# Georgia Bureau of Investigation June Monthly Report FY2025



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> Chris Hosey Director

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## Director's Highlights

- Middle Georgia Gang Task Force (MGGTF) On July 30, 2025, following a month-long investigation by the GBI's MGGTF, Warner Robins Police Department (PD), Bibb County Sheriff's Office (SO), Georgia State Patrol (GSP), Georgia Department of Corrections (DOC), a search warrant was executed in the 1000 block of Walnut Street, Macon, Bibb County, GA. As a result of this search warrant, GBI agents seized 769 grams of suspected Powder Cocaine, 60 grams of suspected Crack Cocaine, 33 grams of suspected Ecstasy/MDMA, 185 grams of suspected Marijuana, 5 grams of suspected Methamphetamine, 2 handguns, and \$3,000 of US currency. The GBI arrested and charged Wendell Terrell Rumph, age 53, of Macon, GA, with Trafficking Cocaine (2 counts), Trafficking of Methamphetamine, Trafficking Ecstasy, selling/distribution of Cocaine (4 counts), selling/distribution of Methamphetamine (1 count), Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, and Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, and Adrienne Thompson, age 52, of Macon, GA, with Possession of Marijuana. Rumph and Thompson were booked into the Bibb County Jail.
- Region 9 GBI's Investigative Office in Thomasville, GA On July 15, 2025, the GBI arrested and charged Knisha Perkins, age 49, of Bainbridge, GA, with Second-degree Cruelty to Children (3 counts) and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. A 13-year-old was also arrested and charged with Felony Murder (1 count), and Aggravated Assault (1 count), in connection to the death of an 8-year-old boy.
  - On Friday, July 11, 2025, at about 11:40 p.m., the GBI was requested by the Decatur County SO to assist in a death investigation involving an 8-year-old boy. During the investigation, it was determined that the victim was shot by a 13-year-old relative with a firearm that was present in the home, located in Bainbridge, GA. No adults were present when the shooting took place, but there was another 1-year-old child in the home. The 1-year-old was not harmed during the incident. Decatur County SO deputies arrived on scene after a 911 call was received and found the 8-year-old had died from the injuries he sustained from the shooting. The 8-year-old's body was sent to the GBI Crime lab for an autopsy. Perkins was booked into the Decatur County Jail, and the 13-year-old was booked into the Decatur County Youth Detention Center. This case is active and ongoing.
- Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes (CEACC) Unit On July 11-13, 2025, "Operation Phantom Whisper," a three-day proactive online undercover investigation, coordinated by the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, GBI, and Cherokee County SO, resulted in the arrest of twelve (12) people, ranging in age from 22 to 49, on various felony charges. "Operation Phantom Whisper" focused on identifying and apprehending child predators. Eleven of the twelve suspects taken into custody traveled to meet with someone they believed was a 14-year-old girl, with the intent to engage in sexual activity. When suspects arrived at agreed-upon locations, they were arrested. "Operation Phantom Whisper" took place through a partnership between the Cherokee County SO, Homeland Security Investigations Atlanta, Gwinnett County PD, Cobb County SO, Grovetown PD, and the GBI.
- Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) On July 2, 2025, GBI's ARDEO arrested and charged Hector Moreno Luzardo, age 35, of Venezuela, and Gelis Escalona Martinez, age 41, of Venezuela, for Trafficking in Methamphetamine and Trafficking in Cocaine. In March 2025, Agents with

ARDEO initiated an investigation into Luzardo after receiving information that Luzardo was involved in the sale of cocaine. Through the course of the investigation, Agents discovered information which led to the issuance of a search warrant for Luzardo's home in Gwinnett County. During the search, investigators seized approximately one (1) kilogram of Methamphetamine, over one half (1/2) kilogram of Cocaine, and cash from the home. Martinez, who was also identified during the investigation as a participant in the sale of illegal narcotics, was located inside of the home during the search. Luzardo and Martinez were booked into the Gwinnett County Jail. The Gwinnett County SO, FBI North Georgia Major Offenders Task Force, and DEA Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area all participated in this investigation. This is an ongoing investigation.

