

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT PROCESSING (HB200) ANNUAL REPORT

Utah Bureau of Forensic Services

FY2023



SUBMISSIONS:

- From July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services (UBFS) received 1,156 **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 | 96 | 189 | 570 | 84 | 939 |
| # of outsourced sexual assault kits completed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total # of sexual assault kits completed | | | | | 939 |

- The state crime laboratory issued 939 sexual assault kit DNA reports to submitting agencies.
- There were no Priority 1 cases during this fiscal year.
- From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the median turnaround time for processing sexual assault kit submissions was 79 days.
 - While the median turnaround time in processing sexual assault kits increased from the previous year, this is a temporary slowdown resulting from the implementation of probabilistic genotyping. This is an important new advanced DNA tool that improves the DNA analyst's ability to compare DNA profiles and increases the number of interpretable DNA results in a wide range of cases. It is an important step forward for public safety.
 - The probabilistic genotyping tool the state crime lab implemented during FY2023 is being used by 78 organizations in the United States, including forensic laboratories operated by the FBI and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). It is also being used by 26 forensic laboratories internationally, including labs in Canada, the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean, and all state and territory forensic labs in New Zealand and Australia.

GOALS:

- The crime laboratory's goal for FY2023 is to return to a median turnaround time of approximately 30 days or less for sexual assault kit processing.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS:

- There were no additional fiscal appropriations requested.

RESTRICTED KITS:

- The sexual assault kit tracking system indicates there are a total of 218 restricted sexual assault kits in law enforcement possession.