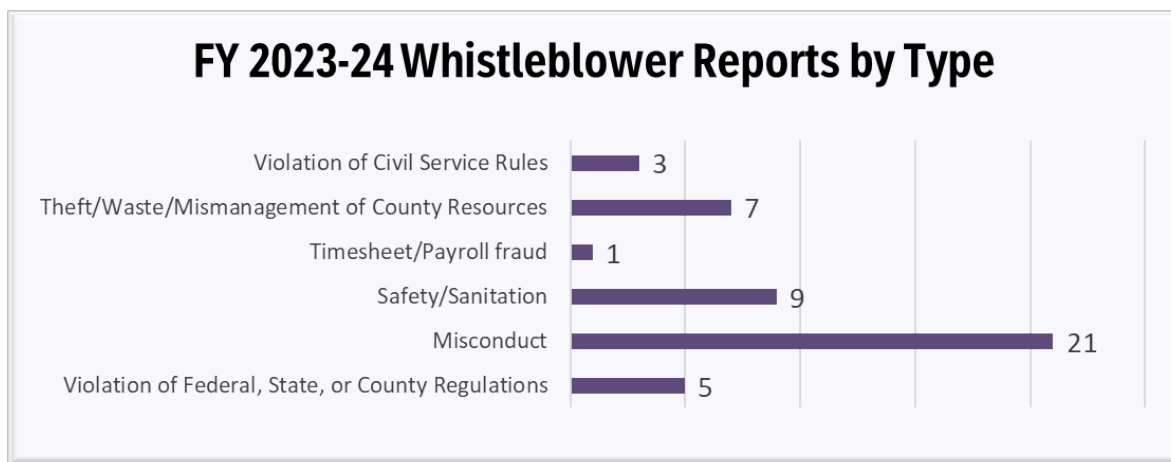




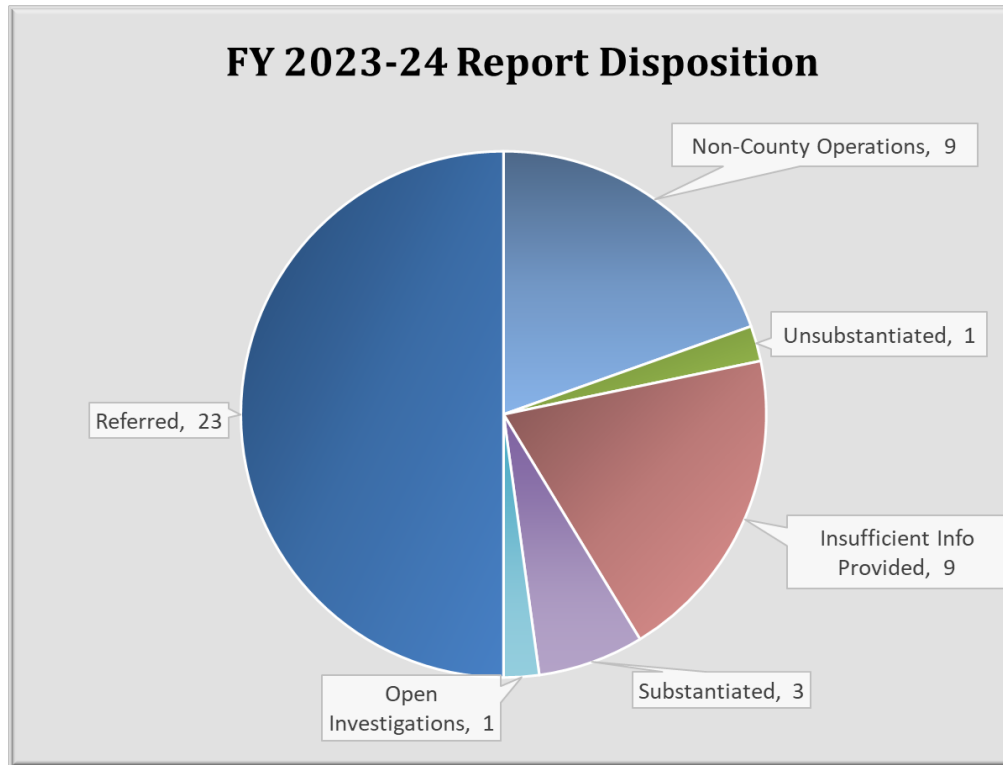
Whistleblower Hotline Results

The Internal Audit Division monitors the Whistleblower Hotline, refers reports to related departments or agencies and conducts follow-up investigations as necessary. In FY 2023-24, the Whistleblower Hotline received 46 reports, a 130% increase from the prior year's 20 reports. 50% of the reports received were referred to other County departments. All but two of the reports were received directly through the Whistleblower Hotline. 20 of the 46 reports received were submitted anonymously. Three of the reports were investigated by the District Attorney's office.

The FY 2023-24 reports received were related to the following categories:



Reports related to employee misconduct that were not related to alleged fraud, waste, or abuse were referred to Human Resources. The remainder of the reports were either referred, not related to County operations, unsubstantiated or did not contain sufficient information to investigate. Quarterly Whistleblower Hotline reports are available on the ACTTC website.



¹Departments with the highest incidence of referred reports for the fiscal year are Human Resources, Health Agency, and the Sheriff's Department.

In addition to matters originating from the Whistleblower Hotline, the Internal Audit Division also aided with the investigation of an internal report alleging the misappropriation of County funds by a county employee. Details for that investigation are attached as special attachments to this report. Two of the FY 2023-24 Whistleblower reports resulted in employee terminations and resulted in enhanced internal controls and policy definition at the department level.