

DCI Computer Crime Team/ICAC Task Force

DCI's Computer Crime Team (CCT) is home to the State's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The primary duty of ICAC is to investigate the sexual exploitation of children on the internet. With computer and internet users becoming more sophisticated and younger each year, the children of our state are constantly at risk of being sexually exploited online. Additionally, children tend to have their own digital devices at earlier ages without proper education. As such, the risk to Wyoming's children continues to increase year over year.

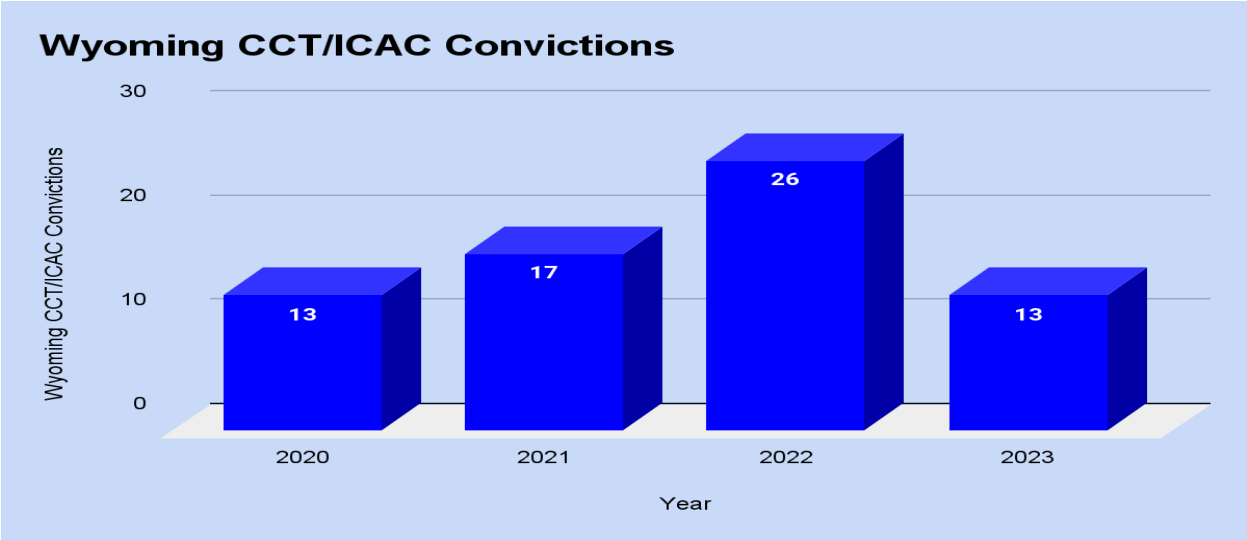
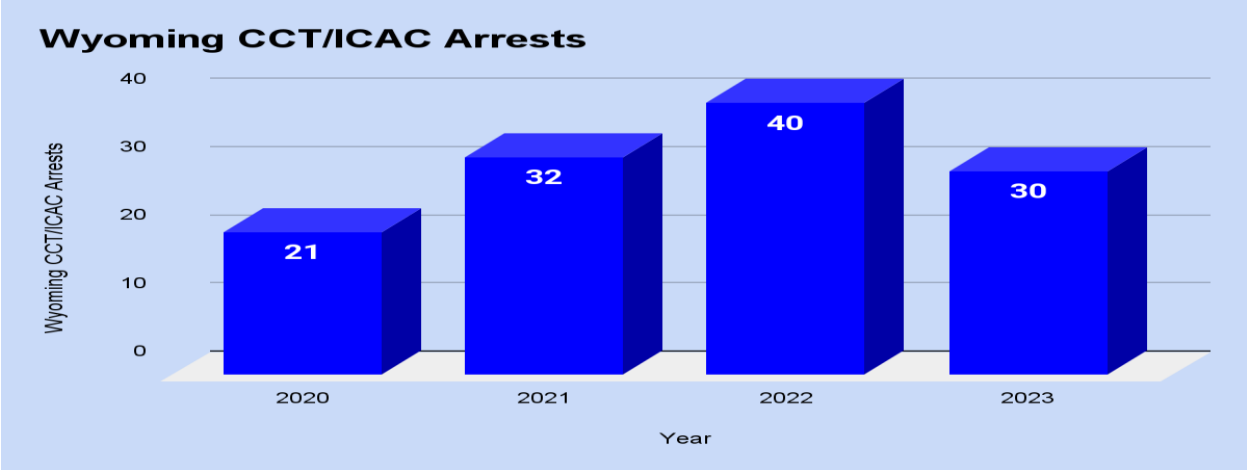
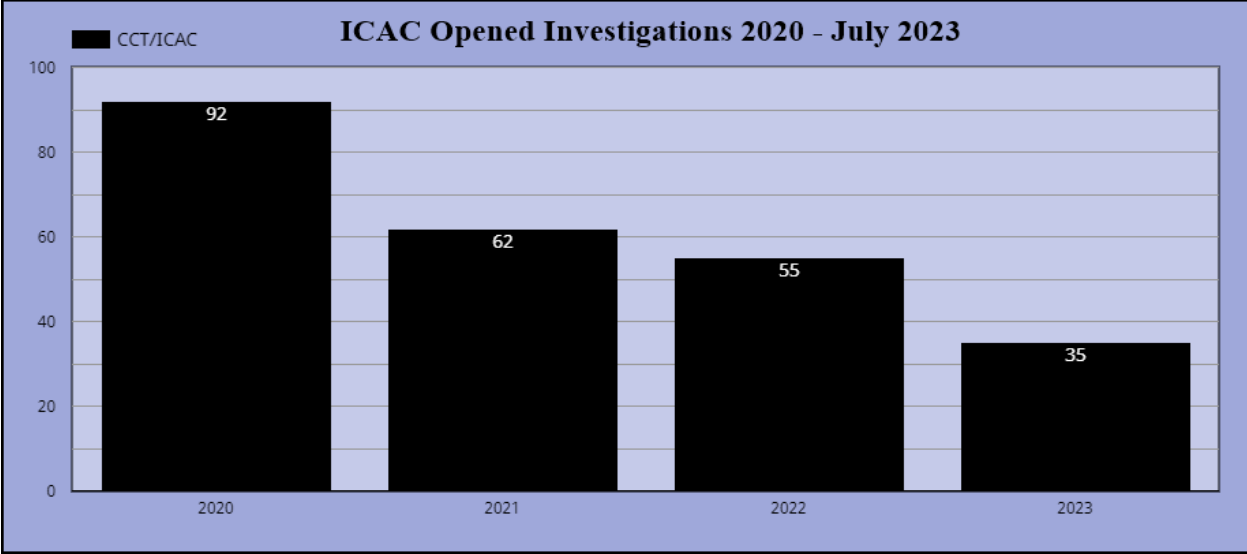
Pursuant to W.S. 6-3-501 through 6-3-505, and W.S. 6-4-303, DCI shall investigate crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children, as well as crimes against intellectual property, computer equipment or supplies, interruption or impairment of Governmental operations or public services and computer users. Currently, the CCT/ICAC has special agents and a task force officer located in Cheyenne, Casper, and Rock Springs.

