

### Costs Rise as Work Force Declines, Backlog Soars

	Processing Costs	FTEs	Requests Processed	Backlog
1998	\$ 151,409,642	3,998	512,294	12%
1999	\$ 115,288,443	3,819	526,191	14%
2000	\$ 168,633,835	4,117	592,258	13%
2001	\$ 197,896,767	3,425	473,700	18%
2002	\$ 208,298,320	3,819	457,593	15%
2003	\$ 221,055,077	3,708	465,441	15%
2004	\$ 212,915,527	3,454	453,726	21%
2005	\$ 220,662,031	3,197	415,683	33%
2006	\$ 224,687,205	3,657	408,730	41%
2007	\$ 218,094,843	3,438	418,147	34%
2008	\$ 227,828,666	2,653	362,326	34%
<b>Change</b>				
1998 - 2008	\$ 76,419,024	-1,345	-149,968	183%

This comparison shows that despite greater funding over the past 10 years, the number of FOIA staffers has decreased and, as a result, the backlog of unprocessed requests has grown.