

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2024**



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Director's Highlights

- Office of Special Investigations (OSI) - Cold Case Unit (CCU) – On May 9, 2024, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), along with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department (ACCPD) announced the arrest of an Athens man in the murder investigation of Tara Louise Baker. After 23 years, GBI agents charged Edrick Lamont Faust, age 48, with murder, two counts of felony murder, one count of aggravated assault, concealing the death of another, arson, possession of a knife during the commission of a felony, tampering with evidence, and one count of aggravated sodomy in connection with Baker's death. In September 2023, the GBI Cold Case Unit partnered with ACCPD to conduct an in-depth review and analysis of the ongoing investigation into Baker's death. In Tara's case, it was biological evidence and DNA science combined with collaborative investigative work with law enforcement partners that resulted in this arrest.

On January 19, 2001, around 11:20 a.m., Athens-Clarke County firefighters found Tara Louise Baker's body while responding to a fire at her Athens apartment. The investigation determined that the fire was intentionally set, and investigators spent over two decades seeking answers in the case. At the time, Tara was 23 years old and a first-year law school student at the University of Georgia.

The following agencies and work units assisted the GBI Cold Case Unit and ACCPD: FBI Gainesville RA, FBI Athens RA, FBI Athens Safe Streets Task Force, GBI Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO), GBI Division of Forensic Sciences, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Corrections, and the Georgia Department of Community Supervision. Faust was booked into the Athens-Clarke County Jail. This case is active and ongoing.

- Metro Gang Task Force (MGTF) – On May 10, 2024, GBI's MGTF, Atlanta Police Department, ATF, and FBI conducted the second of several planned anti-crime initiatives as part of "Operation Spring Clean". The initiatives target violent criminal street gang members in the Atlanta area. The second event resulted in twenty-four (24) arrests, six (6) firearms seized, and varying amounts/types of illegal drugs seized.
- Metro Gang Task Force (MGTF) – On May 16, 2024, a multi-agency gang investigation in Habersham County, GA, led to the arrests of seven (7) criminal street gang (CSG) members and associates on multiple charges, including Violations of the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act, Georgia Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, Simple Assault, Terroristic Threats, and Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute.

In October 2023, GBI's MGTF initiated an investigation into a Habersham County, GA, cell of criminal street gang members/associates of the Gangster Disciples street gang. Agents linked gang members to multiple crimes involving violations of the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act, violations of the Georgia Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, and more. Agents in Georgia and North Carolina served search warrants and arrest warrants in the early morning hours of April 18, 2024.

GBI MGTF, GBI Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO), Habersham County Sheriff's Office, Stephens County Sheriff's Department, Toccoa Police Department, and FBI Safe Streets Task Force partnered in this investigation. This investigation is active and ongoing. Additional charges are expected. The local prosecution will be handled by the Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

The GBI MGTF is a multi-agency unit that consists of the GBI, the Atlanta Police Department, the Spalding County Sheriff's Office, the Georgia Department of Corrections, and the Georgia Department of Community Supervision.

