

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2024**



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Director's Highlights

- Middle Georgia Gang Task Force (MGGTF) – After a 4-month-long joint drug investigation, the GBI arrested and charged ten (10) people in Milledgeville, GA on a host of drug-related charges. The MGGTF, Georgia State Patrol (GSP), Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS), the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, the Wilkinson County Sheriff's Office, and the Milledgeville Police Department worked together in this drug investigation.

On Wednesday, June 12, 2024, GBI MGGTF arrested six (6) people involved in drug trafficking and sales in Milledgeville. These arrests led agents to arrest four (4) additional people on drug and gun charges. While executing these search warrants, agents seized three (3) handguns, three (3) rifles, approximately one (1) pound of suspected marijuana, approximately one (1) ounce of suspected cocaine, one (1) bottle of suspected codeine, and one (1) handgun "switch." GBI MGGTF, GDC, DCS, and GSP conducted this investigation to make an impact on the current drug distribution and gang activity within Central Georgia and to promote a safer place for productive citizens.

- Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEAT) – On June 20–21, 2024, fourteen (14) people were arrested in Bartow County, GA, in a proactive multi-agency investigative effort targeting sex traffickers and sex buyers in the Northwest Georgia area. The GBI's HEAT Unit, Bartow County Sheriff's Office Special Operations & Criminal Investigation Division, Cartersville Police Department, and Polk County Police Department coordinated the operation.

"Operation Etowah Exploits" involved months of planning and the collaboration of several law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking. The arrestees, ranging in age from 22 to 59, traveled from areas around Bartow County, GA, with the intent to purchase sex or sell sex. Arrests and charges included: eleven (11) pandering, one (1) pimping, one (1) Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act (VGCSA), one (1) Criminal attempt at child molestation. Police offered resources to nine (9) sex workers. Additional charges and arrests may follow. This investigation is active and ongoing.

The goal of "Operation Etowah Exploits" was to draw in sex buyers for demand reduction and draw in sex workers to offer services. The objective was to identify and arrest pimps and human traffickers through this two-fold approach. The Kennesaw State University Human Trafficking Mobile Medical Unit assisted with the operation as well as the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) by providing resources to the victims.

- 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 nine (9) GBI cold case unidentified remains (UID) cases in hopes of identifying the victims with FIGG (Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy).

- From January 1 to June 30, 2024, the GBI has investigated a total of forty (40) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS).

OIS number forty (40) was on June 30, 2024. GBI's Region 5 – Statesboro Field Office was requested by the Savannah Police Department (PD). Savannah PD Officers attempted to conduct a stop on a vehicle based on information provided by the Chatham County Police Department. The information listed Gregory Eugene Griffin, age 31, as a suspect in a homicide investigation and as driving the vehicle. Griffin attempted to drive away, and there was a short chase. He was traveling in the wrong lane of traffic on E. Victory Drive in Savannah, Chatham County, GA, and hit another vehicle. Griffin got out of his vehicle and began to run. Officers began to chase Griffin, at which time he pulled out a firearm and shot at the officers. Three officers fired their guns and hit Griffin. Officers rendered aid to Griffin, and he was taken to Memorial Health University Medical Center for treatment. No officers were injured in this incident. This investigation is active and ongoing.

The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Eastern Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for review.

