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SUBJECT: **FRAUD HOTLINE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 1 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

The Auditor-Controller's Office of County Investigations (OCI) operates the Los Angeles County (County) Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline (Fraud Hotline) pursuant to California (CA) Government Code (GC) Section (§) 53087.6. OCI investigates, or refers for investigation, alleged criminal and administrative misconduct within County government pursuant to CA Penal Code § 830.13 and Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy 9.040. OCI also tracks and compiles the results of Fraud Hotline investigations referred to, and conducted by, other County departments to ensure the allegations are properly investigated.

Investigative Results

This report summarizes investigations initiated by the Fraud Hotline and completed by County investigation units between **July and December 2025** concerning allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or improper governmental activity. It also includes an overview of disciplinary and corrective actions taken during the period as reported by the employing departments.

The following provides a summary of investigative activity tracked by the Fraud Hotline this period:

- **707** Cases Completed Countywide (**27.6% increase** from prior period)
 - **164 Substantiated** (23.2% of completed cases)
 - **111 Criminal** (67.7% of substantiated cases)¹
 - **For cases closed this period, the median time to investigate and close a case from the date of receipt was 249 days.**
- **863** New Cases Reported (**17.1% increase** from prior period)
- **1,256** Cases Under Active Investigation (**14.2% increase** from prior period)
 - **408 Cases open more than one year** (32.5% of active cases)

The following chart compares Fraud Hotline-tracked investigative activity for the current period against the prior reporting period.

Comparison of Case Counts Between Reporting Periods

CASE STATUS	SEMI-ANNUAL PERIOD ENDING		
	06/30/2025	12/31/2025	% Increase (Decrease)
Beginning Caseload	917	1,100	20.0%
- Cases Closed	(554)	(707)	27.6%
+ New Cases Opened	737	863	17.1%
Ending Caseload	1,100	1,256	14.2%

Of the **707** cases closed during this period, **275** were categorized as “Not Investigated” as indicated on Attachment I. Many of these cases were outside OCI’s jurisdiction and were referred to the appropriate external agencies for follow-up. Some cases contained allegations that provided additional information for existing investigations. Others lacked sufficient detail, and the informant either did not provide contact information or was unable or unwilling to offer additional information or clarification.

¹ Cases are designated as “criminal” at intake when the alleged misconduct, if wholly substantiated, could constitute a criminal offense. While OCI aims to retain as many criminal investigations as possible, due to our limited resources, **91** such cases were investigated and substantiated by departmental investigative units during this period. These allegations included lower-level criminal offenses such as falsified medical certifications to fraudulently obtain County benefits or work accommodations, wage theft via fraudulent timecards or overtime claims, and theft of lower-value County property. Departments are instructed to notify OCI if, at any point during their investigation, they identify specific evidence of criminal activity. OCI continuously evaluates the relative risk of all cases and will assume primary responsibility for an investigation based on assessed risk and available investigative resources. OCI continues to seek additional resources to meet investigative volume so that criminal cases do not have to be sent to Departments.

The most common substantiated allegations included time abuse, unauthorized access to confidential data, unemployment insurance fraud, and welfare fraud.

Disciplinary and/or Corrective Actions²

- During this reporting period, departments reported that they imposed **299** separate disciplinary or corrective actions resulting from Fraud Hotline cases, **130** of which were taken as a result of cases completed in prior reporting periods.
- **Approximately 65%** of disciplinary or corrective actions are categorized as **significant**.³

ACTION(S) TAKEN	Current Period 07/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Prior Periods	Total	%
Significant Disciplinary Action				
Discharged	15	5	20	10%
Resigned/Retired/Resigned in Lieu of Discharge or Prior to Discipline	38	18	56	29%
Suspended - 15 to 30 Days	7	11	18	9%
Suspended - Less than 15 Days	20	30	50	26%
Notice in Personnel Folder (Receiving Department Notice, Top of File, Do Not Rehire or other restrictions)	29	20	49	25%
Subtotal	109	84	193	65%
Moderate Corrective Action				
Counseled, Notice of Expectation, Procedures Changed/Reinforced, Training, Reprimanded/Warning, etc.	60	46	106	35%
TOTAL ACTIONS TAKEN:	169	130	299	100%

Prosecutions and Criminal Convictions

In accordance with Board Policy 9.040, OCI is one of three County agencies – in addition to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office (LADA) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department – authorized to conduct criminal investigations involving fraud, waste, or abuse within County government.

Although OCI conducts most criminal investigations initiated through the Fraud Hotline, resource constraints sometimes require OCI to delegate certain cases to departments for

² The number of separate disciplinary actions may exceed the number of closed cases because some cases involve more than one subject and/or corrective/disciplinary action taken.

³ “Significant Disciplinary Actions” involve discharge or the loss of pay (such as by suspension).

preliminary review. This typically occurs when the need for immediate corrective or disciplinary action outweighs the likelihood of successful criminal prosecution. In these instances, departments are instructed to halt their review immediately if they uncover evidence of criminal misconduct and consult with OCI to determine appropriate next steps, ensuring the case is handled in a manner consistent with criminal investigative procedures.⁴

As a standard practice, if an investigation reveals fraud or gross negligence, OCI refers the findings to the LADA or the appropriate prosecuting agency in accordance with GC § 26883.

