

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2024**



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Director's Highlights

- Region 11 – Athens Field Office was requested on February 22, 2024, by the University of Georgia Police Department to assist in a death investigation involving Laken Riley, a 22-year-old female nursing student found deceased on a walking/running trail on UGA's intermural fields. Personnel from GBI's Region 6 - Milledgeville, Region 7 - Thomson, Region 8 - Cleveland, Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (RDEO), Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit (CEACC), Georgia Cyber Crime Center (G3C), Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC), Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEAT), Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and Forensic Artist assisted Region 11 with the investigation with DVR video enhancements, neighborhood canvas, interviews, searches, and other investigative acts. On February 23, 2024, Jose Antonio Ibarra, 26, was arrested and charged with malice and felony murder, aggravated battery, kidnapping, concealing the death of another and several other charges in connection to the death of Laken Riley. GBI's Division of Forensic Sciences Crime Laboratory is processing several pieces of evidence for the investigation. This investigation is still active and ongoing.
- Middle Georgia Gang Task Force – On Friday, February 16, 2024, the GBI, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, Milledgeville Police Department, Georgia College Campus Police Department, and the Georgia Department of Corrections conducted a joint drug investigation in reference to a fraternity house on West Montgomery Street in Milledgeville, GA. Agents had received information that suspected drugs were shipped to the house. After conducting surveillance and other investigative acts, agents executed a search warrant at the house. During the search, agents located a large amount of suspected marijuana, THC Vape cartridges, THC gummies, THC wax, and suspected mushrooms (Psilocybin). Agents also located a small amount of suspected powder cocaine. Drew Charles Courtenay, age 19, of Milledgeville, GA, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and possession of a Schedule I controlled substance with the intent to distribute. Joseph Michael Lombardi, age 20, of Milledgeville, GA, was arrested and charged with possession of a Schedule I controlled substance. Noah Boyd Petrick, age 21, of Milledgeville, GA, was also arrested and charged with possession of cocaine. All charges are felony offenses. Courtenay, Lombardi, and Petrick were booked into the Baldwin County Jail. The investigation is still active and ongoing. Further arrests are pending. At the conclusion of the investigation, the case will be given to the Ocmulgee District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- 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-four (24) cold cases are being reviewed at this time. Seven (7) were requests from designated family members and seventeen (17) were GBI initiated. CCU has also opened seven (7) GBI cold case unidentified remains (UID) cases in hopes of identifying the victims with FIGG (Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy).

- From January 1 to February 29, 2024, the GBI investigated a total of ten (10) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number ten (10) was on February 23, 2024. GBI's Region 1 - Calhoun Field Office was requested by the Rome Police Department. The Rome Police Department received a call in reference to an armed robbery in progress at a convenience store. Surveillance footage shows that Kelvin Gerard Jackson, age 34, of Augusta, GA, entered the store and forced the clerk to place money in a bag at gunpoint. A Rome Police Department officer entered the store and, shortly after, Jackson ran out of the main entrance. The responding officer ran after Jackson. During the encounter, Jackson was shot by the officer. A gun was found next to Jackson. Jackson died in the incident. No officers were injured. The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Floyd County District Attorney's Office for review.
- Team GBI participated in the 2024 Polar Plunge at Acworth Beach benefitting Special Olympics Georgia. Team GBI members raised \$16,785, placing third highest team fundraiser for the 2024 plunge at Acworth Beach. Proceeds raised go to help provide free year-round sports training and competition for Special Olympics Georgia's 17,731 athletes.

