

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
June Monthly Report
FY2024**



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No Meeting Held in August 2024**

**Chris Hosey
Director**

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Director's Highlights

- Region 13 – On July 24, 2024, GBI's Region 13 - Perry Field Office arrested and charged Lorenzo Dennard, age 34, of Atkinson County, GA, with 77 counts of Sexual Exploitation of Children, 3 counts of Electronically Furnishing Obscene Material to a Minor, and 1 count of Improper Sexual Contact by an Employee. In June 2024, the Wilcox County Sheriff's Office asked the GBI to investigate allegations that Dennard, a former Wilcox County teacher and coach, had an inappropriate relationship with a former student. Dennard was booked at the Wilcox County Jail and released on bond. This investigation is active and ongoing. Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be given to Crisp County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office (SWRDEO) – On July 31, 2024, twenty-four (24) people were arrested during Operation Shyne Down in Crisp County, GA. The GBI SWRDEO, the Crisp County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Department of Community Supervision (DCS), the GBI Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office, the GBI Middle Georgia Gang Task Force, the GBI Special Operations Unit, the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, the Valdosta Police Department, the Perry Police Department, and the Georgia State Patrol participated in the operation.

This nine-month investigation involved extensive intelligence gathering, undercover investigations, and collaborative efforts amongst the GBI, Crisp County Sheriff's Office, Cordele District Attorney's Office, DCS, and ATF to identify the leadership structure of the G-Shyne Blood Gang in Crisp County, GA. Members of the GBI and other law enforcement agencies served 120 arrest warrants on 24 people in Operation Shyne Down, targeting the criminal street gang G-Shyne Bloods and their involvement in criminal gang activities in Crisp County, GA. Charges include Conspiracy to Sell Marijuana, Sale of Marijuana, Conspiracy to Sell Methamphetamine, Giving False Statements and Writings, Gang Act A, Gang Act B, Gang Act D, Use of a Communication Facility, and RICO. Arrestees were booked into the Crisp County Jail. Additional charges and arrests may follow. This case is active and ongoing. Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be given to the Cordele Judicial Circuit for prosecution.

Anonymous tips can be submitted to the GBI by calling [1-800-597-TIPS\(8477\)](tel:1-800-597-TIPS), online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

- 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. Thirty-one (31) cold cases are being reviewed at this time. Eleven (11) were requests from designated family members and twenty (20) were GBI initiated. CCU has also opened ten (10) GBI cold case unidentified remains (UID) cases in hopes of identifying the victims with FIGG (Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy).

- From January 1 to July 31, 2024, the GBI has investigated a total of forty-six (46) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS).

OIS number forty-six (46) was on July 27, 2024. GBI's Region 10 – Atlanta Regional Field Office was requested by the Atlanta Police Department (PD). Atlanta PD officers responded to the 700 block of Peachtree Street in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers met with the caller, who indicated she had been in a physical fight with her partner, Tabiaus Sheely, age 22, of College Park, GA. Officers noticed bruises on the caller's chest and head. The caller asked officers to remove Sheely from her apartment. Responding officers went to the caller's apartment to speak with Sheely. An officer encountered Sheely near the entrance of the apartment building. The officer approached Sheely who fled on foot and shot at the officer. The officer returned fire, striking Sheely in the arm. Sheely was transported to the hospital where he was treated and released into Atlanta PD custody. No officers were injured during the incident.

The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once the investigation is complete, it will be given to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office for review.

Promotions Effective July 2024

- Lisa Arnold was appointed as Digital Forensic Investigator (DFI) Program Manager, effective July 16, 2024.
- Shane Hodges was promoted to Digital Forensic Investigator (DFI) Supervisor, effective July 16, 2024.
- Catherine Jordan was promoted to Division of Forensic Sciences Central Regional Crime Lab Manager in Dry Branch, GA, effective July 16, 2024.
- Jake Toulomelis was promoted to Digital Forensic Investigator (DFI) Supervisor, effective July 16, 2024.

