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# Code Report

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# CODE REPORT

The monthly Code Report is an initiative of the City of Fort Worth' Code Compliance Department aimed at keeping residents of Fort Worth abreast of the department's services to the community and the results of such efforts.

The Code Compliance Department has five main public service areas:

- Animal Care & Control
- Code Enforcement
- Consumer Health
- Environmental Quality
- Solid Waste Services

Since the first edition published in March 2016, the Code Report has grown to the current format, which relays the monthly results of all five areas of services of Code Compliance. The initial issue only reported on the activities of Animal Care & Control.

As it can be gathered from the results conveyed in the current Code Report, all areas of service continue to achieve impressive results as they strive to provide outstanding customer service to the public.

Please take the time to read the Code Report and share your thoughts with us. We value your insights and feedback on Code Compliance's various programs and look forward to hearing from you.

Please notice that unless noted the Code Report reports on the fiscal year instead of the calendar year. Fort Worth's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.



# ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Animal Care & Control provides animal shelter operations, animal adoption centers, spay/neuter and low-cost vaccination clinics, animal ordinance enforcement and public education. These programs work to reduce the number of stray animals in the city, minimize the threat of diseases, such as rabies, and prevent injuries caused by animals. It's the shelter's goal to find loving homes for all the animals that end up in its care.



# ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

## June 2018 Statistics

This chart reflects the monthly movement of animals in and out of the shelter. Most significant is the shelter's live release rate, which indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The daily challenge of managing a municipal shelter is daunting because Fort Worth Animal Care & Control is mandated to accept any animal that comes from within city limits.

<b>June Live Release Rate: 94.59%</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT 6/1/2018</b>	571	153	<b>724</b>
<b>INTAKE</b>			
From the public	1067	282	1,349
Incoming transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition	0	0	0
Incoming transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition	0	0	0
From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia	9	0	9
<b>Total intake (B + C + D + E)</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,358</b>
Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	3	0	3
<b>ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE (F – G)</b>	<b>1073</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,355</b>
<b>ADOPTIONS</b>			
	613	208	<b>821</b>
<b>OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition</b>			
	127	13	<b>140</b>
<b>OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition</b>			
	56	0	<b>56</b>
<b>RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN</b>	206	0	<b>206</b>
<b>DOGS &amp; CATS EUTHANIZED</b>			
Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	43	0	43
Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	2	2
Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	13	15	28
<b>Total Euthanasia (M + N + O + P)</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>73</b>
Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	3	0	<b>3</b>
<b>ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA (Q – R)</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES (I + J + K + L + S)</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>1,293</b>
Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
<b>DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER CARE</b>	25	17	<b>42</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTCOMES (T + U)</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1,335</b>
Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
<b>ENDING SHELTER COUNT 6/30/2018 11:59:59 PM</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>744</b>

# ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

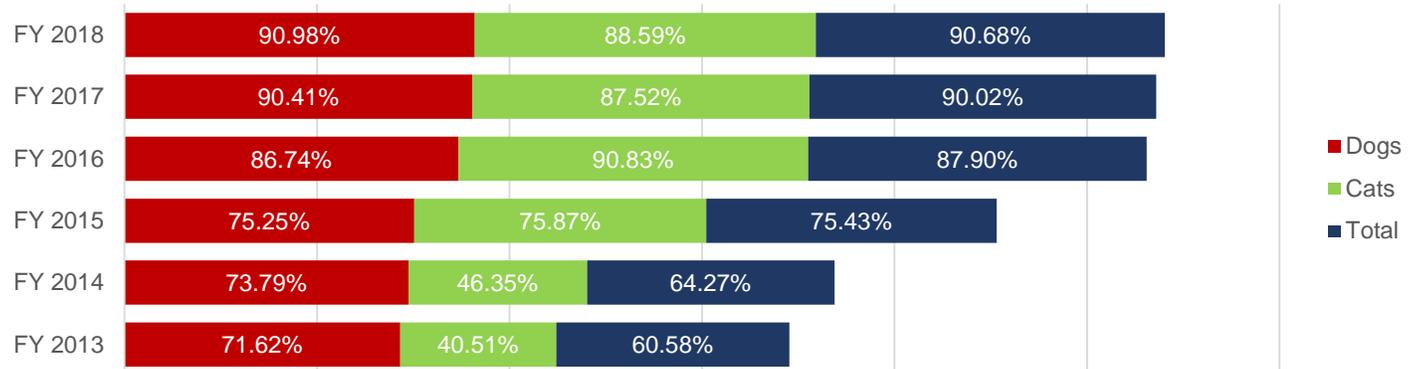
## Live Release Rate

The “live release rate” indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The FY2017 annual rate of 91.37 percent is another accomplishment for the shelter and its partners. These statistics are nearly unobtainable by many government-operated shelters due to lack of resources, funding and collaborative partnerships.

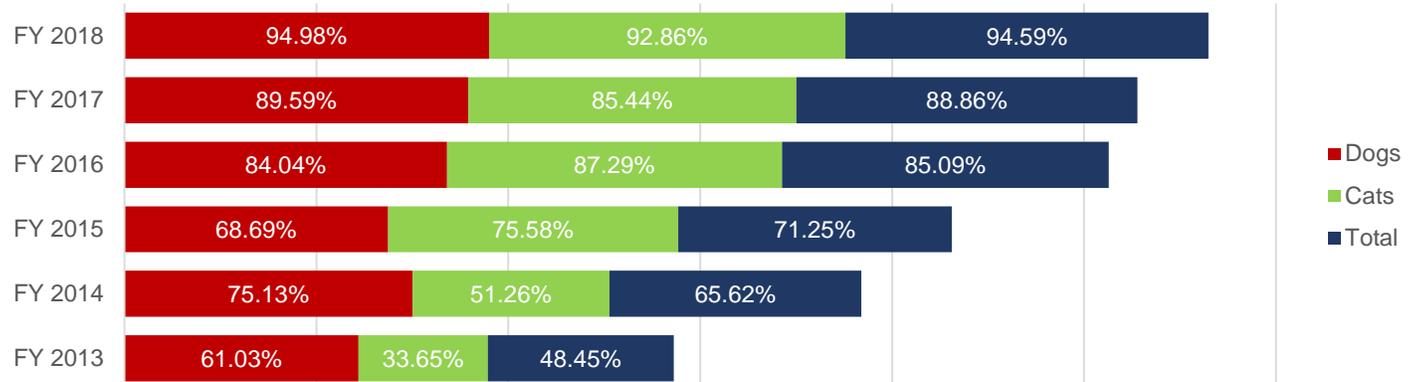
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### FISCAL YEAR TO DATE LIVE RELEASE RATE



### JUNE LIVE RELEASE RATE

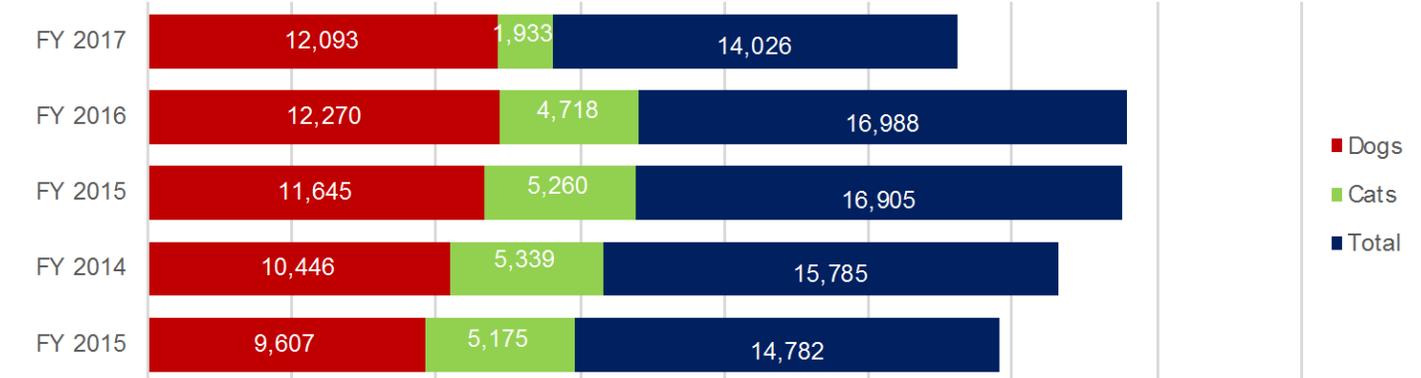


# ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

## Intakes

Animals coming into the shelter via surrenders, capture and/or adoption return. The number of cats decreased due to the end of the return to field program.

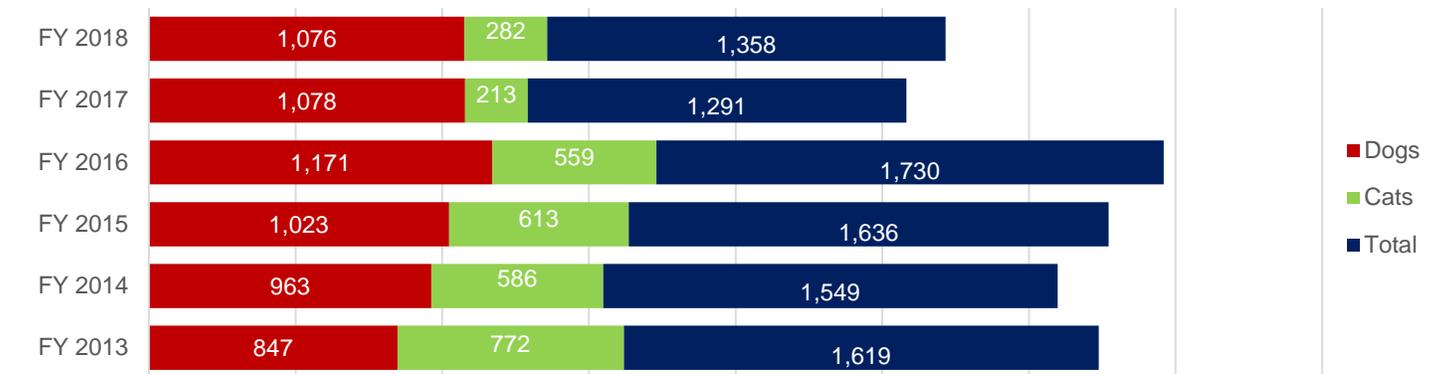
### ANNUAL INTAKES COMPARISON



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### JUNE INTAKES

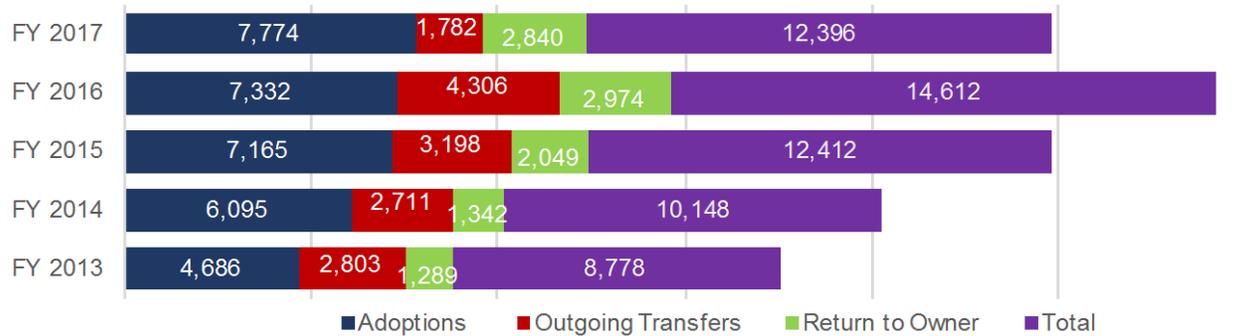


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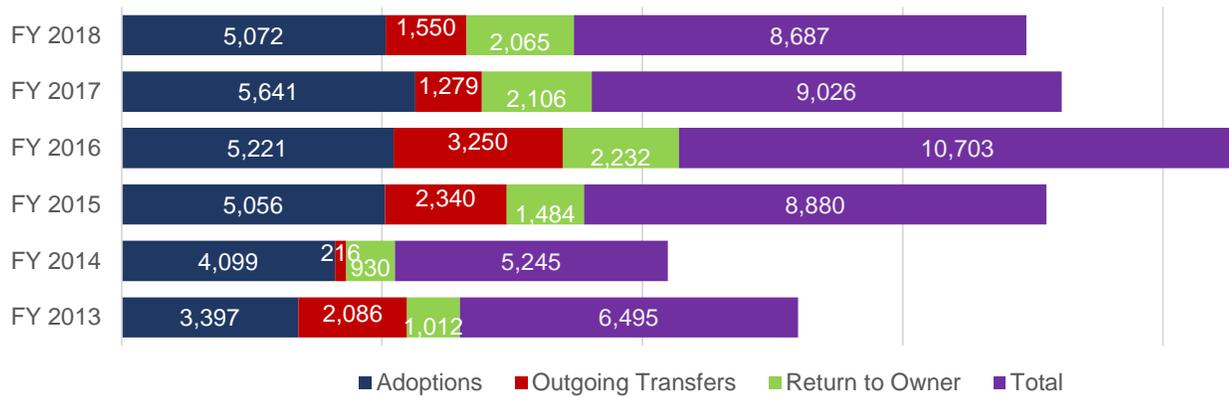
## Outcomes

Animals leaving the shelter through adoptions, outgoing transfers (rescue organizations), and return to owner.

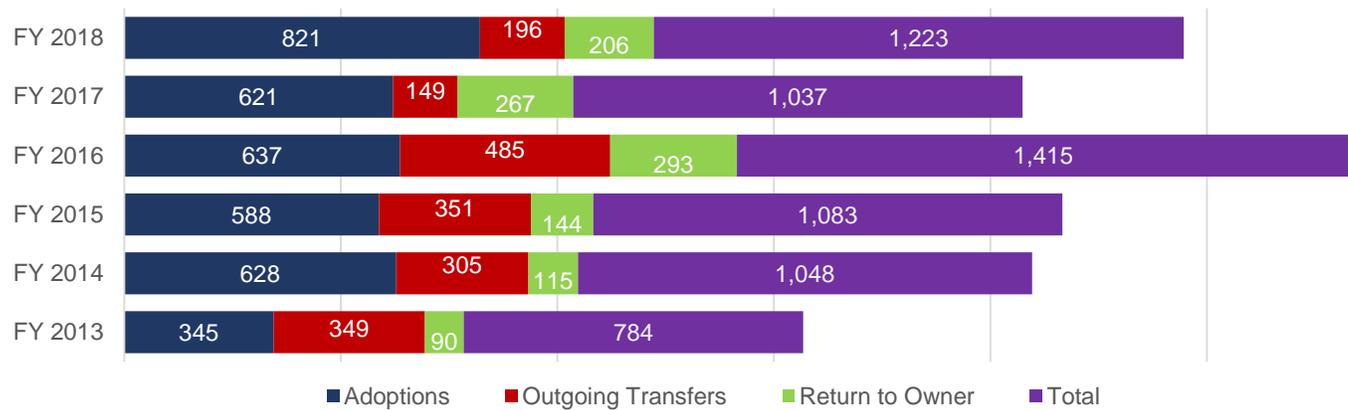
### ANNUAL LIVE OUTCOMES COMPARISON



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### JUNE LIVE OUTCOMES

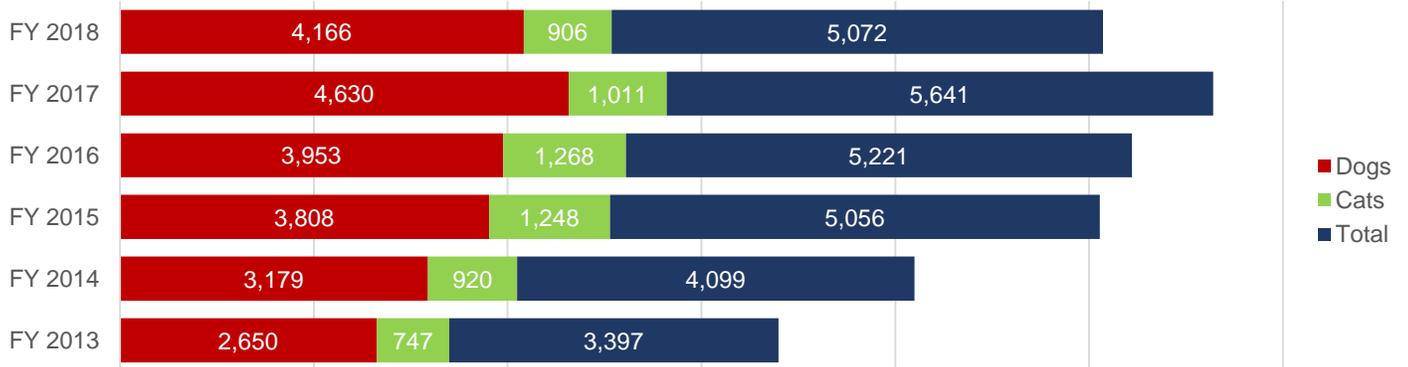


# ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

## ANNUAL ADOPTIONS



## FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ADOPTIONS



## JUNE ADOPTIONS



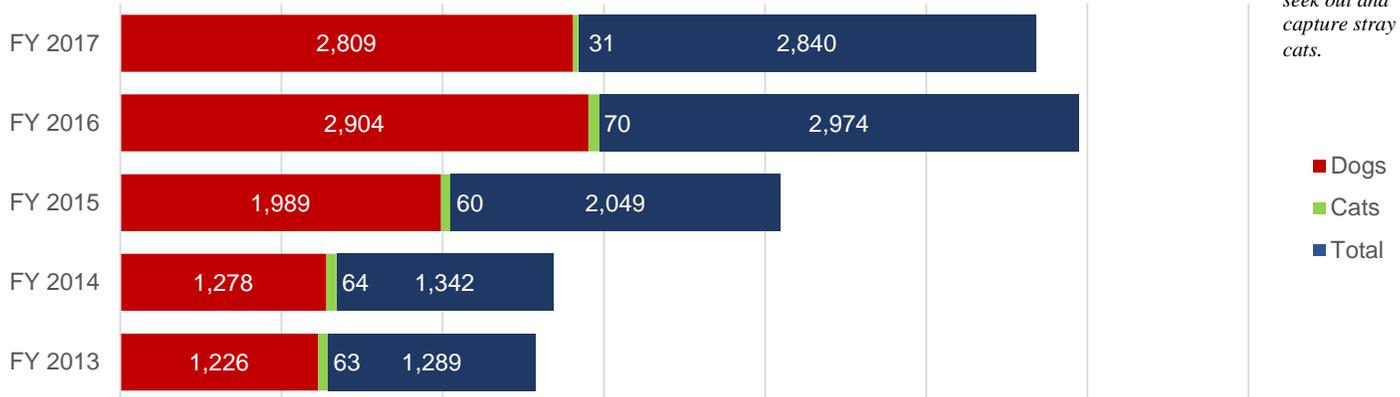
# ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

## Return to Owner

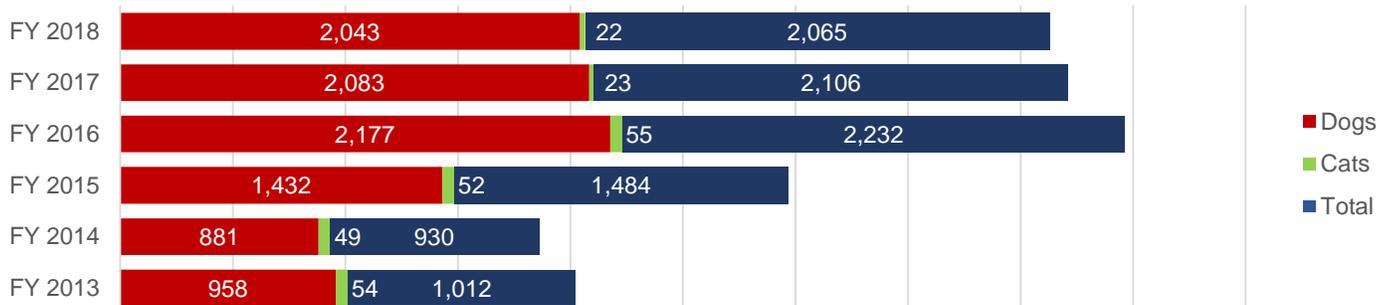
A huge effort is made by animal control officers working within the neighborhoods to return stray/lost pets to their owners without impounding the pets at the shelter. Pets who wear collars with city license tags or pets who are microchipped have a high rate of being returned to their owners.

