

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2024**



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Director's Highlights

- Metro Gang Task Force (MGTF) – A multi-agency gang investigation led to the arrests of 20 criminal street gang (CSG) members and associates on multiple charges. GBI's Gang Task Force, DeKalb County Police Department, Cedar Park Texas Police Department, and Texas Department of Public Safety, along with contributions from the U.S. Marshal's Southeastern Regional Fugitive Task Force and the ATF, partnered in this significant investigation where charges included Violations of the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act, Armed Robbery, weapons offenses, and drug trafficking.

In March of 2024, Cedar Park Texas Police Department began an aggravated robbery investigation. Detectives linked the crime to five (5) metro Atlanta suspected CSG members. On April 5, 2024, search warrants and arrest warrants were served in Brookhaven and Lithonia, GA, and a cache of weapons, drugs, and money were found in the Lithonia home. The gang was using the home as a drug distribution hub and a launching pad for the gang's violent crimes. Four (4) of the five (5) subjects who had arrest warrants from Texas were arrested, along with additional subjects. All subjects, ranging in age from 17 to 31, are from the metro Atlanta area. This investigation is active and ongoing. Additional charges are expected. The local (Georgia) prosecution will be handled by the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office.

- Metro Gang Task Force (MGTF) – On April 11, 2024, GBI's MGTF, Atlanta Police Department, ATF, and FBI conducted the first 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 first event resulted in sixteen (16) arrests, four (4) firearms seized, and numerous amounts/types of illegal drugs seized.
- Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes (CEACC) – Seven people were arrested following a proactive online undercover child exploitation investigation coordinated by the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, GBI's CEACC, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Savannah Police Department. "Operation Nightfall" took several months of planning and involved the collaboration of 12 law enforcement agencies. April 11-15, 2024, GBI digital forensic investigators were on hand at the operation to forensically process 10 electronic devices that were seized as evidence during the operation. Arrestees, ranging in age from 31-59, traveled from areas around Chatham County, GA, with the intent to meet a child and engage in a sex act. Arrestee's charges include Computer or Electronic Pornography and Child Exploitation Prevention, Child Molestation (Criminal Attempt), Child Molestation (Transmission of Images), Aggravated Child Molestation (Criminal Attempt), Enticing a Child for Indecent Purposes, Possession of Cocaine, and Possession of a Firearm During Felony. Additional charges and arrests may follow.

During "Operation Nightfall," undercover investigators had more than 265 exchanges with people on various social media and Internet platforms. During many of these exchanges, the people arrested directed conversations towards sex with people they believed to be minors. Fourteen cases were established that met the threshold for arrest. Seven of those cases were concluded with arrests after the perpetrator attempted to meet the "child" in person. In some of these cases, the accused introduced obscene or lude content, often exposing what the perpetrator thought was a child to pornography or requesting the child produce and send sexual or pornographic images for them.

- **Region 7** – On April 18, 2024, Attorney General Chris Carr and Richmond County Sheriff Richard Roundtree announced the indictment of 30 people in Richmond County following a major multi-agency investigation into the distribution of illegal narcotics and other acts of violence that have occurred throughout the Central Savannah River Area. The defendants are associates of a hybrid criminal street gang (CSG) known as Trap Money (TRVPMONEYYY). They are alleged to have conspired together to obtain money, firearms, controlled substances, and other property by engaging in a pattern of criminal activity, including Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, Armed Robbery, Theft, Trafficking in Fentanyl, Meth and Cocaine, and various weapons offenses.

Operation “No Loyalty” began in February 2022 and was led by the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office Gang Unit, Narcotics Division, and Criminal Intelligence Division. The following law enforcement agencies also assisted throughout the duration of Operation “No Loyalty”: Attorney General’s Gang Prosecution Unit; Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Safe Streets Gang Task Force; Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Georgia Department of Public Safety; Georgia Department of Corrections; Burke County Sheriff’s Office; Columbia County Sheriff’s Office; Gwinnett County Sheriff’s Office; Wilkes County Sheriff’s Office; Grovetown Police Department; Augusta Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office; and United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Georgia. Operation “No Loyalty” resulted in the recovery of 7.5 kilograms of Fentanyl, 16 kilograms of Cocaine, 278 pounds of Marijuana, 2 pounds of Methamphetamine, 64 firearms, nine vehicles, two homes, and \$492,733. The Attorney General’s Gang Prosecution Unit presented evidence to a Richmond County Grand Jury, resulting in the indictment of all 30 defendants on April 16, 2024.

- 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).
- To date, January 1 to April 22, 2024, the GBI has investigated a total of twenty (20) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number twenty (20) was on April 18, 2024. GBI’s Region 10 – Atlanta Regional Field Office was requested by the Gwinnett County Police Department (GCPD). GCPD officers located a burgundy Jeep. Steven Scott, age 39, of Lula, GA, who was driving the Jeep, had active arrest warrants for armed robbery out of Hall County. GCPD officers attempted to stop Scott and take him into custody. Scott fled the scene in his Jeep, initiating a vehicle pursuit. While driving away, Scott shot at officers. A GCPD detective attempted to stop Scott by blocking the parking lot exit with his unmarked car. Scott continued shooting and hit the unmarked car as he (Scott) entered the roadway. Once on the roadway, Scott lost control of his Jeep and came to a stop near a utility pole. A marked GCPD car used a PIT maneuver on Scott’s Jeep to prevent Scott from driving away. As the officer got out of his car, Scott continued shooting towards officers. Officers returned fire, fatally wounding Scott. Officers rendered aid to Scott until Gwinnett County Fire and EMS arrived on scene and pronounced Scott deceased. No officers were injured. The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Gwinnett County District Attorney’s Office for review.

