



**Water & Sewerage
Department**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 17, 2021



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE TO THE BOARD



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2020 CALENDAR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACTIVE ACCOUNTS



DWSD WAYS TO PAY*



*In-person payments were halted on March 23, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic when the Customer Care Centers were closed for the safety of DWSD employees and customers.

WRAP PROGRAM* WATER RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



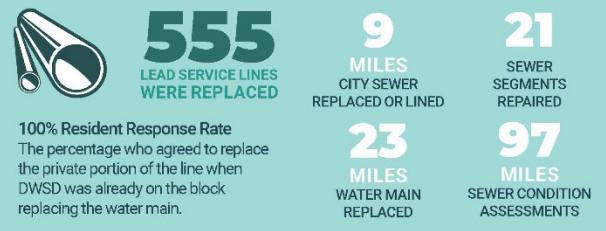
COVID-19 WATER RESTART PLAN

On March 9, Mayor Mike Duggan and Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the COVID-19 Water Restart Plan to restore water in occupied homes previously interrupted for non-payment. Many of these homes needed significant plumbing repairs to provide access to water. DWSD, with our community partner, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, also accessed state and federal dollars to assist low-income residential households with their water accounts during the pandemic.

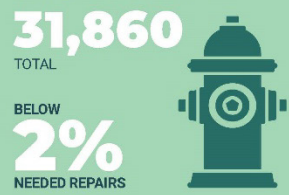


INFRASTRUCTURE EFFORTS

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FIRE HYDRANTS

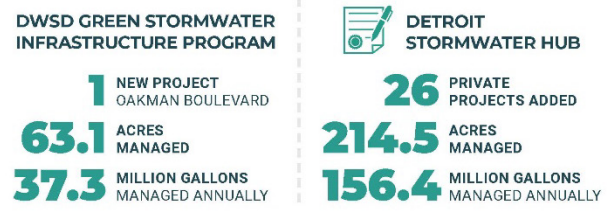


CATCH BASINS



DWSD STORMWATER DATA

Green Stormwater Infrastructure, or GSI, replicates systems to reduce runoff volume, filter pollutants, and cut down flooding by slowing the movement of water into the combined sewer system and channeling it into the ground.





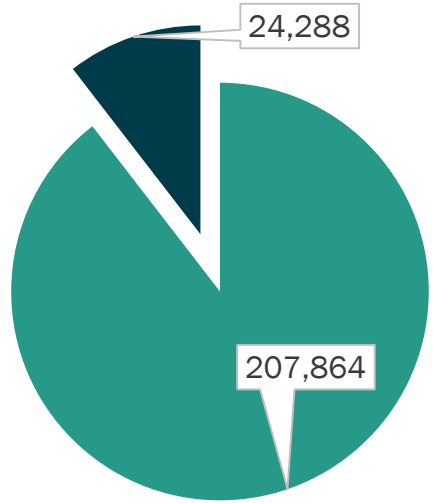
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Customer Care

CUSTOMER CARE: Number of Active Accounts

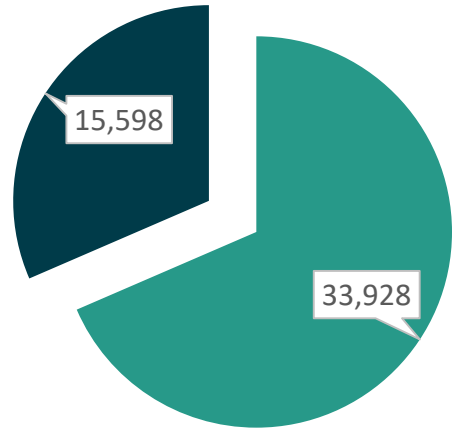


Active Residential Accounts



■ Water/Sewerage/Drainage ■ Drainage Only (no water service)

Active Non-Residential Accounts



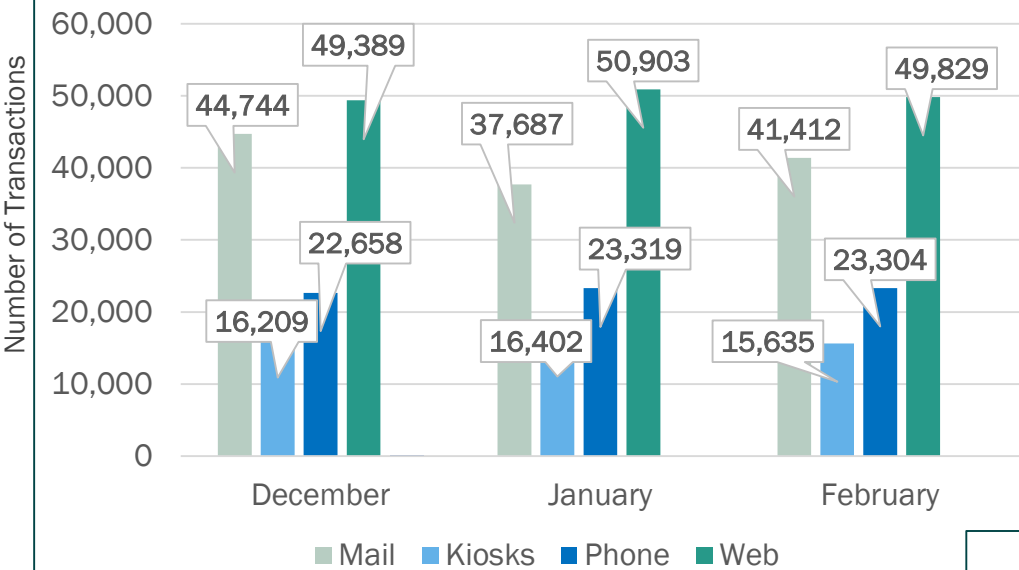
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Vacant parcels, parking lots and other properties with no need for water service, receive stormwater charges only (drainage).