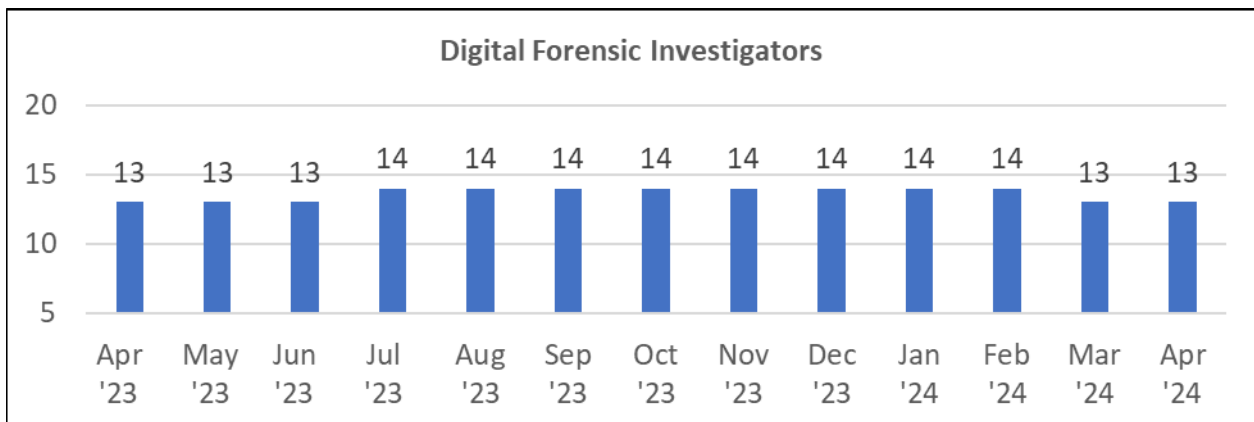
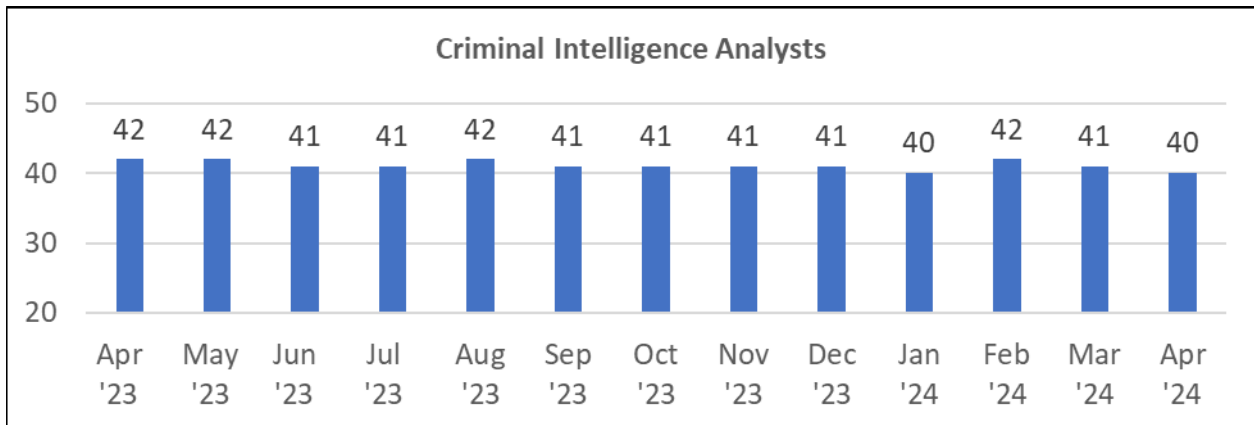
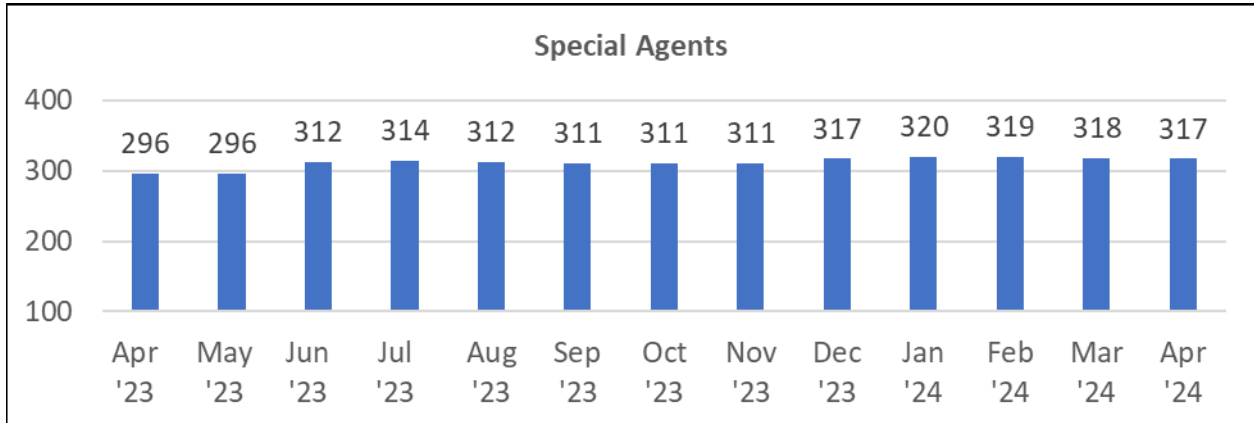
- Office of Special Investigations (OSI) - Cold Case Unit (CCU) – The Coleman-Baker Act (CBA) request webform has been on the GBI website Home page since June 30, 2023. Twenty-eight (28) cold cases are being reviewed at this time. Eleven (11) were requests from designated family members and seventeen (17) 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 May 31, 2024, the GBI has investigated a total of twenty-six (26) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS).