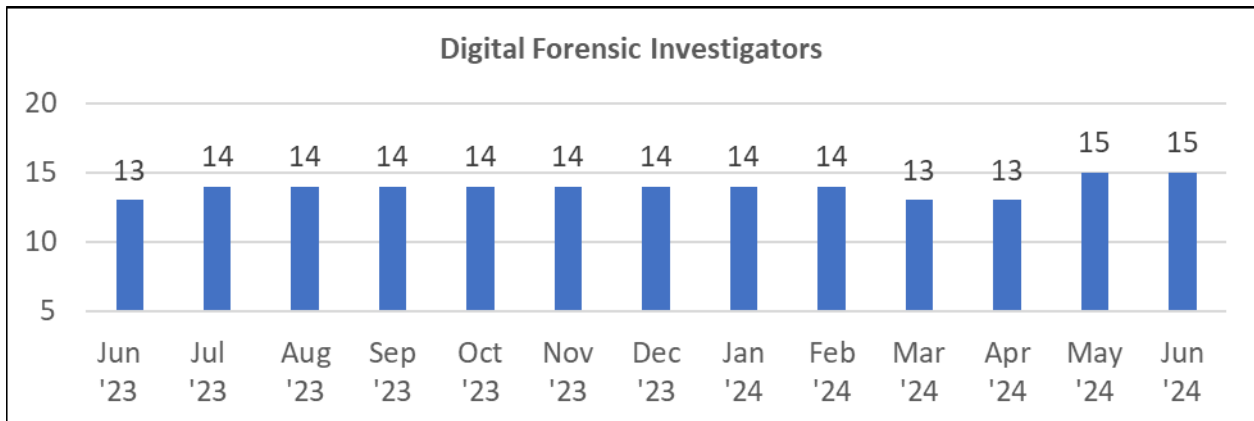
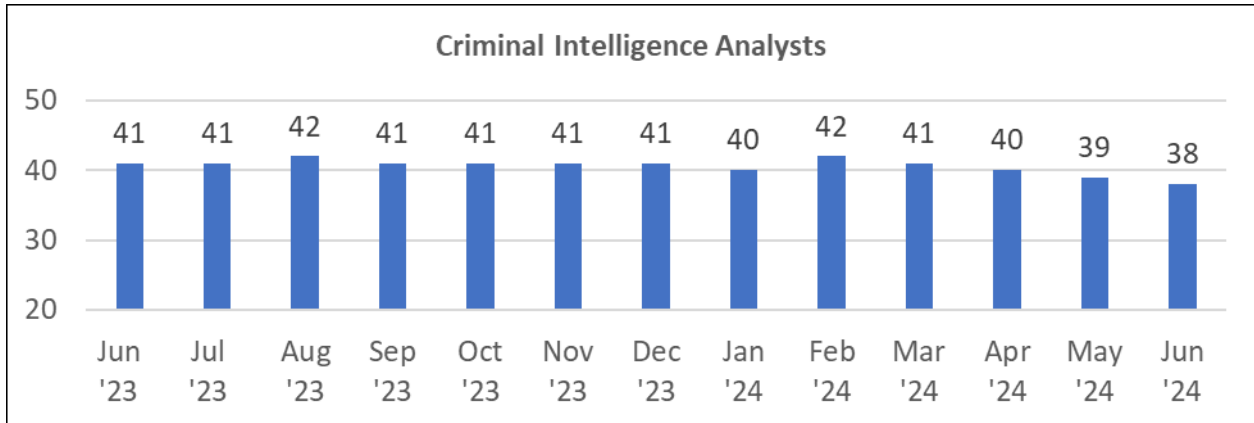
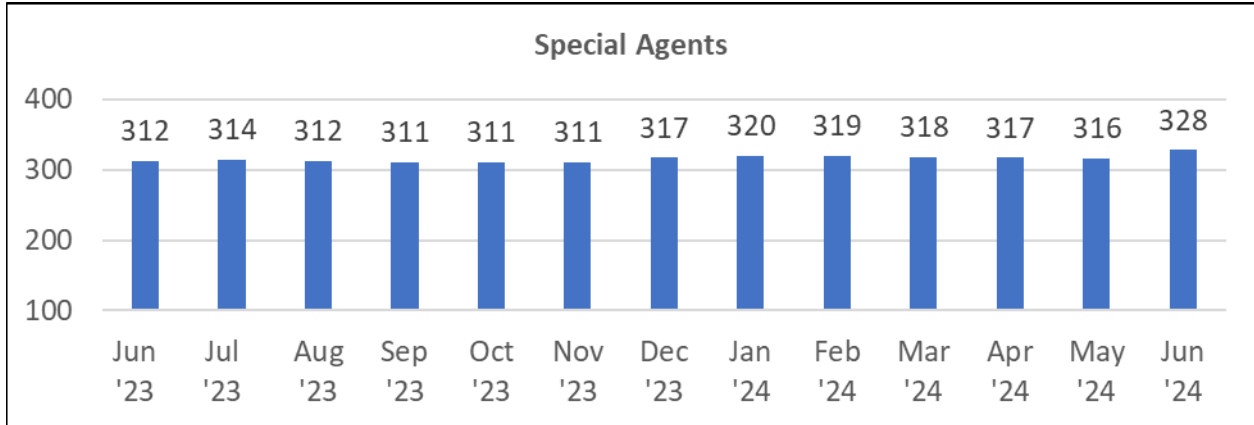
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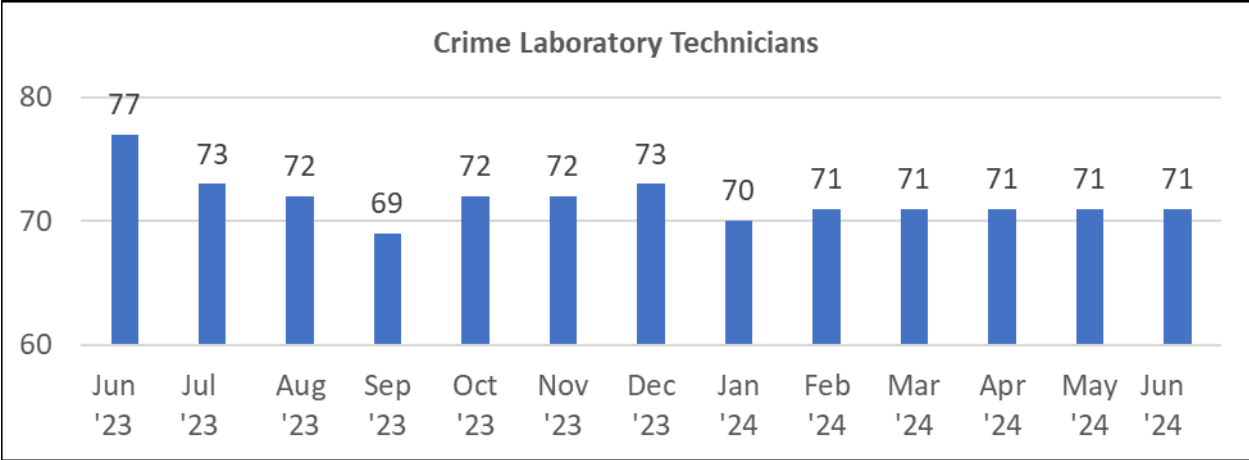
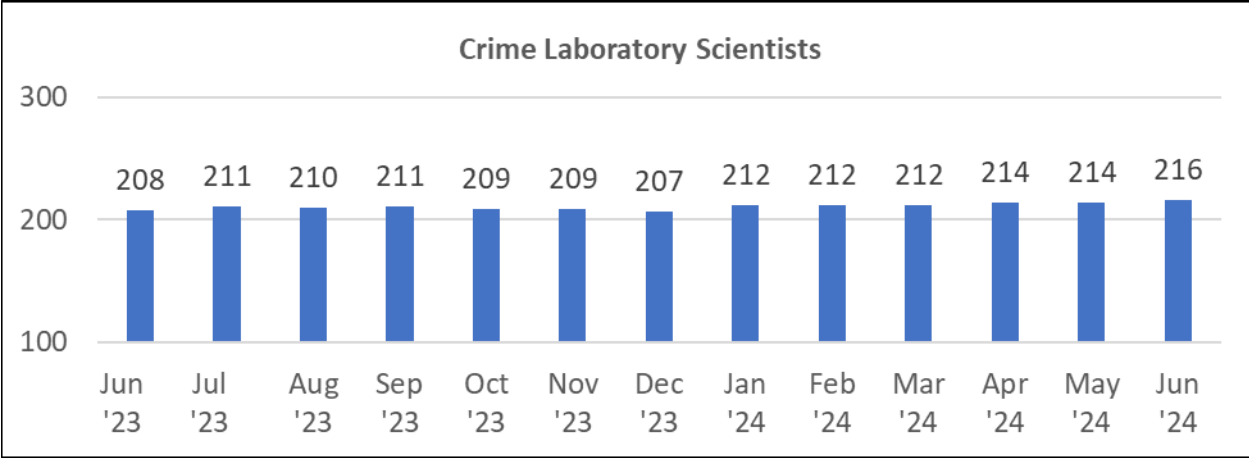
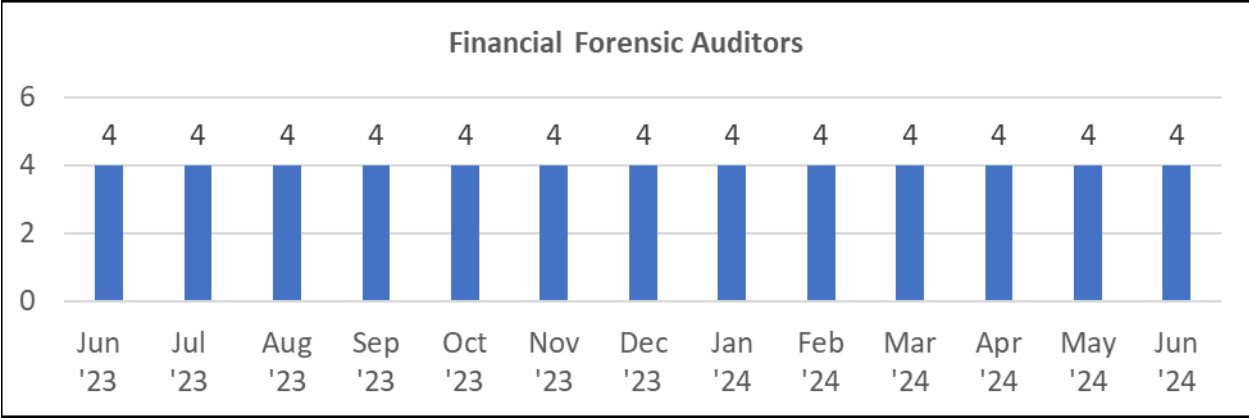
- Corinthia Richardson-Jester was promoted to Death Investigation Specialist Supervisor in the Medical Examiner's Office at Headquarters in Decatur, GA, effective August 1, 2024.