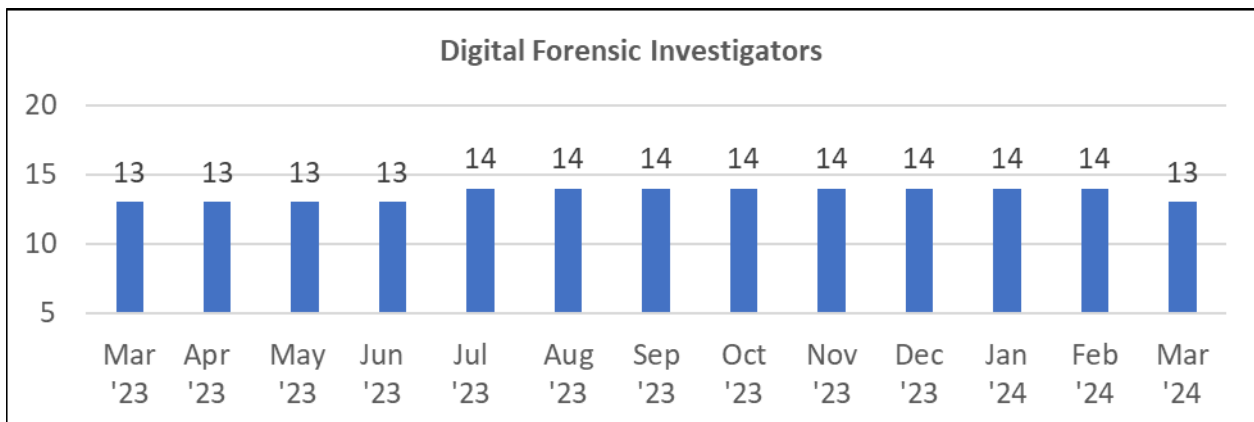
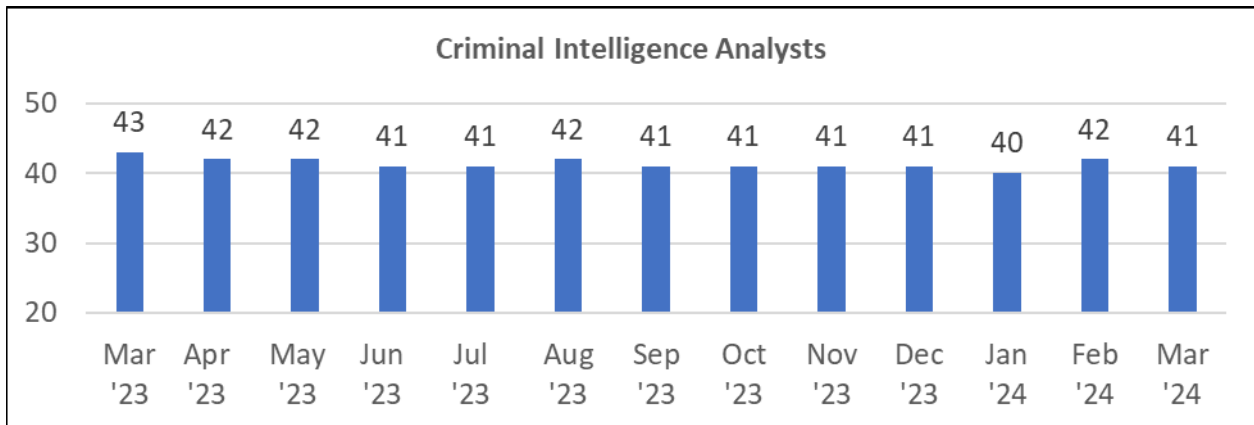
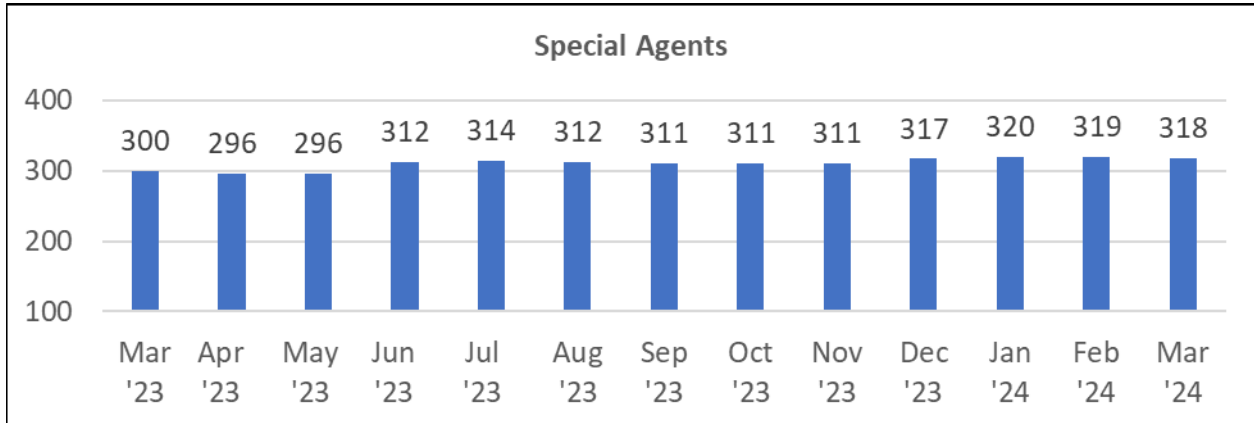
Promotions Effective May 2024

