

# ANNUAL REPORT FROM METRO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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# INTRODUCTION

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Goal 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals is to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Target 6. 2 of the SDGs went further to define sustainable managing of sanitation and hygiene for women, girl child and vulnerable.

By 2030, adequate, equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.

# THE DEPARTMENT

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The Public Health Department (MPHD) exists within the structures of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly to offer contemporary environmental health services to **promote** and **Protect** Public Health and Safety through **Collaboration, Innovation** and **Strategic Standard Enforcement** in order to achieve SDGs 6 sustainably.

# GOAL OF THE DEPARTMENT

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The primary goal of the department is **preventing** disease and **promoting** people's health.

**Initiating** and **implementing** health/hygiene, sanitation and environmental programs to promote the understanding of environmental health principles.

# OBJECTIVES

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To assess the environmental health issues that have medical health importance to public health

To analyze those environmental health issues

To prescribe solutions to these environmental health issues of public health importance through

- Identifying, correcting and controlling public health factors
- Preventing and managing future occurrence of these factors
- Collaborating with other agencies and bodies to find solutions to those factors of public health importance

# DEPARTMENT STAFF STRENGTH

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The department has a staff strength of seventy-nine (79).

Thirty-seven (37) technical officers (22 females and 15 males)

Forty-four (44) auxiliary staff (31 males and 3 females)

# UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT

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The Metro Public Health Department operates under three structured units according to the manual for Environmental Health Inspection (2008) namely:

1. Environmental Protection and Standard Enforcement (EPSE) unit
2. Food, water and Drug Safety (FWDS) unit
3. Public Health Education and Information (PHEI) unit.

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT UNIT

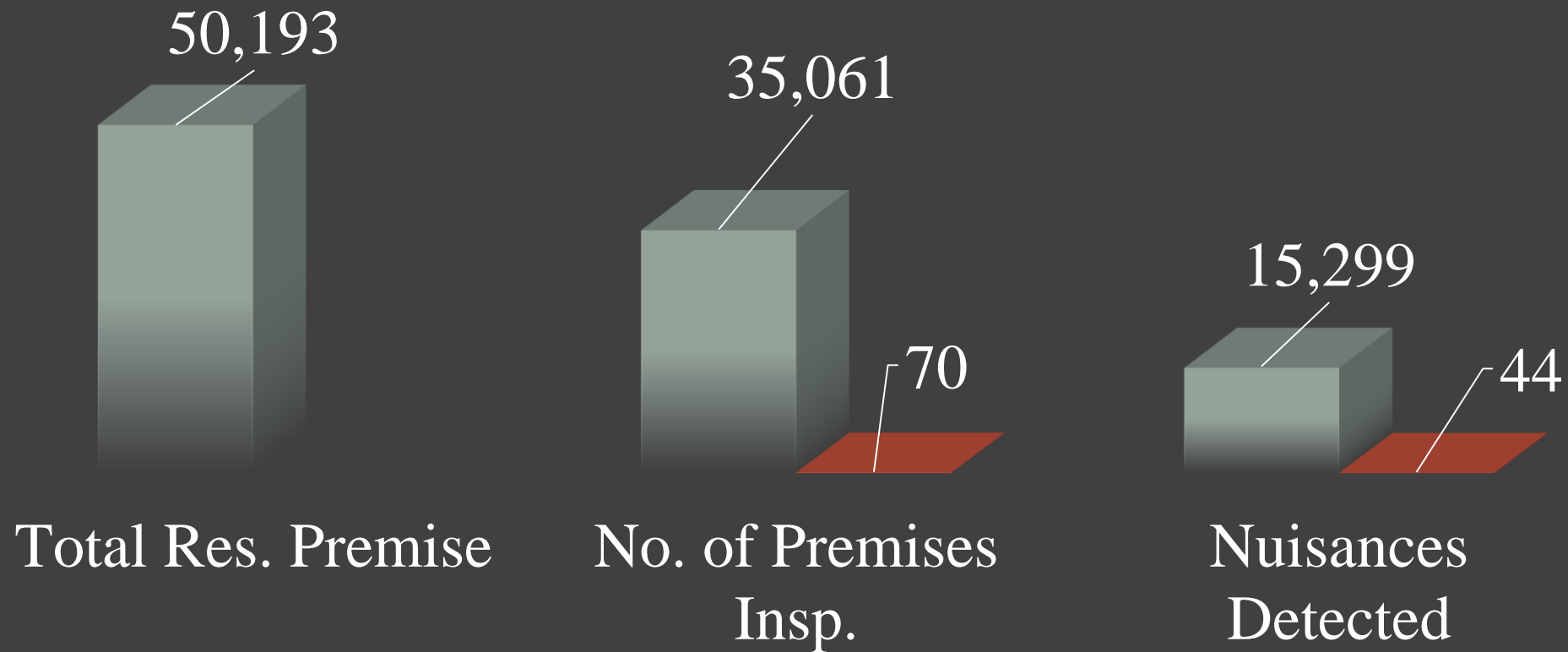
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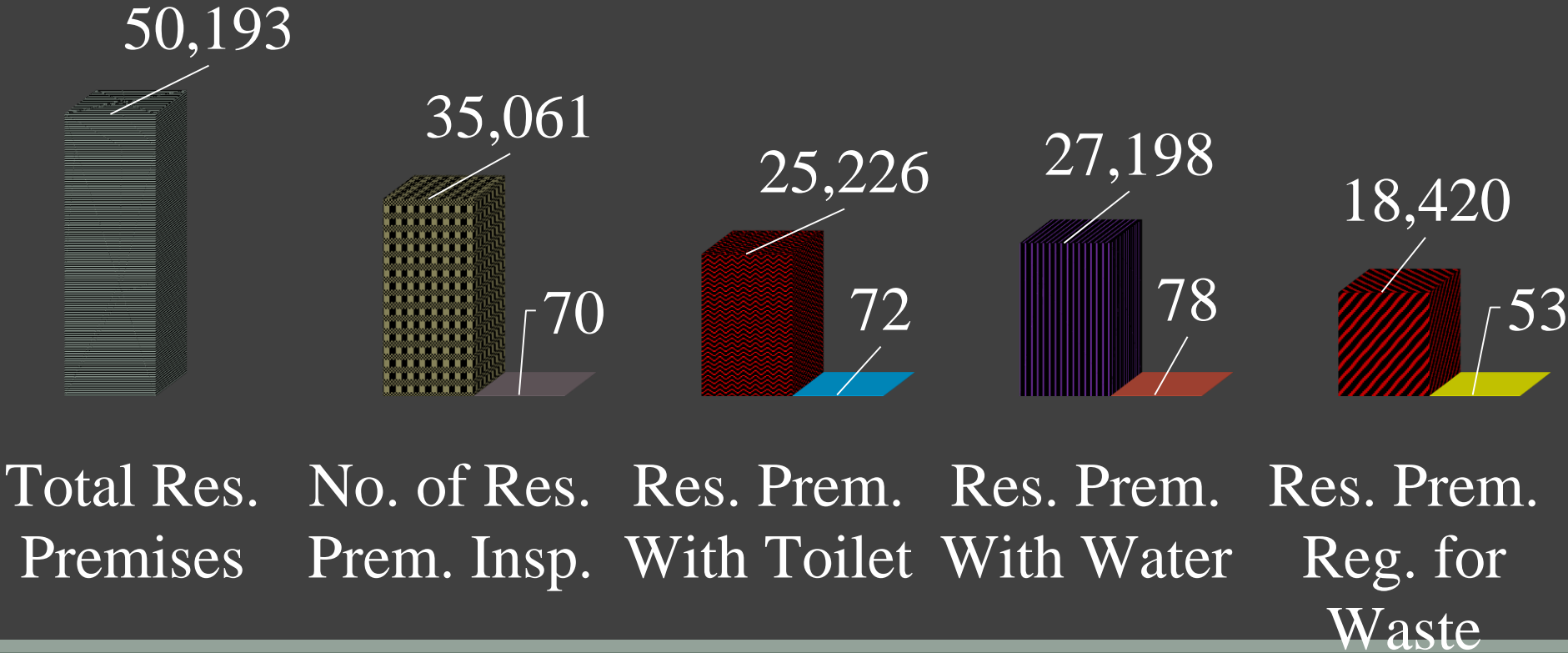
The purpose for this inspection is for the identification of factors of public health importance, prescribe measurement, and control for these factors of public health importance to acceptable standards from affecting the health or wellbeing of the public in communities within the Metropolis.