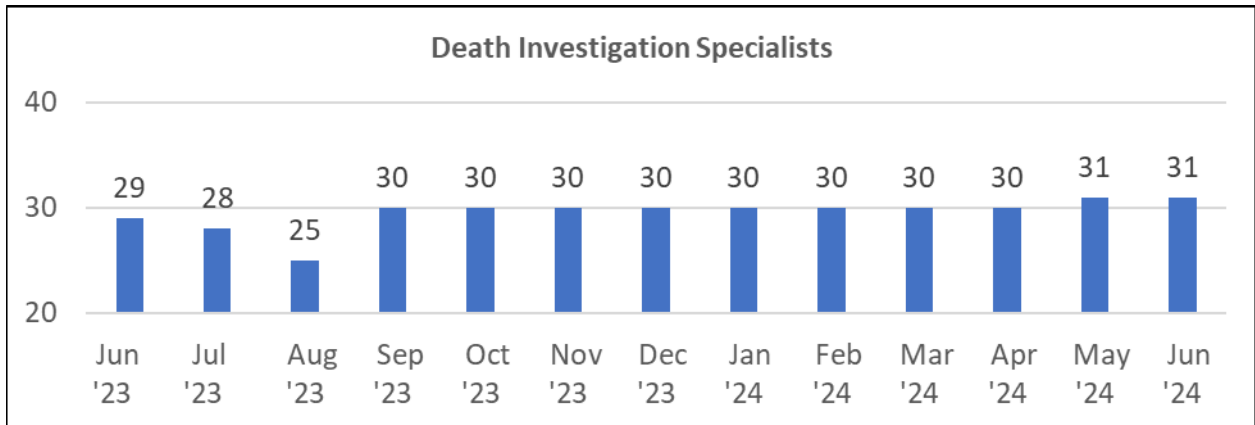
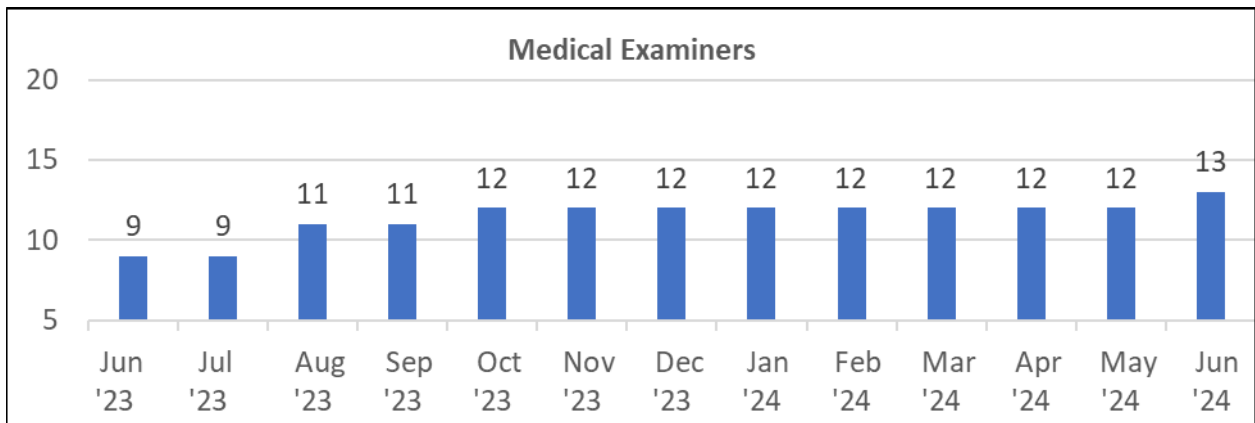


