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## Director's Highlights

- Region 4 – GBI's Investigative Office in Douglas, GA – As of January 24, 2025, the GBI's Crime Laboratory and Medical Examiner's Office have identified all of the remains of the 18 bodies found at Johnson Funeral Home, and GBI Agents and the Coffee County Coroner's Office have made final notifications to the families. On October 27, 2024, the GBI arrested and charged Chris Johnson, age 39, of Douglas, GA, with multiple counts of Abuse of a Dead Body. Johnson's arrest followed an investigation that began on October 26, 2024, when the GBI was requested by the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. Deputies serving an eviction notice at Johnson Funeral Home discovered 18 bodies in various stages of decomposition. GBI Agents worked to verify the cremation information and whether remains were sent to the correct families, as well as other investigative leads. The Criminal Investigations Division of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance John F. King assisted the GBI in investigating irregularities in insurance proceeds.

The GBI and the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance were able to obtain evidence that Chris Johnson and James A. Sirmans conspired to commit insurance fraud. On December 8, 2024, James A. Sirmans, age 52, of Fitzgerald, GA, was arrested and charged with two counts of Insurance Fraud and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Insurance Fraud. The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance John F. King secured these arrest warrants. These charges stem from a 2023 investigation into an attempt by Sirmans to fraudulently obtain additional life insurance proceeds by altering the cause of death on a death certificate in 2022. With the assistance of the Ben Hill County Sheriff's Office, Sirmans was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Coffee County Jail.

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance John F. King charged Chris Johnson with Theft by Deception, Forgery, Submitting Fraudulent Vital Records, Conspiracy to Commit Insurance Fraud, and two counts of Insurance Fraud. The GBI also charged Johnson with Theft by Taking and six counts of Violation of Vital Records Registration in relation to the investigation into the remains found in his funeral home and his related business practices. Johnson was in custody in the Coffee County Jail.

- Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes (CEACC) Unit – On January 17, 2025, as part of ongoing efforts to identify those involved in the trade of child sexual abuse material, GBI's CEACC Unit arrested and charged Seth Roberts, age 20, of Trenton, Dade County, GA, with Sexual Exploitation of Children. In September 2024, the GBI CEACC Unit began an investigation into Roberts' online activity after receiving a Cyber Tipline Report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding the possible online possession and distribution of child sexual abuse material. This investigation led to a search warrant for Roberts' home and his subsequent arrest. The Dade County Sheriff's Office, the Trenton Police Department, and GBI's Region 1 Investigative Office in Calhoun, GA, assisted with the search warrant and arrest of Roberts. Roberts was booked into the Dade County Jail.

- Region 9 – GBI’s Investigative Office in Thomasville, GA – On January 6, 2025, the GBI arrested and charged Cory Hall, age 43, of Bainbridge, GA, with five felony counts of child molestation, aggravated child molestation, statutory rape, sodomy, and incest. On December 5, 2024, the Decatur County Sheriff’s Office requested the GBI to investigate allegations that Hall had sexual contact with a minor. On January 6, 2025, GBI agents obtained arrest warrants for Hall. He was located the same day and booked into the Decatur County Jail.
- Region 6 – GBI’s Investigative Office in Milledgeville, GA – On January 6, 2025, the GBI arrested Darrian Deandre Greene, age 18, of Thompson, GA, Nehemiah Henderson, age 22, of Sparta, GA, Mikez Yaraus Edwards, age 18, of Sparta, GA, and a 16-year-old from Sparta, GA, charging them with Felony Murder for the death of Javen Lamont Turner, age 18, of Sparta, GA. Armarion Hunt, age 20, of Sparta, GA, was also charged and is wanted for Felony Murder. The 16-year-old was taken to the Youth Detention Center. Greene, Henderson, and Edwards were booked into the Hancock County Jail.