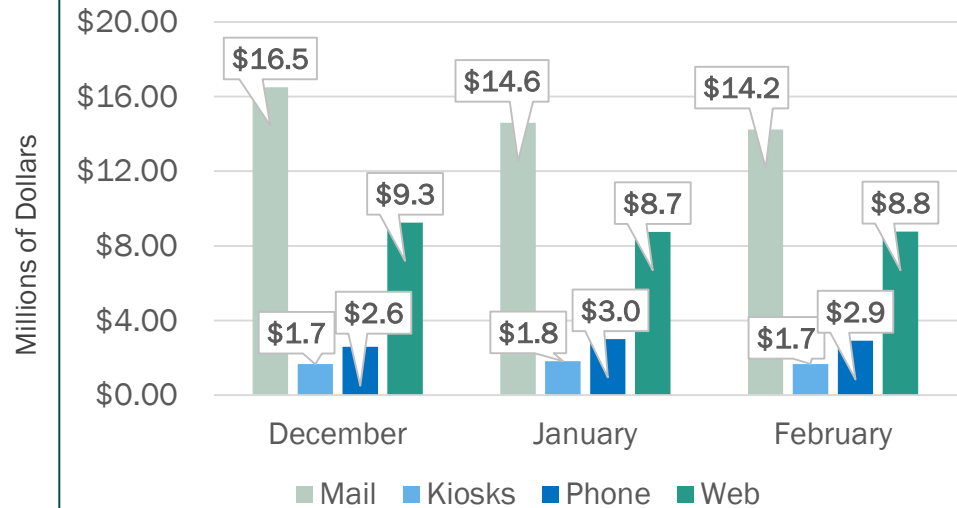
CUSTOMER CARE: Transactions



Payment Transactions by Platform Type



Revenue Collected by Platform Type



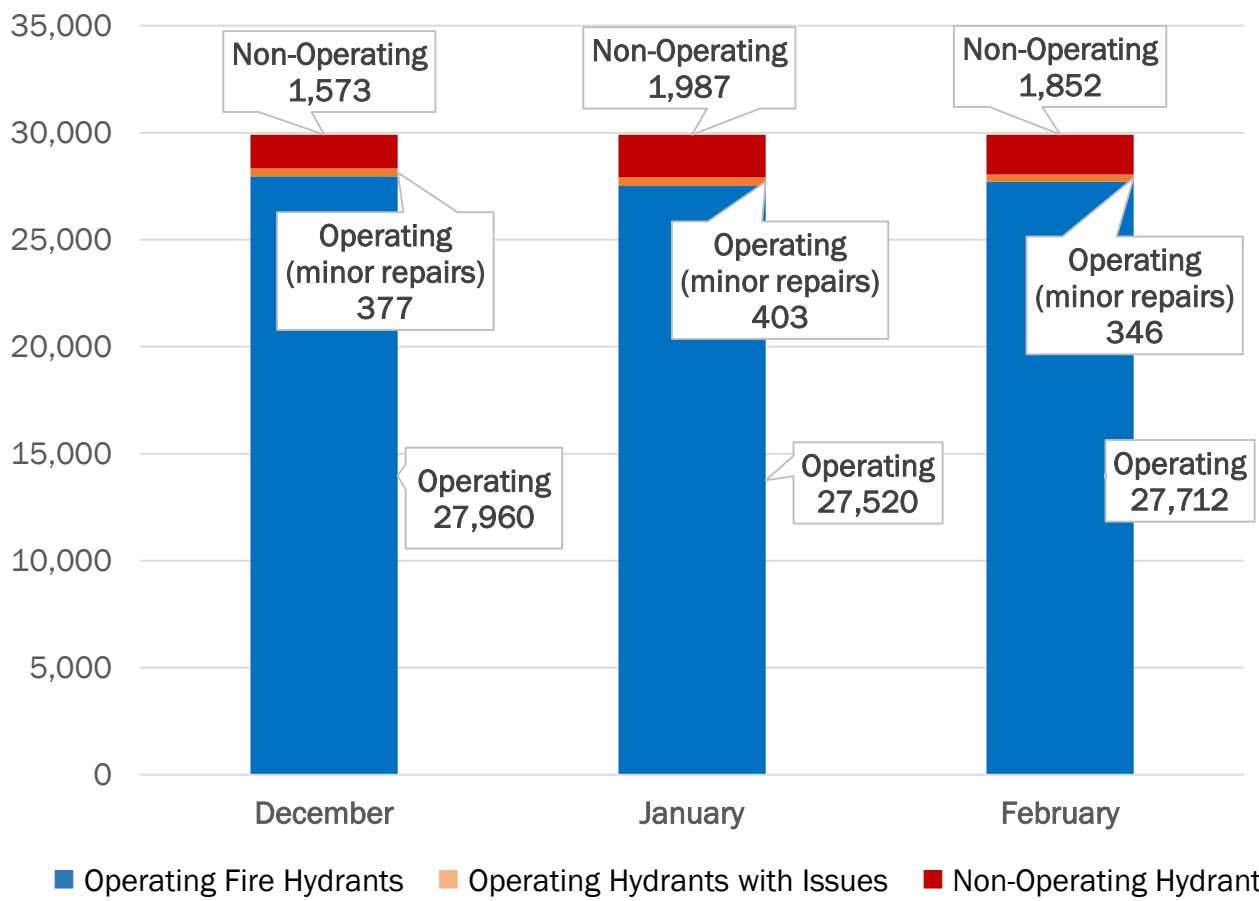
DWSD continues to adapt during the COVID-19 Pandemic and is offering more services remotely, including contact via email at mydwsd@detroitmi.gov. DWSD is also communicating the convenient, safe ways to pay and how customers can access their account(s).