Staffing Report

Filled Positions (All Fund Sources)







GBI Vacancies -- FY2024

(State Funds Only)

| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
|---|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| DOFS *Includes FSS Special Project (Macon MEO – 4 positions) | 61 | 61 | 61 | 58 | 60 | 59 | 56 | 54 | 54 | 52 | 50 | 48 |
| Scientist Positions | 18 | 19 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 38 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 30 | 27 |
| Investigative Division | 43 | 46 | 48 | 52 | 55 | 46 | 42 | 42 | 45 | 46 | 40 | 27 |
| Sworn Agent Positions | 29 | 32 | 33 | 36 | 36 | 30 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 29 | 26 | 12 |
| GCIC | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Admin | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 |

FY 2024 Changes:

HB19 changes - 19 new positions: RIS (OSI/CCU) - 19 (12 agents, 2 CIAs, 2 DFIs and 2 Admin Assistants)

* FSS Crime Lab - per Gov's disregard; new positions (21) and funding not approved to hire; OPB approved the release of the disregard for the 21 new positions in Oct 23; setup in Dec 2023

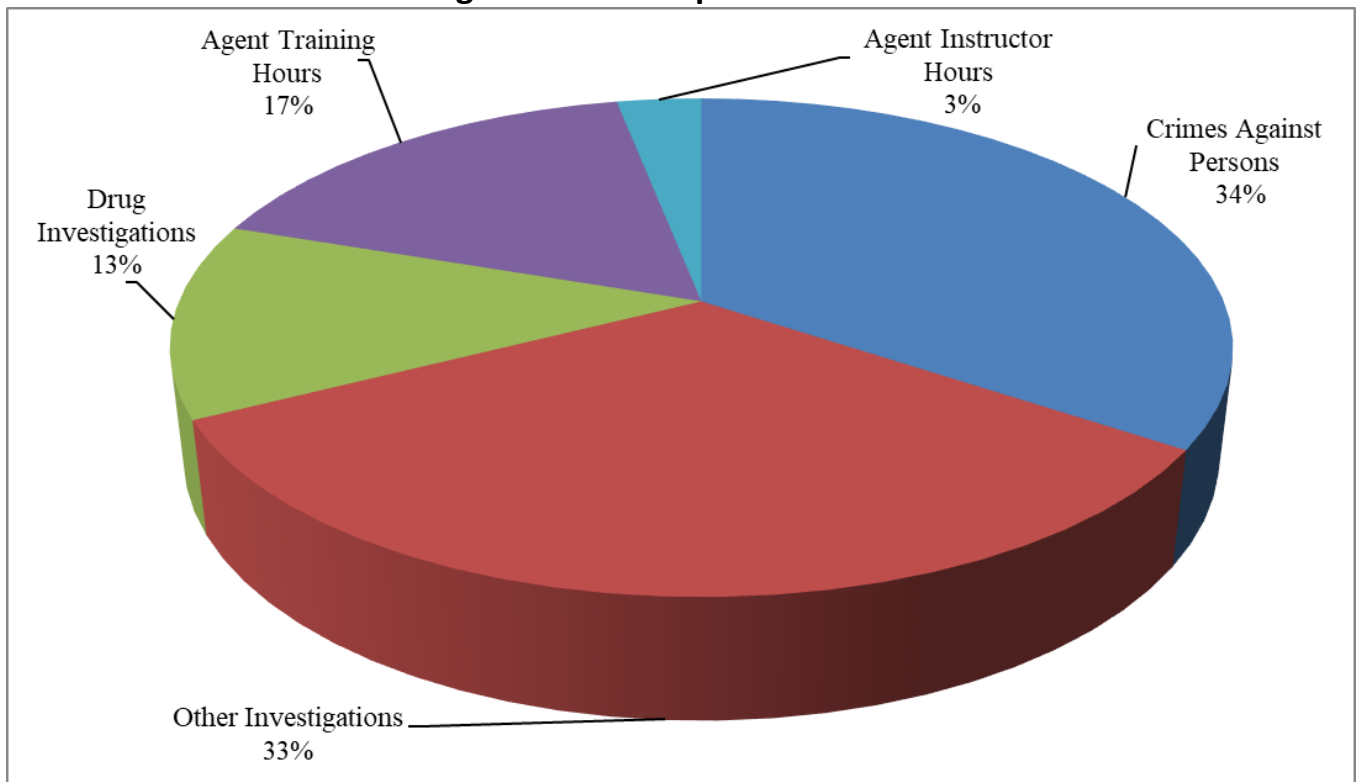


Investigative Division

Investigative Cases – YTD FY2024

| | Jul '23 | Aug '23 | Sep '23 | Oct '23 | Nov '23 | Dec '23 | Jan '24 | Feb '24 | Mar '24 | Apr '24 | May '24 | Jun '24 | FY 2024 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| * Crimes Against Persons | 78 | 78 | 116 | 75 | 63 | 63 | 79 | 91 | 97 | 98 | 95 | 85 | 1,018 |
| **Drug Investigations | 23 | 21 | 18 | 25 | 19 | 18 | 28 | 35 | 16 | 18 | 35 | 10 | 266 |
| ***Other Investigations | 416 | 545 | 409 | 537 | 436 | 392 | 419 | 536 | 477 | 438 | 497 | 452 | 5,554 |
| Total | 517 | 644 | 543 | 637 | 518 | 473 | 526 | 662 | 590 | 554 | 627 | 547 | 6,838 |

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024



* **Crimes Against Persons** - death investigations, assaults, kidnapping, robbery, child abuse & exploitation/trafficking, etc.