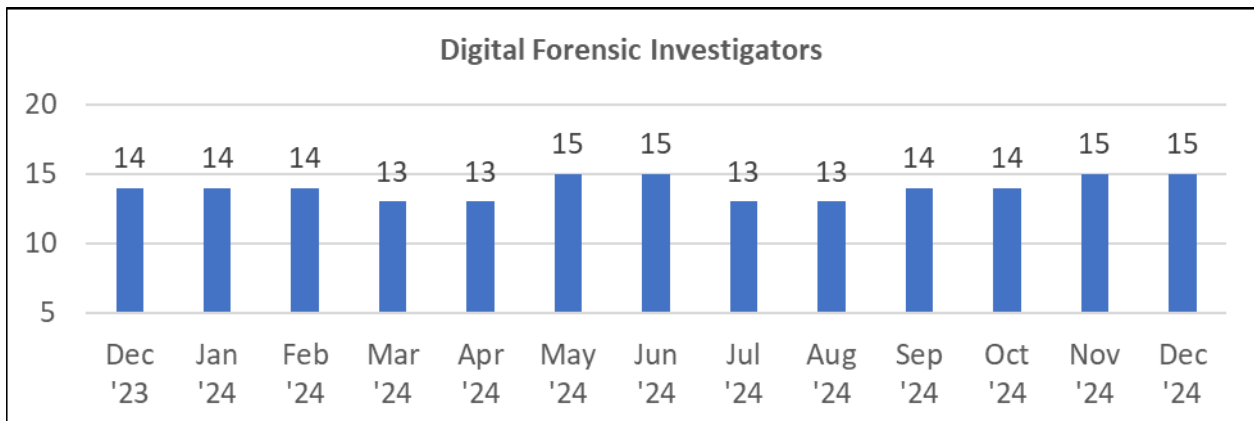
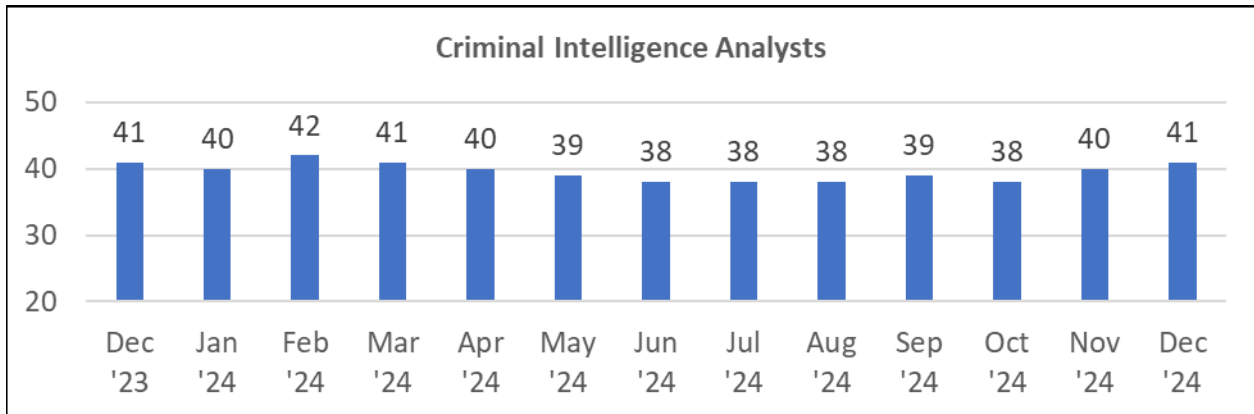
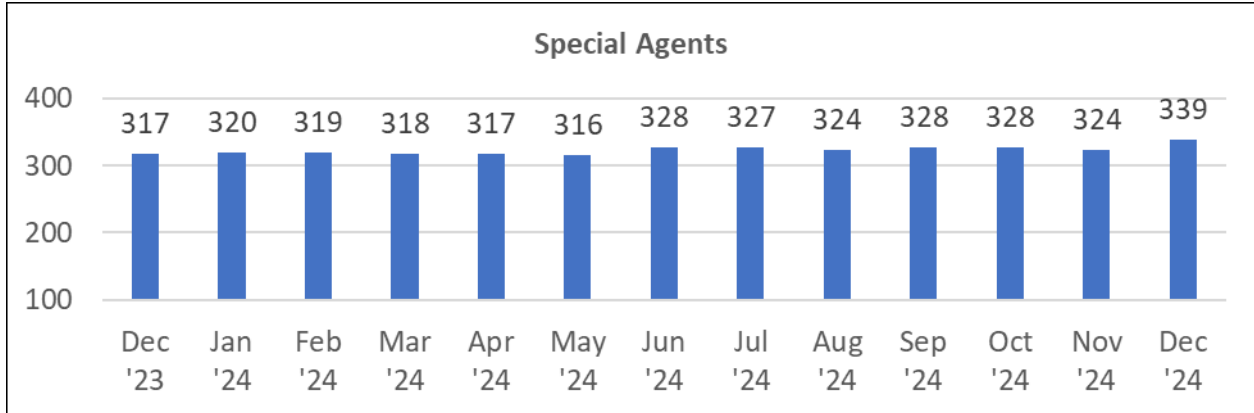
On January 3, 2025, the Sparta Police Department requested GBI’s Region 6 Field Office to investigate an aggravated assault that left one person injured. At approximately 3:00 pm, the Hancock County 911 center received a call stating people in one vehicle were shooting at another vehicle. The passenger of the other vehicle, Javen Lamont Turner, was hit multiple times and taken to the hospital. Turner died on January 4, 2025, as a result of the shooting that occurred at the intersection of Broad Street and Miles Street.

