

State Health Laboratories Annual Report on Inventory of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits As of December 31, 2022

The Forensic Biology Laboratory within the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH)'s State Health Laboratories analyzes sexual assault forensic evidence kits in support of law enforcement. Law enforcement has the authority to investigate suspects, including the authority to work with the courts to obtain DNA samples from suspects. These samples can be used to help identify matches with DNA included in sexual assault forensic evidence kits. Additionally, federal authorities require law enforcement involvement in a case before the national DNA database (the Combined DNA Index System, or CODIS) can be accessed. RIDOH can compare DNA results against DNA results that are already in CODIS if there is no suspect.

RIDOH's Forensic Biology Laboratory tests sexual assault forensic evidence kits (kits) when a police report has been received. Once a kit is tested, it is returned to the appropriate law enforcement agency for storage.

The kits listed below as unreported are associated with cases that have not yet been brought to law enforcement by the victim. RIDOH holds these kits for at least 10 years, given that many victims need time before moving forward with a case. If cases have been brought to law enforcement and, subsequently, charges are dropped, the case doesn't pass prosecution, or the case is closed, the police department is responsible for storage and retention. The data in this report are compiled from inventory reports that RIDOH received from all municipal police agencies and from the Rhode Island State Police.

Total, all untested kits in possession of law enforcement agency(s): 100

- Reported to law enforcement: 58
- Not reported to law enforcement: 42

Of the total untested kits reported to law enforcement but not tested (58), reason not tested:

- Anonymous¹ kit: 1
- Victim dropped charges: 12
- Did not pass prosecution: 14
- Case closed/unfounded: 31

Total, unreported/anonymous kits in possession of RIDOH's Forensic Laboratory: 2,453

(This number represents the cumulative total of unreported/anonymous kits in RIDOH's possession.)

Total, disposed kits: 650

(This number represents all anonymous/unreported kits that have been stored by RIDOH's Forensic Biology Laboratory for longer than 10 years after collection.)

Number of kits eligible for testing, in possession of RIDOH Forensic Biology Laboratory, as of December 31, 2022: 2

- Testing in progress: 2
- No testing in progress: 0

Number of kits eligible for testing, in possession of law enforcement: 0

¹ An anonymous kit that is one that was collected at a Massachusetts hospital for an assault that occurred in Rhode Island. The hospital notifies Rhode Island law enforcement to pick up the kit; however, the victim has not yet reported the assault to police.

Summary of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits Received from Law Enforcement Agencies by RIDOH's Forensic Biology Laboratory, Calendar Year 2022

Lab Case	Submission	Testing	Final Report	
	Date	Started	Issued	CODIS entry
78	01/06/2022	2/4/2022	2/28/2022	not eligible
80	01/06/2022	2/2/2022	2/22/2022	not eligible
107	01/10/2022	2/2/2022	2/22/2022	not eligible
124	01/11/2022	1/23/2022	2/11/2022	not eligible
135	01/11/2022	7/9/2022	7/18/2022	not eligible
170	01/18/2022	2/4/2022	2/25/2022	not eligible
206	01/20/2022	2/14/2022	3/18/2022	3/18/2022
307	01/25/2022	2/4/2022	2/25/2022	2/25/2022
329	01/26/2022	2/14/2022	3/7/2022	not eligible
354	01/28/2022	6/6/2022	7/15/2022	7/15/2022
432	02/02/2022	2/16/2022	3/7/2022	not eligible
455	02/04/2022	2/17/2022	3/15/2022	not eligible
535	02/14/2022	2/28/2022	4/27/2022	not eligible
536	02/14/2022	2/28/2022	3/24/2022	not eligible
556	02/16/2022	3/28/2022	4/18/2022	not eligible
593	02/17/2022	3/1/2022	3/23/2022	not eligible
633	02/17/2022	3/14/2022	4/5/2022	not eligible
716	02/28/2022	4/14/2022	4/27/2022	not eligible
848	03/07/2022	3/17/2022	4/18/2022	not eligible
868	03/08/2022	3/17/2022	4/28/2022	4/28/2022
964	03/15/2022	4/24/2022	5/17/2022	not eligible
965	03/15/2022	3/28/2022	4/28/2022	not eligible
1014	03/21/2022	4/25/2022	5/6/2022	not eligible
1092	03/28/2022	4/7/2022	4/18/2022	not eligible
1124	03/29/2022	4/6/2022	4/18/2022	not eligible
1193	04/05/2022	4/27/2022	5/6/2022	not eligible
1268	04/11/2022	4/27/2022	5/6/2022	not eligible
1271	04/11/2022	5/9/2022	5/24/2022	not eligible
1375	04/19/2022	5/9/2022	5/24/2022	not eligible
1378	04/19/2022	5/17/2022	6/20/2022	not eligible
1398	04/21/2022	4/24/2022	5/17/2022	not eligible
1466	04/26/2022	5/9/2022	5/24/2022	not eligible
1556	5/3/2022	5/5/2022	5/11/2022	5/11/2022
1602	05/06/2022	5/29/2022	6/20/2022	not eligible
1683	05/16/2022	6/6/2022	7/15/2022	7/15/2022
1814	05/25/2022	6/10/2022	7/7/2022	not eligible
1818	05/25/2022	6/30/2022	7/7/2022	not eligible
1885	05/31/2022	6/16/2022	7/27/2022	7/27/2022
1902	06/01/2022	7/10/2022	8/10/2022	not eligible
1976	06/06/2022	7/9/2022	8/10/2022	8/10/2022

