

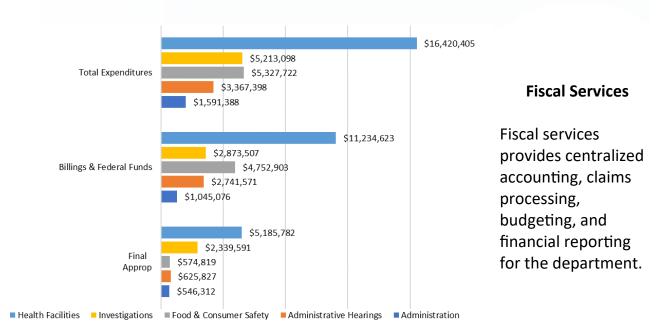
At the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA), our mission is to achieve compliance through education, regulation, and due process for a safe and healthy Iowa. Our vision is to be an effective, efficient, and approachable regulatory agency.

> ANNUAL REPORT

State Fiscal Year 2023

## **ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

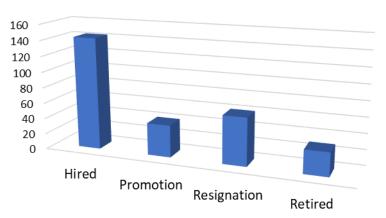
Essential, centralized support services for the department are administered by and coordinated through the Administration division. Division staff oversee all strategic planning, finance and budgeting, legislative affairs, administrative rulemaking, personnel, purchasing, and public information activities for the department.



#### **Human Resources**

Human Resources (HR) provides comprehensive personnel services to core divisions and attached units as well as employees with the Iowa Department of Human Rights.

Some of the major services include benefit administration, vacancy management, timekeeping, payroll functions, and reporting/file management.



#### **Total HR Personnel Transactions**

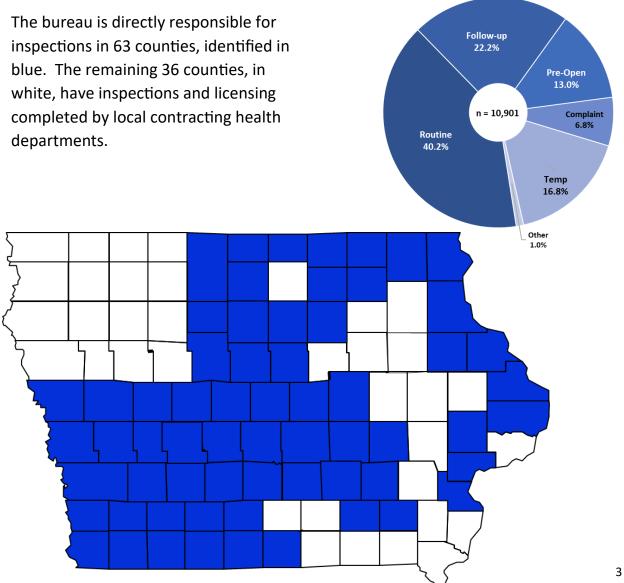
# **ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (CONT.)**

### **Food and Consumer Safety**

The Food and Consumer Safety bureau is responsible for administering and enforcing Iowa Food Code by conducting food-safety inspections at food establishments (e.g. grocery stores, restaurants, and convenience stores) and food processing plants.

The purpose of Iowa food code is to "safeguard the public health and provide to consumers food that is safe, unadulterated, and honestly prepared."

Inspections by Type, SFY 23



# **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

The Investigations division audits healthcare facilities and conducts criminal, civil, and administrative investigations of fraud and misconduct.

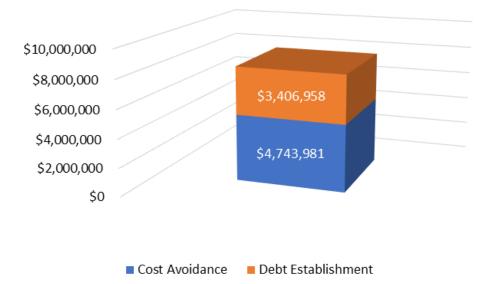
Staff within the division work closely with other state and local partners in identifying fraud, waste, and abuse, and, when appropriate, forwarding cases to federal, state, and local officials for prosecution.

### **Economic Fraud Control Bureau**

This bureau is responsible for investigating alleged fraud within HHS' public assistance programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), electronic benefit transfer trafficking and/or misuse, Medicaid (recipients), Family Investment Program, and Child Care Assistance.

In addition, division staff partner with multiple state agencies and local governments to provide contractual investigate services.

In SFY23, HHS disqualified 105 SNAP recipients through the administrative disqualification hearing as a result of investigative work.



