

MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE
CRIME LABORATORY
QUARTERLY REPORT
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1. Reporting Requirements

Pursuant to Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022 (hereinafter “Governor’s General Appropriation Act for FY2023”), line item 8100-1004, the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory (MSPCL) is required to submit quarterly reports to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means that shall include, but not be limited to:

- i) the caseload of each lab;
- ii) all relevant information regarding turnaround time and backlogs by type of case; and
- iii) the accreditation status of each lab.

2. Caseload and Turnaround Time Metrics

The Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory (MSPCL) is a statewide service comprised of various sections that provide professional forensic services to the Commonwealth's criminal justice system. The MSPCL generates snapshot metrics regarding caseload, backlog and turnaround time for all sections of the MSPCL.

The MSPCL produces monthly reports that provide an overview of the work being performed in each unit, as follows:

- **Assigned (to section):** The number of case assignments that have been cleared for testing and are awaiting assignment to an analyst. This count is taken on the last day of the month.
- **Assigned (to analyst):** The number of case assignments assigned to an analyst with testing in progress. This count is taken on the last day of the month.
- **Completed Reports:** The number of case assignments completed in that month.
- **Turn Around Time (TAT) Section:** The average time, in days, from receipt of the case to completion of testing, calculated from all case assignments completed in that month.
- **Turn Around Time (TAT) Analyst:** The average time, in days, from assignment of the case to an analyst to completion of testing, calculated from all case assignments completed in that month.
- **Case Backlog:** The total work queue in the unit, comprised of all case assignments with testing in progress and case assignments awaiting testing. This count is taken on the last day of the month.

Below, please find the reports for January, February, and March of 2024 to fulfill the required quarterly reporting.

a. Forensic Biology Sections

The Forensic Biology Sections of the MSPCL examine biological samples of forensic evidence and consists of the Trace/Arsons and Explosives Unit, the Criminalistics Unit, the DNA Unit, CODIS (or Combined DNA Index System), and the Crime Scene Response Unit. The Forensic Biology Section is also responsible for examining the sexual assault evidence collection kits (SAECKs) received at the MSPCL.

The Trace/Arson and Explosives Unit examines and compares many types of evidence to find possible sources of evidence. Trace analysis examination includes but is not limited to hairs, fibers, glass, polymers, physical match examinations, and restoration of serial numbers on firearms. The Criminalistics Unit may first examine these materials, and then forward them to the Trace/Arson and Explosives Unit.

Arson and explosives analysis includes identifying ignitable liquid evidence from a suspicious fire, identifying explosives or explosive residues from a bombing scene, reconstructing components of bombing devices, and testing samples for gunshot primer residues. State, local and federal authorities may recover these materials and submit them to the Trace/Arson and Explosives Unit for analysis.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
ARSON AND TRACE UNITS						
January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	53	39	24			169
Arson	28	35	21	111	38	54
Trace	25	4	3	192	64	116

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
ARSON AND TRACE UNITS						
February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	39	29	38			169
Arson	26	26	32	51	28	46
Trace	13	3	6	114	70	123

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
ARSON AND TRACE UNITS						
March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	38	19	31			165
Arson	28	17	30	43	22	39
Trace	10	2	1	60	60	126

The Criminalistics Section analyzes physical and biological evidence submitted to the MSPCL. They perform presumptive testing for the presence of blood, semen, saliva, urine, feces. They perform confirmatory testing for blood and semen. This Section also performs chemical testing for gunshot residues and distance determination.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
CRIMINALISTICS UNIT*						
January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		*Case Backlog
TOTAL	229	508	375	247	12	1848
Maynard	82	215	176	294	11	793
Danvers	42	78	64	160	12	275
Springfield	50	142	91	271	12	380
Lakeville	55	73	44	141	15	402

* Case backlog includes sexual assault collection kit backlog.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
CRIMINALISTICS UNIT*						
February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		*Case Backlog
TOTAL	245	439	427	177	10	1770
Maynard	69	191	199	225	10	734
Danvers	49	91	74	172	10	261
Springfield	75	94	86	130	9	383
Lakeville	52	63	68	108	10	396

