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Summary Tables

Table 26: State and quasi-public agencies, summary of APRA compliance

Agency	2014 AG certified	Written APRA procedure	APRA procedure online
Airport Corporation	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Board of Elections	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Commerce Corporation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Department of Administration	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Department of Business Regulation	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Department of Corrections	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Department of Education	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Department of Health	Yes	Yes	Yes
Department of Labor and Training	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Department of Public Safety	Yes	Yes	Yes
Department of Revenue	Yes	Yes	Yes
Department of Transportation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Division of Motor Vehicles	Yes	Yes	Yes
General Assembly	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Judiciary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lottery Commission	Yes	Yes	Yes
Office of Auditor General	No (VIOLATION)	Failed to respond (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)
Office of the Attorney General	Yes	Yes	Yes
Office of the General Treasurer	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island State Police	Yes	Yes	Yes
Secretary of State	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA)	Yes	Yes	Yes

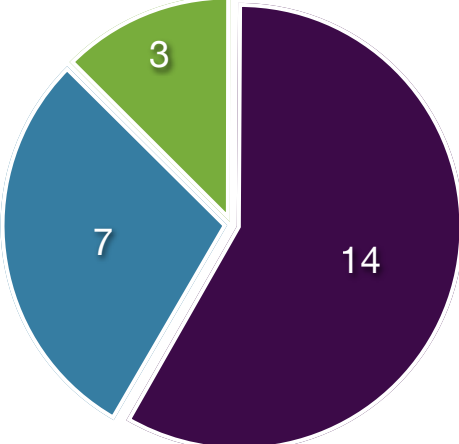
Note that the Rhode Island State Police received additional requests submitted to all police departments in Rhode Island which are not represented in the table above.

Table 27: State and quasi-public agencies, summary of APRA response time

Agency	Response violations	Response days: APRA procedures	Response days: contracts	Response days: payout data
Airport Corporation	0	6	5	9
Board of Elections	0	1	2	2
Commerce Corporation	0	1	10	10
Department of Administration	1	1	8	15 (VIOLATION)
Department of Business Regulation	1	7	18 (VIOLATION)	2
Department of Corrections	2	27 (VIOLATION)	11 (VIOLATION)	19*
Department of Education	0	2	4	1
Department of Health	1	3	19 (VIOLATION)	9
Department of Labor and Training	2	7	11 (VIOLATION)	17 (VIOLATION)
Department of Public Safety	1	3	1	12 (VIOLATION)
Department of Revenue	0	4	1	1
Department of Transportation	0	4	2	1
Division of Motor Vehicles	1	1	9	11 (VIOLATION)
General Assembly	0	10	1	7
Judiciary	0	5	3	7
Lottery Commission	1	7	1	11 (VIOLATION)
Office of Auditor General	2	Failed to respond (VIOLATION)	1	49 (VIOLATION)
Office of the Attorney General	0	7	8	10
Office of the General Treasurer	0	1	9	4
Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)	0	1	2	1
Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation	0	1	1	6
Rhode Island State Police	0	3	2	10
Secretary of State	0	3	1	10
Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA)	1	23 (VIOLATION)	2	8

*Note that the Rhode Island State Police received additional requests submitted to all police departments in Rhode Island which are not represented in the table above. *The Department of Corrections duly requested an extension of twenty business days for the APRA request for its payout data, and so did not violate APRA despite exceeding the ten business day window for this request.*

Figure 31: State and quasi-public agencies, Number of APRA response time violations



- Responded to all requests within statutory window
- Failed to respond within the statutory window for one request
- Failed to respond within the statutory window for two requests