The following table shows the status of referrals for criminal prosecution:

Status of Referrals for Criminal Prosecution⁵
As of December 31, 2025

Status	Cases	Subjects
Beginning Total	46	124
+ New Referrals	25	30
- Adjudications:		
• Convicted / Sentenced	-	-
• Acquitted	-	-
• Diversion Program (Dismissed or Decline to Prosecute)	(1)	(1)
• No Action (Decline to Prosecute)	(9)	(9)
Ending Total⁶	61	144

During this period, OCI referred an additional ten cases involving 15 County employees to the LADA for prosecution related to fraudulent Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims filed with the CA Employment Development Department (EDD), resulting in a direct loss to the County of \$185,576, along with additional losses to the federal government. As of December 31, 2025, we are monitoring 18 UI cases involving 96 County employees pending prosecution by LADA.

No notable prosecutions were completed during this reporting period.

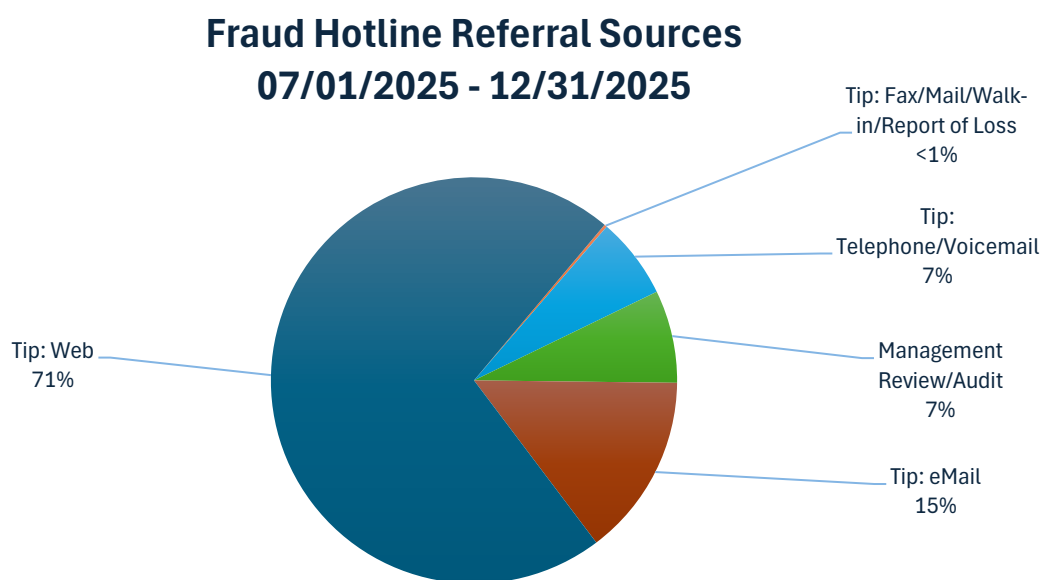
⁴ Consistent with Footnote 2, OCI continues to seek/request additional resources to increase our capacity to investigate the more sensitive cases rather than assign them to departments for investigation.

⁵ Includes reported status of all cases received by the Fraud Hotline, including cases investigated by OCI and cases ultimately investigated and referred for criminal prosecution by another law enforcement agency.

⁶ Ending total includes cases and subjects that remain in progress with various prosecutorial agencies and are pending a filing decision, cases in various stages of court proceedings, and cases in which criminal charges have been filed with the Court and awaiting apprehension or surrender of the subject(s).

Fraud Hotline Operations

According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' Report to the Nations 2024⁷, 43% of fraud cases originate with a tip from a whistleblower. To facilitate reporting from employees, vendors, and constituents, the Fraud Hotline accepts anonymous tips via website, e-mail, telephone, and mail. The following chart below shows the percentage distribution of methods used to report allegations to the Fraud Hotline during this reporting period.



Language Access

Our website is accessible in 100+ languages via web browser (e.g., 149 languages via Google Chrome and 126 languages via Apple Safari). E-mails we may receive in a language other than English (LOTE) are easily translated. The Fraud Hotline has personnel who can immediately accept calls in English, Spanish, and Armenian, and we utilize external resources to communicate with callers in LOTE. During this reporting period, we received a total of 703 phone calls, including 62 calls in Spanish.

Fraud Awareness and Investigations Training

OCI provides fraud awareness training to educate County employees on recognizing, preventing, and reporting fraudulent activities. Additionally, OCI provides training on investigative techniques to County investigators to enhance their skills and stay current

⁷ <https://legacy.acfe.com/report-to-the-nations/2024/>

on industry best practices. With effective fraud and investigative training, County departments operate more efficiently and collaboratively in detecting, preventing, and stopping fraud to ensure ethical conduct and fiscal integrity. We administered fraud awareness training to the Departmental Finance Manager Academy in April 2026 and to Departmental Human Resources Managers and contract monitors in May 2026.