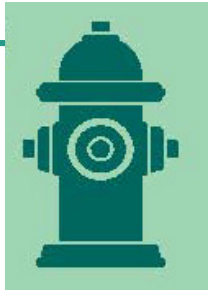
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Field Services

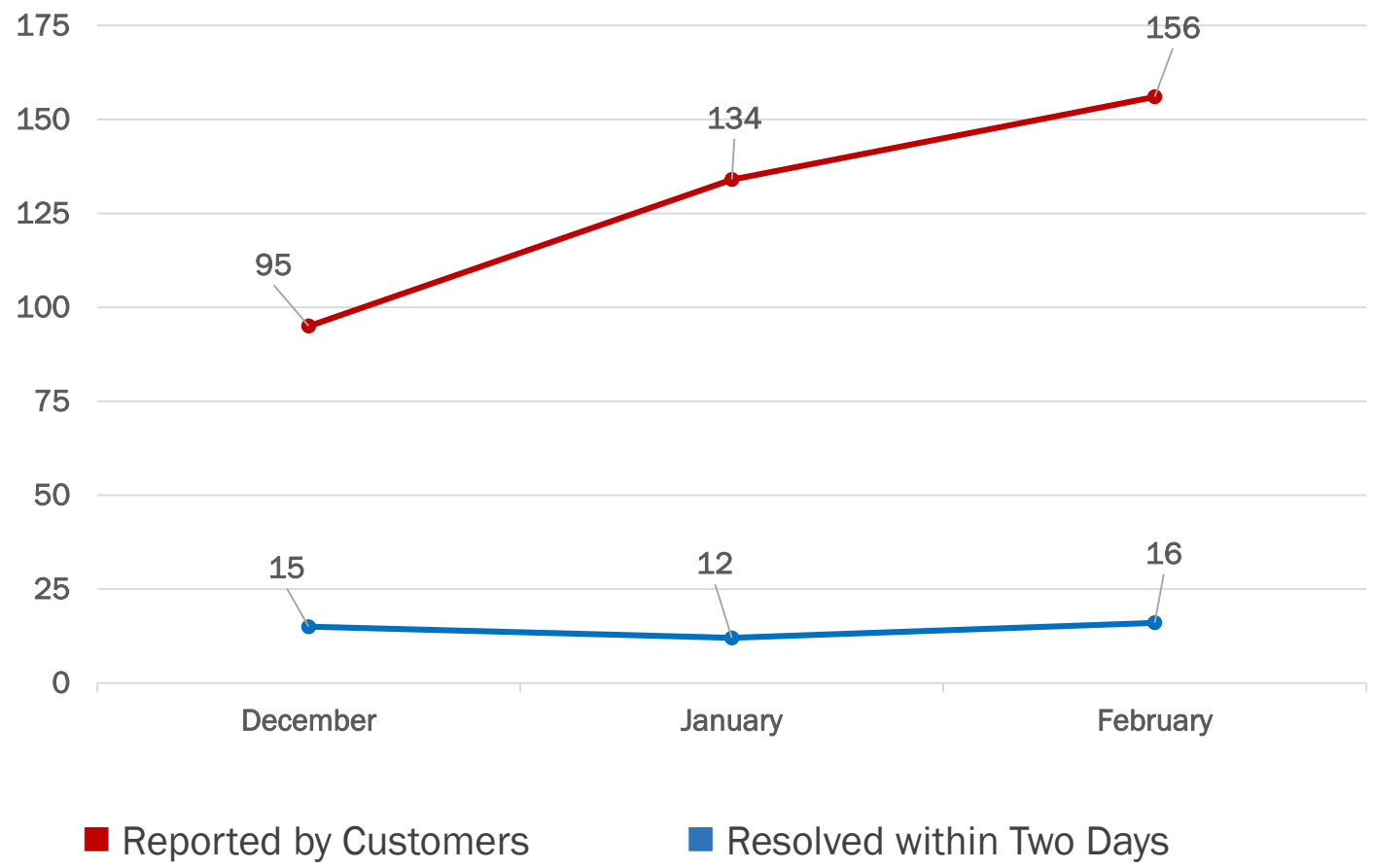
FIELD SERVICES: Fire Hydrant Maintenance



DWSD prioritizes fire hydrant maintenance as a key component of providing essential and exceptional service delivery led by the Maintenance & Repair Service Line in our Operations Group. During the Fall season and into December, the number of hydrants needing repair typically increases significantly as the Detroit Fire Department staff do annual hydrant inspections.