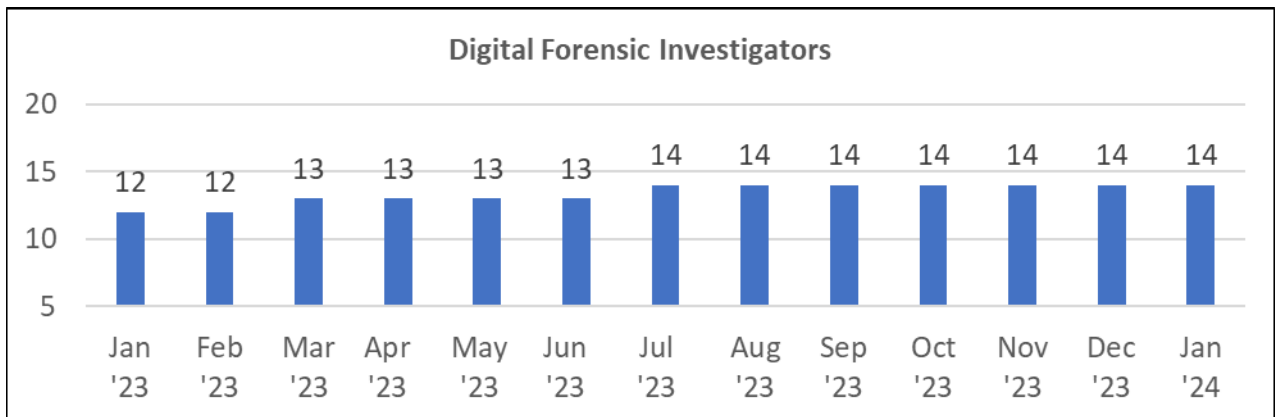
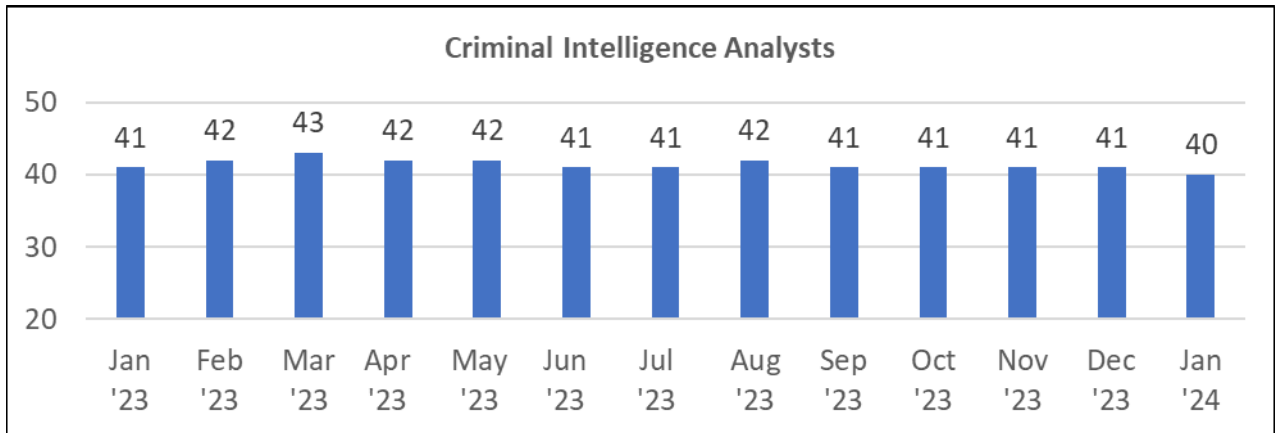
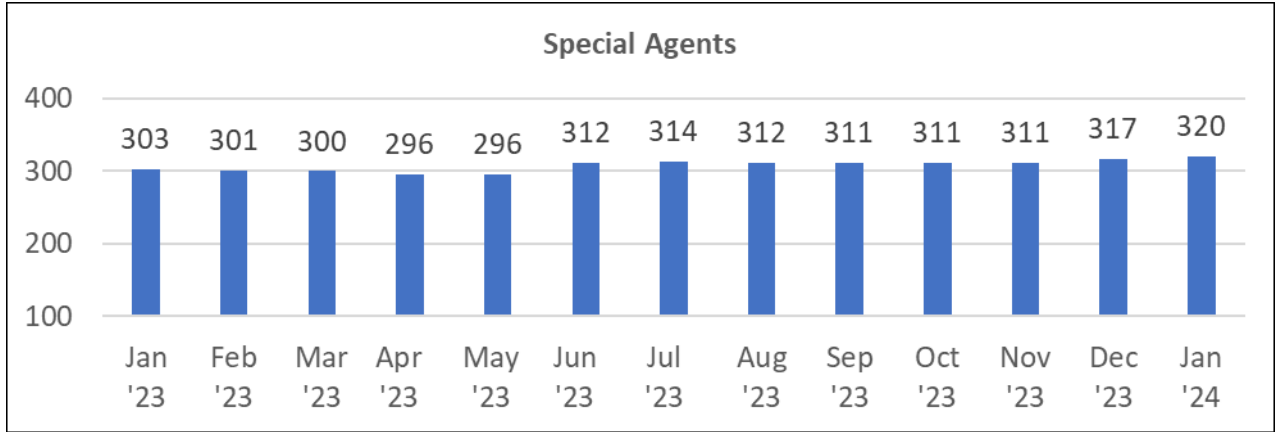
Promotions Effective March 2024