- Office of Special Investigations (OSI) Cold Case Unit (CCU) The Coleman-Baker Act (CBA) request webform has been on the GBI website Home page since June 30, 2023. Forty-one (41) cold cases are being reviewed or reinvestigated at this time. Sixteen (16) were requests from designated family members and twenty-five (25) were GBI initiated. CCU has also opened thirteen (13) GBI cold case unidentified remains (UID) cases in hopes of identifying the victims with FIGG (Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy). Four (4) of the unidentified remains cases have been identified.
- From January 1 to July 31, 2025, the GBI investigated a total of thirty-nine (39) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). On July 18, 2025, GBI's Region 13 Investigative Office in Perry, GA, was requested by Twiggs County SO. At approximately 10:30 p.m., a Twiggs County Deputy Sheriff attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Interstate I-16 for a traffic violation. The driver failed to stop which initiated a vehicle pursuit. At about 10:50 p.m., the car crashed near the Exit 12 off ramp on I-16. As the deputy attempted to render aid to the occupant in the crashed car, shots were fired from inside the vehicle. The deputy returned fire, and additional shots were fired from inside the vehicle. The deputy then determined the car was occupied by two individuals. One of the occupants, Christopher J. Martin-Holmes, age 26, of Conley, GA, was pronounced dead at the scene and the second occupant, Phillip Ellison Jr., age 23, of Ellenwood, GA, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. Ellison was booked into the Twiggs County Jail. Martin-Holmes' body was taken to the Central Crime Lab in Macon, GA, for an autopsy. No officers were injured.

#### **Promotions Effective July 2025**

- Director Chris Hosey appointed Sara Lue as Director of Public and Governmental Affairs, effective July 1, 2025.
- Charles Kicklighter was promoted to Special Agent in Charge at the Cyber Crime Center in Augusta, GA, effective July 1, 2025.
- Director Chris Hosey selected Joe Karpf as Division of Forensic Sciences Assistant Deputy Director at Headquarters in Decatur, GA, effective July 1, 2025.
- Director Chris Hosey selected Mike McCarriagher as Division of Forensic Sciences Assistant Deputy Director at Headquarters in Decatur, GA, effective July 1, 2025.
- Jerri Lynn Coody was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge at the Cyber Crime Center in Augusta, GA, effective July 16, 2025.