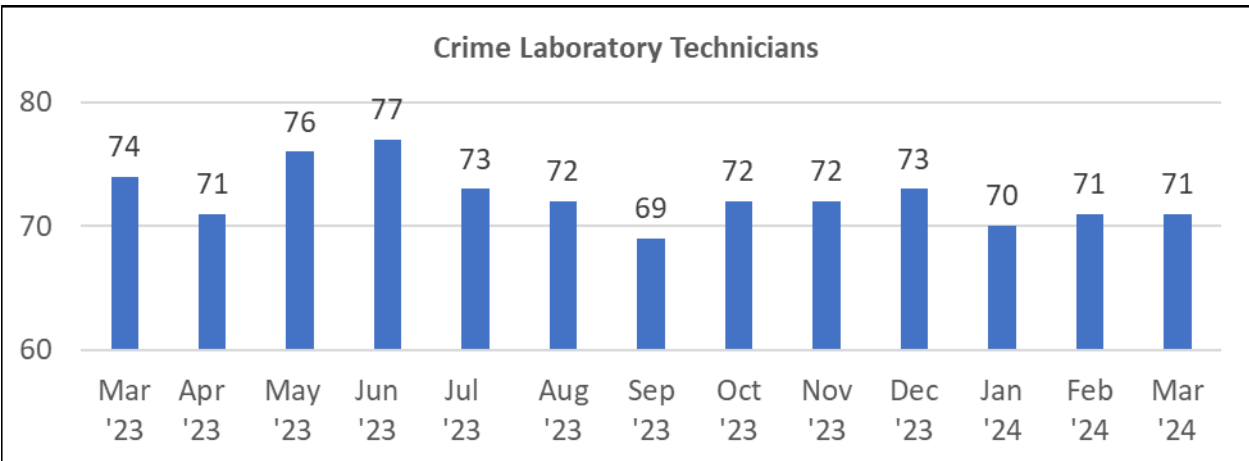
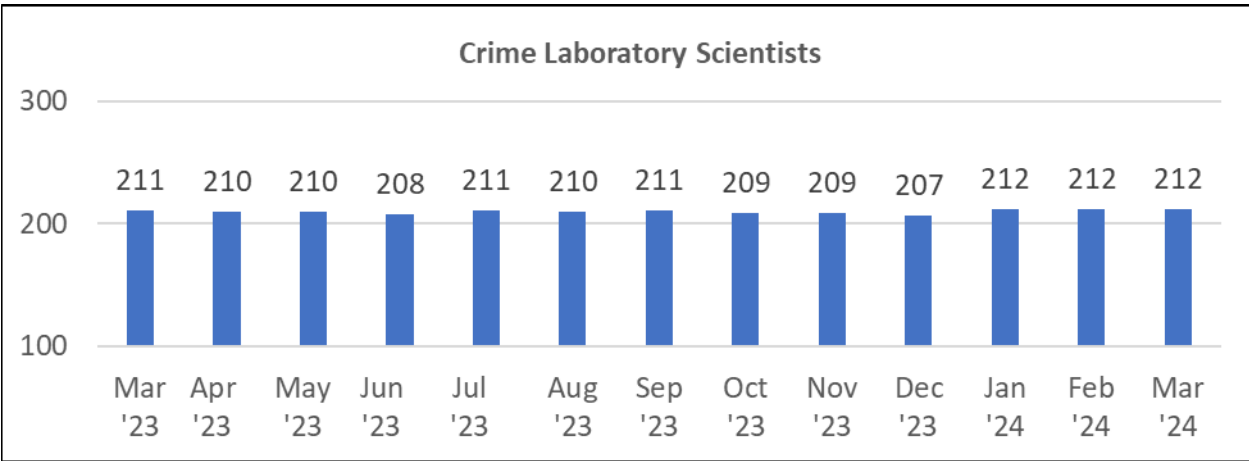
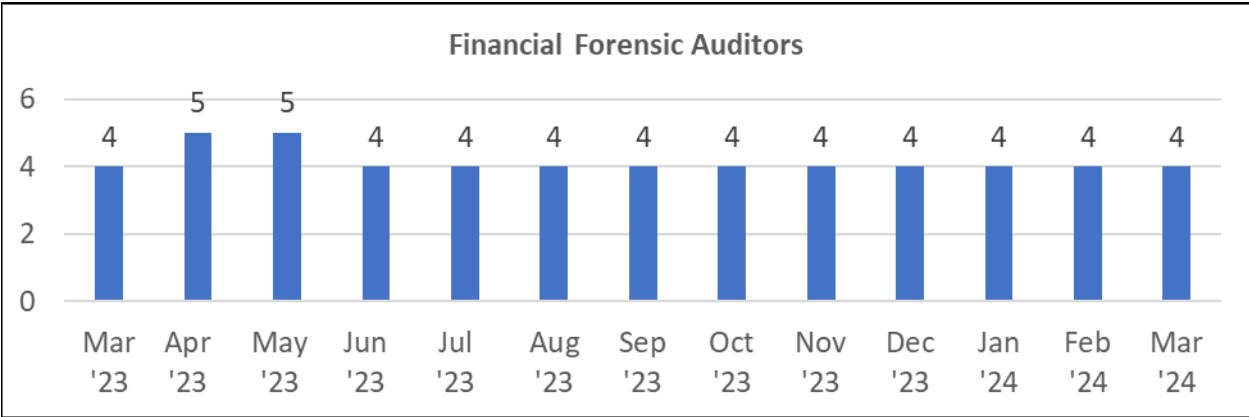
- Tammy Starckey was promoted to Managing Analyst Supervisor at the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC), effective May 1, 2024.