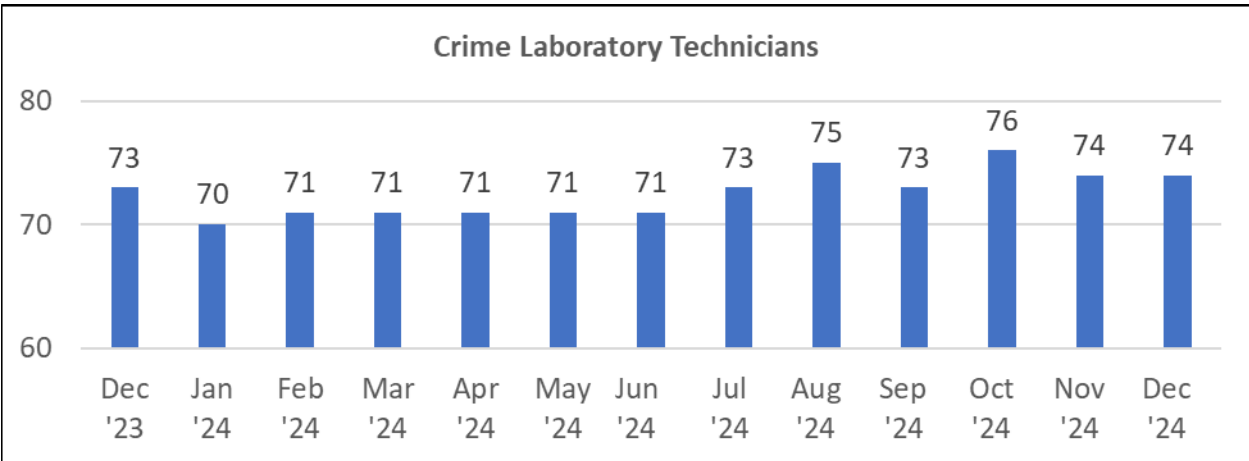
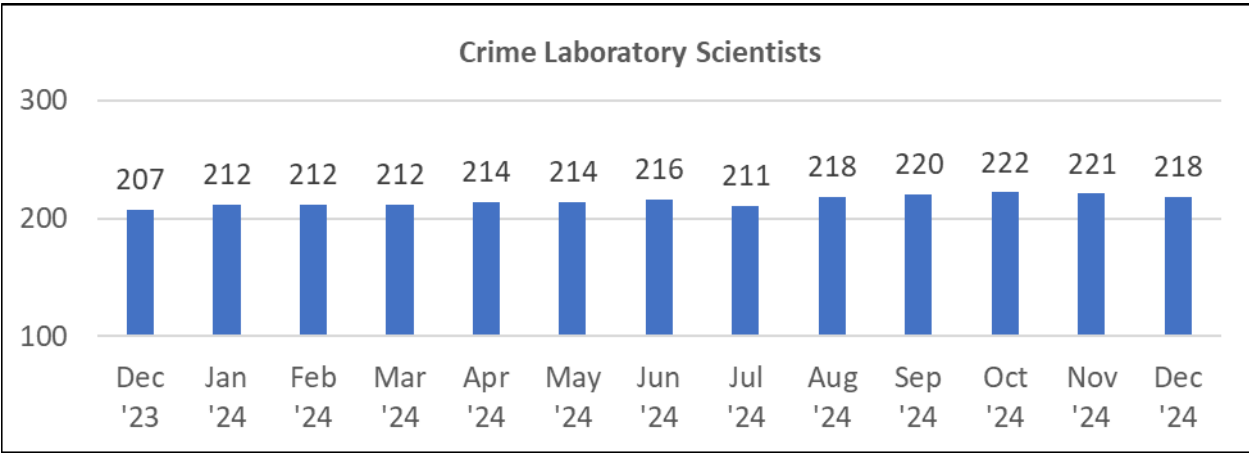
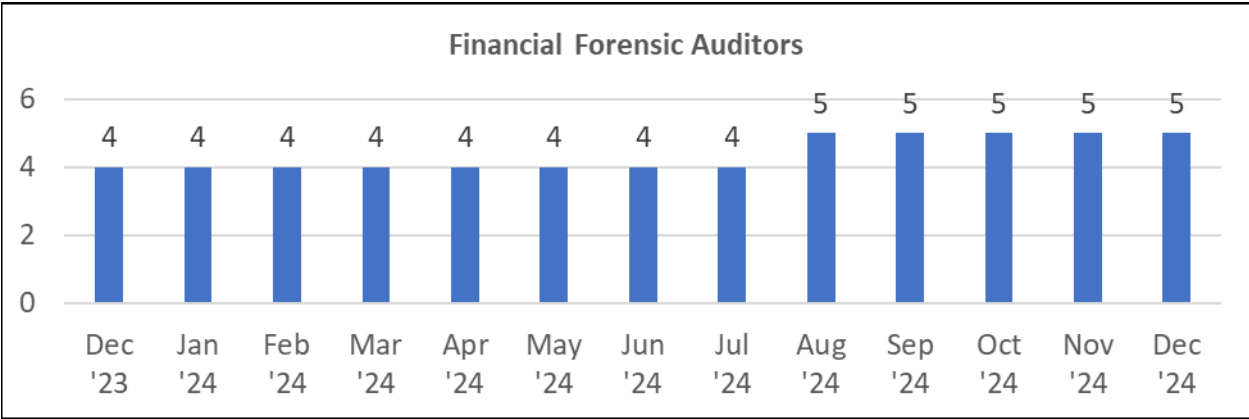
- Office of Special Investigations (OSI) - Cold Case Unit (CCU) – The Coleman-Baker Act (CBA) request webform has been on the GBI website Home page since June 30, 2023. Thirty-eight (38) cold cases are being reviewed or reinvestigated at this time. Fifteen (15) were requests from designated family members and twenty-three (23) were GBI initiated. CCU has also opened twelve (12) GBI cold case unidentified remains (UID) cases in hopes of identifying the victims with FIGG (Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy).
- From January 1 to January 31, 2025, the GBI investigated a total of eight (8) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). GBI’s Region 2 – Midland, GA, Investigative Office was requested by Georgia State Patrol (GSP) in reference to an OIS in Grantville, Coweta County, GA. On January 18, 2025, at approximately 8:40 pm, a GSP Trooper initiated a traffic stop on a person driving a Nissan Altima traveling southbound on I-85. The driver, Cameron David James, age 26, was removed from his car during the traffic stop. When Troopers attempted to arrest James, he resisted arrest, and a Trooper deployed his Taser. The Taser was ineffective, and James reportedly reached into the car for a firearm. A Trooper fired his weapon, hitting James. After being shot, James returned to his car and drove away from the scene, traveling soundbound on I-85, subsequently crashing the car on the side of the road. Troopers attempted to provide aid, but James was pronounced dead on the scene. No Troopers were injured during the incident.

