

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM

Untested DNA in state and private laboratories contributes to backlogs. Laboratories need to conduct and improve their capacity to analyze DNA testing of crime scene and convicted offender/arrestee samples. The DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program facilitates reliable, quality, and efficient forensic DNA services to strengthen evidence-based criminal justice responses.

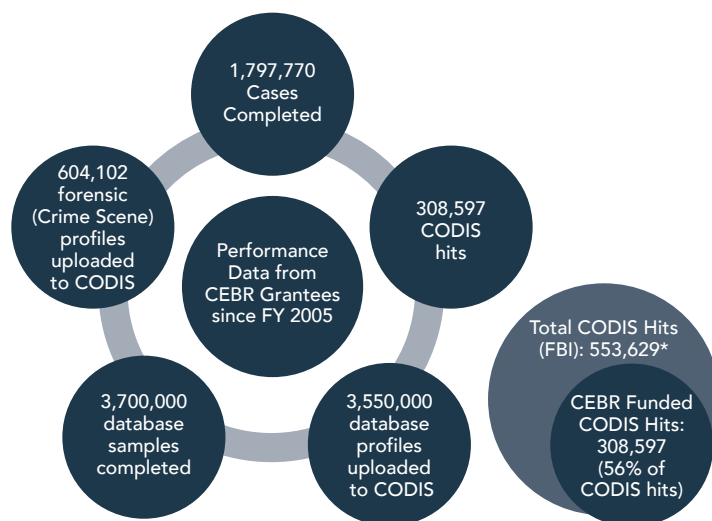
Program Goal

The overarching goal of the CEBR Program is to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples.

Funding under this program supports the following purposes:

1. To carry out, for inclusion in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), DNA analyses of database samples collected under applicable legal authority.
2. To carry out, for inclusion in the CODIS, DNA analyses of forensic case (e.g., "crime scene") samples.
3. To increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories.

Program Accomplishments

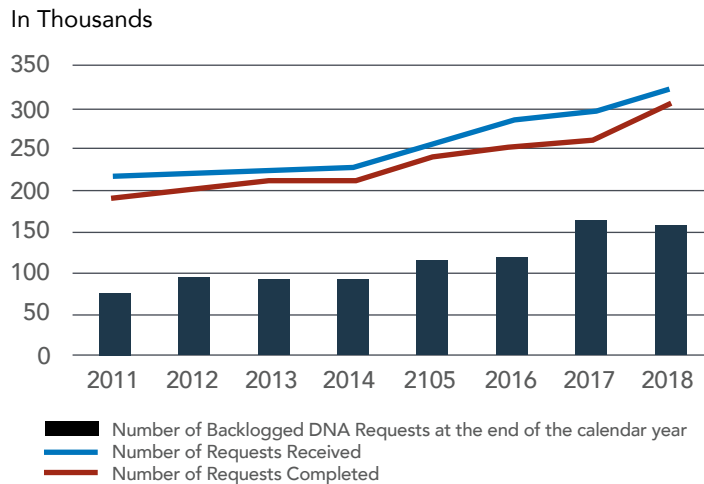


*<https://www.fbi.gov/services/laboratory/biometric-analysis/codis/ndis-statistics> (March 2021)

Program Funding & Awards

Fiscal Year	Number of Awards	Total Funding
2011	116	\$88,707,086
2012	117	\$74,347,305
2013	125	\$74,495,175
2014	122	\$71,578,465
2015	122	\$65,777,030
2016	132	\$63,399,849
2017	131	\$61,127,904
2018	127	\$67,826,527
2019	131	\$78,557,480
2020	136	\$80,749,275

Baseline Metrics for the Calendar Year Prior to the Award



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