* Case backlog includes sexual assault collection kit backlog.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
CRIMINALISTICS UNIT*						
March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		*Case Backlog
TOTAL	469	427	329	168	10	1885
Maynard	201	162	132	229	10	814
Danvers	75	89	70	163	12	253
Springfield	103	110	78	97	10	409
Lakeville	90	66	49	108	8	418

* Case backlog includes sexual assault collection kit backlog.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY
SEXUAL ASSAULT COLLECTION KIT MONTHLY REVIEW*

January 2024

SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT)		Kit Case Backlog
				Section / Analyst		
TOTAL	62	64	55	12	8	29
Maynard	21	19	18	13	9	13
Danvers	11	11	11	13	8	6
Springfield	11	13	10	12	8	6
Lakeville	19	21	16	11	7	4

* Includes sexual assault collection kits submitted under any case type.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY
SEXUAL ASSAULT COLLECTION KIT MONTHLY REVIEW*

February 2024

SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT)		Kit Case Backlog
				Section / Analyst		
TOTAL	55	56	56	11	6	27
Maynard	20	19	16	13	6	15
Danvers	13	15	15	12	6	5
Springfield	10	11	13	11	7	3
Lakeville	12	11	12	9	7	4

* Includes sexual assault collection kits submitted under any case type.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY
SEXUAL ASSAULT COLLECTION KIT MONTHLY REVIEW*

March 2024

SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT)		Kit Case Backlog
				Section / Analyst		
TOTAL	69	68	59	10	7	29
Maynard	31	32	25	10	7	16
Danvers	9	8	9	11	6	4
Springfield	11	11	12	10	8	2
Lakeville	18	17	13	7	6	7

* Includes sexual assault collection kits submitted under any case type.

The DNA Unit analyzes forensic samples associated with a criminal investigation. Samples may include blood, semen, saliva, and hairs. The Unit also process known DNA samples from suspects and victims associated with the case. DNA profiles may be entered into the state and national DNA database (CODIS). They compare DNA profiles and forensic samples to potential suspects or victims to find biological matches. The DNA analysts perform statistical analysis, make written reports of their findings, and testify in court as necessary.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
DNA UNIT						
January 2024						
Section	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	599	542	536			2237
Database Unit	123	108	107	14	8	57
DNA	255	164	217	143	92	767
DNA Sendout	154	154	146	17	17	137
External Review	67	116	66	120	42	1310

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
DNA UNIT						
February 2024						
Section	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	643	503	429			2248
Database Unit	91	83	92	14	9	50
DNA	170	114	183	160	119	711
DNA Sendout	110	109	77	15	15	165
External Review	272	197	77	116	42	1362

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
DNA UNIT						
March 2024						
Section	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	877	612	498			2405
Database Unit	144	121	104	12	6	85
DNA	302	155	192	109	71	776
DNA Sendout	130	132	133	27	27	149
External Review	301	204	69	135	43	1470

CODIS (or Combined DNA Index System) is the state and national database for DNA samples. After an offender's identity and relevant criminal history is verified, the DNA Unit tests their DNA sample. The Unit then enters their profile into the state and national database.

CODIS HIT STATISTICS						
January 2024						
Section	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT)		Case Backlog
				Section / Analyst		
CODIS Hit Notifications	52	52	39	31	31	46
BOP Verification	33	33	37	10	10	6
Print Verification	34	34	29	7	7	7
DNA Verification	33	31	37	9	6	4

CODIS Collection Statistics			
	Month	Year to Date	TOTAL
TOTAL Forensic Profiles Uploaded	116	116	17,735
MSP Forensic Profiles	102	102	13,475
BPD Forensic Profiles	14	14	4,260
CO Collected	342	342	166,118
CO Uploaded (State)	479	479	163,915
CO Uploaded (National)	479	479	163,915

CODIS HIT STATISTICS

February 2024

Section	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
CODIS Hit Notifications	60	60	43	28	28	57
BOP Verification	42	42	40	7	7	8
Print Verification	43	43	47	5	5	2
DNA Verification	43	46	34	12	7	10

CODIS Collection Statistics

	Month	Year to Date	TOTAL
TOTAL Forensic Profiles Uploaded	133	249	17,865
MSP Forensic Profiles	111	213	13,583
BPD Forensic Profiles	22	36	4,282
CO Collected	316	660	166,434
CO Uploaded (State)	261	740	164,176
CO Uploaded (National)	261	740	164,176