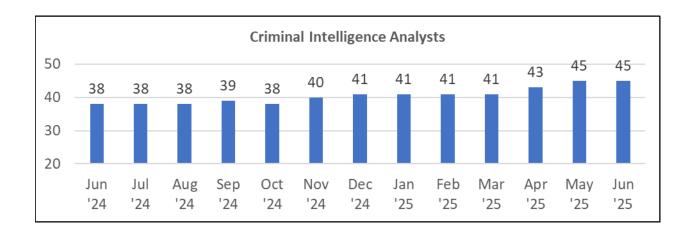


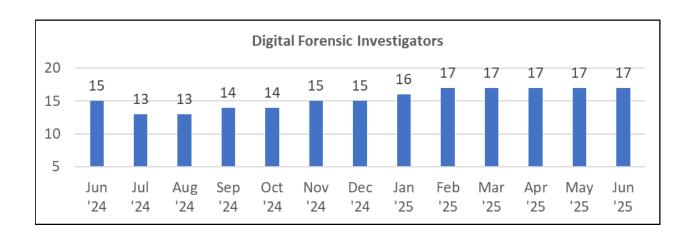
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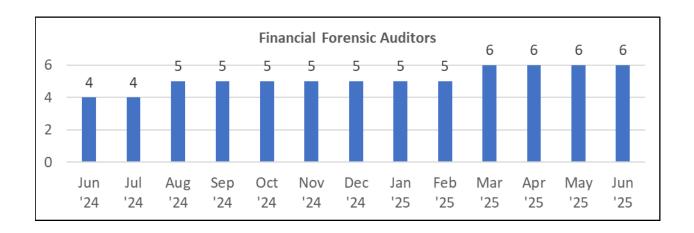
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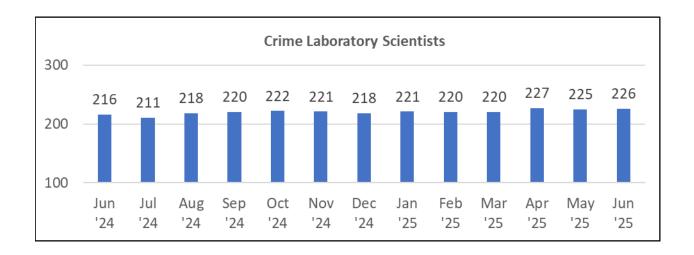
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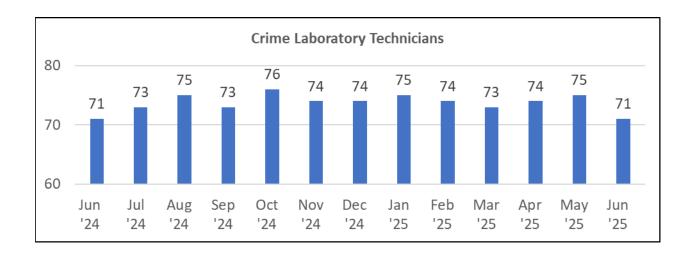


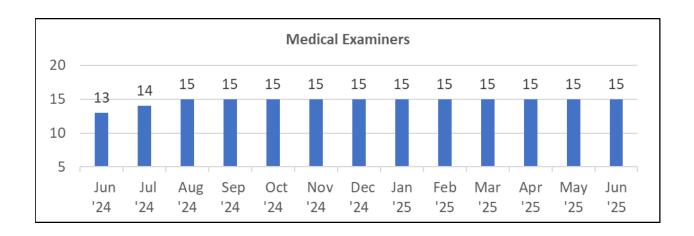














#### **GBI Vacancies -- FY2025**

(State Funds Only)

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sept '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar <b>'</b> 25	Apr '25	May <b>'</b> 25	Jun '25
DOFS	58	46	45	39	39	42	36	41	42	33	34	34
Scientist Positions	32	25	23	21	22	25	23	24	24	17	19	18
Investigative Division	44	42	35	33	34	19	20	21	23	20	21	21
Sworn Agent Positions	20	22	14	14	18	3	6	8	10	10	12	12
GCIC	9	9	7	9	9	9	11	11	8	7	8	6
Admin	5	5	4	4	5	6	6	6	5	5	6	6

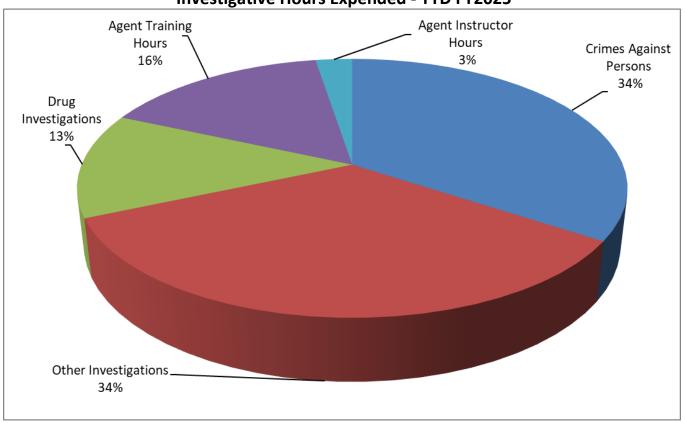


## **Investigative Division**

#### **Investigative Cases – YTD FY2025**

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	FY 2025
* Crimes Against Persons	85	106	130	110	72	62	87	78	95	107	87	106	1,125
**Drug Investigations	16	22	23	24	18	15	19	28	26	18	29	31	269
***Other Investigations	412	462	424	463	375	359	417	418	499	443	463	360	5,095
Total	513	590	577	597	465	436	523	524	620	568	579	497	6,489