California Assembly Bill (AB) 218 Hotline

In addition to the Fraud Hotline, pursuant to an October 7, 2025 Board directive, OCI established a separate reporting phone line and website to collect allegations of fraud involving sexual abuse claims filed pursuant to AB 218. The AB 218 Hotline went live on October 17, 2025, and, through December 31, 2025, received 27 jurisdictional fraud complaints involving 30 separate allegations. Each jurisdictional fraud report was referred to County Counsel and the Los Angeles District Attorney for assessment and investigation.

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- Attachment IV*** Open Cases Aging Report (by investigative unit)

We thank management and staff at each County department for their assistance and cooperation during our investigations and case tracking process. If you have any questions please call us, or your staff may contact Thomas Wood at (213) 253-0304 or twood@auditor.lacounty.gov.

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Fraud Hotline Status Report ending 12/31/2025

Attachments (4)

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Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commissioners
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Countywide Communications



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE
CLOSED CASE SUMMARY
July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025**

Departmental Investigation Unit	Substantiated	Not Substantiated	Not Investigated ¹	Totals
Animal Care and Control	0	1	0	1
Chief Executive Office	0	0	1	1
Child Support Services	1	0	1	2
Children and Family Services	27	58	18	103
County Counsel - Internal Affairs	0	2	0	2
District Attorney	0	2	0	2
Economic Opportunity	1	3	0	4
Fire	6	15	1	22
Health Services	23	23	13	59
Internal Services	5	8	4	17
Justice, Care and Opportunities	0	1	0	1
LA County Library	0	1	0	1
Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association	0	1	0	1
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	1	1	8	10
Medical Examiner	1	3	1	5
Mental Health	5	11	13	29
Museum of Natural History	0	2	1	3
Parks and Recreation	0	6	0	6
Public Defender	2	1	0	3
Public Health	7	6	1	14
Public Social Services	53	45	2	100
Public Works	3	11	7	21
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	0	1	0	1
Sheriff's	2	6	0	8
Treasurer and Tax Collector	0	1	0	1
County Departments Total:	137	209	71	417

Countywide Investigative Unit	Substantiated	Not Substantiated	Not Investigated ¹	Totals
Auditor-Controller - Office of County Investigations ²	22	26	201	249
Chief Executive Office - Risk Management	0	20	2	22
County Counsel - Assembly Bill 218 Investigations	0	1	0	1
County Counsel - Employment Investigations	1	1	0	2
Human Resources - Workplace Investigations	0	6	0	6
Public Social Services - Welfare Fraud	4	5	1	10
Countywide Investigative Units Total:	27	59	204	290

Total Investigated Cases Closed	164	268	275	707
	23.2%	37.9%	38.9%	100.0%

Footnote:

(1) Cases are not investigated for various reasons, including a lack of jurisdiction, immateriality, duplication of a prior investigation(s), or insufficient information. 37 of 275 cases designated as "Not Investigated" were referred to the County Equity Oversight Panel (CEOP). CEOP does not report their findings back to Office of County Investigations (OCI) and should be contacted directly for additional information.

(2) Cases marked as not investigated by OCI also include cases closed during the Fraud Hotline's intake process.



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE
HIGH-IMPACT SUBSTANTIATED CASES¹
BY DEPARTMENT
July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025**

SUBSTANTIATED CASES INVESTIGATED BY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
22	26	201	250

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll > Benefits > UI Fraud	11
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Check/Payment Tampering > Stolen & Altered	2
Corruption > Conflict of Interest	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Billing	1
Corruption > Illegal Gratuities	1
Filing False Government Claim (Non-Employee)	1
Identify Theft	1
Misrepresentation of County Authority (by External Actor)	1
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	1
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	2
Welfare Fraud	1
Total²:	24

Assessor (Assessor)

2025_23148 – Personnel Issue

An Assessor executive manager shared their e-mail login credentials with a subordinate manager. The Office of County Investigations (OCI) reminded the manager of the County's information security policies.

¹ In accordance with California (CA) Government Code Section 26883, if an investigation reveals fraud or gross negligence, OCI refers the findings to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (LADA) or the appropriate prosecuting agency.

² The total number of substantiated allegation types may exceed the total number of substantiated cases, because some cases have multiple allegations.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA)

2024_21477 – Filing False Government Claim (Non-Employee)

Two private/non-County individuals conspired to defraud the DCBA and the County Rent Relief Program and obtained a total of \$27,000 in illicit rent relief benefits. OCI referred the matter to the LADA for prosecution.

Fire Department (Fire)

2024_21014 – Asset Misappropriation

A Fire employee misused a County-issued credit card and made questionable purchases totaling \$3,286. Fire indicated that the employee received a 30-day suspension without pay.

Department of Health Services (DHS)

2022_18769 – Welfare Fraud

A DHS employee committed welfare fraud by providing false information on four CalFresh applications and received a total of \$3,189 in illicit benefits. OCI referred the matter to LADA for prosecution. DHS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)

2024_21061 – Asset Misappropriation

A private individual stole and fraudulently negotiated a LACOE check totaling \$557,087. OCI investigated the matter and referred it to LADA for prosecution. The bank of first deposit identified the fraudulent transaction and returned the funds to the County.