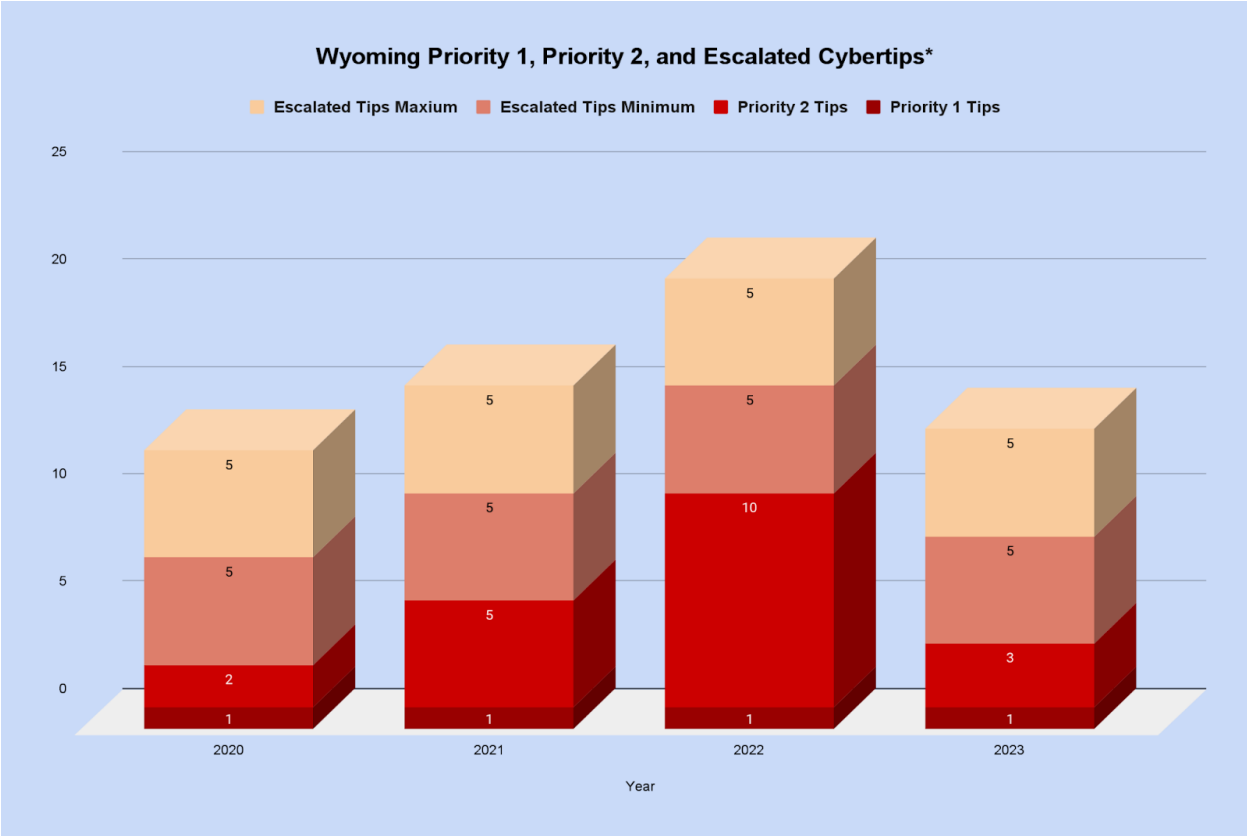
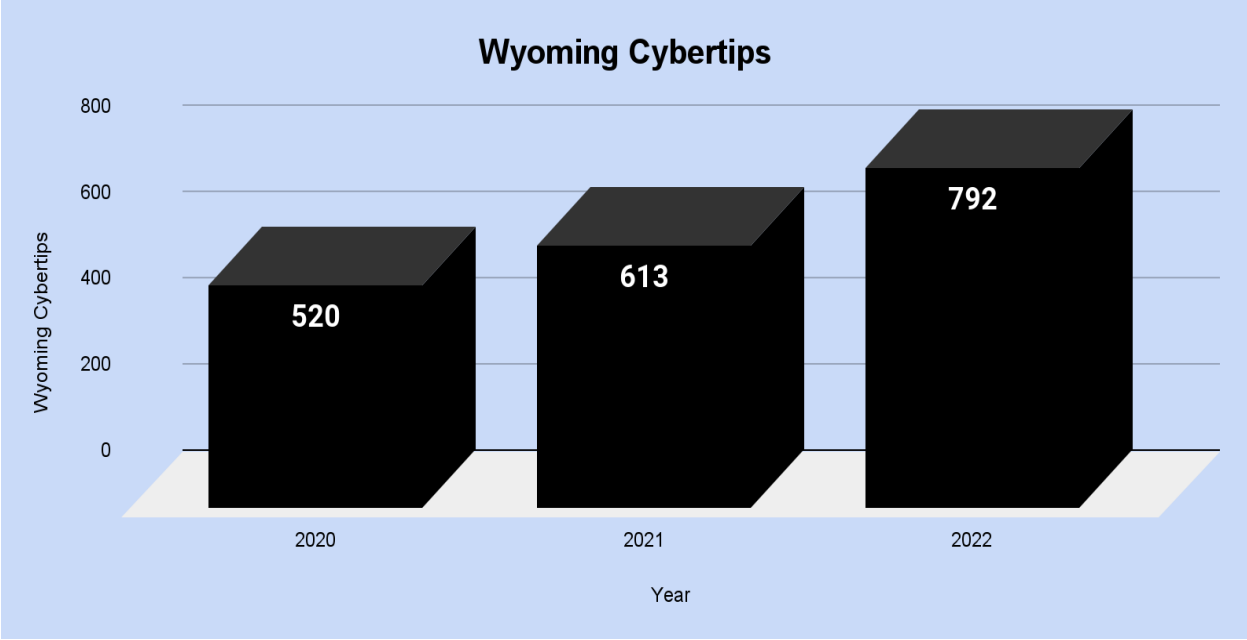
Personnel assigned to the CCT also assist the DCI regional enforcement teams as well as local and federal law enforcement with technology-involved crimes and analysis of digital evidence. Statewide, there continues to be a significant increase in the use of mobile digital devices in all types of criminal investigations. Due to the prevalence of mobile devices, their ever-increasing level of sophistication, and continuously-evolving security/encryption standards, law enforcement's ability to find or acquire evidence is increasingly challenging.