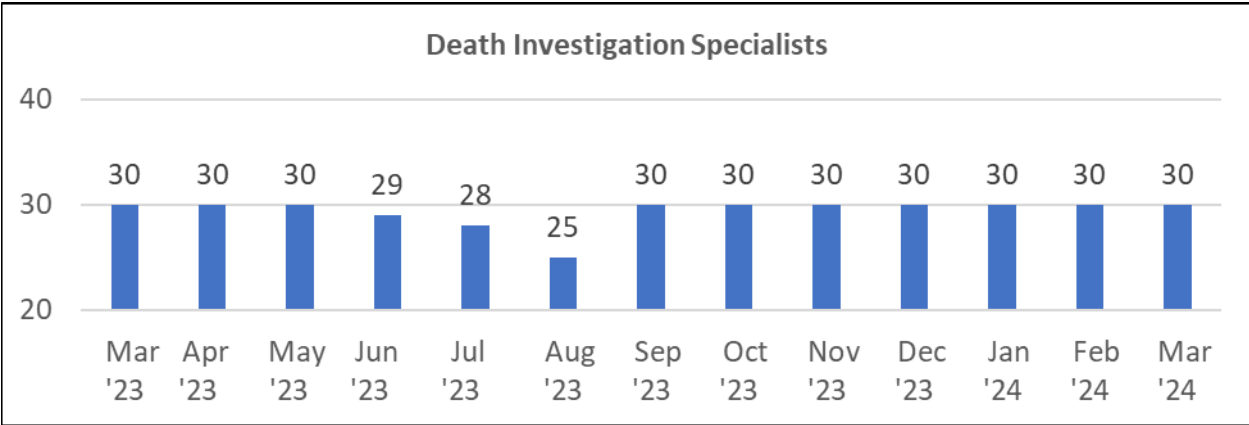
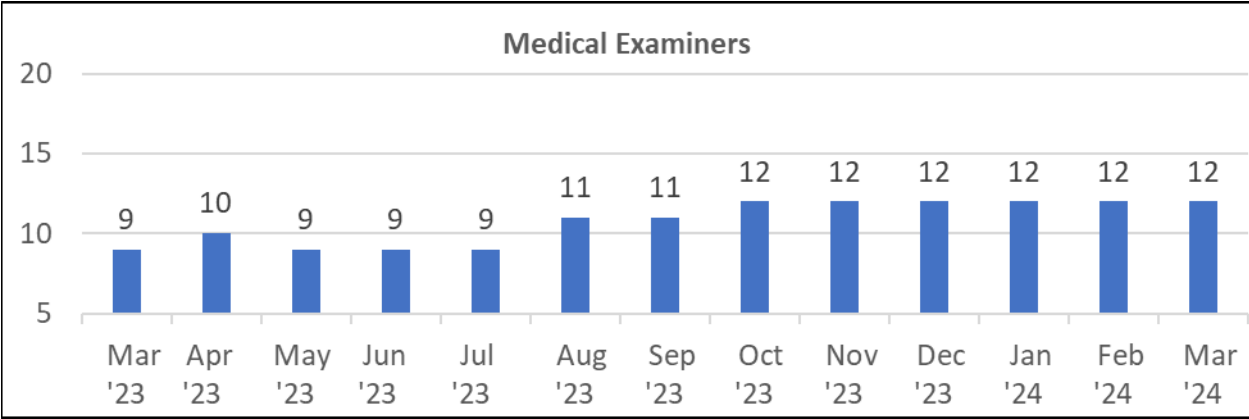


