

# SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT PROCESSING (HB200) ANNUAL REPORT

## Utah Bureau of Forensic Services

### FY2021



#### SUBMISSIONS:

- From July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services (UBFS) received **1,245 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	239	299	811	139	1,488
# of outsourced sexual assault kits completed*	0	0	17	541	558
<b>Total # of sexual assault kits completed</b>					<b>2,046</b>

\*When sexual assault kits are outsourced, the DNA testing is performed by a vendor lab whose methods have been approved by UBFS and meet all accreditation requirements. After testing is completed, UBFS has to technically and administratively review all data and determine CODIS eligibility for each case.

- The state crime laboratory eliminated the backlog of sexual assault kits during this fiscal year and announced the end of the backlog in September 2020.
- The crime laboratory's goal for FY2021 was to reach a state where 90% of sexual assault kit DNA submissions were processed in 30 days or less. The crime lab reached its goal in May 2021.
- The state crime laboratory is processing sexual assault kits in real-time, and in June 2021 the median turnaround time for processing kits submitted during that month was 28 days.
- 4 sexual assault kit submissions were determined to be Priority 1 cases, and 100% of those cases were completed in 30 days or less.
  - The median turnaround time for Priority 1 completions was 5 days.

#### GOALS:

- The crime laboratory's goals for FY2022 are to bring biology services online in the southern laboratory and to continue reducing turnaround times.

#### APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS:

- In FY2021, the crime laboratory received an appropriation of \$1.6 million which provided additional personnel needed in the central lab to reduce turnaround times and provided funding to build a crime lab in the southern part of Utah.
- During the FY2022 legislative session, the crime laboratory received an appropriation of \$600,000. This will provide personnel needed to perform forensic services in the southern laboratory.

#### RESTRICTED KITS:

- The sexual assault kit tracking system indicates there are 60 restricted sexual assault kits being held by law enforcement.