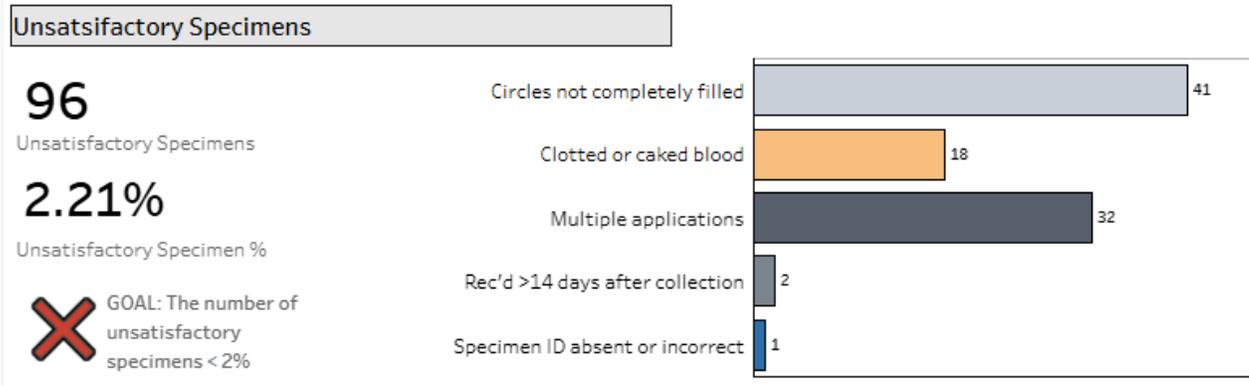


Newborn Screening Tip of the Month “Why Unsatisfactory?”

- The first stop for a specimen after arrival to the public health lab is the accessioning team for quality examination. If a specimen is deemed unsatisfactory it is set aside. Quality specimens are then prepared with punching and screening is begun.
- In the month of June 2025, the PHL received 4,341 Specimens. The graph below indicates that 96 specimens in June were unsatisfactory screens and displays why specimens were declared unusable.



- **BEST PRACTICE** is a quality check with two sets of eyes when specimen is wet, and once more when specimen is dry.