

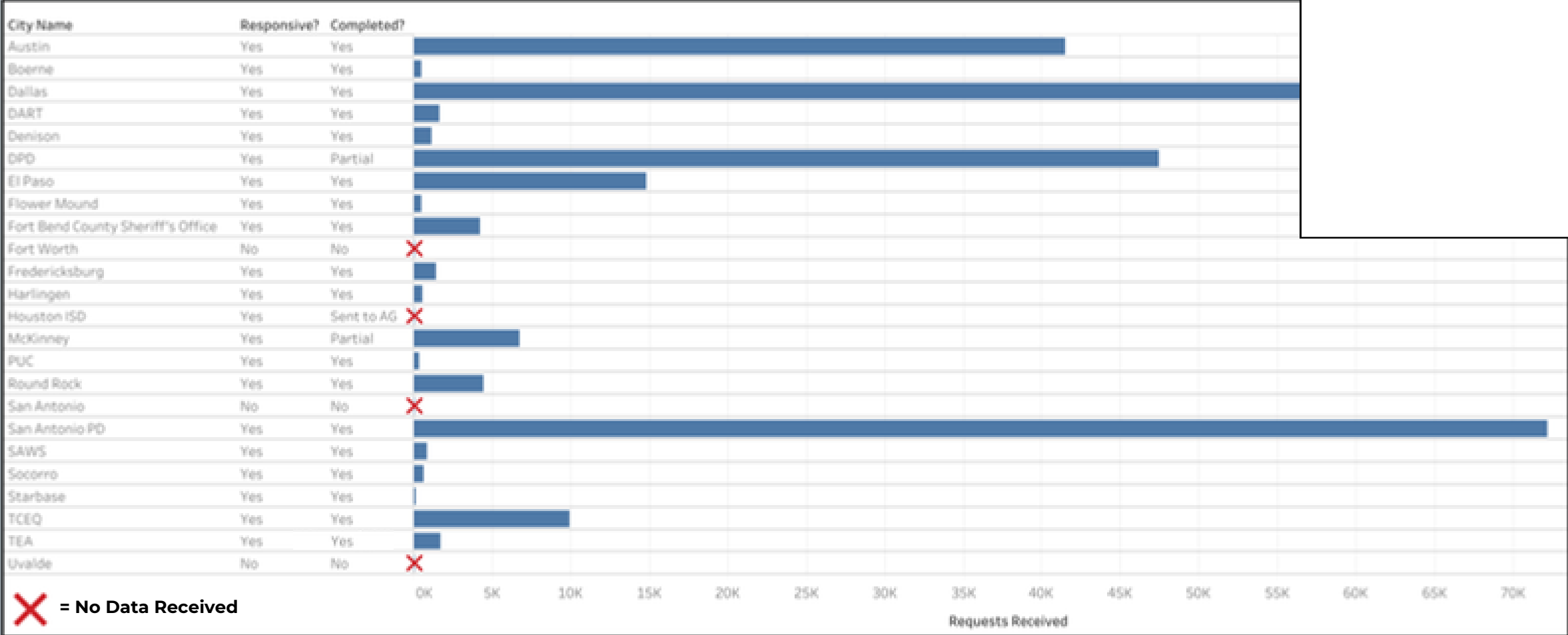
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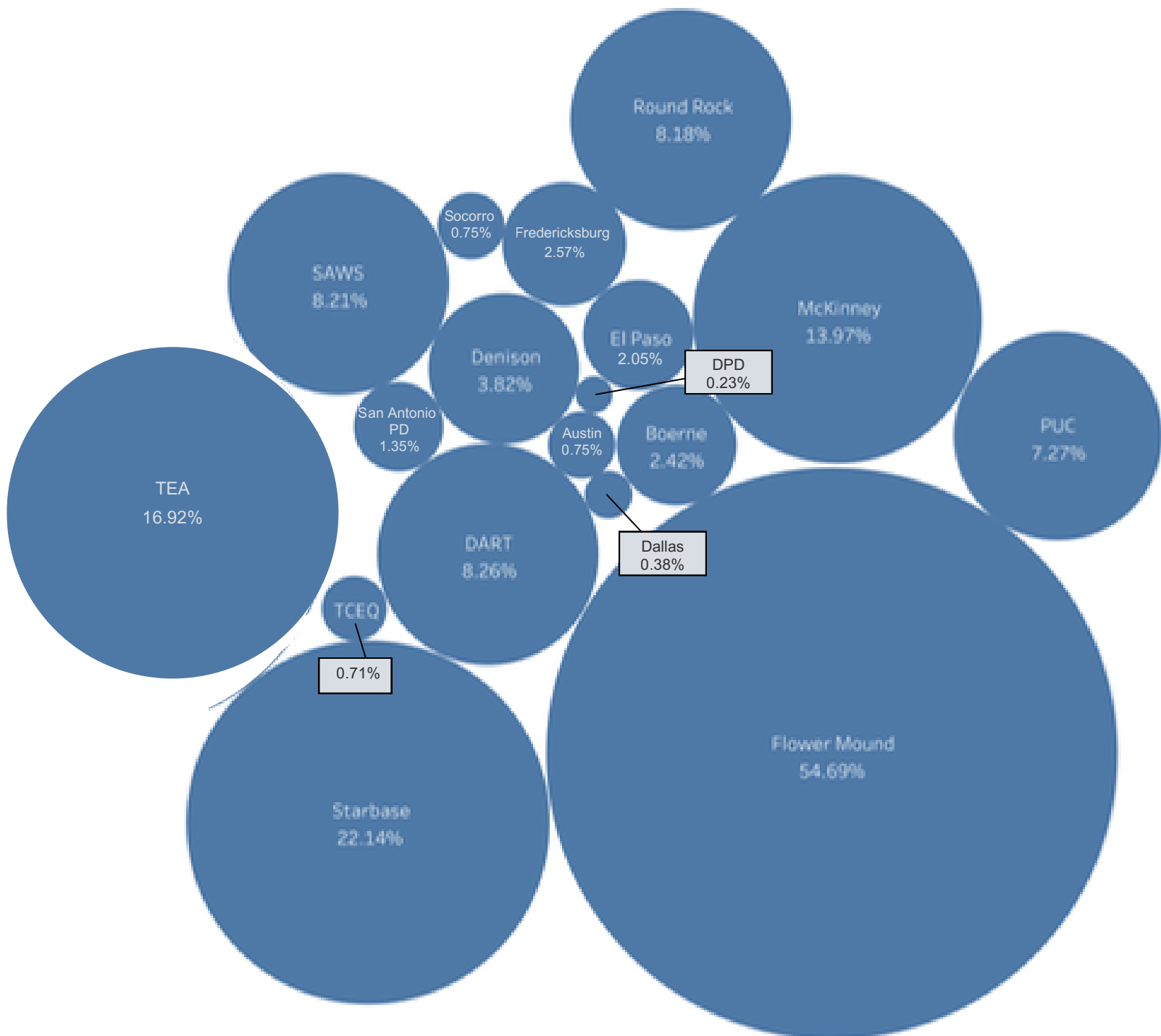
How many TPIA requests do governments receive?