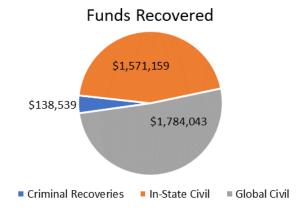
### **Taypayers Dollars Saved**

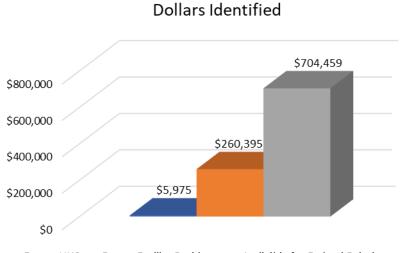
## INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CONT.)

#### **Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

The primary mission of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is to maintain the integrity of the Iowa Medicaid program by conducting criminal and civil investigations involving allegations of fraud committed by Medicaid providers and fraud within the administration of the program.

At the close of SFY23, MFCU maintained 272 open cases consisting of 241 fraud cases and 31 criminal abuse/neglect cases. The 241 fraud cases consisted of 178 multi-state civil cases and 63 criminal and in-state civil fraud cases.





#### **Human Service Audits Unit**

This unit performs expenditure audits at local HHS offices, residential care facilities, nursing facilities, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

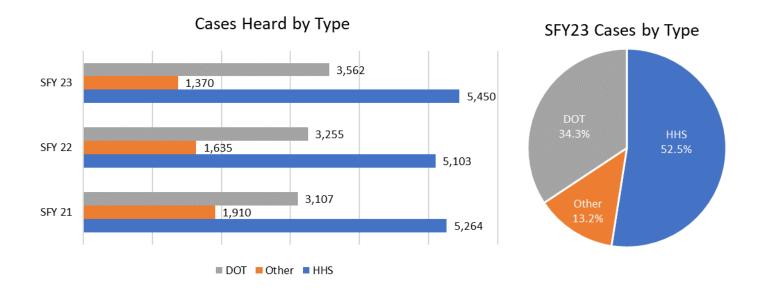
#### Due to HHS Due to Facility Residents Ineligible for Federal Reimbursement

## ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION

The Administrative Hearings division conducts contested case administrative proceedings for nearly all State agencies and some local government agencies.

Cases range from driver's license revocation proceedings for the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and child abuse assessment proceedings for the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to professional discipline proceedings for the Iowa Board of Medicine and other professional licensing boards.

On July 1, 2022, Iowa Workforce Development passed the management of their Unemployment Insurance Appeals bureau over to DIA under the supervision of the Administrative Hearings division. The following year, the Unemployment Insurance Appeals bureau official joined DIAL due to state realignment. During fiscal year 23, the Unemployment Insurance bureau eliminated a backlog of over 5,000 cases in the first four months, went from completing a case from state to finish within 30 days .2% of the time to an average of 90% of the time by April of 2023, and watched their average age of a case drop from 72 days to 12 days.



# HEALTH FACILITIES DIVISION

The Health Facilities division is the designated state survey and certification agency and is responsible for licensing or certifying Medicare and Medicaid programs and other health care providers and suppliers operating in the State of Iowa.

#### Long-Term Care Bureaus

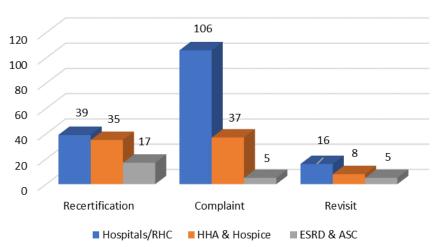
Three bureaus within the division are responsible for surveying 433 nursing facilities in the state.

F884	F689	9 F658 Services Provided Meet Professional Standards		F880 Infection Prevention & Control	
	Free of Accident Hazards/ Supervision/Devices F684	F812 Food Procurement, Store/Prepare/ Serve-Sanitary	F677 ADL Care Provided for Dependent	F609 Reporting of Alleged	
		F550	Residents	Violations	
			F657		
Reporting - Nationl Health Safety Network	Quality of Care	Resident Rights/ Exercise of Rights	Care Plan Timing and Revision		

### Top 10 Most Frequently-Cited Deficiencies

### Medicare Services Bureau (MSB)

The bureau is responsible for the survey and certification of 17 provider and supplier types of Medicare-certified facilities.



### Survey Activities

# HEALTH FACILITIES DIVISION (CONT.)

### Adult and Special Services Bureau

The Adult Services unit is responsible for surveying and monitoring assisted living programs (ALP), assisted living programs for people with dementia (ALP-D), adult day services (ADS), and elder group homes.

The Special Services unit has regulatory oversight of intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, residential care facilities, children's services, and psychiatric rehabilitation treatment facilities (PRTF).

