

From: Bart Graves
Sent: Tue, 6 Dec 2022 16:30:19 +0000
To: Betsy Kim;PIO_Unit
Subject: Re: Rape Kit Backlog

Betsy,

We provide forensic services to all other municipal and county law enforcement agencies in Arizona, so our AZDPS Lab backlog is an aggregate for all but the four cities previously listed.

Regards,

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From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 5:06 PM
To: Bart Graves <BGraves@AZDPS.GOV>; PIO_Unit <PIO_Unit@azdps.gov>
Subject: Re: Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Bart,

Thank you for your prompt response! I have a follow-up question.

If the figure you gave me does not include rape kit backlogs from Phoenix, Tucson, Mesa, and Scottsdale, which cities/municipalities are the 153 sexual assault cases from? (Just trying to get a sense of which cities the Arizona Department of Public Safety is responsible for -- in terms of processing rape kits -- as I was surprised to see that the backlog figure excluded some of the biggest cities in Arizona).

Best,
Betsy



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From: Bart Graves <BGraves@AZDPS.GOV>
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Subject: Re: Rape Kit Backlog

Betsy.

We currently have 153 sexual assault cases backlogged. The backlog total does not include backlogged cases at the municipal laboratories in Arizona that conduct DNA analysis, which includes the Phoenix PD, Tucson PD, Mesa PD and Scottsdale PD crime laboratories.

Regards,

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Hello,

My name is Betsy Kim, and I'm a data journalist for USA Facts. <https://usafacts.org/>

I'm writing an article on the national rape kit backlog, and I had a question about Arizona's backlog data. I saw on the following site that the backlog for DNA testing is currently 254 cases. <https://www.azdps.gov/organization/TSD/scientific-analysis>

Would you be able to clarify how many of those 254 cases are sexual assault kits?

Sincerely,
Betsy