# OVERALL RESIDENTIAL INSPECTION PERFORMANCE FOR 2022

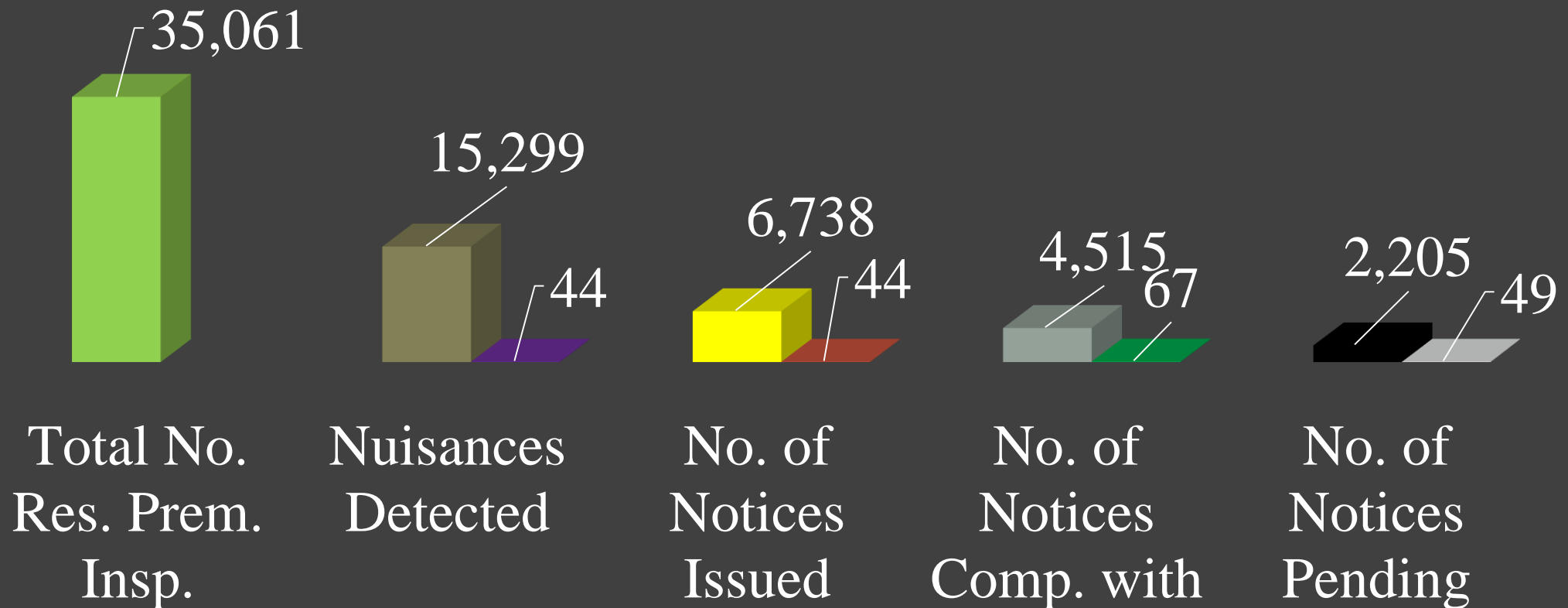
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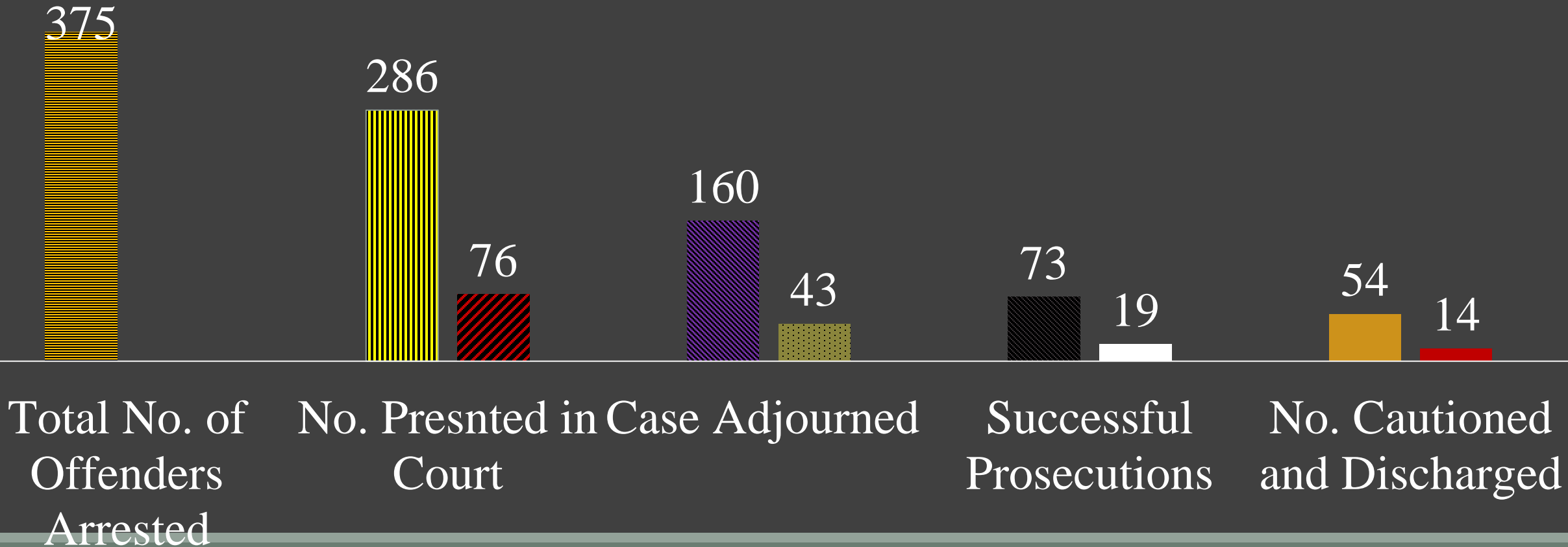
# OVERALL RESIDENTIAL WASH PERFORMANCE FOR 2022