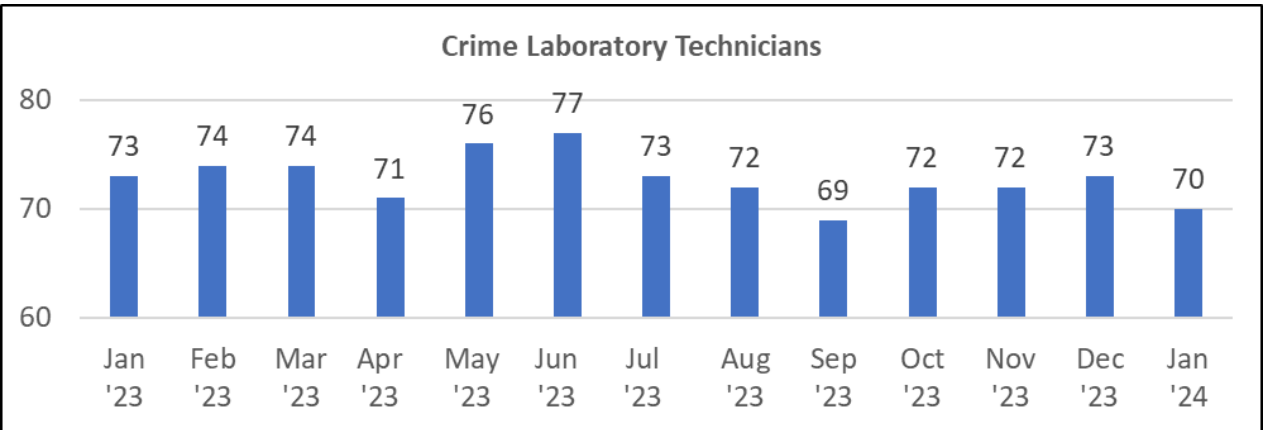
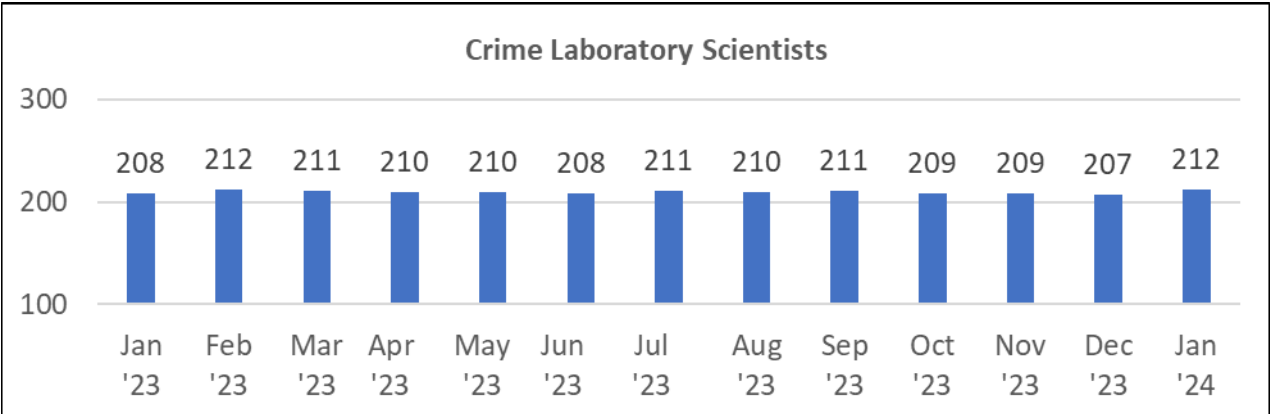
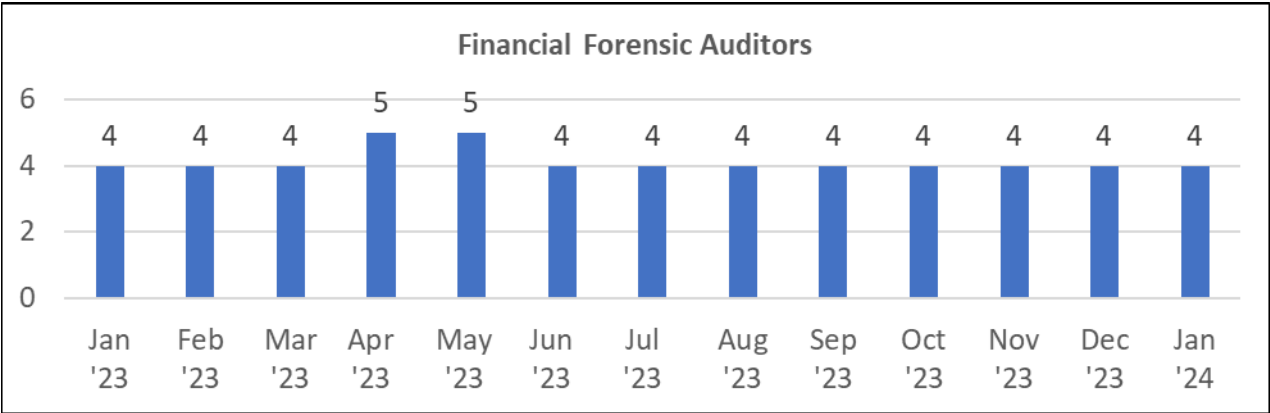
- Kristen Fripp was promoted to Division of Forensic Sciences Coastal Regional Crime Lab Manager, effective March 1, 2024.
- Deno Deveaux was promoted to Division of Forensic Sciences Coastal Regional Crime Lab Assistant Manager, effective March 1, 2024.
- Ben Stephenson was promoted to Division of Forensic Sciences HQ Crime Lab Toxicology Assistant Manager, effective March 1, 2024.
- Tanja Kopp was promoted to Division of Forensic Sciences Coastal Regional Crime Lab Assistant Manager, effective March 16, 2024.

