

As we come to the end of 2019, I first wanted to thank readers for their patience. This has not been the most productive year as far as blog posts are concerned. In fact, it's been the least productive in the 10 years the blog has been active. That's not to say that we haven't been productive in other areas, but focus on those other areas has meant that blog output has suffered. So thank you for hanging in there.

Now: to the blog post.

Over the past 10 years, the most popular articles have always been about the Defense Contract Audit Agency. Many people seem to be interested in what we have to say about DCAA. Contractors, contracting officers, and even DCAA auditors themselves seem to want to learn more about our thoughts on what DCAA is up to and how the audit agency is doing.

From time to time, we publish DCAA statistics. You can see the statistics manifested in the previous two blog posts. Where do those statistics come from? They come from official government publications—primarily the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, and from DCAA's own Annual Report to Congress. We have been tracking audit-related statistics for many years and now have 13 years' worth, which makes for interesting trend analysis.

Let's look at those trends.

First, audit reports. Audit reports mean that contractors have to respond. Audit reports mean that contracting officers have to disposition and decide whether or not to sustain. Audit reports can lead to disputes and litigation. The following chart shows audit reports by type by year.

DCAA Statistics

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