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Michigan Department of State Freedom of Information Act Portal

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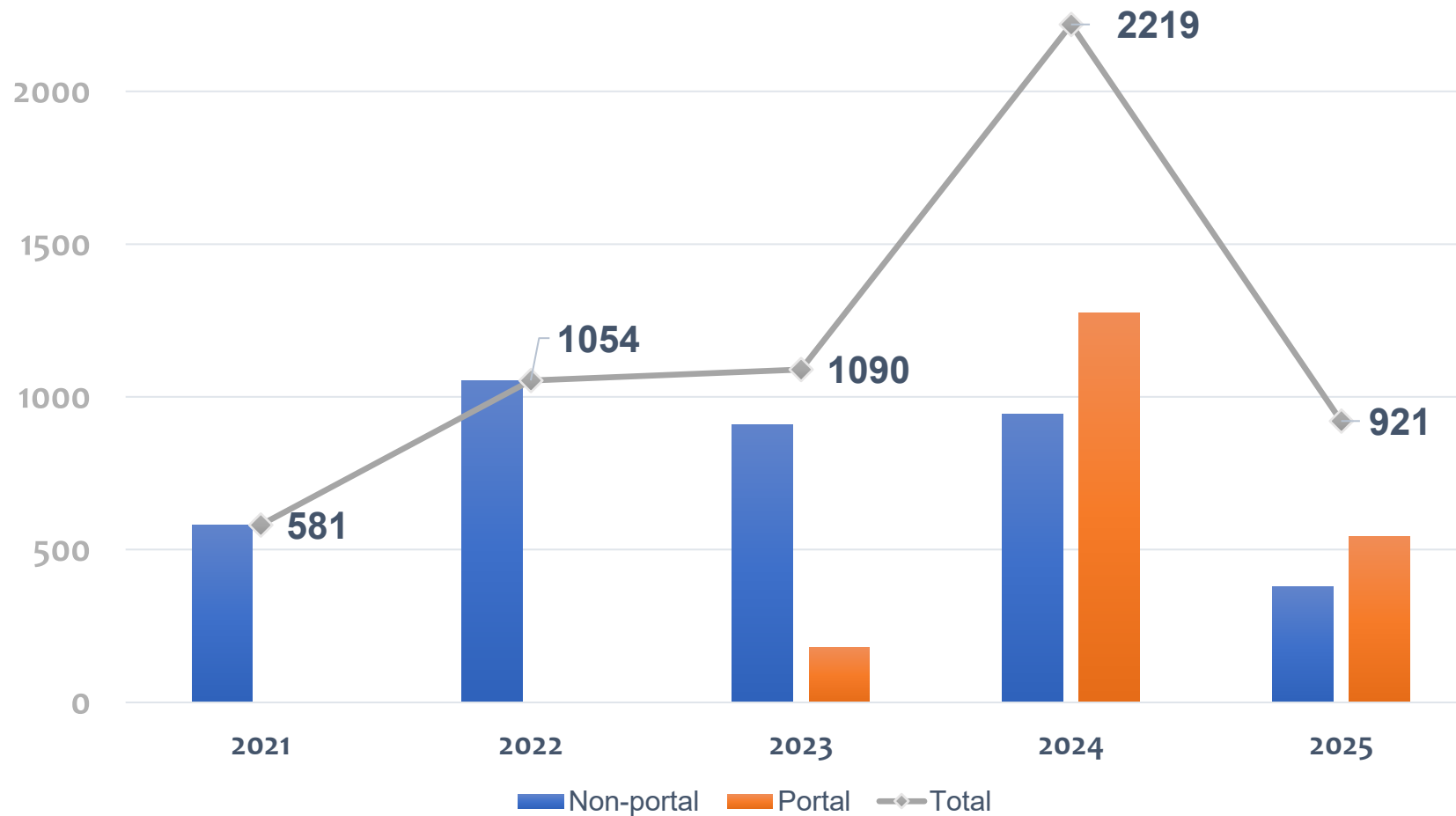
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Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq, Act 442 of 1976

- Applies to all public bodies, however, the governor's office and legislature are not subject to FOIA.
- Provides strict response deadlines.
- Allowable fees include up to 50% of the fringe benefits cost of the processor.
- A number of exemptions exist, ranging from information of a personal nature to cybersecurity plans to information protected from disclosure under other state statutes.
- Requestors may appeal denials and fee estimates or immediately file litigation,

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Total FOIA Requests



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Security

- The solution needed to protect both the integrity of our state systems and the personally identifiable information of Michiganders.

Transparency

- The solution needed to allow for requests to be easily viewable by the public, both by the initial requestor and future interested individuals.

Ease of Use

- The solution needed to be easy to use for both requestors and staff. In addition, the solution needed to address current gaps in the process, such as paying for requests with credit cards.

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Security

- Industry best practice security standards
- MiLogin

Transparency

- Publication of responsive documents for all to see

Ease of Use

- Automatic routing of requests to business areas
- Date calculation and automatic extensions
- Redaction functionality within the portal
- Requests and responses are retained for a year in the system
- Integration with statewide systems
- Increased response speed

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