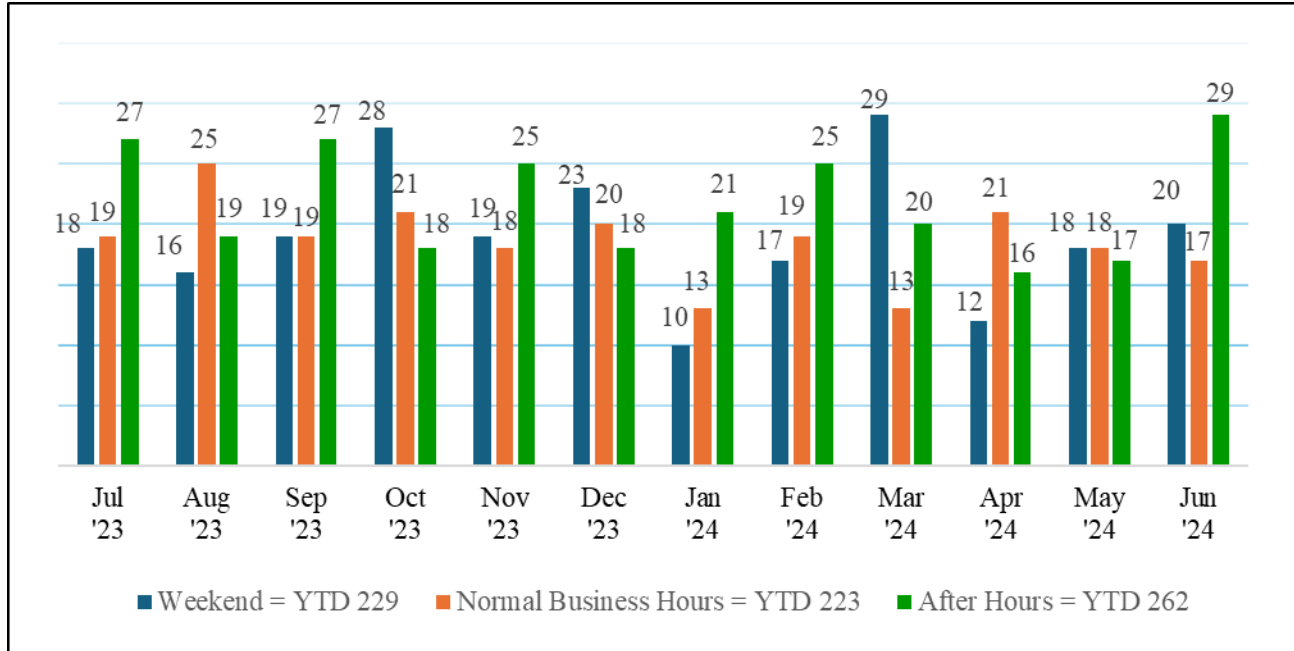
** **Drug Investigations** - felony investigations, trafficking, manufacturing, distribution, etc.

*** **Other Investigations** - corruption, cyber, bomb disposal, election, technology, cold case review, property crimes, special events, etc.

Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2024

| | June 2024 | YTD FY2024 |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Property Stolen | 0 | \$2,362,830.61 |
| Property Recovered | 0 | \$772,544.60 |
| Contraband Seized | \$3,206,101.00 | \$741,647,534.84 |
| Arrests | 72 | 1,278 |
| Cases Closed | 620 | 6,851 |

Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2024



Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC)

Watch Desk Activity YTD FY2024

| | Jul '23 | Aug '23 | Sep '23 | Oct '23 | Nov '23 | Dec '23 | Jan '24 | Feb '24 | Mar '24 | Apr '24 | May '24 | Jun '24 | FY 2024 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Threats to Life | 48 | 47 | 42 | 25 | 31 | 27 | 51 | 43 | 36 | 22 | 33 | 20 | 425 |
| See Send App Tips | 308 | 306 | 298 | 271 | 277 | 431 | 405 | 709 | 1,660 | 1,099 | 1,887 | 2,947 | 10,598 |
| Suspicious Activity | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 41 |
| *Requests for Info. | 1,466 | 1,398 | 1,189 | 1,478 | 1,287 | 1,001 | 1,505 | 1,749 | 2,055 | 1,866 | 1,622 | 1,622 | 18,238 |

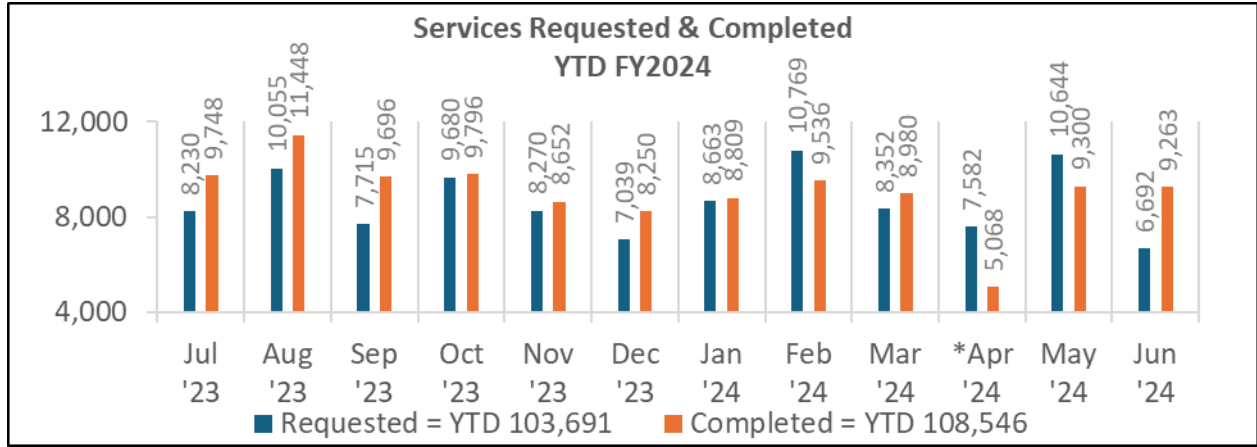
* The GISAC Requests for Information (RFI) totals are accurate at the time of this report. However, the numbers may change due to pending updates and modifications within the reporting system.