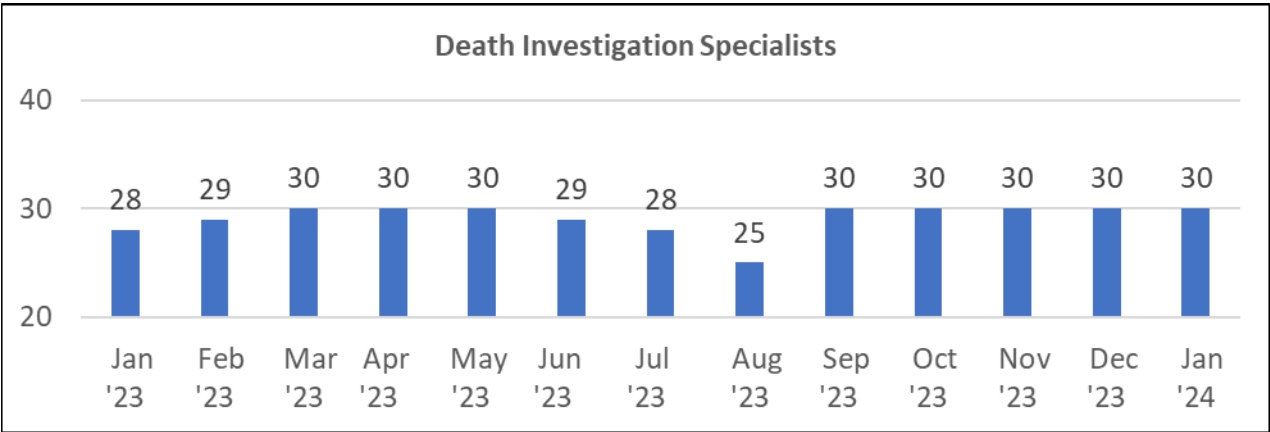
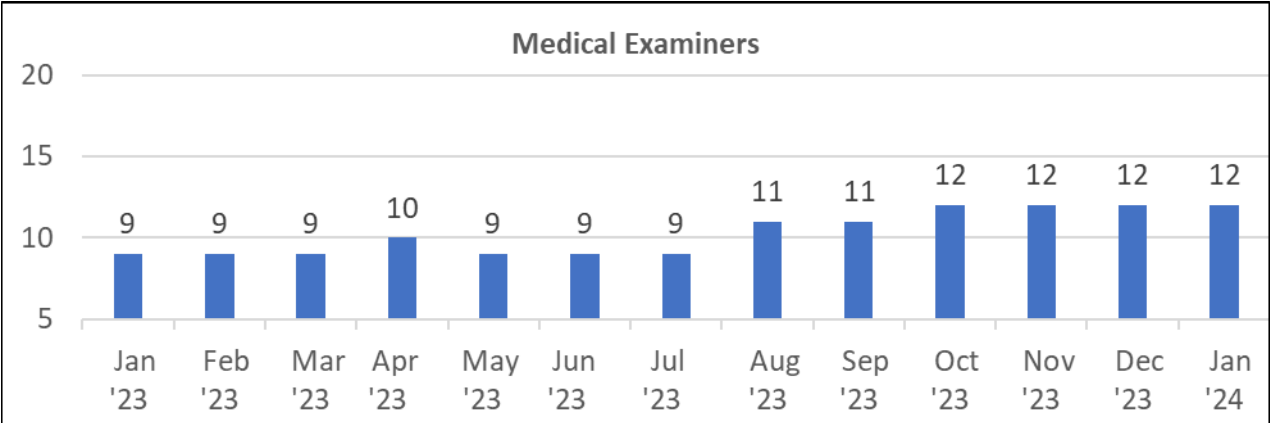