# OVERALL RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS COMPLIANCE FOR 2022



# TASKFORCE OPERATIONS IN 2022



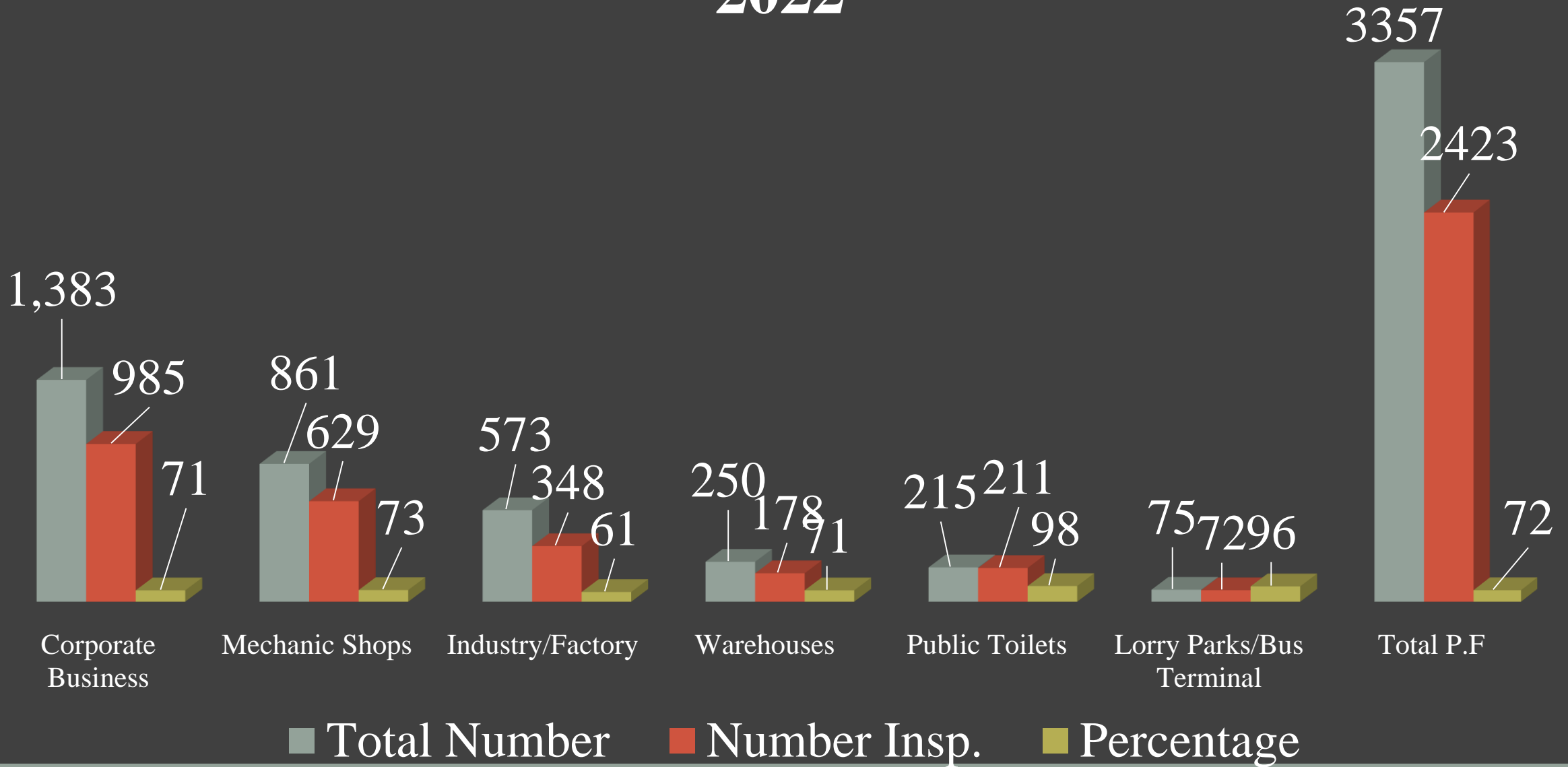


Taskforce confiscating goods sold on the road



Taskforce arrest sanitation offenders

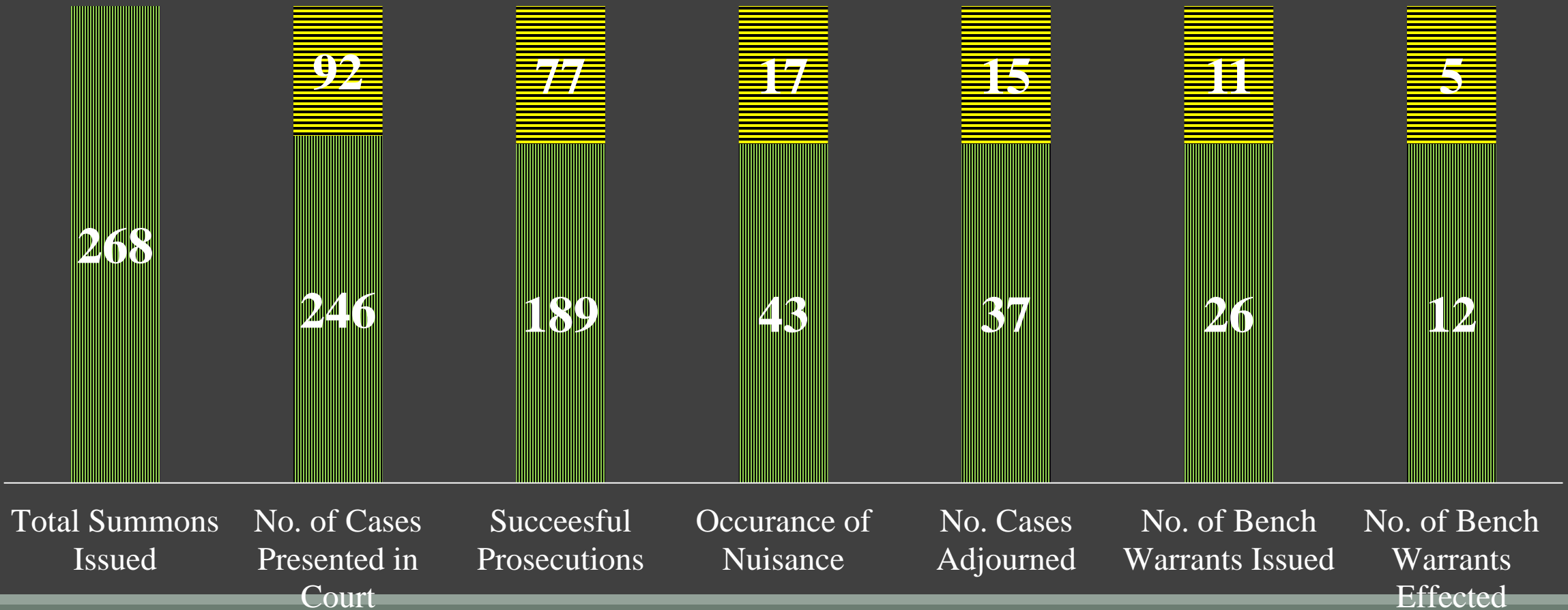
# PUBLIC FACILITIES INSPECTION PERFORMANCE IN 2022