Staffing Report

Filled Positions







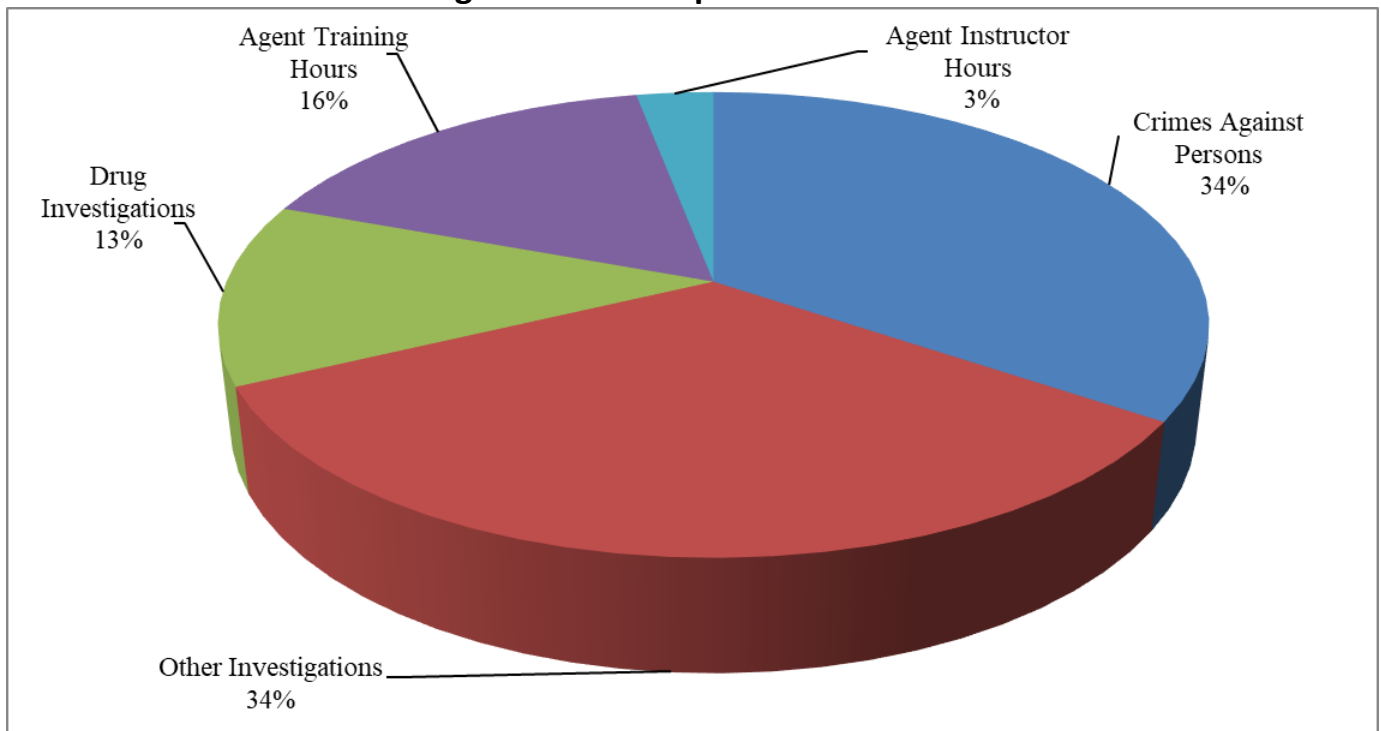


Investigative Division

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	91	97				740
**Drug Investigations	23	21	18	25	19	18	28	35	16				203
***Other Investigations	416	545	409	537	436	392	419	536	477				4,167
Total	517	644	543	637	518	473	526	662	590				5,110

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024



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

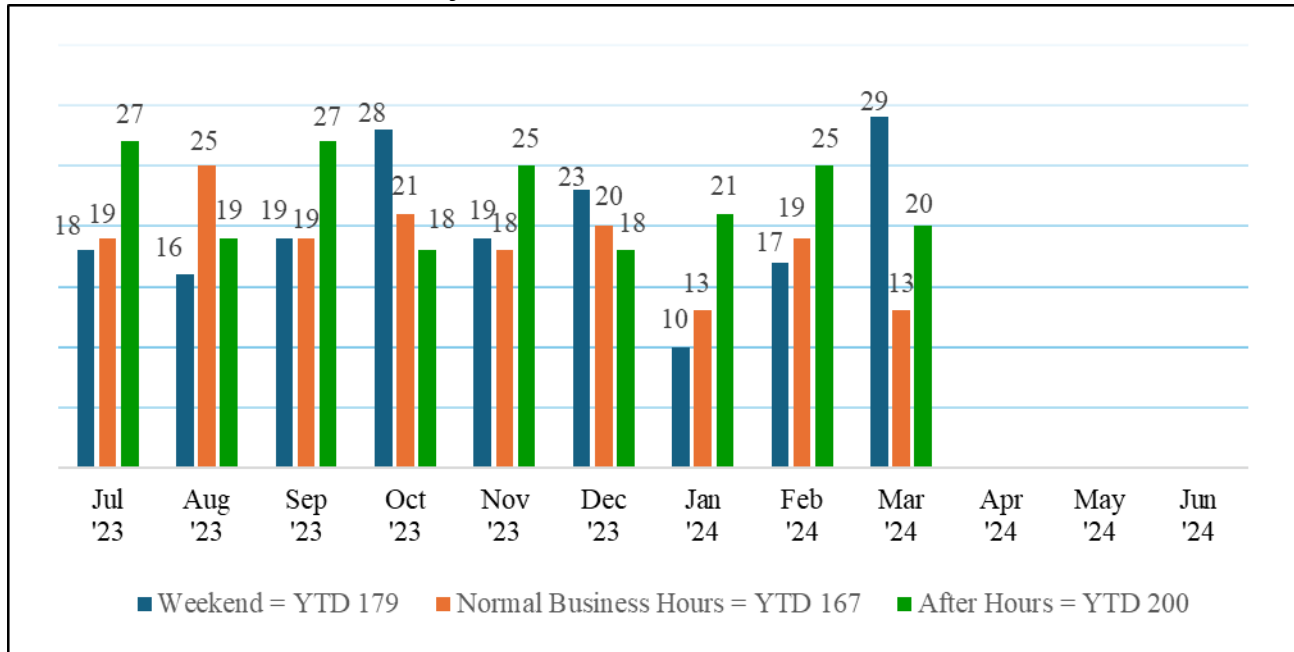
** **Drug Investigations** - felony investigations, trafficking, manufacturing, distribution, etc.

