

## How FOIA Requesters Fared by Department/Agency, 2006

Department/Agency	Requests				Decision Made				
	Received	Processed	Yearend Backlog	Percent	Granted in Full	Partial Grant	Percent Granted	Denied	Other
Agriculture	59,071	59,065	1,868	3%	53,472	2,225	94%	1,034	2,334
Commerce	2,018	1,987	309	16%	672	382	53%	136	797
Defense	82,691	72,266	18,216	25%	35,452	12,886	67%	2,370	28,538
Education	1,958	1,904	539	28%	795	772	82%	44	343
Energy	3,609	3,861	910	24%	2,913	306	83%	25	617
Homeland Sec.	137,871	111,943	108,472	97%	13,296	53,222	59%	1,126	39,915
HUD	3,847	2,631	4,941	188%	1,212	371	60%	87	961
Interior	4,804	5,086	1,481	29%	2,443	1,186	71%	137	1,565
Justice	53,992	54,925	8,004	15%	19,537	7,045	48%	1,653	11,407
Labor	23,194	23,608	906	4%	9,046	6,954	68%	1,880	5,188
State	4,937	3,866	3,799	98%	418	864	33%	159	2,405
Transport.	8,867	8,758	2,197	25%	3,401	2,274	65%	265	2,818
Treasury	38,559	39,518	3,924	10%	22,966	2,959	66%	371	13,222
AID	276	458	267	58%	73	78	33%	16	291
CIA	2,500	2,579	896	35%	267	939	47%	495	878
CPSC	4,700	4,728	84	2%	3,753	465	89%	92	1
EEOC	16,875	16,936	1,779	11%	973	10,787	69%	1,758	3,418
EPA	11,667	12,685	1,973	16%	4,204	612	38%	70	7,799
GSA	1,440	1,454	79	5%	905	161	73%	23	365
NARA	9,695	8,884	7,193	81%	454	161	7%	23	365
NASA	1,238	1,132	241	21%	387	334	64%	50	361
NLRB	4,869	5,553	269	5%	3,402	478	70%	246	427
NRC	320	364	36	10%	141	108	68%	14	101
NSF	328	340	5	1%	29	245	81%	8	58
SEC	8,961	8,268	10,403	126%	2,065	181	27%	405	5,618
SBA	6,259	6,245	46	1%	5,678	202	94%	71	294
Subtotal	494,546	459,044	178,837	39%	187,954	106,197	64%	12,558	130,086
HHS	258,152	256,573	26,063	10%	240,747	752	94%	2,236	14,535
OPM	12,528	16,267	925	6%	10,856	4,841	96%	67	503
SSA	18,691,091	18,691,303	1,156	0%	18,689,562	298	100%	458	1,045
VA	1,938,206	1,937,088	38,696	2%	1,862,591	6,184	96%	19,090	684
Subtotal	20,899,977	20,901,231	66,840	0%	20,803,756	12,075	100%	21,851	16,767

**KEY:**      Average and Above      Average and Below

## Days Requesters Waited for Agency Response, 2006

Department/ Agency	Type of Request and Processing Time						
	Simple Request	Median Days	Complex Request	Median Days	Expedited Request	Number Granted	Median Days
Agriculture	54,693	2 \ 100	4,117	8 \ 912	255	NR	2 \ 15
Commerce	1,508	12	471	45	8	8	44
Defense	64,749	17	13,809	5 \ 15	708	955	NR
Education	1,701	15 \ 478	188	13 \ 279	15	NR	1 \ 15
Energy	3,361	2 \ 108	442	34 \ 431	58	NR	2 \ 6
Homeland Sec.	80,538	2 \ 365	30,176	17 \ 232	1,229	1,674	7 \ 233
HUD	950	60	150	145	50	NR	9 \ 80
Interior	144	2 \ 89	278	4 \ 79	39	NR	2 \ 28
Justice	47,627	1 \ 109	6,957	12 \ 510	341	845	3 \ 98
Labor	16,009	3 \ 30	6,946	4 \ 44	113	NR	3 \ 19
State	1,357	54	2,493	210	16	NR	232
Transportation	5,161	1 \ 36	3,516	14 \ 142	81	NR	9 \ 60
Treasury	8,076	2 \ 24	31,434	3 \ 224	8	NR	1 \ 9
AID	455	127	NR	NR	3	3	46
CIA	395	7	2,184	59	0	40	NR
CPSC	4,263	6	465	45	0	4	NR
EEOC	16,508	19	0	0	428	748	4
EPA	12,335	15 \ 101	332	40 \ 156	18	NR	8 \ 81
GSA	NR	0	1,454	16	0	0	NR
NARA	8,667	5	215	20	2	8	21
NASA	701	5 \ 140	422	7 \ 91	9	NR	1 \ 60
NLRB	4,553	6	0	0	0	0	NR
NRC	327	13	35	230	2	NR	7
NSF	340	18	0	0	0	0	NR
SEC	6,809	15	1,459	706	0	0	NR
SBA	6,245	7	NR	NR	0	0	NR
HHS	49,948	70	0	473	0	0	0
OPM	NR	NR	12,528	12/75	NR	NR	NR
SSA	362	13	1,415	30	0	0	0
SSA Outsourced	18,656,701	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SSA Fast Track	1,402	9	1,415	30	0	0	0
VA	NR	NR	1,915,531	1/73	21,557		1 \ 20