2024_21276 – Asset Misappropriation

A private individual stole and fraudulently negotiated a LACOE check totaling \$123,759. OCI referred the matter to the Orange County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Department of Medical Examiner (DME)

2024_21009 – Personnel

A DME employee mishandled decedent property by not appropriately collecting and securing property in accordance with County and DME policies. DME indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

Various Departments

2022_18776 – Asset Misappropriation | Corruption

Thirty-five employees from 18 County Departments and three members of the public conspired to submit fraudulent UI claims to the EDD and obtained \$481,325 in illicit benefits, resulting in a direct financial loss to the County, which is self-insured for such claims. OCI notified the EDD of the false claims for recovery of the illicit benefits and referred the matter to LADA for prosecution. The various departments indicated that disciplinary actions are pending for their respective employees.

TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED CASES INVESTIGATED BY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: 22

Summary of Substantiated Cases

CASES REFERRED TO AND SUBSTANTIATED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Board of Supervisors (BOS)³

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	1	0	2

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
CPOE Violation	1
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	1
Total:	2

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

None

³ County Counsel substantiated one case involving three BOS executives (one from OIG/two from CEOP) and did not substantiate a second case involving a BOS employee.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Child Support Services Department (CSSD)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	0	1	2

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > Information Technology (IT) Resources > Privacy Violation	1
Total:	1

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2025_22344 – Asset Misappropriation

A CSSD employee improperly used their access to a Department of Motor Vehicles database to obtain address and vehicle information belonging to a former romantic partner. CSSD indicated that the employee received a 30-day suspension without pay.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
27	58	18	103

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	12
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	9
Personnel Issue > Other	7
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources > Privacy Violation	2
Child Well-Being	2
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	1
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	1
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > Other Assets	1
Corruption > Conflict of Interest	1
Other	1
Total:	37

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2025_22460 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A DCFS employee engaged in a personal relationship with an adult DCFS client and misused their County cellphone to facilitate that relationship. DCFS indicated that the employee resigned pending disciplinary action, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

2025_22505 – Personnel Issue

A DCFS employee failed to complete required in-person visits with minor clients; instead, the employee conducted the visits virtually and falsely recorded them as in-person. DCFS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2025_22523 – Personnel Issue

Two DCFS employees engaged in sexual relations in the workplace during and after work hours. DCFS indicated that each employee accepted Education-Based Discipline in lieu of a 10-day unpaid suspension.

2025_22610 – Child Well-Being | Personnel Issue

A DCFS employee did not conduct all required monthly in-home placement visits and falsified a court report. In addition, the employee's supervisor failed to provide adequate supervision to ensure performance of required visits and accurate reporting. DCFS indicated that disciplinary actions are pending for the employee and their supervisor.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

2025_22684 – [Child Well-Being](#) | [Personnel Issue](#)

A DCFS employee acted unprofessionally in the presence of DCFS-supervised minors. Additionally, while transporting minors to court, the employee was observed falling asleep at the wheel. DCFS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2025_22943 – [Asset Misappropriation](#) | [Corruption](#) | [Personnel Issue](#)

A DCFS administrator created a conflict of interest when she used her position to influence a friend's DCFS case, inappropriately accessed the confidential case records without authorization or a County business need, discussed confidential case information with unauthorized individuals, and failed to follow management's directive to refrain from involvement in the case. DCFS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2025_23048 – [Personnel Issue](#)

A DCFS employee falsely recorded that they conducted an in-person visit with a client when they actually contacted the client by phone. DCFS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2025_23377 – [Asset Misappropriation](#) | [Personnel Issue](#)

A DCFS employee inappropriately e-mailed confidential County information to a relative who is a DPSS employee, to print and scan it on their behalf. The recipient had no business need or authorization to receive the confidential information. DCFS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	3	0	4

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Billing	1
Total:	1

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2025_22274 – Asset Misappropriation

A Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) vendor falsely represented that it maintains its principal place of business in the County and obtained LSBE awards without performing a commercially useful function. The County intends to assess and collect any applicable fines and revoke the vendor's LSBE certification. OCI is reviewing this case for referral to LADA.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Fire Department (Fire)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
6	15	1	22

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
CPOE Violation	1
Personnel Issue > Other	1
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	1
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	5
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	2
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > Other Assets	3
Total:	13

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2023_20761 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A Fire employee used their County-assigned vehicle for personal use without approval and falsified their timecards by misreporting their start location and time on 18 occasions over a two-month period. Fire discharged the employee but declined to pursue recovery of the payroll overpayment resulting from the falsified time records.

2024_21414 – Asset Misappropriation

A Fire manager inappropriately allowed an employee to use a Fire truck for a personal, off-duty event. Fire issued a Notice of Instruction to both the manager and the employee.

2024_21433 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A Fire employee repeatedly brought a civilian on work assignments despite being instructed not to do so and parked their assigned County vehicle at their residence without approval or a County business need. During the administrative interview, the employee falsely claimed they had authorization for both actions. Fire indicated that the employee received a 30-day suspension without pay.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Health Services (DHS)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
23	23	13	59

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	12
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	10
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	2
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	2
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Inventory, Equipment, Other Assets	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll > Benefits	1
Corruption > Conflict of Interest	1
Personnel Issue > Hiring/Promotion	1
Total:	30

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2022_18773 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A DHS employee and their supervisor took extended lunch breaks and left work early, which adversely impacted their unit's productivity. DHS indicated that disciplinary actions are pending for the employee and the supervisor.