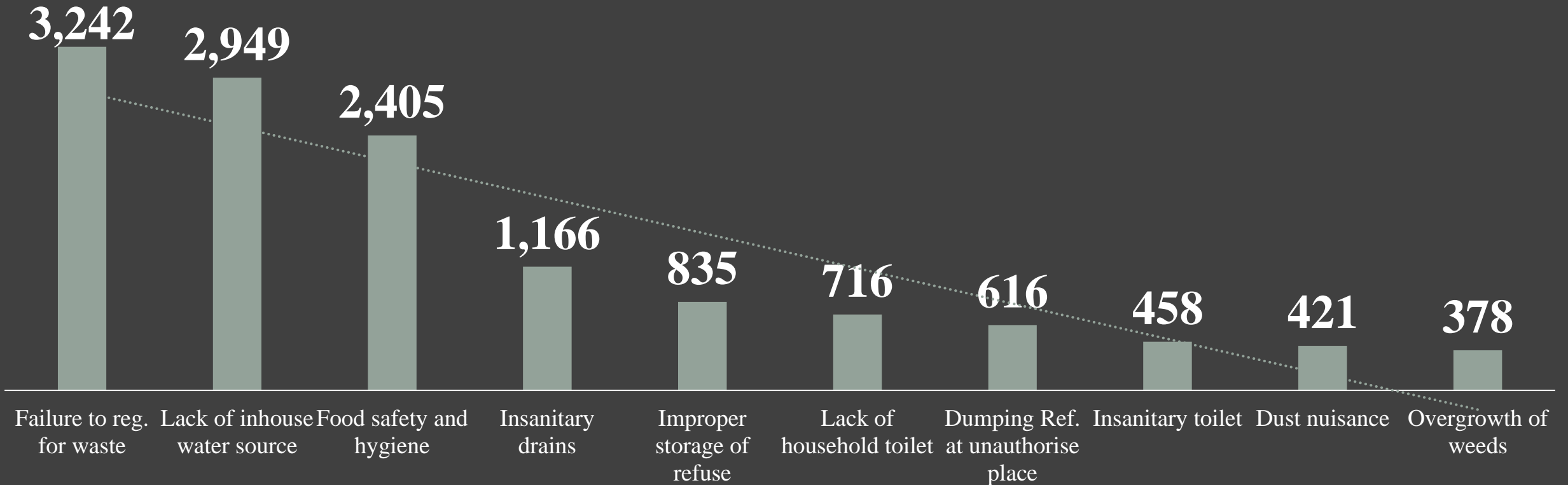


Officers conducting industrial inspections

# MAIN STREAM PROSECUTION PERFORMANCE



# TOP TEN NUISANCE/OFFENSES CAUSING THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH



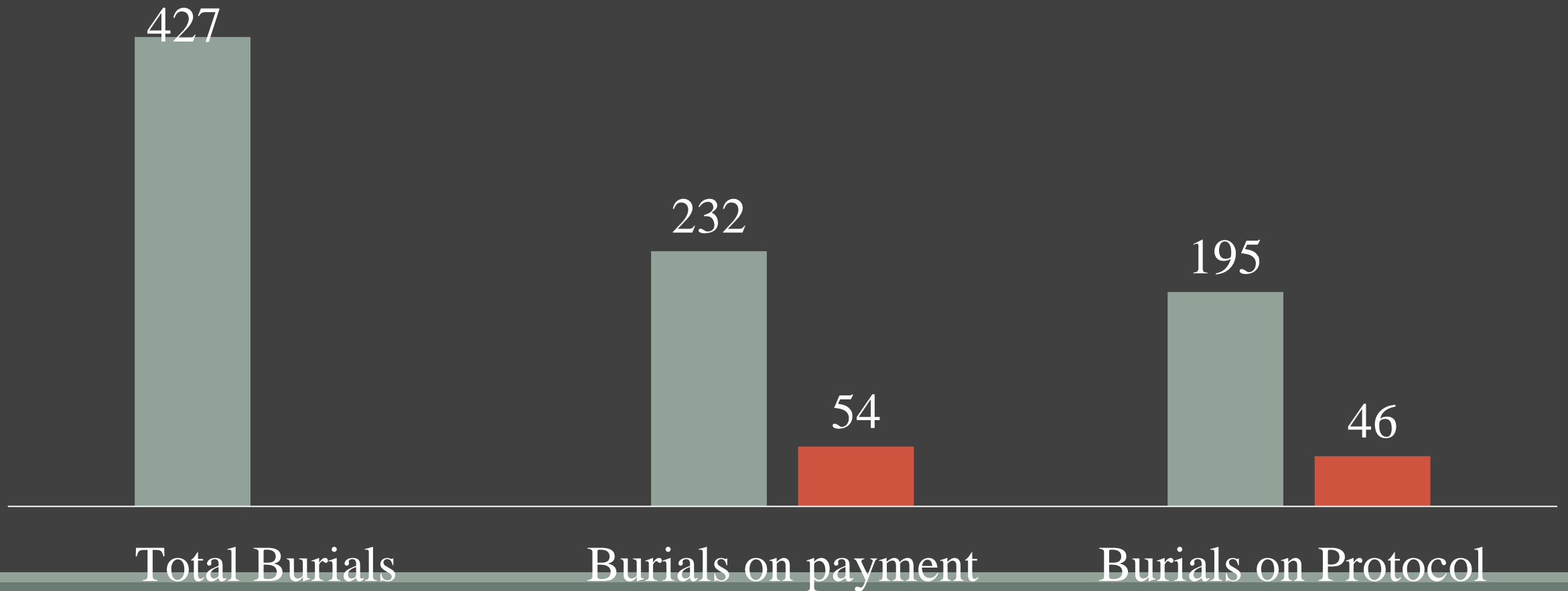
# MANAGEMENT OF DEAD

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Part of the mandate given to the Environmental Health Officer is to ensure and maintain cemeteries for proper burial of dead, disposed off paupers.

The Department has seen burial of both claimed and unclaimed bodies and has also supervised mass burials.