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

Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2024

	March 2024	YTD FY2024
Property Stolen	\$653,659.00	\$2,180,730.61
Property Recovered	0	\$624,419.54
Contraband Seized	\$34,385,767.89	\$725,344,798.85
Arrests	67	830
Cases Closed	577	5,049

Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2024



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

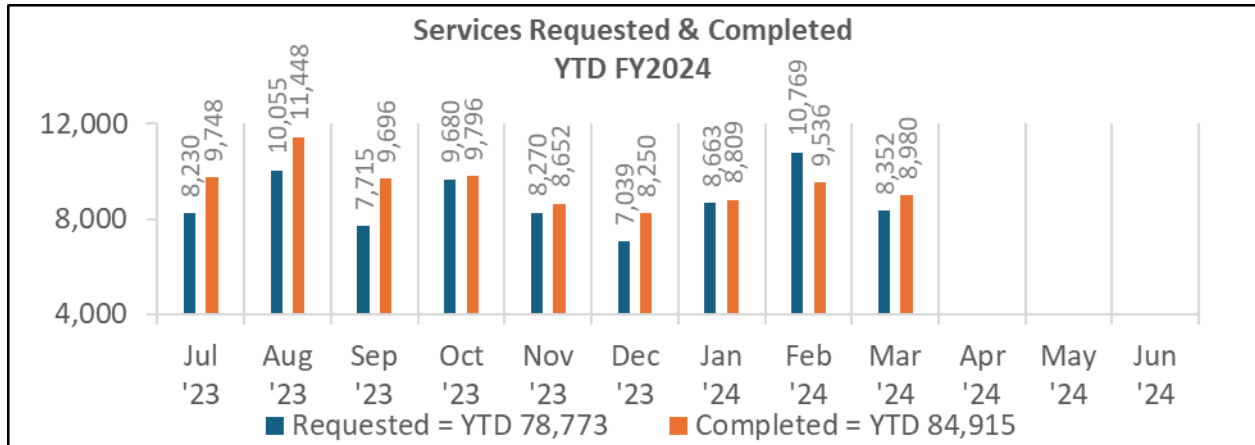
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	FY 2024
Threats to Life	48	47	42	25	31	27	51	43	36				350
See Send App Tips	308	306	298	271	277	431	405	709	1,660				4,665
Suspicious Activity	4	4	1	3	8	4	1	1	1				27
Requests for Info.	1,466	1,398	1,189	1,478	1,287	1,001	1,505	1,749	2,055				13,128

Investigative Division Notes:

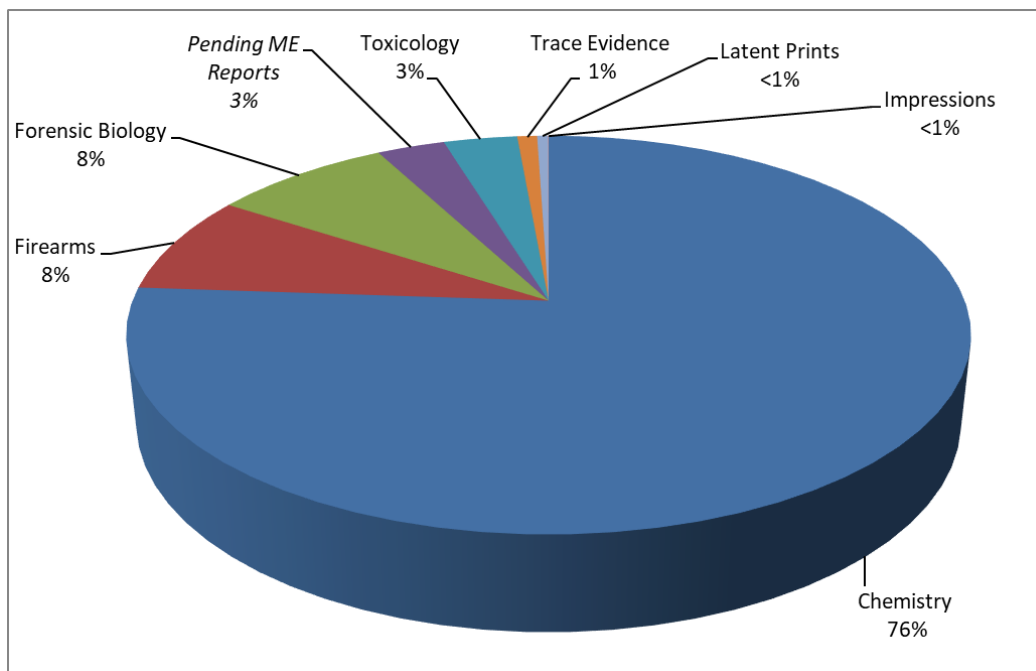
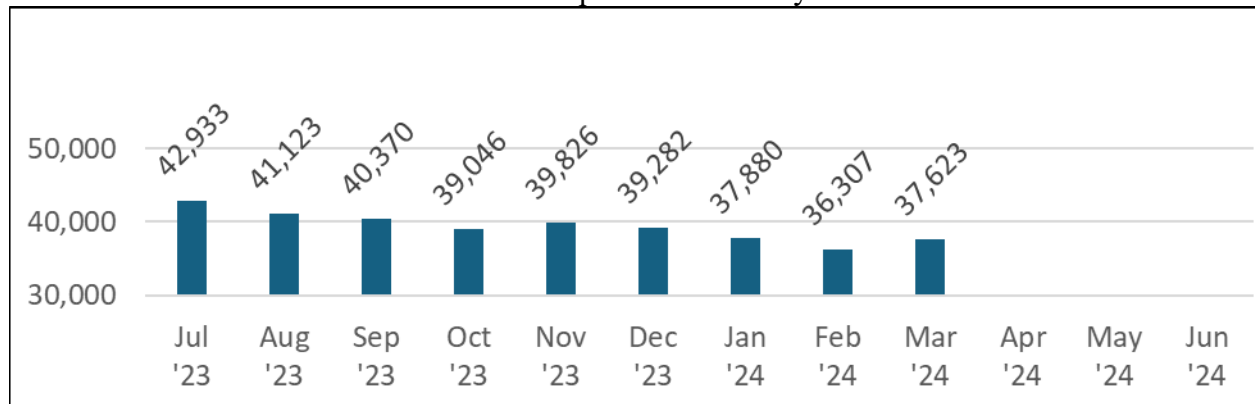
- Currently 27 Special Agent applicants have completed the selection process and achieved acceptable scores.



Crime Laboratory



Backlog Report – YTD FY2024 Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old



Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

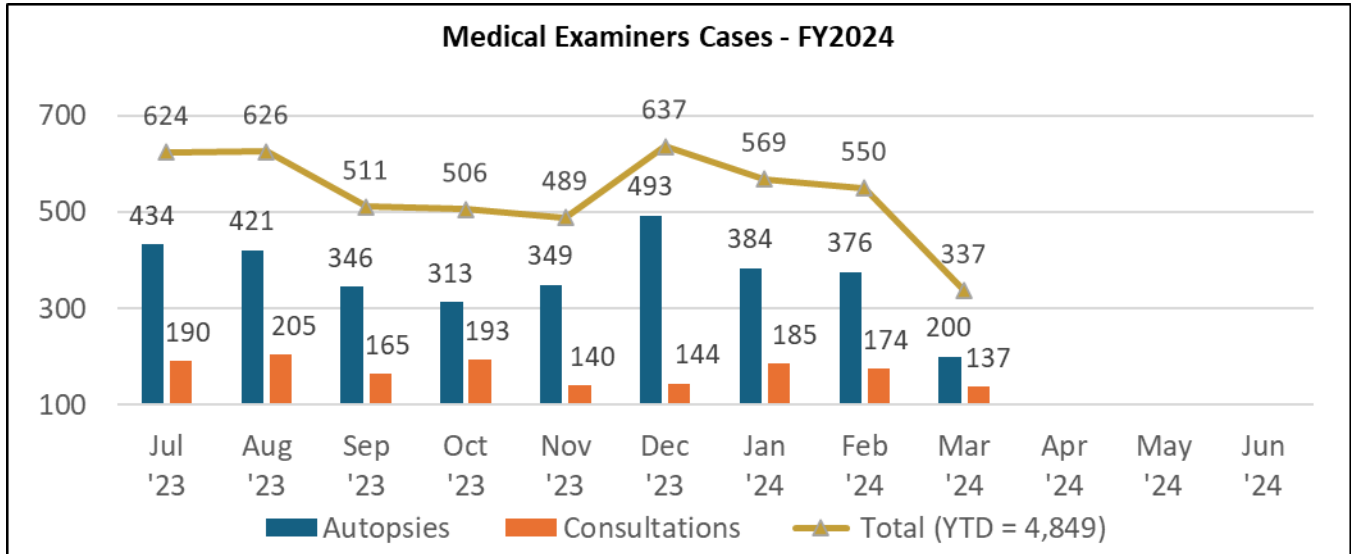
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	YTD FY2024
Samples Entered	1,030	2,766	1,221	2,839	1,386	1,047	1,889	2,712	2,281				17,171
Confirmed Hits	118	94	49	84	118	101	103	75	86				828

Crime Laboratory Notes:

- 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 9am to 3:30pm.