2023_19958 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A DHS manager approved a subordinate's timesheet in the absence of documentation verifying that overtime was authorized, worked, or completed. Additionally, the manager did not require the subordinate to clock in and/or out and allowed the subordinate to independently modify their work schedule. DHS indicated that the manager resigned prior to discipline being imposed, and that timecard corrections, recovery of unearned pay, and disciplinary action for the employee are pending.

2023_20176 – Asset Misappropriation

A DHS employee conducted outside employment activities during work hours. DHS was unable to determine the number of hours the employee engaged in outside employment during work hours but indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2023_20634 – Asset Misappropriation

A DHS employee falsified their timecard by altering the printed timestamp to improperly receive 15 additional minutes of unearned overtime. DHS rejected the employee's timecard, and the employee resubmitted it with corrections. DHS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

2024_22129 – [Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue](#)

A DHS employee ran personal errands on County time and provided falsified copies of a text message and e-mails as evidence they were working to mislead County investigators. The employee also falsified a medical certification used to support an absence. DHS indicated that disciplinary actions and timecard corrections are pending for the employee.

2025_22248 – [Asset Misappropriation](#)

A DHS employee failed to report outside employment to the County. DHS indicated that the employee resigned and a Top of File notice will be placed in their personnel folder.

2025_22656 – [Personnel Issue](#)

A DHS employee falsified experience and qualifications on their employee application for their current position. DHS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2025_23098 – [Asset Misappropriation](#)

A DHS employee used department letterhead to fabricate notes excusing their spouse from their non-County employment and to support Emergency Withdrawal Requests from their County retirement accounts. DHS reported the retirement account fraud issue to Empower Financial Services for additional investigation and appropriate corrective action. DHS indicated that the employee resigned prior to completion of the investigation, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

2025_23143 – [Corruption | Personnel Issue](#)

Two DHS employees, while in a supervisor-subordinate relationship, engaged in an unreported joint outside-employment business venture. DHS indicated that disciplinary actions are pending for both the employee and the supervisor.

2025_23346 – [Personnel Issue](#)

Six DHS employees failed to disclose immediate relatives and/or personal relationships with members of the DHS workforce during the application and hiring process. DHS indicated that disciplinary actions are pending for the six employees.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Internal Services Department (ISD)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
5	8	4	17

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	2
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Inventory, Equipment, Other Assets	1
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	1
Total:	6

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2023_20351 – Asset Misappropriation

An ISD employee submitted falsified medical notes to extend their leave of absence for an additional two months. The employee resigned from County service, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

2024_21435 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

ISD equipment was stolen by an unidentified perpetrator believed to be unaffiliated with the County. While the theft is under investigation by law enforcement, the staff who discovered the theft failed to report it in accordance with policy. ISD reminded managers of County and department policies for reporting equipment losses.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	1	8	10

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Expense Reimbursement	1
Other	1
Total:	2

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2022_19093 – Asset Misappropriation | Other

A LAHSA-contracted service provider failed to conduct background checks on agencies or landlords entrusted with housing participants and failed to monitor and recover security deposits paid to landlords on participants' behalf totaling \$70,425. LAHSA indicated that they are working with the provider to require repayment or supporting documentation for security deposits and recommended several internal controls in a Progress Opportunity Report. Further, LAHSA confirmed that the provider is no longer doing business with the housing agency used by the service provider and is reviewing its monitoring controls for improvement opportunities. LAHSA indicated that recoupment plans are still being evaluated (by LAHSA leadership and legal counsel).

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Medical Examiner (ME)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	3	1	5

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	1
Total:	2

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

None

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
5	11	13	28

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Billing	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll >Benefits	1
Corruption > Conflict of Interest	1
Total:	5

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2021_17667 – Asset Misappropriation

A DMH employee failed to report that their domestic partner was a DMH client, and they continued to falsely report their partner and partner's children as dependents to receive medical and other benefits after their separation, in violation of County policy. DMH removed the partner and children from benefits coverage and indicated that disciplinary action and recovery of fraudulent benefits are pending.

2024_21642 – Corruption

A former DMH employee attempted to influence contractual matters between DMH and the employee's new employer, a DMH contractor vendor, within the two-year prohibited period. CEO investigated and imposed two administrative fines against the former employee totaling \$2,000.

2025_22741 – Asset Misappropriation

A DMH employee used their County-issued credit card to purchase an airline ticket totaling \$198.30 for personal use. The employee reimbursed DMH prior to completion of the investigation. DMH rescinded their use of the card and indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Public Defender (PD)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
2	1	0	3

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	2
Personnel Issue > Hiring/Promotion	2
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources > Privacy Violation	1
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	1
Total:	6

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2019_16469 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

Two PD managers permitted themselves and additional personnel to record compensatory time earned in excess of the amount actually worked, claiming eight hours of time earned when they worked as few as three. In addition, two managers improperly accessed and disseminated confidential information, were insubordinate, and attempted to deceive investigators. In total, PD reported that two managers resigned, two additional managers were discharged, and disciplinary action is pending for two remaining managers.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Public Health (DPH)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
7	6	1	14

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	4
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	3
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Billing	2
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > Other Assets	1
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Expense Reimbursement	1
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	1
Total:	12

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2024_21463 – Asset Misappropriation

A DPH contract employee submitted falsified timesheets, resulting in an overpayment totaling \$6,047. DPH indicated that the contract employee resigned and that they intend to improve internal controls and seek reimbursement for the unearned pay.