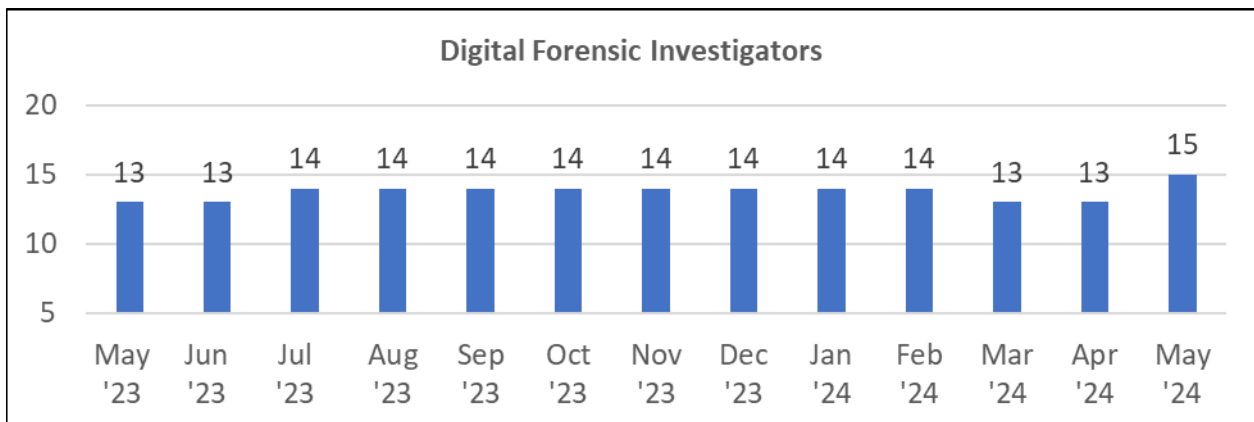
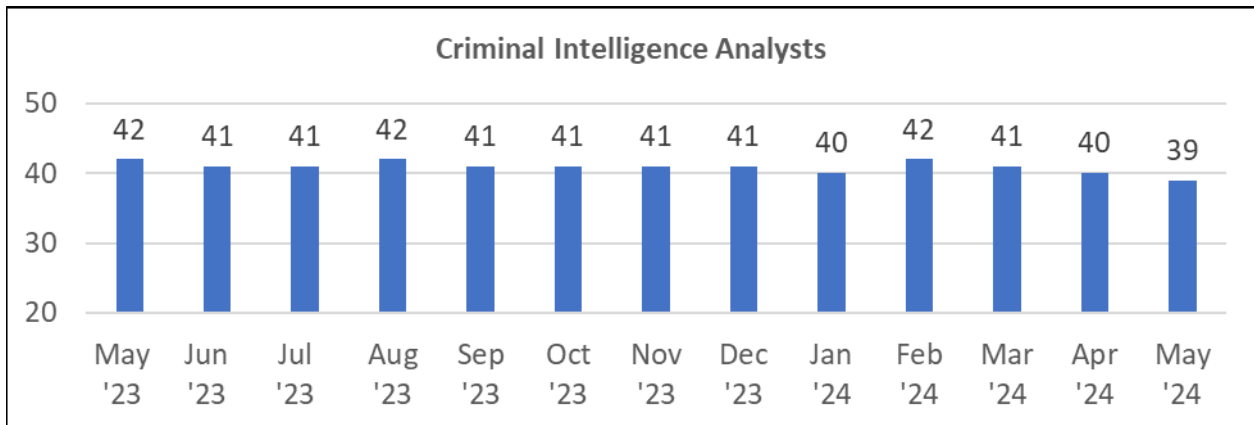
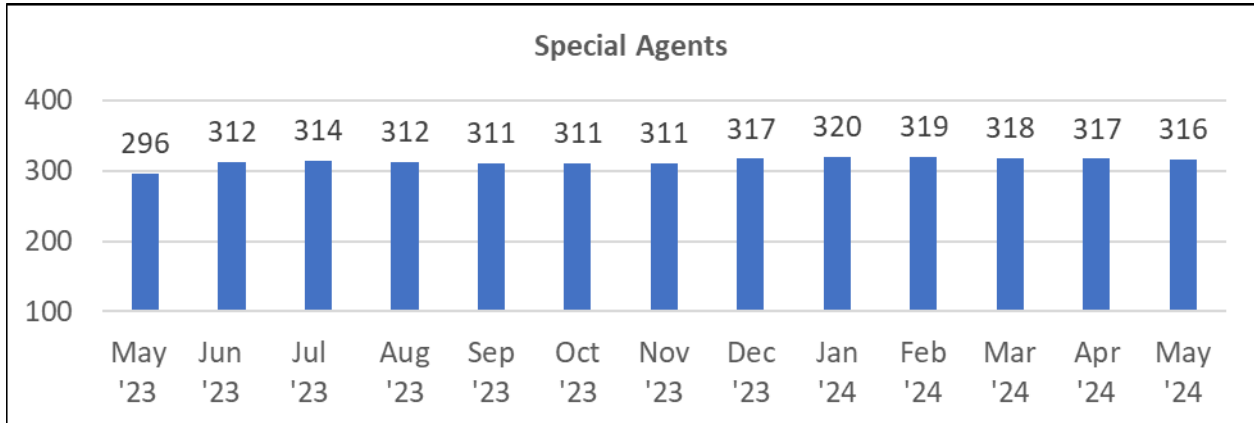
Promotions Effective July 2024