CODIS HIT STATISTICS

March 2024

Section	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
CODIS Hit Notifications	74	74	62	28	28	63
BOP Verification	49	49	57	9	9	0
Print Verification	55	55	50	6	6	7
DNA Verification	51	55	58	9	5	3

CODIS Collection Statistics

	Month	Year to Date	TOTAL
TOTAL Forensic Profiles Uploaded	129	378	17,991
MSP Forensic Profiles	107	320	13,687
BPD Forensic Profiles	22	58	4,304
CO Collected	334	1,019	166,720
CO Uploaded (State)	190	930	164,365
CO Uploaded (National)	190	930	164,365

The Crime Scene Response Unit manages documenting and collecting of biological evidence from crime scenes. The types of crimes this unit works with includes homicides, armed robberies, sexual assaults, motor vehicle accidents, and breaking and entering.

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE UNIT						
January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	30	30	47	20	19	23
Northern	13	13	25	21	21	6
Southern	10	10	14	23	23	13
Western	7	7	8	8	8	4

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE UNIT						
February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	32	32	31	21	21	23
Northern	13	13	13	22	22	6
Southern	12	12	9	31	31	15
Western	7	7	9	11	11	2

FORENSIC BIOLOGY SECTION SUMMARY						
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE UNIT						
March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	38	38	35	24	24	24
Northern	16	16	10	21	21	10
Southern	15	15	19	31	31	11
Western	7	7	6	12	12	3

b. Forensic Chemistry Sections

The Forensic Chemistry sections examine evidence to identify criminal drug or alcohol use and consist of the Drug Identification Unit, the Toxicology and Postmortem Toxicology Units, and the Office of Alcohol Testing (OAT).

The Drug Identification Unit analyzes all substances seized by law enforcement. The laboratory identifies these materials to determine if they contain controlled or non-controlled substances. The most common substances identified at the drug laboratory include Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription drugs. The Drug Identification Unit may also respond to investigations of possible illegal drug labs. The Unit provides technical support to law enforcement in these investigations.

DRUG IDENTIFICATION UNIT						
January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	751	530	489	123	19	8,987
Sudbury	550	384	349	136	22	7,083
Springfield	201	146	140	89	11	1,904

DRUG IDENTIFICATION UNIT						
February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	767	402	483	144	23	8,648
Sudbury	570	281	370	149	26	6,667
Springfield	197	121	113	129	13	1,981

DRUG IDENTIFICATION UNIT						
March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	916	479	425	127	17	9,106
Sudbury	660	322	267	147	22	7,041
Springfield	256	157	158	93	9	2,065

The Toxicology Unit conducts testing of blood and urine samples for cases of drivers thought to be operating under the influence (OUI) and samples from individuals to detect evidence of drug use. The Postmortem Forensic Toxicology Laboratory tests samples received from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to detect evidence of drug use. These samples include blood, urine, vitreous humor, and postmortem tissue.

TOXICOLOGY UNIT						
January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	648	662	381			1206
Toxicology	62	63	28	54	48	210
Toxicology (PMT)	573	593	339	47	45	956
Toxicology (OAT)	13	6	14	40	33	41

TOXICOLOGY UNIT						
February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	589	550	316			1468
Toxicology	65	67	30	58	53	240
Toxicology (PMT)	516	474	278	62	60	1191
Toxicology (OAT)	8	9	8	27	6	39

TOXICOLOGY UNIT						
March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	549	506	555			1431
Toxicology	84	47	29	110	105	268
Toxicology (PMT)	453	453	518	68	67	1123
Toxicology (OAT)	12	6	8	32	19	42

The Office of Alcohol Testing (OAT) oversees the state breath test program. The office certifies all breath test instruments that the state uses, approves and distributes all control standards used with breath test instruments, and sets the standards for breath test training and certification for officers.

OFFICE OF ALCOHOL TESTING - MAYNARD CRIME LABORATORY		
January, February, March 2024		
BT COMPLETED CERTIFICATIONS	SIMULATORS VERIFIED	PBT ADJUSTMENT
113	25	384

c. Forensic Identification Sections

The Forensic Identification Section consists of the Firearms Identification Section and the Crime Scene Services Section.