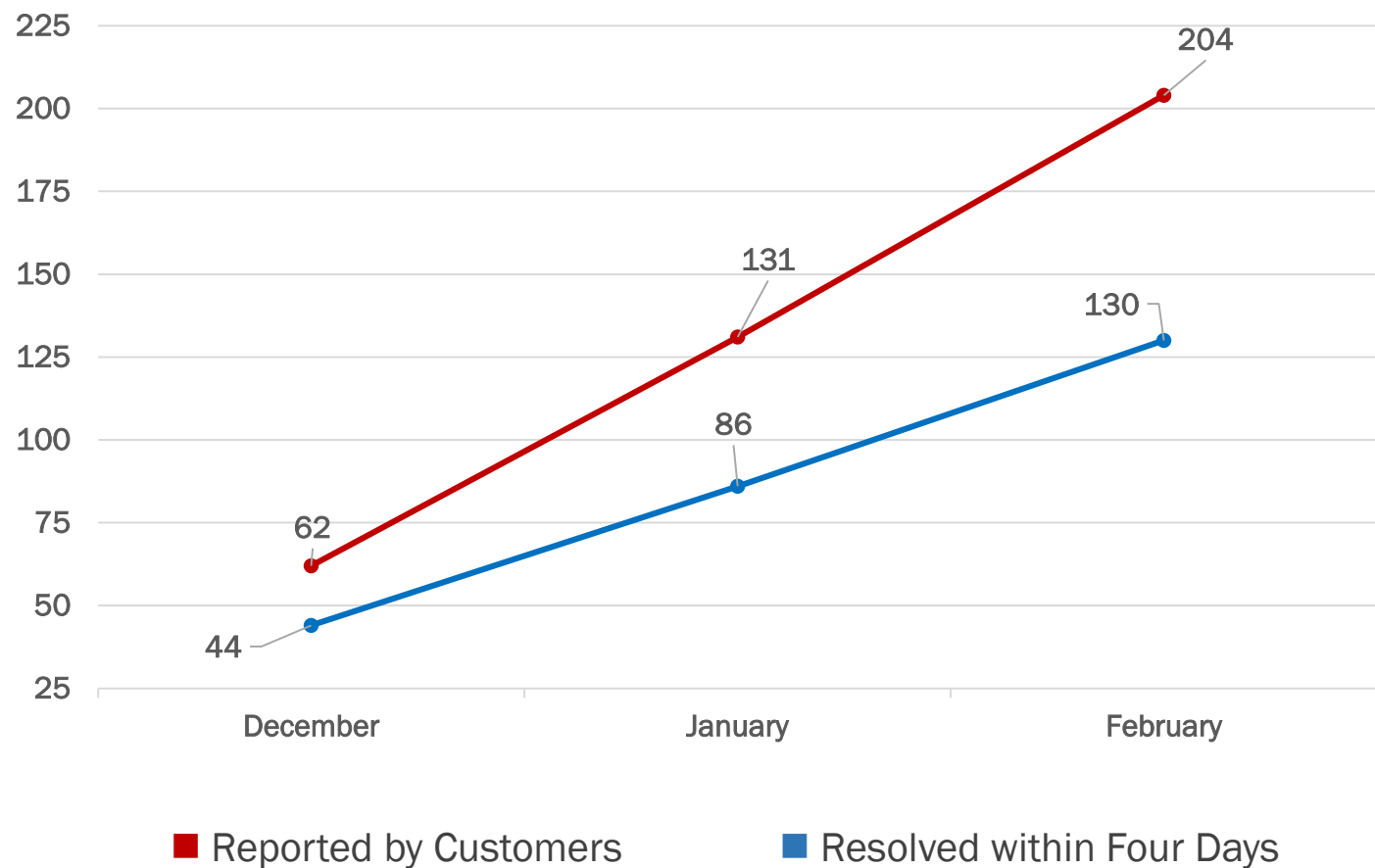


FIELD SERVICES: Running Water



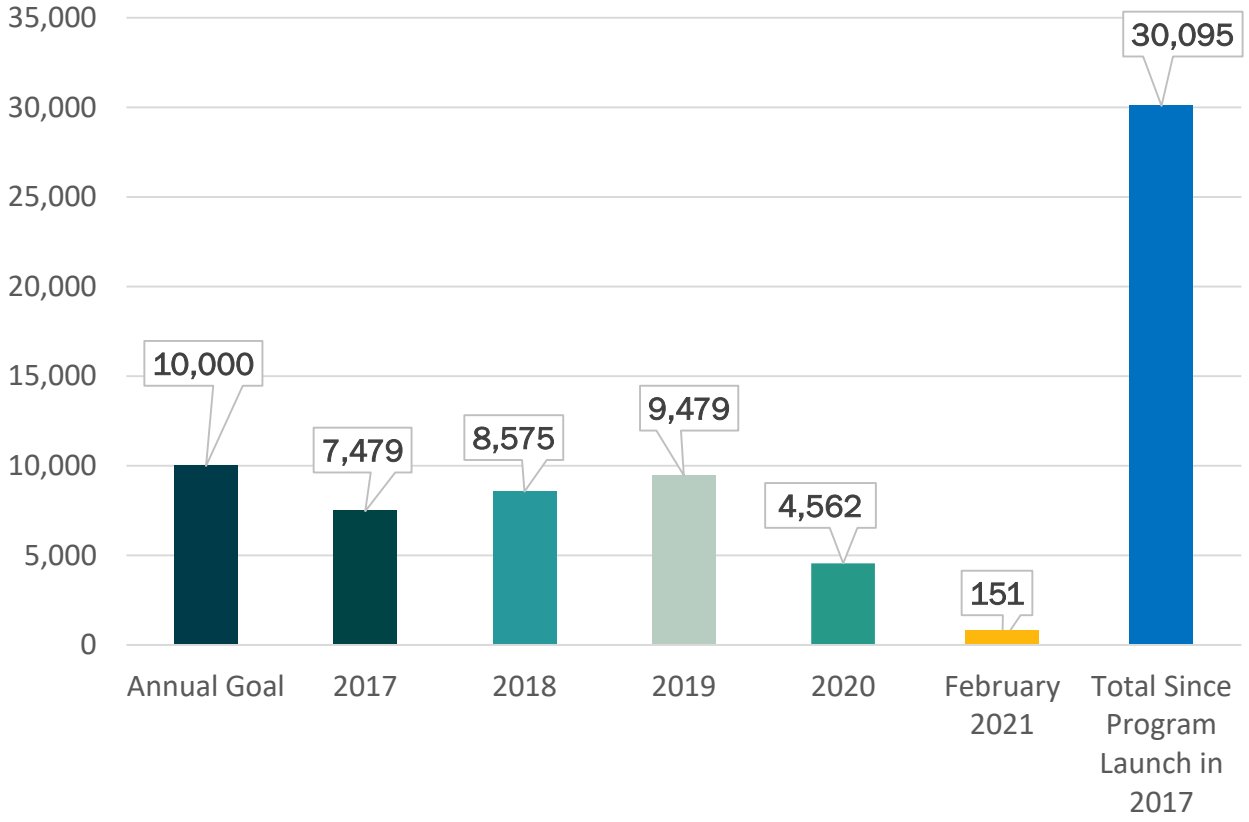
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FIELD SERVICES: Water Main Breaks



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FIELD SERVICES: Catch Basin Inspection & Cleaning



DWSD held a media event on Nov. 10 with Deputy Director & Chief Engineer Palencia Mobley, P.E. and sewer section team leaders to commemorate the 30,000th catch basin cleaned.

During the winter months, the Catch Basin Inspection & Cleaning program is placed on hiatus as equipment can freeze; however Vactor crews are used to assist with cleaning basins when street flooding occurs due to water main breaks.

