

Comparing Agency Backlog, 1998-2002-2006-2008

Department/ Agency	1998			2002			2006			2008		
	Requests Processed	Yearend Backlog	%	Requests Processed	Yearend Backlog	%	Requests Processed	Yearend Backlog	%	Requests Processed	Yearend Backlog	%
Agriculture	88,204	1,506	2%	78,062	2,012	3%	59,065	1,868	3%	12,650	1,678	13%
Commerce	2,283	157	7%	2,063	298	14%	1,987	309	16%	1,885	256	14%
Defense	106,191	10,240	10%	76,943	12,543	16%	72,266	18,216	25%	71,699	14,660	20%
Education	1,679	137	8%	1,718	219	13%	1,904	539	28%	2,236	344	15%
Energy	2,314	741	32%	3,319	1027	31%	3,861	910	24%	1,714	311	18%
Homeland Sec	Department Not Established until 2003						111,943	108,472	97%	109,028	83,742	77%
HUD	3,354	1,456	43%	4,171	671	16%	2,631	4,941	188%	3,066	699	23%
Interior	5,002	545	11%	4,378	902	21%	5,086	1,481	29%	4,750	905	19%
Justice	195,105	25,304	13%	184,928	32,545	18%	54,925	8,004	15%	61,272	6,302	10%
Labor	17,540	994	6%	18,201	809	4%	23,608	906	4%	20,970	1,097	5%
State	2,317	5,349	231%	4,636	5,343	115%	3,866	3,799	98%	5,577	4,629	83%
Transportation	17,406	4,362	25%	17,540	3,885	22%	8,758	2,197	25%	10,402	1,795	17%
Treasury	56,184	7,014	12%	47,812	7,681	16%	39,518	3,924	10%	21,352	2,656	12%
CIA	7,169	4,716	66%	3,046	1,547	51%	2,579	896	35%	1,698	940	55%
CPSC	13,467	239	2%	9,636	166	2%	4,728	84	2%	3,837	373	10%
EEOC	17,551	1,343	8%	16,735	1,701	10%	16,936	1,779	11%	15,007	1,064	7%
EPA	18,848	6,117	32%	19,259	4,567	24%	12,685	1,973	16%	11,635	1,584	14%
GSA	NR	NR		1,407	141	10%	1,454	79	5%	1,457	89	6%
Archives	5,930	1,111	19%	8,826	3,590	41%	8,884	7,193	81%	13,472	5,781	43%
NASA	2114	230	11%	1723	137	8%	1,132	241	21%	1,258	389	31%
NLRB	6133	162	3%	5550	206	4%	5,553	269	5%	4,694	117	33%
NRC	448	53	12%	426	55	13%	364	36	10%	360	18	5%
NSF	213	15	7%	254	2	1%	340	5	1%	352	3	1%
SEC	3,190	114	4%	2,888	821	28%	8,268	10,403	126%	15,596	899	6%
SBA	2,293	72	3%	2,117	65	3%	6,245	46	1%	2,640	28	1%
Subtotal	574,935	71,977	13%	515,638	80,933	16%	458,586	178,570	39%	398,607	130,359	33%

NR=Not Reported

Increased from Prior Period

In 2008, backlog remained at the 2007 level, 33%, more than double the level when the Bush Administration took office.

The most significant improvement was at the SEC, which reduced its backlog in the last two years from 126% to 6%. Homeland Security reduced its backlog by 25,000 requests in that same period but its backlog still stood at 77% of requests processed at the end of 2008.

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