

# 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

\* Predict acceptance/rejection \* Determine the most open agencies \* Determine the most open jurisdictions

### 3.2 Minor Goals

\* Lexicographical 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

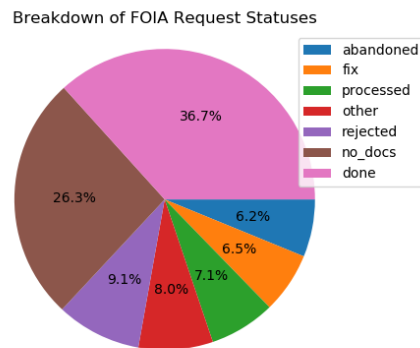


Figure 1: Breakdown of all FOIA requests

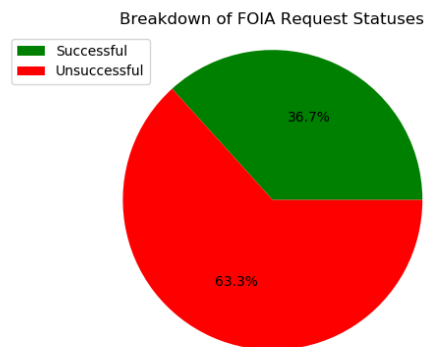


Figure 2: Breakdown of all FOIA requests (sorted into successful and unsuccessful requests)

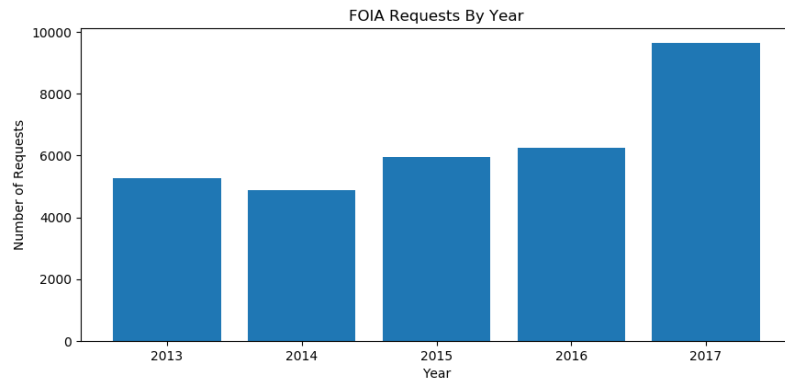


Figure 3: The total number of requests by year

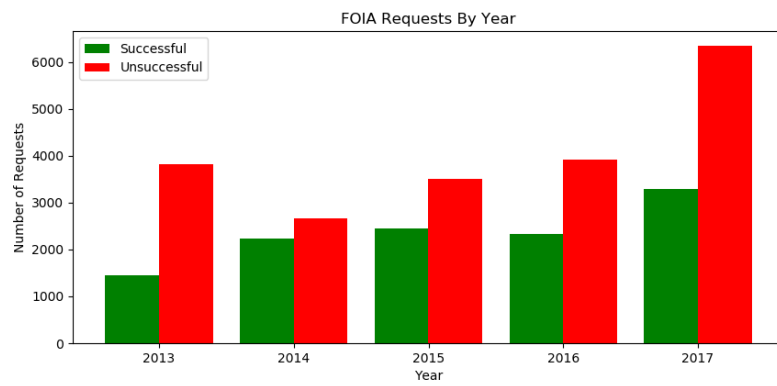


Figure 4: The total number of requests by year broken into successful and unsuccessful categories