#### **Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2025**



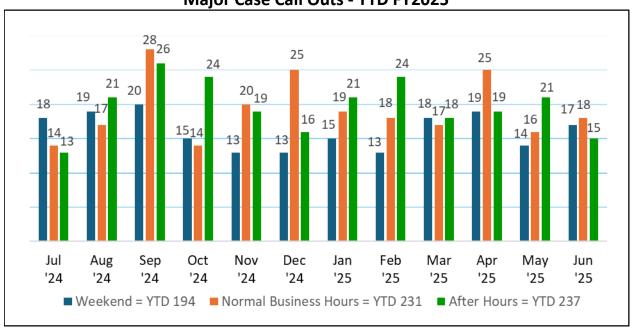
- \* **Crimes Against Persons** death investigations, assaults, kidnapping, robbery, child abuse & exploitation/trafficking, etc.
- \*\* **Drug Investigations** felony investigations, trafficking, manufacturing, distribution, etc.
- \*\*\* Other Investigations corruption, cyber, bomb disposal, election, technology, cold case review, property crimes, special events, etc.

#### Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2025

	June 2025	YTD FY2025
Property Stolen	\$0.00	\$175,409.52
Property Recovered	\$0.00	\$237,690.30
Contraband Seized	\$1,047,556.35	\$142,846,095.93
Arrests	75	1,230
Cases Closed	1,072	6,906

Note: Monthly totals are accurate at the time of this report. However, the totals may change due to late reporting and pending updates.

**Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2025** 



## Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) Watch Desk Activity YTD FY2025

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	FY 2025
Threats to Life	34	42	62	36	41	27	49	39	36	36	32	27	461
See Send App Tips	2,352	628	803	571	630	744	653	573	647	572	877	811	9,861
Suspicious Activity	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	1	7	3	0	0	18
*Requests for Info.	1,936	1,978	1,659	1,816	1,516	1,441	1,741	1,702	1,847	2,003	1,472	1,759	20,870

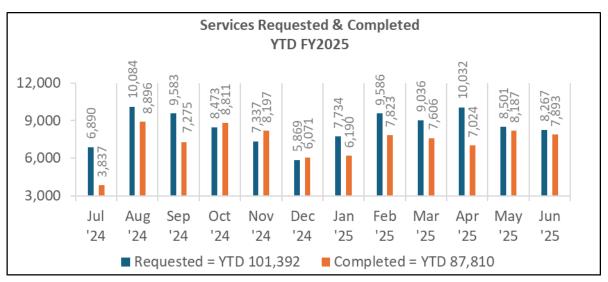
<sup>\*</sup> The GISAC Requests for Information (RFI) totals are accurate at the time of this report. However, the numbers may change due to pending updates and modifications within the reporting system.

#### **Investigative Division Notes:**

One (1) Special Agent applicant has a tentative hire date of August 16, 2025.