**KEY:** Missed Response Deadline      NR=Not Reported

**NOTE:** Agencies are required to respond to all requests within 20 working days. Those agencies that reported a median response time beyond the 20 days are highlighted. Some agencies report only by component unit, providing no agency total. In those instances, the "Median Day" figures shown reflect the lowest and highest response times reported by components. We've used the latter in determining agency compliance. **Social Security** did not report Median Days for requests processed in its 1,400 field offices. Also, it reports a fourth, Fast Track category.

## The Results of FOIA Appeals by Agency, 2006

Department/Agency	Appeals Received	Appeals Processed	Backlog	Percent Backlog	Full Grant	Partial Grant	Percent Granted	Denial Upheld	Other*
Agriculture	213	165	48	29%	29	37	40%	45	54
Commerce	71	84	0	0%	6	12	21%	28	38
Defense	1,010	747	263	35%	23	111	18%	324	289
Education	18	29	0	0%	3	8	31%	13	5
Energy	54	50	4	8%	2	6	16%	11	31
Homeland Sec.	1,346	950	396	42%	29	95	13%	282	544
HUD	45	35	10	29%	3	2	14%	18	12
Interior	216	167	49	29%	11	18	17%	64	74
Justice	3,278	1,970	1,308	66%	10	75	4%	578	1,307
Labor	336	303	33	11%	18	95	37%	42	148
State	264	138	126	91%	4	54	42%	76	4
Transportation	104	136	0	0%	14	28	31%	32	62
Treasury	328	360	0	0%	6	46	14%	296	12
AID	7	4	3	75%	0	0	0%	1	291
CIA	166	203	0	0%	7	31	19%	115	50
CPSC	29	29	0	0%	0	5	17%	23	1
EEOC	321	321	0	0%	17	125	44%	98	81
EPA	114	202	0	0%	11	42	26%	82	65
GSA	27	27	0	0%	4	8	44%	10	5
NARA	26	13	13	100%	1	2	23%	3	7
NASA	14	13	1	8%	1	2	23%	4	6
NLRB	24	23	1	4%	1	4	22%	14	4
NRC	10	11	0	0%	2	3	45%	2	101
NSF	7	7	0	0%	1	0	14%	4	2
SEC	420	334	86	26%	25	25	15%	179	115
SBA	29	33	0	-12%	1	8	27%	7	17
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,477</b>	<b>6,354</b>	<b>2,337</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>3,325</b>
<b>HHS</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>OPM</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>SSA</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>VA</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>225</b>

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\*Other: Agencies list various other reasons for non-disclosure including "request withdrawn", "referral", "fee-related", "not reasonably described", "not a proper FOIA request", "not an agency record", "duplicate request", and "available from another source".

