

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT PROCESSING (HB200) ANNUAL REPORT

Utah Bureau of Forensic Services

FY2022



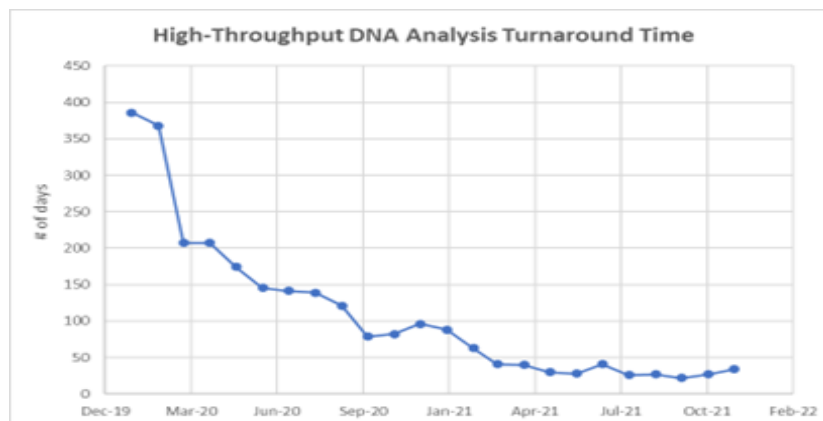
SUBMISSIONS:

- From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services (UBFS) received **1,174 sexual assault kit submissions**.

COMPLETIONS:

Completions	30 days or less	31-60 days	61-180 days	181 days or more	Total
# of sexual assault kits tested and completed by UBFS	526	403	214	38	1181
# of outsourced sexual assault kits completed	0	0	0	2	2
Total # of sexual assault kits completed					1,183

- The state crime laboratory issued 1,183 sexual assault kit DNA reports to submitting agencies.
- 1 sexual assault kit submission was determined to be a Priority 1 case, and the case was completed in under 14 days.
- From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, the median turnaround time for processing sexual assault kit submissions was 33 days.
 - Utah was the 8th state in the nation to eliminate its sexual assault kit backlog and has reduced median DNA analysis turnaround times from nearly 400 days to approximately 30 days.



GOALS:

- The crime laboratory's goal for FY2023 is to maintain a median turnaround time of approximately 30 days or less for sexual assault kit processing.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS:

- In FY2022, the crime laboratory received \$781,200 for forensic scientist salary increases.
 - In the last 3 years, the lab has turned over more than 40% of its DNA analysts and Utah has not been competitive in compensation. The additional budget appropriation will be used to create a more competitive compensation plan to help with forensic scientist recruitment and retention which will in turn help the lab meet turnaround times.

RESTRICTED KITS:

- The sexual assault kit tracking system indicates there are 187 restricted sexual assault kits being held by law enforcement.