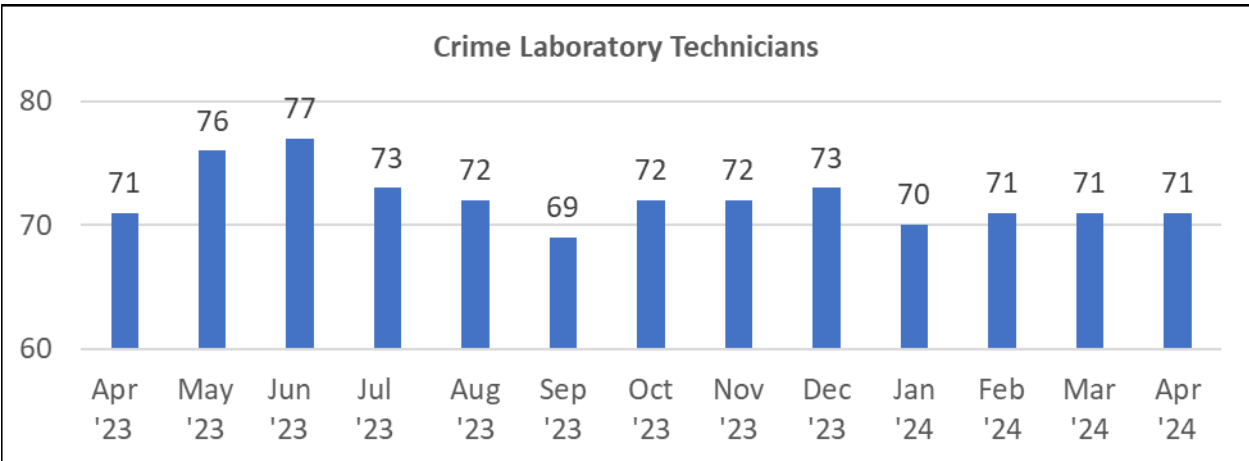
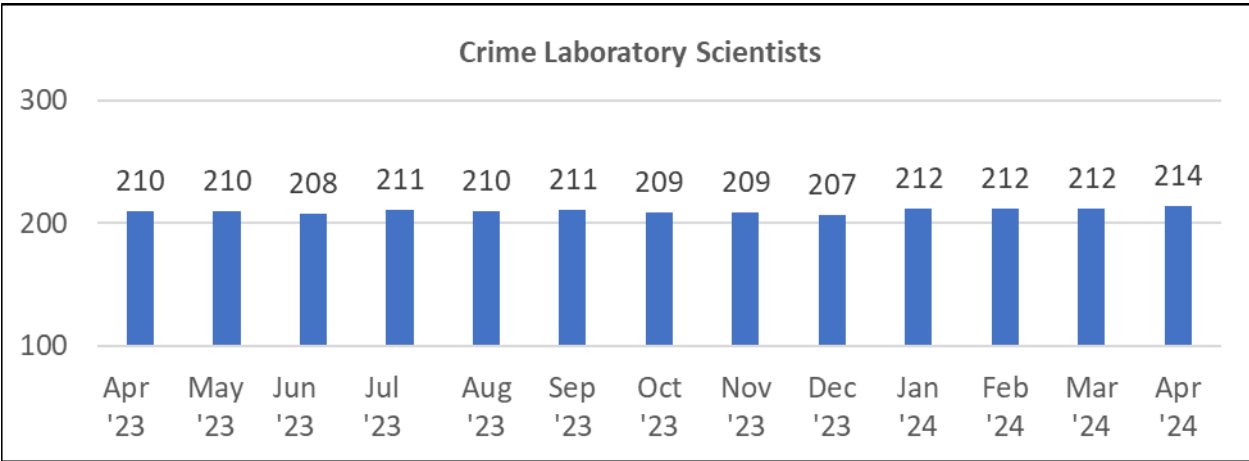
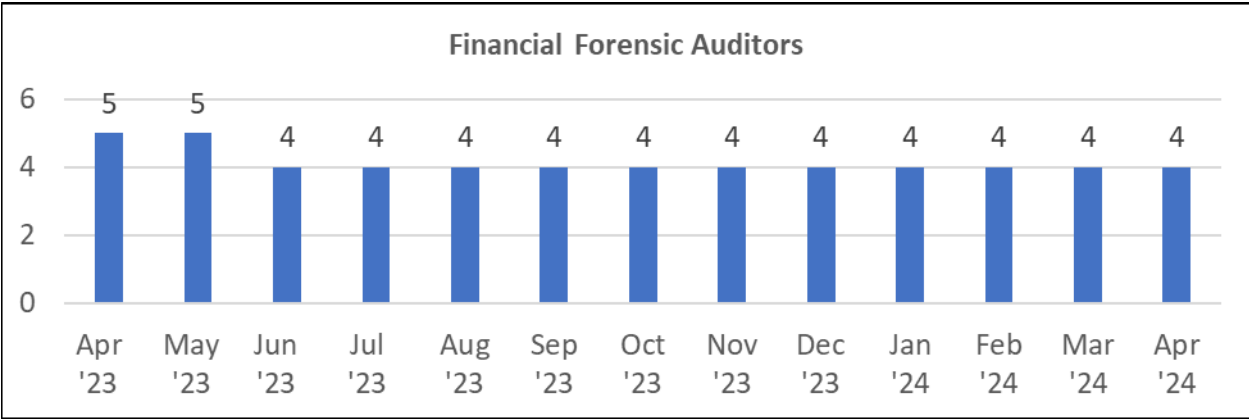
OIS number twenty-six (26) was on May 17, 2024. GBI's Region 10 – Atlanta Regional Field Office was requested by the Cobb County Police Department (CCPD). A CCPD officer saw a stolen box-style truck near Mableton Parkway and Veterans Memorial Highway. The officer requested additional units as they followed the stolen truck. Officers followed the truck into the parking lot of a gas station at the intersection of Old Floyd Road and Fontaine Road where they attempted to block the truck in. A passenger in the truck immediately got out and complied with officers' instructions. The driver of the truck, Clifford Jacoby Beck, age 40, of Griffin, GA, attempted to drive out of the parking lot and drove into officers' vehicles. Officers fired into the truck, hitting Beck. The tires of the truck continued to spin, and the truck and one patrol car caught on fire. Officers removed Beck from the truck, and EMS personnel & firefighters provided medical aid as firefighters extinguished the fire. Beck was taken to a local hospital where he died. The Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy. No officers were injured. The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Cobb County District Attorney's Office for review.