## The Use of Exemptions in Denying FOIA Requests, 2006

Department/ Agency	Total Cited		Exemption Cited													
	2005	2006	1	2	3	4	5	6	7a	7b	7c	7d	7e	7f	8	9
Agriculture	3,063	3,536	0	120	49	280	400	1,722	131	7	796	13	12	6	0	0
Commerce	614	650	6	60	148	125	133	137	17	2	31	1	5	1	0	1
Defense	23,884	25,027	1,931	2,524	2,664	1,438	1,698	9,698	447	39	4,501	430	55	47	2	0
Education	1,281	1,432	0	423	10	233	82	462	82	0	216	0	6	0	0	0
Energy	363	408	13	47	32	83	59	160	6	0	14	0	0	0	0	0
Homeland Sec.	135,433	175,925	46	36,676	366	406	33,705	30,523	1,073	67	48,098	490	25,399	149	0	0
HUD	717	624	0	21	23	102	111	302	20	0	37	1	0	7	0	0
Interior	3,341	1,559	5	85	45	169	345	718	42	2	138	15	18	14	1	4
Justice	19,142	20,630	769	3,357	910	129	1,678	4,141	420	40	5,461	2,548	877	720	0	0
Labor	22,135	23,757	0	946	28	4,220	5,240	2,228	1,701	103	5,206	3,244	805	1	1	34
State	1,814	2,399	785	128	467	62	316	522	50	0	67	17	29	6	0	0
Transportation	2,845	2,965	2	64	33	244	492	1,507	108	7	494	109	12	1	0	0
Treasury	8,018	6,407	5	173	2,334	250	662	932	500	3	1,026	61	867	10	84	0
AID	106	125	2	1	17	40	25	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
CIA	2,343	2,134	703	93	942	17	83	172	3	1	48	30	43	2	0	0
CPSC	935	760	0	0	231	177	323	16	130	0	0	10	3	0	0	0
EEOC	15,744	14,796	0	132	1,576	11	10,574	454	749	1	1,941	107	0	0	0	0
EPA	1,309	882	0	46	21	320	262	131	118	0	56	24	22	0	0	0
GSA	158	225	1	36	11	121	17	39	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NARA	175	114	29	11	12	8	10	35	0	0	4	3	2	0	0	0
NASA	528	513	1	64	56	249	65	52	7	0	16	4	3	3	0	0
NLRB	1,262	1,131	0	51	0	18	215	307	236	0	302	226	12	0	0	0
NRC	187	220	3	34	5	31	57	36	17	0	49	2	3	0	0	0
NSF	295	364	0	0	9	77	20	236	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0
SEC	982	853	0	31	2	71	49	73	564	0	25	0	5	0	33	0
SBA	316	323	0	10	0	152	74	86	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>246,990</b>	<b>285,335</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>45,133</b>	<b>9,991</b>	<b>9,033</b>	<b>56,695</b>	<b>54,728</b>	<b>6,424</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>68,550</b>	<b>7,335</b>	<b>28,173</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>39</b>
HHS	3,832	3,496	0	24	57	436	201	2,581	106	1	66	15	10	0	0	0
OPM	1,443	4,873	237	114	0	6	27	2,211	1	1	2,185	9	83	0	0	0
SSA	689	725	0	116	56	19	121	400	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
VA	11,444	24,479	0	31	3,678	509	184	19,768	21	14	265	3	1	5	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,408</b>	<b>33,573</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>3,791</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>24,960</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>KEY:</b>	Increase from 2005															

## Other Reasons Cited by Agencies for Nondisclosure, 2006

Department/ Agency	2005	2006	No Records	Referrals	Request Withdrawn	Fee Related Reason	Not Reasonably Described	Not a Proper Request	Not an Agency Record	Duplicate Request	All Other
Agriculture	2,208	2,334	901	386	278	95	55	43	335	67	174
Commerce	661	797	285	63	77	195	64	16	25	11	61
Defense	25,116	28,538	7,301	10,436	2,761	723	714	2,330	1,007	1,394	1,872
Education	608	343	151	6	120	10	13	15	5	23	0
Energy	388	617	285	39	91	68	46	21	30	10	27
Homeland Sec.	48,037	44,299	9,160	8,232	1,640	309	436	806	9,538	9,794	4,384
HUD	1,013	961	118	273	213	60	11	196	35	55	0
Interior	1,318	1,320	458	164	150	69	118	57	29	30	245
Justice	24,153	26,690	17,071	647	1,122	1,229	1,965	1,455	677	1,203	1,321
Labor	5,579	5,188	3,260	715	243	128	175	50	120	326	171
State	2,329	2,405	522	513	127	0	0	158	0	46	1,039
Transportation	3,254	2,818	1,580	193	578	150	20	70	136	29	39
Treasury	24,546	514	49	292	60	2	31	2	0	48	30
AID	55	291	99	0	155	5	1	2	0	5	24
CIA	1,120	878	370	80	121	85	18	79	8	25	92
CPSC	412	418	170	180	26	10	0	0	0	32	0
EEOC	2,667	3,418	1,284	335	199	95	17	159	43	113	1,173
EPA	5,110	7,799	6,210	48	735	38	113	12	13	112	518
GSA	312	365	79	35	116	32	44	13	28	7	11
NARA	8,333	8,349	7,990	112	25	1	76	38	10	29	68
NASA	475	361	98	128	43	2	24	18	20	8	20
NLRB	637	427	131	110	114	15	21	20	6	0	10
NRC	125	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
NSF	29	58	29	3	16	3	5	0	0	0	2
SEC	4,586	5,618	4,593	472	269	141	10	11	17.00	83	22
SBA	329	294	132	27	38	16	34	3	35	6	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>163,400</b>	<b>145,104</b>	<b>62,327</b>	<b>23,486</b>	<b>9,319</b>	<b>3,393</b>	<b>3,975</b>	<b>5,334</b>	<b>12,066</b>	<b>13,426</b>	<b>11,232</b>
HHS	14,534	14,535	4,537	1,047	2,736	653	2,312	888	34	260	408
OPM	839	503	386	51	26	7	10	5	1	3	14
SSA	1,194	1,045	229	0	0	83	26	0	0	47	660
VA	44,560	49,219	12,155	8,011	13,497	1,171	1,017	3,504	2,039	7,145	680
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>61,127</b>	<b>65,302</b>	<b>17,307</b>	<b>9,109</b>	<b>16,259</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>4,397</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>7,408</b>	<b>1,762</b>

