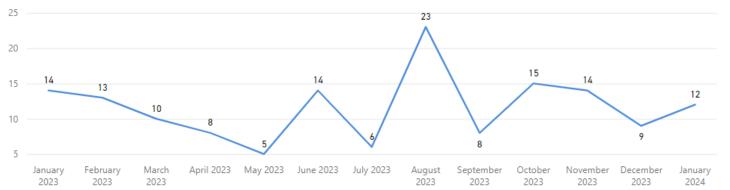
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Received by Month



Total Received

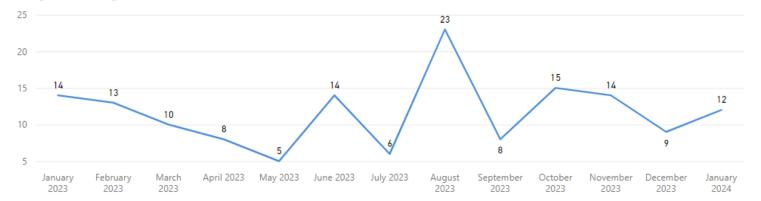
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Received per Month (Avg)*

12

| Completed Filter | 1/1/2023 | 1/31/2024 |

Completed by Month



Total Completed

151

Completed per Month (Avg)*

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^{*} months with zero activity are not calculated into the average

Seized Drugs

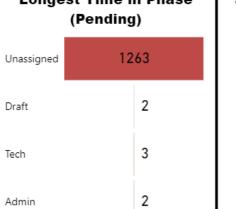


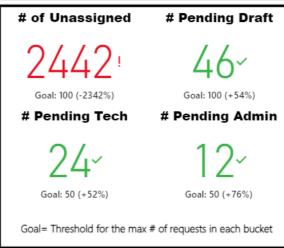
Service
Seized Drugs Examination
All
Avg Age of Backlog (days): 225

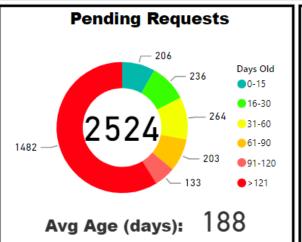
Longest Time in Phase # of Unassigned # Pending Draft Pending Requests Overall TAT Analysis TAT

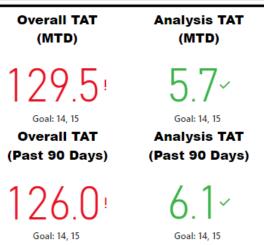
Completed

Received









TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



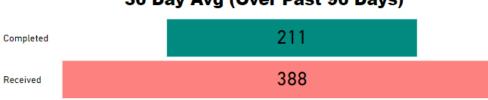


30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Month to Date

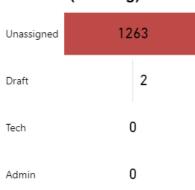
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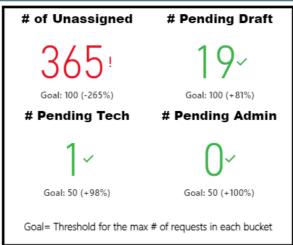
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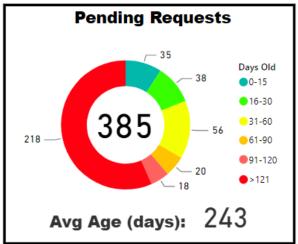


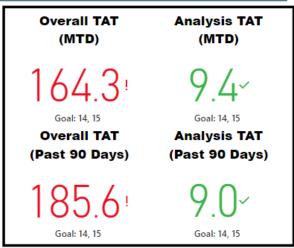


Longest Time in Phase (Pending)









TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



176.5



Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed

Received

Completed 38

Received 63

Month to Date

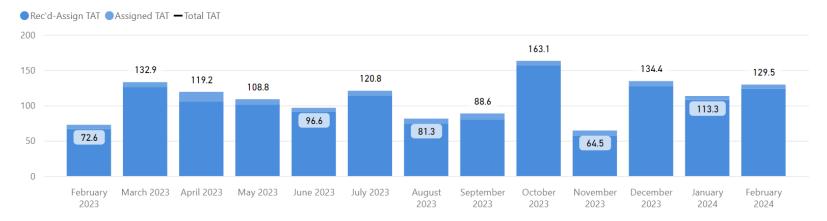
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70

Date Range

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Total TAT by Month

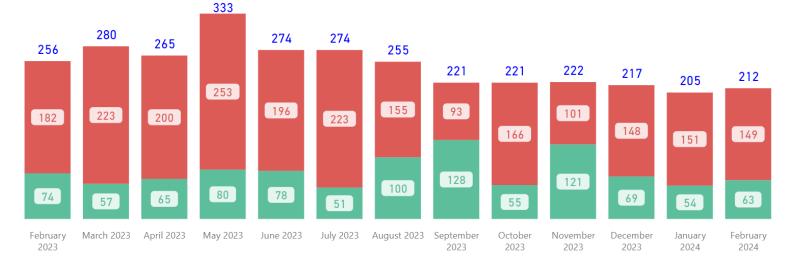


Request Type Seized Drugs Examination Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

109.33
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
7.15
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete
3235
Requests Completed
2240
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
69.24 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

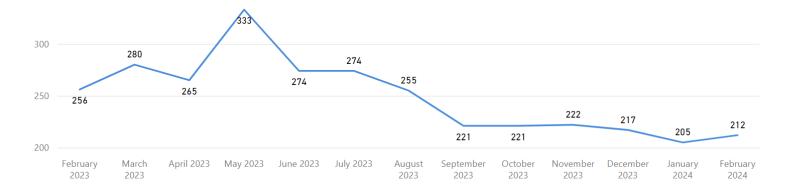
Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ● Total Completed



Completed by Month



Total Completed

3,235

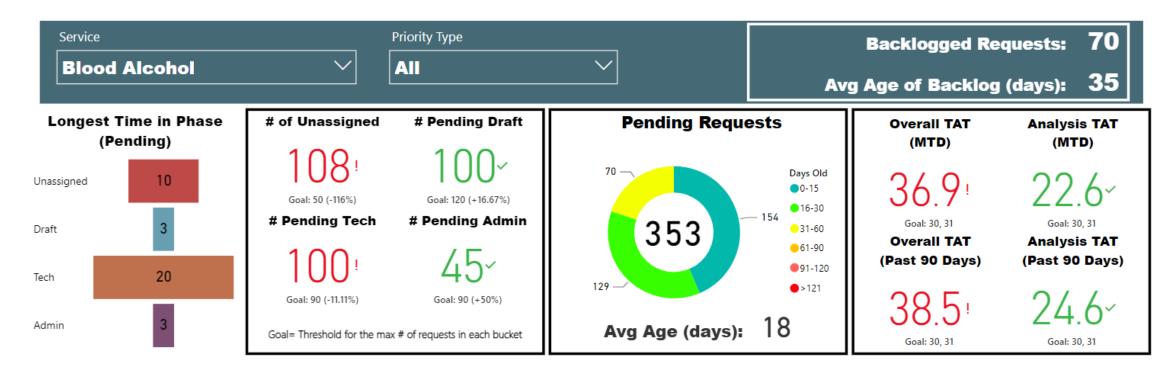
Completed per Month (Avg)*



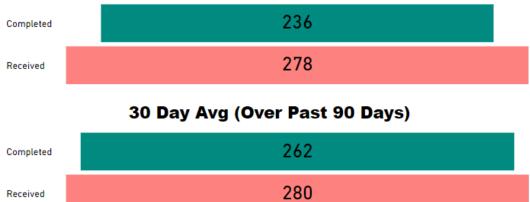
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Toxicology









Date Range 2/29/2024 2/1/2023 **Total TAT by Month** ■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT — Total TAT 43.8 50.0 40.2 48.1 39.7 35.9 34.4 32.9 31.3 37.4 36.9 32.9 27.7 20 March 2023 April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023 August 2023 September October November December February 2023 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024



Selected Time Frame Averages

37.76
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19.20
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed

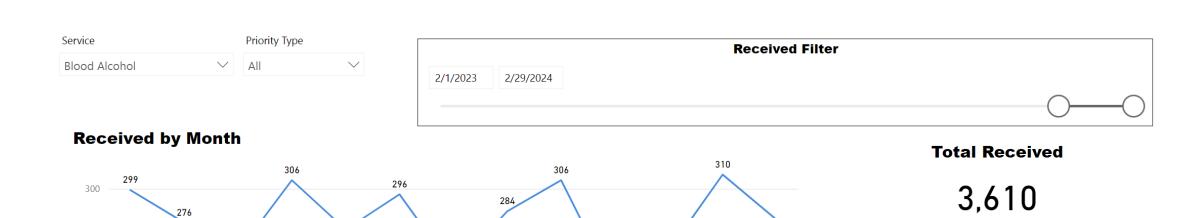




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■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ● Total Completed



243 230 April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023 October November December February August September January 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024 2023 2023 **Completed Filter**

278

Completed by Month

March

2023

250

February

2023



2/1/2023

2/29/2024

Total Completed

Received per Month (Avg)*

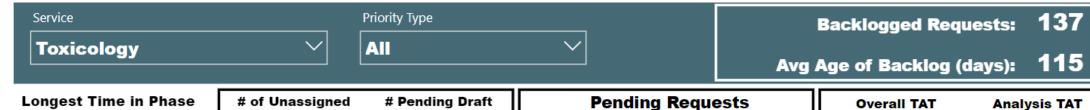
278

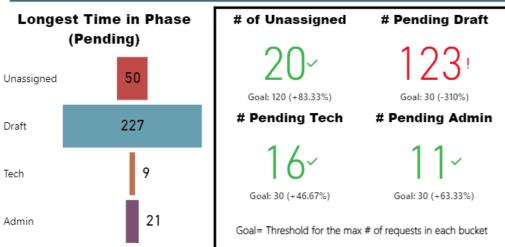
3,558

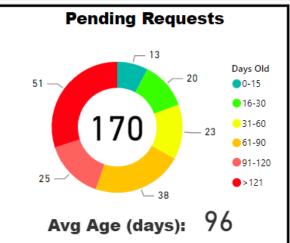
Completed per Month (Avg)* 274

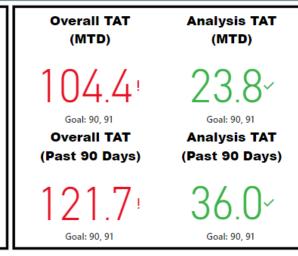
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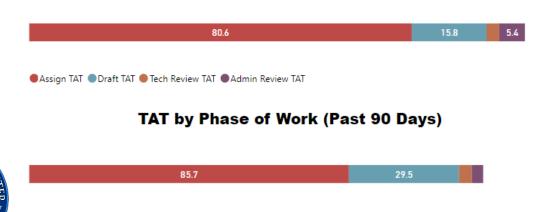


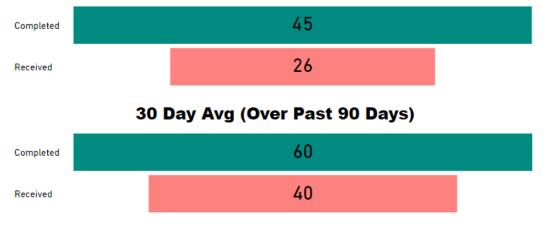












Date Range 2/1/2023 2/29/2024 **Total TAT by Month** ■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT ■ Total TAT 435.7 469.3 385.7 400 352.5 308.7 223.4 212.2 295.0 286.7 165.4 200 141.5 118.1 104.4 March 2023 April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023 February August September October November December January 2023 2023 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024



Selected Time Frame Averages

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122.70
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete

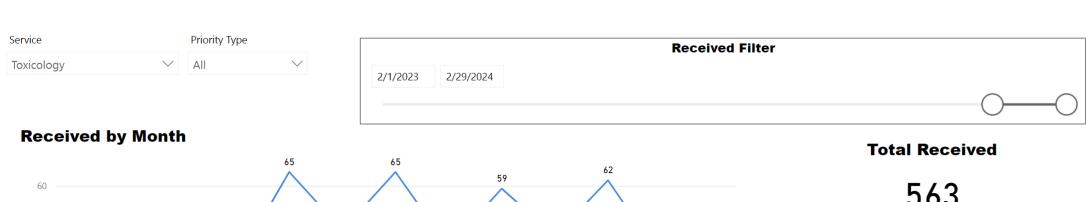
1335
Requests Completed

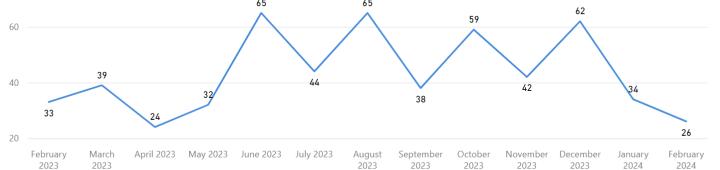
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Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

99.85 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests







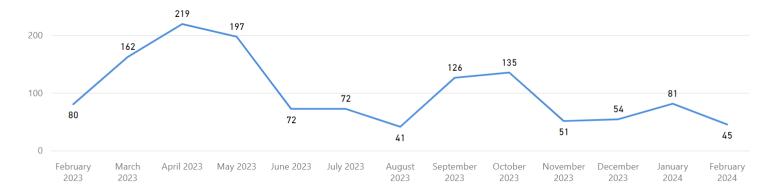
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Received per Month (Avg)*

