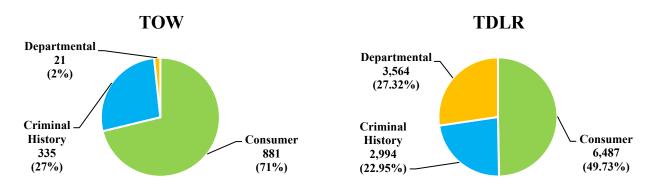
# EXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & REGULATION | ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

#### **Tow Companies and Operators (TOW)**

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Key Statistics	TOW Fiscal Year 2023	TDLR Fiscal Year 2023
Complaints Received by Source	8,164	111,084
Consumer complaints	2,640	14,240
Department initiated complaints	24	3,535
Criminal History Records reviewed for licensure	5,500	93,309
Cases Opened	1,237	13,045
Consumer	881	6,487
Departmental	21	3,564
Criminal History	335	2,994
Cases Closed	1,060	11,284
Average Time to Close (days)	238.22	215.01
% of Cases Resolved Within 6 Months	48.30%	55.52%
% of Cases Resulting in Disciplinary Action	6.70%	12.46%
Open Cases Pending at End of Fiscal Year	941	8,304
Cases Referred to the State Office of Administrative	20	
Hearings (SOAH)	28	68
Contested Cases Heard at SOAH	7	28
Formal Case Outcomes	TOW Fiscal Year 2023	TDLR Fiscal Year 2023
Final Orders	82	1,329
Agreed Orders	38	843
Commission Orders	3	12
Default Orders	41	472
Average Penalty Assessed on Orders	\$1,297.26	\$2,217.58
<b>Total Penalties Assessed</b>	\$106,375.00	\$2,947,160.00
<b>Total Penalties Collected</b>	\$37,160.00	\$1,451,668.00
Licenses Revoked (Disciplinary)	1	58
Licenses Suspended (Disciplinary)	1	4
Licenses Denied/Suspended/Revoked (Criminal History)	16	145
Cases Heard in District Court	1	2
Informal Case Actions	TOW Fiscal Year 2023	TDLR Fiscal Year 2023
Consumer Restitution	\$27,253.71	\$272,187.43
Warning Letters	155	2,757
Other Informal Resolutions	821	7,121
Cease & Desist Orders	0	8

### **Cases Opened Fiscal Year 2023**



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### **Top TOW Alleged Violations at Opening**

Fiscal Year 2023		
Alleged Violation at Opening	Count	
Towed without authority or an illegal tow	488	
Criminal history	335	
Towed without proper signage	86	
Charged more than allowed for tow	67	
Lacks honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity	45	
Charged service not related to tow	44	
No tow company license	34	
Did not tow in safe or competent manner	32	
Failed to have proper information on ticket	25	
Expired tow company license	23	
Failed to offer to drop vehicle	23	

**Top 10 TOW Violations Resulting in Disciplinary Action** 

Fiscal Year 2023		
Violation Resulting in Disciplinary Action	Count	
Towed without authority or an illegal tow	20	
Criminal history	14	
Charged more than allowed for tow	8	
Failed to cooperate with Department	7	
Failed to maintain insurance	6	
Employed unlicensed person	6	
No tow company license	5	
No tow operator license	5	
Expired tow company license	3	
Towed without proper signage	3	