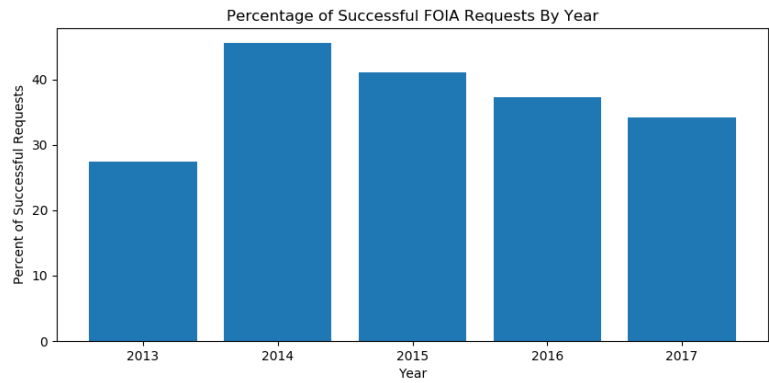


Figure 5: The percentage of successful FOIA requests by year

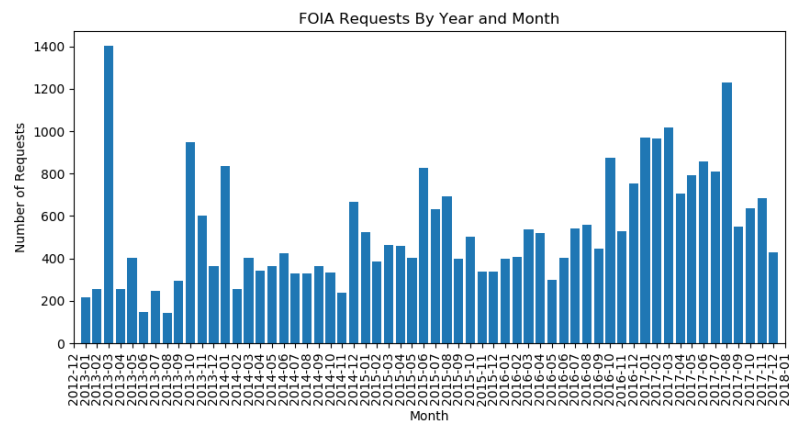


Figure 6: The total number of requests by year and month

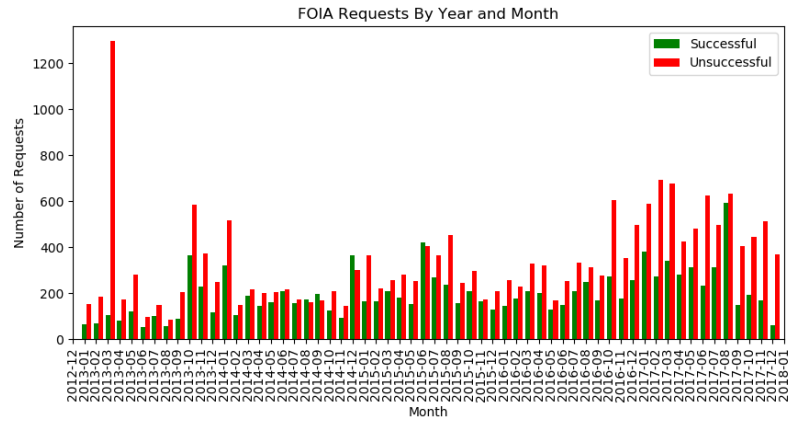


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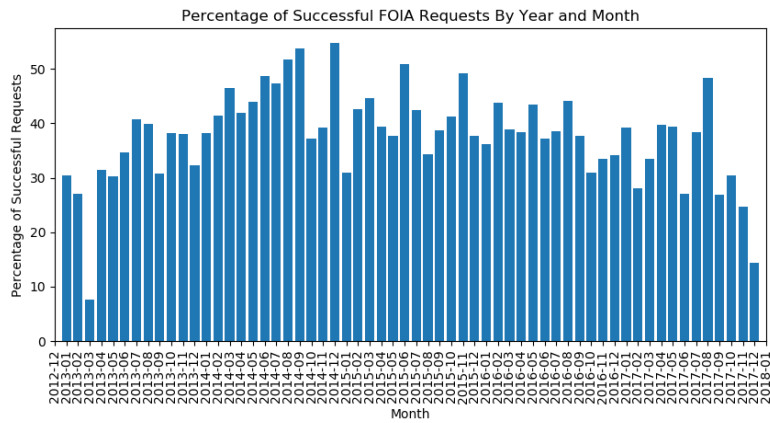


Figure 8: The percentage of successful FOIA requests by year and month

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- 8 Conclusion
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