43

Completed Filter 2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Completed by Month



Total Completed

1,335

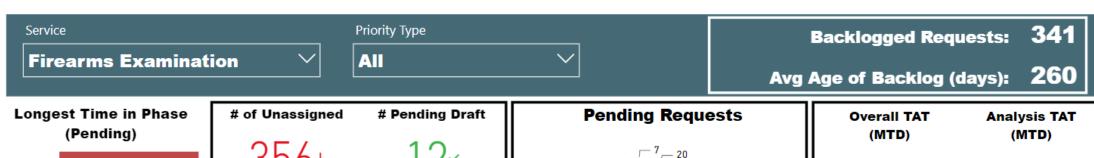
Completed per Month (Avg)*

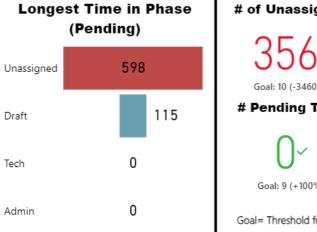


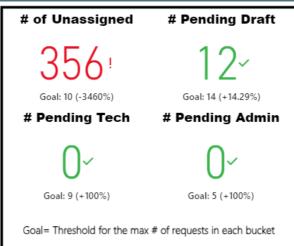
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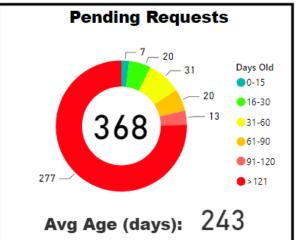
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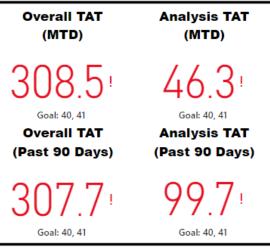




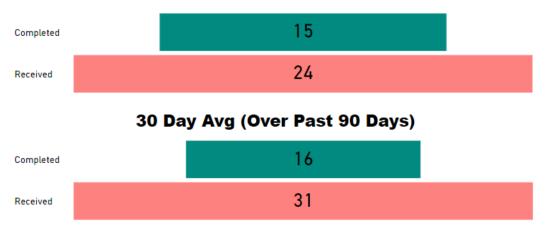












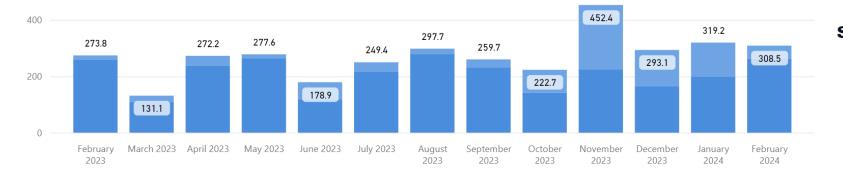


Date Range

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Total TAT by Month

● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT — Total TAT



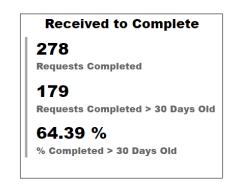
Request Type Firearms Examination Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

265.32
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58.71
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed

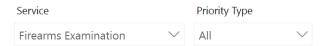




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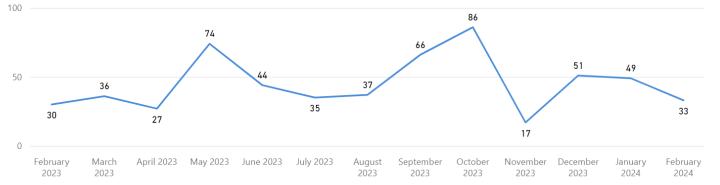


■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





Received by Month



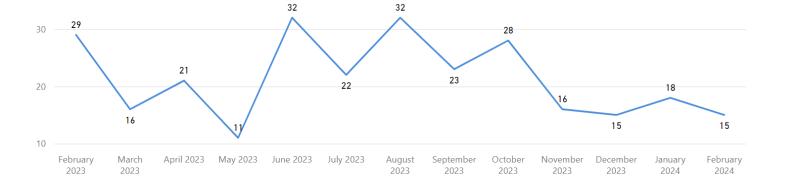
Total Received

585

Received per Month (Avg)*

45

Completed by Month



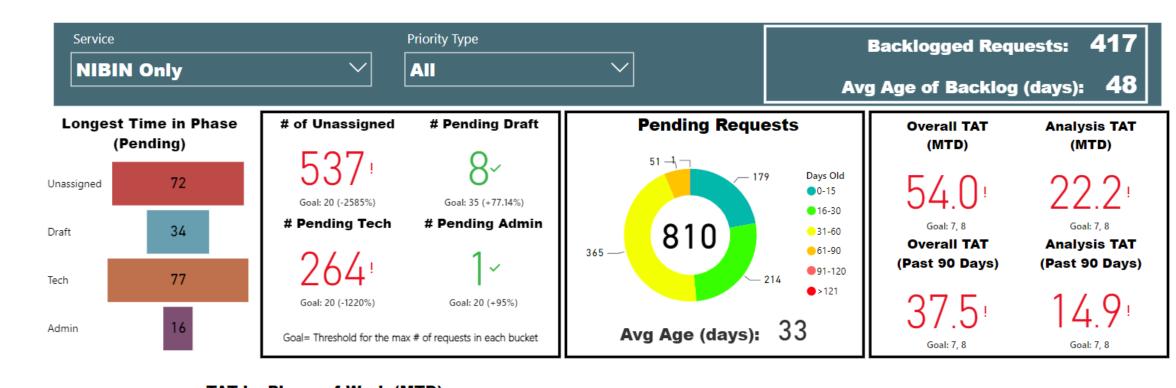
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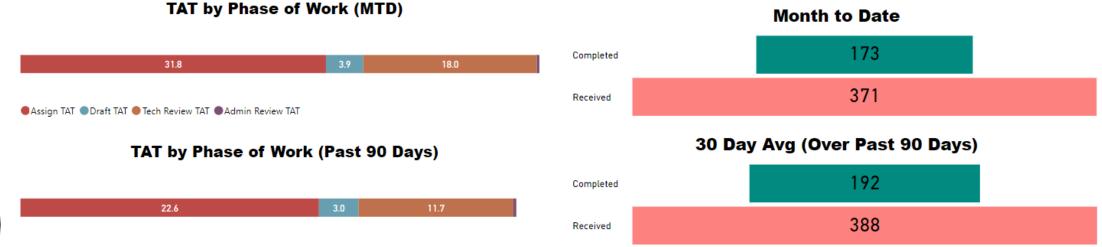
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Completed per Month (Avg)*

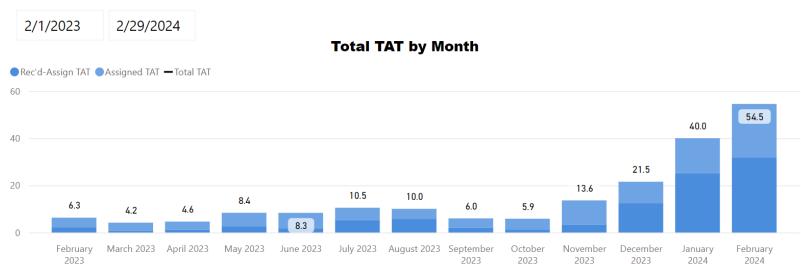


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Date Range



Request Type NIBIN Only Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

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6.18
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed

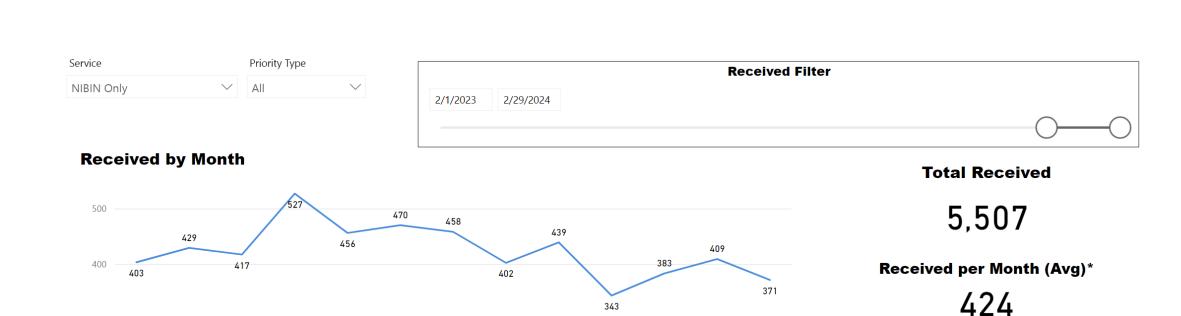




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■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed



December

November

2023 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024

Completed Filter

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

February

January

Completed by Month

March

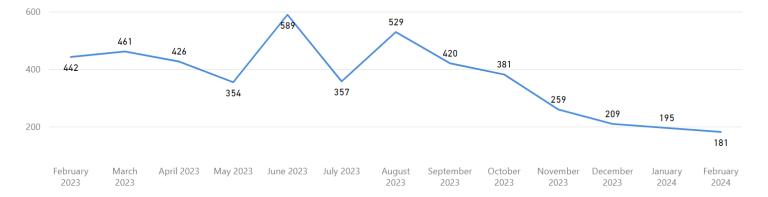
2023

April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023

300

February

2023



August

September

October

Total Completed

4,803

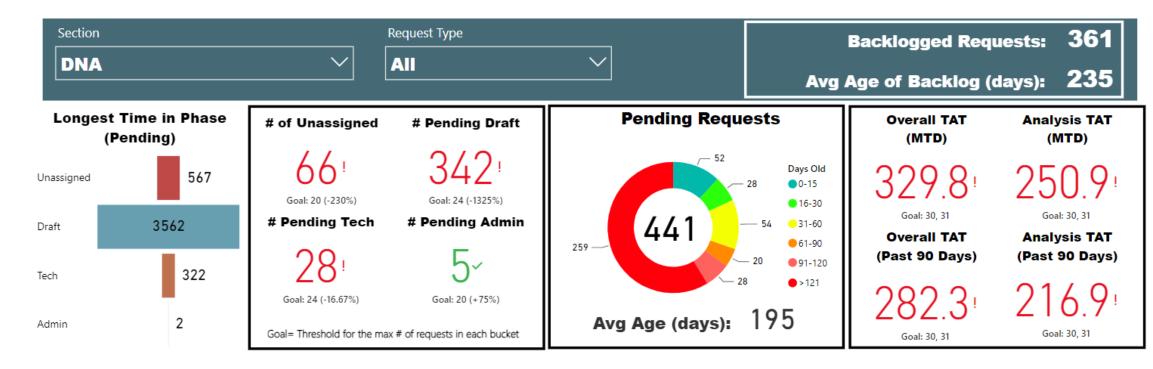
Completed per Month (Avg)*



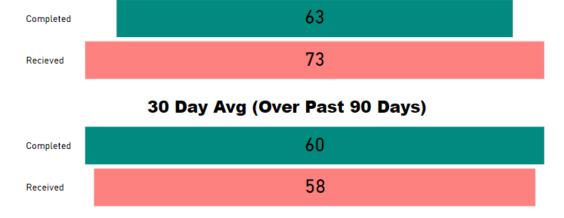
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Forensic Biology