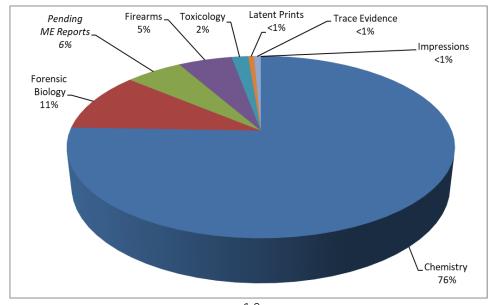
## **Crime Laboratory**



#### **Backlog Report - YTD FY2025**

Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old





### **Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)**

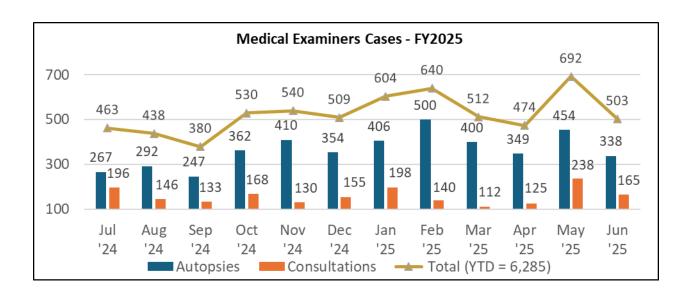
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	FY2025
Samples	1 710	1 026	1 201	1 200	1 221	4 245	C71	1 450	1 105	1 020	2 226	1 221	16 771
Entered	1,710	1,926	1,301	1,366	1,331	1,315	671	1,450	1,105	1,039	2,326	1,231	16,771
Confirmed	CE	2.5	40		45	27	20	2.2	2.5	26	47	10	405
Hits	65	35	49	55	45	37	38	33	35	36	17	40	485

#### **Crime Laboratory Notes:**

- The Crime Laboratory has 22 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.
- During July 2025, one (1) Crime Lab Scientist began employment with the GBI Division of Forensic Sciences.



## Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)



#### **MEO Backlog - FY2025**

Medical Examiner data is calculated as >90 days from the date of examination in accordance with National Association of Medical Examiner accreditation standards.

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
Reports Pending	1,938	2,110	2,113	2,436	2,863	2,712	2,494	2,557	2,652	2,747	2,646	2,523
*Released w/in 90 Days	68.9%	53.0%	67.8%	61.7%	53.1%	58.0%	30.0%	52.9%	56.6%	60.6%	63.9%	64.7%

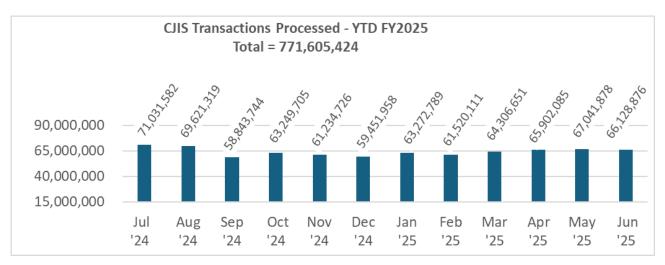
<sup>\*</sup> Due to the number of old case reports released in January 2025 (including a 2022 case), an overall decrease is shown in the Percentage of Cases Released within 90 Days during January.

#### **MEO Notes:**

- On July 1, 2025, Associate Medical Examiner Dr. Michael Reno began employment with the GBI Medical Examiner's Office.
- The FY26 Medical Examiner Fellowship Program began on July 1, 2025. Fellows began training
  in the morgue and receiving planned lessons, including the first of two lectures covering
  firearm-related injuries.



## Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)



