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Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Wyoming Rape Kit Backlog
Date: 21.01.2023 07:10:37 (+01:00)

Hi Betsy,

On 12/31/2018, there were 35 sexual assault kits active over 30 days
On 12/31/2019, there were 41 sexual assault kits active over 30 days
On 12/31/2020, there were 22 sexual assault kits active over 30 days
On 12/31/2021, there were 23 sexual assault kits active over 30 days
On 12/31/2022, there was 1 sexual assault kit active over 30 days

Thanks again,
Scott

On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 4:01 PM Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org> wrote:
Hi Scott,

Thank you once again for your clarifications! I really appreciate your continued engagement.

Would it also be possible to get the number of sexual assault kits that remained untested at the end of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021?

Thank you once again,
Betsy



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Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Wyoming Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Betsy,

In response to your questions:

- 1) I apologize, the number 49 is the cumulative count of all kits in 2022 that took more than 30 calendar days between receipt and report (same calculation applied on the previous years). To put the number of untested kits on a specific date: On December 31, 2022, there was one (1) kit that did not have a report approved yet and was at our laboratory for more than 30 days (on this date, the kit had been at our laboratory for 32 calendar days).
- 2) Unfortunately, we do not have any information regarding the time it takes to have a kit submitted from local agencies or information about untested/unsubmitted kits at these agencies. Since 2016, we have continued to promote the submission of all kits for testing, whether adjudicated or not, as long as a crime is believed to have been committed (reference our webpage document "DCI Letter to Chiefs and Sheriffs Regarding Sexual Assault Kit Submissions" at <https://wyomingdci.wyo.gov/state-crime-laboratory>).

I hope this helps,
Scott

On Fri, Jan 13, 2023 at 5:50 PM Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org> wrote:
Hi Scott,

Thank you very much for your response. I have a couple of clarifying questions to follow up.

1. For the 49 kits figure you provided regarding (a) (1): does 49 kits represent the number of kits that were not tested within 30 days but were tested later on in 2022 as an aggregate, or the number of kits that had been waiting untested in the lab for 30 or more days as of December of 2022? My records request had been referring to the latter, and I just wanted to make sure!
2. Does the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory possess any information on the rape kit backlog that exists at law enforcement agencies? I understand that you do not have access to exact numbers, but any figures, such as the average time it takes for a rape kit to be turned into the state crime lab by a law enforcement agency, would be helpful.

Thanks again for your consideration,
Betsy



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From: Scott McWilliams <scott.mcwilliams@wyo.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: [RECORDS REQUEST] Wyoming Rape Kit Backlog

Ms. Kim,

Thank you for your inquiry - we have responses to your questions listed below. Please let us know if you have any additional questions regarding this information from the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory.

(a)(1) Kits not tested within 30 days of submission to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory in 2022: **49**

(a)(2) Kits not submitted to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory: **Unknown; submitting agencies would need to be contacted directly to obtain this information.**

(b) Month/date of the 2022 backlog numbers from (a) were collected: **Inventory numbers from (a) were collected on December 16, 2022. Offense dates from kits in (a) were as follows (this is our closest estimate to a collection date):**

Kits received in 2022: 8/2021=1; 9/2021=1; 11/2021=1; 12/2021=3; 1/2022=4; 2/2022=6; 3/2022=7; 4/2022=7; 5/2022=5; 6/2022=5; 7/2022=5; 8/2022=1; 9/2022=2; 10/2022=1

(c) Numbers from (a) are reflective of the entire state: **Yes, unless submitting agencies sent any evidence to private laboratories for analysis; no entities were excluded from counts in (a).**

(d)(a) Kits not tested within 30 days of submission to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory in 2018: **143**

(d)(a) Kits not tested within 30 days of submission to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory in 2019: **151**

(d)(a) Kits not tested within 30 days of submission to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory in 2020: **70**

(d)(a) Kits not tested within 30 days of submission to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory in 2021: **83**

(d)(b) Month/date of the 2018-2021 backlog numbers from (d)(a) were collected: **Inventory numbers from (a) were collected on December 16, 2022. Offense dates from kits in (a) were as follows (this is our closest estimate to a collection date):**

Kits received in 2018: Unknown=1; 4/2006=1; 5/2006=1; 7/2006=1; 10/2006=1; 11/2006=1; 1/2007=1; 7/2007=1; 12/2007=2; 1/2008=1; 2/2008=1; 6/2008=1; 11/2008=1; 2/2009=3; 8/2009=1; 11/2009=1; 5/2010=1; 8/2010=1; 9/2010=1; 10/2010=1; 11/2010=1; 12/2010=1; 2/2011=2; 3/2011=1; 5/2011=1; 6/2011=1; 7/2011=2; 2/2012=1; 5/2012=1; 6/2012=4; 7/2012=1; 2/2013=1; 6/2013=1; 8/2013=1; 12/2013=1; 5/2014=1; 6/2014=1; 1/2015=1; 8/2015=2; 9/2015=2; 11/2015=1; 12/2015=1; 2/2016=2; 4/2016=1; 5/2016=3; 6/2016=1; 7/2016=2; 8/2016=1; 9/2016=1; 11/2016=2; 12/2016=1; 2/2017=1; 4/2017=2; 5/2017=1; 7/2017=1; 9/2017=1; 10/2017=1; 11/2017=1; 12/2017=1; 1/2018=6; 2/2018=12; 3/2018=6; 4/2018=3; 5/2018=8; 6/2018=6; 7/2018=5; 8/2018=4; 9/2018=4; 10/2018=5; 11/2018=6; 12/2018=3

Kits received in 2019: Unknown=2; 4/1986=1; 3/1987=1; 4/1987=1; 7/1988=1; 10/1989=1; 10/1990=1; 8/1992=1; 7/1993=1; 8/1993=1; 7/1994=1; 8/1994=1; 10/1995=1; 7/1999=1; 10/2004=1; 2/2012=1; 6/2014=1; 7/2015=1; 11/2015=1; 3/2016=1; 4/2016=1; 3/2018=2; 9/2018=1; 11/2018=1; 12/2018=8; 1/2019=7; 2/2019=4; 3/2019=6; 4/2019=11; 5/2019=11; 6/2019=10; 7/2019=16; 8/2019=12; 9/2019=8; 10/2019=14; 11/2019=13; 12/2019=5

Kits received in 2020: 6/2005=1; 9/2005=1; 2/2012=1; 11/2018=1; 12/2019=3; 1/2020=9; 2/2020=5; 3/2020=3; 6/2020=5; 7/2020=11; 8/2020=10; 9/2020=9; 10/2020=9; 11/2020=1; 12/2020=1

Kits received in 2021: 1/2020=1; 7/2020=2; 11/2020=1; 12/2020=2; 1/2021=1; 2/2021=6; 3/2021=8; 4/2021=5; 5/2021=8; 6/2021=9; 7/2021=7; 8/2021=8; 9/2021=8; 10/2021=7; 11/2021=8; 12/2021=2

(d)(c) Numbers from (a) are reflective of the entire state: **Yes, unless submitting agencies sent any evidence to private laboratories for analysis; no entities were excluded from counts in (a).**

(e) Kits tested within 30 days of being submitted to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory in 2022: **57**

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From: **Betsy Kim** <betsyk@usafacts.org>
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Dec 9, 2022

To whom it may concern:

Under the Wyoming Public Records Act, I'd like to request the following records:

- (a) The Wyoming rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by:
 - (1) rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to the Wyoming State Crime Laboratory, in addition to any other accredited forensic or crime lab in the state of Wyoming 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.

The Wyoming Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within 7 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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