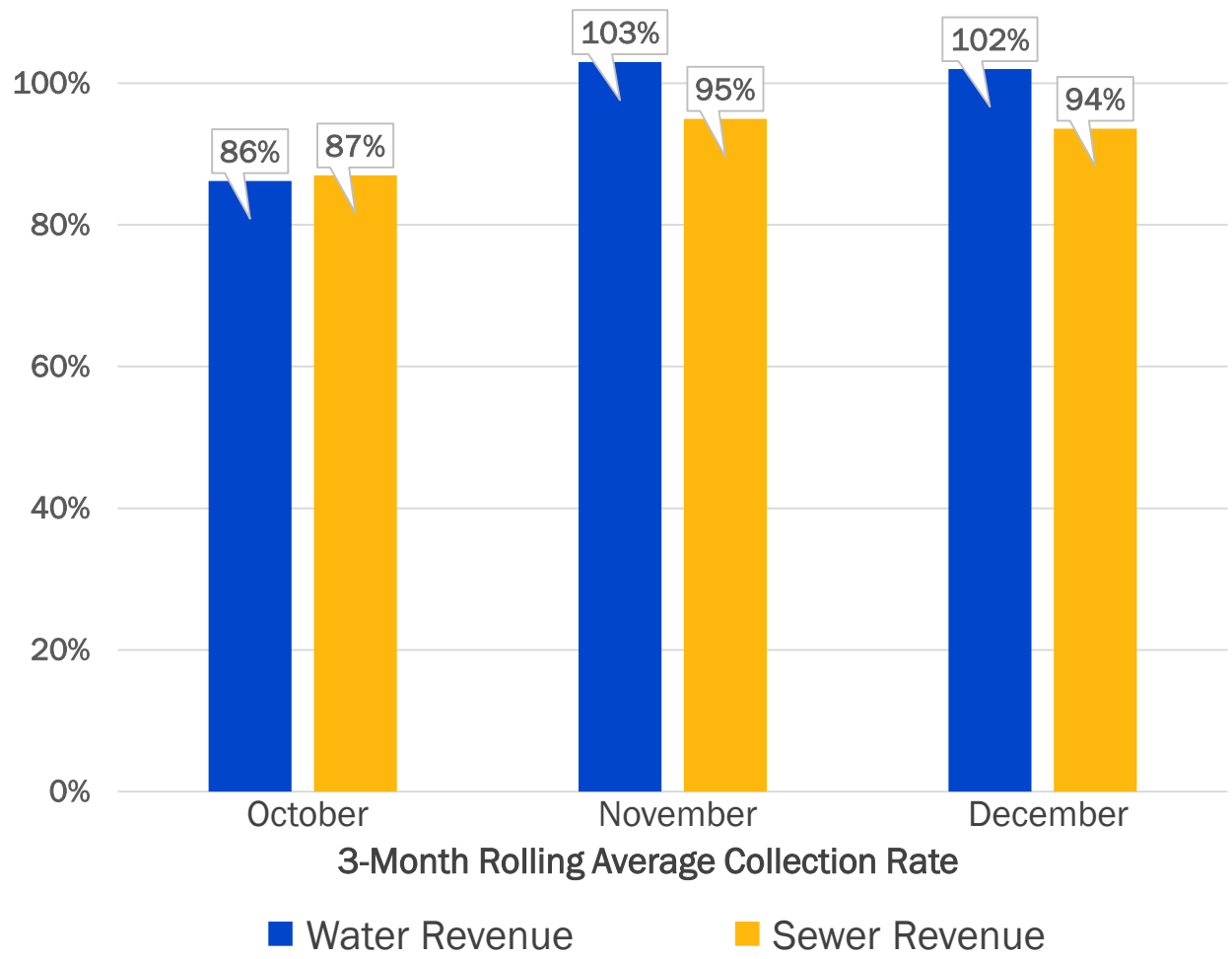
This program launched in 2017. DWSD crews have touched more than 30,000 of the estimated 90,000 catch basins, including tracking them through a mapping app for asset inventory. The 30,000 goal was achieved in the three-year commitment as announced by DWSD and Mayor Duggan in 2017.