Table 28: Municipal agencies, summary of APRA compliance

	Municipal records custodian				Police department				School district	
	2014 AG certified	Written APRA procedure	APRA procedure online	2014 AG certified	Written APRA procedure	APRA procedure online	2014 AG certified	Written APRA procedure	APRA procedure online	
Barrington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes****	Yes	No, just form (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	
Bristol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No** (VIOLATION)	Yes**	Yes**	
Burrillville	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Central Falls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	N/A*	N/A*	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	
Charlestown	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	No, just form (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	Yes**	Yes**	Yes**	
Coventry	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cranston	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	No, just form (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cumberland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	
East Greenwich	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	
East Providence	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Exeter	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)				No** (VIOLATION)	Yes**	No** (VIOLATION)	
Foster	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes***	Yes***	No*** (VIOLATION)	
Glocester	Yes	Yes	No, just form (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes***	N/A*	N/A*	
Hopkinton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, just form (VIOLATION)	Yes**	Yes**	Yes**	

	Municipal records custodian			Police department			School district		
	2014 AG certified	Written APRA procedure	APRA procedure online	2014 AG certified	Written APRA procedure	APRA procedure online	2014 AG certified	Written APRA procedure	APRA procedure online
Jamestown	Yes	Yes	No, just form (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Johnston	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Lincoln	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Compton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)
Middletown	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Narragansett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Shoreham	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	No, just form (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	Yes, but did not provide	Yes
Newport	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)
North Kingstown	No (VIOLATION)	Yes, but did not provide	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Providence	Yes	Yes, but did not provide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
North Smithfield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Pawtucket	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	N/A*	N/A*	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Portsmouth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Providence	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	N/A*	N/A*	Yes*	N/A*	N/A*
Richmond	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes**	Yes**

	Municipal records custodian		Police department		School district	
	2014 AG certified	Written APPRA procedure	APPRA procedure online	2014 AG certified	Written APPRA procedure	APPRA procedure online
Scituate	No (VIOLATION)	No, just form (VIOLATION)	No, just form (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)
Smithfield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Kingstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes
Tiverton	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes
Warren	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No** (VIOLATION)	Yes**
Warwick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Greenwich	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No** (VIOLATION)	No** (VIOLATION)
West Warwick	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)	No (VIOLATION)
Westerly	No (VIOLATION)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)
Woonsocket	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (VIOLATION)	Yes

Single asterisks denote agencies for which the municipal records custodian is responsible for processing APPRA requests. Double asterisks denote municipalities which share a consolidated school district with at least one other municipality. Triple asterisks denote that Foster and Gloucester have municipal school districts as well as the shared Foster-Gloucester Regional Schools. The municipal school district response time is shown in the table above for these two communities. Quadruple asterisks denote that, while the Barrington Police Department APPRA policy lists the chief as its APPRA officer, the Attorney General log specifically lists the Barrington town manager as certified on behalf of the police department as well as the municipality.

Table 29: Municipal agencies, summary of APRA response times

	Records custodian		Police department					School district		
	Total violations	APRA procedures	APRA procedures	Dispatch log	Arrest log	Arrest reports	APRA procedures	Contract	Layoff letters	
Barrington	3	1	28 (VIOLATION)	22 (VIOLATION)	2	39 (VIOLATION)	1	1	8	
Bristol	0	1	1	1	1	6	4**	9**	9**	
Burrillville	2	1	2	4	2	18 (VIOLATION)	3	17 (VIOLATION)	8	
Central Falls	3	11 (VIOLATION)	N/A*	52 (VIOLATION)	6	18*	3	1	8	
Charlestown	0	10	4	1	1	1	1**	1**	1**	
Coventry	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	1	4	
Cranston	4	12 (VIOLATION)	14 (VIOLATION)	2	1	18 (VIOLATION)	1	13 (VIOLATION)	2	
Cumberland	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	13 (VIOLATION)	13 (VIOLATION)	
East Greenwich	3	1	11 (VIOLATION)	1	1	1	41 (VIOLATION)	1	Failed to respond (VIOLATION)	
East Providence	2	1	12 (VIOLATION)	4	1	1	2	7	28 (VIOLATION)	
Exeter	0	3					1**	1**	1**	
Foster	2	1	1	25 (VIOLATION)	3	8	1***	1***	7***	
Glocester	0	1	1	4	1	1	N/A*	2***	5***	
Hopkinton	3	4	8	15 (VIOLATION)	Failed to respond (VIOLATION)	18 (VIOLATION)	1**	1**	1**	
Jamestown	2	1	5	11 (VIOLATION)	10 (VIOLATION)	1	1	8	9	
Johnston	1	1	2	4	11 (VIOLATION)	5	3	5	1	
Lincoln	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	9	