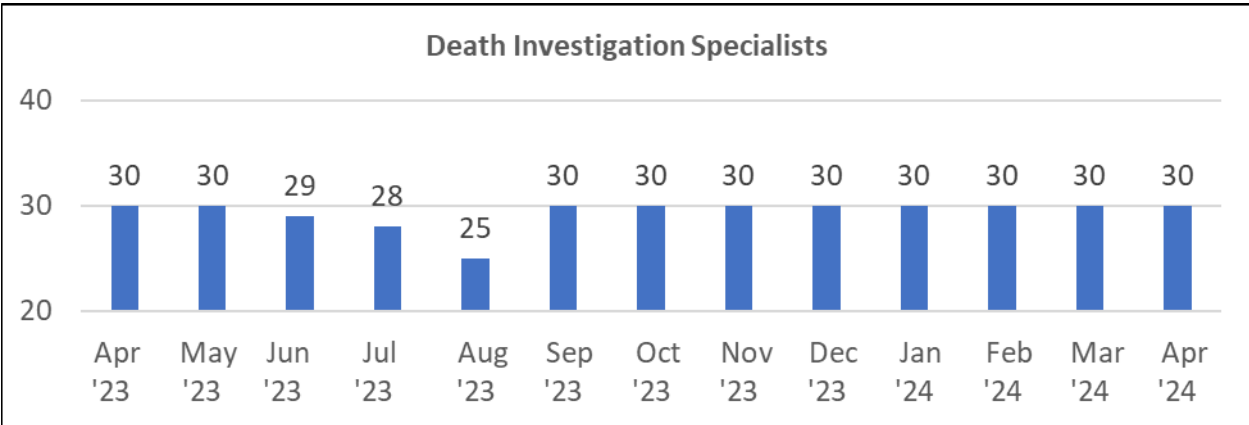
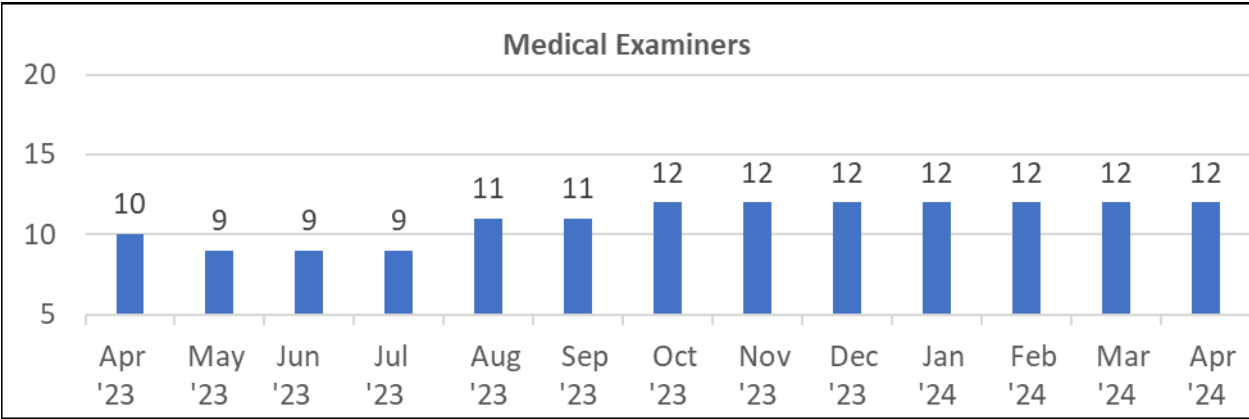


