

LAC Update on ATIP

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2024-25 LAC ATIP Results Achieved

12,020
Requests carried
forward to 2024-25

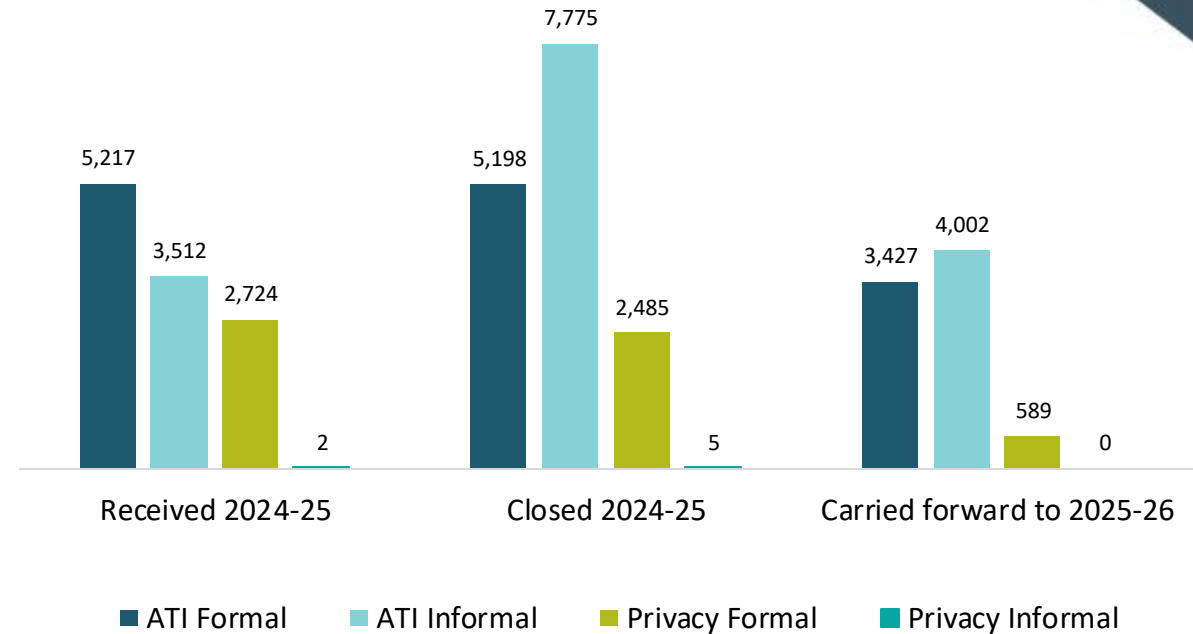
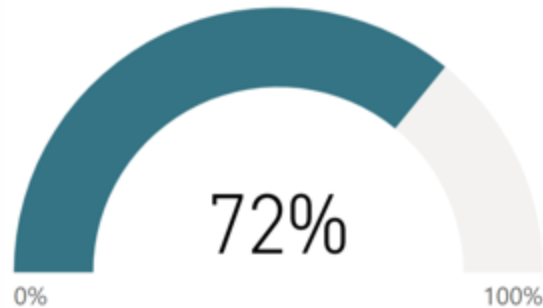
11,461
Requests received
during 2024-25

15,463
Requests completed
during 2024-25

8,018
Requests carried
forward to 2025-26

2,102,607
Total pages reviewed

Completed within legislative timelines



Formal Requests for Indigenous Related Records 2024-25

- Formal ATIP requests carried over from previous year: 150
- Formal ATIP requests received: 600
- Formal ATIP requests closed: 424 (160,505 pages)
- Formal outstanding ATIP requests: 325
- Formal overdue ATIP requests: 84

Informal Requests pursuant to 8(2)(k)

Trends over the past three years			
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Requests received	92	139	118
Requests closed	43	81	53
Number of pages reviewed	38,780	62,306	66,492
Number of pages released	37,483	59,792	54,384
Number of requests carried forward	174	232	297

Material Under Assessment or Recently Opened via Proactive Access (Block Review)

- PROJECT UNDERWAY: INAC Records on Record keeping – Indigenous Services Canada gets lots of questions from their clients on INAC historical record keeping practices.
 - It is in its final stages and will represent 465 files (approx. 116,250 pages) when complete.
 - It focuses on the INAC Modified Duplex Numeric Classification System file number subject code 1-6, which covers Methods and Procedures under the Organization and Administration subject block (i.e. record keeping files).
 - Project covers files from 1948 to 1986.
- Treaty Annuity Paylists and Interest Distribution Annuity Paylists from 1882 to 1933. [MIKAN 133552](#) / Use [thematic code “BR 406”](#))
 - Opened over 1,500 Treaty Annuity and Interest Distribution Annuity Paylists from 1882 to 1933 (approx. 37,500 pages opened)
 - Paper paylists and the microfilm copies were opened, with the Access and Services Branch moving the opened microfilm reels to the self-service area at 395 and pursuing digitization of those reels, enabling greater access to those paylists.

Material Under Assessment or Recently Opened via Proactive Access (Block Review) – Cont'd

- Day School records – Day school building files, aerial photographs (Use [thematic code “BR 426”](#))
 - Only opened 21,567 pages (out of 800,000) because of the unpredictability and the amount of sensitive personal information in those files.
- Consolidated Fund Ledgers dating from 1899 to 1932. ([MIKAN 133555](#)) – The Ledgers opened are volumes 11655--11656; 11662—11687 (See Finding Aid 10-47)
 - These ledgers record Canadian Government expenditures on goods and services that fulfill Treaty obligations.
 - This project opened approx. 28,000 pages, allowing the requestor to gain access to those records within a week of the request being made.

Challenges

- Newer team members are still in training and productivity will increase over time
- Reduced government spending means the team may not grow further
- Increased number of requests (more than doubled from last fiscal year)
- Increased number of pages per request in average
- Litigations without added funding is putting pressure on our regular operations output (ex: “Indian Boarding Homes (Percival)” and “First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) and Jordans’s Principle (Moushoom/Trout – AFN)” and the “Federal Indian Hospitals” settlement approval hearing will be on June 10th 2025
- Difficulty processing 8(2)(k) requests

Improvements/Opportunities

- Application fee of 5\$ remains **waived** for ATI request for Indigenous requesters or their representatives.
- New process for formal ATI requests without references – they are put on hold and sent to our Research Support team to identify the proper archival references
- Change in the number of analysts working on Indigenous records:

2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
0	3.25	5.75	7.66	8.17

- Since June 2024 previously [completed formal ATI requests](#) on archival records have been published on LAC's website – going back approximately 10 years
 - As of March 31 2025:
 - 12,261 downloads/10 046 views
 - RG10: 1 057 downloads/1 501 views
 - RG22: 15 downloads/68 views
 - RG85: 77 downloads/97 views

Conclusions and Next Steps

- Reduce and ultimately eliminate backlog of overdue formal requests (84)
- If you don't require personal information or are unsure, submit a formal ATI request and our team can revisit the ATI request for personal information disclosure under 8(2)(k) as a second step.
- Multiple smaller requests vs one large request can be processed more quickly
- Possibilities for tackling the backlog to be examined
- LAC will reach out to requesters, researchers and Indigenous communities when necessary
- If you are unsure how to best proceed, please contact us and we will work with you to find the best solution here: [Ask us a question](#)

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