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1990	06/07/2022	6/9/2022	7/27/2022	not eligible
2010	06/09/2022	11/23/2022	12/28/2022	not eligible
2103	06/17/2022	6/20/2022	7/27/2022	not eligible
2112	06/20/2022	7/18/2022	8/23/2022	8/23/2022
2124	06/21/2022	7/18/2022	8/9/2022	not eligible
2156	06/27/2022	7/23/2022	8/18/2022	8/18/2022
2228	07/05/2022	7/23/2022	8/18/2022	not eligible
2231	07/05/2022	8/1/2022	8/29/2022	8/29/2022
2277	07/07/2022	8/6/2022	10/4/2022	10/4/2022
2340	07/11/2022	8/1/2022	8/22/2022	not eligible
2341	07/11/2022	8/6/2022	9/19/2022	not eligible
2363	07/13/2022	8/28/2022	9/19/2022	not eligible
2472	07/19/2022	8/28/2022	9/19/2022	not eligible
2507	07/22/2022	8/1/2022	8/29/2022	8/29/2022
2589	07/29/2022	7/29/2022	9/6/2022	not eligible
2593	08/01/2022	8/18/2022	9/15/2022	not eligible
2598	08/01/2022	11/22/2022	1/3/2023	not eligible
2696	08/09/2022	8/18/2022	9/15/2022	not eligible
2771	08/15/2022	9/8/2022	9/21/2022	not eligible
2850	08/22/2022	8/28/2022	9/19/2022	not eligible
2866	08/23/2022	8/29/2022	10/4/2022	10/4/2022
2920	08/25/2022	8/29/2022	9/23/2022	not eligible
2967	8/31/2022	9/9/2022	9/21/2022	not eligible
2972	09/01/2022	9/23/2022	11/9/2022	not eligible
2982	09/02/2022	9/28/2022	10/27/2022	not eligible
2983	09/02/2022	9/28/2022	10/27/2022	10/27/2022
2984	09/02/2022	9/28/2022	10/27/2022	not eligible
3001	09/06/2022	9/23/2022	10/7/2022	10/7/2022
3002	09/06/2022	9/12/2022	10/4/2022	not eligible
3003	09/06/2022	9/23/2022	10/18/2022	not eligible
3067	09/09/2022	9/12/2022	10/4/2022	not eligible
3179	09/15/2022	10/1/2022	11/9/2022	not eligible
3188	09/16/2022	10/5/2022	10/26/2022	not eligible
3202	09/19/2022	10/25/2022	11/28/2022	not eligible
3242	09/22/2022	10/25/2022	11/15/2022	not eligible
3251	09/23/2022	10/1/2022	11/28/2022	not eligible
3262	09/26/2022	11/5/2022	12/28/2022	not eligible
3289	09/28/2022	10/1/2022	10/31/2022	not eligible
3313	10/03/2022	10/25/2022	11/15/2022	not eligible
3422	10/11/2022	11/5/2022	12/27/2022	not eligible
3470	10/17/2022	11/10/2022	12/2/2022	12/2/2022
3533	10/20/2022	11/25/2022	12/27/2022	not eligible
3584	10/25/2022	11/10/2022	12/2/2022	not eligible

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3595	10/25/2022	11/10/2022	12/14/2022	not eligible
3611	10/27/2022	11/22/2022	12/13/2022	not eligible
3701	11/07/2022	11/25/2022	1/17/2023	not eligible
3921	12/1/2022	12/6/2022	12/30/2022	not eligible
3951	12/05/2022	12/19/2022	pending	
4147	12/27/2022	12/29/2022	pending	