Staffing Report

Filled Positions







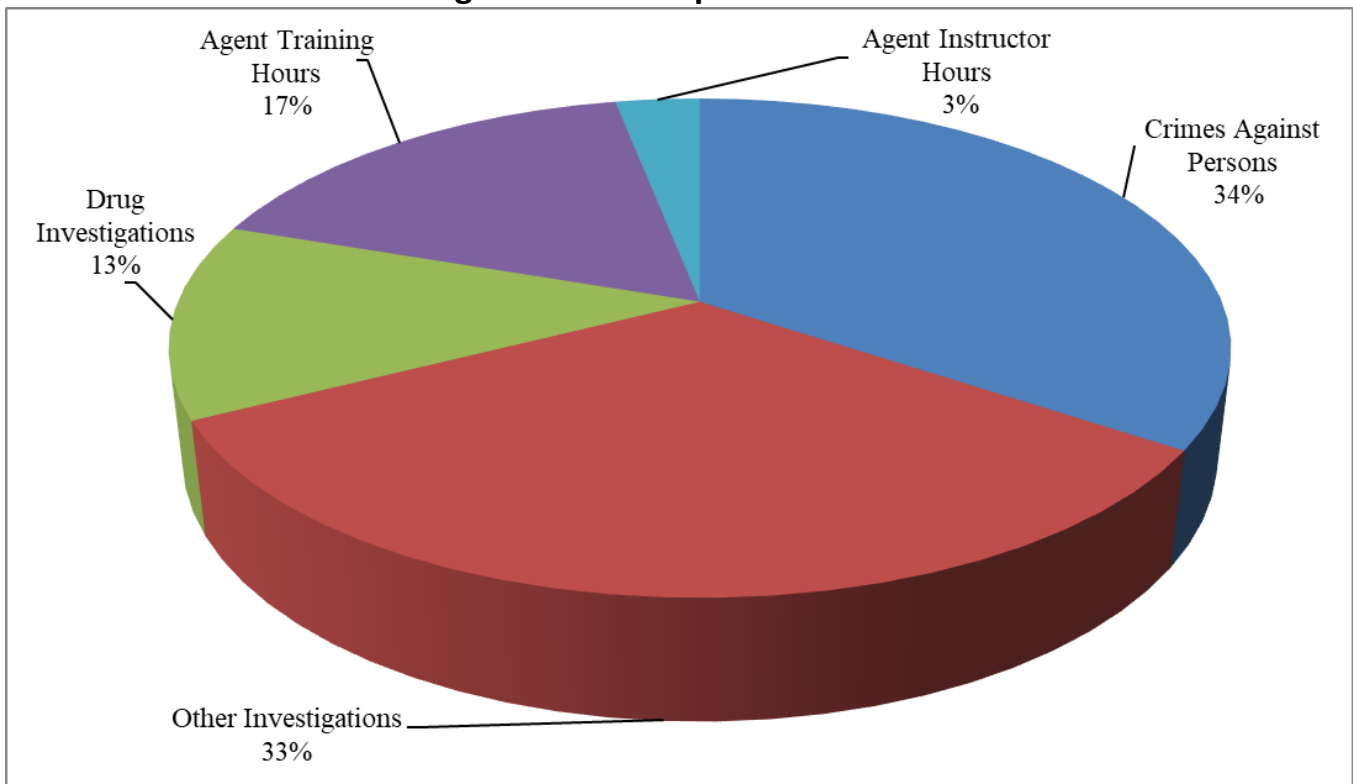


Investigative Division

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			838
**Drug Investigations	23	21	18	25	19	18	28	35	16	18			221
***Other Investigations	416	545	409	537	436	392	419	536	477	438			4,605
Total	517	644	543	637	518	473	526	662	590	554			5,664

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024



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

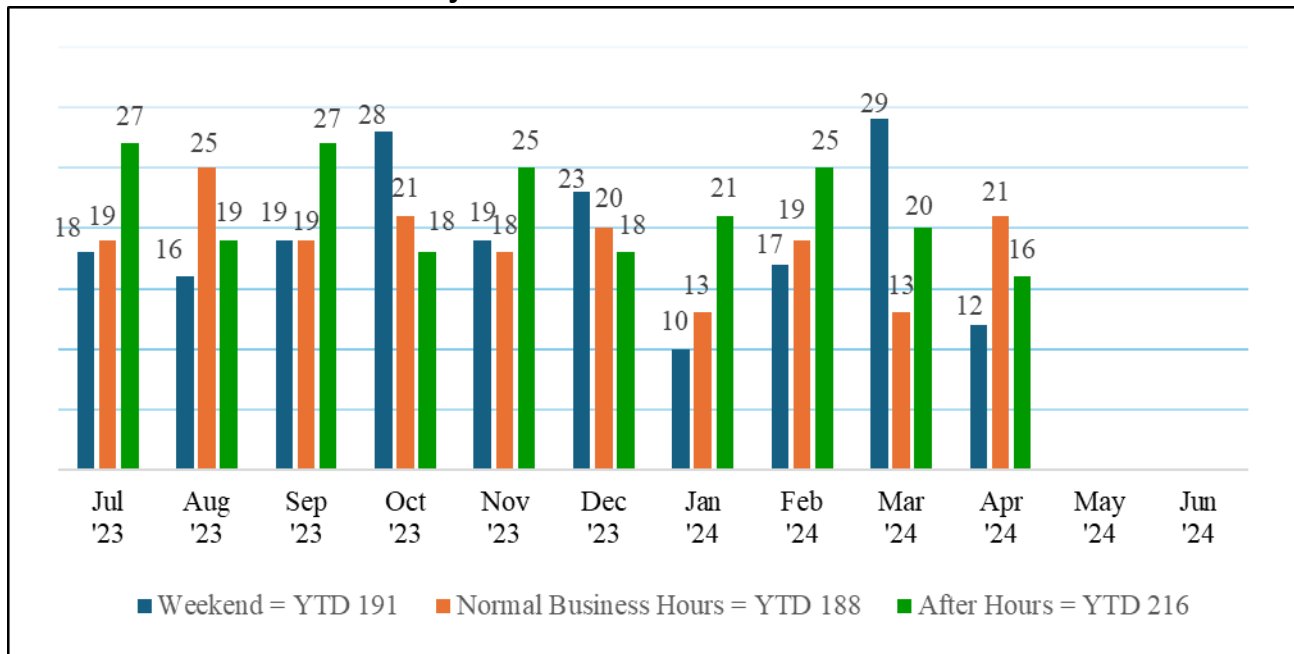
** **Drug Investigations** - felony investigations, trafficking, manufacturing, distribution, etc.