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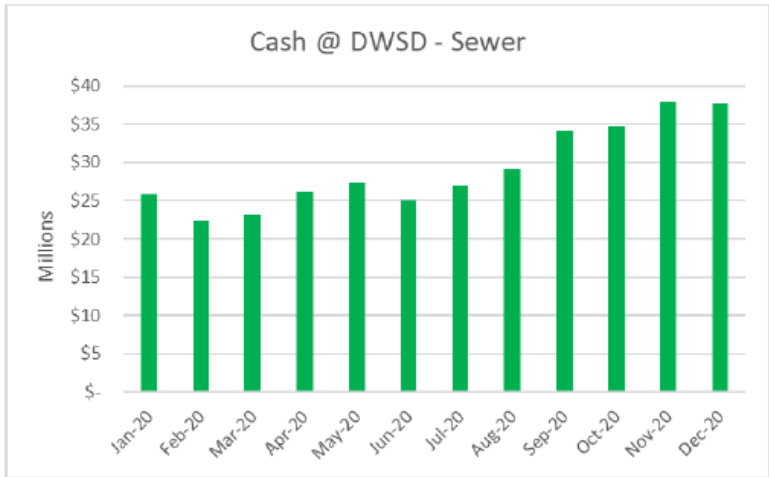
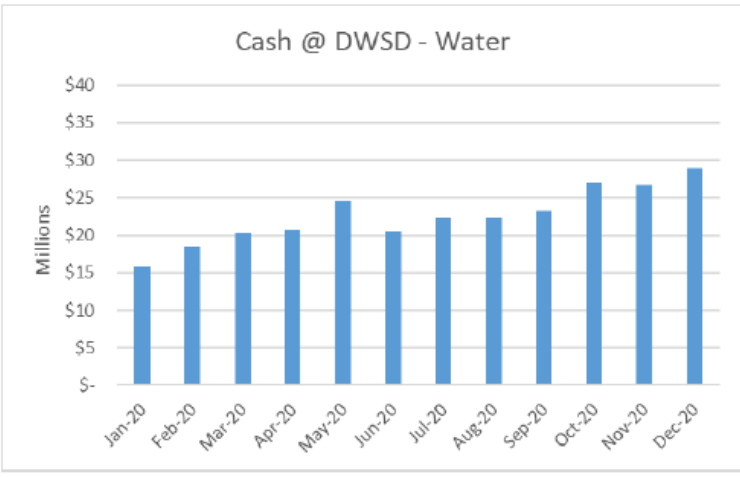
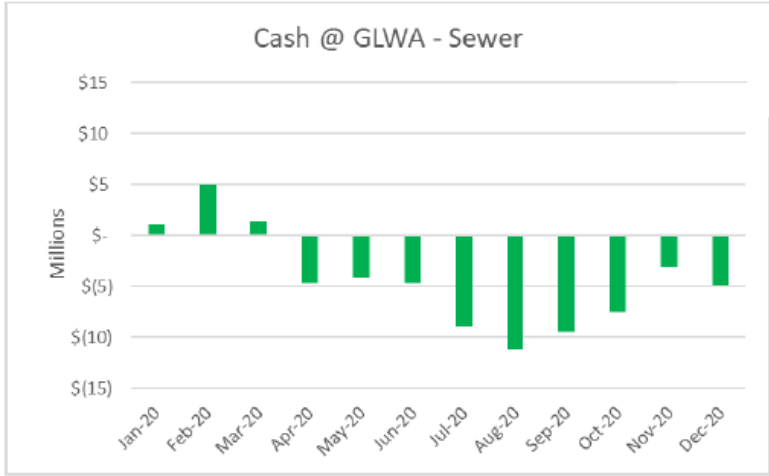
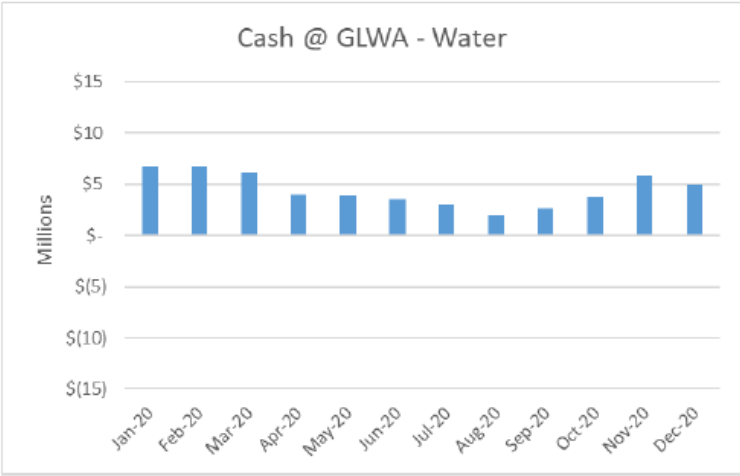
Finance

FINANCE: Bill Collection Rate



The Finance data is provided based on the most recent month reported to the Finance Committee of the Board of Water Commissioners.

FINANCE: Cash Balance



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Legal Services

LEGAL: Claims, Hearings and Cases



18
Cases handled by in-house staff

8
Cases handled by outside counsel

2
Lawsuits dismissed

2
Lawsuits dismissed in calendar year 2021

47
Property damage claims

3
Damage claims approved

\$409,154
Amount in property damage claims

\$14,825
Amount of total claims recommended to be paid

0
Dispute hearings*

0
Number of cases DWSD prevailed*

0
Number of accounts given adjustments*

**No hearings were held in January 2021*

DWSD uses a mix of in-house and contracted legal counsel to handle damage claims, civil action for commercial delinquencies and lawsuits filed against the department.



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Investigations

INVESTIGATIONS: Results

646

Parcels investigated for delinquency, possible meter tampering and no meter since July 1, 2020



Money Owed to DWSD identified by Investigators

\$1,558,380

Total since July 1, 2020

\$228,334

Back billed

\$878,974

Future owed in 12 months

\$451,072

Water loss



Revenue Identified Since Investigation Unit Began

\$14,691,399

Total since August 14, 2017

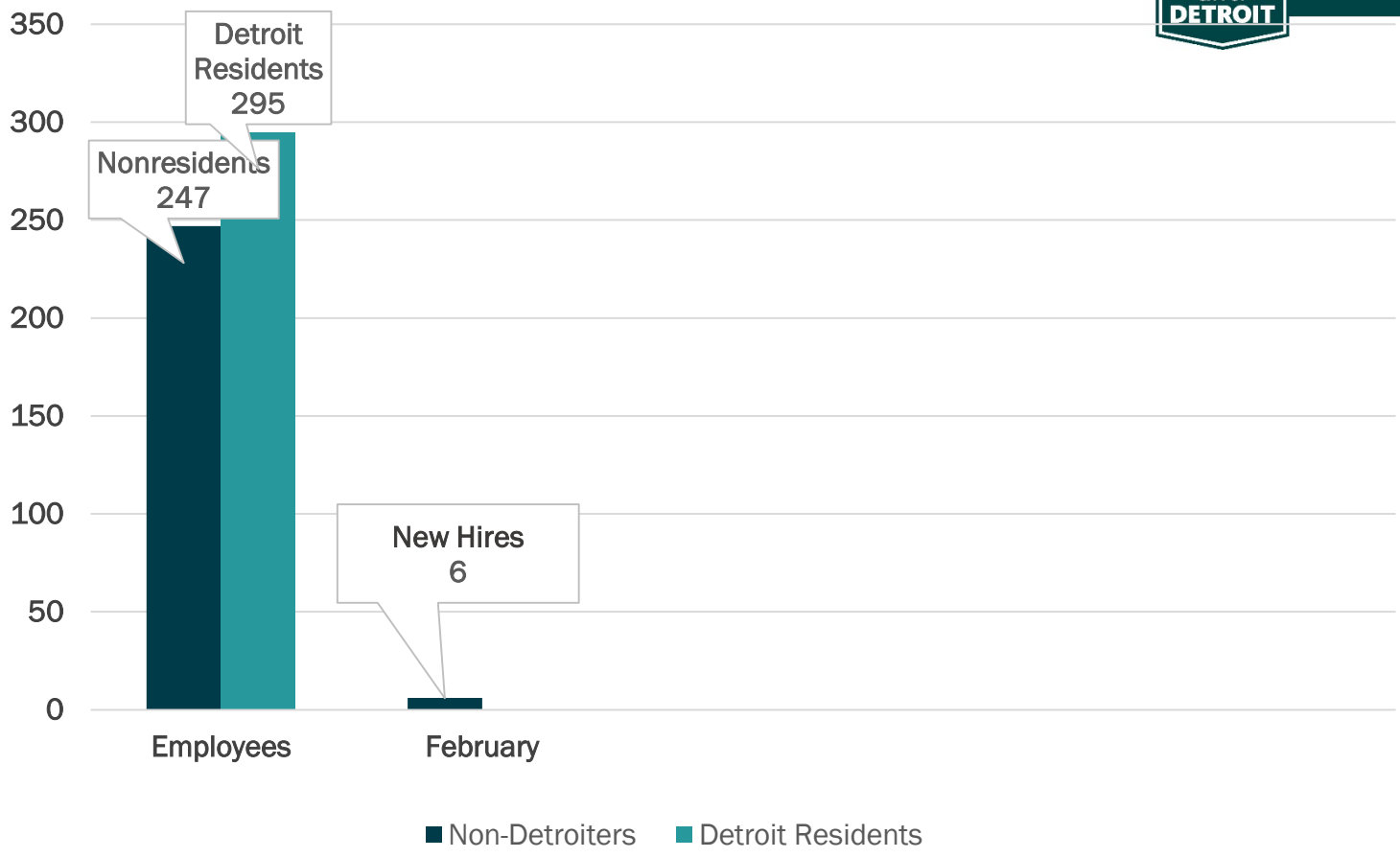
Since August 2017, the unit, in collaboration with customer service/billing, has identified nearly \$15 million in services owed by primarily commercial customers. They uncover severe delinquencies, non-working meters, unauthorized use of fire hydrants, meter tampering, or connected to the city's water main without a meter and/or permit. The unit works closely with the Finance/Collections and Legal Groups.



