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Current backlogs at four key tribunals (as reported in latest Tribunals Ontario Annual Report):

Landlord and Tenant Board 2021/22	Human Rights Tribunal* 2021	Auto Accident Benefits – LAT 2021/22	Social Benefits Tribunal 2021/22	TOTAL
32,800	8,979	16,204	9,753	67,736

*This number was omitted from the Annual Report. This figure, as of December 31, 2021, was provided by Tribunals Ontario pursuant to a Freedom of Information request by Tribunal Watch Ontario.

Comparison to previous backlogs – more than double

Landlord and Tenant Board 2017/18	Human Rights Tribunal* 2016/17	Auto Accident Benefits – LAT 2017/18	Social Benefits Tribunal 2017/18	TOTAL
12,944	4,696	4,241	6,675	28,566

* This figure is from the 2016/17 Annual Report, the last year in which the HRTTO reported its backlog in its Annual Report.

Decrease in # of final discrimination decisions (after a full hearing on the merits of an application) released by the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario:

Average for the 5 years fiscal years from 2013/14 to 2017/18: 110 decisions
Total for 2021/22: 16 decisions

Increase in wait times for a hearing at the Landlord and Tenant Board:

Prior to 2018:	In 2021/22:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 weeks for landlord applications• 8 weeks for tenant applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 months for landlord applications• 8 months for tenant applications.

Delays in scheduling first day of hearing – Percentage of applications scheduled within tribunal's own performance target in 21/22:

Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario	0%
Landlord and Tenant Board	0.2%
Social Benefits Tribunal	47%
Licence Appeal Tribunal – Automobile Accident Benefits Service	4%.