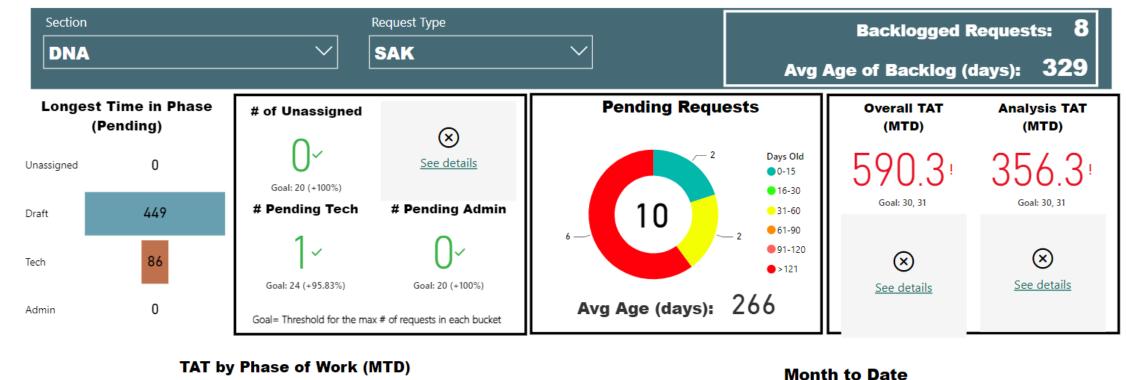


TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) 65.4 184.9 212.8 34.8





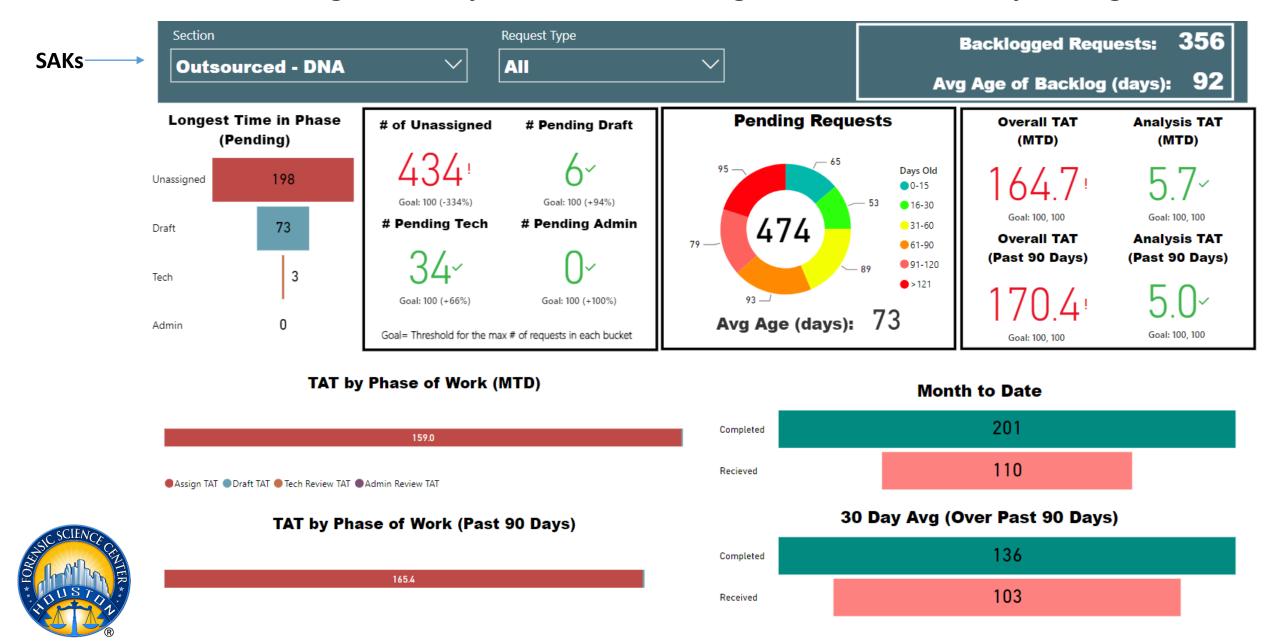
This slide represents SAKs worked at HFSC instead of being outsourced, this is a limited subset of kits that require more complex reporting



TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

Completed 234.0 2 Recieved Assign TAT Draft TAT Tech Review TAT Admin Review TAT 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days) TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) Completed Received

Sexual Assault Kit Testing- currently HFSC is outsourcing SAKs to aid in timely testing





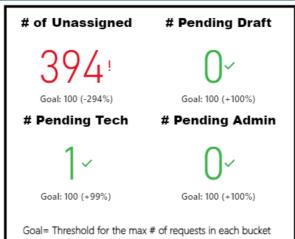
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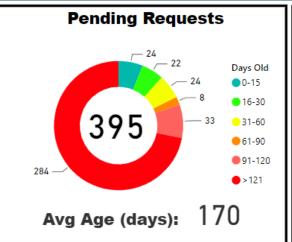
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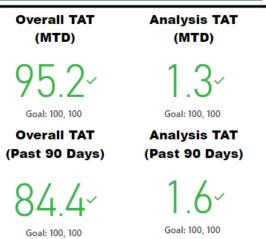
Draft 0

Tech 2

Admin 0





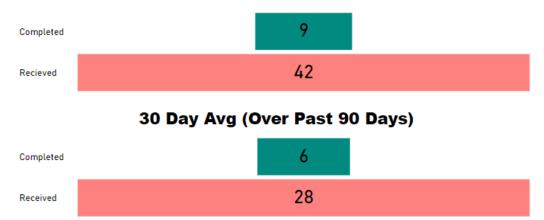


TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

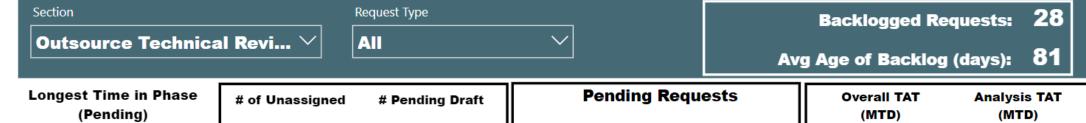




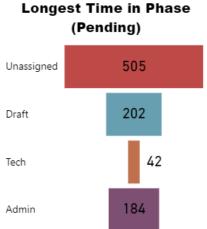
82.8

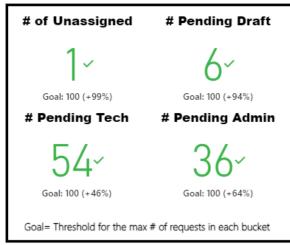


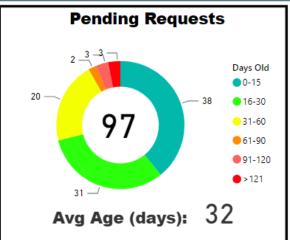
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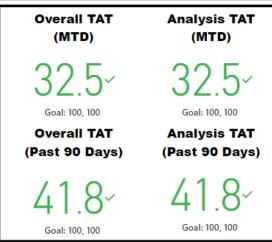


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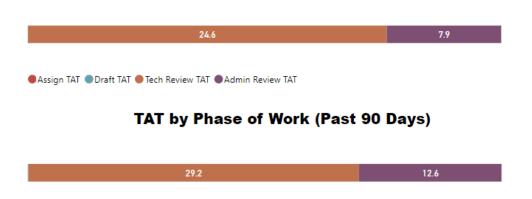


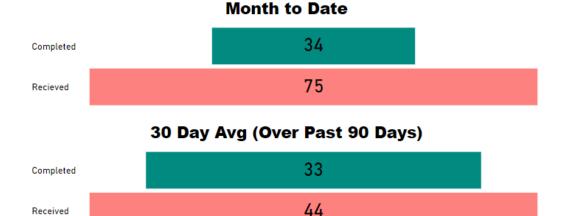






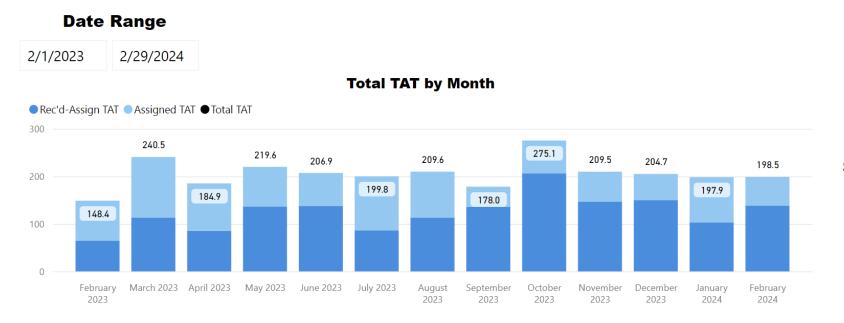
TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

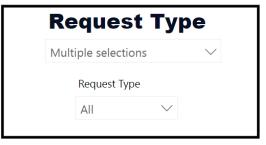






Includes both DNA requests that will be worked at HFSC as well as requests that will be outsourced

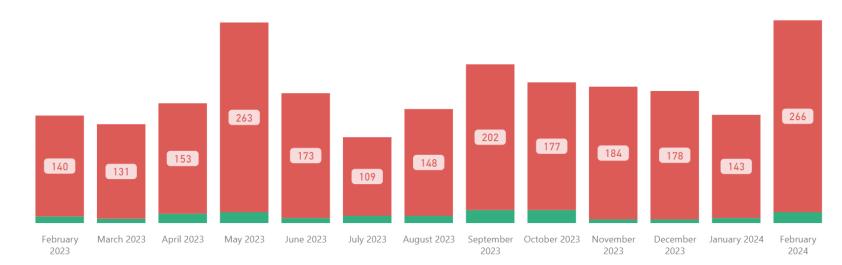


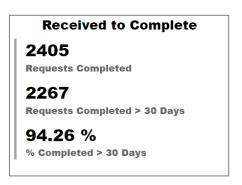


Selected Time Frame Averages

206.35
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
77.88
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



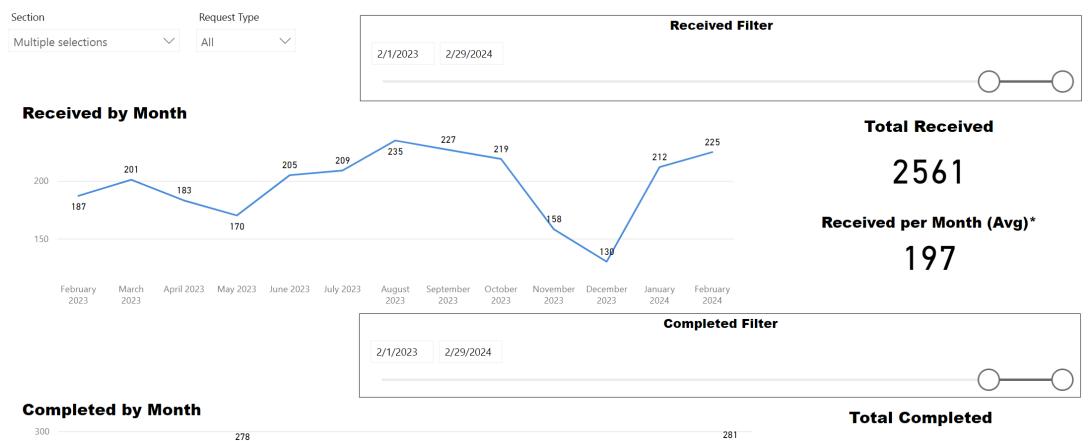


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■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed

Includes both DNA requests that will be worked at HFSC as well as requests that will be outsourced



220

September

2023

195

October

2023

189

November

2023

183

150

January

2024

February

2024



250

200

150

February

2023

137

March

2023

May 2023 June 2023

July 2023

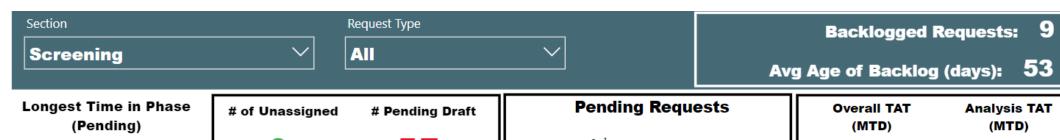
August

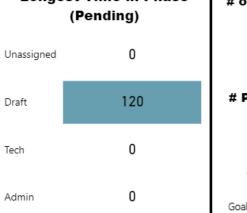
2023

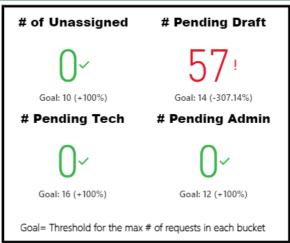
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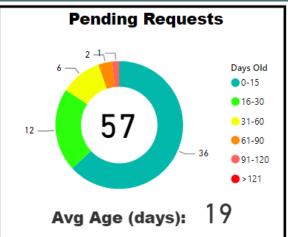
Completed per Month (Avg)*

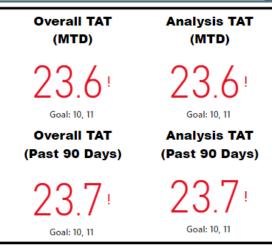
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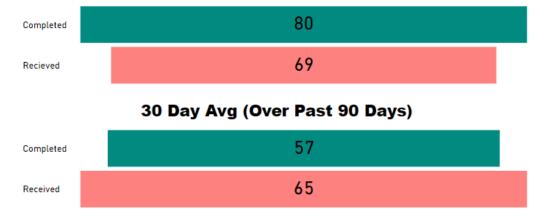








16.8 4.6 2.2 ● Assign TAT ● Draft TAT ● Tech Review TAT ● Admin Review TAT TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) 17.0 4.5 2.2

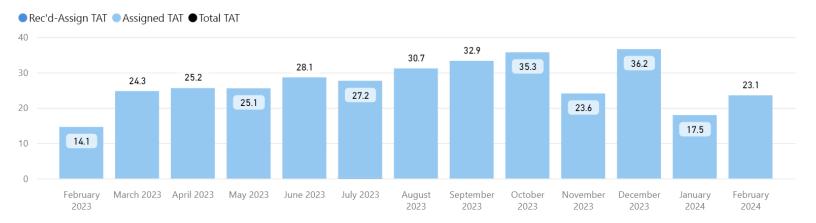




Date Range

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Total TAT by Month



Request Type Screening Request Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

26.35
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
26.78
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete

1052
Requests Completed

319
Requests Completed > 30 Days

30.32 %
% Completed > 30 Days

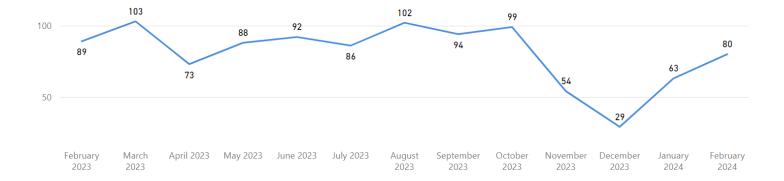
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● Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ● Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ● Total Completed