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Human Resources

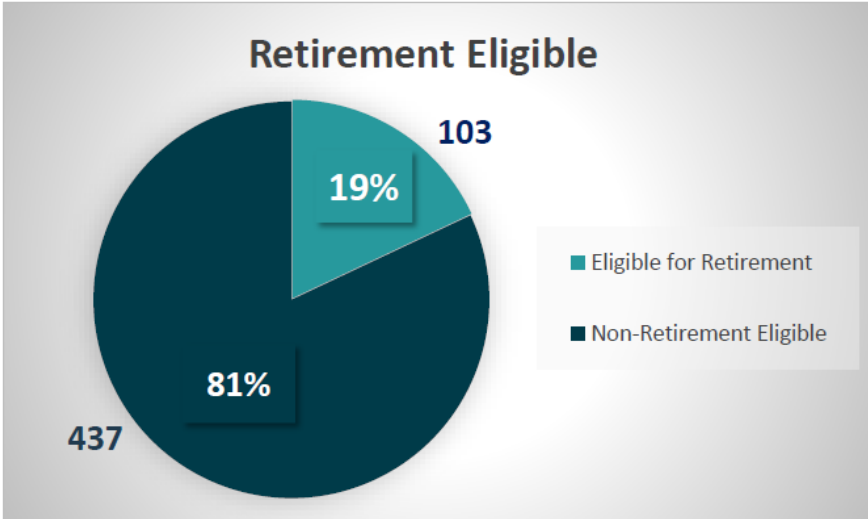
HUMAN RESOURCES: Detroit Residents and Hiring



Fifty-four percent of the DWSD workforce lives in Detroit.*

*DWSD and the City of Detroit do not require residency to be employed, per Michigan law.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Retirement Eligible



Retirement Criteria	Total
30 YOS/Any Age (Legacy and Hybrid)	56
10 YOS/60 years old (Legacy)	47
10 YOS/62 years old (Hybrid)	0
8 YOS/65 years old (Legacy)	0
TOTAL	103

LEGACY = HIRED BEFORE 2014
 HYBRID = HIRED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014

With a current population of **542** employees, there are **103** DWSD employees eligible for retirement.



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Public Affairs

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Social Media Activity



30
New Facebook Followers

8,607
Total Followers on Facebook

5,225
Engagement on Facebook



16
New Twitter Followers

1,746
Total Followers on Twitter

696
Engagement on Twitter



9
New Instagram Followers

1,518
Total Followers on Instagram

21
Engagement on Instagram



The DWSD Public Affairs team gained **55** new followers on social media in February 2021, bringing the total number of followers to **11,871**. The top performing Facebook post was DWSD’s Black History Month post on February 24 with 20 likes and 737 total engagement. February 10 was the top performing Twitter post highlighting DWSD’s Customer Affordability Programs with 42 likes and 575 total engagement. The top performing Instagram post was on February 12 with the “Together, We Can Make a Difference” campaign with eight likes.