#### **AFIS, CCH, and Applicant Activity Report**

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	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>
			С	riminal F	ingerprin	t Submis	sions					
Submissions	44,936	45,969	43,645	46,204	41,533	41,768	40,370	43,436	46,236	45,815	45,877	44,407
Submissions w/Palms	15,948	16,590	14,953	15,873	15,157	14,742	15,336	15,536	17,520	16,412	17,035	15,736
Submissions w/Photos	11,132	11,617	10,231	10,937	10,625	10,259	10,509	10,269	11,640	11,111	11,358	10,053
Latent Print AFIS HITS	19	44	40	27	18	5	18	18	16	7	16	29
Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)												
Submissions	48,959	52,249	38,524	41,219	34,648	32,310	36,078	35,884	43,268	40,182	43,184	40,272
Submissions through Rap Back	6,157	6,245	5,099	5,554	4,582	3,962	3,657	3,560	6,139	5,937	5,553	5,714
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	1,107	1,122	1,062	1,044	977	1,082	1,102	1,168	1,350	1,026	1,223	1,257
				<b>Final Dis</b>	position	Submissi	ons					
Local Agencies	71,469	71,214	61,447	69,512	60,994	61,691	61,025	75,049	83,129	77,861	76,047	80,311
GCIC	326	287	285	260	222	266	328	329	634	265	245	238
				Rapi	d ID Tran	sactions						
Transactions	1,893	2,128	1,592	1,296	1,769	1,478	1,649	1,692	2,015	1,709	1,948	1,845
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	49%	52%	49%	45%	45%	45%	47%	49%	50%	48%	49%	60%
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	52%	55%	51%	47%	50%	53%	52%	51%	50%	52%	52%	54%
**Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	14%	15%	15%	14%	13%	13%	14%	14%	14%	15%	15%	17%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Repository for Individuals of Special Concerns (RISC). This group includes Wanted Persons including the Immigration Violator File,
National Sexual Offenders, Known or appropriately Suspected Terrorists and other persons of special interest groups defined by FBI.

**GCIC Activity Report** 

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
	'24	'24	'24	'24	'24	'24	'25	'25	'25	<b>'25</b>	'25	<b>'25</b>		
Off-Line Search Requests	17	14	10	15	11	19	18	22	11	29	14	15		
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Records Added	106	145	138	125	113	136	110	140	144	107	116	122		
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						otal 189,3	•							
Records Added 2,854 3,190 2,621 2,962 2,553 2,496 2,554 2,572 2,859 2,908 3,003 2,699														
	Criminal Justice Agencies													
	(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)													
Audited	20	36	38	19	23	45	45	45	45	52	93	44		
In Compliance	4	5	5	7	5	14	14	14	14	7	10	29		
Out of Compliance	16	31	33	12	18	31	31	31	31	45	83	15		
Trained	10	4	4	19	5	2	1	4	2	0	3	5		
Non-Criminal Justice														
(e.g. Civil Courts, City, County and Charter Schools, Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL),														
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Audited	63	32	41	33	39	19	39	58	51	38	49	52		
In Compliance	32	25	32	18	26	11	24	29	31	23	28	29		
Out of Compliance	31	7	9	15	13	8	15	29	20	15	21	23		
Trained	12	57	16	57	6	349	16	10	109	82	90	11		
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An on-line	system	for crimi	nal justic	e and no	n-crimino	al justice	staff to er	nroll and d	attend e-i	learning (	courses.			
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	11	12	29	5	4	6	14	17	10	5	2	8		
CJIS Network														
Operator	3,058	3,078	3,018	2,532	2,345	2,732	4,039	5,527	4,048	3,318	2,626	2,958		
Certification (CNO)														
CJIS Security Policy														
Awareness and	5,538	6,878	7,064	5,389	4,730	6,303	7,972	12,009	7,906	8,621	5,450	5,700		
Training/Awareness	5,555	3,373	.,	2,505	.,. 55	2,200	',3,2	,003	.,500	0,022	5,.55	5,.00		
Statement														

#### **GCIC Notes:**

- During June 2025, the percentage of electronically received fingerprint cards vs. mailed/manual fingerprint cards was 99.5%.
- The 2025 GBI-GCIC Training Symposium is scheduled for October 27-28, 2025, in Jekyll Island, GA.

#### Office of Privacy and Compliance / Open Records Unit

#### **Open Records/Archives Requests - YTD FY2025**

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		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FY
		'24	'24	'24	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	<b>'25</b>	2025
Oper	n Records	694	573	573	586	681	576	544	702	790	643	599	678	7,639
Requ	iests	034	3/3	3/3	380	001	370	744	702	730	43	333	070	7,039

#### Facilities - Major Projects Status

- GBI Headquarters' Medical Examiner's Office new construction is scheduled to begin in September 2025.
- The design phase for the new Central Medical Examiner's Building begins August 8, 2025.