	Records custodian		Police department					School district		
	Total violations	APRA procedures	APRA procedures	Dispatch log	Arrest log	Arrest reports	APRA procedures	Contract	Layoff letters	
Little Compton	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	17 (VIOLATION)	2	
Middletown	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	
Narragansett	0	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	1	
New Shoreham	3	1	5	21 (VIOLATION)	3 (VIOLATION)	Failed to respond (VIOLATION)	1	1	1	
Newport	1	4	1	10	1	4	29 (VIOLATION)	2	10	
North Kingstown	1	5	2	1	9 (VIOLATION)	1	1	1	5	
North Providence	4	2	15 (VIOLATION)	18 (VIOLATION)	4 (VIOLATION)	3	1	22 (VIOLATION)	1	
North Smithfield	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14 (VIOLATION)	7	
Pawtucket	3	7	N/A*	23 (VIOLATION)	10 (VIOLATION)	10	23 (VIOLATION)	1	8	
Portsmouth	1	1	8	1	4 (VIOLATION)	1	1	3	8	
Providence	3	11 (VIOLATION)	N/A*	10	2	22 (VIOLATION)	N/A*	11 (VIOLATION)	9	
Richmond	2	12 (VIOLATION)	17 (VIOLATION)	7	1	1	1**	1**	1**	
Scituate	4	1	11 (VIOLATION)	25 (VIOLATION)	6 (VIOLATION)	4	1	11 (VIOLATION)	1	
Smithfield	3	11 (VIOLATION)	12 (VIOLATION)	5	1	6	1	11 (VIOLATION)	2	
South Kingstown	1	1	1	1	3 (VIOLATION)	1	5	2	1	
Tiverton	4	14 (VIOLATION)	3	1	9 (VIOLATION)	1	27 (VIOLATION)	20 (VIOLATION)	9	

	Records custodian		Police department					School district			
	Total violations	APRA procedures	APRA procedures	Dispatch log	Arrest log	Arrest reports	APRA procedures	Contract	Layoff letters		
Warren	4	1	27 (VIOLATION)	18 (VIOLATION)	6 (VIOLATION)	12 (VIOLATION)	4**	9**	9**		
Warwick	3	1	11 (VIOLATION)	3 (VIOLATION)	3 (VIOLATION)	4	5 (VIOLATION)	12 (VIOLATION)	1		
West Greenwich	4	1	21 (VIOLATION)	39 (VIOLATION)	15 (VIOLATION)	11 (VIOLATION)	1**	1**	1**		
West Warwick	6	1	13 (VIOLATION)	1 (VIOLATION)	6 (VIOLATION)	11 (VIOLATION)	27 (VIOLATION)	26 (VIOLATION)	15 (VIOLATION)		
Westerly	4	11 (VIOLATION)	3	1	3 (VIOLATION)	2	29 (VIOLATION)	24 (VIOLATION)	3		
Woonsocket	2	1	5 (VIOLATION)	11 (VIOLATION)	1	13 (VIOLATION)	1	4	7		

Single asterisks denote agencies for which the municipal records custodian is responsible for processing APRA requests. Double asterisks denote municipalities which share a consolidated school district with at least one other municipality. Triple asterisks denote that Foster and Glocester have municipal school districts as well as the shared Foster-Glocester Regional Schools. The municipal school district response time is shown in the table above for these two communities. Also note that Exeter does not have a municipal police department.

Figure 32: Municipal agencies, Number of APRA response time violations



- Responded to all requests within statutory window
- Failed to respond within the statutory window for one request
- Failed to respond within the statutory window for two requests
- Failed to respond within the statutory window for three requests
- Failed to respond within the statutory window for four requests
- Failed to respond within the statutory window for six requests