Completed by Month



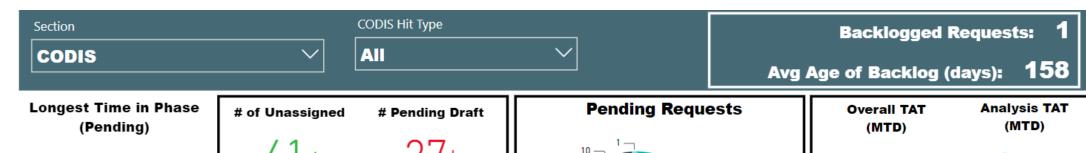
Total Completed

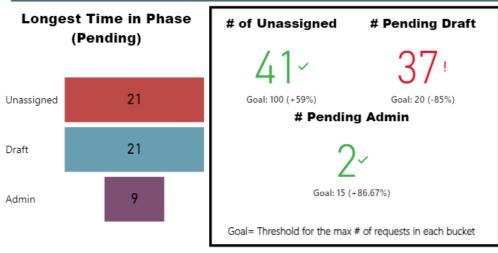
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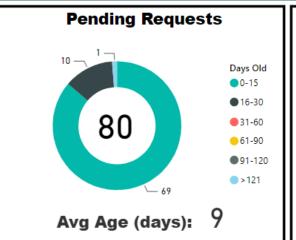
Completed per Month (Avg)*

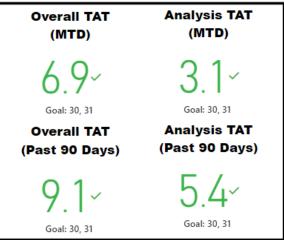


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3.8 0.6 2.2 3.3

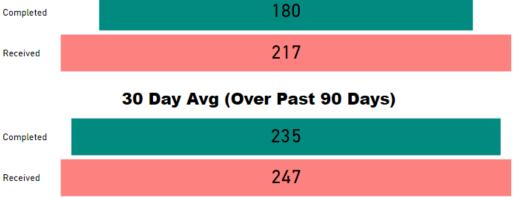
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Assign TAT Draft TAT Draft to Release TAT Assigned to Release TAT (no draft)

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Completed

3.7 0.6 7.8 4.6



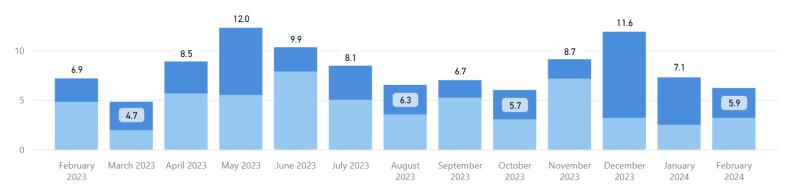


Date Range

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Total TAT by Month

■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT ■ Total TAT



Request Type cods

Selected Time Frame Averages

7.76
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
3.84
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete

2576
Requests Completed

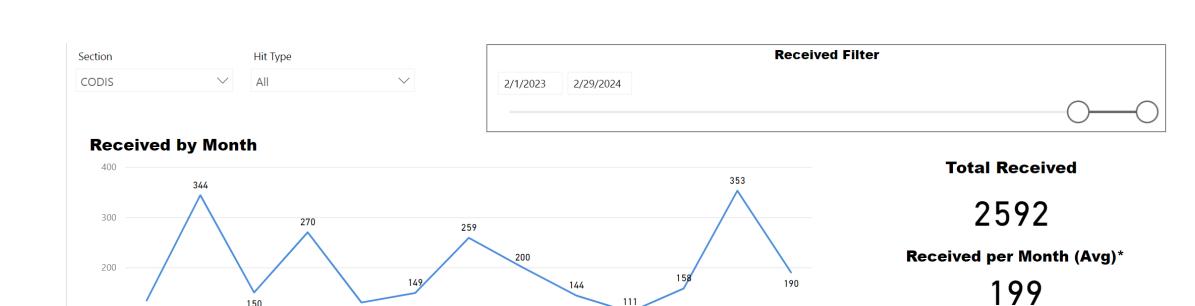
21
Requests Completed > 30 Days

0.82 %
% Completed > 30 Days



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
● Total Completed

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



Completed Filter 2/29/2024 2/1/2023

January

2024

February

2024

Completed by Month

March

2023

134

February

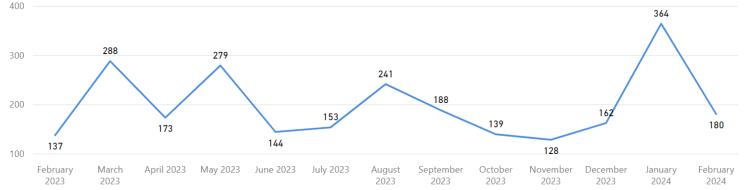
2023

100

150

130

April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023



August

2023

September

2023

October

2023

November

2023

December

2023

Total Completed

2576

Completed per Month (Avg)*

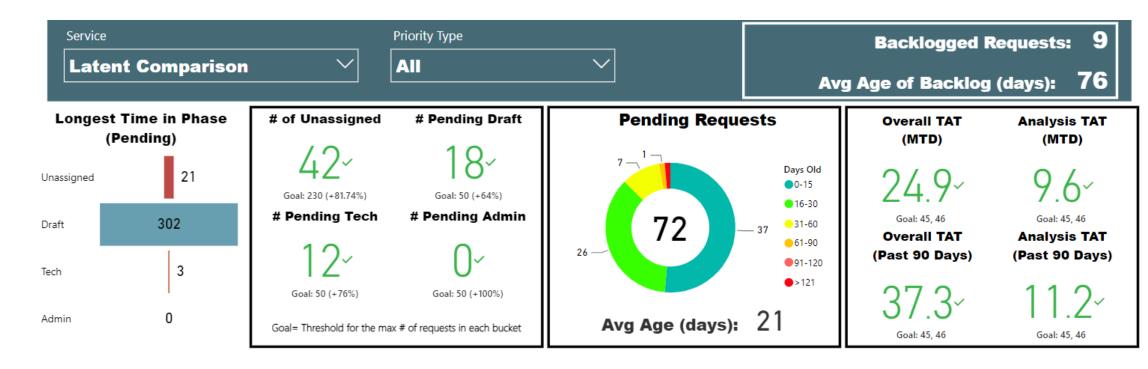
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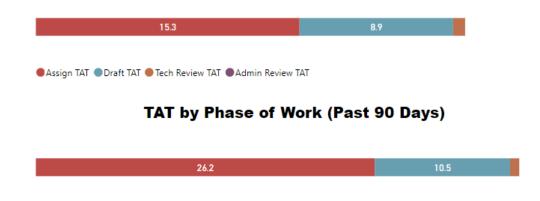
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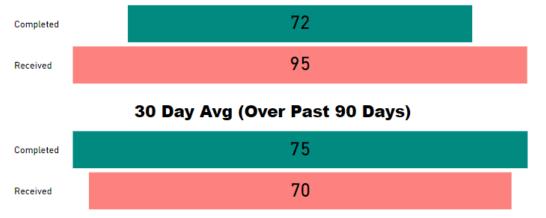


Latent Prints









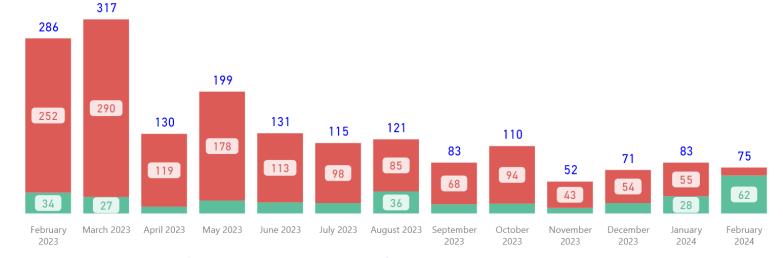
Date Range 2/1/2023 2/29/2024 **Total TAT by Month** ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT — Total TAT 486.6 570.1 416.5 400 386.4 253.9 72.9 45.5 47.4 51.1 45.8 38.1 47.5 24.4 March 2023 April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023 September October December February August November January 2023 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024



Selected Time Frame Averages

292.16
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
6.96
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed





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Completed by Month



Total Completed

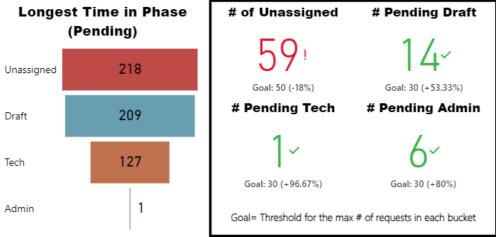
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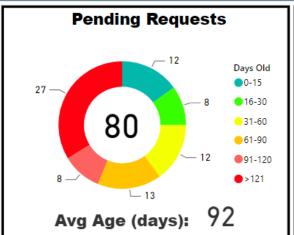
Completed per Month (Avg)*

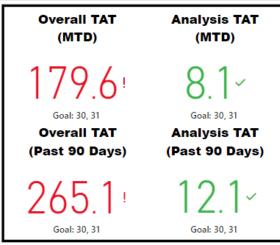


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Month to Date

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) Completed Received TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) Completed Completed Completed Assign TAT Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days) Completed Assign TAT Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days) Received TAT Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)



Date Range 2/1/2023 2/29/2024 **Total TAT by Month** Rec'd-Assign TAT Assigned TAT Total TAT 691.5 676.4 635.8 745.3 611.7 731.2 600 646.3 473.4 559.6 354.4 400 463.7 254.1 200 179.6 March 2023 April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023 August September October November December February January 2023 2023 2023 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024

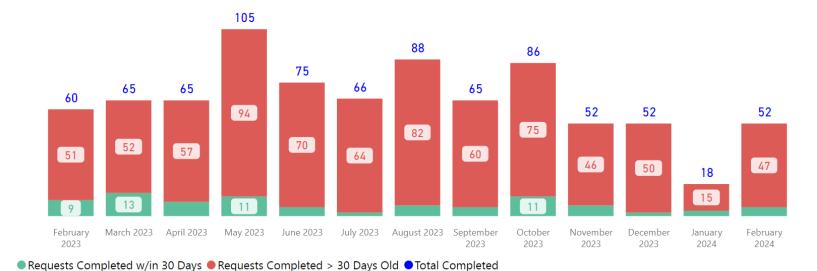
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Selected Time Frame Averages

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Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg

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Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

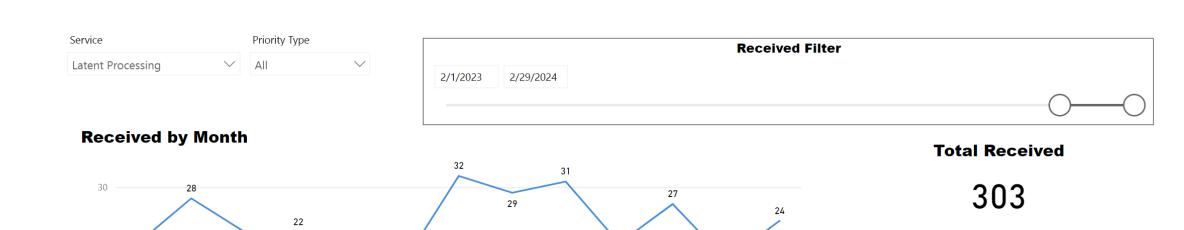
Requests Completed





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2023 2023 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024

Completed Filter

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

February

17

Completed by Month

March

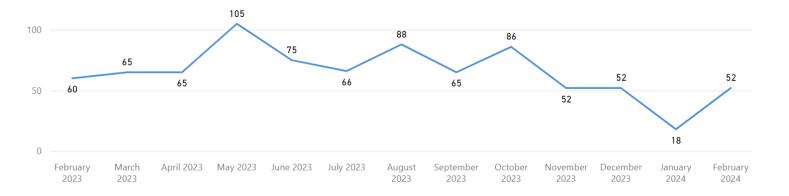
2023

April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023

20

February

2023



August

September

October

November

Total Completed

Received per Month (Avg)*

23

849

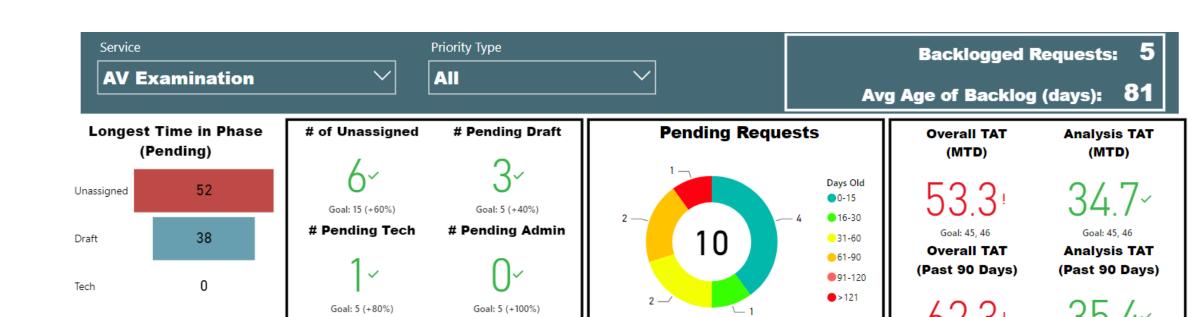
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Digital Multi-Media





TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

Goal= Threshold for the max # of requests in each bucket

0

Admin

18.7 31.7 2.3 Assign TAT Draft TAT Tech Review TAT Admin Review TAT TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) Completed Completed 3 Received 3 Accompleted 5 Completed 4 Received 4 Received 4