# MAINSTREAM BURIALS THAT OCCURRED AT AWUDOME CEMETERY IN 2022





Officers preparing to convey pauper



Officers carrying out disinfection on pauper

# FOOD, WATER AND DRUG SAFETY

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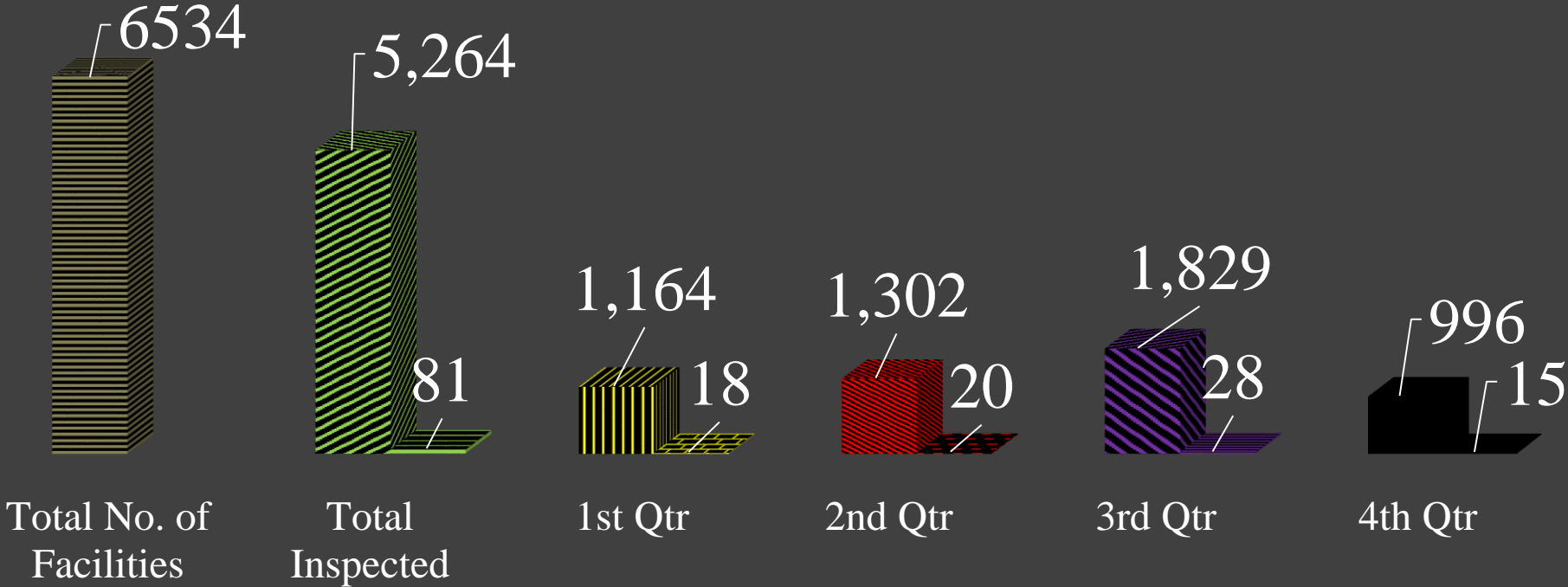
This unit focuses on Food Base Operators (FBOs) ensure their facilities are safe and hygienic and also follow the standard value chain system, from preparation, transportation, and point of sale to the general public.

Also, register and screen for fitness on FBOs and issuance of suitability health and safety certificates.

The unit also carries out hospitality industries, Market sanitation, Restaurants, Drinking bars, Chop bars etc.

FBOs Facilities	Total Number	Number Insp.
Chop bar	2,910	2363
Drinking bar	1354	1,247
Fruit sellers	614	388
Restuarants	463	364
Bakery	271	77
Cold store	242	230
Corn mill	163	161
Hotel	78	58
Market	9	9
Slaughter facilities	7	3
<b>Total FBOs</b>	<b>6111</b>	<b>4900</b>

# FBA's QUARTELY PERFORMANCE IN 2022

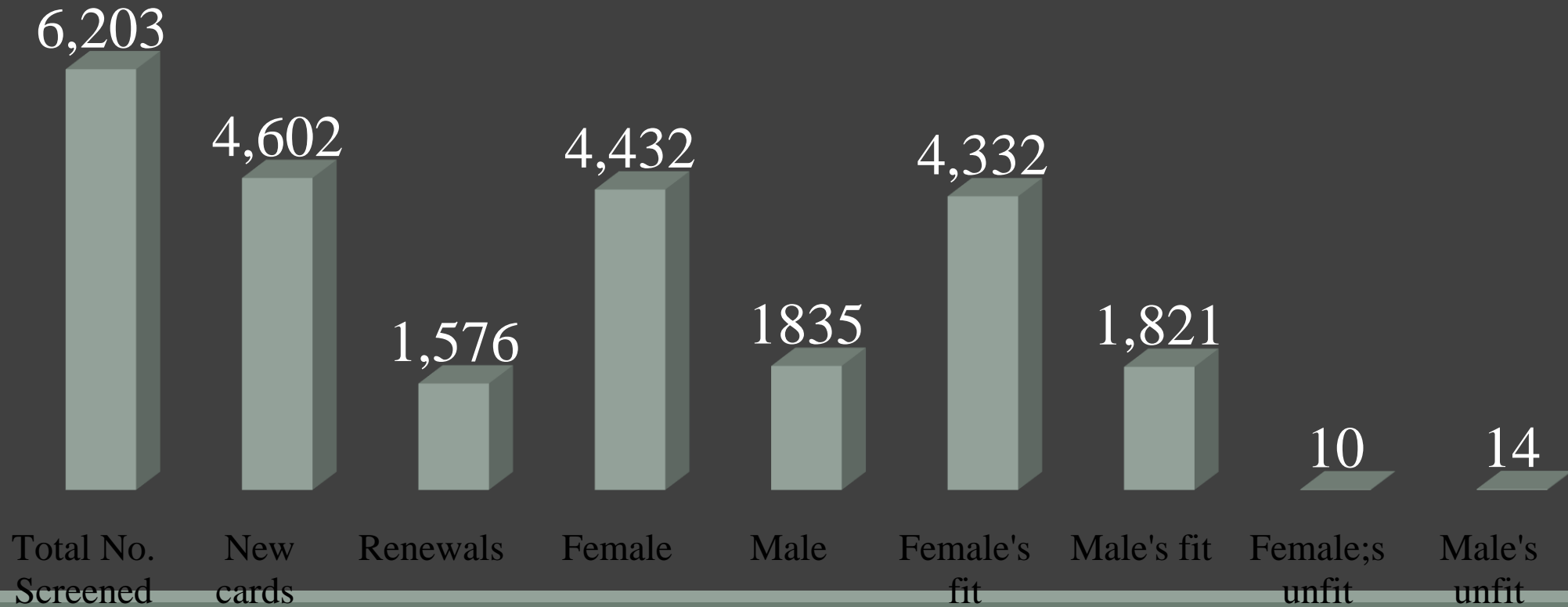


# Officers educating FBO at the facility



# FBOs REGISTRATIONS AND SCREENING PERFORMANCE IN 2022

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# Officers issuing medical certificates for FBOs who passed the test



