Under the Iowa Open Records Law, I’d like to request the following records:

* **(a)** The Iowa rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by:
  + (1) rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to labs run by the Division of Criminal Investigation (only one lab), in addition to any other accredited forensic or crime lab in the state of Iowa that tests rape kits. (there are no others)

For calendar year 2022 (644)

Note: Our laboratory information management system (LIMS) can only search for current cases not tested within 30 days as pending cases so we can’t go back in time and look at this historically for past work. In reality very few DNA cases have their testing *completed* within 30 days of submission, so the total kits received of 644 for CY2022 is a reasonable metric to provide.

* + (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.

The DCI Laboratory is not uniquely in possession of this information and does not routinely monitor what each law enforcement agency or medical facility has in their possession that has not submitted to the laboratory. That information is available on a website called “Track Kit” as described below with oversight provided by the Iowa Attorney General’s Office.

<https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-crime-victims/crime-victim-compensation-program/sexual-assault-kit-testing>

This web application allows a sexual assault survivor the ability to maintain visibility on evidence from their case that is contained in a sexual assault kit. The survivor can see if the kit is being stored by law enforcement, being tested at a forensic laboratory, or if it is back in storage at the law enforcement agency after testing is complete.

Track Kit is a commercial product that was purchased by Iowa’s Attorney General’s Office. Overall management of Iowa’s Track Kit website is provided by the Crime Victim’s Assistance Division (CVAD) division of the Attorney General’s Office, and again is not maintained by the DCI Laboratory.

[Sign In - Track-Kit](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fia.track-kit.us%2F&data=05%7C01%7Chermsen%40dps.state.ia.us%7C5ac0821a532147c38d7308db2722e3ba%7C8e7368ae110346c7aec2d08e01c2d874%7C0%7C0%7C638146803036334004%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=86zjH22tzeXSP2MASY5JSou2z4VjIFTBpLsdY0RQXWM%3D&reserved=0)

* **(b)** The month/date that the 2022 rape kit backlog numbers from (a) were collected.

March 2023 (the request was received at the laboratory on 3-16-2023)

* **(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).

The Iowa Criminalistics Laboratory is the only forensic laboratory that conducts DNA testing within the State of Iowa, so with the assumption that all sexual kits that are going to be tested for DNA come to this lab, the numbers are reflective of the entire state.

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.

For other calendar years- the sexual offense cases submitted by year were: 2021 (712), 2020 (651), 2019 (854), and 2018 (844).

* **(e)** Of the rape kits that were tested in 2022, the count tested within 30 days of being submitted to a lab.

This would be very few if this metric is considered as sexual assault kits (or DNA cases) *completed* within 30 daysas our standard turnaround time in CY2022 was 58 days. So while often testing is not *completed* within 30 days of submission, a significant portion of submissions have the testing process *started* within 30 days.