*Note: Animal Control Officers do not actively seek out and capture stray cats.*

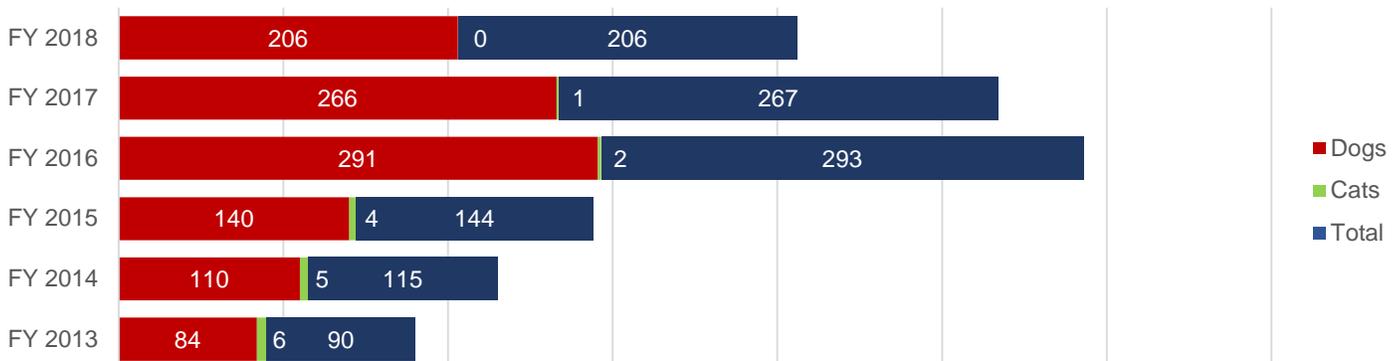
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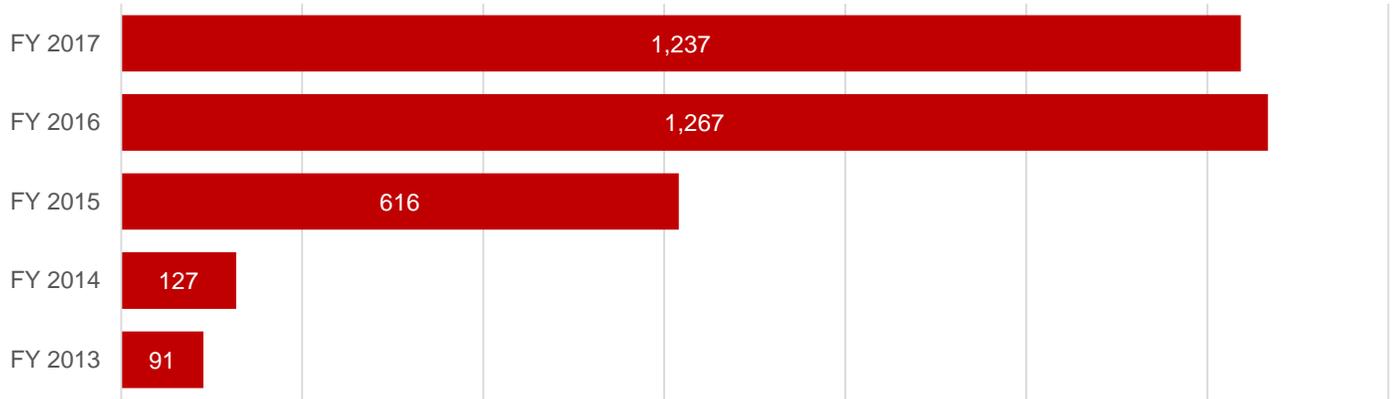


### JUNE RETURNED TO OWNER

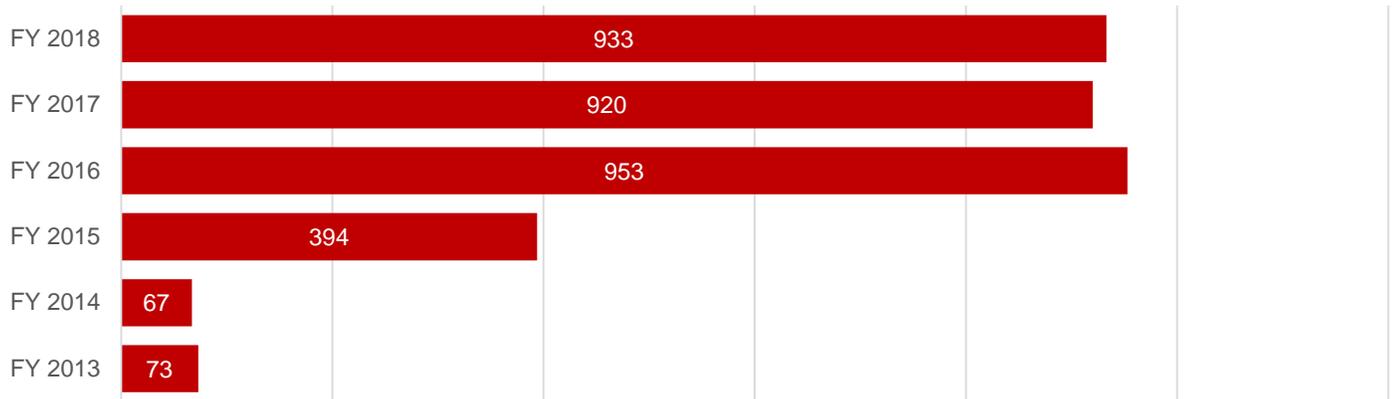


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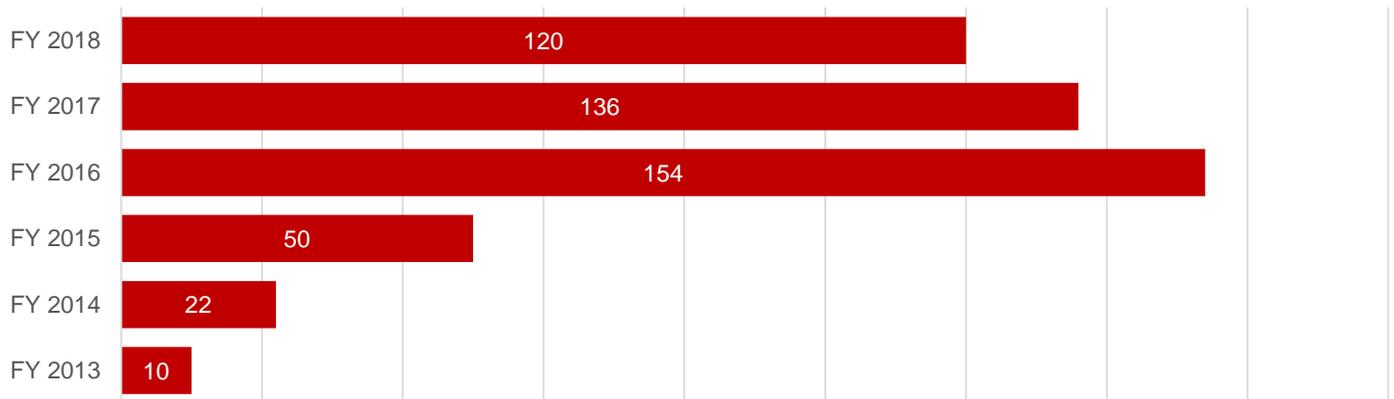
## ANNUAL DOGS RETURNED TO OWNER IN FIELD



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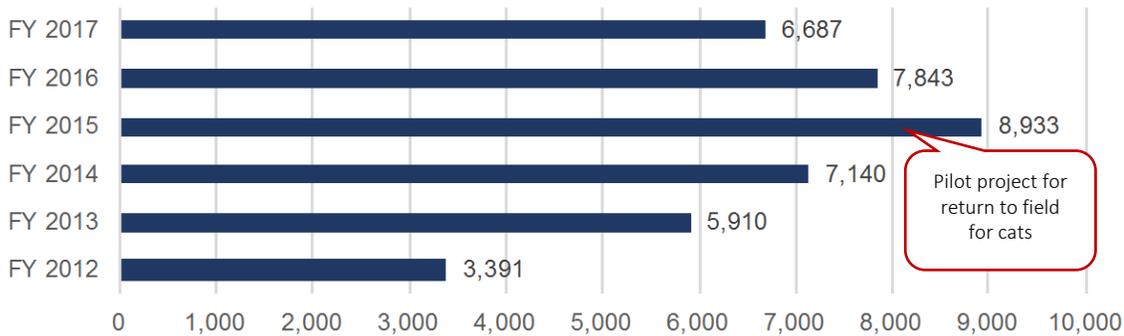


## JUNE DOGS RETURNED TO OWNER IN FIELD

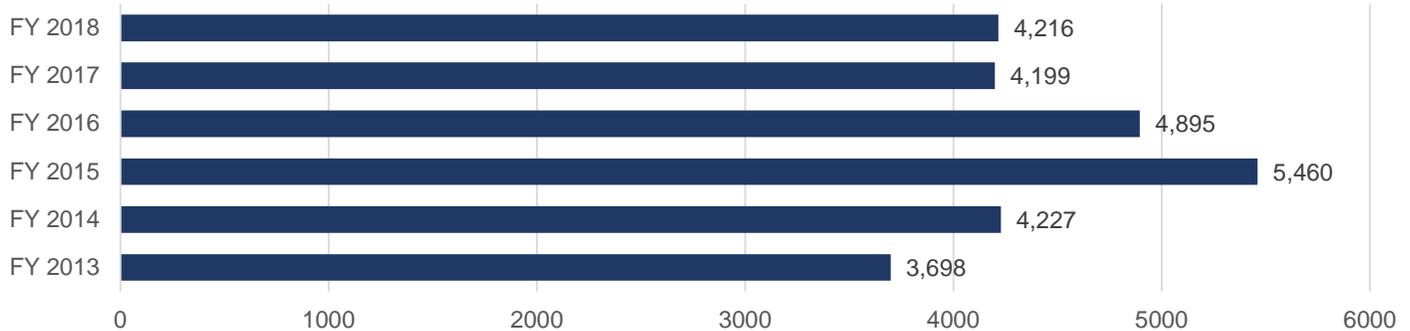


## Annual Spay and Neuter Surgeries

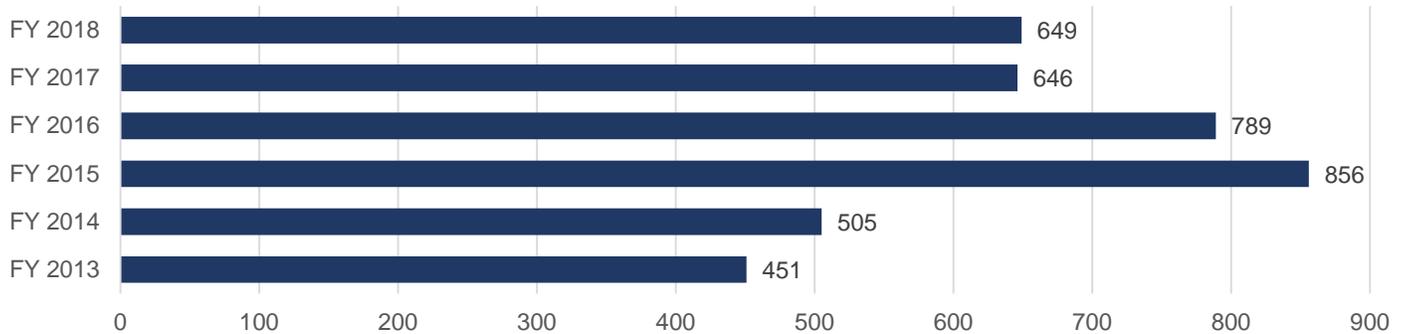
In order to reduce the stray pet population and to protect the public from safety issues that can occur because of unaltered stray animals, all pets that land in Fort Worth Animal Care & Control are spayed or neutered before they are adopted, rescued or returned to owners. This chart provides an overview of the dramatic intake of animals coming into the shelter and the mandatory spay/neuter surgeries. FY 2015 and part of FY 2016 Fort Worth conducted a pilot program of Return to Field for stray cats where the cats were trapped, spayed/neutered, and vaccinated and returned to trap location.



## FISCAL YEAR TO DATE SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES



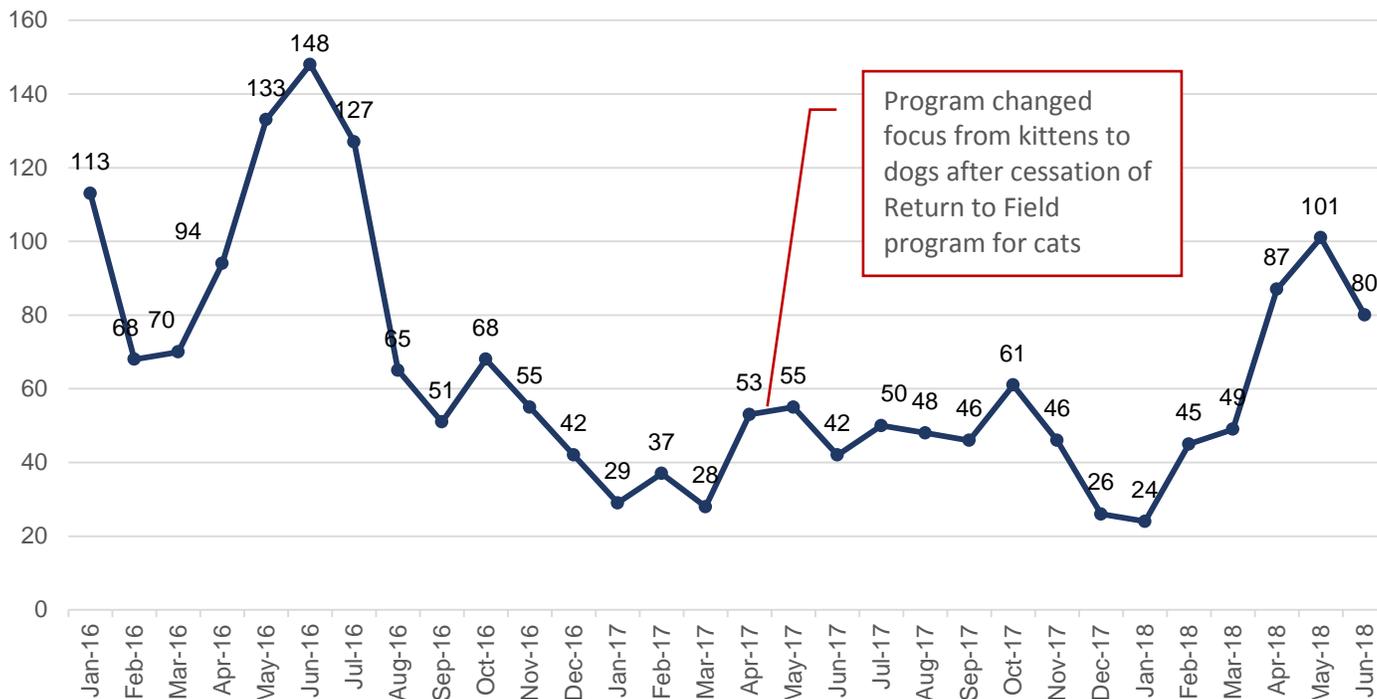
## JUNE SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES



## Foster Program – Cowtown Crashpads

In 2015, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control created its first foster care program called Cowtown Crashpads. This program has been a huge success in allowing pets to have the time they need to become adoptable. Pets that enter into the foster program June be recovering from illnesses, injuries or June include newborns that are too young to be adopted.

### ANIMALS IN FOSTER CARE



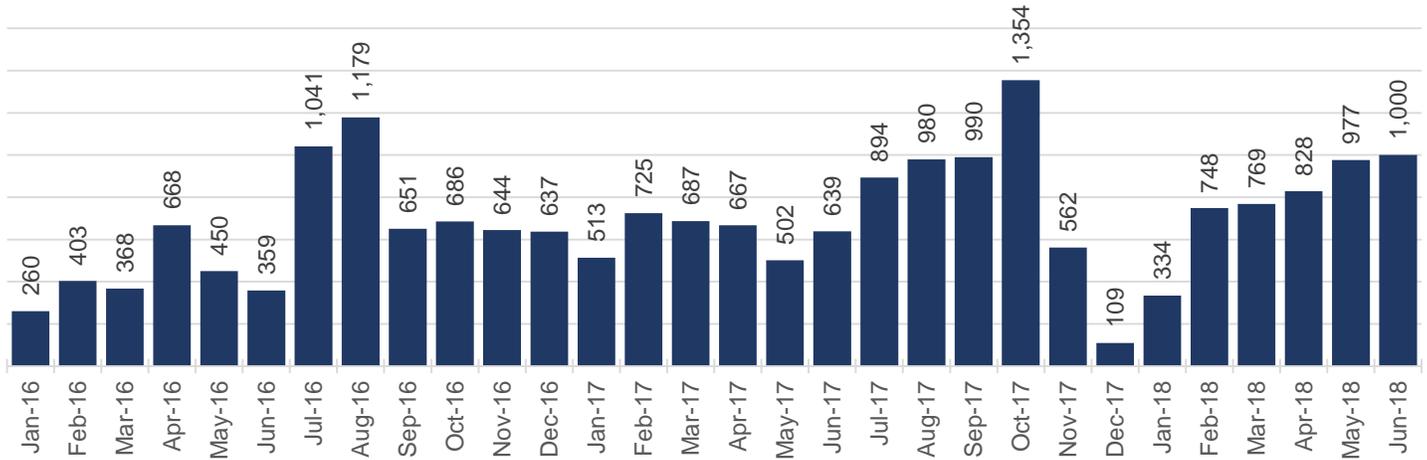
Note: Chart reflects calendar year data



## Volunteer Program

A new volunteer program was established in 2014 to provide much needed assistance at the animal shelter, as well as its two PetSmart Adoption Centers. The program has steadily grown to include volunteers who regularly play with and socialize the pets, offer support to staff members, and assist with special adoption events, such as Clear the Shelters, Shelter Pets Rock and the PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekends throughout the year.

### VOLUNTEER HOURS



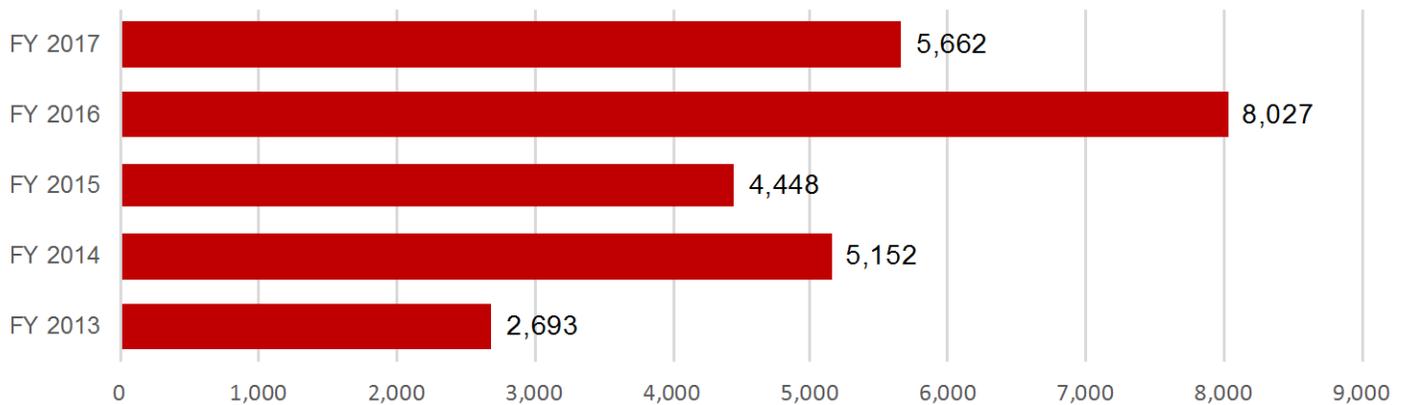
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## Enforcement and General Citations

Fort Worth Animal Care & Control provides enforcement of a number of state laws and city ordinances to protect the community at large.