Avg Age (days): 46

Goal: 45, 46

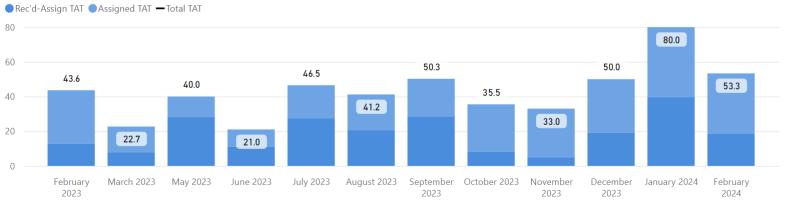
Month to Date

Goal: 45, 46

Date Range



Total TAT by Month



Request Type AV Examination Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

43.62
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
24.42
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete

55
Requests Completed

30
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

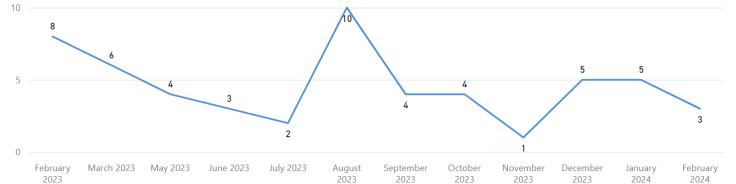
54.55 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





55

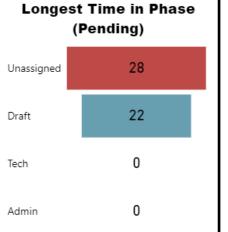
Completed per Month (Avg)*

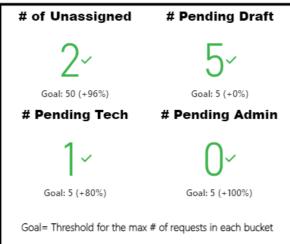
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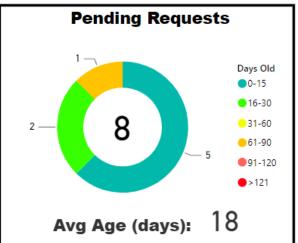


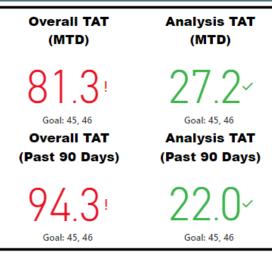
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TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



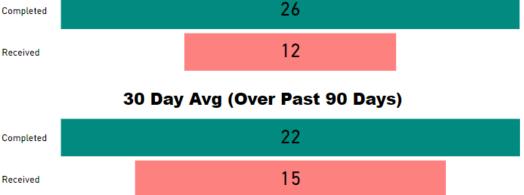
72.4

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)



Completed

Month to Date







Selected Time Frame Averages

291.62
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
17.14
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed





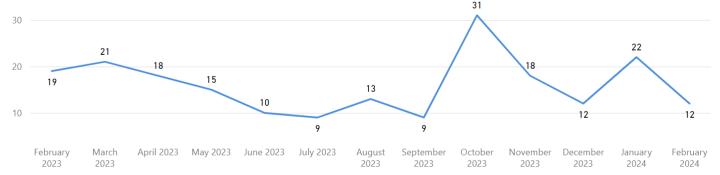
Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed

DFL and DME Service Priority Type Multiple selections All Received by Month





Total Received

209

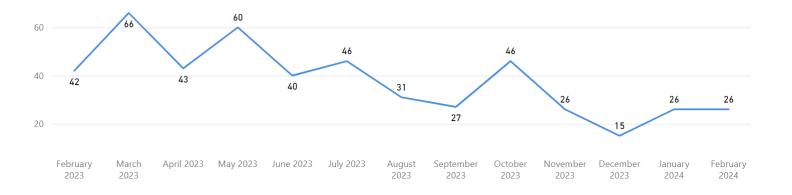
Received per Month (Avg)*

16

Completed Filter

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Completed by Month



Total Completed

494

Completed per Month (Avg)*

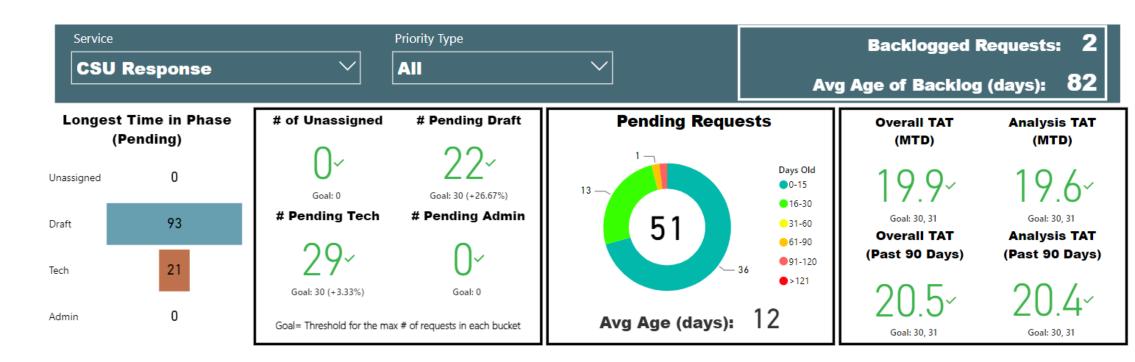
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Crime Scene Unit





TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

Received 95 TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) Completed 95 Received 75 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days) Completed 95 Completed 75 Completed 102 Received 98

Month to Date



March 2023 April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023 August 2023 September

14.3

2023



Selected Time Frame Averages

23.08
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
21.40
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed

2023

2023

14.6

30.6

2023

21.4

2024

19.9

February

2024

20.0

2023





Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed



84

October

84

2023 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024 2023 **Completed Filter** 2/29/2024

75

February

2/1/2023

January

Completed by Month

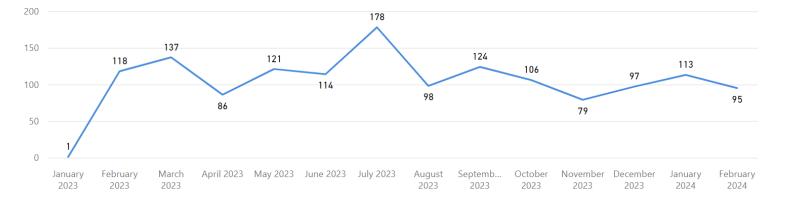
February

2023

81

2023

April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023



August

September

Total Completed

108

1,467

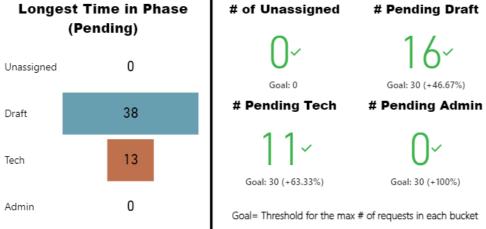
Completed per Month (Avg)*

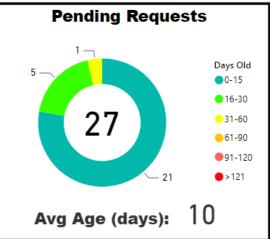
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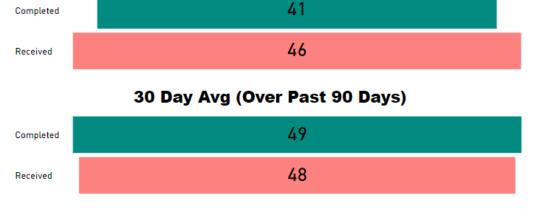




TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



Month to Date

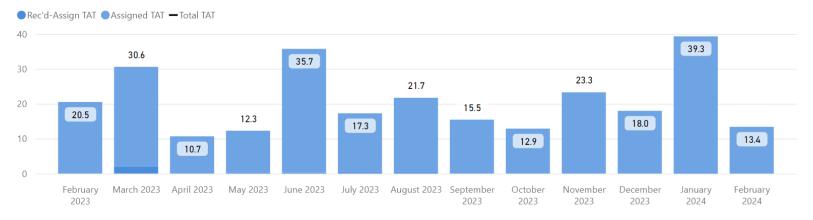


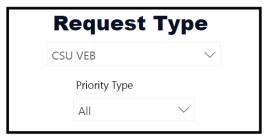


Date Range

2/1/2023 2/29/2024

Total TAT by Month





Selected Time Frame Averages

21.26
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
20.98
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete
697
Requests Completed
79
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
11.33 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

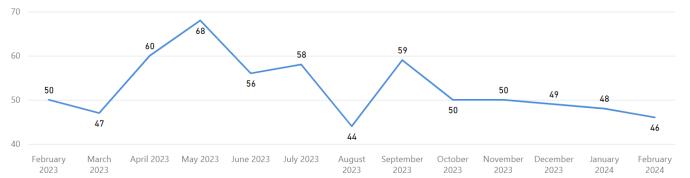


■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





Received by Month



Total Received

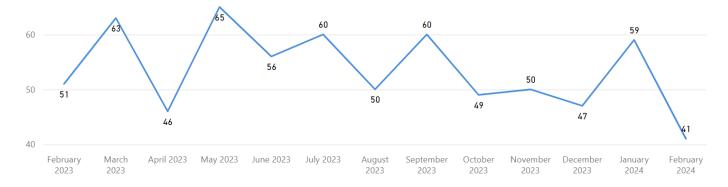
685

Received per Month (Avg)*

53

2/1/2023 2/29/2024 Completed Filter

Completed by Month



Total Completed

697

Completed per Month (Avg)*

54



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HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Action Item No.:	7. Consider approval of an interlocal agreement between the corporation and Tarrant County, Texas Medical Examiner's Office for firearms evidence comparison outsourcing services.
Subject:	Approval of a contract with Tarrant County Medical Examiner's (TCME) Office to provide services for HFSC firearms cases, not to exceed \$100,000.00.
Background:	The firearms section has seen an increase in backlogged cases due to staffing issues, an increase in requests, and case complexity. In order to help alleviate the backlog, HFSC selected TCME to provide firearms services not to exceed \$100,000.00. HFSC will outsource cases as soon as possible and until termination of the contract which is set to expire on September 30, 2024.
Executive Summary:	In order to assist with the current firearms backlog, HFSC will outsource cases to Tarrant County, Texas Medical Examiner's Office. HFSC has selected TCME on the basis of capacity, demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services for a fair and reasonable price. The proposed agreement has been finalized and reviewed by staff; however, due to the total contract value, the Board must approve the contract and authorize Dr. Stout to execute the final agreement on behalf of the corporation. Upon final approval and signature of the contract by both parties, HFSC will begin outsourcing of firearms cases as soon as possible. The total allotted budget for this project may not exceed \$100,000.00.
Fiscal Impact:	No anticipated additional fiscal impact.
Staff Recommendation:	Staff recommends approval.
By:	Dr. Amy Castillo, Vice President and COO Legal review and approved as to form by General Counsel

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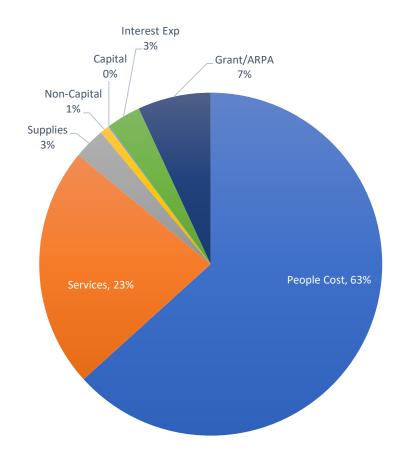
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

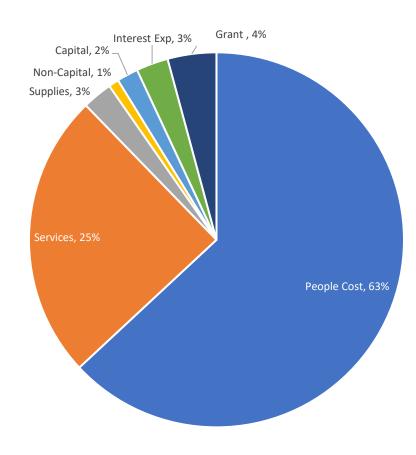
March 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Action Item No.: Subject:	8. Consider approval of a purchase of DNA processing equipment from Qiagen, LLC to be funded by the FY2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance Competitive (BJA) DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) federal grant, total budget not to exceed \$527,090.00. Authorizing Dr. Stout to purchase four (4) EZ2 and eight (8) QIAcube
·	Connect instruments for the forensic biology section.
Background:	HFSC was awarded the FY2023 BJA Competitive DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction federal grant to replace equipment used for DNA extraction that is aging out and will no longer be serviceable in the coming years. This was the first time BJA offered a competitive version of this grant, and HFSC was awarded the funds to allow the formula grant to continue being focused on working through the backlog of sexual assault kits (SAKs), which is a priority for the corporation and its stakeholders, while still addressing the need to replace aging equipment. Without the use of these competitive federal funds, HFSC would not be able to complete the project at this time.
Executive Summary:	In December 2023, HFSC received approval from BJA for sole source procurement of the Qiagen EZ2 and QIAcube Connect instruments. The instruments purchased will be funded by the FY2023 BJA Competitive DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction federal grant, award number 15-PBJA-23-GG- 00764-DNAX.
Fiscal Impact:	No anticipated additional fiscal impact.
Staff Recommendation:	Staff recommends approval
By:	Dr. Peter Stout, President and CEO Legal review and approved as to form by General Counsel