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

Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2024

	April 2024	YTD FY2024
Property Stolen	0	\$2,300,730.61
Property Recovered	\$118,025.06	\$742,444.60
Contraband Seized	\$4,544,935.50	\$729,941,399.35
Arrests	105	958
Cases Closed	541	5,615

Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2024



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

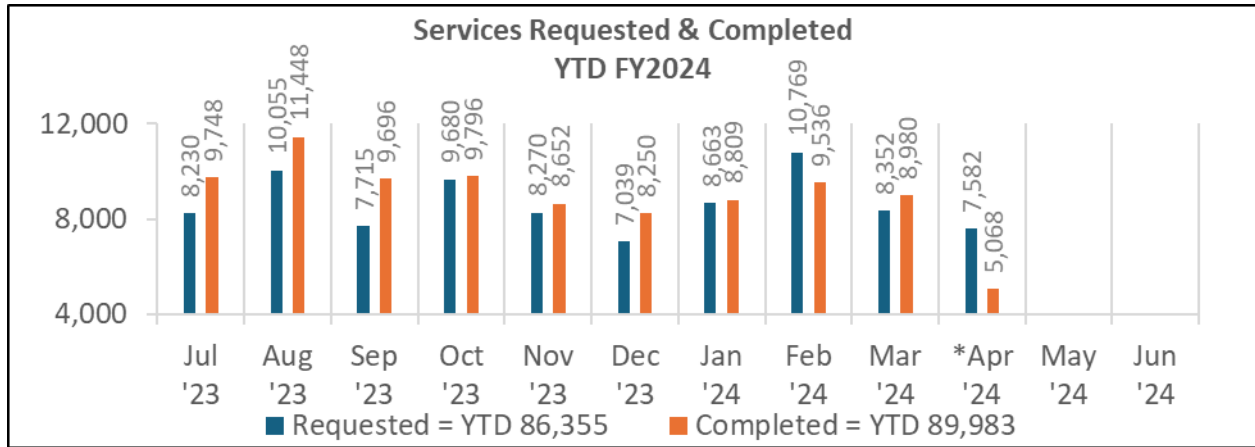
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	FY 2024
Threats to Life	48	47	42	25	31	27	51	43	36	22			372
See Send App Tips	308	306	298	271	277	431	405	709	1,660	1,099			5,764
Suspicious Activity	4	4	1	3	8	4	1	1	1	8			35
Requests for Info.	1,466	1,398	1,189	1,478	1,287	1,001	1,505	1,749	2,055	1,866			14,994

Investigative Division Notes:

- Fourteen (14) Special Agent applicants have accepted final offers and have a hire date of June 17, 2024. Two (2) additional Special Agent applicants have a tentative hire date of September 16, 2024, due to military leave/obligations.