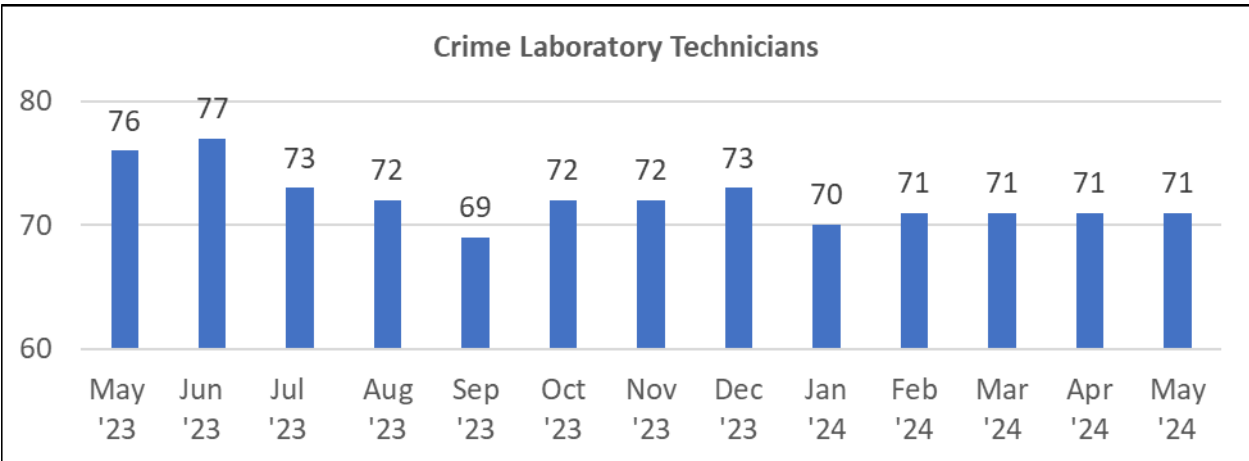
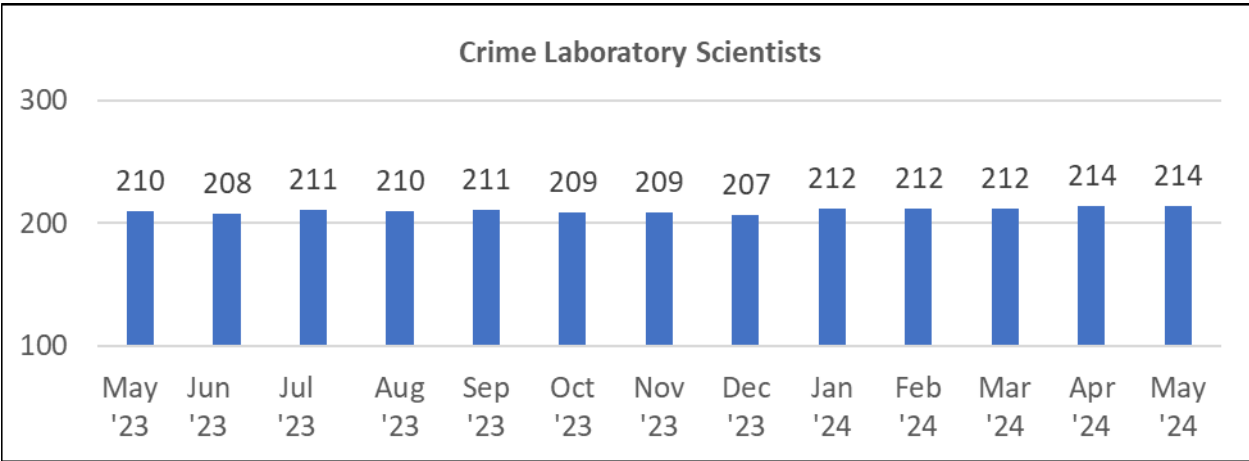
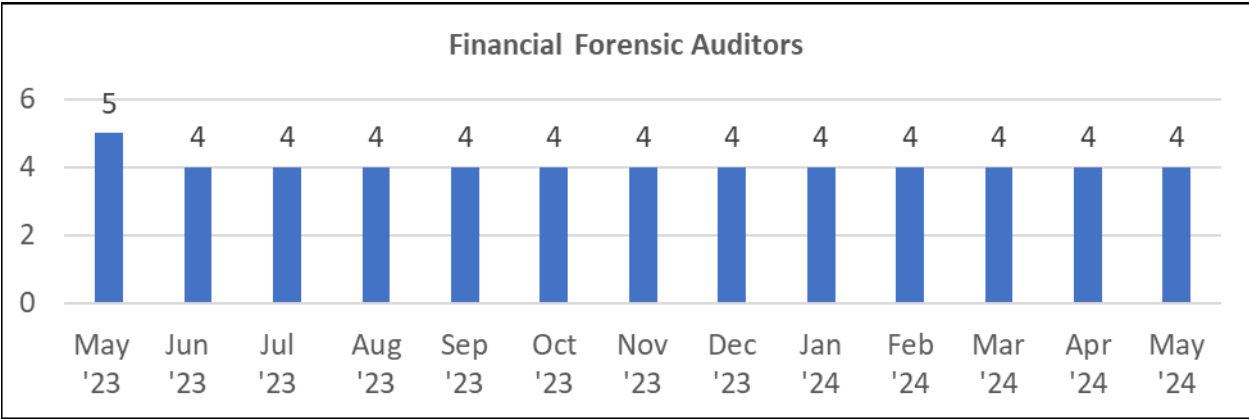
- Bobby Cunningham was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (RDEO), effective July 1, 2024.
- Jeremy Dockins was promoted to Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the West Georgia Gang Task Force, effective July 1, 2024.
- Kenneth (Kase) Gibbs was promoted to Supervisory Intelligence Analyst of the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) Watchdesk, effective July 1, 2024.
- Robert Jordan was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the West Georgia Gang Task Force, effective July 1, 2024.
- Clinton Karsten was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the Region 3 – Americus Field Office, effective July 1, 2024.
- Steve Rodgers was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office (RDEO), effective July 1, 2024.
- Jennifer Woodward was promoted to Supervisory Intelligence Analyst at the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC), effective July 1, 2024.