HFSC FY25 Budget

HFSC FY25 Budget An Overview of our Spending

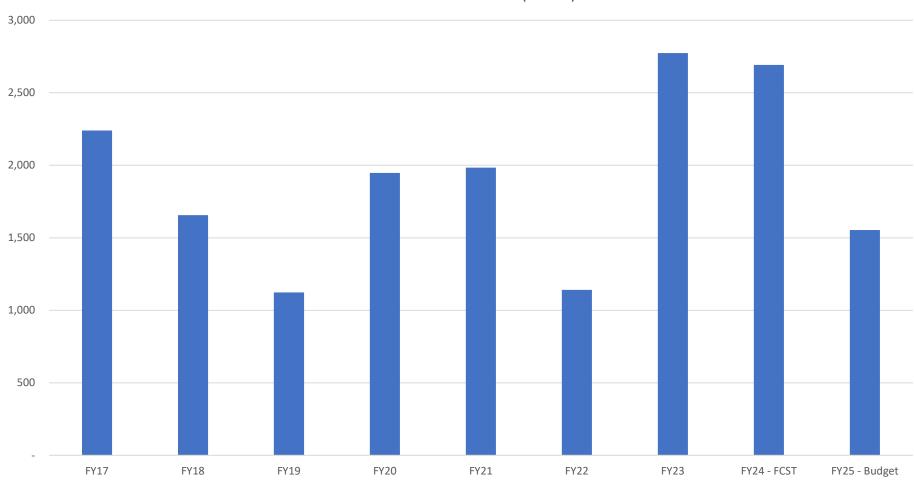


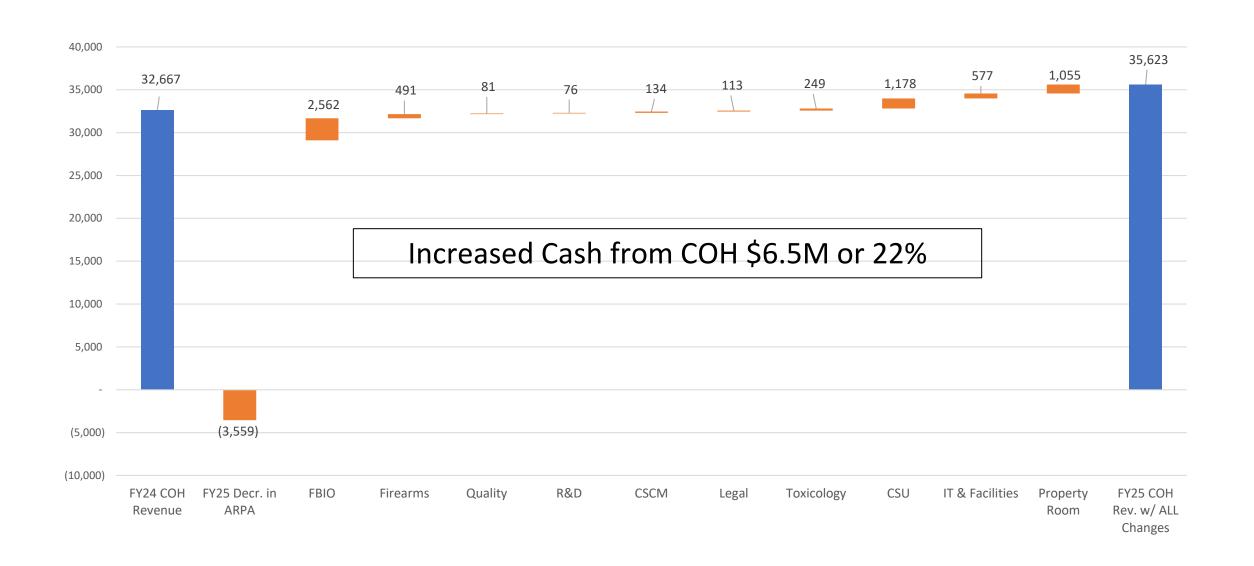


FY24 Forecast FY25 Budget

HFSC FY25 BUDGET Change in Cash Balance

Year End Cash Balance ('000's)

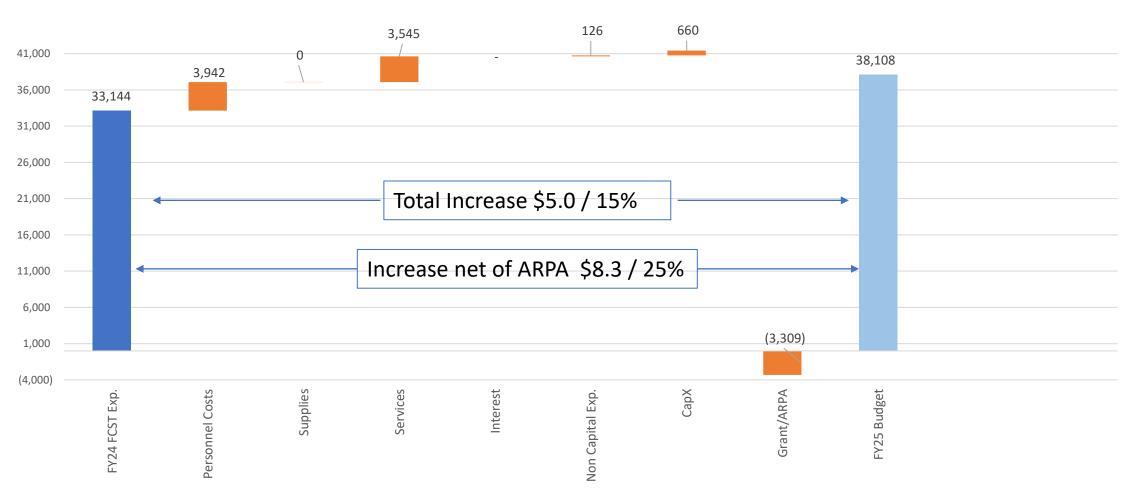




HFSC FY25 Growth Initiatives

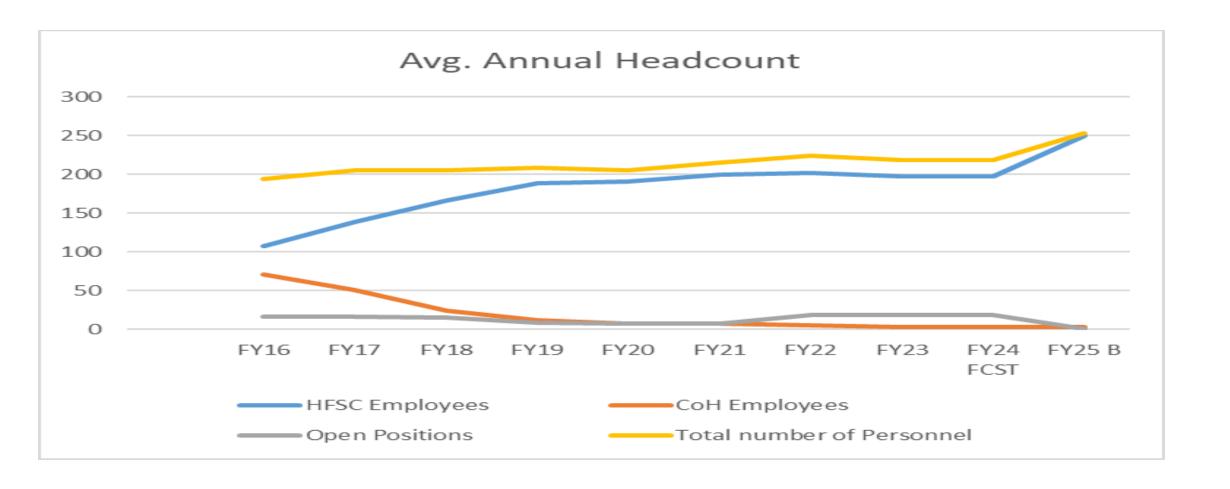
	Headcount	Wages	Services	IT	Capital	Total
FBIO	7	533	2,004	27		2,563
Firearms	3	221	259	12	-	492
CSU	14	945	31	39	164	1,180
Тох	2	138	7	5	100	249
CSCM	2	123	4	8	-	135
IT	1	106	-	2	400	508
Legal	1	110	-	2	-	113
HR	1	74	-	3	-	76
Quality	1	77	1	2	-	81
Facilities	1	68	-	2	-	69
R&D	1	74	-	2	-	76
Property Room			1,055			1,055
Total	34	2,468	3,361	104	664	6,596

HFSC FY25 BUDGET Overview – Spending



FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25 All-in	FY25B vs. FY24
26,675	29,022	35,613	6,591
373	86	86	-
1,460	-	1	-
1,391	3,559	-	(3,559)
1,555	1,955	1,600	(355)
162	433	392	(41)
31,616	35,055	37,692	2,636
19,875	20,651	23,709	3,058
319	324	324	-
20,194	20,975	24,033	3,058
871	986	986	0
6,593	7,519	9,399	1,880
70	288	338	50
1,079	1,052	1,052	-
ı	1	1	-
531	40	700	660
	2,284	1,600	(684)
29,338	33,144	38,108	4,964
1,141	2,773	2,693	
2,773	2,693	1,553	
4%	8%	30%	
5%	4%	16%	
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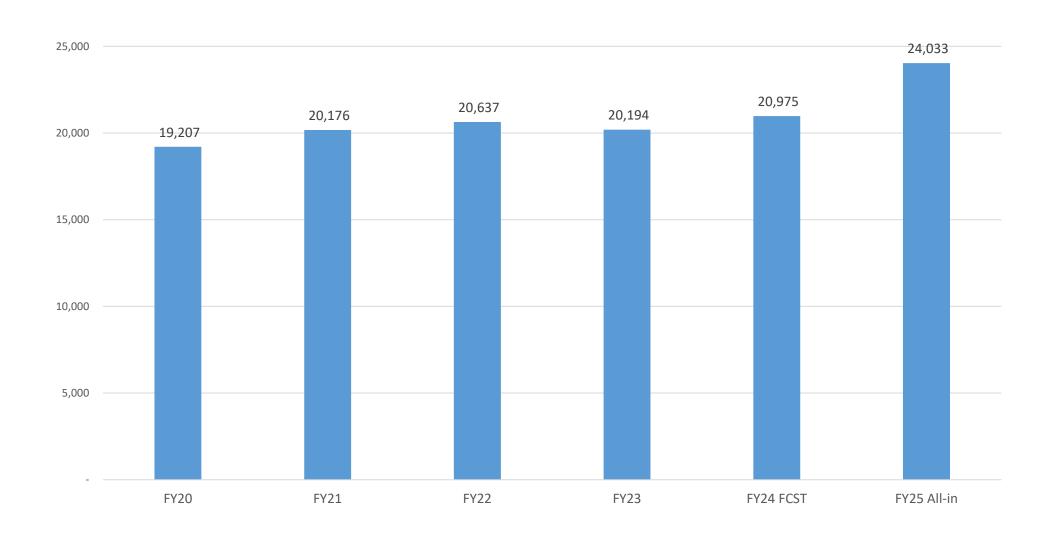
	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25 All- in	All in vs. FCST
City of Houston-Appropriations	28,508	28,508	29,108	35,699	659
HFSC	26,317	26,675	29,022	35,613	₹6,59 <u>1</u> €
Fund 2213	731	373	86	86	Zw.
City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	1,460	1,460	-	-	M
COVID Relief Funds	-	1,391	3,559	-	(3,559)
Training Services	-	-	-	-	ZW.
Grants	2,046	1,555	1,955	1,600	(355)
Forensic Services	29	20	21	21	-
Other	113	143	412	371	(41)
Total Revenue:	30,697	31,616	35,055	37,692	2,636
Expenses:					-
Personnel	20,121	19,875	20,651	23,709	3,058
Supplies	1,063	871	986	986	0
Services (Non CoH)	6,183	6,593	7,519	9,399	1,880
Services (CoH/Fund 2213)	516	319	324	324	-
Non-Capital Expenditures	70	176	288	338	50
Interest Expense	1,079	1,062	1,052	1,052	-
FA Gain/Loss	-	(18)	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures	531	733	40	700	660
City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & ARPA Expense	-	-	2,284	1,600	(684)
Depreciation	2,019	2,066	2,141	2,141	-
Total Expense After Depreciation	31,581	31,676	35,285	40,249	4,964