Currently there are six agents assigned to the CCT and one generally funded ICAC Task Force Officer. Based on historical data, the CCT Agents, on average, conduct 35 ICAC investigations every three years. In addition to working open investigations, agents are assigned cybertips to analyze, evaluate, triage, and investigate. The projected total annual salary and benefits for the members of the CCT/ICAC for fiscal year 2024 is \$966,055.52 from the State General Fund.

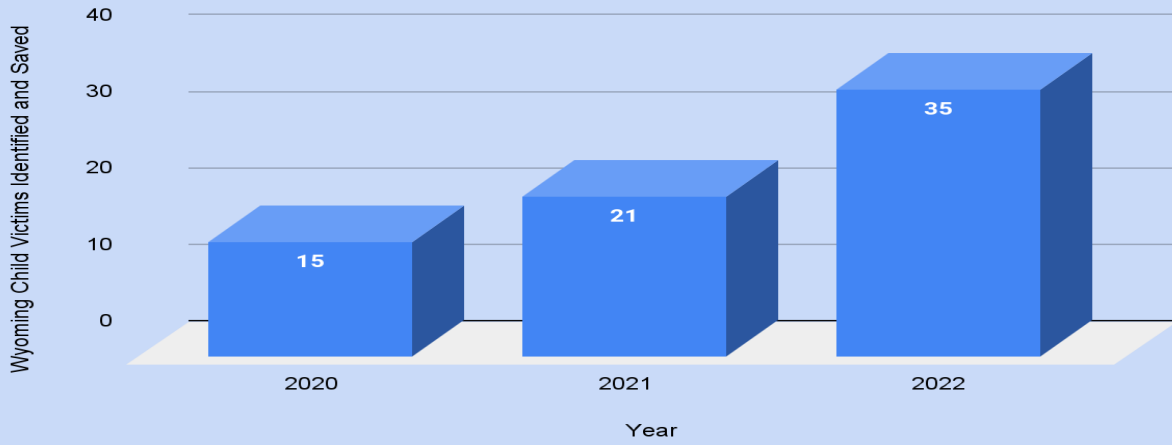
The number of cybertips received by the ICAC unit has dramatically increased by nearly 300% from 199 tips in 2018 to 792 in 2022. In 2022, the ICAC supervisor triaged and declined assignment of 209 of 792 cybertips, assigning the remaining 583 cybertips to the six ICAC agents, equating to nearly 100 cybertips per agent. Additionally, the ICAC unit received additional complaints that led to additional cases beyond the reported cybertips. This surge in cybertips and workload makes it difficult for the unit to conduct proactive investigations and forces them to be primarily reactive in their approach.

The nature of internet crimes against children requires swift action to protect potential victims and prevent further harm. In 2022, in addition to numerous internet child sexual abuse material violations investigations, the DCI CCT saved 35 Wyoming child victims from their offenders.





Wyoming Child Victims Identified and Saved



Wyoming CCT/ICAC Public Presentations and Attendees