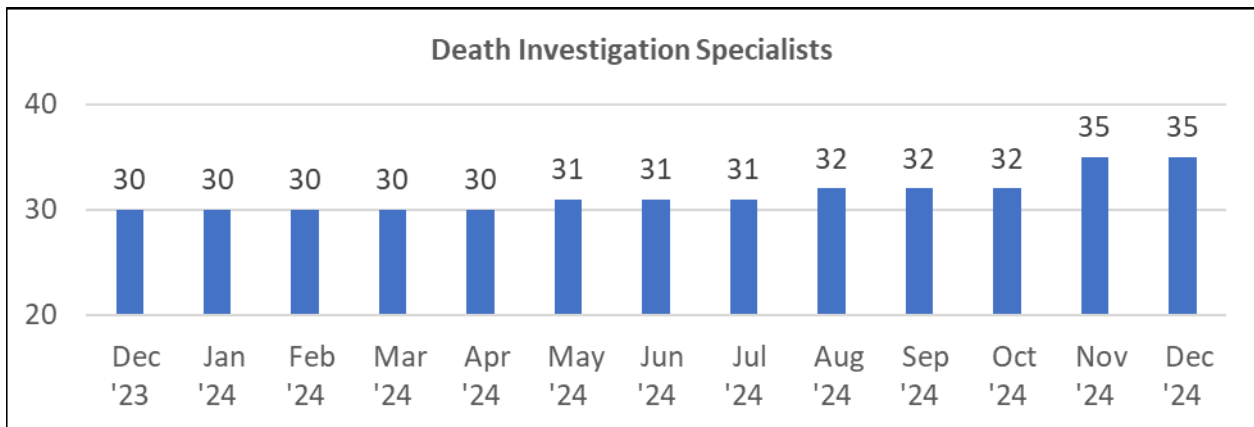
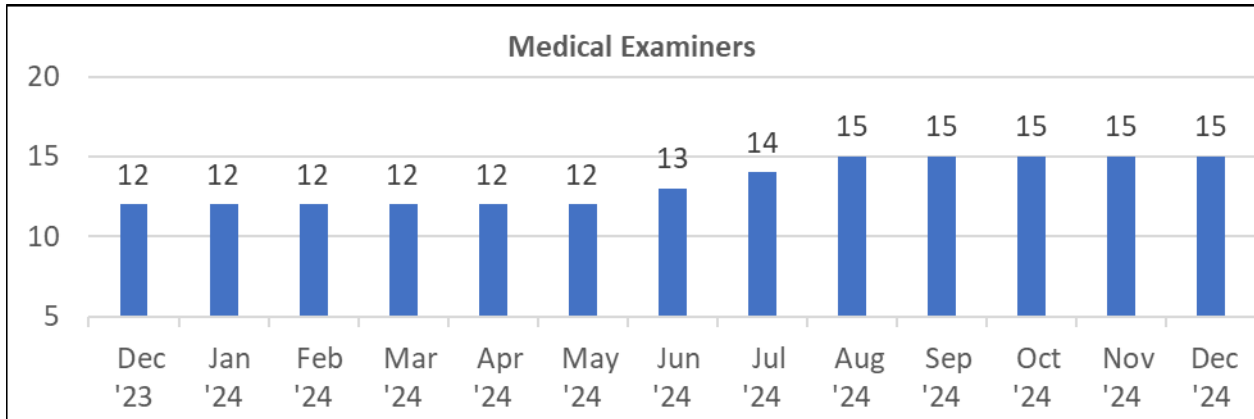


