

**From:** Ahmed, Nazneen  
**Sent:** Mon, 10 Apr 2023 22:35:35 +0000  
**To:** Betsy Kim  
**Subject:** RE: Re: NCDOJ Public Records Request  
**Attachments:** BetsyKim\_recordsrequest.xlsx

Hi Betsy, hope you're well.

Please see attached for data you've requested:

- The totals tab breaks down year-by-year data for post-Survivor Act rape kits submitted to law enforcement.
- The information about LE compliance is available in the following tabs. The kits submitted by year show you when a kit was collected and submitted. The "not submitted" tabs show you kits that law enforcement collected but did not submit, by year.
- We do not have year-by-year data for the rape kit backlog of older untested kits. The data we have is on the dashboard ([www.ncdoj.gov/testthekits](http://www.ncdoj.gov/testthekits)), which doesn't allow us to pull a snapshot at past points in time. However, I'm linking to the below press releases our office shared because they all provide updates on the progress of testing kits, and these numbers might be helpful for you to reference.
  - Oct. 2018: <https://ncdoj.gov/attorney-general-josh-stein-announces-new-stat-281-29/>
  - Oct. 2019: <https://ncdoj.gov/sexual-assault-kit-tracking-update-1-year-in/>
  - Dec. 2020: <https://ncdoj.gov/attorney-general-josh-stein-provides-update-on-sexual-assault-kit-testing/>
  - May 2021: <https://ncdoj.gov/attorney-general-josh-stein-update-on-sexual-assault-kit-testing/>
  - July 2022: <https://ncdoj.gov/attorney-general-josh-stein-provides-sexual-assault-kit-testing-update/>

Please let me know if there are pieces of the records request that are not fulfilled by the above.

Thanks!  
Nazneen

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**From:** Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 5:15 PM  
**To:** Ahmed, Nazneen <Nahmed@ncdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Re: NCDOJ Public Records Request

Hi Nazneen,

I hope this email finds you well! I was wondering if you had an update on the data that we spoke about on March 1.

To recap, I believe this is the data that we talked about:

- Year-by-year data for the rape kit backlog (pre Survivor Act)

- Year-by-year data for post-Survivor Act rape kits
- Information about LEA Survivor Act compliance when it comes to reporting kits to the crime lab -- a percentage would be great, but a rough estimate is also fine.

Would love to get any data that you have ASAP, as the time to my deadline is winding down with Sexual Assault Awareness Month approaching in April.

Looking forward to hearing from you!  
Betsy



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**From:** Ahmed, Nazneen <[Nahmed@ncdoj.gov](mailto:Nahmed@ncdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** Betsy Kim <[betsyk@usafacts.org](mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: NCDOJ Public Records Request

Hi Betsy, thanks for getting back to me! Can we please talk at 10:30 am PST on Wednesday? I can give you a call at the number that works best for you.

Thanks,  
Nazneen

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**From:** Betsy Kim <[betsyk@usafacts.org](mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 2:12 PM  
**To:** Ahmed, Nazneen <[Nahmed@ncdoj.gov](mailto:Nahmed@ncdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Re: NCDOJ Public Records Request

Hi Ahmed,

Thank you for reaching out, and I apologize for my delayed response!

I do have time next week to discuss. Would you happen to be free Wednesday or Friday? I'm based in Seattle, so these hours are in PST!

Wed: 9-11 am PST, 12-5 pm PST  
Fri: 10 am - 5 pm PST

Please let me know what time is most convenient for you.

Looking forward to speaking,  
Betsy



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**From:** Ahmed, Nazneen <[Nahmed@ncdoj.gov](mailto:Nahmed@ncdoj.gov)>  
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**To:** Betsy Kim <[betsyk@usafacts.org](mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: NCDOJ Public Records Request

Hi Betsy, following up on this. Do you have some time next week to discuss?

Thanks,  
Nazneen

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**From:** Ahmed, Nazneen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023 5:11 PM  
**To:** [betsyk@usafacts.org](mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org)  
**Subject:** Re: NCDOJ Public Records Request

Hi Betsy, I'm following up on your records request. I have a couple of questions to clarify regarding the records you are seeking – would it be possible for us to hop on a call to discuss?

Thanks,  
Nazneen



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Dec 9, 2022 To whom it may concern: Under the North Carolina Public Records Law, I'd like to request the following records: (a) The North Carolina rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by: 1. rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory, in addition to any other accredited forensic or crime lab in the state of North Carolina 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, Betsy Kim Data Analyst USAFacts [betsyk@usafacts.org](mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org)