

# SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT PROCESSING (HB200) ANNUAL REPORT

## Utah Bureau of Forensic Services

### FY2022



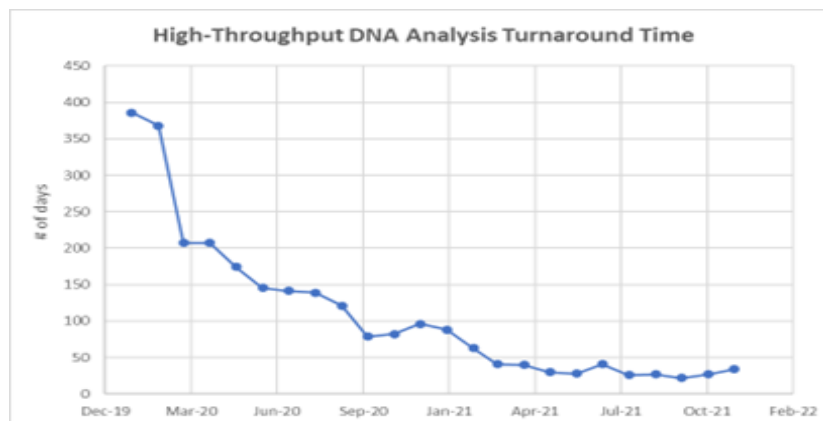
#### SUBMISSIONS:

- 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
<b>Total # of sexual assault kits completed</b>					<b>1,183</b>

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.