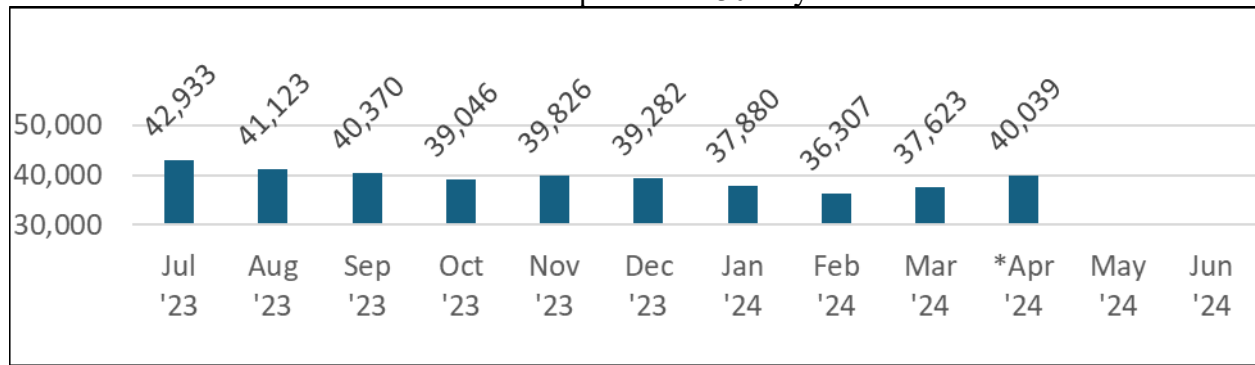


Crime Laboratory

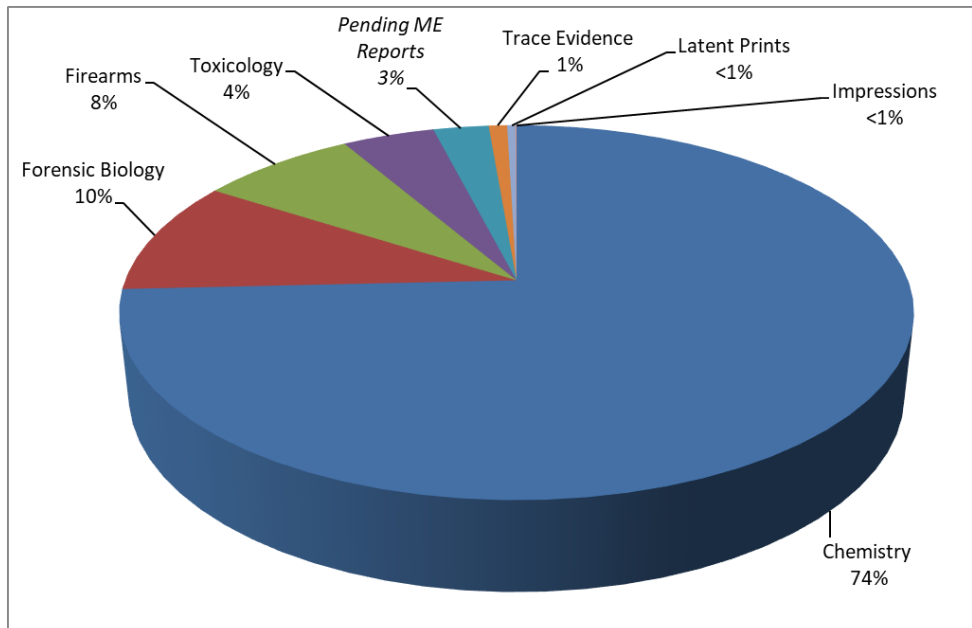


Backlog Report – YTD FY2024

Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old



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Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

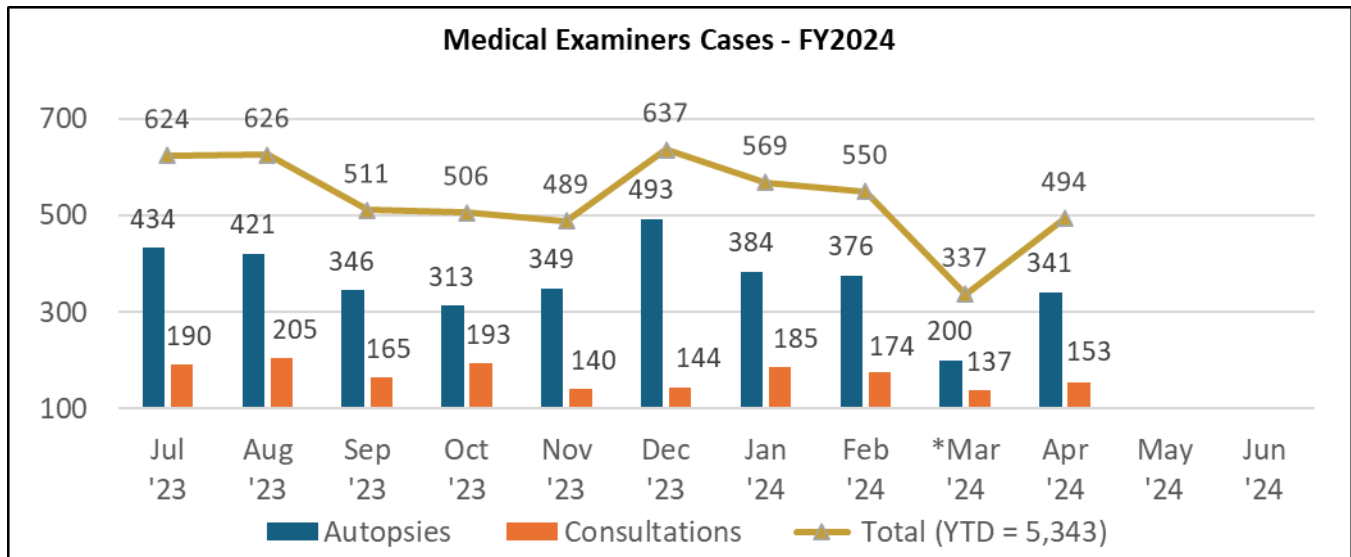
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	YTD FY2024
Samples Entered	1,030	2,766	1,221	2,839	1,386	1,047	1,889	2,712	2,281	1,157			18,328
Confirmed Hits	118	94	49	84	118	101	103	75	86	40			868

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 18 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.
- The 2024 GBI Division of Forensic Sciences Virtual Symposium will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 9:00am to 3:30pm.