Staffing Report

Filled Positions







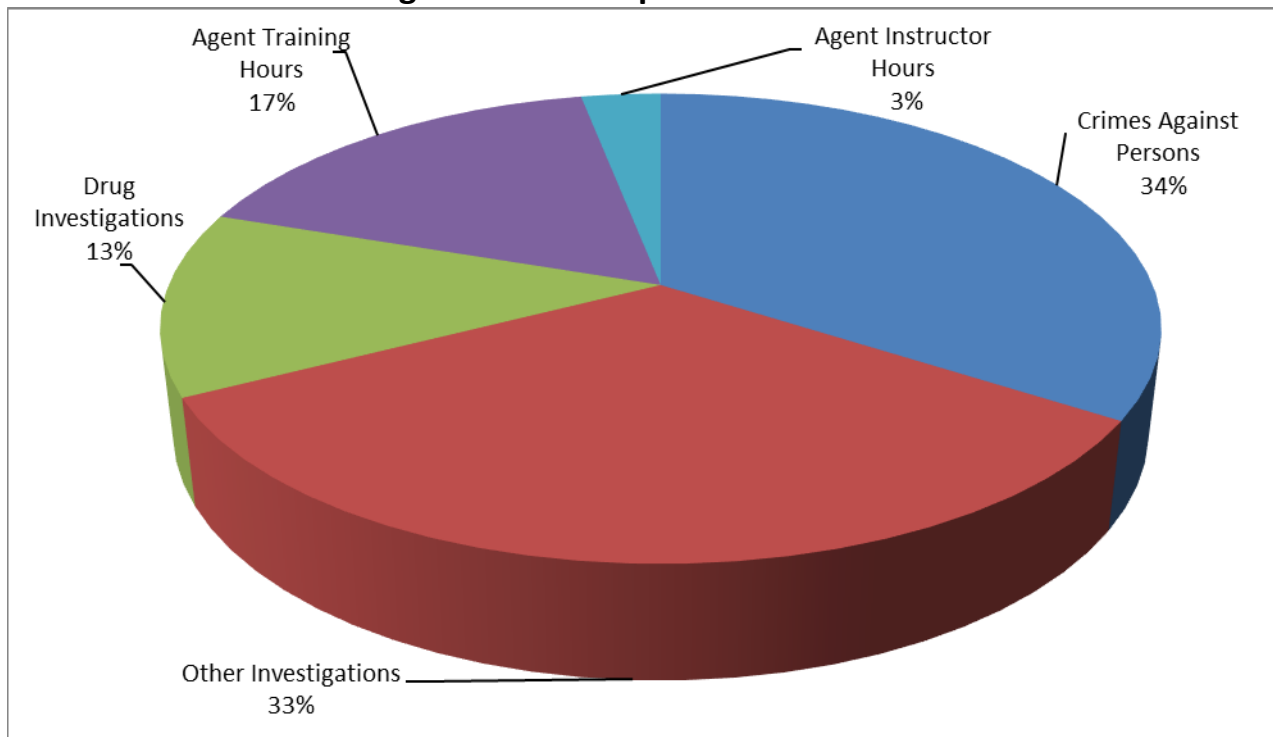


Investigative Division

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						552
**Drug Investigations	23	21	18	25	19	18	28						152
***Other Investigations	416	545	409	537	436	392	419						3,154
Total	517	644	543	637	518	473	526						3,858

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024



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

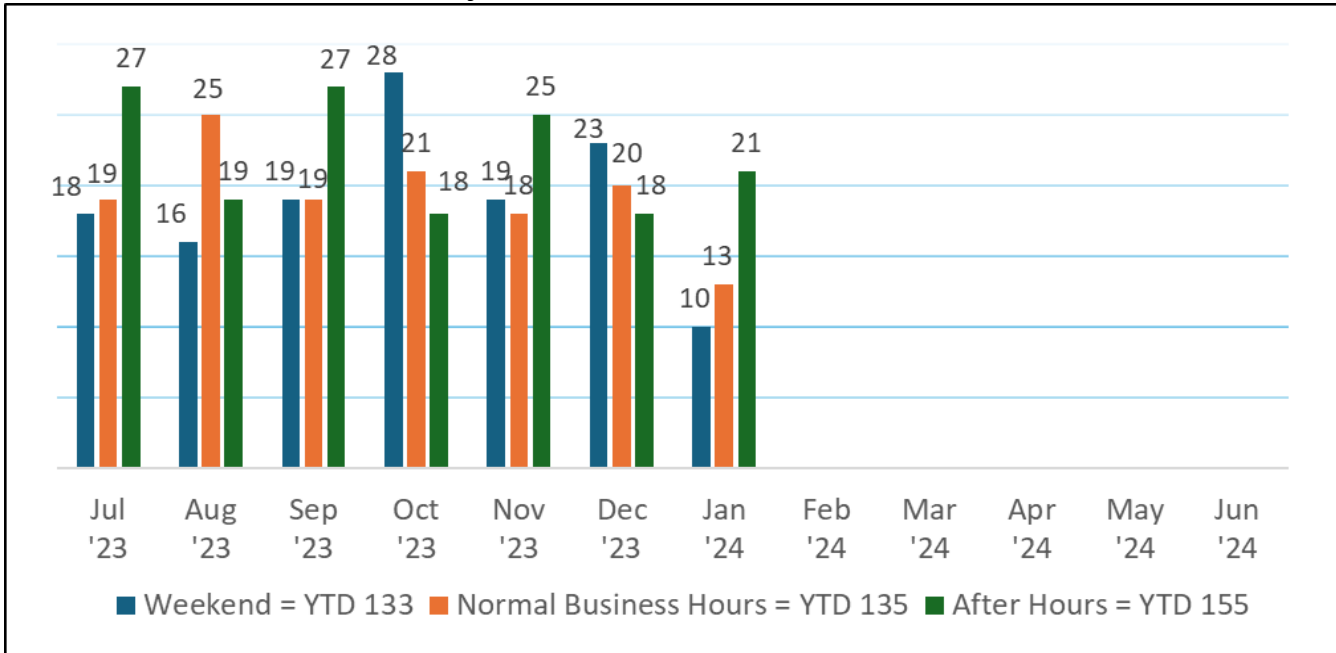
** **Drug Investigations** - felony investigations, trafficking, manufacturing, distribution, etc.