### ANNUAL CITATIONS ISSUED

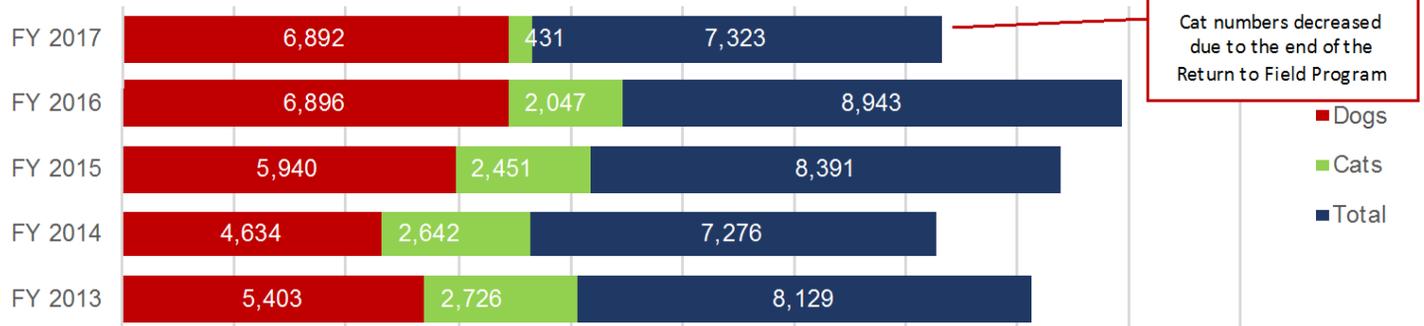
The number of citations issued depends on the number of stray animals reported in the City of Fort Worth. In 2015, FWACC implemented a new program of returning dogs to their owners in the field. This program, combined with an adding a stray team program in 2014, resulted in a decrease in the number of citations written in 2015.



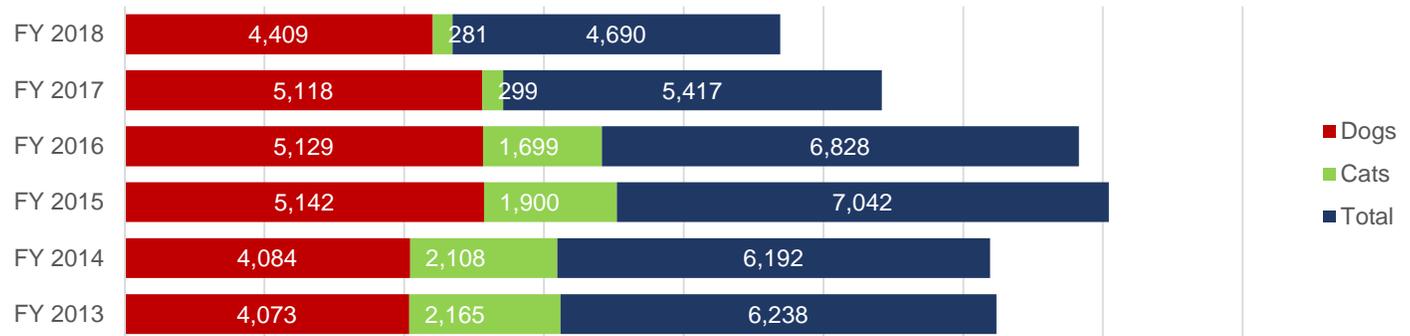
## Stray Animal Capture

In 2014, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control furthered its efforts with a new focus on removing stray animals from the streets in our community and implemented the stray team program. The stray teams' singular focus is to capture stray animals within the city. There are currently two teams of three officers. Their efforts, in conjunction with other animal control officers' efforts, have also included record-setting numbers of dogs returned to their owners in the field.

### ANNUAL STRAY ANIMAL CAPTURE



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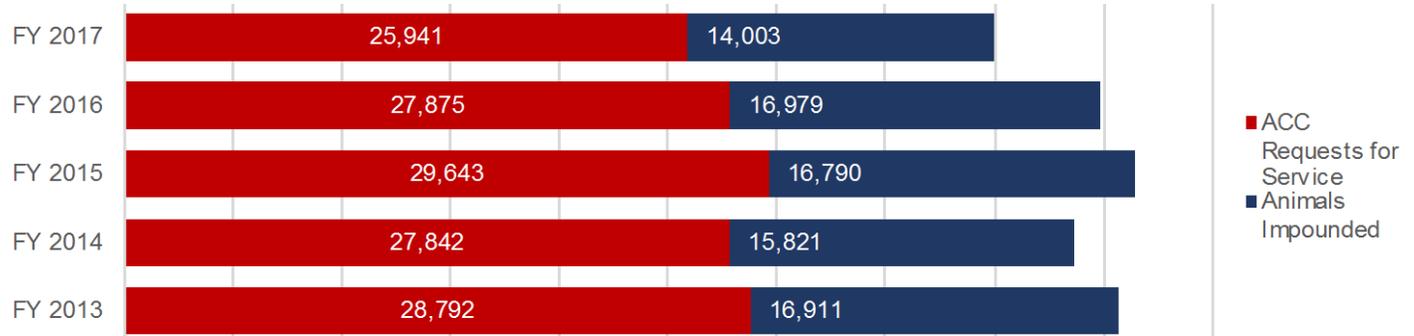
### JUNE STRAY ANIMAL CAPTURE



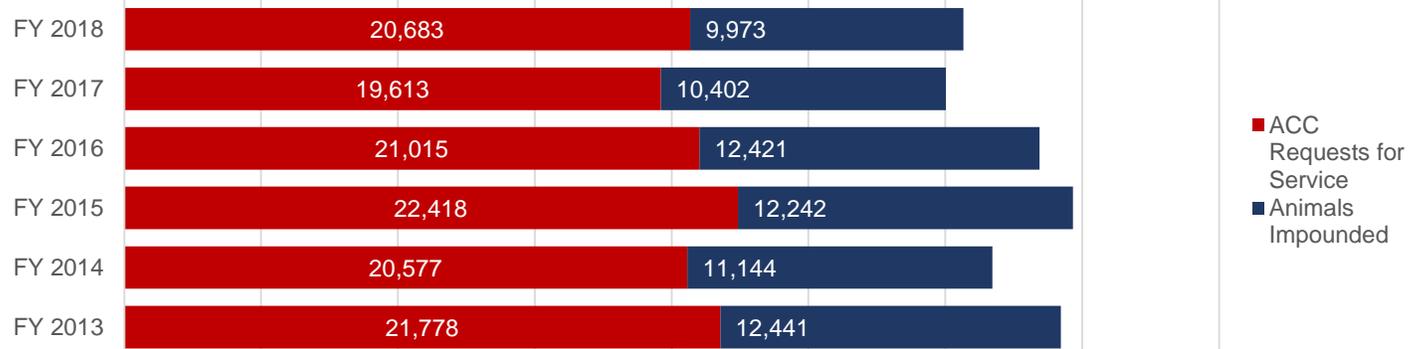
## Requests for Service

Requests for service typically include all animal welfare issues, such as stray or injured animals, animals in danger, or wildlife and livestock issues.

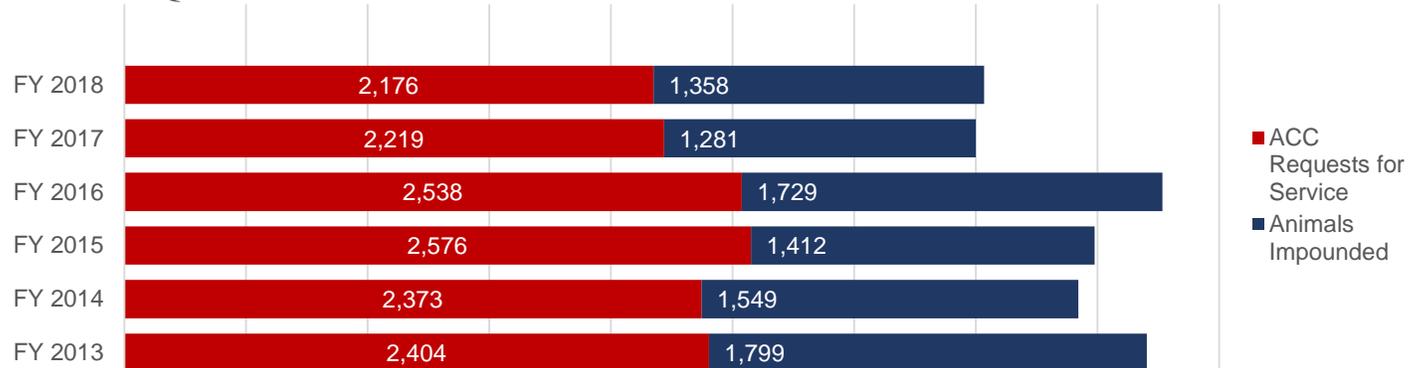
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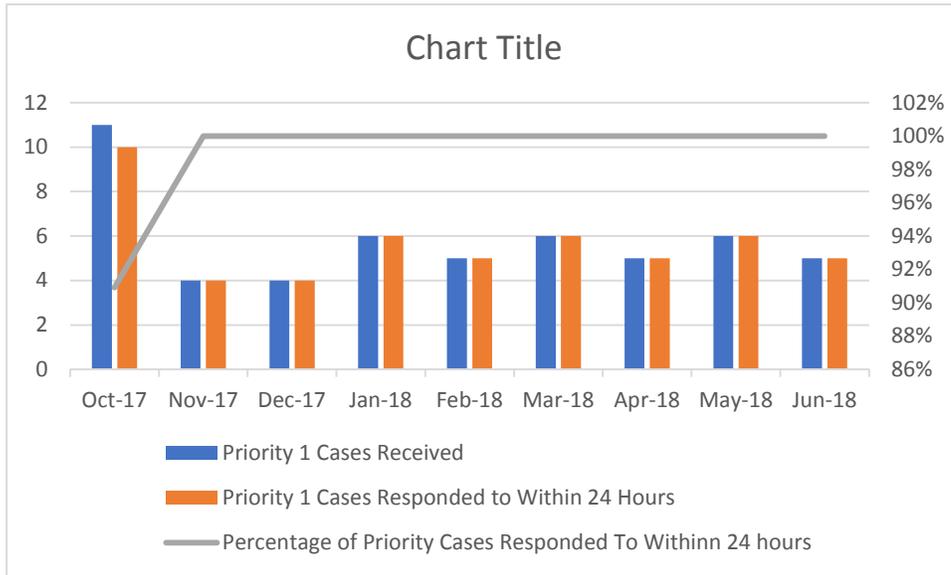
### FISCAL YEAR TO DATE REQUESTS FOR SERVICE



### JUNE REQUESTS FOR SERVICE



## Priority 1 Cases Responded To Within 24 hours



## Resources

### DATA QUALITY & CONTROL

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### FOR ANIMAL QUESTIONS:

817-392-1234

### ADOPT A PET

[FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/adoption](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/adoption)

[www.facebook.com/fortworthacc](http://www.facebook.com/fortworthacc)

### REPORT AN ANIMAL ISSUE

[CityOfFortWorth.wufoo.com/forms/animal-issue-report-form](http://CityOfFortWorth.wufoo.com/forms/animal-issue-report-form)

### FIND AN ADOPTION CENTER

[FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/adoption](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/adoption)

[www.facebook.com/fortworthacc](http://www.facebook.com/fortworthacc)

### LICENSE YOUR PET

[FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/fees](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/fees)

### DONATE TO FRIENDS OF HENRY AND SCOUT TO HELP SHELTER PETS

[FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/donate](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/donate)

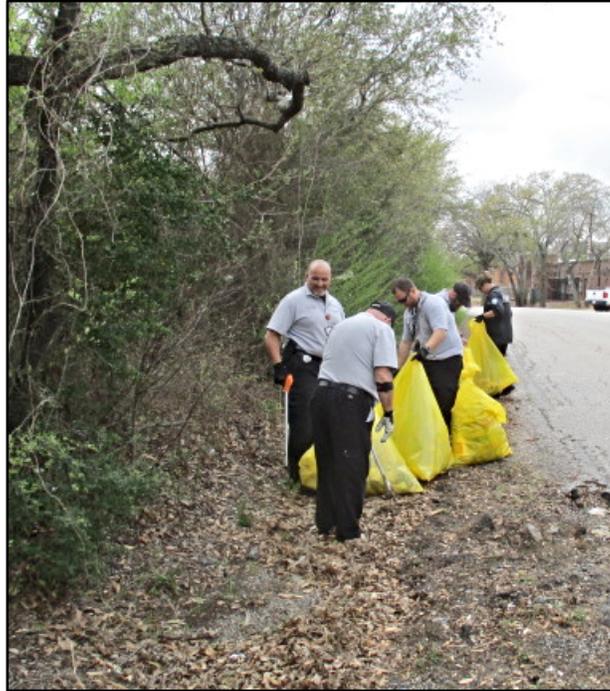
### LOST AND FOUND PETS

[FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/foundpets](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/foundpets)



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement has two divisions: the Neighborhood Investigations Division and the Building Standards Division. These divisions maintain Fort Worth's status as a clean, livable and attractive city.

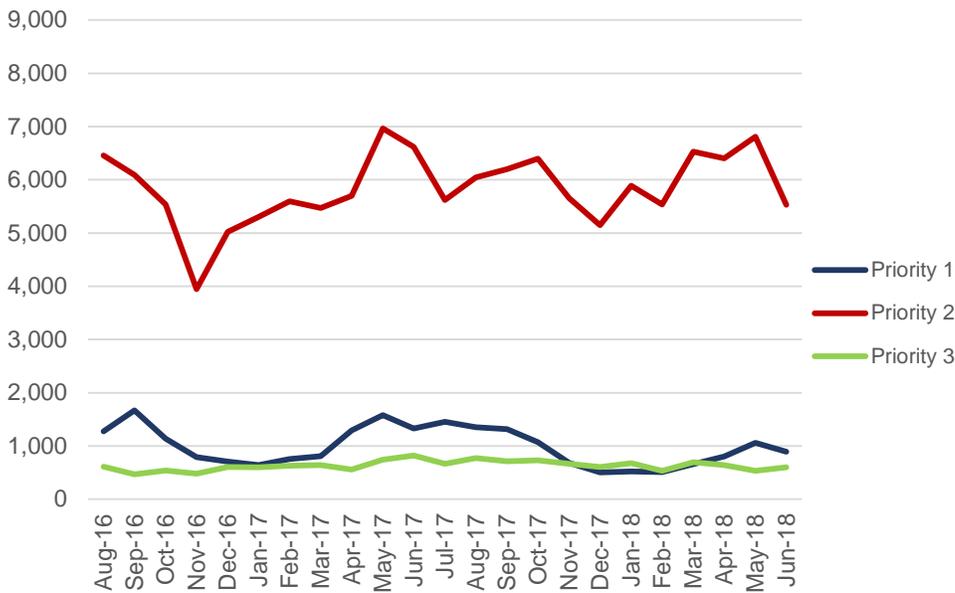
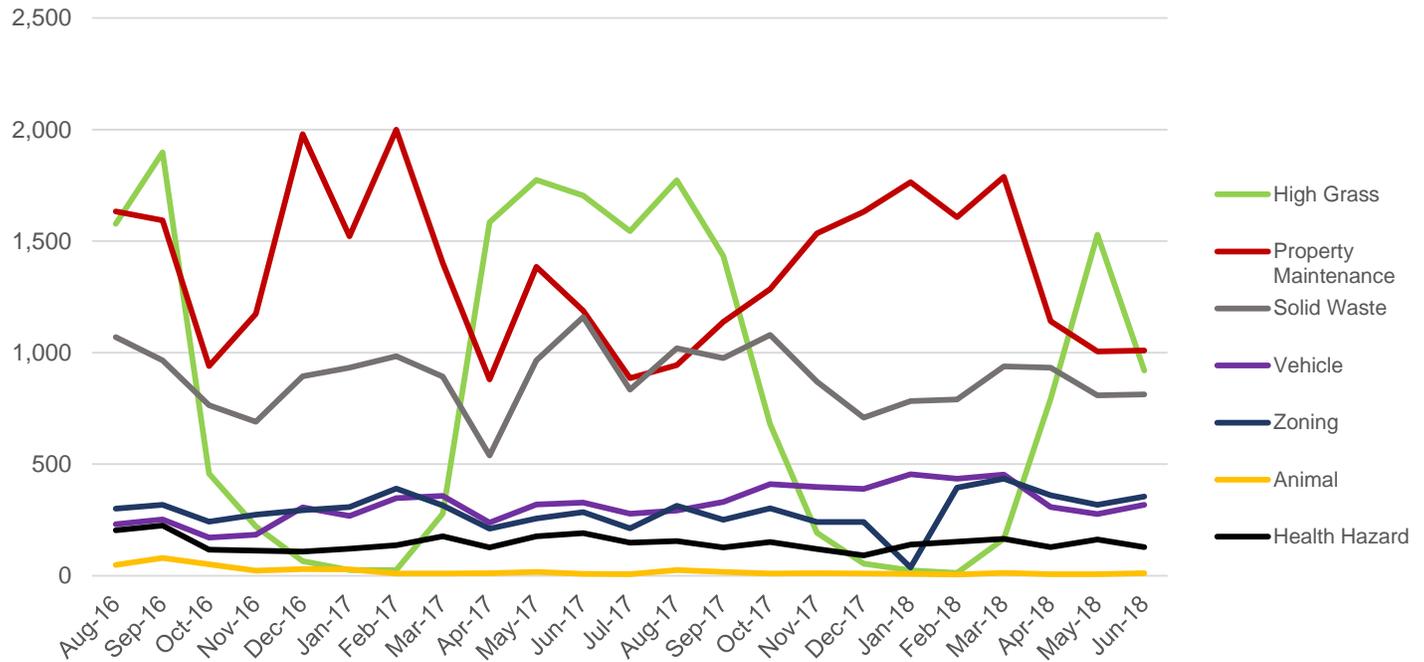


# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Neighborhood Investigations Division

Neighborhood Investigations Division consists of the neighborhood Code Officers who investigate violations, such as high grass and weeds, open and vacant structures, junk vehicles, accumulation of debris, contaminated bulk waste, and zoning issues.

### VIOLATIONS WORKED



### VIOLATIONS BY PRIORITY

The Neighborhood Code Officers work violations based on priority.

Priority 1 violations are the most dangerous, such as sewage leaks, stagnant water, open/vacant structures, and grass more than 24 inches tall.

Priority 2 violations include accumulation of debris, bulk waste violations, junk vehicles, animal violations, and grass between 18 and 24 inches tall.