2025_22781 – Asset Misappropriation

A DPH employee engaged in personal use of a County-issued phone totaling at least 77 hours over a 15-month period and took long, unscheduled breaks on at least 52 occasions over a seven-month period, which adversely impacted their assigned unit. DPH intends to seek reimbursement for unearned pay and improve internal controls. Disciplinary actions for the employee and their supervisor are pending.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
53	45	2	100

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	36
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources > Privacy Violation	31
Asset Misappropriation > Theft > Cash Disbursements > Payroll	14
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	6
Welfare Fraud	5
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	1
IT Security Incident	1
Personnel Issue > Other	1
Total:	95

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2024_21036 – Welfare Fraud | Personnel Issue

A DPSS employee failed to report that their child, for whom they received aid, did not reside in their household for a 20-month period, resulting in fraudulent benefits totaling \$5,624. The employee also failed to report that a relative received DPSS-administered benefits. DPSS referred the welfare fraud to LADA for prosecution and to the California Department of Health Care Services to review for Medi-Cal fraud. DPSS indicated that the employee partially repaid the fraudulently obtained benefits, and disciplinary action and full recovery are pending.

2024_21617 – Welfare Fraud | Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A DPSS employee failed to disclose their County employment on their welfare application, resulting in fraudulent benefits received totaling \$1,570. The employee also improperly accessed confidential case information without a business need, and failed to report to the department that they received DPSS-administered benefits. DPSS referred the welfare fraud to LADA for prosecution, terminated the employee, and placed a Top of File notice in their personnel folder.

2024_21903 – Asset Misappropriation

A DPSS employee submitted falsified medical certifications to excuse their absence from work for five workdays. The employee resigned prior to the imposition of discipline and DPSS declined to pursue reimbursement for unearned time.

2025_22271 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A DPSS employee e-mailed confidential client information to their own personal e-mail account and their union representative. DPSS reported the breach to the State and will issue breach-notification letters for the two affected clients. DPSS intends to suspend the employee to five days without pay.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

2025_22284 – Welfare Fraud | Personnel Issue

A DPSS employee failed to disclose their County employment on their welfare application, resulting in fraudulent benefits received totaling \$6,216. The employee also failed to report to the department that they received DPSS-administered benefits. DPSS referred the welfare fraud to LADA for prosecution. The employee resigned from County service, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

2025_22296 – Asset Misappropriation

A DPSS employee submitted 13 falsified medical certifications to excuse their absences from work. DPSS confirmed that the absences were recorded without pay, resulting in no monetary loss to the County. The employee resigned from County service, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

2025_22308 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A DPSS employee falsified records belonging to a client with whom they had a personal relationship, which fraudulently extended the period of benefits paid and resulted in an overpayment totaling \$2,342. DPSS terminated the benefits and is recovering the overpayment. DPSS indicated that the employee resigned in lieu of discharge, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel file.

2025_22349 – Asset Misappropriation

A DPSS employee submitted two falsified medical certifications to excuse their absences from work on four occasions. DPSS intends to suspend the employee for ten days without pay and ensure the employee corrects affected timecards.

2025_22351 – Asset Misappropriation

A DPSS employee submitted eight falsified medical certifications to excuse their absences from work for 15 months of unpaid leave and falsified her timecards to receive 7.06 hours of paid leave time. DPSS is pursuing reimbursement for unearned leave time. DPSS indicated that the employee resigned from County service, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

2025_22393 – Asset Misappropriation

A DPSS employee submitted three falsified medical certifications to excuse their absences from work, resulting in 80 hours of unearned pay under protective leave. DPSS indicated they intend to seek reimbursement for unearned pay and suspend the employee for ten days without pay.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

2025_22409 – [Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue](#)

A DPSS employee submitted falsified timesheets for services they did not provide under the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program while on a medical leave of absence, which resulted in fraudulent benefits received totaling \$822.77. Additionally, the employee provided IHSS services in excess of the County's outside employment limit. The employee also failed to report to the department that their relatives received DPSS-administered benefits. DPSS intends to seek reimbursement for unearned benefits and indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2025_22516 – [Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue](#)

A DPSS employee submitted 13 falsified medical certifications to excuse absences from work and failed to cooperate with the investigation. DPSS discharged the employee, timecard corrections were made, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

2025_22668 – [Asset Misappropriation](#)

A DPSS employee submitted falsified medical certifications to excuse their absences from work. DPSS indicated that the employee received a 10-day unpaid suspension, and timecard corrections were made.

2025_22776 – [Personnel Issue](#)

A DPSS employee failed to report that they live with their parents, who receive DPSS-administered benefits. DPSS issued a written reprimand to the employee.