Investigative Division Notes:

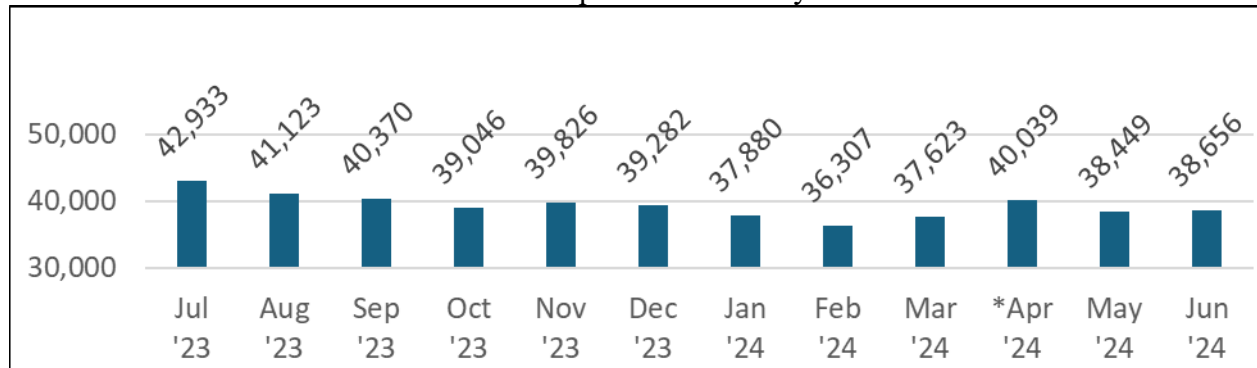
- Six (6) Special Agent applicants have a tentative hire date of September 16, 2024.



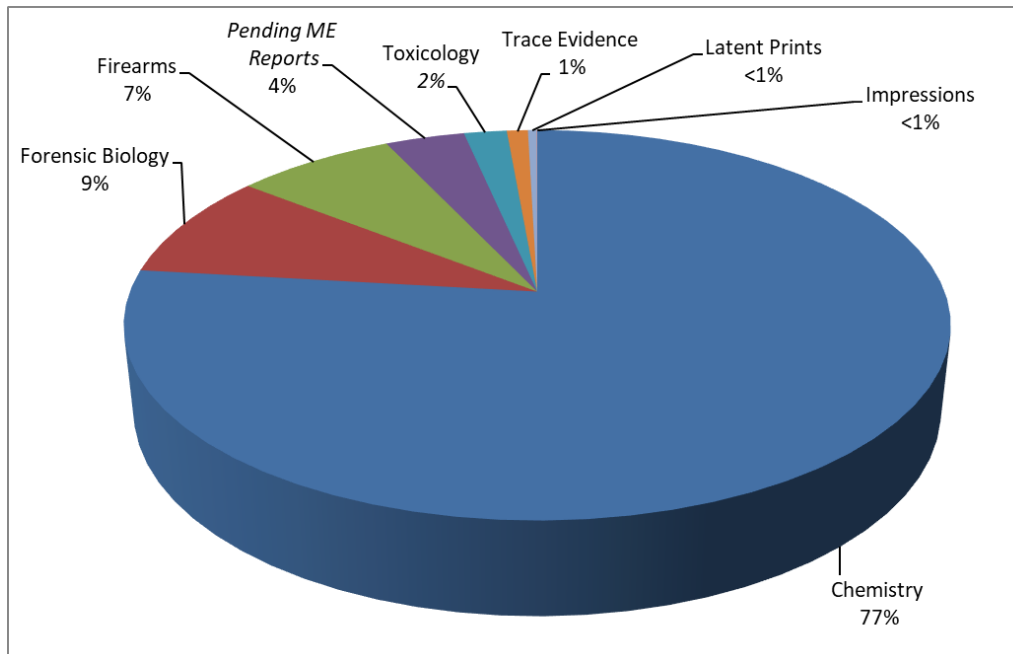
Crime Laboratory



Backlog Report – YTD FY2024 Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old



* The Crime Laboratory experienced network issues with JusticeTrax Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for two weeks in April. Incoming requests for testing were unable to be entered, analyzed or cases reported during that time.



Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

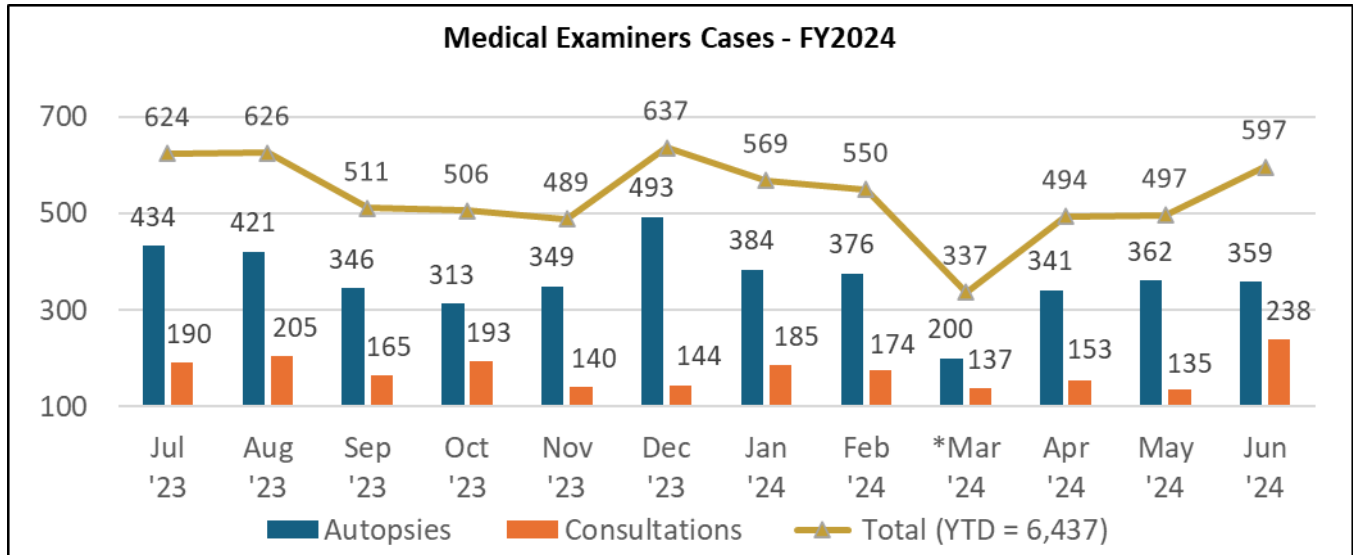
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|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Samples Entered | 1,030 | 2,766 | 1,221 | 2,839 | 1,386 | 1,047 | 1,889 | 2,712 | 2,281 | 1,157 | 3,047 | 1,383 | 22,758 |
| Confirmed Hits | 118 | 94 | 49 | 84 | 118 | 101 | 103 | 75 | 86 | 40 | 55 | 64 | 987 |

Crime Laboratory Notes:

- The Crime Laboratory experienced network outages with JusticeTrax Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for two weeks in April. Incoming requests for testing were unable to be entered, analyzed or cases reported during that time. Outages resulted in a decrease in the number of Services Requested and Completed, along with an increase in the number of services in Backlog – Unworked Reports.
- The Crime Laboratory has 15 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.



Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)



* In March 2024, the Medical Examiner's Office switched from JusticeTrax Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to Medicolegal Death Investigator (MDI) Log, a new database system. Fewer reports were released as the staff was being trained on the new protocols for releasing autopsy reports within this new system.

MEO Backlog - FY2024

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

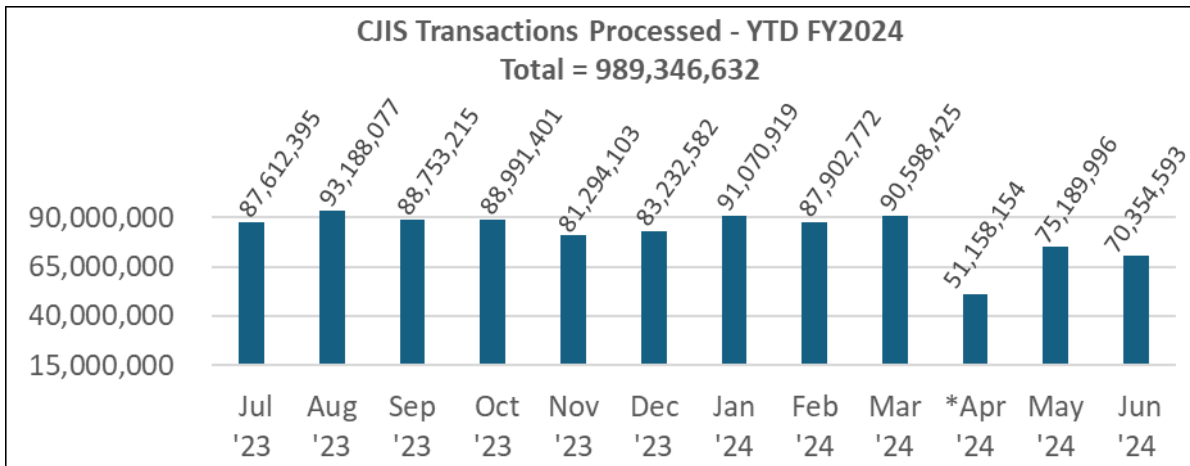
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|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Reports Pending | 979 | 969 | 1,006 | 1,081 | 1,096 | 1,012 | 1,045 | 1,029 | 1,154 | 1,066 | 1,193 | 1,416 |
| Released w/in 90 Days | 51.3% | 63.3% | 53.0% | 65.3% | 49.1% | 58.1% | 52.8% | 83.5% | 78.3% | 77.2% | 50.7% | 57.4% |

MEO Notes:

- The Medical Examiner's Office switched from JusticeTrax Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to Medicolegal Death Investigator (MDI) Log, a new database system.
- Dr. Taylor Sliker, assigned to GBI Headquarters Medical Examiner's Office, in Decatur, GA, began employment with the GBI on July 16, 2024.
- Dr. Kari Broder, assigned to GBI Headquarters Medical Examiner's Office in Decatur, GA, began employment with the GBI on August 1, 2024.



Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)



* The GCIC migration to Georgia Law Enforcement Message Switch (GLEMS) was deployed on April 18, 2024. Due to the message switch platform migration, not all CJIS-processed numbers were captured.