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

Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2024

	January 2024	YTD FY2024
Property Stolen	0	\$864,797.61
Property Recovered	\$58,000.00	\$624,419.54
Contraband Seized	\$4,400,739.29	\$683,902,770.35
Arrests	97	628
Cases Closed	457	3,828

Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2024



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

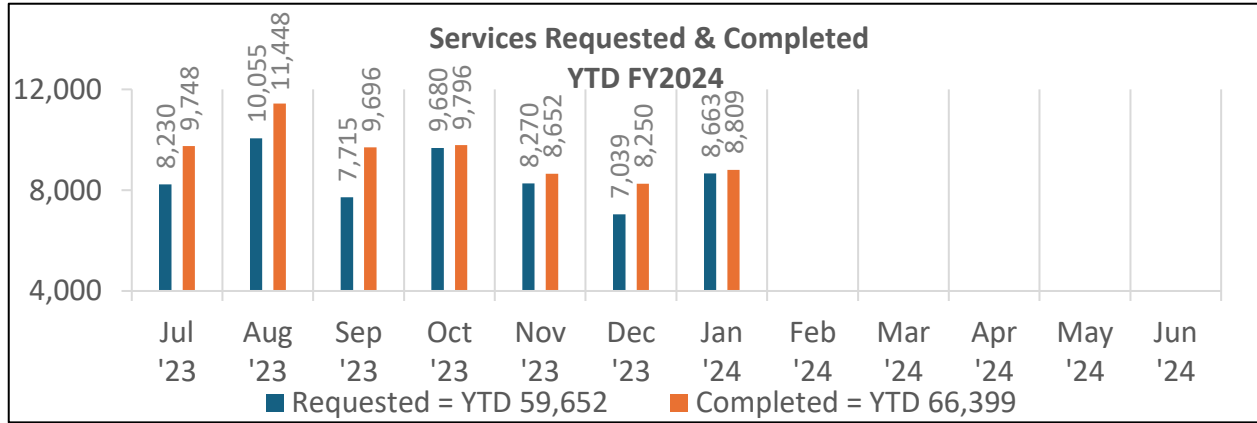
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	FY 2024
Threats to Life	48	47	42	25	31	27	51						271
See Send App Tips	308	306	298	271	277	431	405						2,296
Suspicious Activity	4	4	1	3	8	4	1						25
Requests for Info.	1,466	1,398	1,189	1,478	1,287	1,001	1,505						9,324

Investigative Division Note:

- Currently 41 Special Agent applicants are going through the selection process.