The Firearms Identification Section examines evidence found at crime scenes related to firearms. This Section performs tests and identifies firearms and firearms-related evidence. Members of the unit respond to crime scenes to find out if a firearm played a role in a crime, examine and identify firearms evidence, show whether certain firearms are operable, and destroy firearms and ammunition as ordered by a court.

FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SECTION EXTERNAL AGENCY SUBMISSIONS January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	257	294	293	107	25	827
Maynard	73	76	81	109	19	212
Danvers	33	55	37	203	14	141
Springfield	64	73	64	100	32	292
Lakeville	87	90	111	78	28	183

FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SECTION EXTERNAL AGENCY SUBMISSIONS February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	216	276	205	118	30	827
Maynard	63	61	66	154	47	207
Danvers	34	55	39	107	26	137
Springfield	57	59	33	117	35	309
Lakeville	62	101	67	90	13	176

FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SECTION EXTERNAL AGENCY SUBMISSIONS March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	360	297	214	121	40	918
Maynard	88	73	84	161	55	191
Danvers	46	44	43	136	40	138
Springfield	136	75	25	99	55	395
Lakeville	90	105	62	65	14	197

**FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SECTION
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE
January 2024**

SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT)		Case Backlog
				Section	Analyst	
TOTAL	31	30	40	6	6	6
Maynard	9	8	7	1	1	5
Danvers	1	1	5	4	4	1
Springfield	8	8	11	9	8	0
Lakeville	13	13	17	7	7	0

**FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SECTION
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE
February 2024**

SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT)		Case Backlog
				Section	Analyst	
TOTAL	34	35	33	11	10	5
Maynard	9	10	12	15	13	2
Danvers	9	9	8	2	2	3
Springfield	4	4	5	20	20	0
Lakeville	12	12	8	8	8	0

**FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SECTION
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE
March 2024**

SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT)		Case Backlog
				Section	Analyst	
TOTAL	41	41	39	8	8	8
Maynard	6	6	8	18	18	2
Danvers	14	14	12	3	3	2
Springfield	7	7	5	5	4	4
Lakeville	14	14	14	9	9	0

The Crime Scene Services Section manages documenting and collecting evidence from crime scenes. This Section handles crime scene documentation, collection and processing of evidence at major crime scenes, crime scene photography and evidence processing, and recovery of latent fingerprint, footwear, and tire track evidence. The types of crimes this Section works with includes homicides, armed robberies, sexual assaults, suspicious deaths, motor vehicle accidents, and breaking and entering.

CRIME SCENE SERVICES SECTION EXTERNAL AGENCY SUBMISSIONS January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	195	228	285	106	29	765
Maynard	32	26	51	127	29	249
Danvers	41	42	52	56	26	75
Springfield	34	50	57	84	20	188
Central	21	31	34	101	26	48
Lakeville	30	25	32	108	70	57
Boston	31	47	47	173	19	130
Bourne	6	7	12	75	31	20

CRIME SCENE SERVICES SECTION EXTERNAL AGENCY SUBMISSIONS February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	181	257	250	171	26	681
Maynard	34	55	38	208	11	225
Danvers	25	24	30	94	17	70
Springfield	39	64	54	213	11	169
Central	25	31	38	270	71	46
Lakeville	28	32	32	32	21	45
Boston	27	44	44	180	22	115
Bourne	3	7	14	92	35	14

CRIME SCENE SERVICES SECTION EXTERNAL AGENCY SUBMISSIONS March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	199	175	161	152	36	707
Maynard	39	24	30	238	21	227
Danvers	36	25	28	43	23	78
Springfield	34	25	26	163	12	168
Central	21	31	25	193	65	52
Lakeville	40	27	16	70	50	60
Boston	26	34	23	195	59	113
Bourne	3	9	13	117	35	12

CRIME SCENE SERVICES SECTION						
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE						
January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	443	442	506	16	16	232
Maynard	56	56	75	37	37	38
Danvers	99	98	121	8	8	38
Springfield	69	69	68	9	9	22
Central	62	62	67	19	19	51
Lakeville	88	88	100	14	14	34
Boston	43	43	52	10	10	27
Bourne	26	26	23	15	15	24