## FOIA Processing Costs, Workforce, Efficiency, Litigation Costs, 2006

Department/ Agency	Processing Costs	Requests Processed	Cost per Request	FTEs	Requests per FTE	Litigation Costs
Agriculture	\$10,990,198	59,065	\$186	206	287	\$335,371
Commerce	\$1,742,222	1,987	\$877	19	105	\$269,824
Defense	\$64,181,003	72,266	\$888	824	88	\$2,695,976
Education	\$2,502,689	1,904	\$1,314	27	71	0
Energy	\$3,992,699	3,861	\$1,034	67	58	\$139,543
Homeland Sec.	\$27,384,371	111,943	\$245	1,031	109	\$627,704
HUD	\$2,408,504	2,631	\$915.43	41	64	\$9,350
Interior	\$7,895,813	5,086	\$1,552.46	125	41	\$121,580
Justice	\$43,529,174	54,925	\$793	459	120	\$6,916,623
Labor	\$15,787,200	23,608	\$669	179	132	\$168,000
State	\$5,471,349	3,866	\$1,415	108	36	\$171,177
Transportation	\$7,500,350	8,758	\$856	72	122	\$109,848
Treasury	\$12,231,174	39,518	\$310	116	341	\$508,009
AID	\$740,000	458	\$1,616	7	65	0
CIA	\$8,870,000	2,579	\$3,439	75	34	\$1,190,000
CPSC	\$1,011,376	4,728	\$214	10	473	\$23,437
EEOC	\$2,499,564	16,936	\$148	46	368	\$25,973
EPA	\$10,075,991	12,685	\$794	277	46	\$4,206,070
GSA	\$1,334,000	1,454	\$917	18	81	\$6,000
NARA	\$2,622,615	8,884	\$295	32	278	NR
NASA	\$1,473,386	1,132	\$1,302	22	51	\$13,403
NLRB	\$734,538	5,553	\$132	7	761	\$18,630
NRC	\$1,060,923	364	\$2,915	5	73	0
NSF	\$241,816	340	\$711	2	227	0
SEC	\$4,283,262	8,268	\$518	40	207	\$195,671
SBA	\$1,050,777	6,245	\$168	15	414	\$4,964
Subtotal	\$241,614,994	459,044	\$526	3,830	120	\$17,757,153
HHS	\$18,560,804	257,573	\$72.06	255	1,006	\$1,015,390
OPM	\$2,005,292	16,267	\$123.27	21	794	\$24,514
SSA	\$29,105,523	18,691,303	\$1.56	404	NA	\$48,307
VA	\$47,691,463	1,937,088	\$24.62	752	2,576	\$24,375
Subtotal	\$338,978,076	20,902,231	\$16.22	1,432	14,601	\$1,112,586
Total	\$436,341,158	21,361,275	\$20.43	5,343	23,718	\$18,869,739

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<b>FOIA Request Fees Collected; Litigation Costs, 2006</b>		
<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Percent of Total Costs</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>\$104,989</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Commerce</b>	<b>\$83,667</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Defense</b>	<b>\$518,002</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$22,728</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Energy</b>	<b>\$18,541</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Homeland Sec.</b>	<b>\$323,575</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>HUD</b>	<b>\$50,723</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Interior</b>	<b>\$94,551</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Justice</b>	<b>\$134,165</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Labor</b>	<b>\$316,404</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>\$7,571</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>\$212,223</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Treasury</b>	<b>\$619,242</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>AID</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>CIA</b>	<b>\$4,733</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>CPSC</b>	<b>\$2,440</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>EEOC</b>	<b>\$23,949</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>EPA</b>	<b>\$327,386</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>GSA</b>	<b>\$47,839</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>NARA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>NASA</b>	<b>\$16,976</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>NLRB</b>	<b>\$86,913</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>NRC</b>	<b>\$28,450</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>NSF</b>	<b>\$1,681</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>SEC</b>	<b>\$72,515</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>SBA</b>	<b>\$21,573</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,142,486</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>HHS</b>	<b>\$748,654</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>OPM</b>	<b>\$2,043</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>SSA</b>	<b>\$7,978,575</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>VA</b>	<b>\$1,070,285</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,799,557</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,942,043</b>	<b>3%</b>