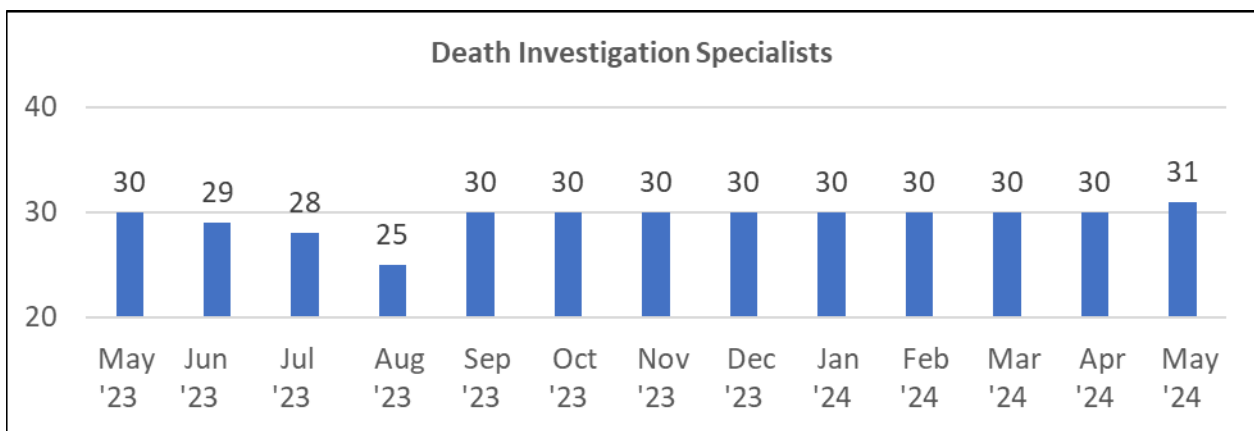
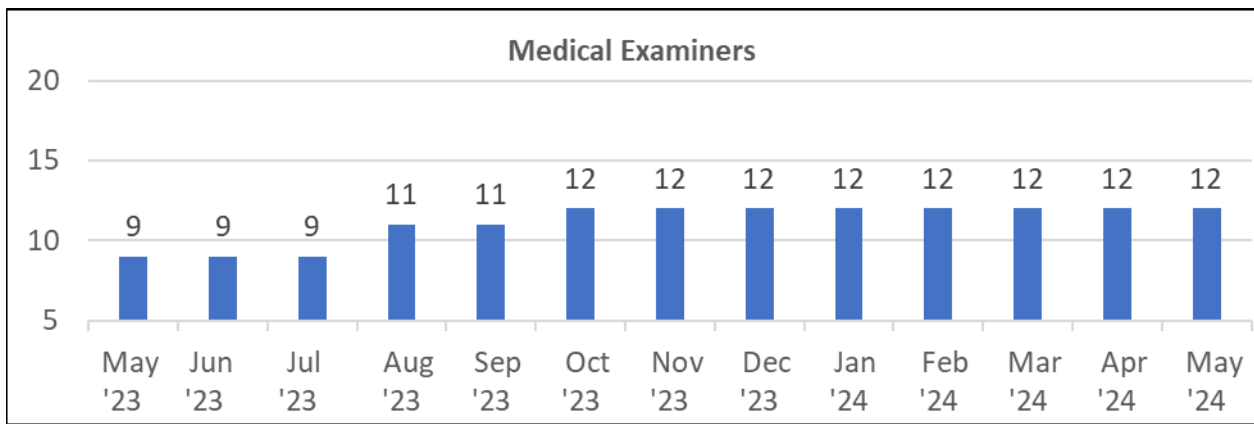


Staffing Report

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	
Scientist Positions	18	19	18	19	19	38	32	32	32	30	30	
Investigative Division	43	46	48	52	55	46	42	42	45	46	40	
Sworn Agent Positions	29	32	33	36	36	30	27	28	29	29	26	
GCIC	2	4	4	5	4	4	4	6	6	7	7	
Admin	9	8	6	5	5	5	5	6	7	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