# Staffing Report

## Filled Positions (All Fund Sources)







### GBI Vacancies -- FY2025

*(State Funds Only)*

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

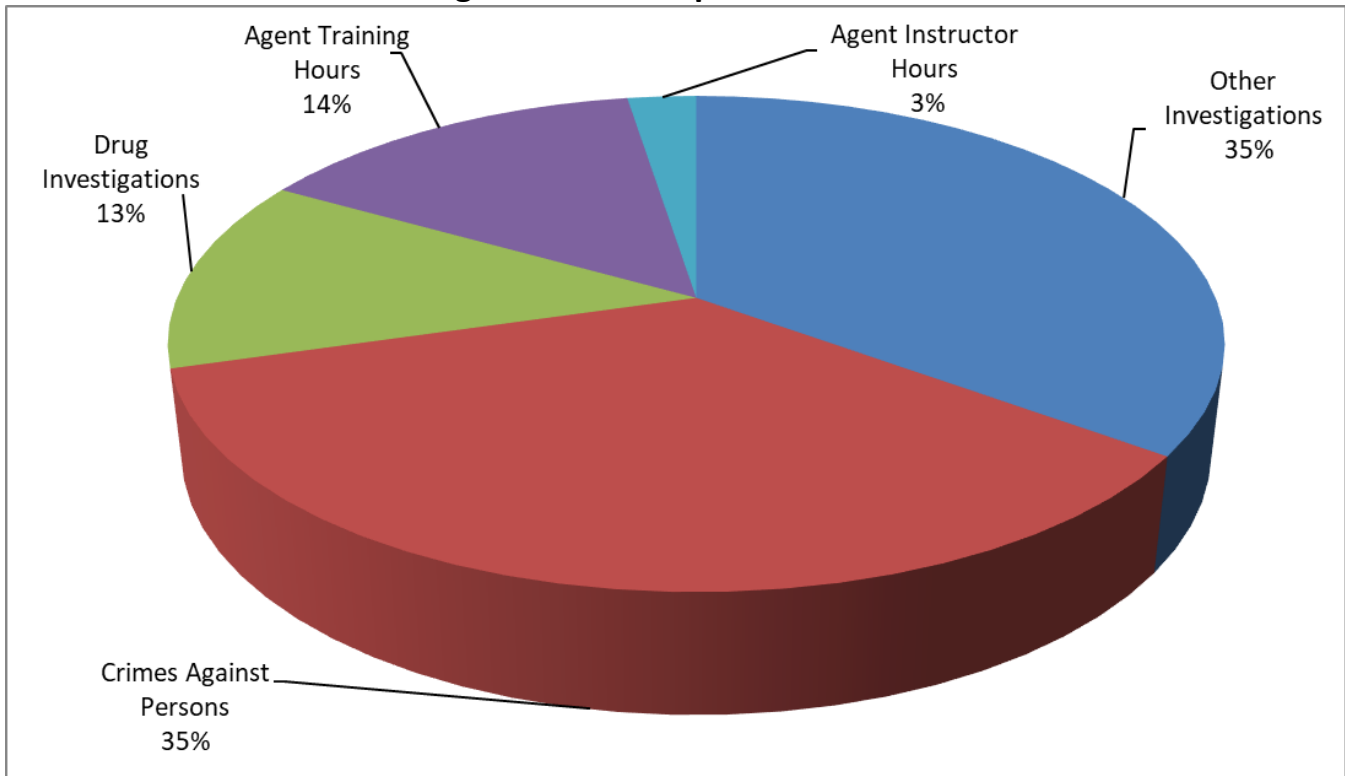


# Investigative Division

## 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							565
**Drug Investigations	16	22	23	24	18	15							118
***Other Investigations	412	462	424	463	375	359							2,495
<b>Total</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>436</b>							<b>3,178</b>

