

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2026**



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Director's Highlights

- Office of Special Investigations (OSI) – GBI Announces Arrest in the 1984 Rape and Murder of Sandra Kaye Davis in Ware County, Waycross, GA – *March 31, 2026* – The GBI has arrested and charged Freddie Lee Granger, Jr., age 68, of Ware County, GA, with one count of Rape, one count of Aggravated Assault, one count of Malice Murder, and two counts of Felony Murder in connection with the 1984 rape and murder of 22-year-old Sandra Kaye Davis.

On September 1, 1984, the Waycross Police Department discovered Davis's body beside a home on Kollock Street in Waycross, Georgia. She had been strangled. Waycross PD later requested the GBI to assist with the investigation. Through the years, the GBI and the Waycross Police Department remained committed to finding the truth behind Davis's death. The results of continued DNA testing linked Granger to the crime.

On March 31, 2026, Granger was taken into custody and booked into the Ware County Jail. The Waycross Police Department, the Ware County Sheriff's Office, the Georgia Department of Community Supervision, and the GBI's Cold Case Unit assisted the GBI Regional Investigative Office in Douglas with the investigation and in locating and arresting Granger. This investigation is still active and ongoing.

- Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) – *April 27, 2026* – The GBI has arrested and charged Jacques Latron Franks, age 41, of Gainesville, GA, and Monique Renee Burton, age 32, of Gainesville, GA, with Trafficking Fentanyl and Sale of Fentanyl following a multi-agency operation in Hall County, GA. The operation targeted a drug trafficking organization allegedly responsible for distributing significant quantities of fentanyl, crack cocaine, and methamphetamine throughout North Georgia.

In collaboration with local and federal partners, ARDEO executed multiple search and arrest warrants across Hall County. The operation aimed to disrupt a distribution network identified as a major source of narcotics in the region. During the operation, law enforcement seized approximately five pounds of suspected fentanyl, one pound of suspected marijuana, and 14 grams of suspected crack cocaine. Franks and Burton were arrested on April 23, 2026, and were booked into the Hall County Jail. The investigation involved a high level of cooperation between various departments. The Gainesville Police Department, Georgia State Patrol, Hall County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security Investigations Violent Gangs Task Force, FBI North Georgia Major Offenders Task Force, the GBI Metro Gang Task Force, and the United States Attorney's Office participated in the operation. The investigation is active and ongoing. Additional charges are expected.

- Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) – *April 27, 2026* – The GBI has arrested and charged Michael Anthony Berry, age 57, of Snellville, GA, with Trafficking Cocaine, Trafficking Crack Cocaine, Trafficking Methamphetamine, and Possession of MDMA with Intent to Distribute, following a joint operation with the Flowery Branch Police Department and the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office on April 22, 2026. The operation, which targeted a major trafficking network, involved serving arrest and search warrants across Hall and Gwinnett Counties. During the operation, law enforcement seized 3.5 pounds of suspected methamphetamine, 1.4 pounds of suspected cocaine, 22 grams of suspected MDMA,

1 pound of suspected marijuana, and 11 firearms, including one that was reported stolen. Berry was arrested on April 22, 2026, and is currently being held at the Hall County Jail.

- From January 1 to April 30, 2026, the GBI investigated a total of thirty-three (33) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS).

GBI Region 8 – *April 23, 2026* – At the request of the Woodstock Police Department, GBI agents are investigating an officer involved shooting in Woodstock, GA. Jeffrey Parker, age 64, of Canton, GA, was shot. Parker died as a result of his injuries and one officer was injured.

Preliminary information indicates that at about 6:38 p.m. on April 22, 2026, Woodstock Police officers conducted a traffic stop on an SUV on I-575 near Exit 7 (Highway 92). After initial contact, Parker became uncooperative and fled from the traffic stop. The officers pursued Parker north on I-575 until they reached Exit 8 (Towne Lake Pkwy). Parker's SUV was stopped by an oncoming officer when the officer's vehicle collided with Parker's SUV on the exit ramp. Parker fired shots at the officer. An officer returned fire, hitting Parker.

Woodstock Fire Department and Cherokee County Fire & Rescue responded to the scene and provided medical aid to Parker. Parker was pronounced dead at the scene.

The injured officer received non-life-threatening injuries and was evaluated by EMS. Parker's body will be taken to the GBI Medical Examiner's Office where an autopsy will be performed. The GBI is conducting an independent investigation. Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be turned over to the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for review.