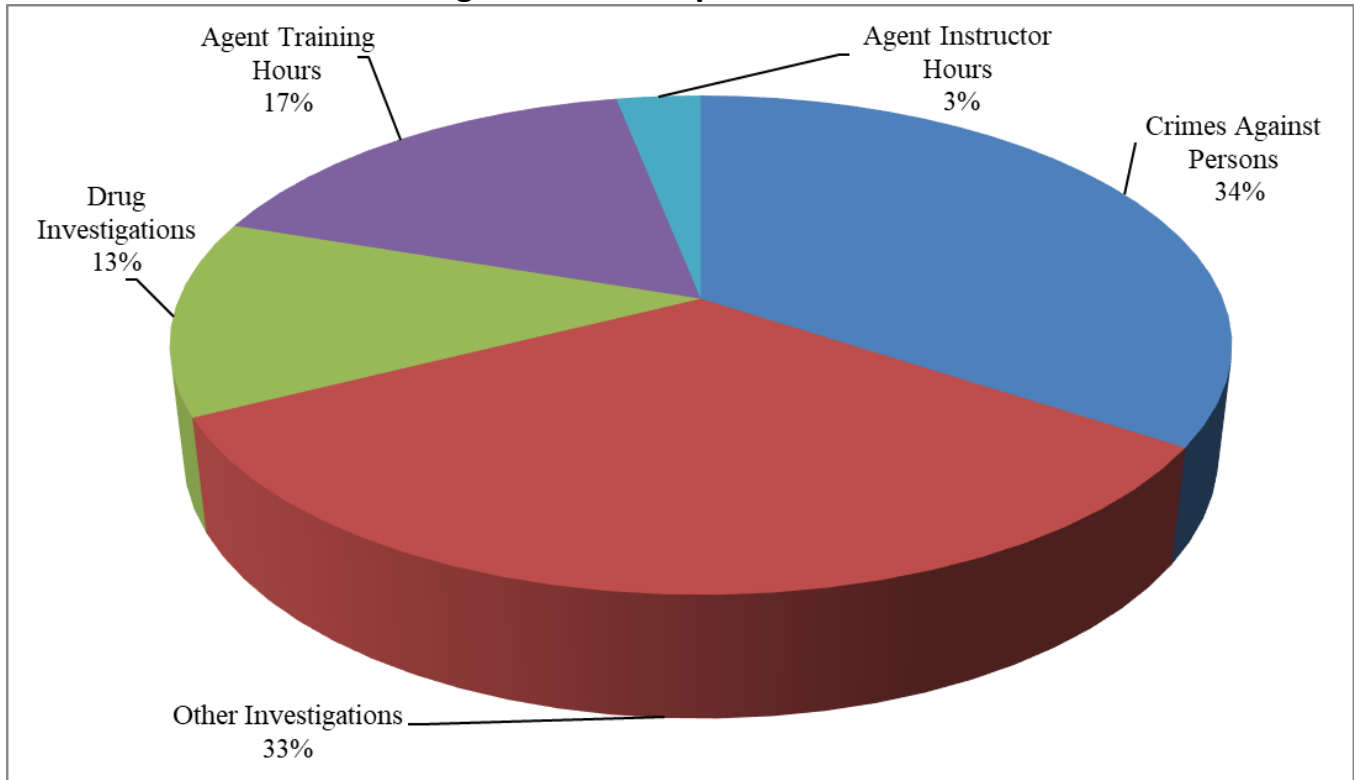


Investigative Division

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		933
**Drug Investigations	23	21	18	25	19	18	28	35	16	18	35		256
***Other Investigations	416	545	409	537	436	392	419	536	477	438	497		5,102
Total	517	644	543	637	518	473	526	662	590	554	627		6,291

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024



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

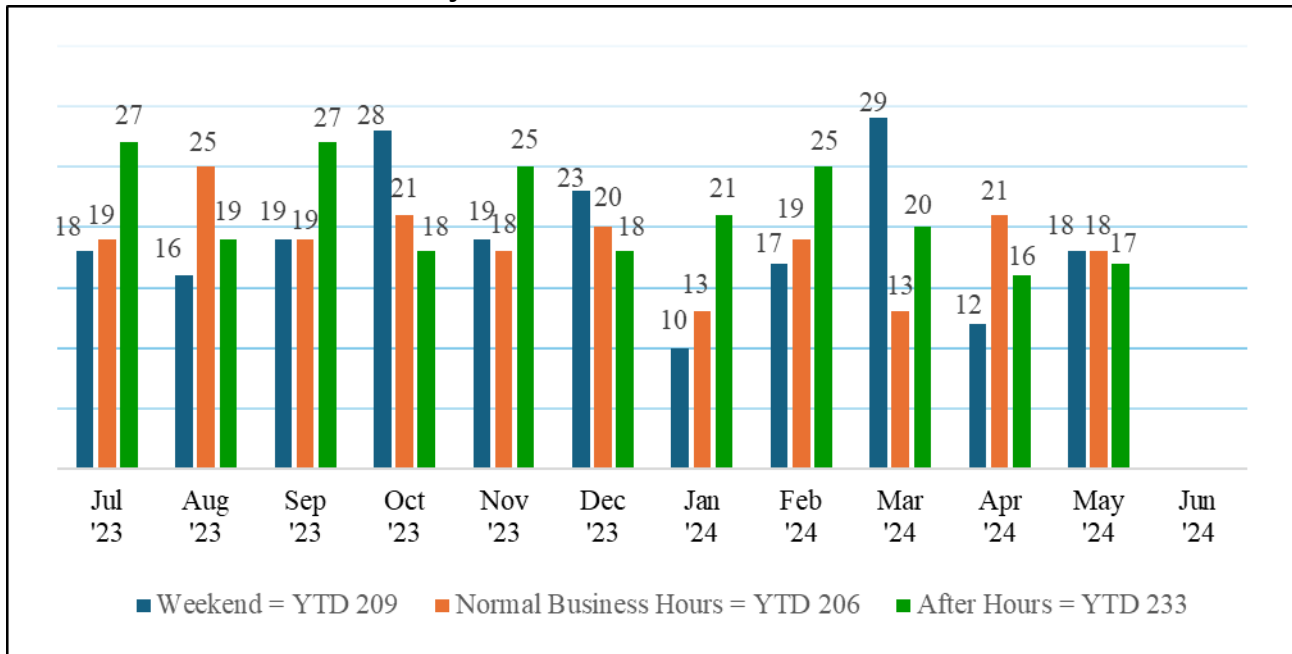
** **Drug Investigations** - felony investigations, trafficking, manufacturing, distribution, etc.