## 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.

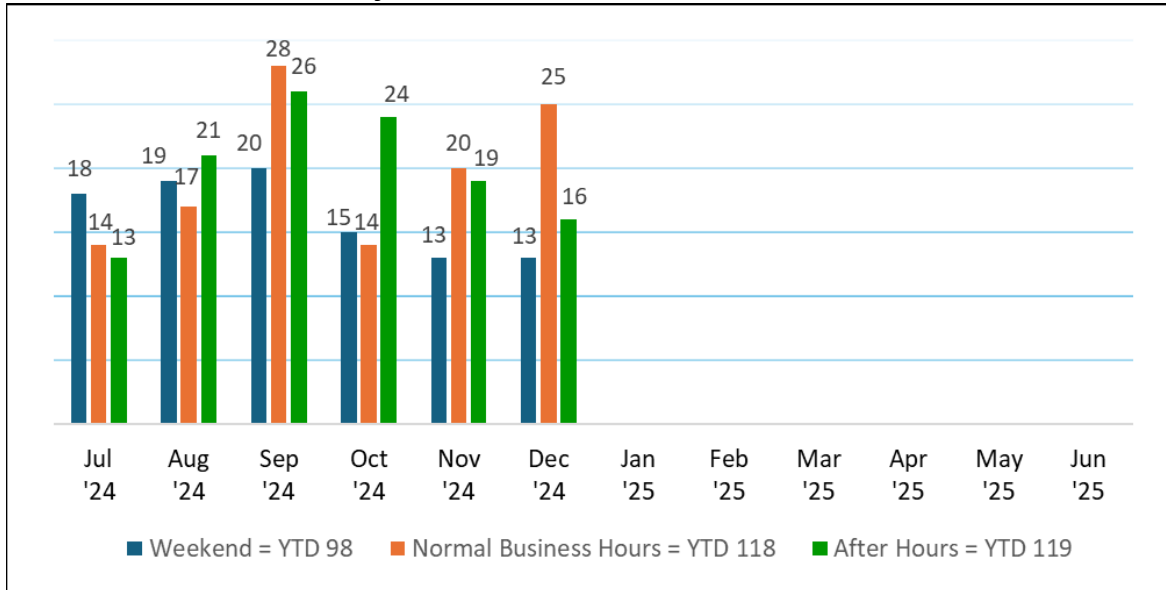


### Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2025

	December 2024	YTD FY2025
Property Stolen	\$0.00	\$140,449.52
Property Recovered	\$0.00	\$237,690.30
Contraband Seized	\$922,114.30	\$104,872,736.96
Arrests	45	506
Cases Closed	537	3,127

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							242
See Send App Tips	2,352	628	803	571	630	744							5,728
Suspicious Activity	0	1	0	1	4	1							7
*Requests for Info.	1,936	1,978	1,659	1,816	1,516	1,441							10,346

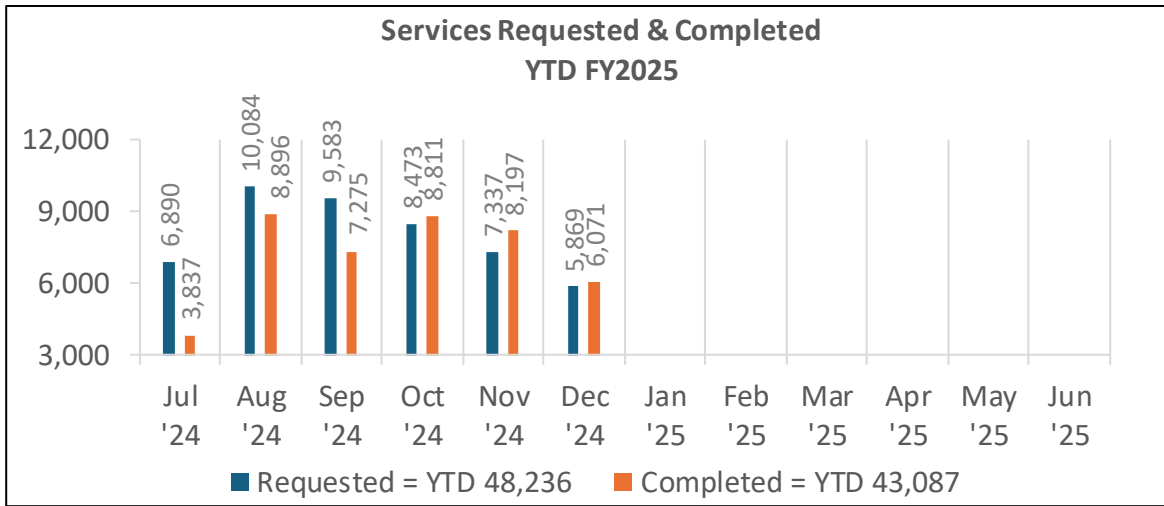
\* The GISAC Requests for Information (RFI) totals are accurate at the time of this report. However, the numbers may change due to pending updates and modifications within the reporting system.