2025_22797 – [Asset Misappropriation](#)

A DPSS employee falsified 20 medical certifications to excuse their absences from work. DPSS discharged the employee, a Top of File was placed in their personnel folder, and the department will seek reimbursement for unearned pay.

2025_22824 – [Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue](#)

A DPSS employee submitted nine falsified medical certifications to excuse their absences from work and failed to disclose to the department that they received DPSS-administered benefits. DPSS indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

2025_22901 – [Asset Misappropriation](#)

A DPSS employee submitted a falsified medical certification to excuse their absence from work. DPSS confirmed that the employee was not paid for their absence. DPSS intends to suspend the employee for ten days without pay.

2025_22926 – [Asset Misappropriation](#)

A DPSS employee submitted falsified medical certifications to excuse their absences from work. DPSS indicated that disciplinary action is pending for the employee.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Various – [Asset Misappropriation](#) | [Personnel Issue](#)

DPSS investigated 24 cases involving 25 employees who improperly accessed confidential case records without authorization or a County business need. In addition, 13 of these employees failed to report to the department that they had a relationship with a person(s) receiving DPSS-administered benefits. DPSS indicated that:

- 14 employees have pending disciplinary actions
- 8 employees received a 10-day suspension without pay
- 2 employees were issued a written reprimand
- 1 employee was discharged from County service, and a Top of File notice was placed in their personnel folder.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) – Welfare Fraud⁴

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
4	5	1	10

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Welfare Fraud	4
Total:	4

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2024_21358 – Welfare Fraud

A Department of Beaches and Harbors (Beaches) employee failed to disclose their County income in a welfare application, resulting in fraudulent benefits received totaling \$15,267. WFP&I referred the matter to LADA for prosecution, and Beaches indicated that the employee was discharged for unrelated reasons.

2024_21881 – Welfare Fraud

A PD employee failed to disclose their County income in a welfare application, resulting in fraudulent benefits received totaling \$9,639. WFP&I referred the matter to LADA for prosecution and to PD for disciplinary action.

2024_22103 – Welfare Fraud

A DMH employee failed to disclose their County income in a welfare application, resulting in fraudulent benefits received totaling \$2,491. WFP&I referred the matter to LADA for prosecution and to DMH for disciplinary action.

2025_22285 – Welfare Fraud

A DCFS employee failed to disclose their County income in a welfare application, resulting in fraudulent benefits received totaling \$9,268. WFP&I referred the matter to LADA for prosecution and to DCFS for disciplinary action.

⁴ In March 2025, we recognized DPSS Welfare Fraud Prevention and Investigation (WFP&I) as a separate investigative unit in the Investigation Tracking and Management System (ITMS) to segregate cases alleging welfare fraud by County employees outside DPSS. WFP&I refer substantiated findings directly to LADA for prosecution.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Department of Public Works (DPW)

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
3	11	7	21

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > Other Assets	3
Personnel Issue > Policy Violation	2
Total:	5

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2025_23136 – Asset Misappropriation | Personnel Issue

A DPW employee inappropriately used County-owned dumpsters to dispose of waste generated through their unreported personal waste removal business. DPW indicated that disciplinary action is pending.

Summary of Substantiated Cases

Sheriff

Investigative Results:

<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>Total</i>
2	6	0	8

Substantiated Cases:

Allegation Type(s)	No.
Asset Misappropriation > Misuse > IT Resources	1
Personnel Issue > Performance Management	1
Total:	2

High Risk / Impact Case Summaries

2022_18982 – Personnel Issue

A Sheriff's employee arrived late or departed early from her work location on several occasions. Sheriff indicated that the employee was discharged.

2023_20564 – Asset Misappropriation

A non-sworn Sheriff's employee sent sexually explicit images from their personal phone to their County e-mail account and provided false and/or misleading statements to investigators. Sheriff indicated that the employee was discharged.



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	<i>Resolved Cases Discipline/Corrective Action Taken</i>	<i>Pending Cases Discipline/Corrective Action</i>	<i>Number of Days Outstanding (1)</i>
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures	1	2	
		202218715 (3)	582
		202421716	434
Aging and Disabilities	0	6	
		201915470 (2)	2,053
		201915964 (2)	2,010
		202219034 (2)	946
		202421544	429
		202421661	421
		202422151	205
Art and Culture	0	1	
		202420985	366
Assessor	0	1	
		202422152	205
Auditor-Controller	0	1	
		202522453	208
Board of Supervisor	0	1	
		202421203	338
Chief Executive Office	2	1	
		202422153	205
Children and Family Services	12	22	
		202219030	323
		202320086	588
		202320183 (2)	242
		202320386 (2)	233
		202320606	558
		202421249	434
		202421520	240
		202421608 (2)	233
		202421672	281
		202421701 (2)	281