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

Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2024

	May 2024	YTD FY2024
Property Stolen	\$100.00	\$2,300,830.61
Property Recovered	\$30,100.00	\$772,544.60
Contraband Seized	\$6,780,596.47	\$737,728,854.81
Arrests	143	1,132
Cases Closed	490	6,133

Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2024



Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) Watch Desk Activity YTD FY2024

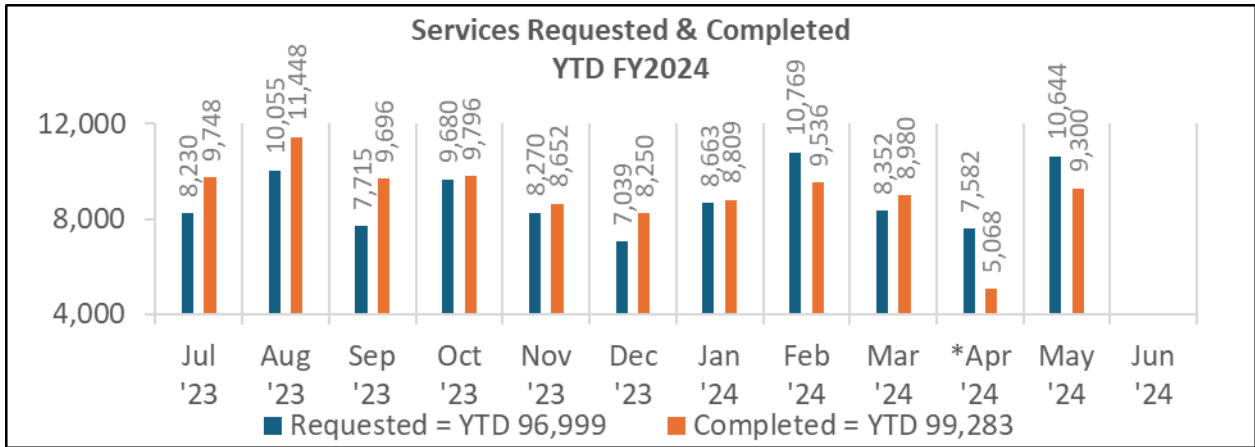
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	FY 2024
Threats to Life	48	47	42	25	31	27	51	43	36	22	33		405
See Send App Tips	308	306	298	271	277	431	405	709	1,660	1,099	1,887		7,651
Suspicious Activity	4	4	1	3	8	4	1	1	1	8	1		36
Requests for Info.	1,466	1,398	1,189	1,478	1,287	1,001	1,505	1,749	2,055	1,866	1,622		16,616

Investigative Division Notes:

- Two (2) Special Agent applicants have a tentative hire date of September 16, 2024.