AFIS, CCH, and Applicant Activity Report

| | Jul '23 | Aug '23 | Sep '23 | Oct '23 | Nov '23 | Dec '23 | Jan '24 | Feb '24 | Mar '24 | Apr '24 | May '24 | Jun '24 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Criminal Fingerprint Submissions | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Submissions | 39,421 | 39,740 | 37,731 | 39,951 | 35,821 | 35,610 | 35,821 | 38,309 | 39,952 | 37,938 | 40,085 | 38,807 |
| Submissions w/Palms | 17,431 | 17,443 | 16,518 | 16,042 | 14,726 | 15,594 | 14,726 | 15,905 | 16,794 | 15,774 | 16,657 | 16,329 |
| Submissions w/Photos | 13,095 | 13,384 | 12,292 | 12,106 | 10,920 | 11,694 | 10,920 | 11,649 | 12,254 | 11,233 | 12,093 | 11,511 |
| Latent Print AFIS HITS | 43 | 24 | 12 | 15 | 32 | 17 | 32 | 30 | 21 | 15 | 19 | 28 |
| Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Submissions | 45,372 | 52,440 | 40,497 | 40,595 | 35,060 | 32,563 | 35,060 | 40,466 | 41,992 | 39,560 | 44,515 | 41,412 |
| Submissions through Rap Back | 4,797 | 6,372 | 5,742 | 5,798 | 4,807 | 4,537 | 4,807 | 4,739 | 5,660 | 6,011 | 5,888 | 5,790 |
| Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events | 667 | 692 | 690 | 727 | 694 | 687 | 694 | 957 | 1,066 | 888 | 1,227 | 1,039 |
| Final Disposition Submissions | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Agencies | 59,107 | 66,673 | 58,667 | 90,189 | 87,445 | 57,940 | 87,445 | 69,731 | 77,706 | 76,062 | 77,444 | 70,003 |
| GCIC | 795 | 582 | 376 | 234 | 274 | 223 | 274 | 272 | 253 | 417 | 540 | 385 |
| Rapid ID Transactions | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transactions | 1,188 | 1,425 | 1,443 | 1,475 | 1,321 | 1,531 | 1,321 | 1,672 | 1,816 | 1,707 | 1,951 | 2,052 |
| Transactions w/AFIS HITS | 47% | 57% | 51% | 49% | 52% | 48% | 52% | 50% | 51% | 50% | 50% | 48% |
| Transactions w/NCIC HITS | 50% | 53% | 53% | 53% | 53% | 50% | 53% | 52% | 52% | 54% | 52% | 52% |
| **Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS | 13% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 14% | 12% | 14% | 14% | 14% | 15% | 14% | 14% |

** 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 '23 | Aug '23 | Sep '23 | Oct '23 | Nov '23 | Dec '23 | Jan '24 | Feb '24 | Mar '24 | Apr '24 | May '24 | Jun '24 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Off-Line Search Requests | 13 | 25 | 19 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 28 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 18 |
| Sex Offender Registry <i>(Database Total 38,680)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Records Added | 135 | 148 | 114 | 123 | 103 | 97 | 96 | 97 | 121 | 124 | 115 | 123 |
| Protection Order Registry <i>(Database Total 182,666)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Records Added | 2,675 | 3,145 | 2,726 | 2,786 | 2,473 | 2,138 | 2,510 | 2,138 | 2,626 | 2,741 | 2,920 | 2,705 |
| Criminal Justice Agencies <i>(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audited | 50 | 27 | 36 | 47 | 23 | 30 | 20 | 30 | 37 | 39 | 34 | 10 |
| In Compliance | 20 | 9 | 7 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 34 | 4 | 3 |
| Out of Compliance | 30 | 18 | 29 | 29 | 15 | 29 | 18 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 30 | 7 |
| Trained | 1 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| Non-Criminal Justice <i>(e.g. Civil Courts, City, County and Charter Schools, Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), Department of Community Health (DCH), etc.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audited | 42 | 43 | 33 | 48 | 63 | 41 | 56 | 39 | 39 | 42 | 42 | 40 |
| In Compliance | 28 | 26 | 22 | 36 | 36 | 23 | 39 | 24 | 32 | 31 | 29 | 28 |
| Out of Compliance | 14 | 17 | 11 | 12 | 27 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 7 | 11 | 13 | 12 |
| Trained | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 1 |
| Learning Management System (LMS) <i>An on-line system for criminal justice and non-criminal justice staff to enroll and attend e-learning courses</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database | 15 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 23 |
| CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO) | 2,278 | 5,277 | 8,638 | 5,179 | 4,232 | 3,448 | 10,478 | 3,173 | 3,249 | 3,242 | 2,231 | 2,513 |
| CJIS Security Policy Awareness and Training/Awareness Statement | 1,446 | 1,831 | 2,719 | 1,701 | 1,814 | 1,390 | 3,637 | 6,197 | 4,055 | 5,407 | 4,280 | 4,532 |

GCIC Notes:

- GCIC deployed the Georgia Law Enforcement Message Switch (GLEMS) on April 18, 2024. GLEMS provides a means of communication between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Georgia, the United States, and other countries.
- The 2024 GCIC Training Symposium originally scheduled for August 6-7, 2024, was cancelled due to weather conditions on Jekyll Island, GA, from Tropical Storm Debby. Currently we do not have any updates on cancellation refunds or rescheduling the Symposium. Additional information is forthcoming. Please visit the GCIC website at [Georgia Crime Information Center \(state.ga.us\)](https://www.state.ga.us/gcic) for more information.



Administration

Office of Privacy and Compliance / Open Records Unit

Open Records/Archives Requests - YTD FY2024

| | Jul '23 | Aug '23 | Sep '23 | Oct '23 | Nov '23 | Dec '23 | Jan '24 | Feb '24 | Mar '24 | Apr '24 | May '24 | Jun '24 | FY 2024 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Open Records Requests | 457 | 500 | 571 | 335 | 475 | 423 | 618 | 1,074 | 672 | 547 | 556 | 431 | 6,659 |

Facilities – Major Projects Status

- Central MEO Expansion programming was completed in July 2024.
- HQ MEO Expansion design services scheduled for completion in December 2024.
- Region 1 - Calhoun Office new construction scheduled for completion in January 2025.