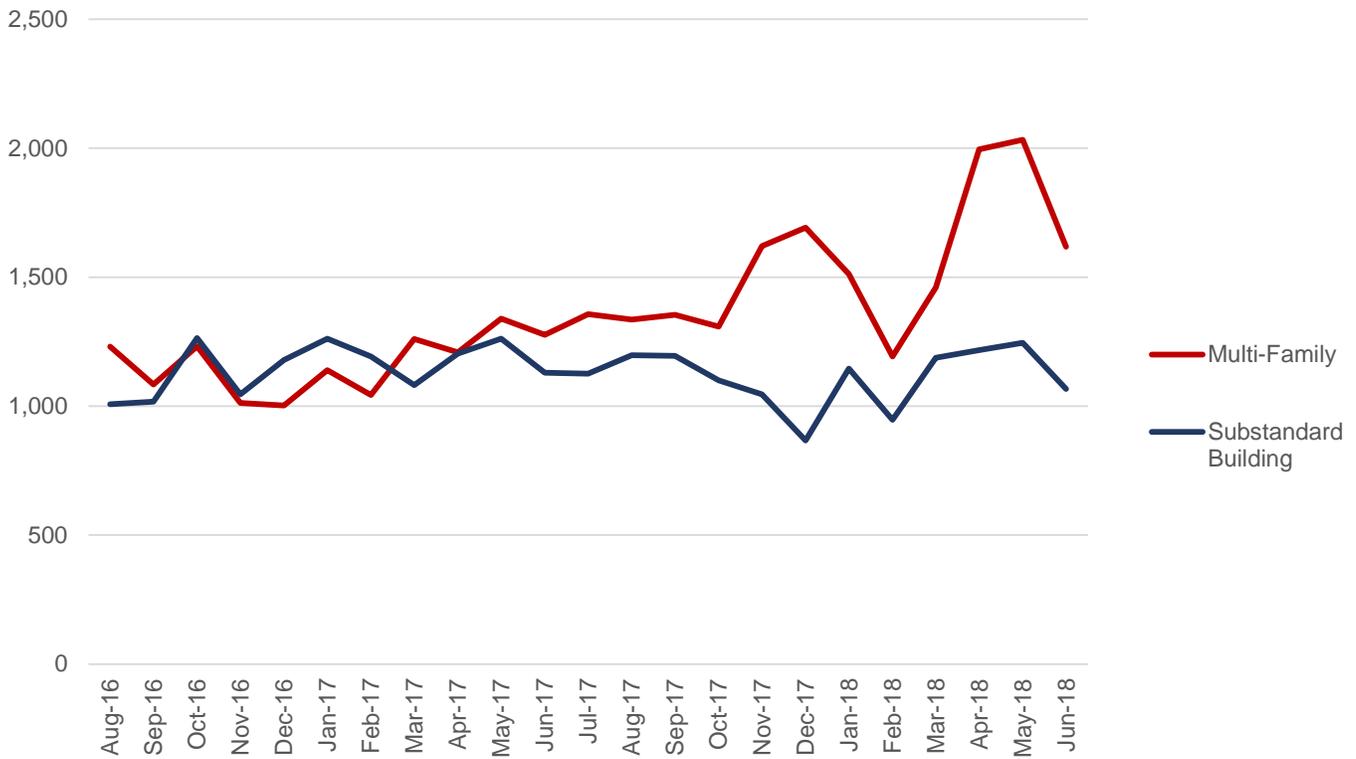
Priority 3 violations include garbage/recycling cart violations, garage sales and grass between 12 and 18 inches tall.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Building Standards Division

The Building Standards Division consists of the Substandard Buildings Section and the Multi-Family Registration and Inspection Program. The substandard building Code Officers inspect residential and commercial structures while the multi-family Code Officers focus on apartment complexes and properties with three or more units.

### VIOLATIONS WORKED



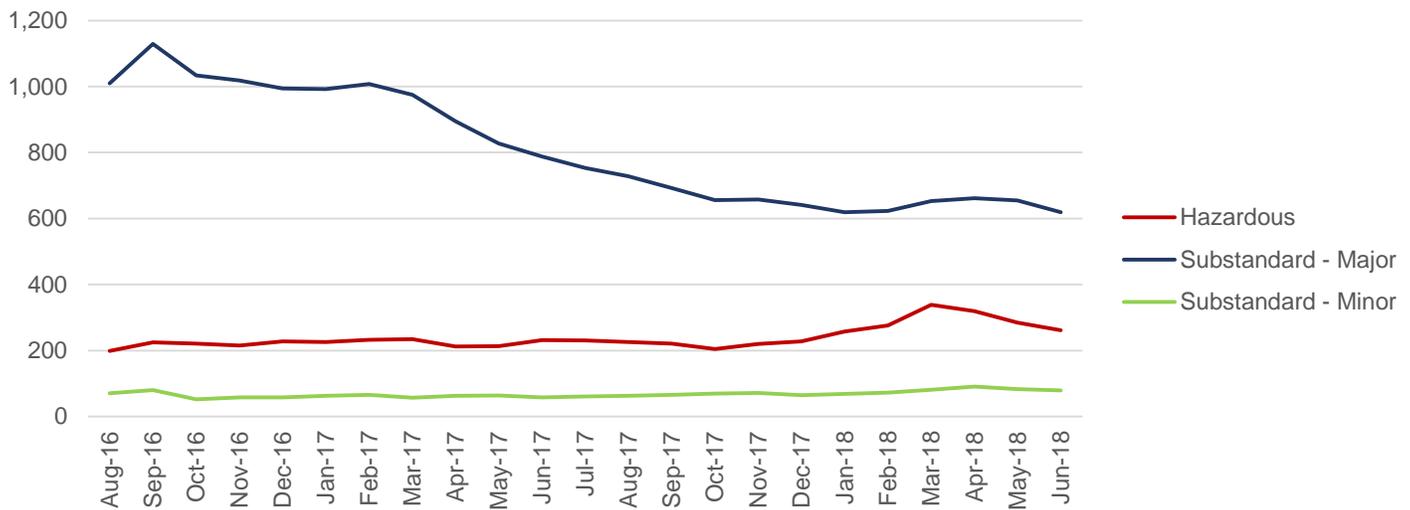
A substandard structure is any building that does not meet the standards or specifications established in the building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical codes that may endanger the life, health, and safety of residents.

## Substandard Structures

A substandard structure is any building that does not meet the standards or specifications established in the building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical codes and endangers the life, health, and safety of the public.

### SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE CASES BY CATEGORY

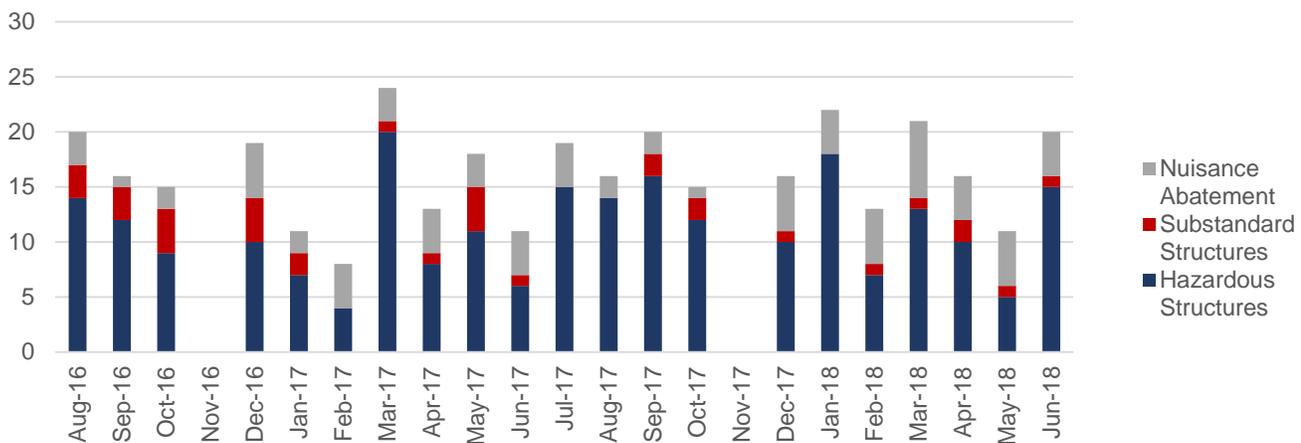
Structures are prioritized based on three categories. Hazardous structures are the most dangerous and need to be repaired or demolished as soon as possible.



### BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION ORDERS BY CATEGORY

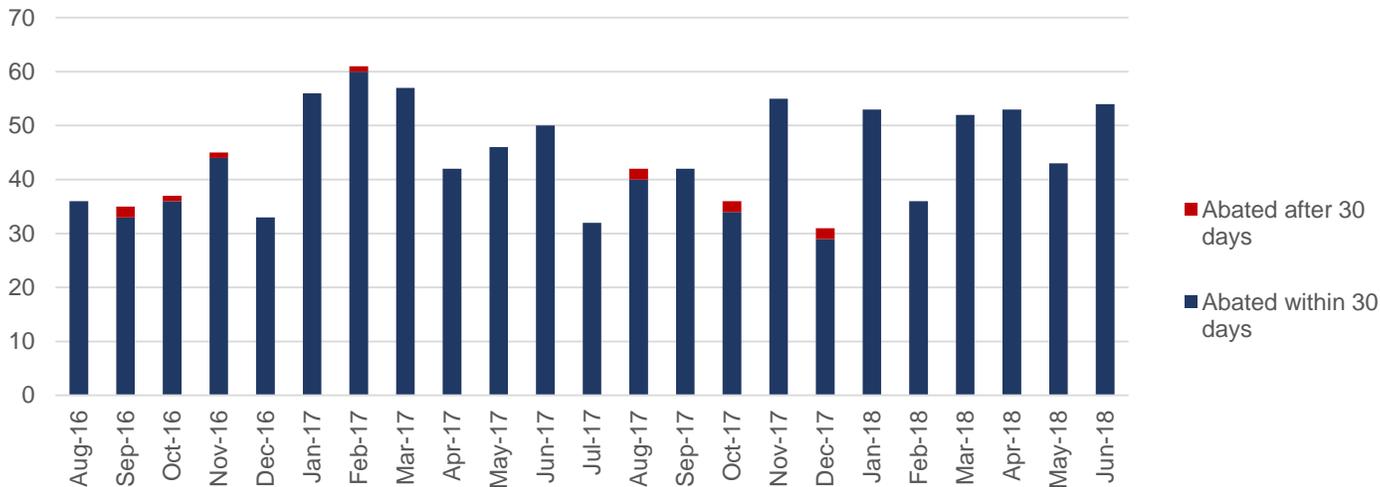
When property owners fail to repair or demolish substandard structures, the property June be taken before the Building Standards Commission. This Commission has the authority to order an owner to comply with all applicable laws and ordinances, including repair or demolition of a structure, and to order a property owner to remove or abate a nuisance.

The Commission does not meet in November or during inclement weather.



## Open and Vacant Structure Violations

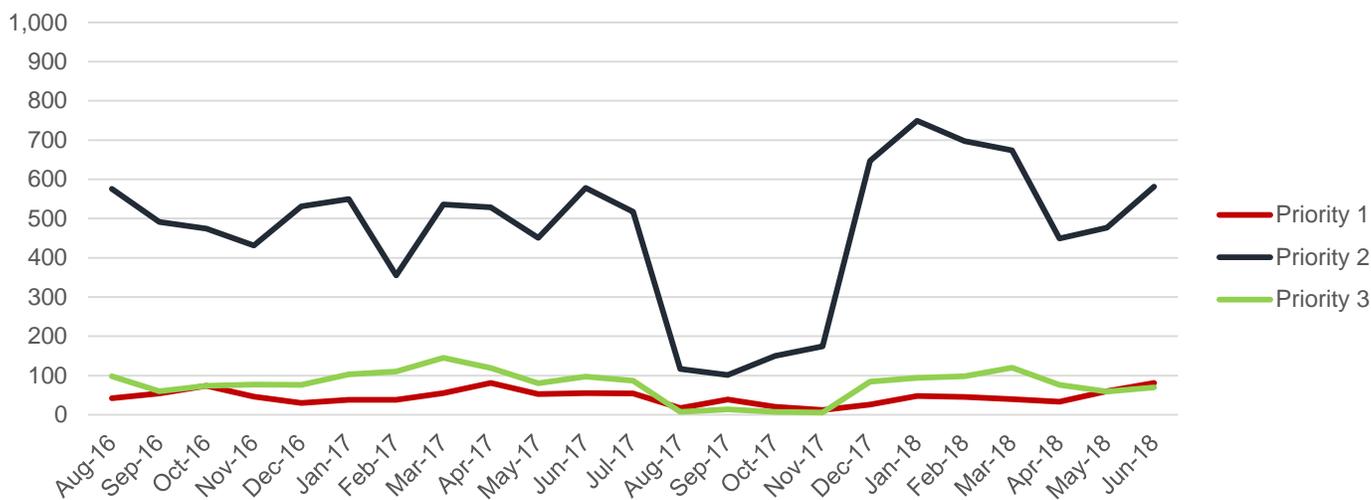
When abandoned structures remain open and unsecured, they provide opportunities for illegal activities, such as prostitution and drug sales. Sometimes vagrants gain access and burn structures down while trying to stay warm in winter months. Abandoned structures also can deteriorate, becoming eyesores, and contributing to urban blight.



## Code Enforcement Safe Neighborhood Initiatives

A Safe Neighborhood Initiative is a concentrated educational effort to remove blight and improve a neighborhood by encouraging cooperation and increasing neighborhood pride. Code Officers go door-to-door educating residents about code violations. Residents are given an opportunity to abate any existing violations identified during the discussion. If not abated within a given timeframe, property owners and residents are issued notices of violation. If necessary, enforcement action is taken.

### VIOLATIONS BY PRIORITY



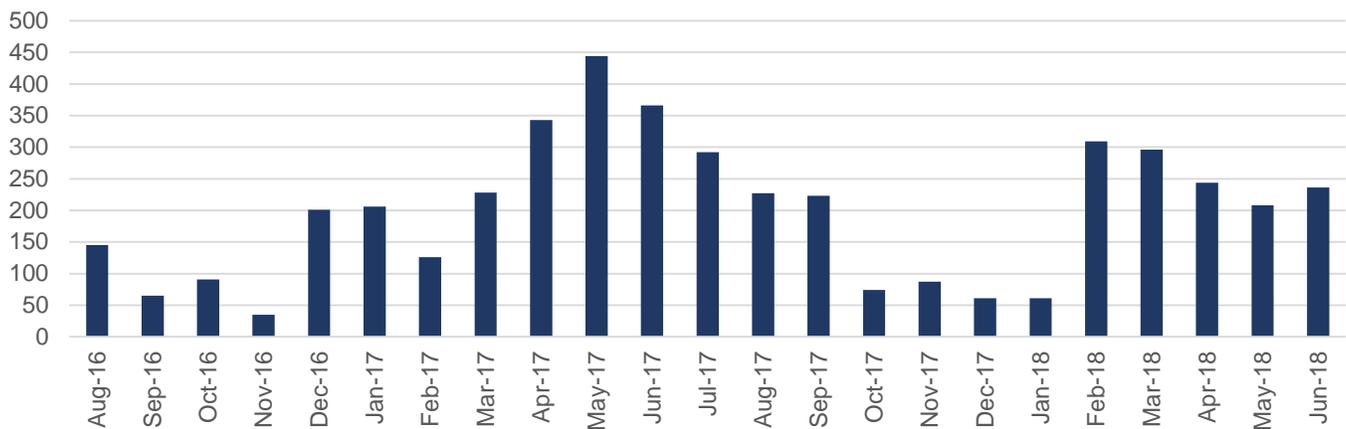
## Fort Worth Code Rangers

The Fort Worth Code Rangers is a voluntary program that seeks to promote healthy neighborhoods through community empowerment and action by establishing and maintaining a strong relationship between citizen organizations and the Code Compliance Department.

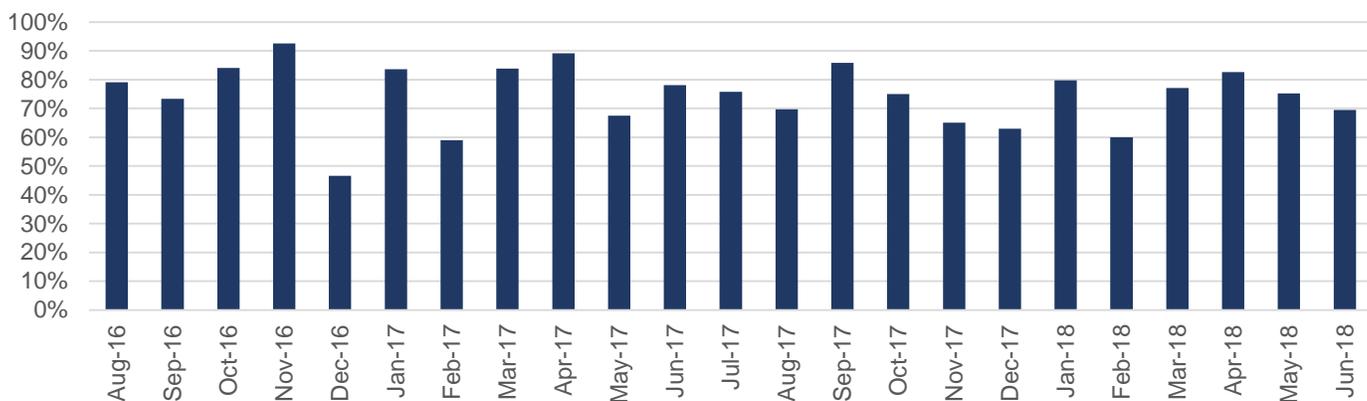
Trained Code Rangers provide reports of suspected code violations. The city then sends courtesy letters to property owners and residents regarding possible code violations in an effort to improve the appearance and safety of the neighborhood. The goals of the program are to:

- Encourage residents and property owners to maintain their homes and yards in order to preserve property values and discourage crime.
- Allow Code Officers the opportunity to devote more time to chronic, dangerous, or complicated issues affecting the neighborhood.
- Create a greater sense of community in each neighborhood by encouraging cooperation and increasing neighborhood pride.
- Make Fort Worth a cleaner, safer, and more attractive place for all residents.

### VIOLATIONS IDENTIFIED BY CODE RANGERS



### CODE RANGER-IDENTIFIED VIOLATIONS ABATED



## Resources

### NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS DATA QUALITY AND CONTROL

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### FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

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### SUBMIT A COMPLAINT

[FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance/)

### CHECK COMPLAINT STATUS

[FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance/)

### FIND YOUR CODE OFFICER

[FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance/)

### ONE ADDRESS

From trash day to permits to crime around your home, find it by entering your address at

[OneAddress.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://OneAddress.FortWorthTexas.gov)

### CODE RANGERS PROGRAM

[FortWorthTexas.gov/coderangers/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/coderangers/)

# CONSUMER HEALTH

Consumer Health staff members provide health inspections, complaint investigations and education. Major tasks include enforcing the city's community health ordinances at permitted facilities and ensuring public safety by coordinating mosquito surveillance and prevention activities, as well as enforcing the game room ordinance.

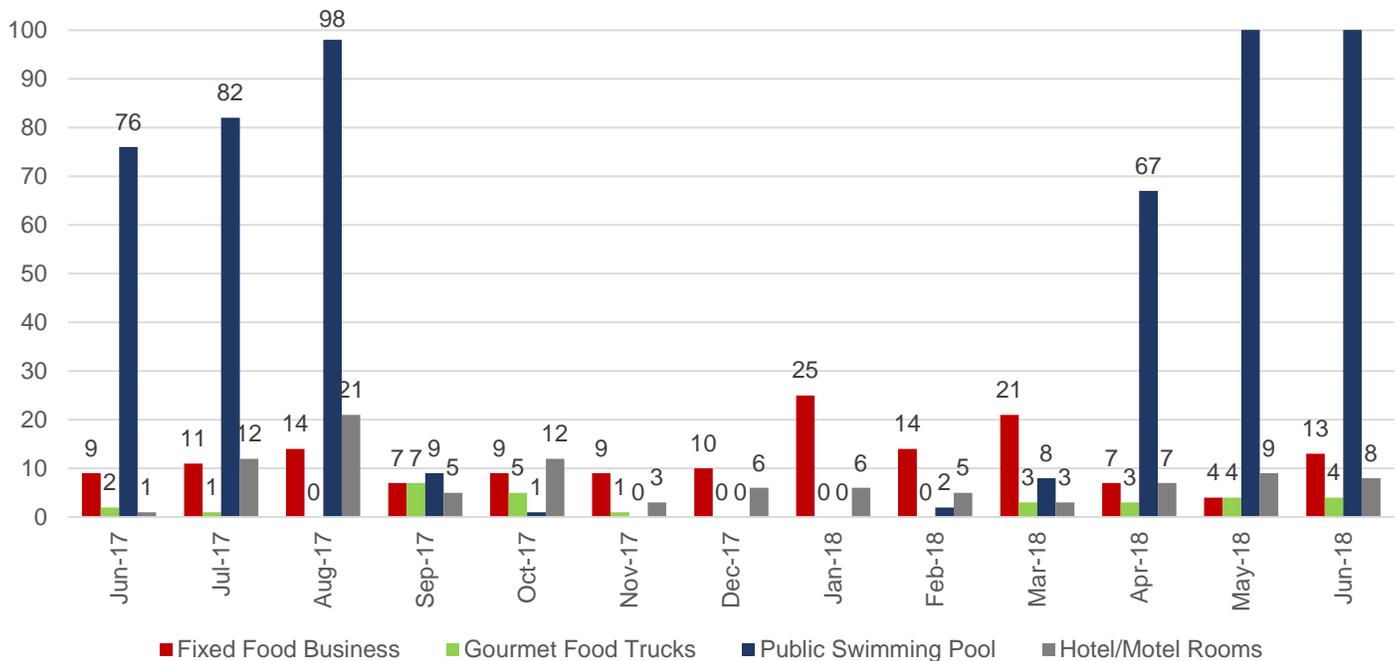


## Permit Suspensions Due to Imminent Health Hazards

Addressing imminent health hazards that could cause harm to the public, or employees, is a necessary part of a health inspector's job. When floods, fires or electrical outages occur, it can damage the business and the ability to operate safely. Health inspectors are charged with ensuring that safety remains a top priority, no matter the emergency. Consumer Health suspends the health permit, denying the business permission to operate if the operator can no longer safely provide services. The following are examples of why businesses need to close.