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.

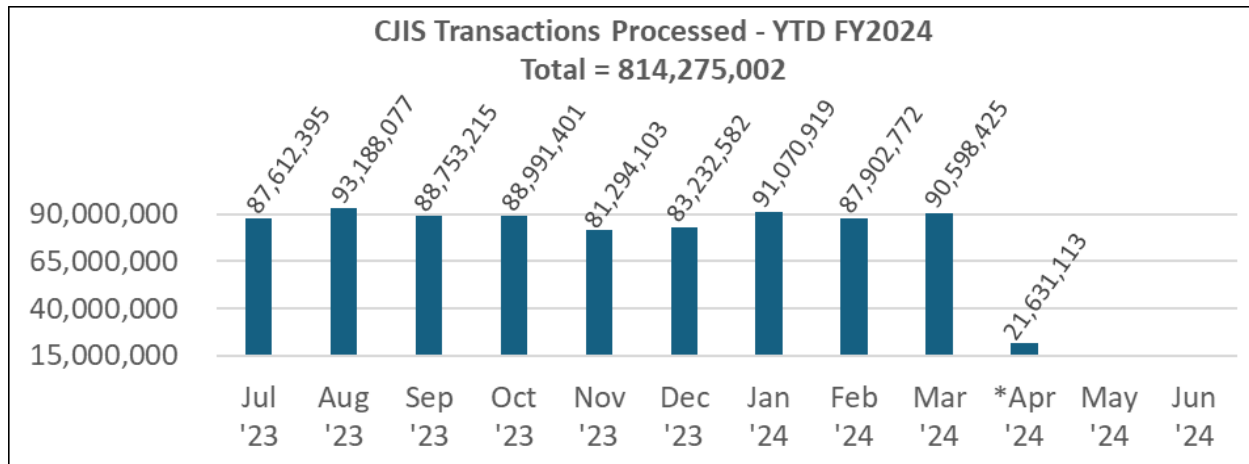
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24
Reports Pending	979	969	1,006	1,081	1,096	1,012	1,045	1,029	1,154	1,066		
Released w/in 90 Days	51.3%	63.3%	53.0%	65.3%	49.1%	58.1%	52.8%	83.5%	78.3%	77.2%		

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. Robin Moiseff, assigned to the GBI Coastal Medical Examiner's Office in Pooler, GA, began employment with GBI on June 1, 2024.
- Dr. Kari Broder and Dr. Taylor Sliker will graduate from the GBI Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program on June 20, 2024.
- GBI's MEO Fellowship Program received Continued Accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) with no new citations.



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 4/30/2024 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		
Submissions w/Palms	17,431	17,443	16,518	16,042	14,726	15,594	14,726	15,905	16,794	15,774		
Submissions w/Photos	13,095	13,384	12,292	12,106	10,920	11,694	10,920	11,649	12,254	11,233		
Latent Print AFIS HITS	43	24	12	15	32	17	32	30	21	15		
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		
Submissions through Rap Back	4,797	6,372	5,742	5,798	4,807	4,537	4,807	4,739	5,660	6,011		
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	667	692	690	727	694	687	694	957	1,066	888		
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		
GCIC	795	582	376	234	274	223	274	272	253	417		
Rapid ID Transactions												
Transactions	1,188	1,425	1,443	1,475	1,321	1,531	1,321	1,672	1,816	1,707		
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	47%	57%	51%	49%	52%	48%	52%	50%	51%	50%		
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	50%	53%	53%	53%	53%	50%	53%	52%	52%	54%		
**Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	13%	15%	15%	15%	14%	12%	14%	14%	14%	15%		

** 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		
Sex Offender Registry <i>(Database Total 38,494)</i>												
Records Added	135	148	114	123	103	97	96	97	121	124		
Protection Order Registry <i>(Database Total 177,451)</i>												
Records Added	2,675	3,145	2,726	2,786	2,473	2,138	2,510	2,138	2,626	2,741		
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		
In Compliance	20	9	7	18	8	1	2	8	8	34		
Out of Compliance	30	18	29	29	15	29	18	22	29	5		
Trained	1	6	6	3	5	3	3	1	4	1		
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		
In Compliance	28	26	22	36	36	23	39	24	32	31		
Out of Compliance	14	17	11	12	27	18	17	15	7	11		
Trained	7	6	6	7	5	2	7	9	4	4		
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		
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		
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		

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 will open soon. 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			5,672

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.