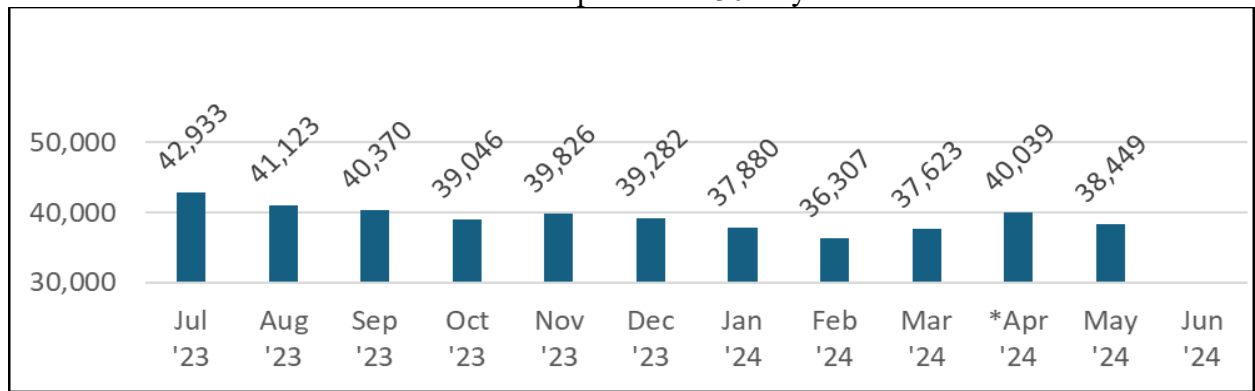


Crime Laboratory

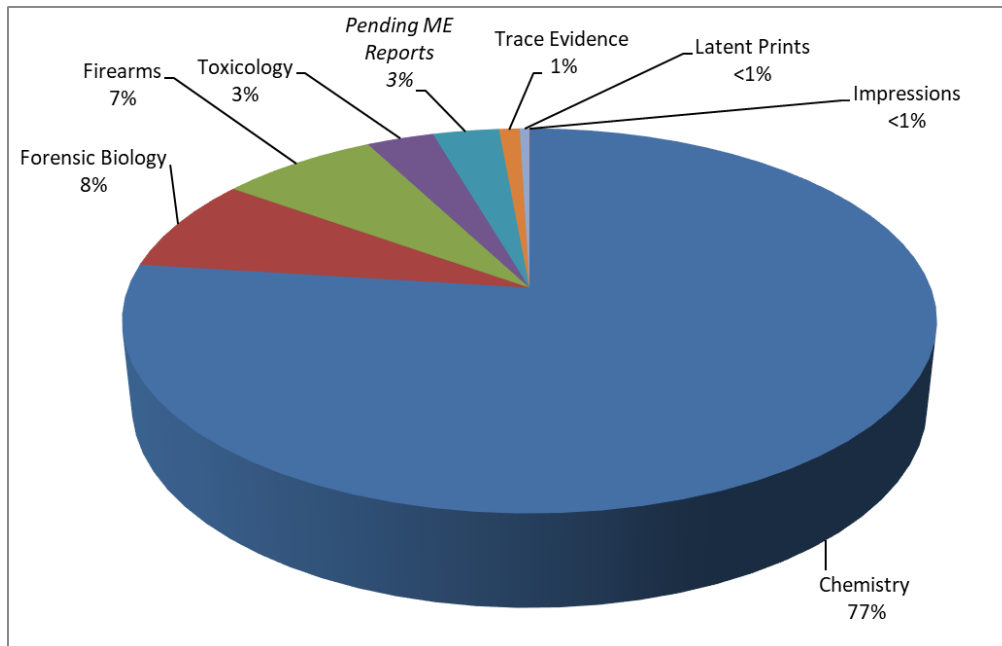


Backlog Report – YTD FY2024

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)

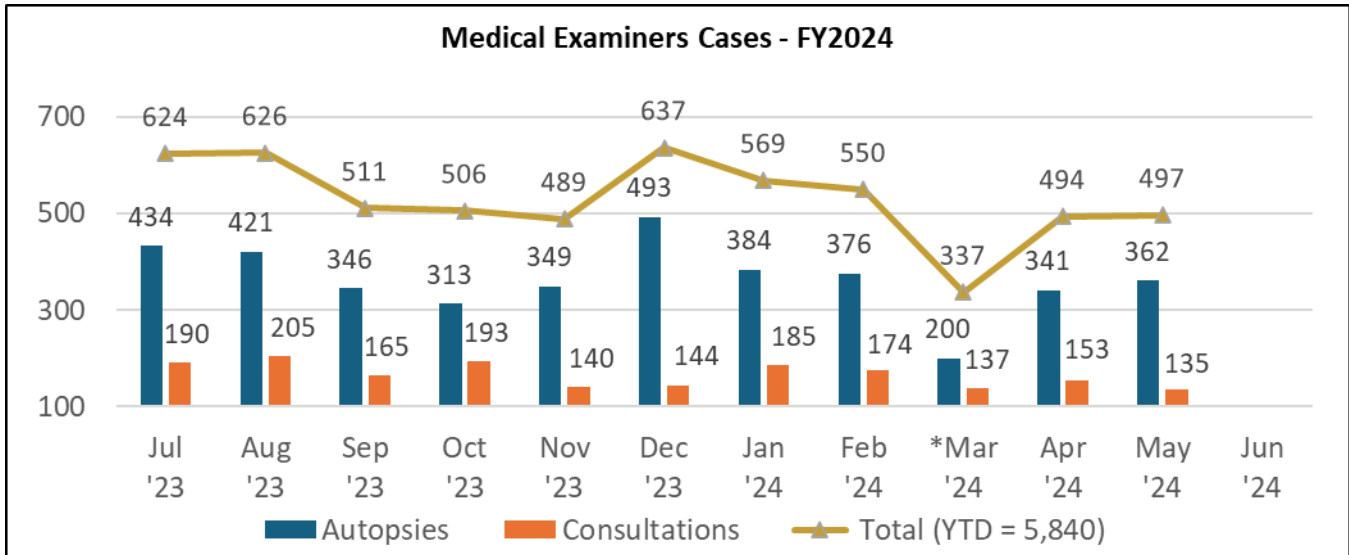
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	YTD FY2024
Samples Entered	1,030	2,766	1,221	2,839	1,386	1,047	1,889	2,712	2,281	1,157	3,047		21,375
Confirmed Hits	118	94	49	84	118	101	103	75	86	40	55		923

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 17 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.