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Officers intercept expired food products

# SUITABILITY HEALTH AND SAFETY CERTIFICATION

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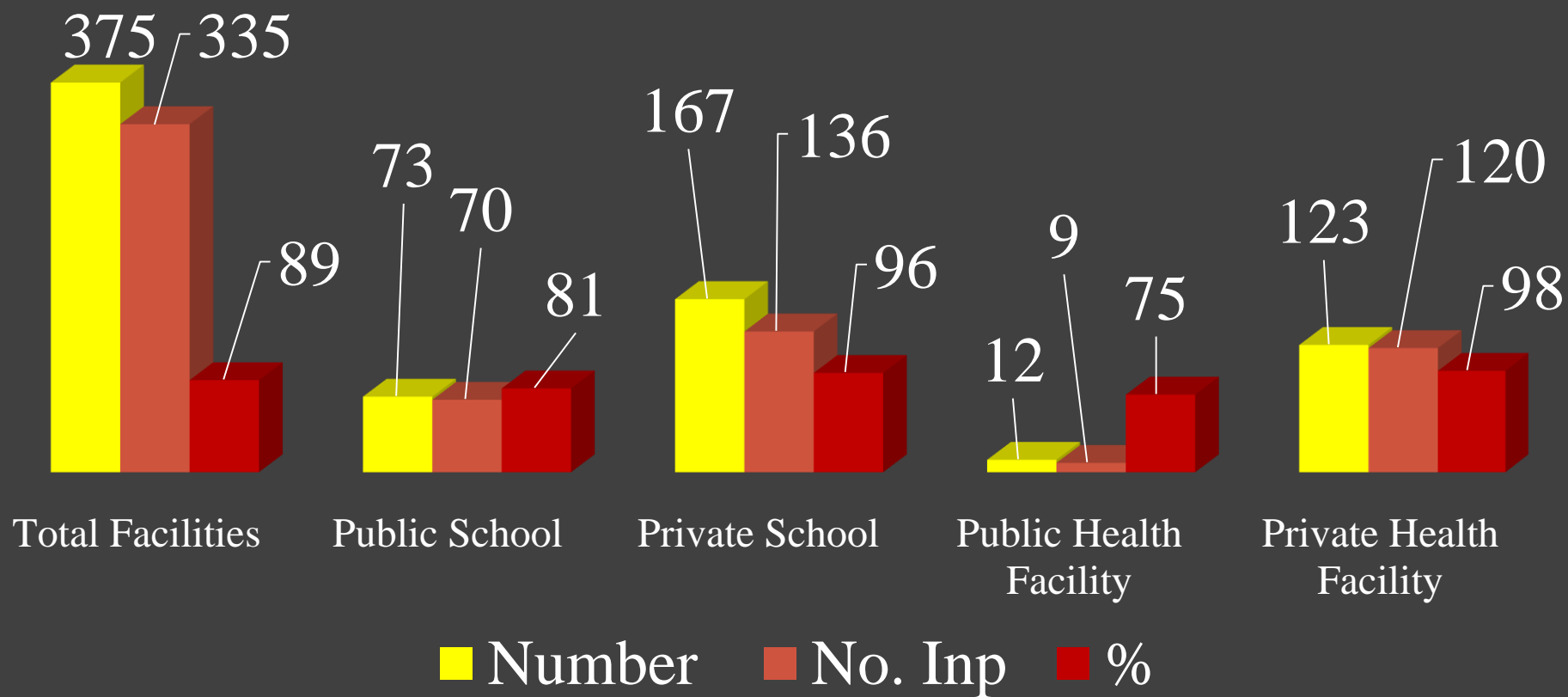
At the close of the year, the Department inspected and issued to one hundred and nine-five (195) hospitality industries with suitability health and safety certificates upon thorough inspections and ensuring that these facilities fall under the standards of Public Health Act 851 (Act 2012) and the AMA Bye-Laws 2017.

# PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

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This unit is responsible for health education and information to the general public on public health importance, inspections of public institutions such as education, health, religious etc and also receive complains from the public and seek solutions to solving them.

# INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMANCE IN 2022





# SANITATION COMPLAINTS

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In the year of review, the department received two hundred and thirty-one (231) sanitation and hygiene complaints from the general public through the three (3) sub-metros and Metro Public Health Dep. of Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA).

One hundred thirty-one (163) complains have been resolved and the rest are pending due to duration given to offender to abate the said nuisances and some are being processed for court.

# Officers Intercepted Expired 25 Liters of Oil being Re-bottled for sale



# CLEAN GHANA CAMPAIGN

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AMA in collaboration with Multi-media (Joy News) embarked on a community name and shame sanitation intervention program dubbed ‘**Clean Ghana Campaign**’. To improve sanitation and environmental health cases in the Metropolis as the main goal of the campaign and to bring good sanitation and environmental health practices to communities within the Metropolis with the following objectives:

To conduct environmental health and sanitation inspections within electoral areas

To name and shame environmental health and sanitation offenders

To enforced AMA sanitation Bye-laws 2017

To prosecute recalcitrant of environmental health and sanitation



Officers educating butchers on GHP

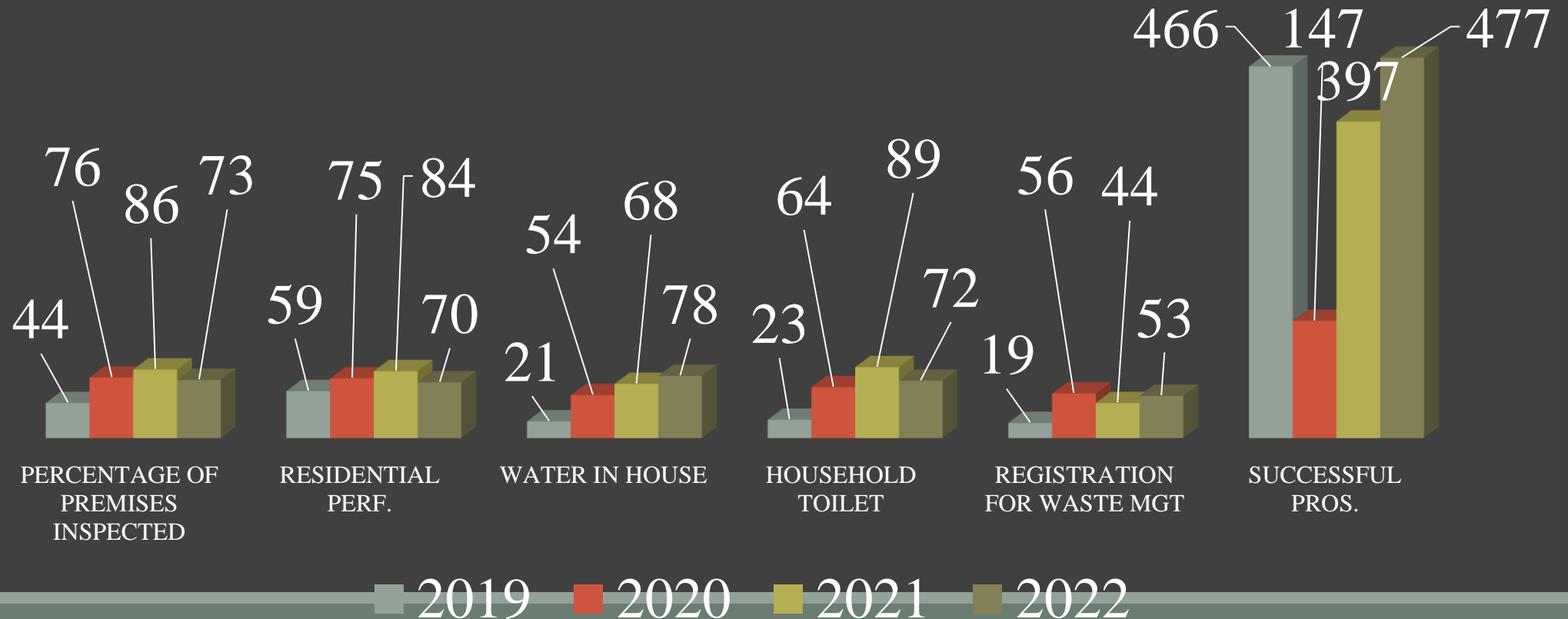
Officers enforcing drain cleansing at Feoyo