FOIFT asked 24 governments across Texas how many public records requests they received in 2025. From large metros to small towns, from law enforcement to state agencies, numbers ranged from a few hundred to tens of thousands.

Total TPIA Requests Received in 2025



Percent of TPIA Requests sent to the Texas Attorney General in 2025



Avoiding information release

When governments deem the information should be kept secret, they must cite legal exceptions and get approval from the Texas Attorney General’s Office. The percentage of requests these agencies sent to the AG are shown above.



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Paying lawyers with your tax money

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Many larger government agencies handle records requests through their public information officers and in-house attorneys on the public payroll. Some smaller governments hire outside lawyers for TPIA matters. Others use a combination of in-house and outside lawyers when they need an attorney. We asked the amount spent on private lawyers, and here’s what we found:

Navigating Obstacles

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Fort Worth said they didn’t have a document that answered our questions and automatically closed our request. When pressed, they gave a 174-page list of case numbers but no info on how many they sent to the AG.
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Uvalde also said they didn’t have a report with answers and sent our request to the AG.
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Houston ISD provided no data, cited attorney-client privilege and punted to the AG.
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The **City of San Antonio** (not including its PD) stopped communicating after receiving the request for data. City officials never produced any information or said why they didn't.

Entities That Utilized
Outside Attorneys In
2025

Key: Amount Paid

\$2,741.25

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City Name	
Boerne	\$53,484.00
Denison	\$46,732.00
El Paso	\$9,203.85
Flower Mound	\$12,250.00
Fredericksburg	\$2,741.25
PUC	\$140,016.38
Round Rock	\$480,564.25
SAWS	\$6,656.00
Socorro	\$3,146.00
Starbase	\$115,358.81