

**From:** Betsy Kim  
**Sent:** Thu, 26 Jan 2023 00:58:58 +0000  
**To:** -Info-Attorney General  
**Subject:** Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] North Dakota Rape Kit Backlog

Thank you so so very much. Getting data from all 50 states has been an uphill battle, so I really do appreciate your response -- I have all the data I need from North Dakota!

Thank you again,  
Betsy



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**From:** -Info-Attorney General <ndag@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 5:02 AM  
**To:** Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>  
**Subject:** RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] North Dakota Rape Kit Backlog

See answers in red below:

For the 169 kits figure you provided regarding (a) (1): does 169 kits represent the number of kits that were not tested within 30 days but were tested later on in 2022, or the number of kits that had been waiting untested in the lab for 30 or more days as of the end of the year (Dec 2022)? My records request had been referring to the latter, so I just wanted to make sure!

**The 169 kits are the number of kits that had been waiting untested in the lab for 30 or more days as of the end of the 2022.**

Secondly, do you have the number of rape kits that **were** tested within 30 days in 2022? I noticed that figure was missing from the document you provided.

**The number of kits tested within 30 days in 2022 was 76.**

Thank you!

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**From:** Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:06 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] North Dakota Rape Kit Backlog

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Hello,

Thank you for your response to my data request.

I had a couple clarifying questions about the data you provided.

For the 169 kits figure you provided regarding (a) (1): does 169 kits represent the number of kits that were not tested within 30 days but were tested later on in 2022, or the number of kits that had been waiting untested in the lab for 30 or more days as of the end of the year (Dec 2022)? My records request had been referring to the latter, so I just wanted to make sure!

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**From:** -Info-Attorney General <ndag@nd.gov>  
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**To:** Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>  
**Subject:** RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] North Dakota Rape Kit Backlog

Please see the attached response to your records request submitted on December 9, 2022.

Thanks,

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**From:** Betsy Kim <[betsyk@usafacts.org](mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2022 6:52 PM  
**To:** -Info-Attorney General <[ndag@nd.gov](mailto:ndag@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** [RECORDS REQUEST] North Dakota Rape Kit Backlog

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Dec 9, 2022

To whom it may concern:

Under the North Dakota Open Records Law, I'd like to request the following records:

- **(a)** The North Dakota rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by:
  - (1) rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to the North Dakota state crime lab, in addition to any other accredited forensic or crime lab in the state of North Dakota that tests rape kits.
  - (2) rape kits that were not submitted to the aforementioned crime labs and held by entities that collect rape kits, including, but not limited to, police stations and hospitals.
- **(b)** The month/date that the 2022 rape kit backlog numbers from (a) were collected.
- **(c)** Whether the numbers from (a) are reflective of the rape kit backlog for the entire state. If not, please list the municipalities, police stations, or crime labs that have been excluded from the counts provided in (a).

Please prioritize (a), (b), and (c) in your response. In addition, I would like:

- **(d)** The information from (a), (b), and (c) for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- **(e)** Of the rape kits that were tested in 2022, the count tested within 30 days of being submitted to a lab.

Please include me on any external or internal correspondence related to this request.

Let me know if clarifying my request might speed the release of these records or reduce any programming or staff time.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I seek this information in the public interest as a journalist, and not for a commercial purpose.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$100.

I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

Please provide me with the information in a continuous manner. I am more than happy to get partial responses to this request until it's completed in full.

Thank you again for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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