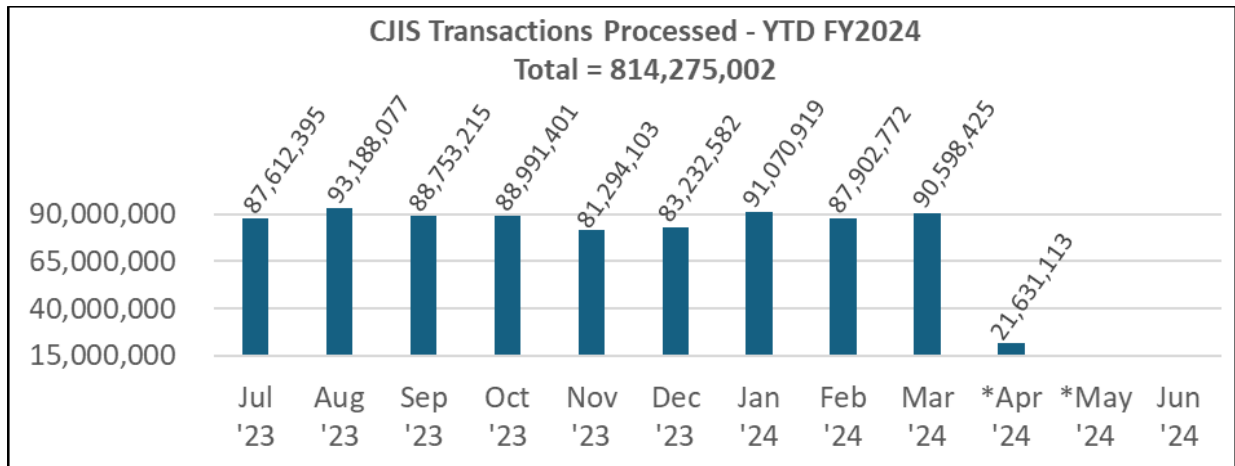
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24
Reports Pending	979	969	1,006	1,081	1,096	1,012	1,045	1,029	1,154	1,066	1,193	
Released w/in 90 Days	51.3%	63.3%	53.0%	65.3%	49.1%	58.1%	52.8%	83.5%	78.3%	77.2%	50.7%	

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. Stephanie Zheng, Dr. Elizabeth McLeod, and Dr. Michael Reno began the 2025-2026 MEO Fellowship Program on July 1, 2024.



Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)



* CJIS Transactions from 4/1/2024 to 4/18/2024 at midnight is 21,631,113. Transaction data from 4/19/2024 to 5/31/2024 is not currently available due to the migration to Georgia Law Enforcement Message Switch (GLEMS).

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	
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	
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	
Latent Print AFIS HITS	43	24	12	15	32	17	32	30	21	15	19	
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	
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	
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	667	692	690	727	694	687	694	957	1,066	888	1,227	
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	
GCIC	795	582	376	234	274	223	274	272	253	417	540	
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	
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	47%	57%	51%	49%	52%	48%	52%	50%	51%	50%	50%	
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	50%	53%	53%	53%	53%	50%	53%	52%	52%	54%	52%	
**Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	13%	15%	15%	15%	14%	12%	14%	14%	14%	15%	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	
Sex Offender Registry <i>(Database Total 38,584)</i>												
Records Added	135	148	114	123	103	97	96	97	121	124	115	
Protection Order Registry <i>(Database Total 179,950)</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	
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	
In Compliance	20	9	7	18	8	1	2	8	8	34	4	
Out of Compliance	30	18	29	29	15	29	18	22	29	5	30	
Trained	1	6	6	3	5	3	3	1	4	1	7	
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	
In Compliance	28	26	22	36	36	23	39	24	32	31	29	
Out of Compliance	14	17	11	12	27	18	17	15	7	11	13	
Trained	7	6	6	7	5	2	7	9	4	4	17	
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	
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	
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	

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 GCIC Training Symposium will be held in Jekyll Island, GA, August 6-7, 2024. Registration is open through July 19, 2024. Please visit the GCIC website at [Georgia Crime Information Center \(state.ga.us\)](http://Georgia Crime Information Center (state.ga.us)) 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		6,228

Facilities – Major Projects Status

- Central MEO Expansion programming scheduled for completion 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.