CRIME SCENE SERVICES SECTION						
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE						
February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	367	368	455	14	14	161
Maynard	51	51	61	5	5	25
Danvers	68	69	89	12	12	23
Springfield	58	58	67	12	12	12
Central	45	45	56	27	27	46
Lakeville	71	71	86	11	11	22
Boston	45	45	51	23	23	21
Bourne	29	29	45	10	10	13

CRIME SCENE SERVICES SECTION						
CRIME SCENE RESPONSE						
March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Reports	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
TOTAL	455	455	373	16	15	239
Maynard	67	67	49	14	14	47
Danvers	85	85	71	16	13	38
Springfield	62	62	53	26	26	20
Central	55	55	29	14	14	70
Lakeville	123	123	110	15	15	31
Boston	39	39	37	9	9	22
Bourne	24	24	24	6	6	13

d. Forensic Support Sections

The Forensic Support Units review and support the MSPCL's functions and consist of the Evidence Control Unit, and the Case Management Unit.

The Evidence Control Unit provides support to all MSPCL Crime Laboratory units. The unit receives and logs all items submitted to the labs for testing, stores, packages, and transports items, following set standards, and electronically tracks items using the Laboratory Information Management System.

EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT SUMMARY				
Evidence Submissions & Returns – Evidence Unit (All Facilities)				
January 2024				
	Month Received	YTD Received	Month Returned	YTD Returned
Cases	2,036	2,036	1,609	1,609
Items	3,640	3,640	1,374	1,374
Containers	2,289	2,289	4,339	4,339

EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT SUMMARY				
Evidence Submissions & Returns – Evidence Unit (All Facilities)				
February 2024				
	Month Received	YTD Received	Month Returned	YTD Returned
Cases	2,307	4,343	1,171	2,780
Items	4,631	8,271	3,118	4,492
Containers	2,092	4,381	1,002	5,341

EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT SUMMARY				
Evidence Submissions & Returns – Evidence Unit (All Facilities)				
March 2024				
	Month Received	YTD Received	Month Returned	YTD Returned
Cases	2,342	6,685	1,858	4,638
Items	4,880	13,151	4,781	9,273
Containers	2,514	6,895	1,679	7,020

EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT SUMMARY	
Evidence Transport	
January 2024	
Number of Trips Between Facilities	134
Cases Transported	4,682
Containers/Packages/Files Transported	11,479
Miles Traveled	5,572
Travel Time (Hours)	106

EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT SUMMARY	
Evidence Transport	
February 2024	
Number of Trips Between Facilities	120
Cases Transported	3,971
Containers/Packages/Files Transported	9,027
Miles Traveled	5,217
Travel Time (Hours)	97

EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT SUMMARY	
Evidence Transport	
March 2024	
Number of Trips Between Facilities	128
Cases Transported	5,280
Containers/Packages/Files Transported	11,898
Miles Traveled	5,144
Travel Time (Hours)	100

The Case Management Unit is the MSPCL’s main point of contact with outside agencies. The Unit handles casework assignment and documentation for several units and also fulfills discovery requests for District Attorney’s Offices.

CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT						
January 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to Section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Discoveries	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
Discovery Requests	356	813	491	63	9	637

CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT						
February 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to Section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Discoveries	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
Discovery Requests	313	653	461	46	7	476

CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT						
March 2024						
SECTION	Assigned (to Section)	Assigned (to analyst)	Completed Discoveries	Turn Around Time (TAT) Section / Analyst		Case Backlog
Discovery Requests	329	601	488	35	7	309

3. Accreditation Status

The Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory (MSPCL) is a statewide service comprised of various sections that provide professional forensic services to the Commonwealth's criminal justice system. The MSPCL is composed of nine locations throughout the state with the main laboratory located in Maynard and satellite locations located in Sudbury, Danvers, Lakeville, Springfield, Worcester, Boston and Bourne, as well as a Long Term Evidence storage facility in Milford. The MSPCL Quality Assurance Unit oversees the labs' accreditation requirements. The Unit ensures that each of the MSPCL labs adhere to set standards. The review process includes yearly internal audits, correction and prevention measures, skill testing, and risk assessment. The MSPCL is currently accredited by ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB), formerly known as ASCLD/LAB, to the ASCLD/LAB – *International* Program. Please refer to Appendix A for the ANAB Certificate of Accreditation for a summary of the currently accredited locations and disciplines.