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Information Technology

TECHNOLOGY: Top Ten Projects Scorecard

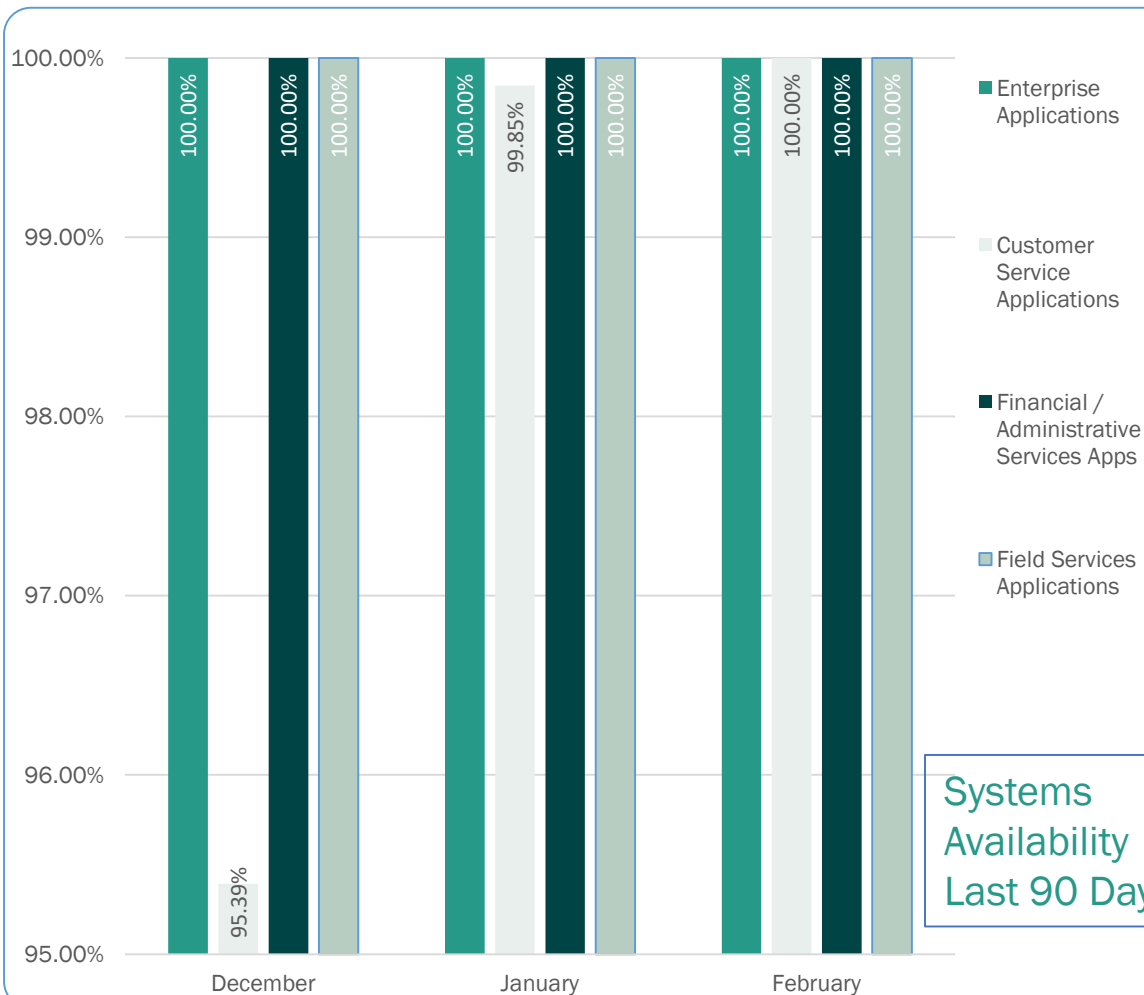


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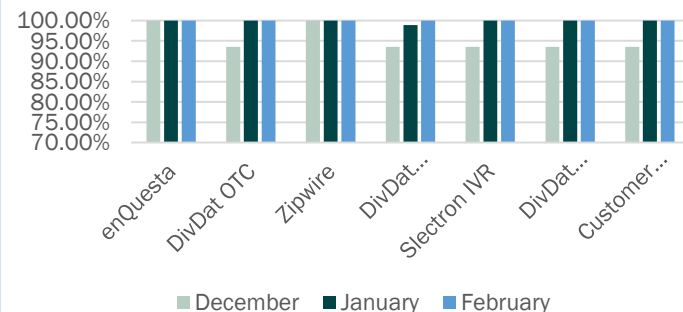
Exec. Priority Score	Sorted by Adjusted Priority Score	PM	Total Investment	Revised Target Date	Status/ Issues	Current Phase
1	Customer Service-2:enQuesta 6.0 Upgrade	E Taiariol	\$ 1,400,000	5/1/2022	Project now in Phase 2, systems are being configured.	Active Design
2	Operations (M&R, MTR OPS,Fleet)-1:CityWorks	C Penozza	\$ 970,000	6/30/2021	Facilities Maintenance is Live as of 3/1/21. Continuing improvements in Process	Active Implementation
3	Customer Service-1:IVR / Call Center Replacement	G Burrell	\$ 800,000	4/1/2021	BrightPattern is now Live. Phase 2 begins 3/9 and starts on Work Force Management.	Active Implementation
4	Administrative and Compliance-1:GLWA Separation - Network (Not WiFi)	R Burke	\$ 1,000,000	3/31/2021	Network is Operational. Waiting on Backup Internet Circuit to be installed.	Active Implementation
5	Administrative and Compliance-2:GLWA Separation - Computers / Active Directory	R Burke	\$ 300,000	5/31/2021	Project 80% Complete. Deployment to department computers has begun. Est. Completion 6/15	Active Implementation
6	Customer Service-7:enQuestaLink (ServiceLink Replacement)	C Penozza	\$ 500,000	6/30/2021	Kickoff & SOW reviewed on 3/6	Active Design
7	Engineering-1:eBuilder	C Penozza	\$ 300,000	5/01/2021	Current processes are working but Meeting with Stakeholders to plan future improvements	Active Design
8	Office of CFO-1: Oracle Supply Chain	C. Penozza	\$ 1,434,657	TBD	Pre-Procurement Phase. Met with City of Detroit and preparing for BOWC	Pre-Procurement
9	eSignature Standard for Contracts and Forms	G Burrell	\$ 300,000	6/30/2021	System is up and running. Procurement Training Complete. Finance training starting 3/10	Active Implementation
10	Operations (M&R, MTR OPS,Fleet)-3:GPS/AVL For Vehicles	C Penozza	\$ 90,000	3/31/2021	Vehicle Installation is on-going.	Active Implementation



TECHNOLOGY: Application Availability



Customer Service Application Availability



100%
SYSTEMS
AVAILABILITY

99.9% = TARGET

Systems Availability Last 90 Days

February 2021 Cherwell Stats	Totals
Total Tickets	594
New Tickets Received	437
Total Tickets Resolved	428
Average Time to Resolve in Days	6
Total Tickets Resolved within SLA	382
Total Tickets Resolved not in SLA	113