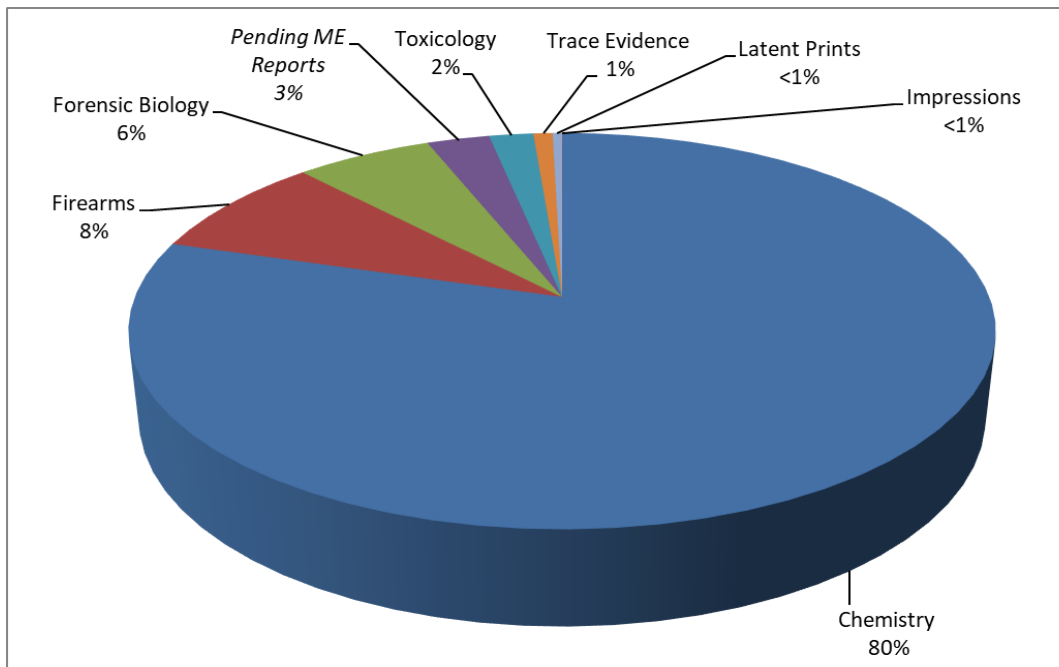
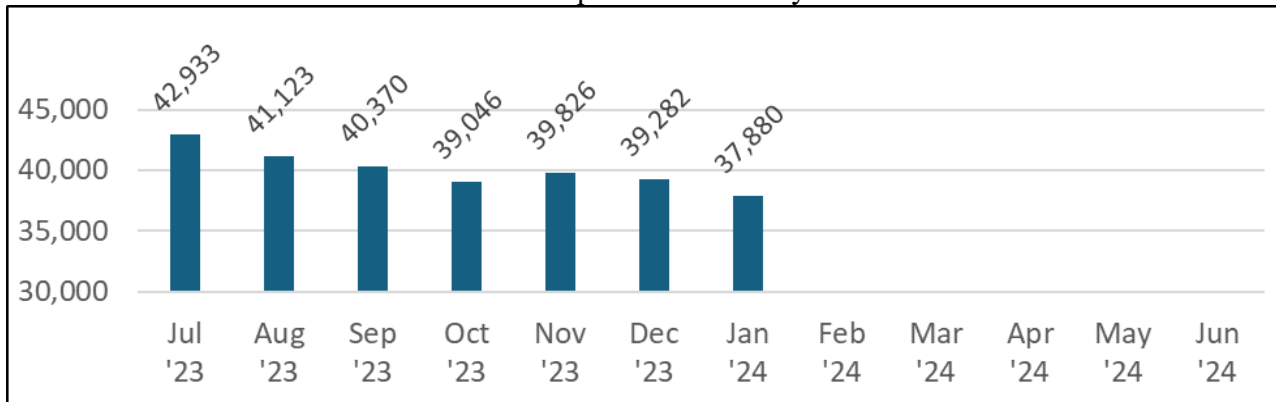


Crime Laboratory



Backlog Report – YTD FY2024

Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old



Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

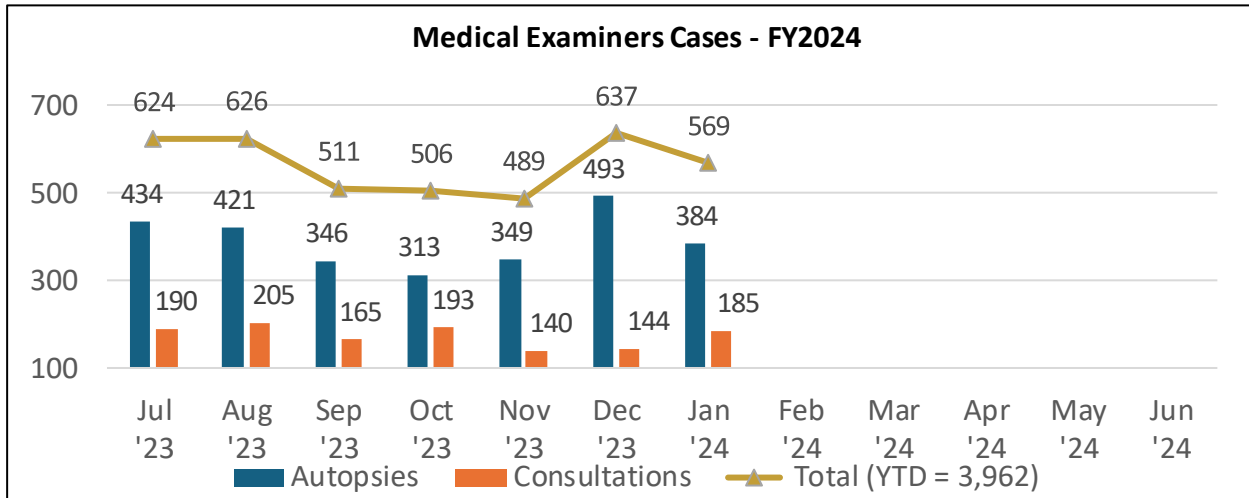
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	YTD FY2024
Samples Entered	1,030	2,766	1,221	2,839	1,386	1,047	1,889						12,178
Confirmed Hits	118	94	49	84	118	101	103						667

Crime Laboratory Notes:

- The Crime Laboratory has 19 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.



Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)



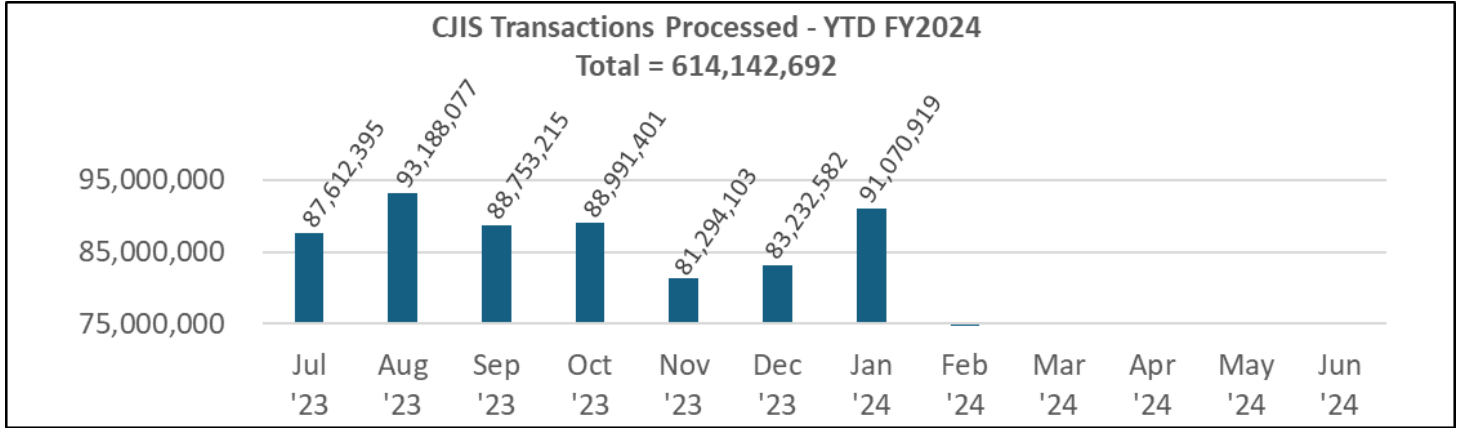
MEO Backlog - FY2024

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					
Released w/in 90 Days	51.3%	63.3%	53.0%	65.3%	49.1%	58.1%	52.8%					



Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)



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					
Submissions w/Palms	17,431	17,443	16,518	16,042	14,726	15,594	14,726					
Submissions w/Photos	13,095	13,384	12,292	12,106	10,920	11,694	10,920					
Latent Print AFIS HITS	43	24	12	15	32	17	32					
Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)												
Submissions	45,372	52,440	40,497	40,595	35,060	32,563	35,060					
Submissions through Rap Back	4,797	6,372	5,742	5,798	4,807	4,537	4,807					
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	667	692	690	727	694	687	694					
Final Disposition Submissions												
Local Agencies	59,107	66,673	58,667	90,189	87,445	57,940	87,445					
GCIC	795	582	376	234	274	223	274					
Rapid ID Transactions												
Transactions	1,188	1,425	1,443	1,475	1,321	1,531	1,321					
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	47%	57%	51%	49%	52%	48%	52%					
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	50%	53%	53%	53%	53%	50%	53%					
*Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	13%	15%	15%	15%	14%	12%	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					
Sex Offender Registry <i>(Database Total 38,197)</i>												
Records Added	135	148	114	123	103	97	96					
Protection Order Registry <i>(Database Total 169,385)</i>												
Records Added	2,675	3,145	2,726	2,786	2,473	2,138	2,510					
Criminal Justice Agencies <i>(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)</i>												
Audited	50	27	36	47	23	30	20					
In Compliance	20	9	7	18	8	1	2					
Out of Compliance	30	18	29	29	15	29	18					
Trained	1	6	6	3	5	3	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					
In Compliance	28	26	22	36	36	23	39					
Out of Compliance	14	17	11	12	27	18	17					
Trained	7	6	6	7	5	2	7					
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					
CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO)	2,278	5,277	8,638	5,179	4,232	3,448	10,478					
CJIS Security Policy Awareness and Training/Awareness Statement	1,446	1,831	2,719	1,701	1,814	1,390	3,637					

GCIC Notes:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) staff will be in Georgia the first week of March 2024 to conduct Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Audits. FBI staff will travel to various counties to conduct on-site audits.



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						3,379

Facilities – Major Projects Status

- HQ MEO expansion. Design services scheduled for completion December 2024.
- Region 1 - Calhoun Office new construction. Scheduled for completion in January 2025.