

MuckRock News FOIA Request Analysis

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1 Abstract

In this paper we discuss the

2 Introduction

3 Goals

3.1 Major Goals

- Determine the most successful time(s) of year
- Predict acceptance/rejection
- Determine the most open agencies
- Determine the most open jurisdictions

3.2 Minor Goals

- Lexigraphical analysis on accepted FOIA requests vs rejected requests

4 Definitions

Fully Successful FOIA Request - A FOIA request that was granted in full.

Partially Successful FOIA Request - A FOIA request that was granted or denied in part.

Failed Request - A FOIA request that was ignored, denied, or granted but did not have any records that responded to the request.

5 Method

6 Results

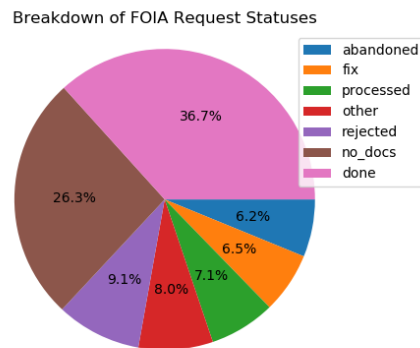


Figure 1: Breakdown of all FOIA requests

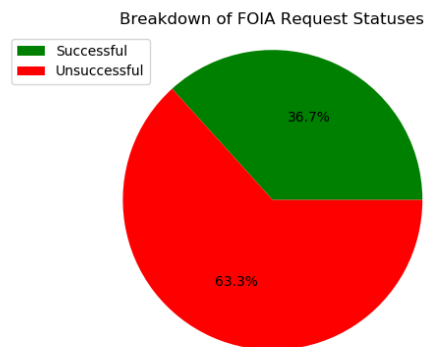


Figure 2: Breakdown of all FOIA requests (sorted into successful and unsuccessful requests)

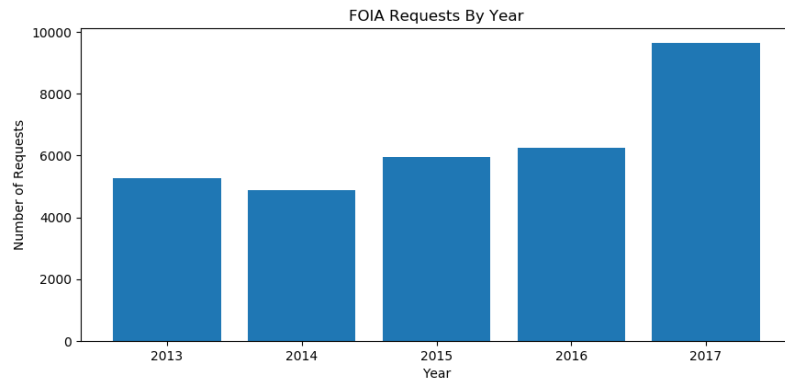


Figure 3: The total number of requests by year

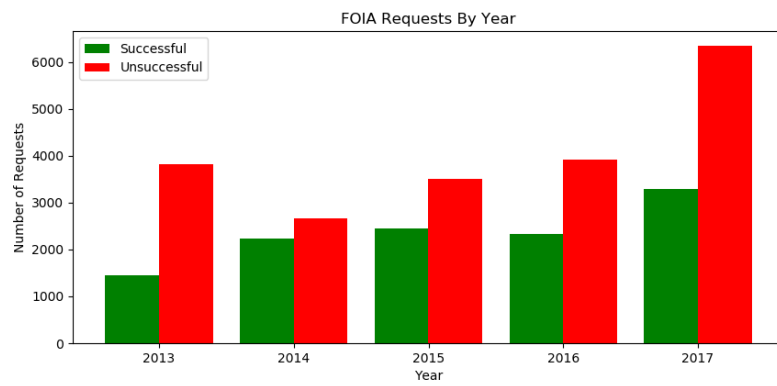


Figure 4: The total number of requests by year broken into successful and unsuccessful categories