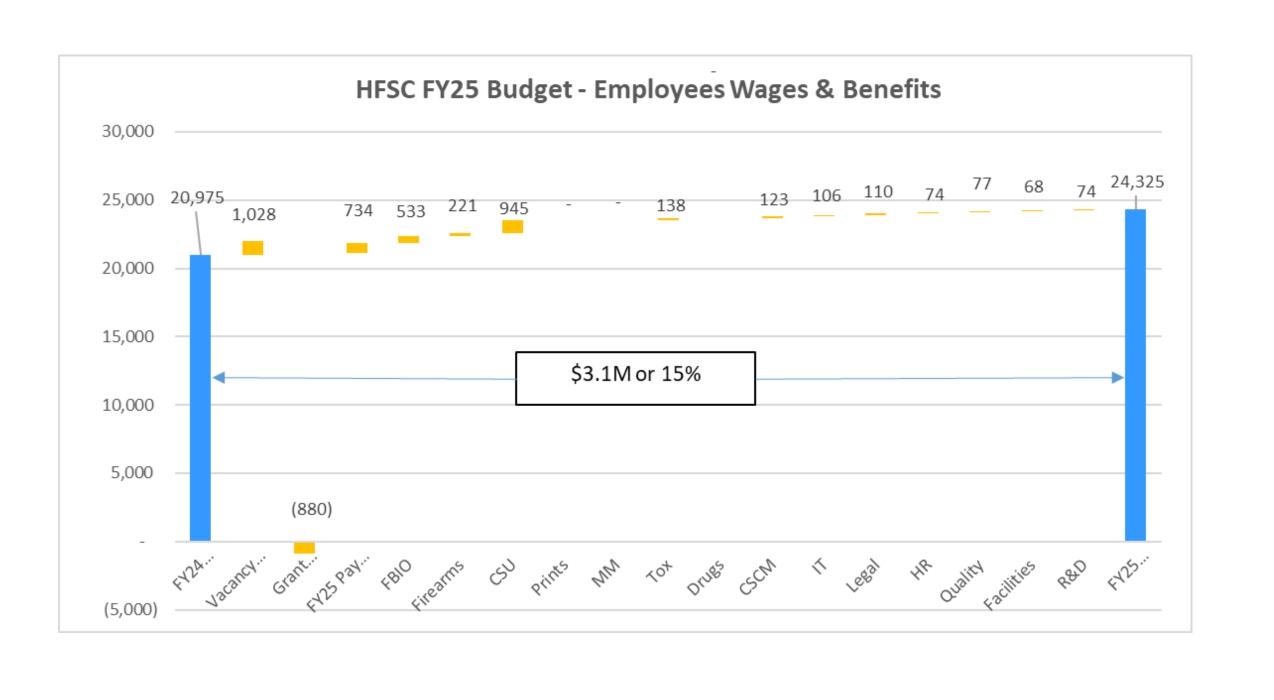


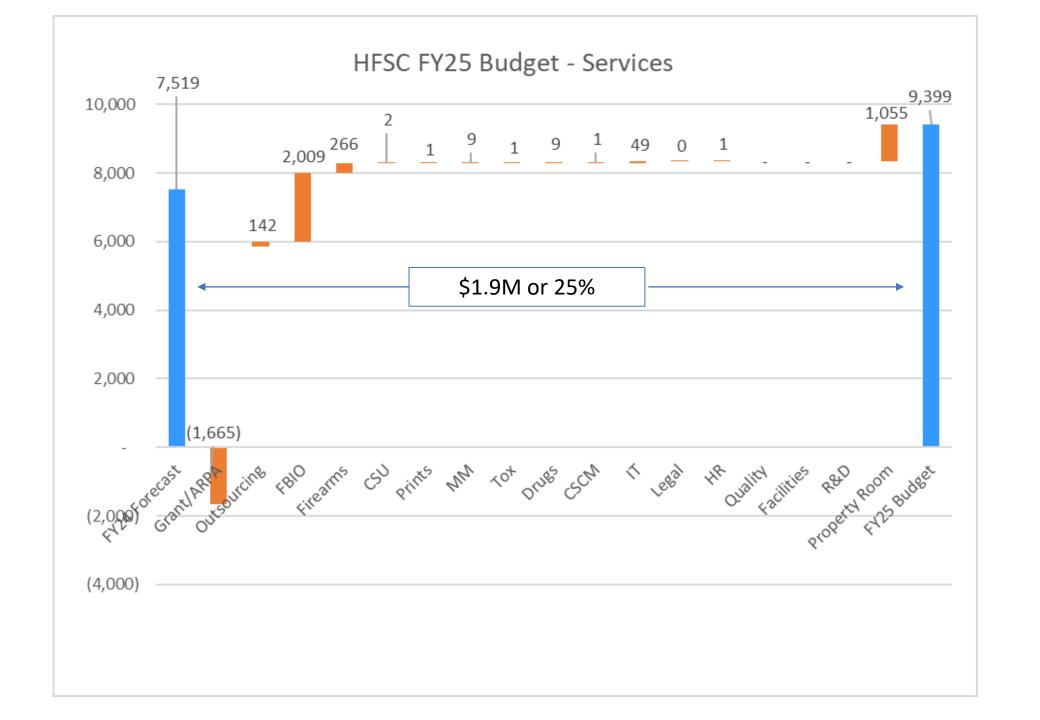
HEAD COUNT	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25 B
HFSC Employees	107	138	166	189	191	200	202	198	198	250
CoH Employees	70	51	24	11	7	7	5	3	3	3
Open Positions	16	16	15	8	7	8	18	18	18	0
Total number of Personnel	194	205	205	208	205	215	225	219	219	253

Employee Costs

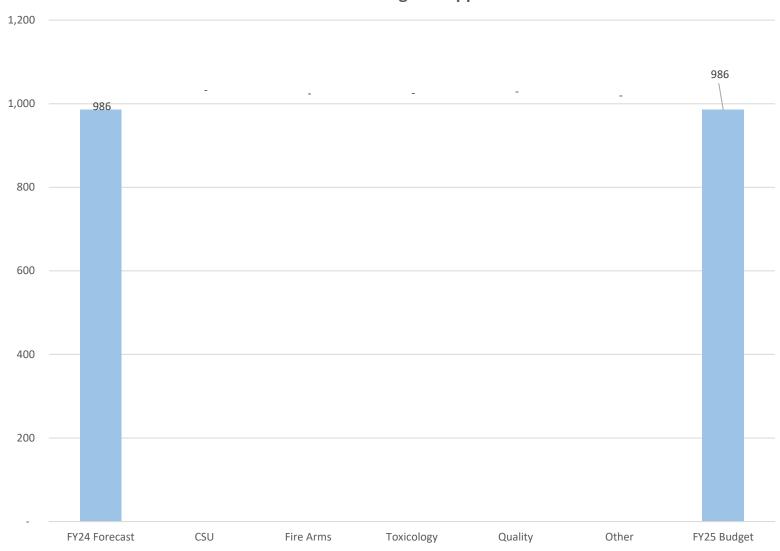








HFSC FY24 Budget - Supplies



FY25 Budget	
Capital Spending	
(in 000's)	
Included in Base Budget:	
LCQQQ 5 year lease - Tox	100
Vehicles - CSU	100
IT Infrastructure	400
Other	100
Additional Capital	600

			FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25B	FY25B vs. FY24FCST
							3	
Revenues:								
	411000	City of Houston-Appropriations	\$ 26,525,503	\$ 28,508,208	\$ 28,508,208	\$ 29,108,208	\$ 35,699,279	\$ 6,591,071
		Fund 2213	-	731,454	373,218	86,045	86,045	
		HFSC Operations	26,525,503	26,316,754	26,674,990	28,120,073	35,613,234	
	415000	City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	692,087	1,460,000	1,460,000	902,090	-	
	417000	COVID Relief Funds	1,358,652		1,391,270	3,558,730	-	(3,558,730)
	420000	Donations	-	2,990	3,800	1,365	-	(1,365)
	425000	In-Kind Donations	3,509	-	-	2,801	-	(2,801)
	440000	Grants	1,754,802	2,046,271	1,554,569	1,955,064	1,600,000	(355,064)
	450000	Forensic Services	51,025	29,471	19,500	21,300	21,300	-
	450001	Misc.	45,467	85,397	39,312	-	-	-
	450002	Interest Income	22,457	24,664	99,581	371,188	371,188	-
Total Income			30,453,502	30,697,002	31,616,240	35,018,655	37,691,767	3,402,416

		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25B	FY25B vs. FY24FCST
						3	
Expenses:							
	Personnel:						
500010	Salary Base - Civilian	15,964,092	16,512,116	16,317,437	16,967,978	19,354,116	2,386,138
501070	Pension - Civilian	998,264	1,017,872	989,606	1,039,960	1,186,205	146,245
502010	FICA - Civilian	1,124,164	1,202,250	1,197,826	1,235,599	1,409,356	173,757
503010	Health Insurance - Act	ive Civil 1,374,308	1,323,245	1,307,759	1,354,339	1,699,274	344,935
503015	Basic Life Ins - Active	Civil 15,579	17,853	18,828	21,124	24,095	2,971
503090	Workers Comp - Civilia	an Adm 3,340	41,790	34,425	19,128	21,818	2,690
504031	Unemployment Taxes	- Admin 24,358	5,430	8,954	12,916	14,413	1,497
		19,504,104	20,120,555	19,874,835	20,651,044	23,709,277	3,058,232

		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25B	FY25B vs. FY24FCST
						3	
Expenses:							
	Supplies:						
511010	Chemical Gases & Special Fluids	21,958	27,943	32,798	28,535	28,535	-
511045	Computer Supplies	1,620	14,247	6,357	2,156	2,156	-
511050	Paper & Printing Supplies	14,279	10,491	2,083	20	20	-
511055	Publications & Printed Material	6,344	10,723	8,999	21,901	21,901	-
511060	Postage	429	472	447	124	124	-
511070	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	71,379	74,452	74,871	43,891	43,891	-
511080	General Laboratory Supply	1,064,734	837,448	688,043	815,349	815,349	-
511095	Small Technical & Scientific Eq	16,835	18,472	2,263	4,839	4,839	-
511110	Fuel				6,255	6,255	-
511120	Clothing	26,809	18,697	23,689	30,079	30,079	-
511125	Food/Event Supplies	2,572	11,691	12,138	7,461	7,461	-
511130	Weapons Munitions & Supplies	11,881	14,252	12,990	10,882	10,882	-
511145	Small Tools & Minor Equipment	27,595	11,093	479	1,249	1,249	-
511150	Miscellaneous Parts & Supplies	9,877	12,524	5,143	10,517	10,517	-
		1,276,311	1,062,504	870,299	985,805	985,805	-

		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25B	FY25B vs. FY24FCST
Expenses:						3	
Se	rvices:						
520100	Temporary Personnel Services						
520105	Accounting & Auditing Svcs	54,899	61,107	62,605	66,252	66,252	-
520109	Medical Dental & Laboratory Ser	1,466,807	1,495,849	1,507,314	1,743,449	2,539,105	795,656
520110	Management Consulting Services	316,224	226,709	321,665	382,226	937,305	555,079
520112	Banking Services	4,247	3,746	5,284	5,742	5,742	-
520113	Photographic Services	1,233	1,311	1,839	766	766	-
520114	Misc Support Serv recruit relo	67,356	44,727	69,639	96,869	96,869	-
520115	Real Estate Rental	835,772	830,064	830,772	850,021	1,026,964	176,944
520118	Refuse Disposal	34,332	31,587	22,776	37,585	37,585	-
520119	Computer Equip/Software Maint.	1,685,310	1,456,628	1,487,554	1,866,760	1,765,046	(101,714)
520121	IT Application Services	76,737	28,307	68,905	237,215	116,765	(120,450
520123	Vehicle & Motor Equip. Services	76	-	-	12	12	-
520124	Other Equipment Services	262,952	383,629	363,682	441,213	441,213	-
520520	Printing & Reproduction Serv.	1,707	289	-	-	-	-
520605	Public Information Svcs	3,790	475	-	197	197	-
520705	Insurance (Non-Medical)	187,342	137,983	155,576	227,026	227,026	
520760	Contributions	560	-	-	-	-	-
520765	Membership & Prof. Fees	27,440	30,926	36,119	37,360	37,360	
520805	Education & Training	272,660	267,594	413,873	127,703	412,695	284,992
520815	Tuition Reimbursement	37,525	17,721	10,305	8,698	8,698	-

		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25B	FY25B vs. FY24FCST
						3	
Expenses:							
Sei	vices:						
520905	Travel - Training Related	19,034	184,364	213,667	461,800	439,026	(22,774)
520910	Travel - Non-training Related	5,758	15,575	28,233	20,223	20,223	-
521405	Building Maintenance Services	19,144	64,323	70,309	49,928	172,367	122,439
521505	Utilities	156,516	268,649	213,277	207,434	230,733	23,299
521605	Data Services	208,791	189,801	137,459	174,284	174,284	-
521610	Voice Services, Equip & Labor	52,608	74,352	86,143	79,129	79,129	-
521725	Other Rental Fees	55,227	62,421	112,141	74,915	74,915	-
521730	Parking Space Rental	208,500	169,340	208,941	190,806	207,893	17,087
521905	Legal Services	5,643	1,223	-	266	266	-
522205	Metro Commuter Passes	333	2,408	2,494	3,474	3,474	-
522305	Freight	28,977	27,218	22,612	17,071	16,237	(833)
522430	Misc. Other Services & Chrgs	102,814	104,879	140,168	109,344	259,344	150,000
529000	Subrecipient Expense - Grants	43,227	-		-	-	-
532000	Sub-Contractor (COH)	671,991	516,196	318,667	324,102	324,102	-
	Total Services	6,915,531	6,699,399	6,912,017	7,843,216	9,722,941	1,879,724
	Services without CoH	6,243,540	6,183,203	6,593,350	7,519,114	9,398,839	925,764