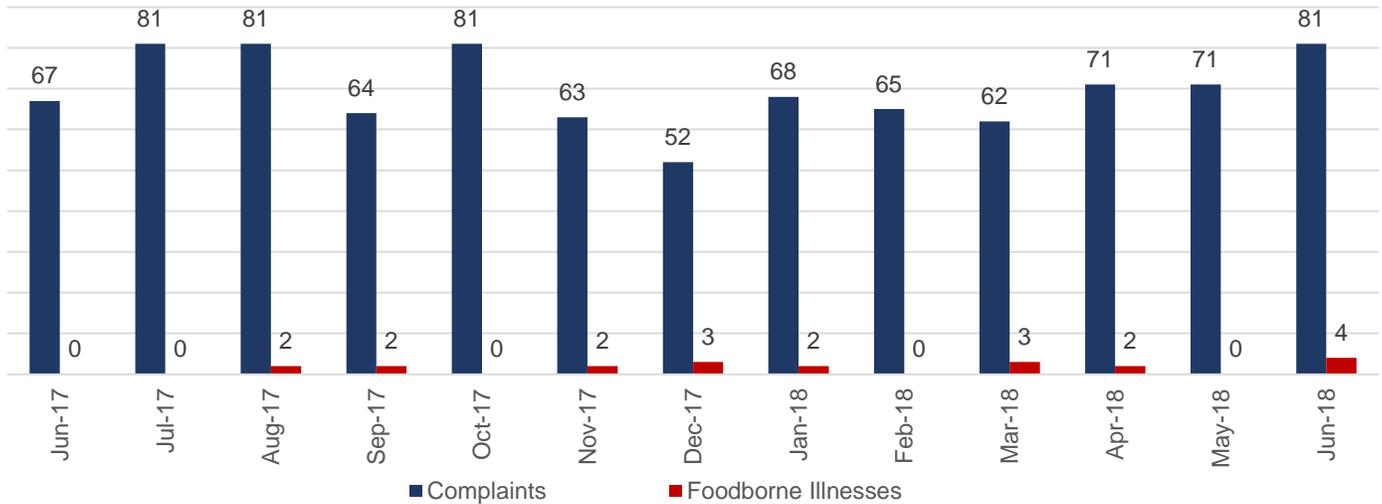
- Flood, fires, electrical and water outages.
- Unsanitary conditions or pest control issues.
- Inadequate hot water or refrigeration for food service.
- Broken safety equipment in a pool or spa.

Each operator is informed of the reason their permit is suspended, and the health inspector works with the business to expedite reopening, even if that means visiting the business at 2 a.m. If the emergency has been resolved, it is our goal to get them operating as soon as possible.



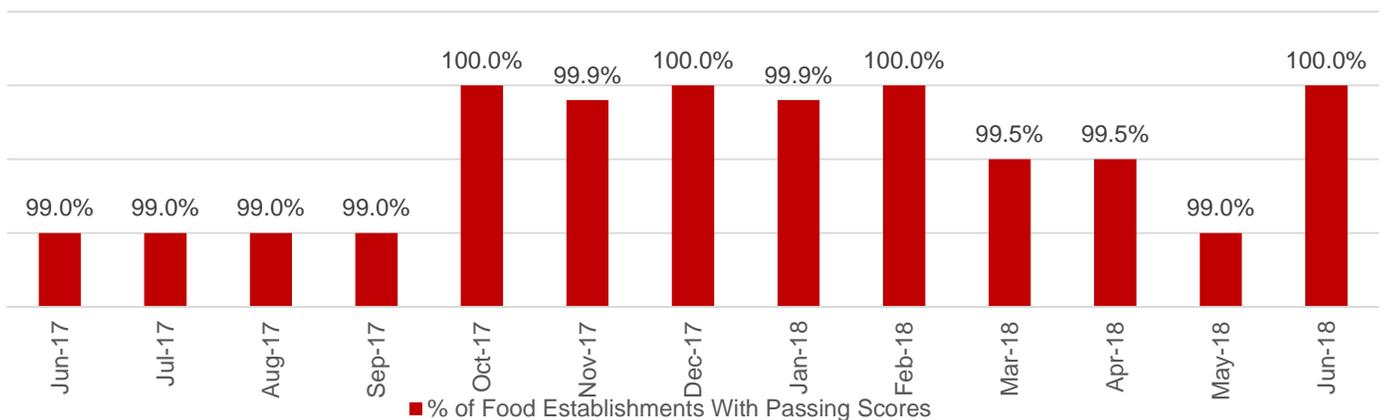
## Food Complaints and Foodborne Illness

Preventing foodborne illness is a top priority in Consumer Health. Officers investigate each report of foodborne illness received from Tarrant County Public Health within 24 hours in order to stop the possible spread of illness. Consumer Health also addresses citizen complaints about food establishments' operations that could lead to foodborne illness. These complaints are more common and are addressed based on the complaint's risk of illness. Consumer Health maintains a record of investigating 95 percent of complaints within 72 hours.



## Percentage of Passed Inspections

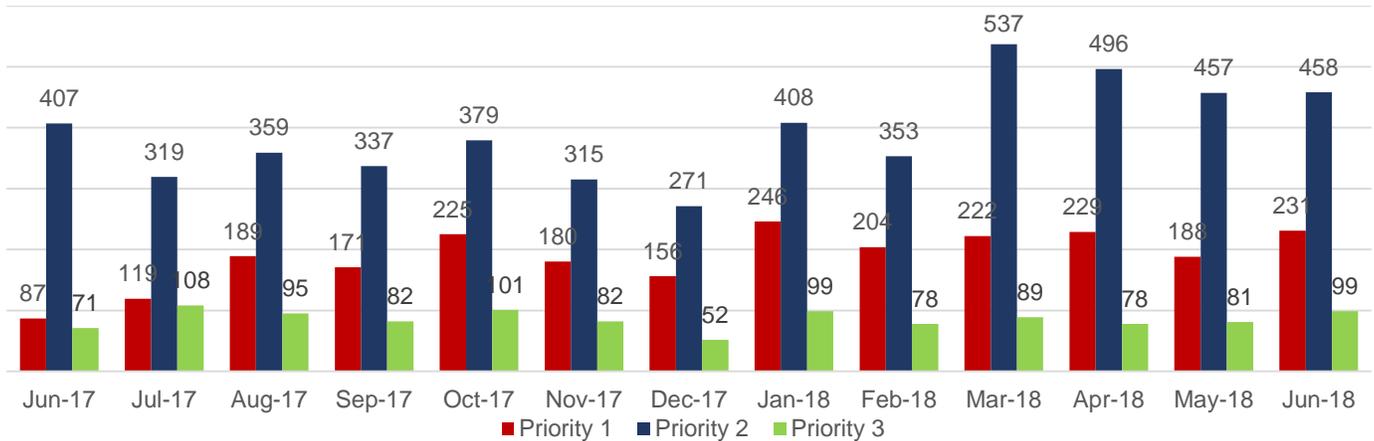
The Consumer Health Division conducts more than 6,000 inspections annually in food establishments. This includes restaurants, childcare kitchens and grocery stores. It also includes the corner stores, bars and gourmet food trucks that have become popular in Fort Worth. Health inspectors work with business owners to ensure food safety. Businesses that compromise food safety are given demerits during the inspection. This chart shows the percent of businesses that earn less than 30 demerits and "pass" their health inspection. Businesses that earn more demerits are subject to being closed and are not allowed to reopen until they can serve food safely to our citizens.



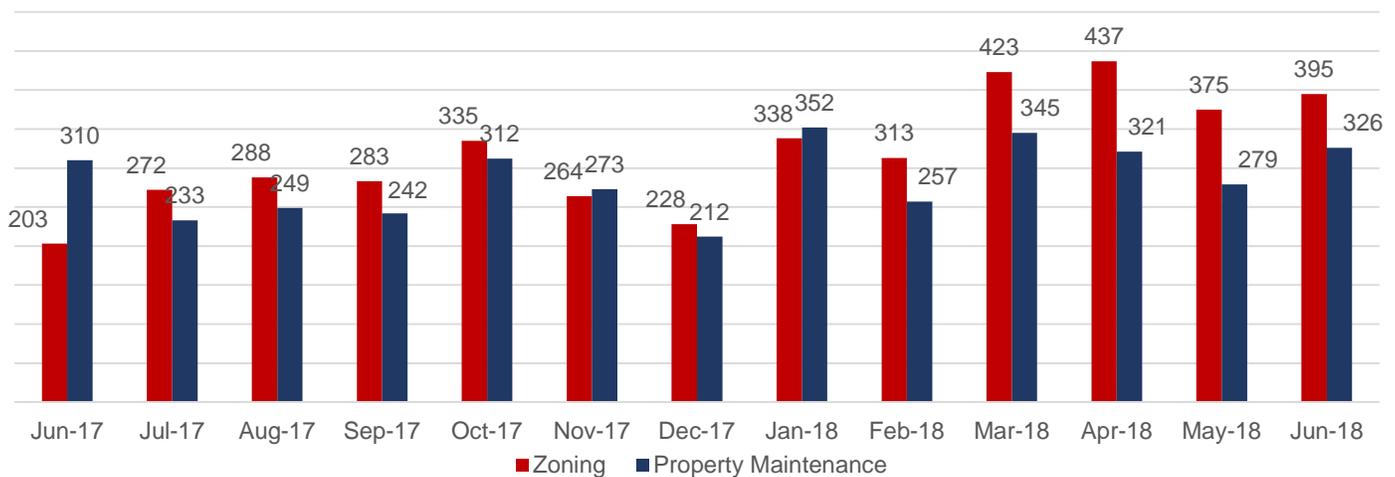
## Commercial Compliance

The Consumer Health Commercial Compliance team is tasked with ensuring that commercial businesses throughout the City of Fort Worth are following the zoning ordinances and being good neighbors to the surrounding residents. The Senior Code Compliance staff members assigned to this team address violations with the businesses. Notices of these violations are routinely received from citizens and neighborhood associations as we interact within the city. Additionally, the team regularly monitors the commercial corridors of the city to ensure that Fort Worth looks its best. The team focuses on bringing long-term compliance where businesses are either violating their zoning permissions or not maintaining their business property adequately.

### COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS WORKED BY PRIORITY

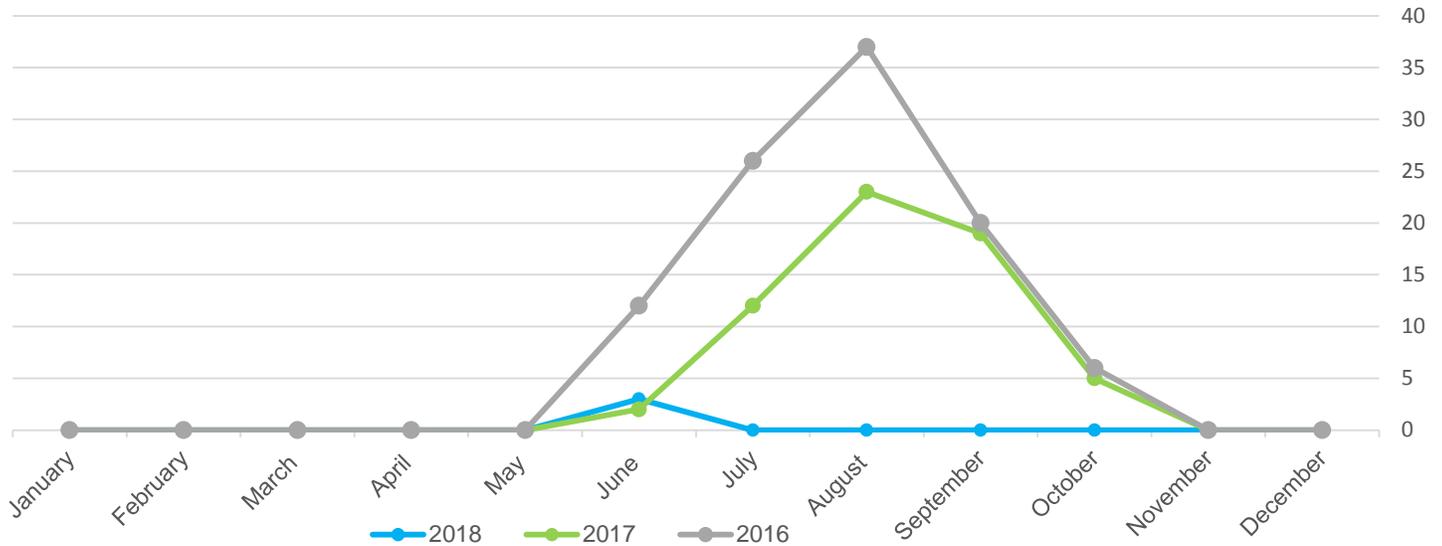


### ZONING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS



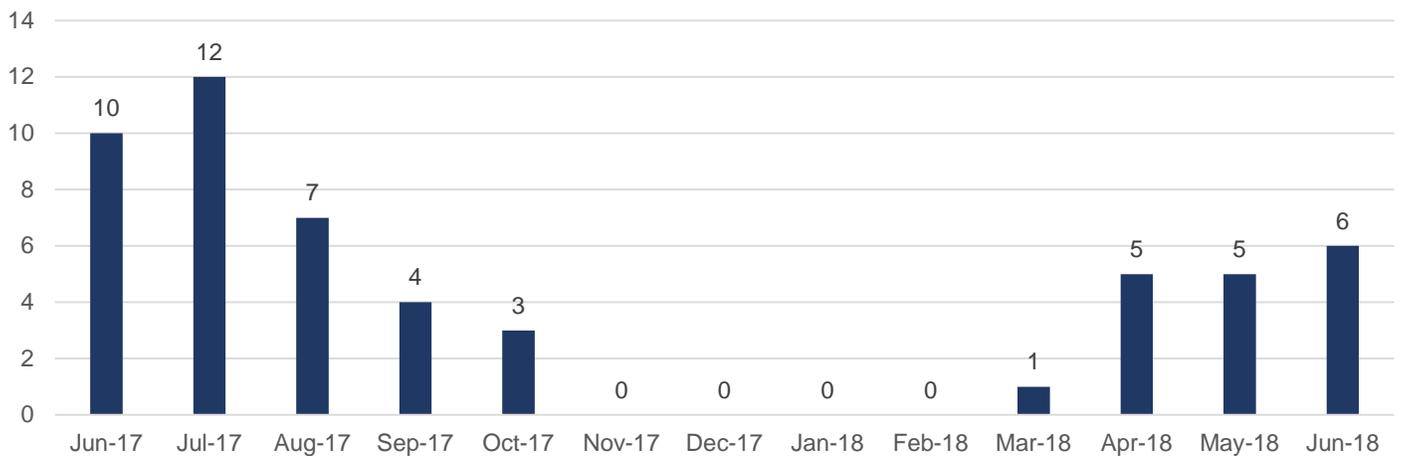
## West Nile Virus Activity in Mosquitoes

Mosquito diseases are spread to humans through their bites. The Consumer Health Division collects samples of mosquitoes from June to October to test them for West Nile Virus. We use this data to target our prevention and education efforts to prevent the spread of those diseases to citizens that are at the highest risk locations. After 2012, when the West Nile Virus illness became a risk in the North Texas area, we partnered with the University of North Texas Health Science Center to have a cost-effective surveillance program that measures the risk of illness to prevent it. Our targeted education and mosquito spraying program is initiated based on our findings each week during the mosquito season. The chart below shows mosquitos that tested positive for West Nile Virus each month.



## Reported Citizen Concerns: Mosquito Investigations

Citizen concerns about mosquitos are typically investigated within 24 hours. Consumer Health staff members educate residents about mosquito prevention and treat any stagnant water they find to prevent mosquito growth.



## Resources

### DATA QUALITY AND CONTROL

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### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITOES

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# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

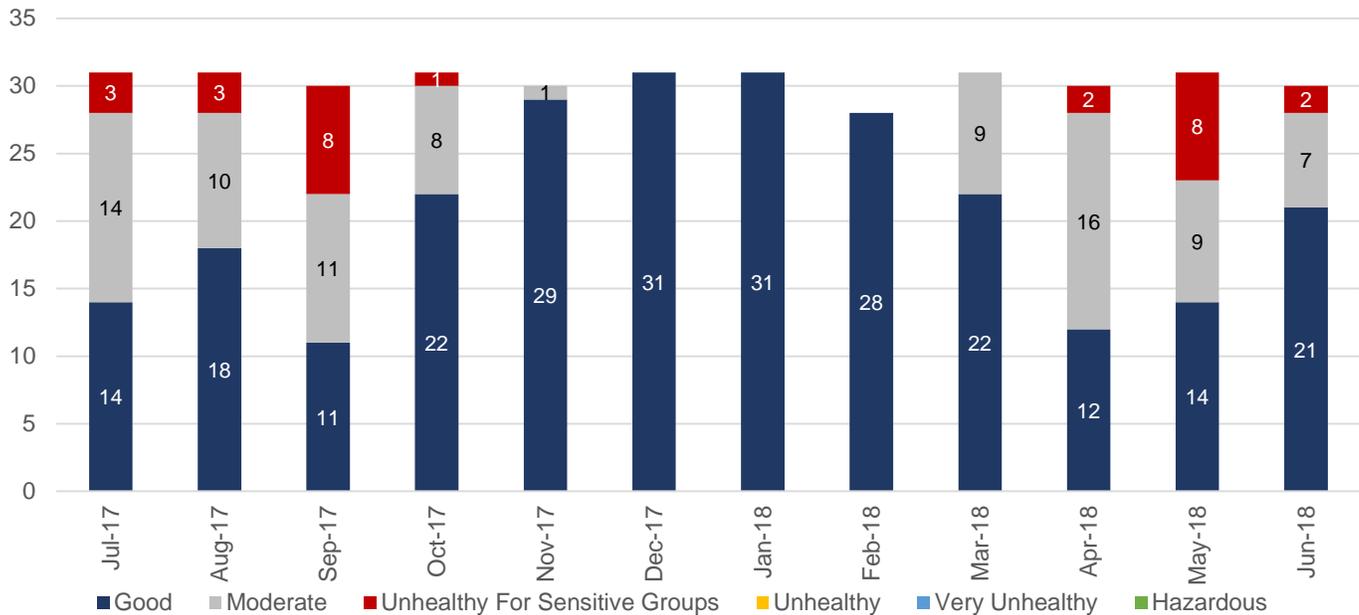
The Environmental Quality Division ensures compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations to promote a clean and healthy environment. Staff members monitor ambient air and local water quality, investigate concerns of environmental contamination, ensure environmental permit compliance and provide safe household and city-generated hazardous waste disposal. Staff members also engage in the brownfields program to encourage revitalization of economically distressed areas. These programs support economic development in Fort Worth through the integration of environmental assessment, remediation and education. Additionally, staff members provide management strategies and policy oversight for litter management.



# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

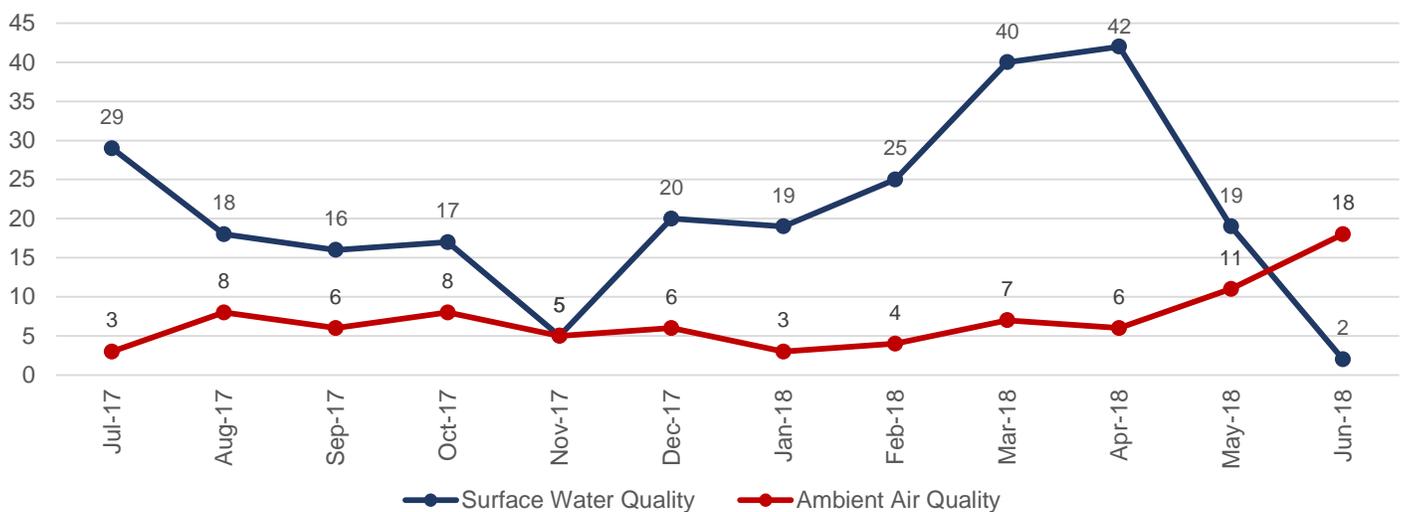
## Air Quality Index

In June 2018, 21 of 30 days were reported as 'green' or 'good' air quality days (i.e., between 0 and 0.054 parts per million (ppm) 8-hour ozone measured). Green is the best score available within the Air Quality Index (AQI) which reports an analysis of daily air quality readings in both numerical and colorimetric format. This is inconsistent with the typical hot weather seen in June; however, due to overcast and rainy weather patterns seen early in the month, ozone production was decreased.



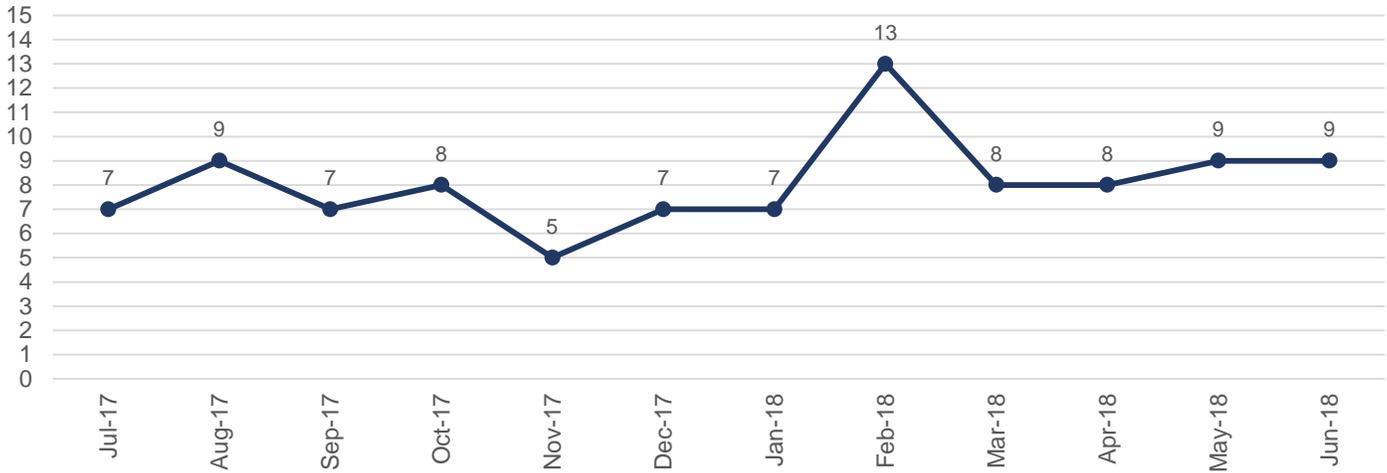
## Environmental Complaints Investigated

In June 2018, the Air Quality Team received two air complaints. The current number of complaints for this month is less than average compared to most months of the year. In June 2018, the Water Quality Team received 18 complaints. The current number of complaints for this month is below the average compared to most months of the year.



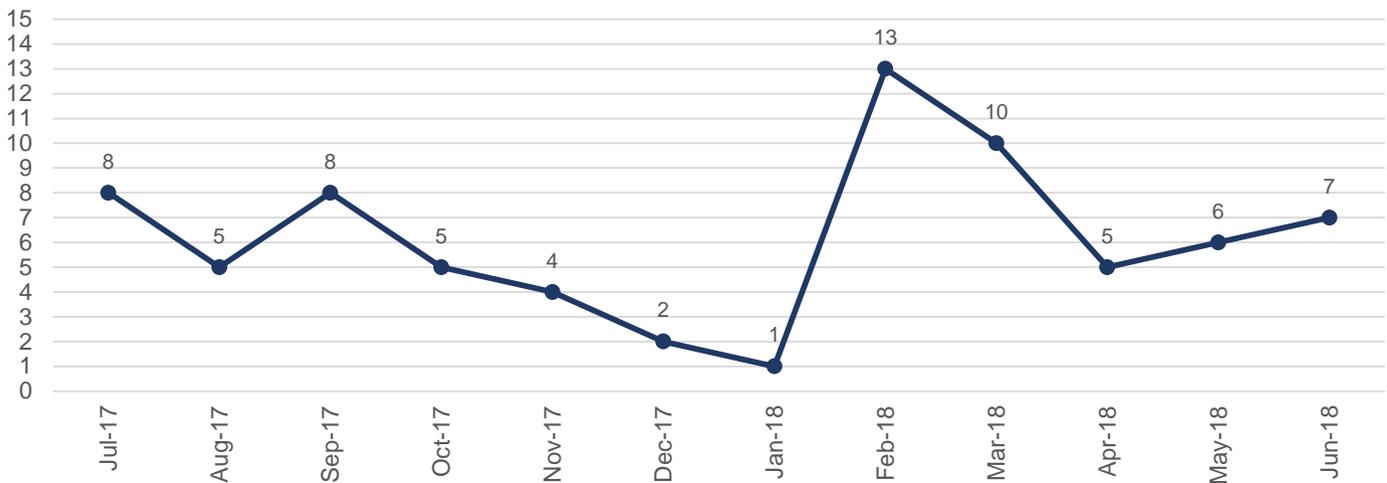
## Hazardous Material Spill Response

In June 2018, a total of nin spills or notifications of abandoned waste were investigated. For the past 12 months, an average of seven spills were investigated per month. Staff continue to respond to all hazardous material spills, 24 hours per day/7 days a week/365 days per year.



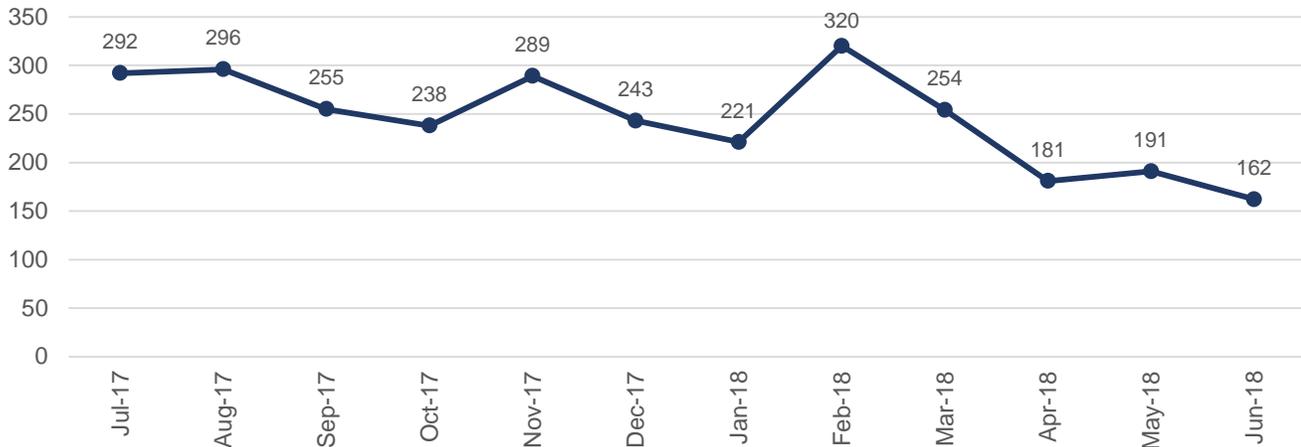
## Demolitions

In June 2018, a total of seven demolitions were completed by the City and nine demolitions were completed by their respective owners. Many variables play a role in the process of completing demolitions by the City.



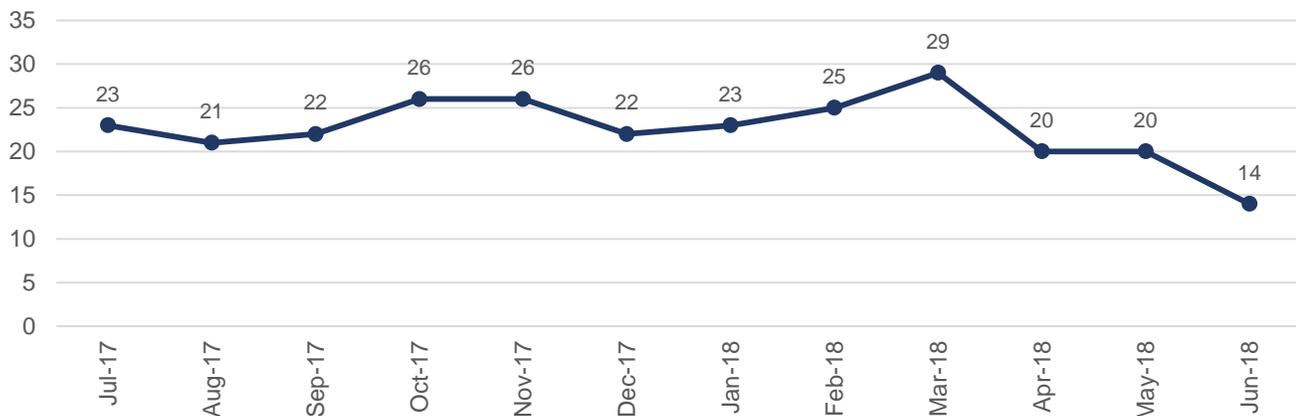
## Construction Stormwater Inspections

In June 2018, a total of 162 construction stormwater inspections were completed. Inspection numbers have decreased over the past 12 months as inspection quality and enforcement have increased and other inspection duties have resumed. Staff regularly performs stormwater quality inspections on active construction sites that disturb 1.0 acres or greater or are part of a larger Common Plan of Development. The team inspects for issues on projects including erosion and loss of sediment, trash and debris management, concrete and paint washouts, proper spill and hazardous material containment, proper stabilization or grass growth, and more. All of these inspections are performed with the goal of maintaining compliance with the City's MS4 Permit with the TCEQ, and more importantly, ensuring our surface waters are kept free of pollutants which helps lead to clean and healthy ecosystems.



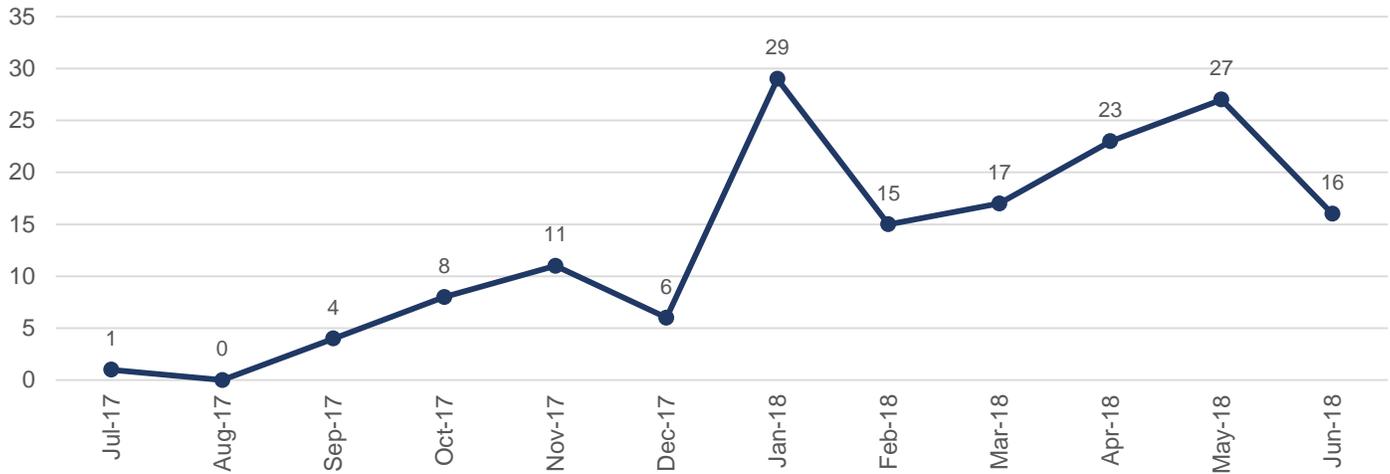
## Grading Permit Reviews

In June 2018, a total of 14 grading permits were submitted for environmental review. Grading Permits are submitted through the Planning and Development Department in order to allow the disturbance of land for construction activities like grading, clearing, grubbing, and excavations. The grading permits must be approved by all reviewing departments prior to the disturbance of land. Performing these grading permit reviews allows the City an advanced opportunity to review these developments' plans prior to the start of construction activities in order to ensure they meet all state and local regulations and criteria to prevent water pollution.



## Industrial Stormwater Inspections

In June 2018, a total of 16 industrial stormwater inspections and on-site follow-ups were completed. Inspections are performed to verify compliance with Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits for industrial sources. Facilities are inspected to determine compliance with recordkeeping, monitoring, facility inspections, and housekeeping requirements. Industrial sources include a variety of facilities such as metal fabricators, food production, salvage yards, and chemical facilities.



# LITTER IN FORT WORTH

**52%** OF DFW METROPLEX RESIDENTS ADMITTED TO **LITTERING** IN THE PAST YEAR

FAST FOOD WRAPPERS ACCOUNT FOR **49%** OF ALL LITTER



**2016 NEIGHBORHOOD LITTER STOMP**

**VOLUNTEERS**



**1400**

**BAGS OF LITTER**



**1700**

ANNUAL AMOUNT SPENT ON **LITTER ACTIVITIES** IN FORT WORTH  
**\$5,000,000**

**90%** OF RESIDENTS THINK **LITTER LOOKS BAD**



OVER **23,000** PEOPLE HAVE PLEDGED TO PICK UP **10 PIECES OF LITTER** EACH WEEK



AVERAGE DISTANCE A PERSON WILL WALK WITH A PIECE OF TRASH

**BEFORE LITTERING:**

**12steps**

Let's be litter **FREE** Fort Worth!  
[#litterfreefortworth](#)



## Resources

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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TO REPORT AIR OR STORMWATER POLLUTION

817-392-1234

# SOLID WASTE SERVICES

The Solid Waste Services Division manages the garbage, recycling and waste reduction services for the citizens of Fort Worth. All curbside collections are provided by contractors. More than 222,000 single-family residences receive weekly garbage, yard waste and recycling collection services. Bulk waste is collected monthly.

Fees are charged through the water billing system and assessed based on garbage cart size. We offer 32-, 64- and 96-gallon carts; this is called a Pay as You Throw (PAYT) system, and all solid waste services are included in the fee.

Commercial collection is open market, allowing businesses to choose their own contractor from permitted commercial solid waste haulers.



## Primary Sections

**Contract Compliance** section duties include oversight of the following contracts:

- Curbside Collections – Waste Management
- Landfill Operations – Republic Services
- Recycle Processing – Waste Management
- Cart Purchases and Maintenance – Toter
- Roll-Off container transportation for Drop-Off Stations – Republic Services
- Bulk Disposal – Progressive Waste Solutions
- City Facilities Garbage and Recycling – Republic Services

**Litter and Illegal Dumping Operations** section is primarily responsible for the following:

- Responding to illegal dumping and litter complaints through abatement.
- Collecting dead animals from residences and city streets.
- Street sweeping major city arterial roadways
- Code enforcement activities related to illegal dumping and litter.

**Drop-Off Station** section is responsible for managing operations at the four existing drop-off stations. There is no additional charge for Fort Worth residential solid waste customers to use the stations. They accept excess garbage, brush, bulk items, recycling, hazardous household waste and recycling. Citizens can also drop off tires, electronics and household items.