#### Investigative Division Notes:

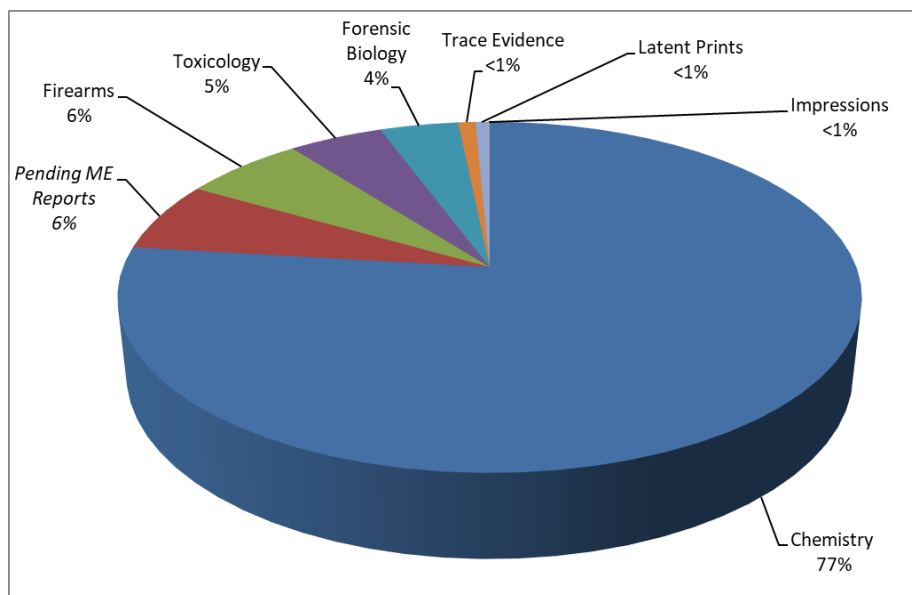
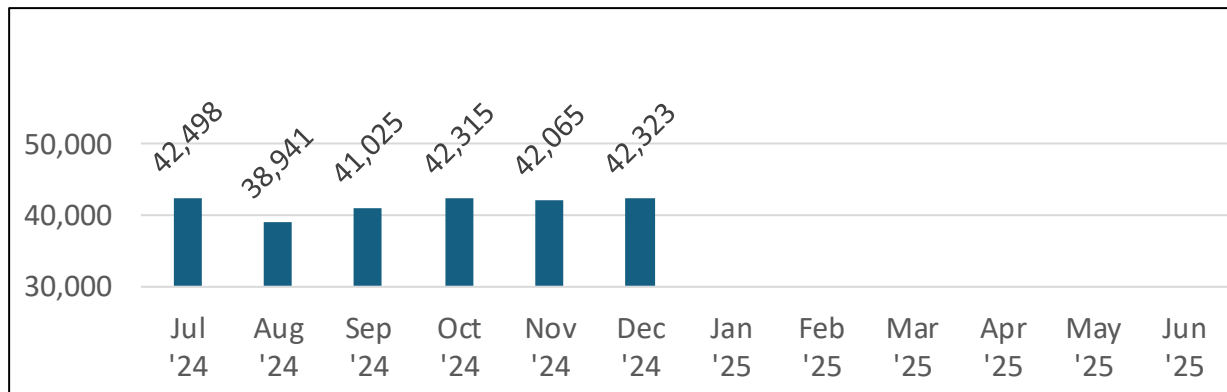
- Eighty-nine (89) Special Agent applicants participated in the Special Agent applicant assessments held on February 1, 2025.



# Crime Laboratory



### Backlog Report – YTD FY2025 Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old



### Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

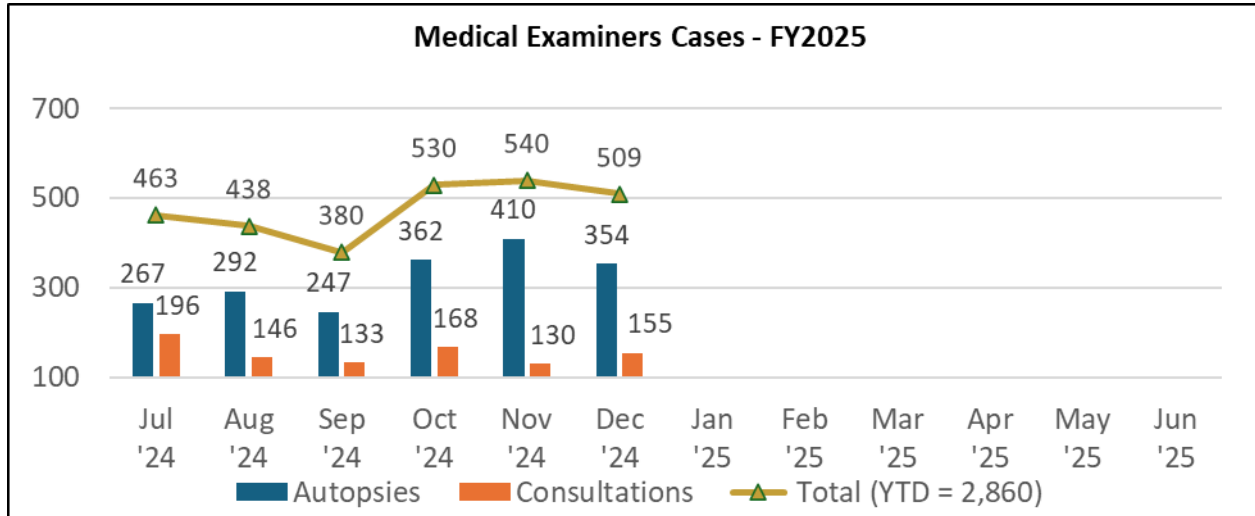
	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	YTD FY2025
<b>Samples Entered</b>	1,710	1,926	1,301	1,366	1,331	1,315							8,949
<b>Confirmed Hits</b>	65	35	49	55	45	37							286

**Crime Laboratory Notes:**

- During January 2025, 2 Crime Lab Scientists, 2 Evidence Receiving Technicians, and 3 Death Investigation Specialists began employment with the GBI Division of Forensic Sciences.
- The Crime Laboratory has 24 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.