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.

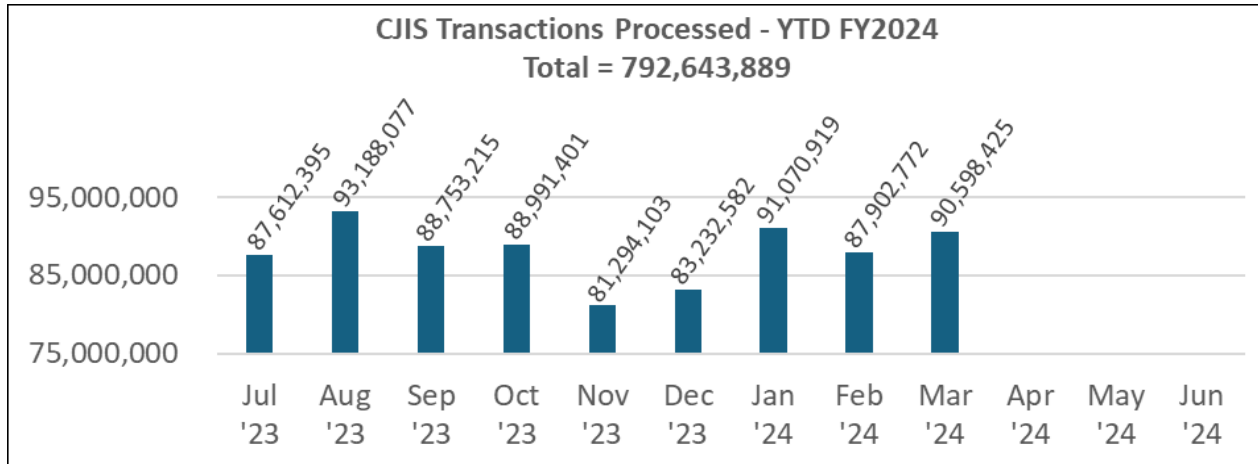
	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24
Reports Pending	979	969	1,006	1,081	1,096	1,012	1,045	1,029	1,154			
Released w/in 90 Days	51.3%	63.3%	53.0%	65.3%	49.1%	58.1%	52.8%	83.5%	78.3%			

MEO Notes:

- GBI's 2023-2024 Medical Examiner Fellows have completed their rotation in the Trace Evidence department.
- GBI's Fellowship Program Coordinator spoke with approximately 50 high school students from North Murray and Murray County High Schools regarding the role of the GBI Medical Examiner's Office.



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	38,309	39,952			
Submissions w/Palms	17,431	17,443	16,518	16,042	14,726	15,594	14,726	15,905	16,794			
Submissions w/Photos	13,095	13,384	12,292	12,106	10,920	11,694	10,920	11,649	12,254			
Latent Print AFIS HITS	43	24	12	15	32	17	32	30	21			
Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)												
Submissions	45,372	52,440	40,497	40,595	35,060	32,563	35,060	40,466	41,992			
Submissions through Rap Back	4,797	6,372	5,742	5,798	4,807	4,537	4,807	4,739	5,660			
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	667	692	690	727	694	687	694	957	1,066			
Final Disposition Submissions												
Local Agencies	59,107	66,673	58,667	90,189	87,445	57,940	87,445	69,731	77,706			
GCIC	795	582	376	234	274	223	274	272	253			
Rapid ID Transactions												
Transactions	1,188	1,425	1,443	1,475	1,321	1,531	1,321	1,672	1,816			
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	47%	57%	51%	49%	52%	48%	52%	50%	51%			
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	50%	53%	53%	53%	53%	50%	53%	52%	52%			
*Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	13%	15%	15%	15%	14%	12%	14%	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			
Sex Offender Registry <i>(Database Total 38,392)</i>												
Records Added	135	148	114	123	103	97	96	97	121			
Protection Order Registry <i>(Database Total 174,467)</i>												
Records Added	2,675	3,145	2,726	2,786	2,473	2,138	2,510	2,138	2,626			
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			
 In Compliance	20	9	7	18	8	1	2	8	8			
 Out of Compliance	30	18	29	29	15	29	18	22	29			
Trained	1	6	6	3	5	3	3	1	4			
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			
 In Compliance	28	26	22	36	36	23	39	24	32			
 Out of Compliance	14	17	11	12	27	18	17	15	7			
Trained	7	6	6	7	5	2	7	9	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			
CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO)	2,278	5,277	8,638	5,179	4,232	3,448	10,478	3,173	3,249			
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			

GCIC Notes:

- In February/March 2024, the FBI conducted criminal justice and non-criminal justice audits throughout the state of Georgia.



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				5,125

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.