

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BACKLOG PROJECTIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008, 2009, AND 2010**

The Department of Justice establishes the following goals with respect to the numbers of FOIA requests and administrative appeals to be processed for the next three fiscal years as well as the number of requests and number of appeals it expects to be pending beyond the statutory time period at the end of each fiscal year for Fiscal Years 2008, 2009, and 2010. The projections are shown below, on a component-by-component basis.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY¹

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	355	1025	1095	285

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	285	1025	1095	215
2010	215	1025	1095	145

¹ The Office of Information and Privacy (OIP) processes Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) requests for records it maintains as well as records maintained by the following seven senior leadership offices in the Department of Justice: Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Associate Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison, Office of Legislative Affairs, and Office of Public Affairs. These goals include the FOIA processing projections for those Offices as well as for OIP.

OIP, as the administrative appellate authority for the Department of Justice, established the Department's projections for appeals.

Appeals

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Appeals at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Appeals Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	1580	3500	4200	880

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Appeals Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	880	3500	4200	180
2010	180	3500	3680	0

ANTITRUST DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	48	119	128	39

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	39	119	122	36
2010	36	119	122	33

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

Requests

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2008	102	1525	1570	60

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	60	1500	1520	50
2010	50	1450	1480	35

CIVIL DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	14	475	480	9

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	9	500	504	5
2010	5	500	505	0

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	41	650	656	35

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	35	650	656	29
2010	29	650	656	23

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	832	1043	1180	695

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	695	1063	1215	543
2010	543	1083	1240	386

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	378	1757	1757	289

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	289	1721	1777	233
2010	233	1705	1800	138

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	26	130	134	19-17

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	19	130	134	17-15
2010	17	130	134	15-11

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION REVIEW

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	961	11,808	11,950	815

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	815	12,200	12,320	695
2010	695	12,750	12,850	595

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	1705	4250	4300	1420

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	1420	4250	4300	1370
2010	1370	4250	4300	1320

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES TRUSTEES

Requests

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2008	15	60	68	7

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	7	60	67	0
2010	0	60	60	0

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	1954	13,200	13,200	1500*

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	1500	13,200	13,300	1400*
2010	1400	13,200	13,500	1300*

* The FBI has a comprehensive program to enhance its record keeping processes, including the development of the new Central Records Complex (CRC) in Winchester, Va. These initiatives will significantly improve the FOIPA section's search and record-retrieval capabilities by increasing search accuracy, by decreasing search time, and by reducing lost files, missing serials, and the manual movement of files. When complete, the overall impact will be to reduce even further the FBI's FOIPA numbers and processing times. The FBI is in the process of moving to interim facilities in Winchester and is building and training a new work force in expectation of moving into the CRC in 2010. While in the process of this move, the FBI is experiencing a loss of experienced employees. This loss of employees during the transition to Winchester impacts the FBI's ability to reduce in the near term the number of pending requests. Nevertheless, the FBI is striving to reduce the number of pending requests and processing times to the greatest extent possible.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	1017	13,612	13,162	650

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	650	13,712	13,262	600
2010	600	13,812	13,362	575

JUSTICE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	33	400	413	20

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	20	420	422	18
2010	18	430	436	12

NATIONAL DRUG INTELLIGENCE CENTER

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	6	50	54	2

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	2	50	52	0
2010	0	50	50	0

NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	20	300	290	30 ¹

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	30	320	325	25
2010	25	340	350	15

¹ The National Security Division (NSD) is newly created and consolidates the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review with two components of the Criminal Division, Counterterrorism and Counterespionage. Accordingly, the NSD does not have prior statistical data on which it can accurately estimate the number of requests it anticipates receiving and processing in the coming years. Due to this recent consolidation of FOIA activity, the NSD anticipates ending Fiscal Year 2008 with a backlog of 30, and then steadily reducing it thereafter.

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL DETENTION TRUSTEE

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	1	39	39	0

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	0	39	39	0
2010	0	39	39	0

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Requests

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2008	17	207	213	11

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	11	205	208	8
2010	8	209	213	4

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	28	381	392	22

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	22	381	392	11
2010	11	381	392	0

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	19	45	60	5

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	5	45	50	0
2010	0	45	45	0

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	13	75	65	10

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	10	80	71	9
2010	9	85	77	8

TAX DIVISION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	5	225	220	2

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	2	220	216	1
2010	1	215	212	0

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	28	1100	1113	0

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	0	1100	1100	0
2010	0	1100	1100	0

U.S. PAROLE COMMISSION

Requests

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	48	878	889	37

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY
2009	37	860	863	34
2010	34	843	847	30

CONCLUSION

The following components were not required to establish projections because they did not have any requests pending beyond the statutory time period at the beginning of FY08: Community Relations Service, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Office of Dispute Resolution, Office of the Pardon Attorney, Office of the Solicitor General, Office on Violence Against Women, Professional Responsibility Advisory Office, and INTERPOL-U.S. National Central Bureau.