# ACHIEVEMENT IN 2022

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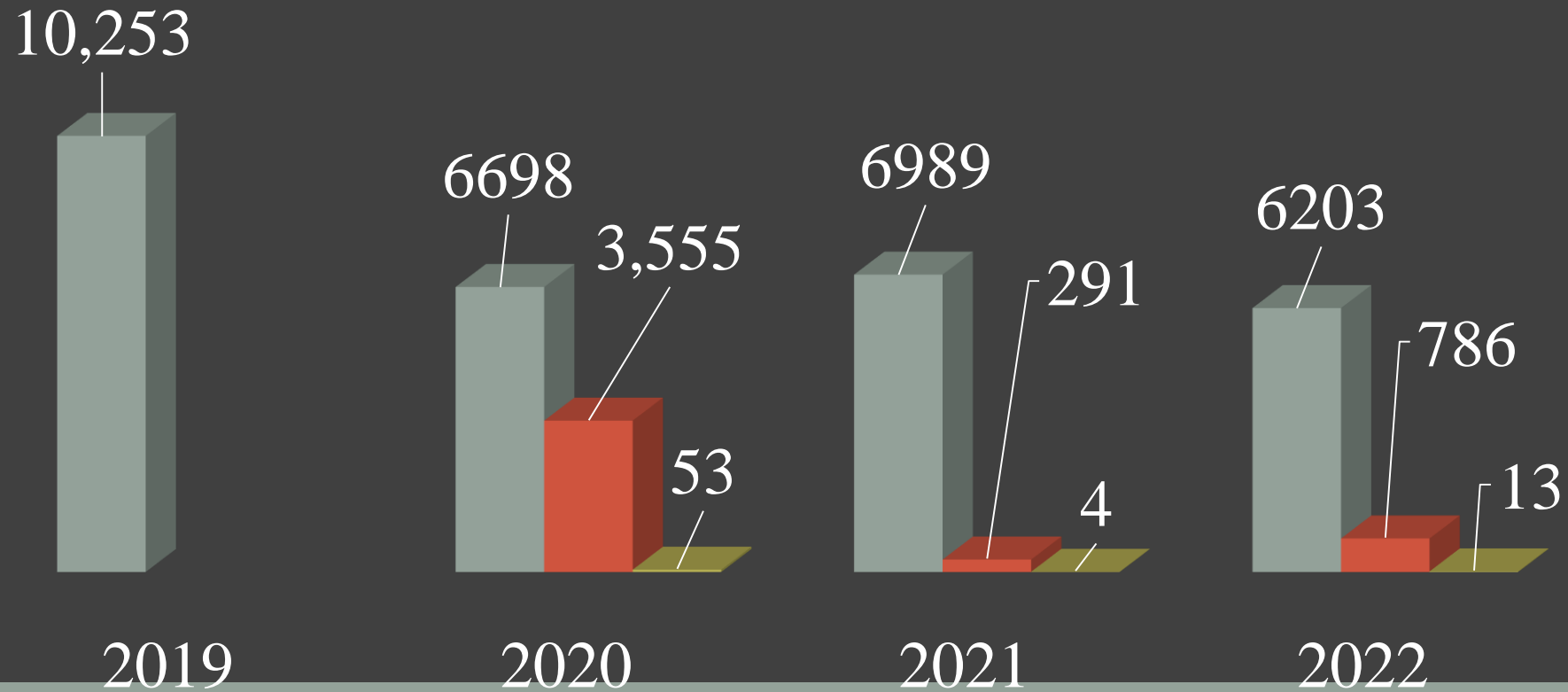
The inspections performance by the department has reduced as compared 2021. Under the year of review: the Department inspected 73% of all premises as compared to 86% in 2021, 70% of residential premises as compared to 84% in 2021, 72% of residential premises with toilet as compared to 89% in 2021, 78% of household with water as compared 68% in 2021, however, there was an increase in premises registration on waste collation of 53% as compared to 44% in 2021, 477 environmental and sanitation offenders were successfully prosecuted as compared to 519 prosecutions in 2021.