### DROP-OFF STATIONS

2400 Brennan Ave.  
Fort Worth, TX 76106

5150 Martin Luther King  
Jr. Freeway  
Fort Worth, TX 76119

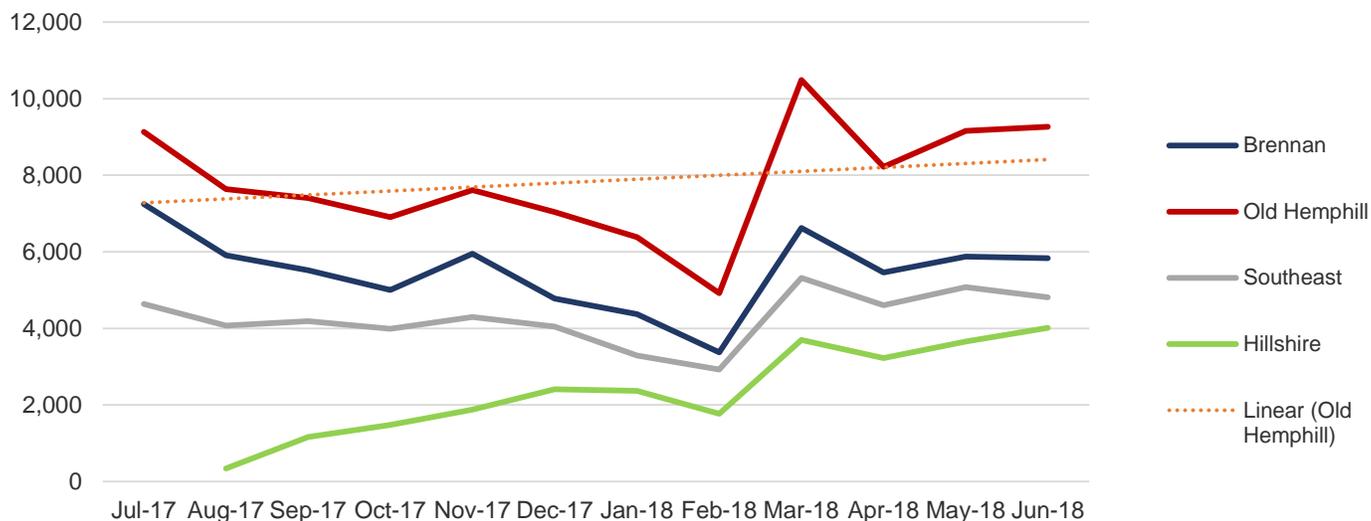
301 Hillshire Blvd.  
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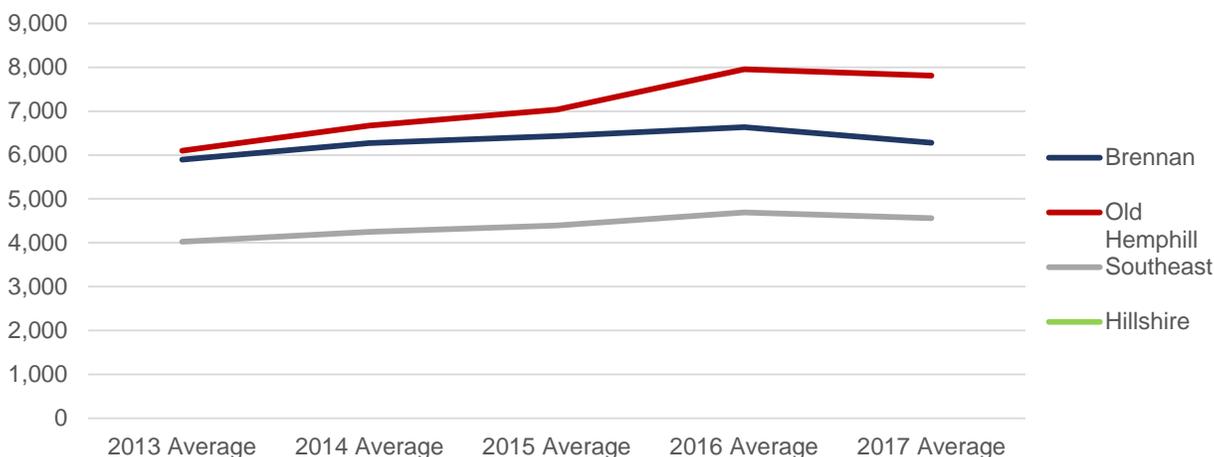
## Drop-off Station Visits

As a part of the monthly Solid Waste program, the city offers homeowners who pay for residential services access to four conveniently located Drop-Off Stations. The stations allow residents to dispose of excess bulky materials (appliances, brush, broken furniture, tires, extra bagged garbage and other large items) between their monthly bulk waste collections. In addition, the Drop-Off Stations have reduced the number of illegal dump sites and pounds of material collected since opening to residents.

For more information, visit [www.FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste/dropoff](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste/dropoff).



## DROP OFF STATION VISITS – 5 YEAR AVERAGE



## Solid Waste Apps



The city offers the Fort Worth Garbage and Recycling App. This free app enables residents to receive service notifications before their service days. The reminders include bulk-waste setout weeks and scheduled collection changes due to inclement weather.

The app lets residents report service issues, including missed collections and damaged carts, and it also provides information about recycling. To learn more about the Fort Worth Garbage and Recycling App, call 817-392-1234 or visit the App Store or the Google Play store.

## WASTE WIZARD

There's also an easy to use Waste Wizard, which is an online tool to help customers learn what items go into the brown garbage cart and what goes into the blue recycling cart. The Waste Wizard provides information about how to properly dispose of more than 1,500 items. Simply type the name of the item, and the Waste Wizard will give instructions. Find the Waste Wizard at [FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste/recycling](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste/recycling) or on the Fort Worth Garbage and Recycling App.

A screenshot of the Waste Wizard app interface. At the top, there's a brown header with "Waste Wizard" on the left, and "Need help?" and "Share" buttons on the right. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with a "Back" button and the text "Metal can". To the right of this is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Type an item". The main content area has a "Recycling" heading. Below it, there's a trash can icon followed by the text "Place this item in your blue recycling cart." Underneath that, there's a clock icon followed by "Set-out Time" and "Place your blue recycling cart at the curb by 7 a.m. on your pickup day." To the right of this text is an image of several metal cans of various sizes and brands. At the bottom left of the main content area is another "Back" button. At the bottom right is a link for "Terms of Service".

[List of Materials](#)

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Waste Management is contracted to provide curbside collections in Fort Worth.

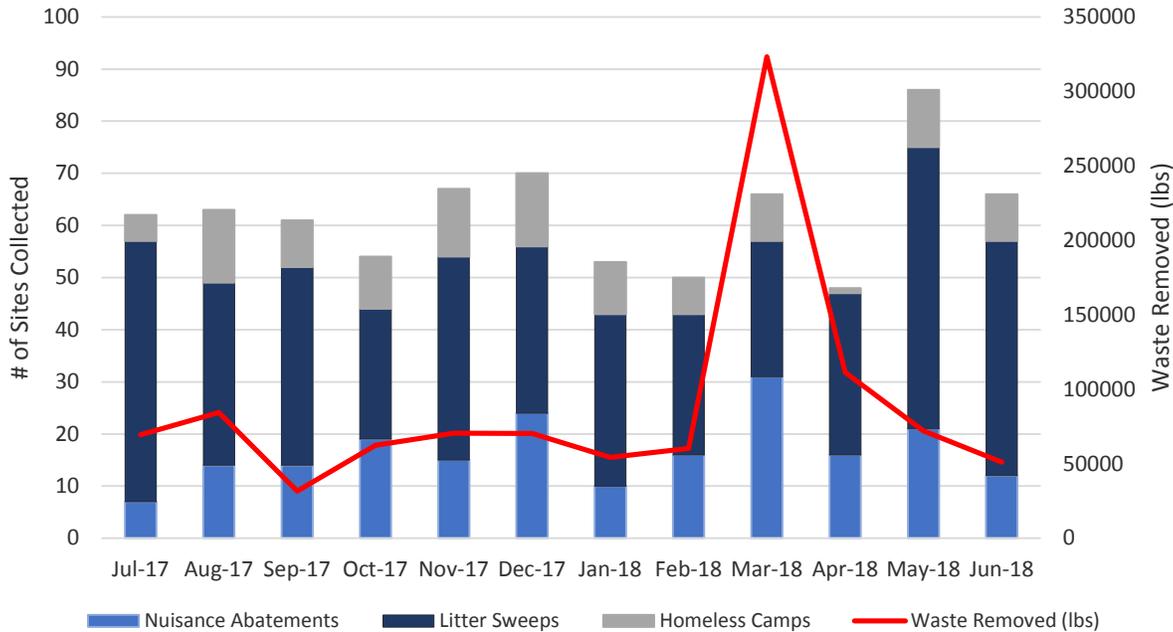


Knight Waste Services provides garbage and recycling collection to about 43 percent of the city

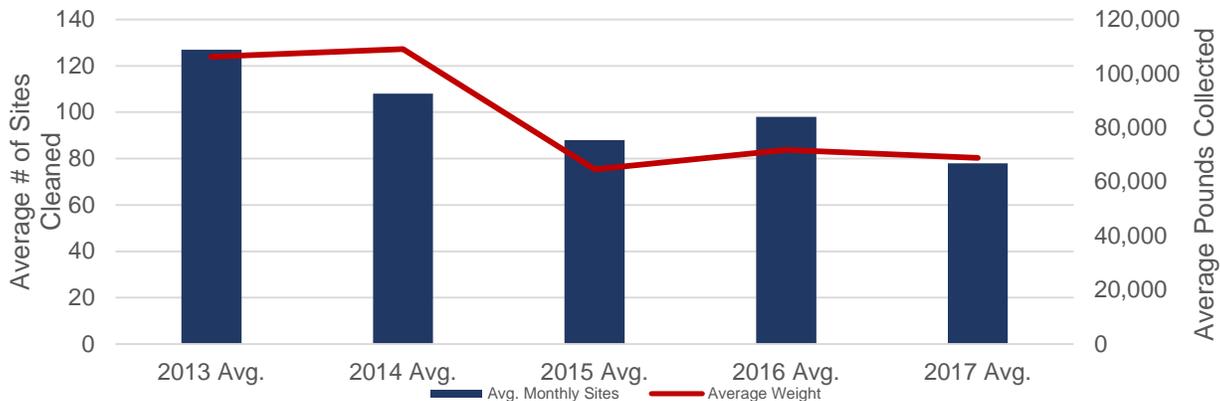
## Litter Abatement

The City's Litter Abatement Crews work hard conducting city right of way cleanups and beautifying the community. The emphasis on litter prevention and abatement requires our entire community – one piece and one person at a time.

- In April, all tons from nuisance abatement cleanups and special projects was subtracted from total illegal dumps tons, which was not done since December 2016.



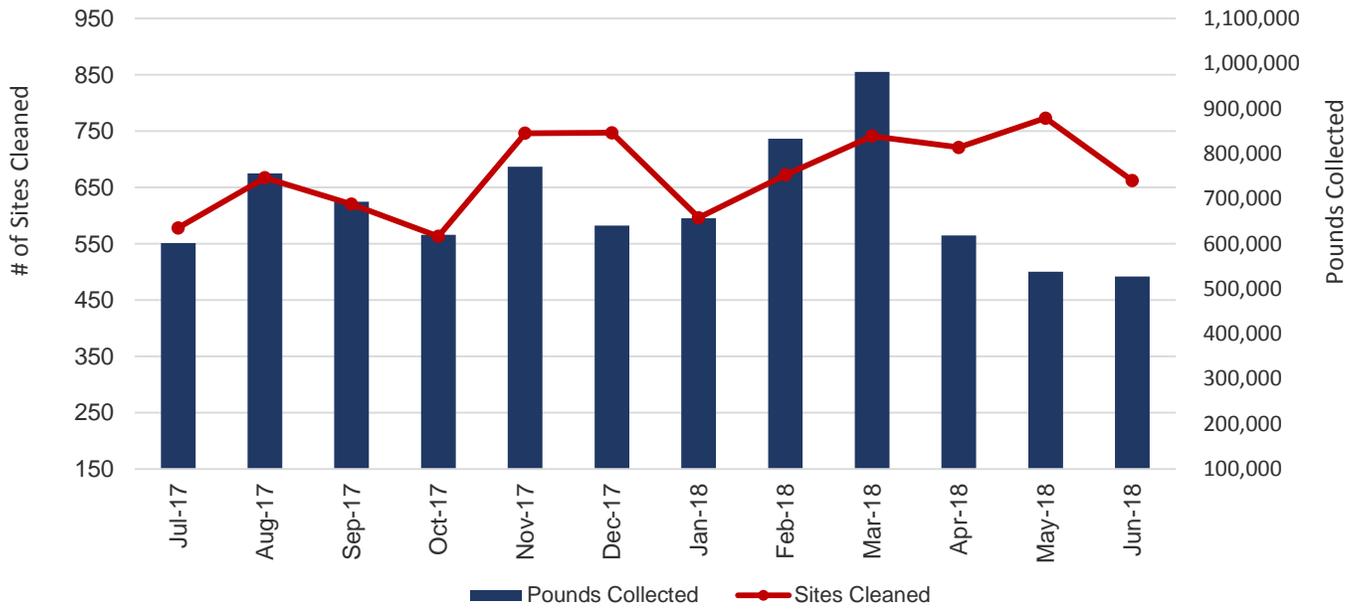
## LITTER ABATEMENT – 5 YEAR AVERAGE



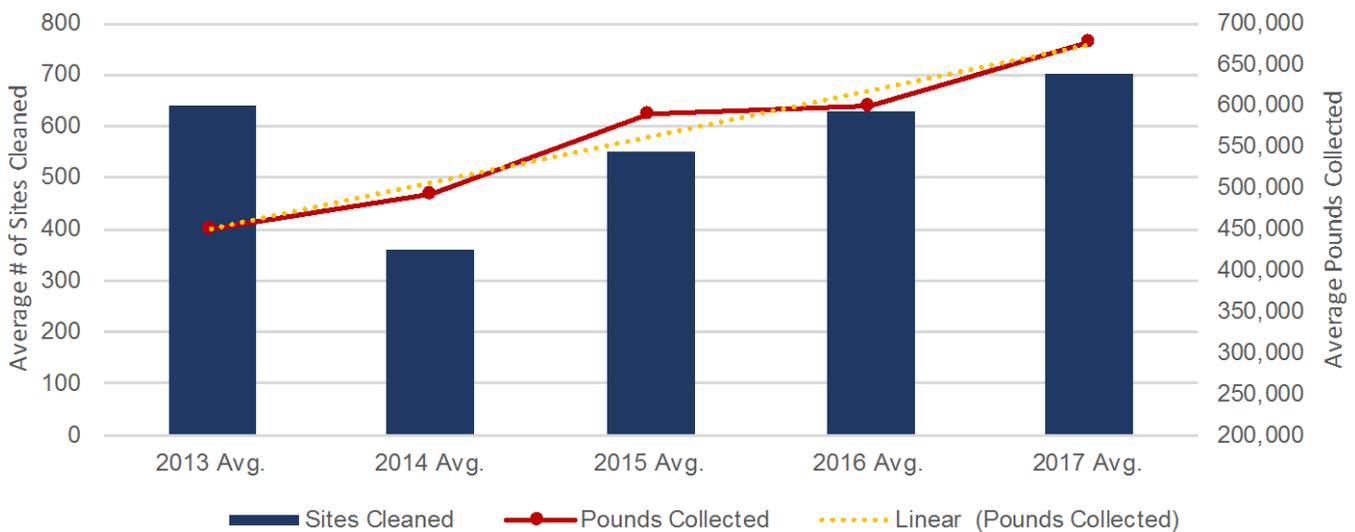
# SOLID WASTE SERVICES

## Illegal Dump Cleanup

The Illegal Dump Crews play an integral part of cleaning up reported dump sites in a timely manner, which reduces the negative impact on the surrounding community and discourages others from adding materials to the site. In addition, they also assist the Environmental Investigation Unit with identifying the criminals that generated the illegal dumping in the first place. Please do your part and report any illegal dumping activities directly to the Police Department to assist with criminal enforcement.



## ILLEGAL DUMP CLEANUP – 5 YEAR AVERAGE

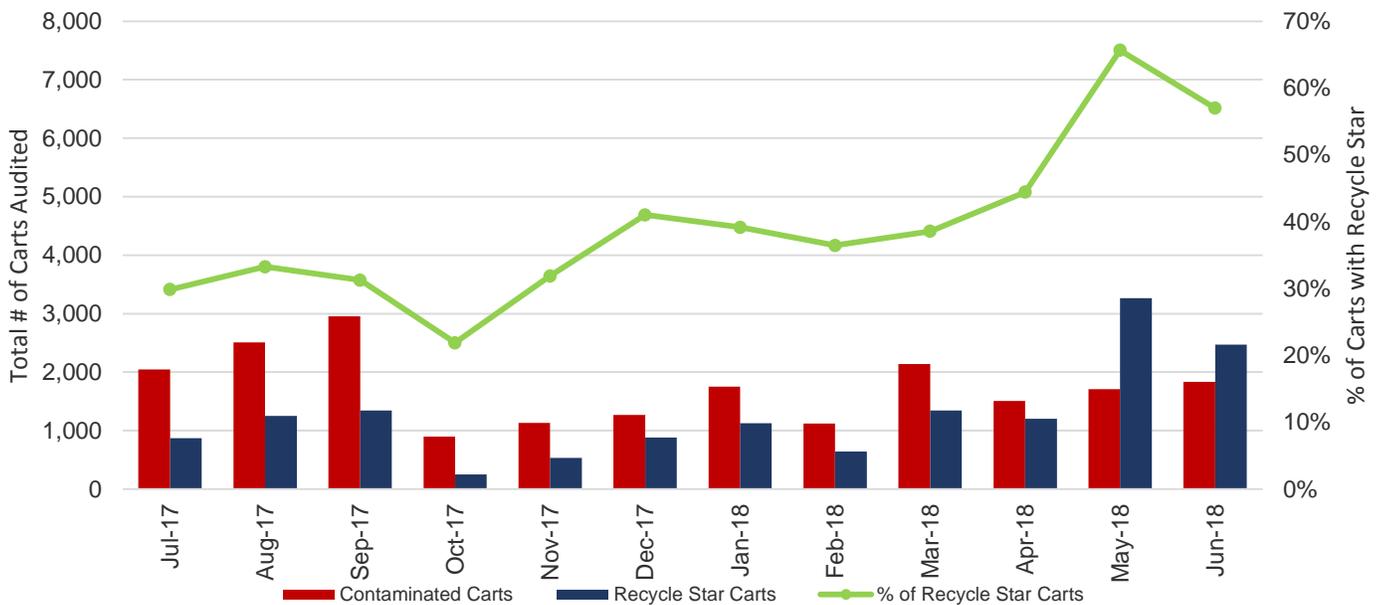


## Recycling Cart Auditors – The Blue Crew

Recycling carts are evaluated by cart auditors known as the Blue Crew. They look in carts set out for collection and verify the items in the carts are correct for our programs. They notify residents who have items that are not allowed and inform them about what is acceptable so they can recycle properly in the future.

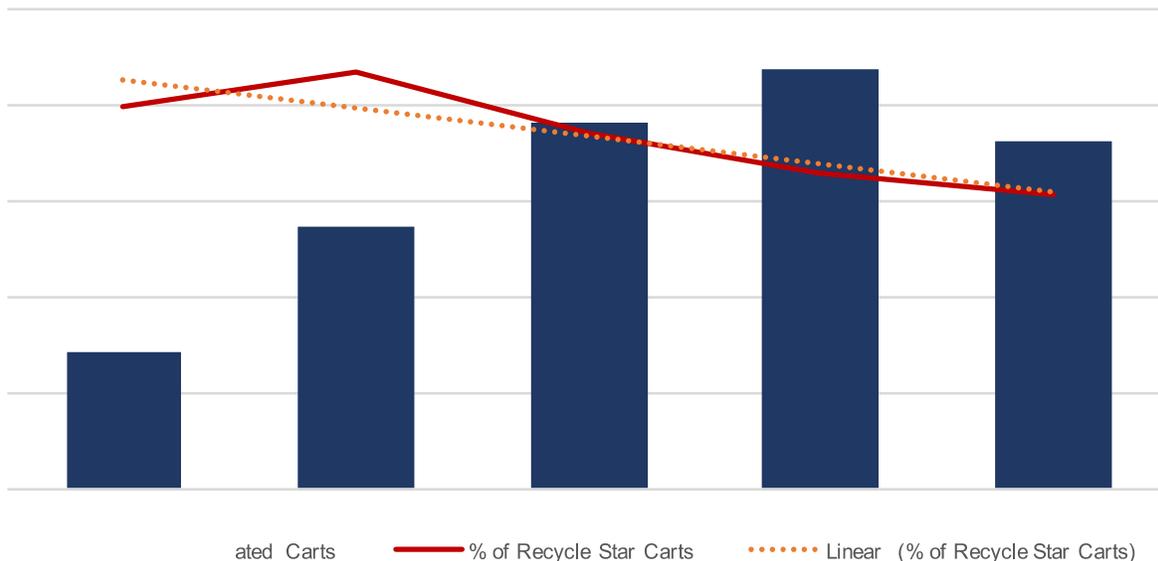


## RECYCLE CART AUDIT RESULTS



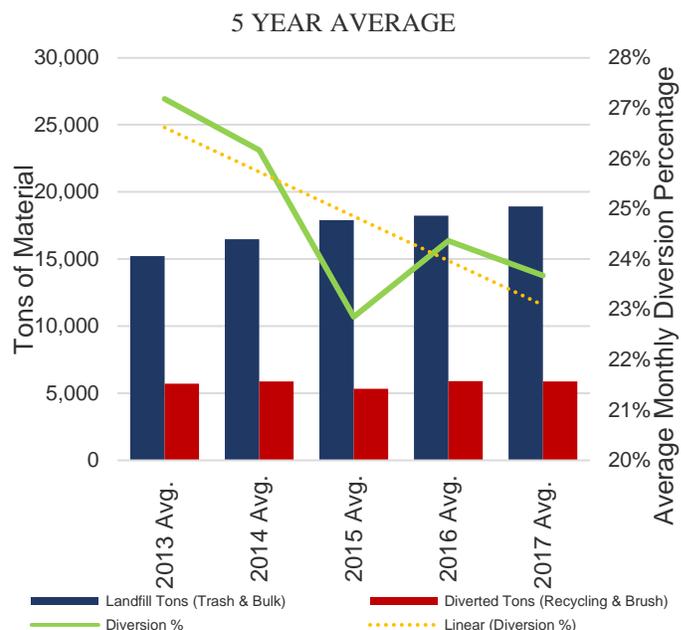
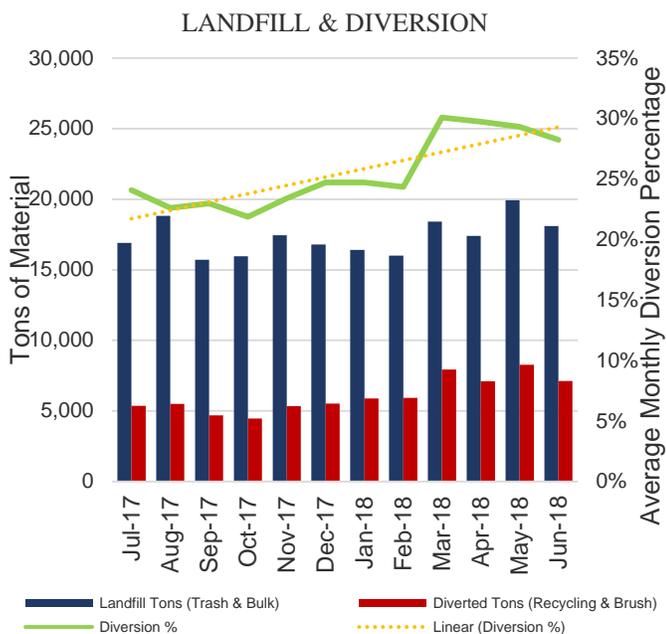
# SOLID WASTE SERVICES