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Children and Family Services (continued)			
		202421707	391
		202421744	370
		202421778 (2)	224
		202421830 (2)	184
		202421970	240
		202422155	205
		202422159 (2)	205
		202422225	241
		202522319	201
		202522321	196
		202522487	196
		202522512	184
Child Support Services	0	2	
		202219029	366
		202422154	205
County Counsel	2	1	
		202422156	205
District Attorney	0	1	
		202421411	221
Economic Opportunity	0	1	
		201915415 (2)	915
Fire	2	1	
		202422158	205
Health Services	13	22	
		201916050 (2)	777
		202017483 (3)	1,280
		202118256 (2)	733
		202118438 (2)	733
		202218691	391
		202218930	504

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	Resolved Cases <i>Discipline/Corrective Action Taken</i>	Pending Cases <i>Discipline/Corrective Action</i>	Number of Days Outstanding (1)
Health Services (continued)			
		202218969	408
		202218993 (2)	1,206
		202219306 (2)	916
		202219685	370
		202319790	251
		202319832	383
		202319981	630
		202320075 (2)	735
		202320096	482
		202320131	639
		202320183	242
		202320386	233
		202421608	184
		202421771	475
		202421830	184
		202422159	205
Internal Services	0	3	
		201713718	750
		201915182	658
		202422161	205
Justice, Care and Opportunities	0	1	
		202422039	266
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	0	6	
		201915322	549
		202017017	366
		202219422	603
		202319821	520
		202421048	226
		202421105	242
Mental Health	2	13	
		201713708 (2)	2,192
		202016603	232
		202017054	483
		202117945 (2)	1,225
		202218851	215
		202218902 (2, 3)	1,210

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Mental Health (continued)	2	13	
		202218923	184
		202320458	419
		202420980	184
		202421137 (3)	459
		202421662	253
		202421843	216
		202422162	205
Parks and Recreation	0	2	
		202320940	428
		202422163	205
Probation	0	3	
		202219032 (2)	1,023
		202219288 (2)	707
		202422164	205
Public Defender	1	3	
		202017385 (2)	1,381
		202319979 (2)	608
		202320443 (2)	735
Public Health	4	1	
		202422166	205
Public Social Services	28	10	
		202016967	642
		202219033	217
		202219121 (2)	1,169
		202320624	205
		202320797	205
		202421341	232
		202421816	242
		202422167	205
		202522234	201
		202522414	190
Public Works	5	3	
		202422168	205
		202422347	191
		202522339	188

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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	0	1	
		202422169	205
Sheriff	0	2	
		202320194	421
		202422170	205
Superior Court	1	0	
Treasurer and Tax Collector	2	0	
Department Total:	75	111	

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Departmental Investigative Units	Open Cases	Greater Than One Year ¹		
		Open Cases	Median Days Open	Average Days Open
Aging and Disabilities	12	8	1,006	1,205
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures	2	1	514	514
Animal Care and Control	3	0	-	-
Assessor's Office	4	0	-	-
Auditor-Controller	3	2	526	526
Beaches and Harbor	1	0	-	-
Board of Supervisors	3	0	-	-
Chief Executive Office	5	0	-	-
Child Support Services	2	0	-	-
Children and Family Services	69	0	-	-
Consumer and Business Affairs	3	0	-	-
County Counsel - Internal Affairs	4	1	465	465
District Attorney	1	0	-	-
Economic Opportunity	1	0	-	-
Fire	13	1	790	790
Health Services	278	121	637	683
Homeless Services and Housing	1	0	-	-
Human Resources	4	1	596	596
Internal Services	9	4	1,325	1,333
Justice, Care and Opportunities	8	2	393	393
LA County Library	4	1	410	410
Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association	2	1	1,061	1,061
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	58	14	523	535
Medical Examiner	7	3	546	535
Mental Health	105	68	1,144	1,248
Parks and Recreation	7	1	749	749
Probation	59	42	621	655
Public Defender	10	7	846	832
Public Health	26	3	537	533
Public Social Services	171	10	491	495
Public Works	11	0	-	-
Regional Planning	2	0	-	-
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	13	1	642	642
Sheriff's	14	4	663	823
Treasurer and Tax Collector	1	0	-	-
Youth Development	2	0	-	-
Sub Total	918	296		

Countywide Investigative Units ²	Open Cases	Greater Than One Year ¹		
		Open Cases	Median Days Open	Average Days Open
Auditor-Controller - Office of County Investigations ³	130	50	680	856
Chief Executive Office - Risk Management	26	13	510	763
County Counsel - AB218 Investigations	26	0	-	-
County Counsel - Employment Investigations	45	26	952	1,015
Economic Opportunity - Office of Small Business	7	6	1,775	1,800
Human Resources - Workplace Investigations	48	7	455	618
Public Social Services - Welfare Fraud	56	10	510	498
Sub Total	338	112		

Grand Total	1,256	408
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Footnotes:

(1) Includes all cases received by the Fraud Hotline prior to December 31, 2024, and not yet completed. Because this report calculates the age of a case from the date it was received, not from the date it was assigned, these statistics include the time required for preliminary review by the Office of County Investigations, which varies depending on the circumstances of the case.

(2) Cases assigned to Countywide Investigative Units generally require more time to complete due to the complexity of the assigned cases. In addition, these aging statistics may include cases that were reassigned to a Countywide unit after significant review/investigation by a departmental unit, or are being held open for tracking during legal abeyance or other delay.