## 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.

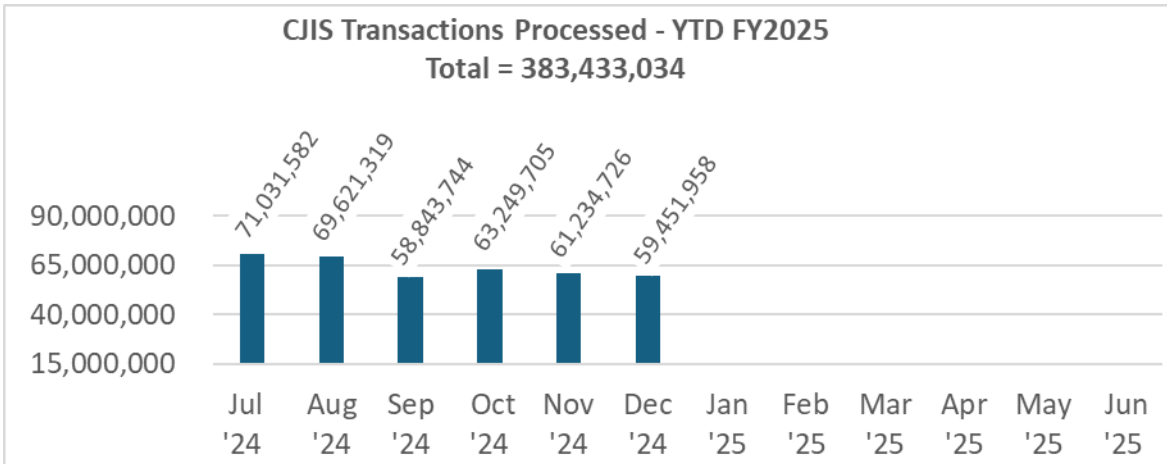
	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
<b>Reports Pending</b>	1,938	2,110	2,113	2,436	2,863	2,712						
<b>Released w/in 90 Days</b>	68.9%	53.0%	67.8%	61.7%	53.1%	58.0%						

#### MEO Notes:

- GBI's Medical Examiner's Fellowship Program received Continued Accreditation from the Pathology Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.
- MEO Director of Medical Operations provided Medical Examiner Fellows with planned lessons and lectures regarding Mass Fatality.
- MEO Director of Pediatric Forensic Pathology provided Medical Examiner Fellows with a lecture covering child death and infant death certification.



# Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)



## AFIS, CCH, and Applicant Activity Report

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
<b>Criminal Fingerprint Submissions</b>												
Submissions	44,936	45,969	43,645	46,204	41,533	41,768						
Submissions w/Palms	15,948	16,590	14,953	15,873	15,157	14,742						
Submissions w/Photos	11,132	11,617	10,231	10,937	10,625	10,259						
Latent Print AFIS HITS	19	44	40	27	18	5						
<b>Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)</b>												
Submissions	48,959	52,249	38,524	41,219	34,648	32,310						
Submissions through Rap Back	6,157	6,245	5,099	5,554	4,582	3,962						
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	1,107	1,122	1,062	1,044	977	1,082						
<b>Final Disposition Submissions</b>												
Local Agencies	71,469	71,214	61,447	69,512	60,994	61,691						
GCIC	326	287	285	260	222	266						
<b>Rapid ID Transactions</b>												
Transactions	1,893	2,128	1,592	1,296	1,769	1,478						
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	49%	52%	49%	45%	45%	45%						
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	52%	55%	51%	47%	50%	53%						
**Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	14%	15%	15%	14%	13%	13%						

*\*\* 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 '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
Off-Line Search Requests	17	14	10	15	11	19						
<b>Sex Offender Registry</b> <i>(Database Total 39,302)</i>												
Records Added	106	145	138	125	113	136						
<b>Protection Order Registry</b> <i>(Database Total 172,199)</i>												
Records Added	2,854	3,190	2,621	2,962	2,553	2,496						
<b>Criminal Justice Agencies</b> <i>(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)</i>												
Audited	20	36	38	19	23	45						
In Compliance	4	5	5	7	5	14						
Out of Compliance	16	31	33	12	18	31						
Trained	10	4	4	19	5	2						
<b>Non-Criminal Justice</b> <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	63	32	41	33	39	19						
In Compliance	32	25	32	18	26	11						
Out of Compliance	31	7	9	15	13	8						
Trained	12	57	16	57	6	349						
<b>Learning Management System (LMS)</b> <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	11	12	29	5	4	6						
CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO)	3,058	3,078	3,018	2,532	2,345	2,732						
CJIS Security Policy Awareness and Training/Awareness Statement	5,538	6,878	7,064	5,389	4,730	6,303						

### GCIC Notes:

- Agencies are transitioning from GAPS to IDEMIA in January and February 2025.
- FBI increased fees began January 6, 2025, for fingerprint based criminal history record checks.



# Administration

## Office of Privacy and Compliance / Open Records Unit

### Open Records/Archives Requests - 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
<b>Open Records Requests</b>	694	573	573	586	681	576							3,683

## Facilities – Major Projects Status

- Region 1 - Calhoun Office new construction completion date has been rescheduled to February 2025.