## RECYCLE CART AUDIT RESULTS – 5 YEAR AVERAGE



## Diversion and Waste Stream

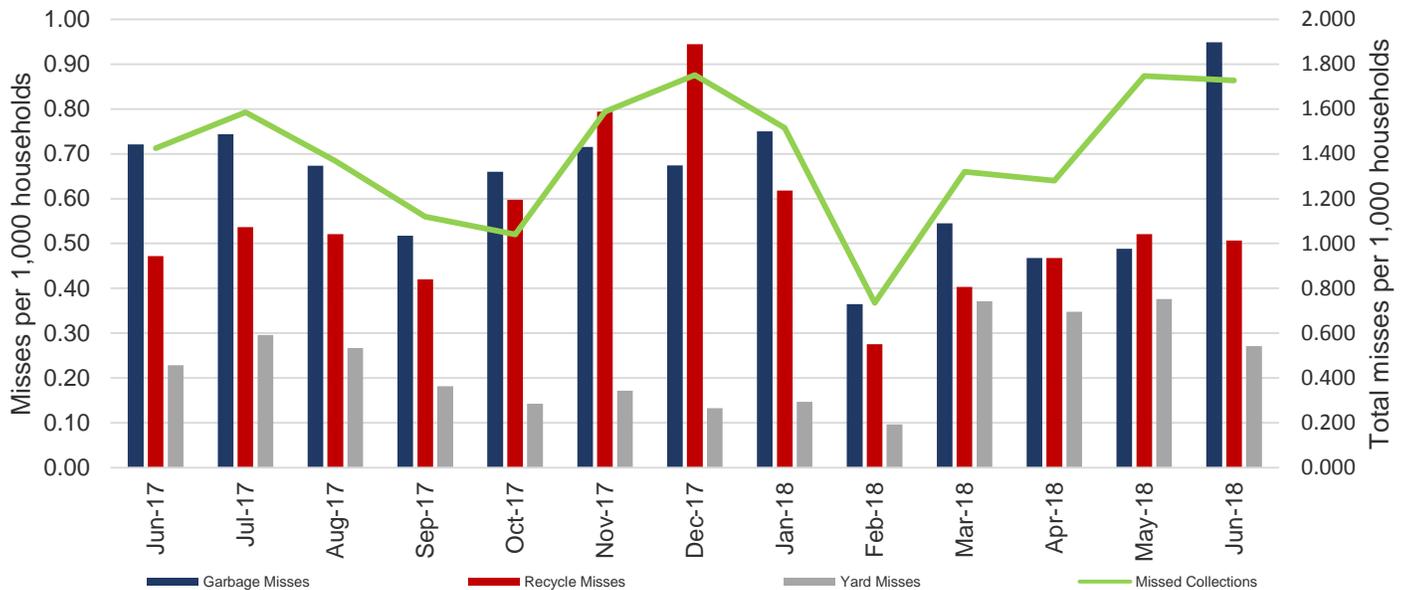
Debris that is diverted from the landfill extends the life of the landfill. Diverted debris includes items that have been recycled, as well as yard waste. The more we, as a community, reduce, reuse and recycle, the more we protect our natural resources, landfill space and energy.



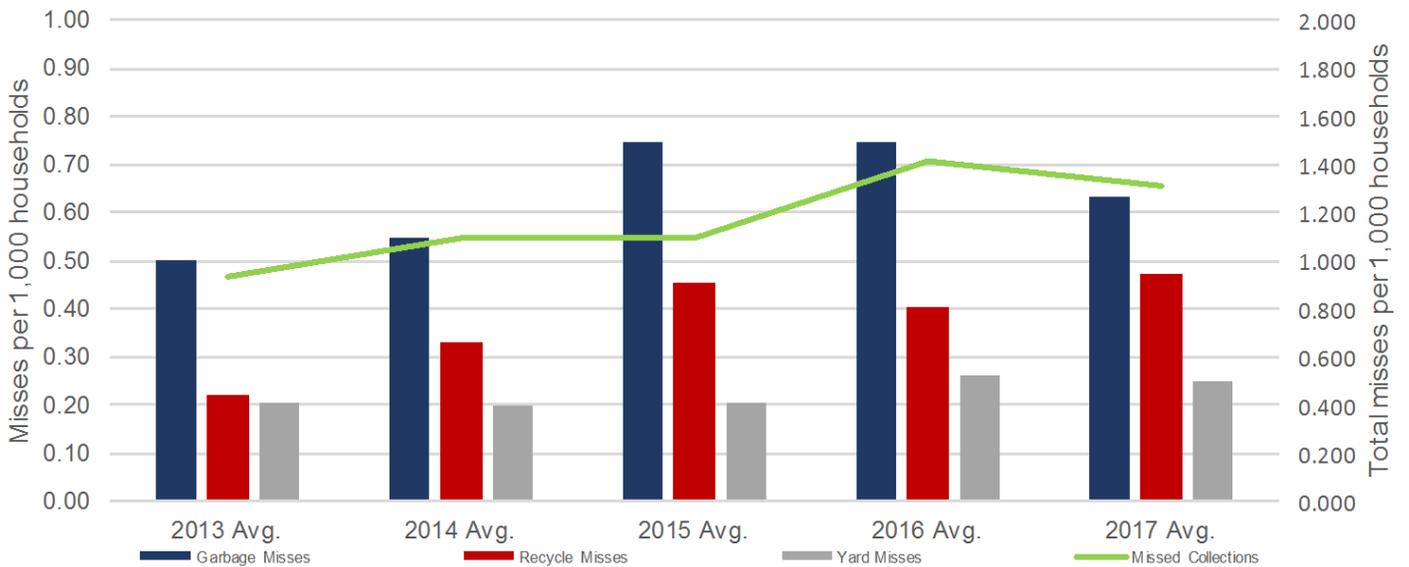
# SOLID WASTE SERVICES

## Missed Collections

Missed collections reported by residents point out areas that June have repeat incidents and are tracked to provide awareness of contractor performance.



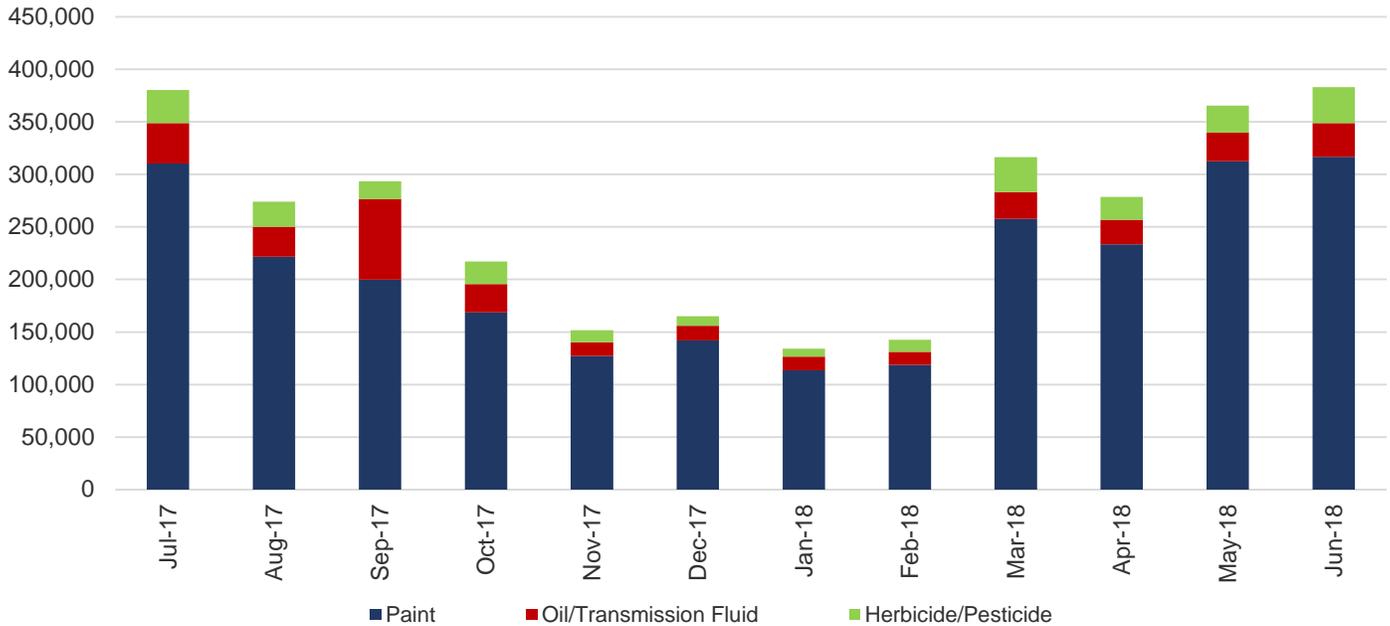
## MISSED COLLECTIONS – 5 YEAR AVERAGE



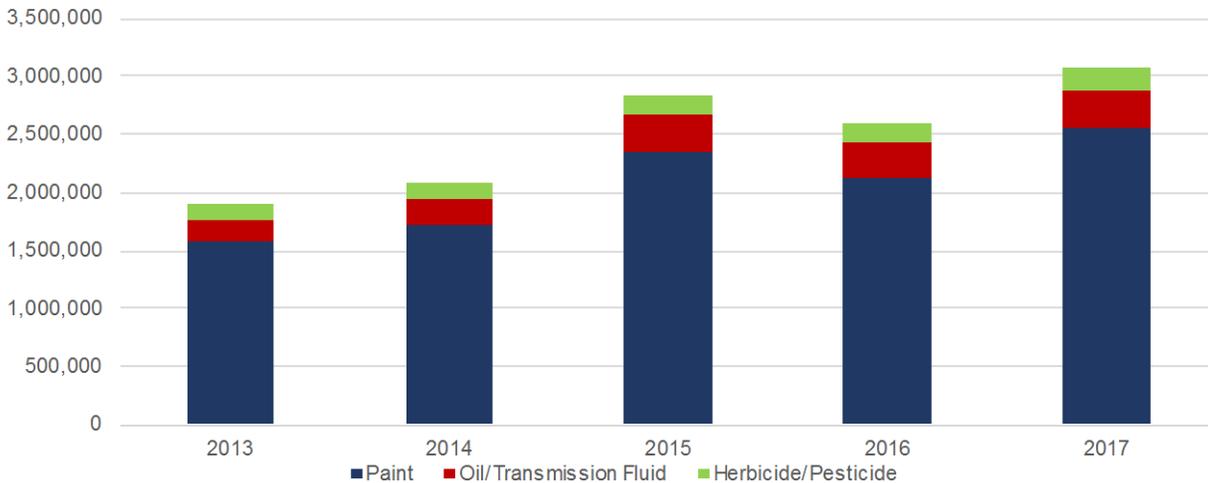
## Environmental Collection Center

The Environmental Collection Center's (ECC) participation numbers were up 2% this month. The ECC held nine (9) mobile collection events. During this period the ECC collected more than 450,000 pounds of waste and recycled more than 32,000 pounds of material. The Drop-Off stations (DOS) had a very positive month. Hillshire DOS continues to exceed expectations regarding household hazardous waste and Southeast/MLK DOS is holding steady with its hazardous waste participation numbers.

### POUNDS COLLECTED

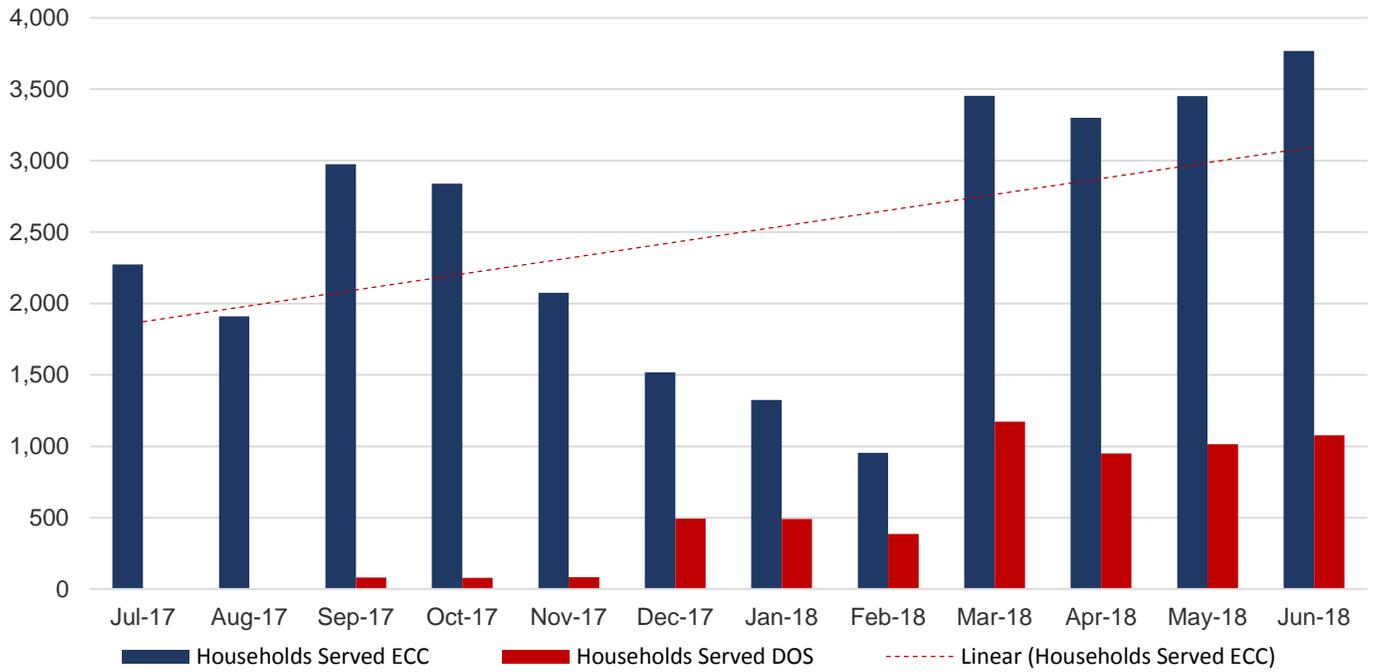


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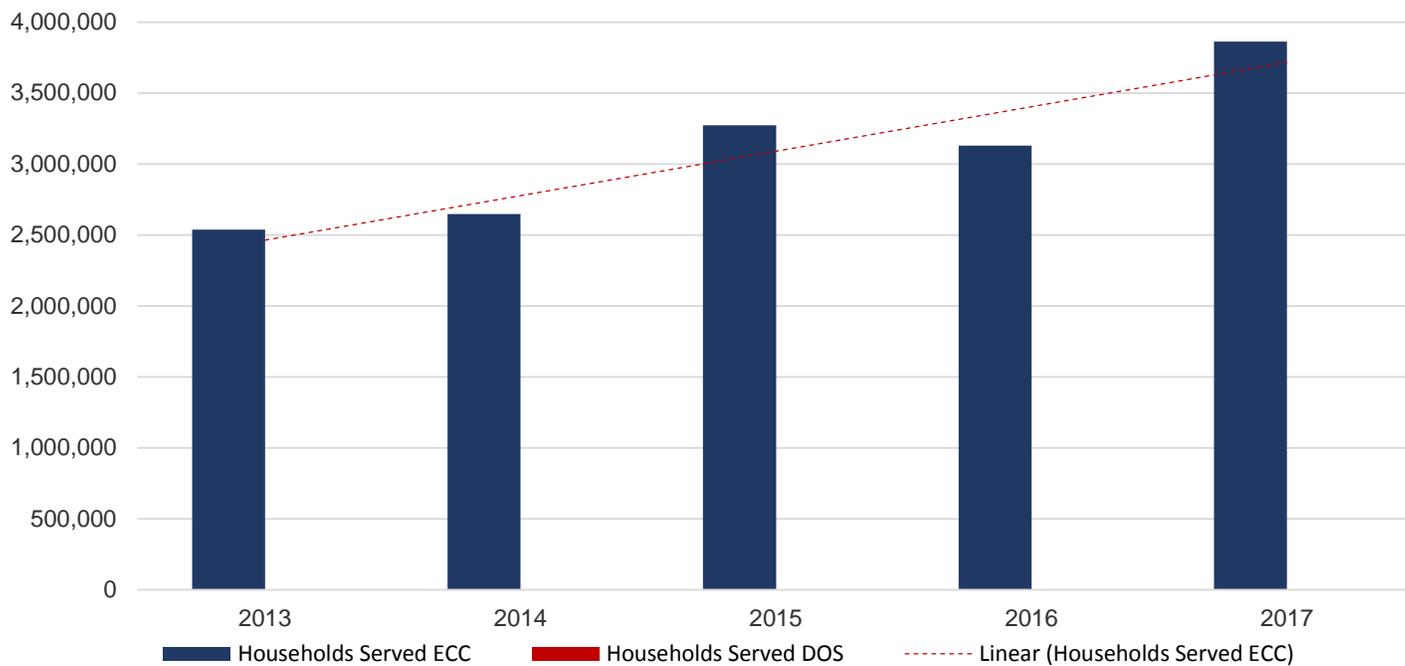


# SOLID WASTE SERVICES

## HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY THE ECC



## HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY ECC – 5 YEAR TREND



## Resources

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### SOLID WASTE INFORMATION

[FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste/)

### FOR SOLID WASTE QUESTIONS

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### SOLID WASTE APP

In the App Store or Google Play store under “Fort Worth Garbage & Recycling”

### COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

[FortWorthTexas.gov/swplan/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/swplan/)

### KEEP FORT WORTH BEAUTIFUL

[FortWorthTexas.gov/kfwb/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/kfwb/)

### ONE ADDRESS

From trash day to permits to crime around your home, find it by entering your address at

[OneAddress.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://OneAddress.FortWorthTexas.gov)

### ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION CENTER

[FortWorthTexas.gov/env/ecc/](http://FortWorthTexas.gov/env/ecc/)



The Code Compliance Department maintains Fort Worth's status as a clean, livable city by ensuring property complies with rules set by City Council. Code Officers routinely patrol assigned neighborhoods for code violations and investigate complaints with a mission of abating issues and educating residents.