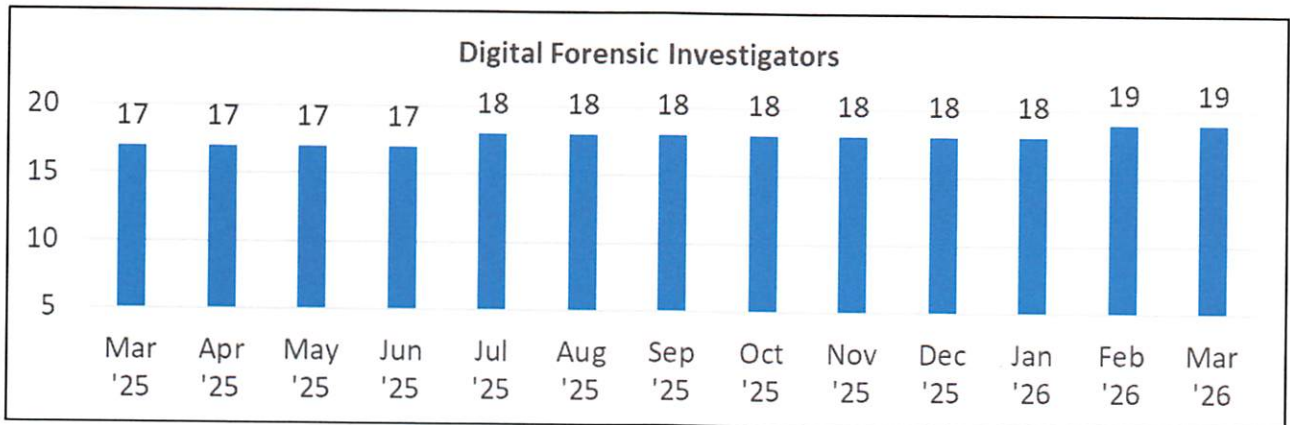
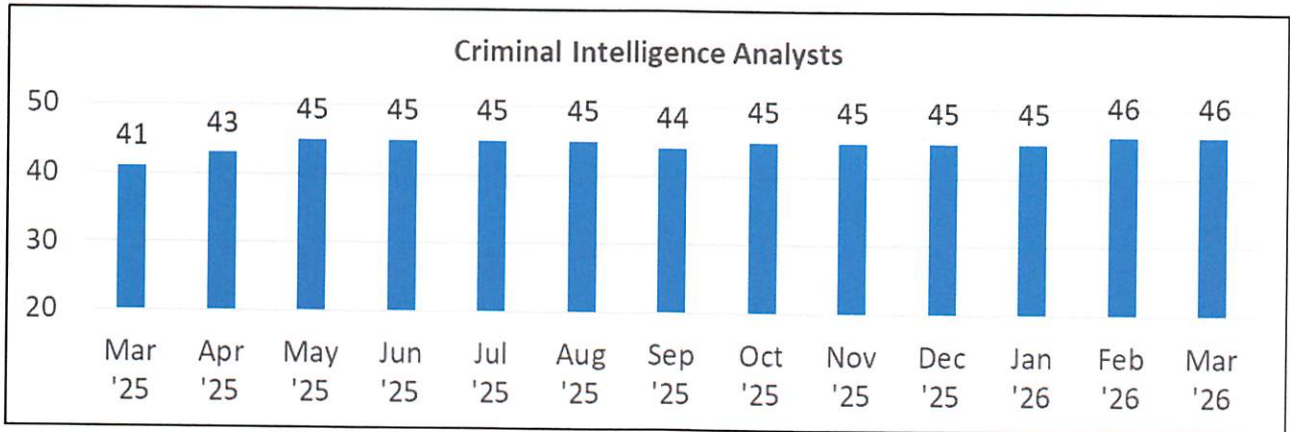
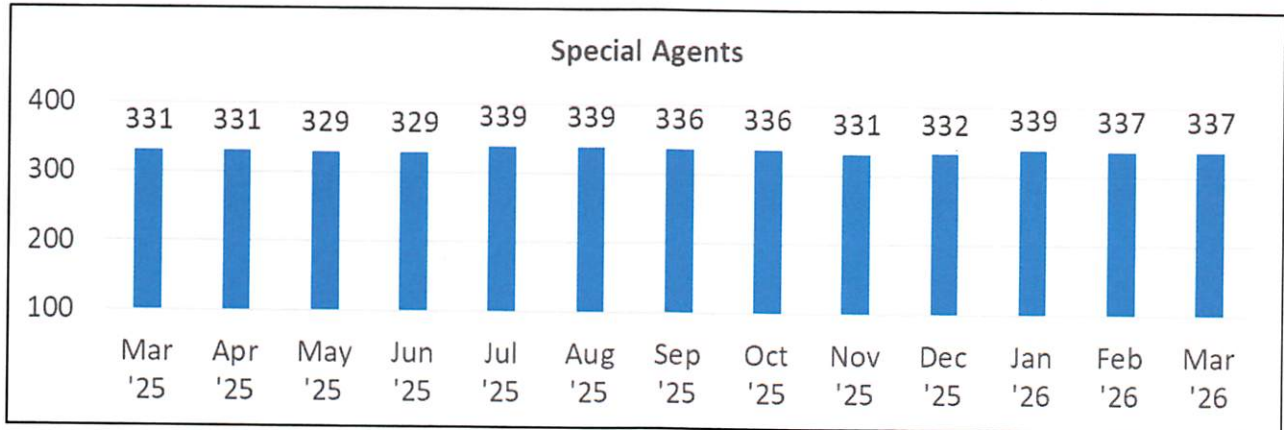
Promotions Effective in April 2026