# FOUR YEAR TREND OF RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMANCE

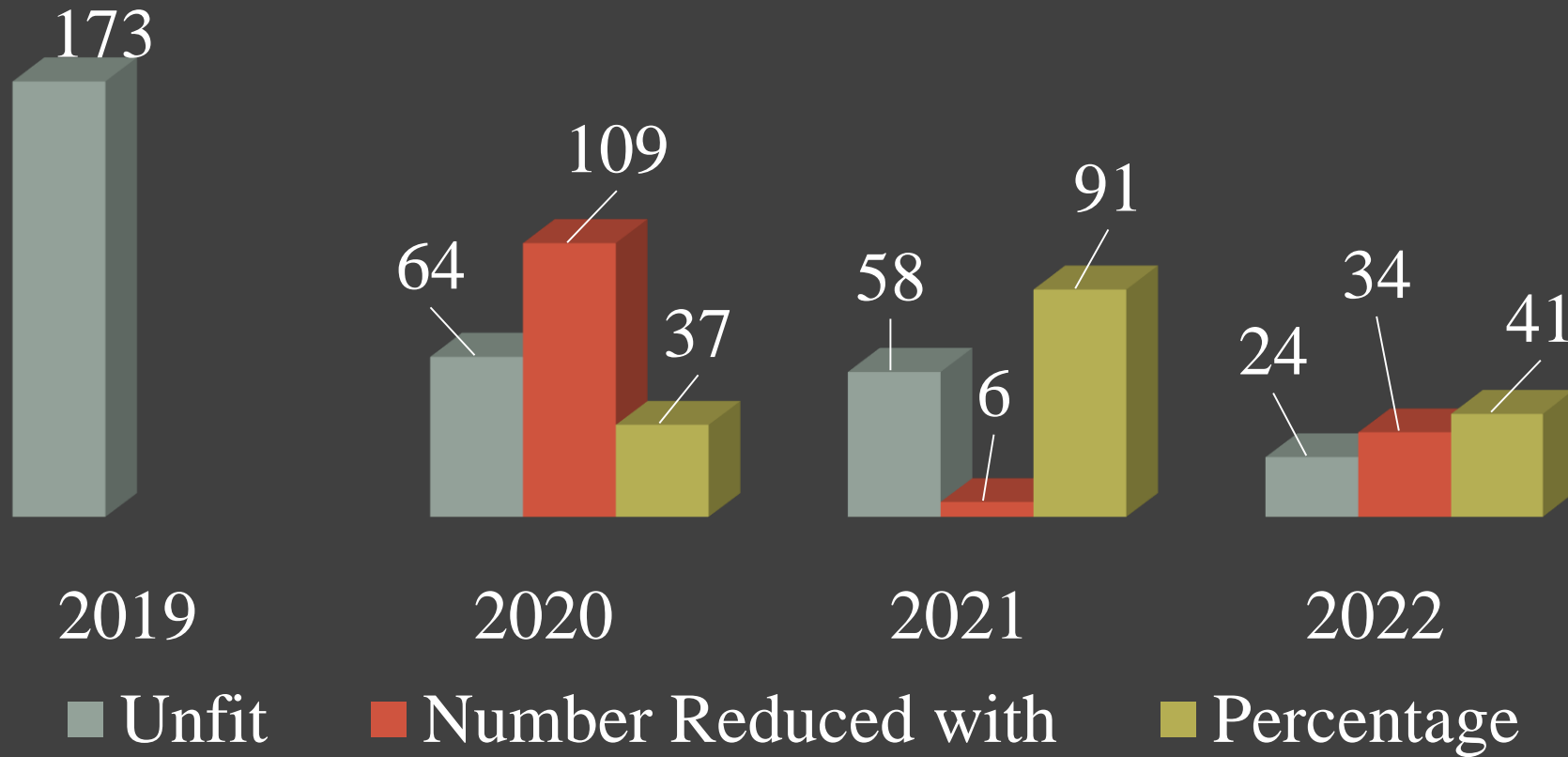


# FOUR YEAR TREND MEDICAL REGISTRATION AND SCREENING PERFORMANCE

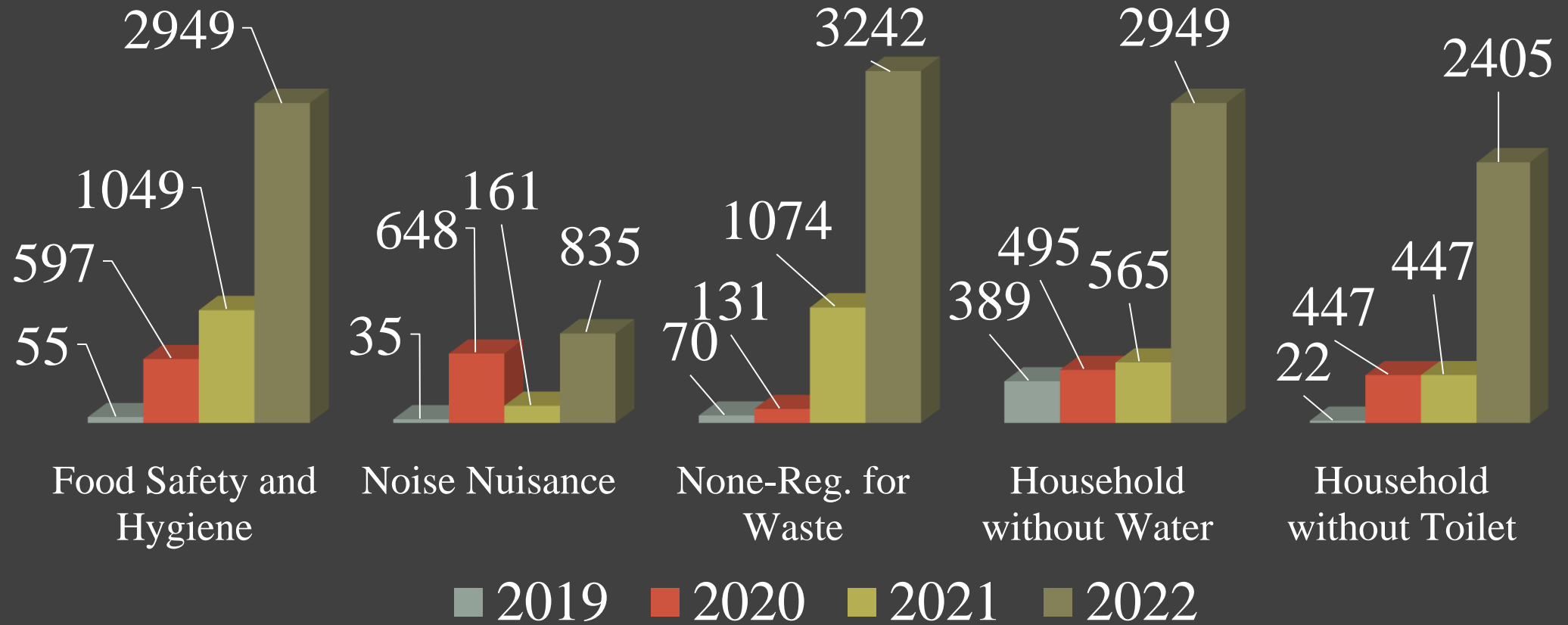
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# REDUCTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



# FOUR YEAR TREND THREE TOP EHS NUISANCE/OFFENSE



# CHALLENGES OF DEPARTMENT

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Inadequate office accommodation and furniture

Lack of sanitation court in the Metropolis

No legal slaughter slab in the metropolis

Irregular released of funds to organized programs

Irregular supply of fuel to the department

No uniforms for officers

None refunds of maintenance on the two vehicles of the department/conveyance of paupers

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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Management should work on allocating some additional offices/furniture

Management should secure a place for sanitation court

Management should ensure and take over one of the illegal slaughter slabs and lift the phase for production of wholesome meat

Management should regularize funds to the department for programs

Procure uniforms for staff because it's a mandate

Refund all monies used for maintaining the two office vehicles and conveyance of paupers

# CONCLUSION

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To conclude with, there has been series of issues which led to decrease in performance for 2022 as compared to 2021 which saw a lot success in performance.

However, the department managed to achieve some of the programs planned for in the year

Management should try to resource the department with finance, logistics etc so as to achieve the following year's objectives set with ease.

Source: 2022 field report from the three Sub-metros



This is how they look like



When they are left unattended to