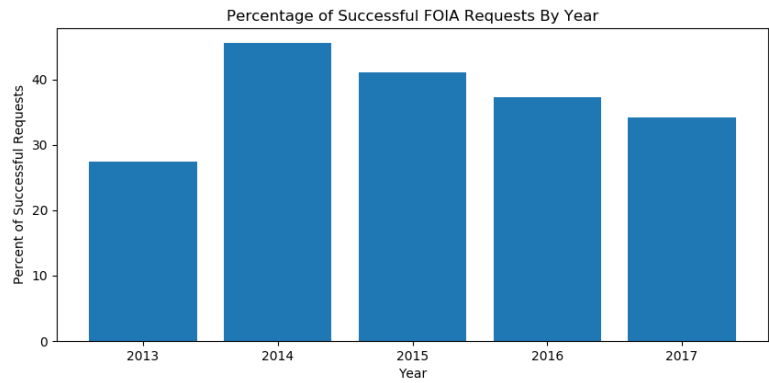


Figure 5: The percentage of successful FOIA requests by year

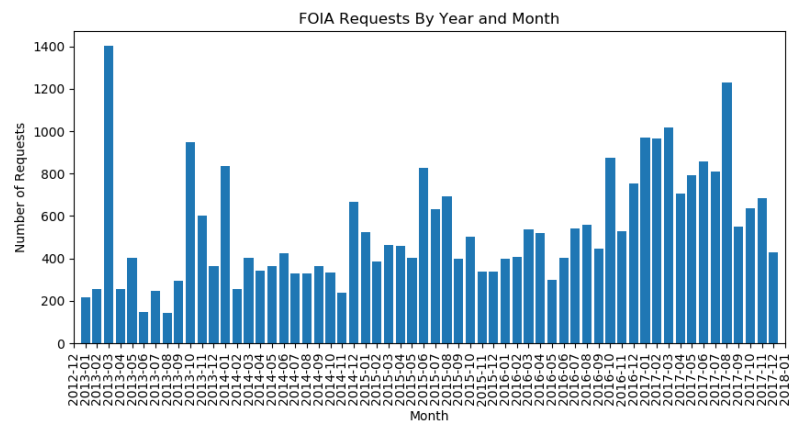


Figure 6: The total number of requests by year and month

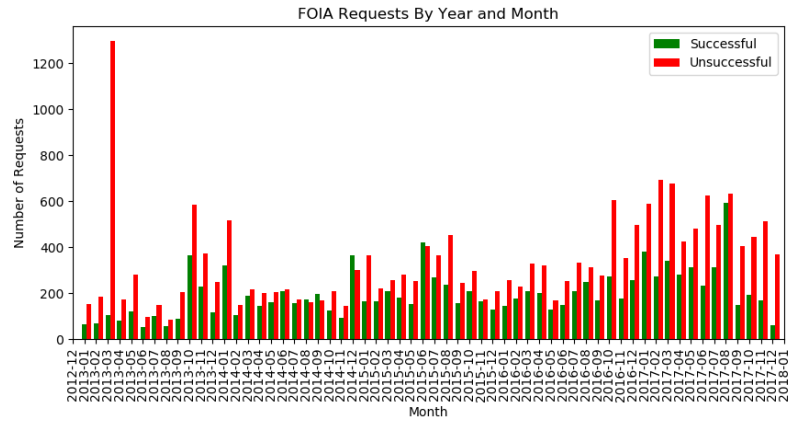


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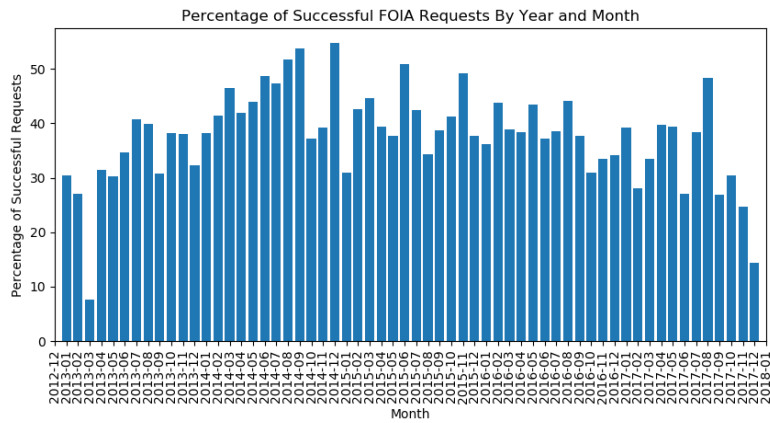


Figure 8: The percentage of successful FOIA requests by year and month

7 Discussion

8 Conclusion

9 References

10 Acknowledgements