		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24 FCST	FY25B	FY25B vs. FY24FCST
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Expenses:							
	Interest Expense	1,090,568	1,078,693	1,061,830	1,051,889	1,051,889	-
	Non-Capital Expenditures						
551010		21,541	15,817	357	394	394	-
551015	Computer Equipment	232,788	42,913	124,269	204,962	288,934	83,972
551025	Scientific/Medical Equipment	21,103	16,980	51,841	82,286	48,322	(33,965)
551040	Non-Capital - Other				-	-	-
	Total Non-Capital Expenditures	275,432	70,427	125,782	287,643	125,782	50,007
	Capital Expenditures						
170140	Improvements	163,428	149,396	9,050	-	10,000	10,000
	Capital - Vehicles	203,852	110,044	144,243	-	40,000	40,000
170230	Computer Hardware/SW	265,457	38,381	37,188	-	425,000	425,000
170240	Scientific/Foren Eqmt	35,236	59,575	81,694	40,000	225,000	185,000
	Intangible - Bldg	-	173,686	459,570	-	-	-
	Intangible Assets	610,356	-	-	-	-	-
170980	Const in Progress	-	531,083	732,938	-	-	-
	Total Capital Expenditures	1,278,329	1,062,166	1,465,876	40,000	700,000	660,000
Total Expense and Capital Before Depreciation		29,599,406	30,093,744	30,310,639	30,859,597	36,295,693	5,647,964
561230	Depreciation	-	2,018,809	2,065,762	2,141,241	2,141,241	
Total Expense and Capital After Depreciation		29,599,406	32,112,553	32,376,401	33,000,838	38,436,934	5,647,964
Net Ordinary Income After Capital Expenditures		854,096	(1,415,551)	(760,162)	2,017,817	(745,167)	(2,245,548)

HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

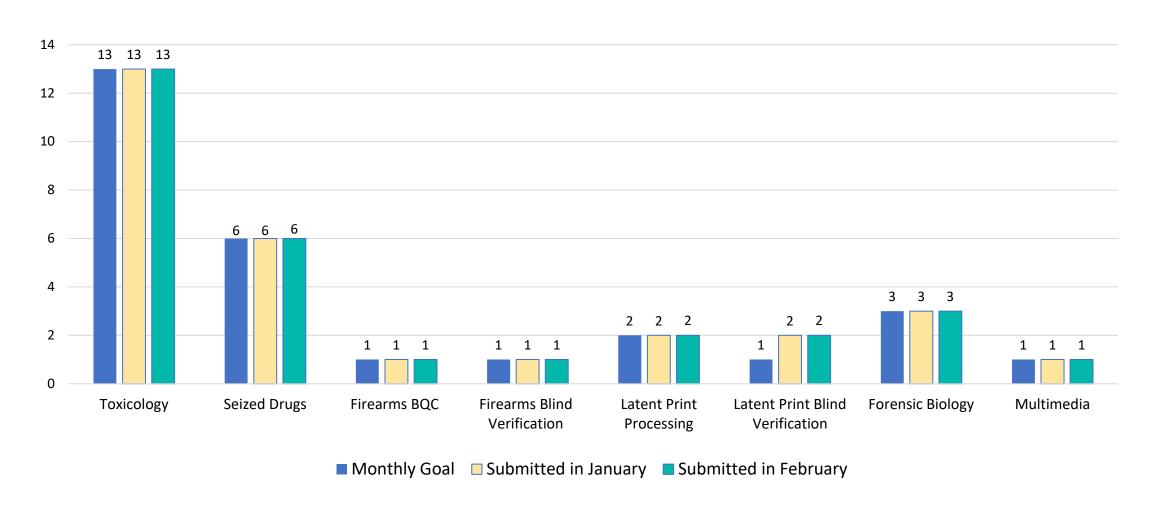
March 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Action Item No.:	9. Consider approval of HFSC's budget proposal for fiscal year 2025, and related action.			
Subject:	Approval of proposed HFSC budget as required annually.			
Background:	Pursuant to Exhibit E of the First Interlocal Agreement between HFSC and the City and the City of Houston Administrative Procedure No. 2-10, relating to City Non-Profit and Local Government Corporations, by June 1 st of each year, HFSC must submit to the City Finance Director a final budget approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors for the fiscal year beginning July 1 of such year. Additionally, the Corporation shall submit a draft of the budget to the City Finance Director by March 1 st of each year. After the Board's approval of the annual fiscal year budget, the proposal is submitted to the City Finance director, Mayor, and City Council for final approval. Pursuant to City of Houston Administrative Procedure No. 2-10, the Corporation shall comply to a request by the Chair of the City Council Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee to present its budget to the committee.			
Executive Summary:	The most significant highlights regarding the proposed budget are as follows: • Total requested increase of 22% (\$6.5M) compared to FY2024 budget • \$2.6M increase in Forensic Biology • \$1.2M increase in Crime Scene • \$1.1M increase for Stage 1 of property room transition • \$981K increase in support services • \$500K increase in Firearms • \$249K increase in Toxicology			
Fiscal Impact:	Budget approval would designate all HFSC expenditures for FY2025.			
Staff Recommendation	Staff recommends approval.			
By:	David Leach, Treasurer and CFO			

Quality Division Report March 8, 2024



Blind Quality Controls Submitted in January and February



Quality Updates





CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The ANSI National Accreditation Board

Hereby attests that

Houston Forensic Science Center 500 Jefferson Street, 13th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 USA

Fulfills the requirements of

Accreditation Requirements for the Management and Operation of Property and Evidence Control Units: 2023

In the field of

Property and Evidence Control

This certificate is valid only when accompanied by a current scope of accreditation document.

The current scope of accreditation can be verified at www.anab.org.

Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 30 April 2026 Certificate Number: PE-0001



- ANAB Property & Evidence Accreditation
 - Officially accredited on January 24th, 2024
 - 1st organization to be accredited to this program
 - 2-year accreditation cycle

Firearms scope of accreditation update



- "Trigger pull" requests have been temporarily halted until a comprehensive risk assessment is completed
- ANAB has been notified about this decision since it falls within the purview of accreditation

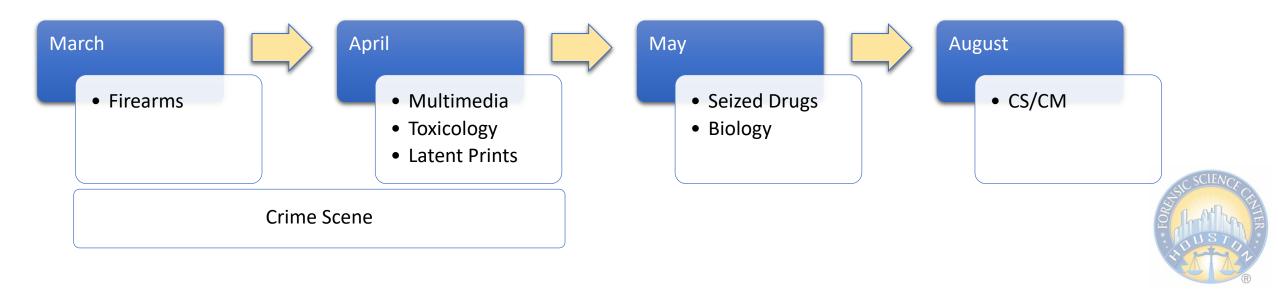
Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks					
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology			
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Dead Weight Force Gauge Measuring Equipment Visual			
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)			
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Visual			
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection			
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual			

2024 Internal Audits

Purpose of internal audits:

 Demonstrate compliance to all accreditation standards, HFSC quality manual, OSAC registry standards, and section specific standard operating procedures

Schedule for audits:





TFSC Disclosures

Quarterly Meeting: January 26, 2024

Latent Prints

Voted: No Further Action Needed

- HFSC was notified about a glitch in the FBI AFIS system specific to palm prints when an area/location filter was selected when these were entered into the system. This filter prevented the system from allowing the print to be continuously searched against new record prints:
 - 92 affected cases that range from 2014 to present.
 - The latent print section re-searched the affected prints and conducted comparisons for 20 cases that had new hits.
 - Prints that did not hit in AFIS after the re-search were registered without the palm print selection.



Forensic Biology

A meeting for STRmix users will be scheduled to discuss solutions to address this rare allele issue

- The section identified an inherent subtlety in the probabilistic genotyping software that could cause a reporting issue:
- Audit of all cases since software was implemented (December 2019)
- 8,359 calculations from 1,153 cases
 - Five cases identified that need a supplemental report to be issued with additional information.

Detailed Data



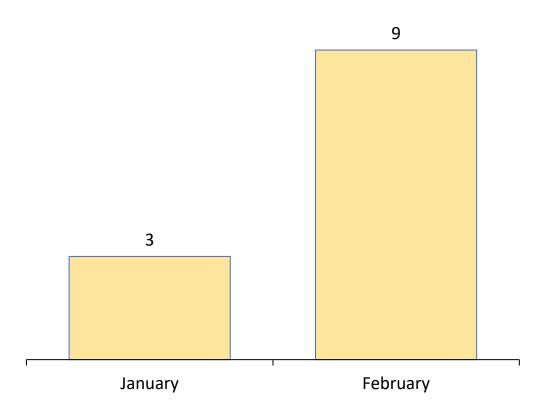
Blind Quality Controls Completed

Forensic Discipline	January	February
Toxicology	22 (BAC) 2 (Drugs)	9 (BAC) 4 (Drugs)
Seized Drugs	6	8
Biology	2 (DNA) 5 (screening)	3 (DNA) 6 (screening)
Firearms	0	0
Firearms Blind Verification	1	1
Latent Print Processing	2	1
Latent Print Comparison	1	0
Latent Print Blind Verification	2	2
Multimedia	3	O SIC SCIE

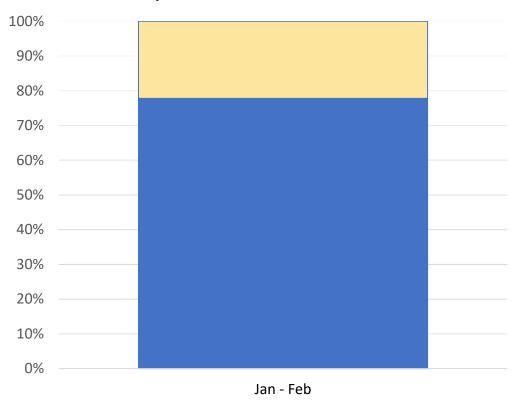


2024 Testimony Monitoring





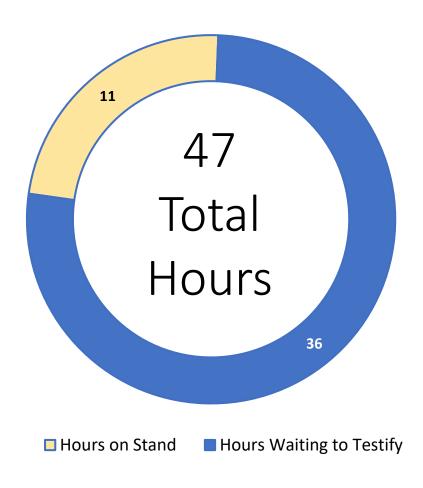
Testimony Monitored vs. Unmonitored



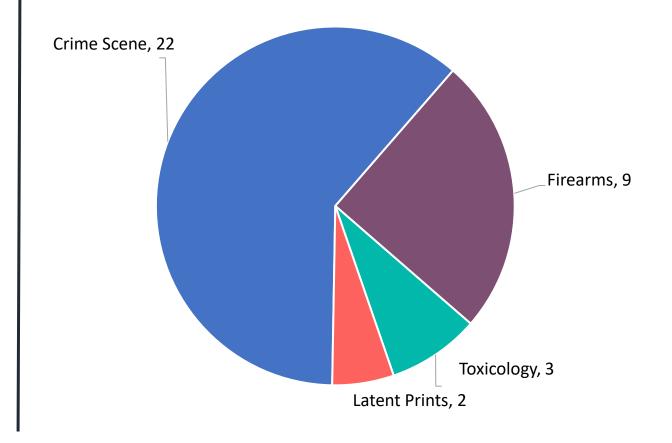






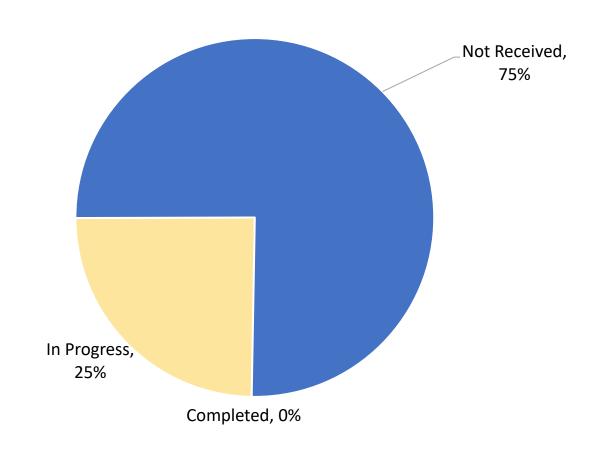


Waiting Hours by Section





2024 Proficiency Testing





Quality Division Notifications

Corrective Actions, Incidents, and Preventive Actions

Quality Tracking Number	Section	Classification	Notification Date	Summary of Notification	
2024-001	Biology/DNA	Incident	12/11/2023	The intent of this Quality Report is to serve as an amendment notification for a previously issued Laboratory Report. During the review of a CODIS match, an Assistant CODIS Administrator noticed that the item description for two listed items had been mistakenly interchanged on this report.	
2024-002	Firearms	Incident	2/5/2024	A Firearms examiner did not photograph a firearm prior to swabbing for possible blood.	
2024-003	Firearms	Incident	A firearms report was released without the requested general rifling characteristics (GRC) list.		
2024-004	Seized Drugs	Incident	2/29/2024	During the annual external balance calibration, one of the analytical balances did n pass an "as found" check but was calibrated by the service technician and passed the "as left" check. The balance passed all the internal weekly quality control checks.	