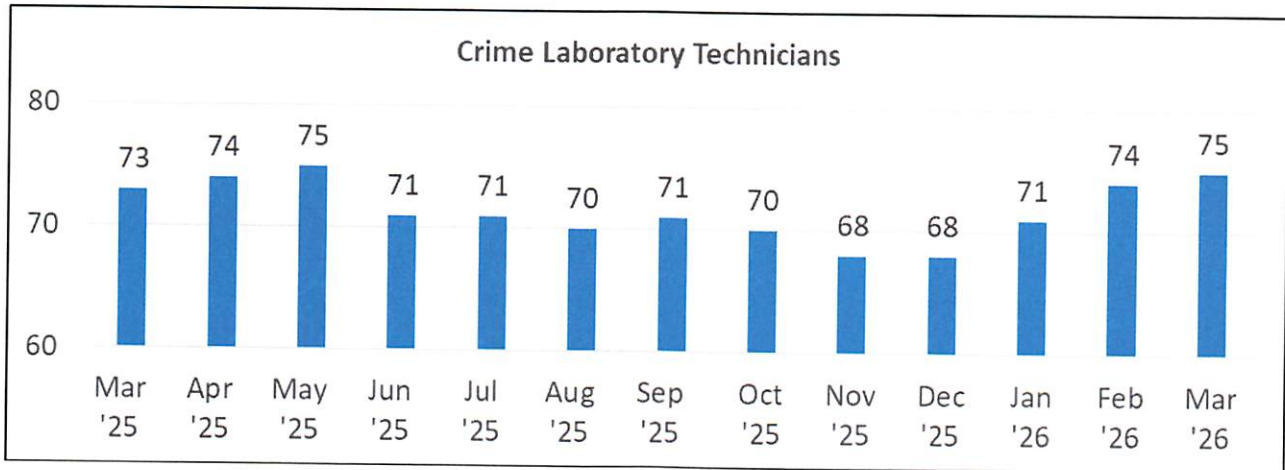
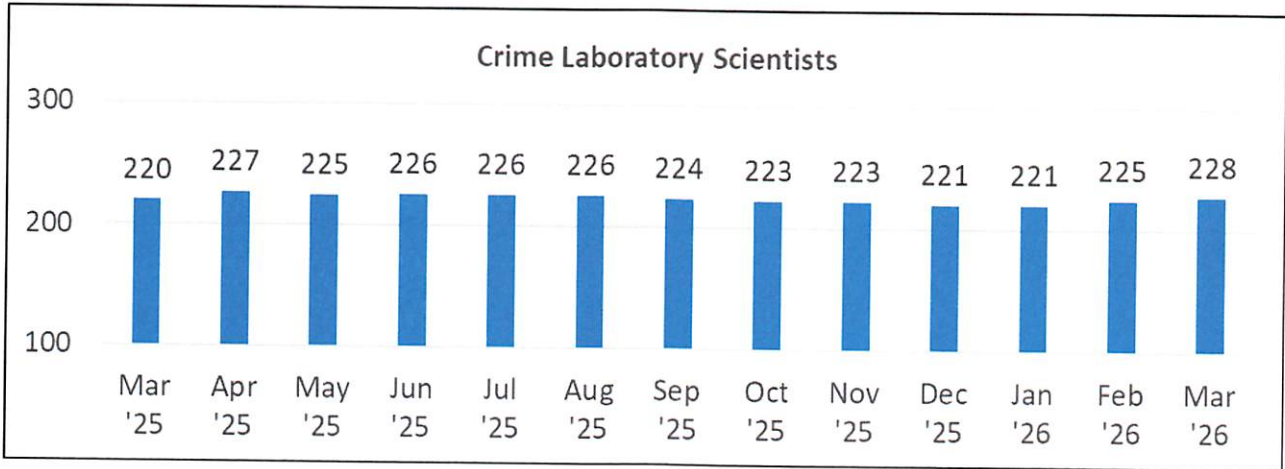
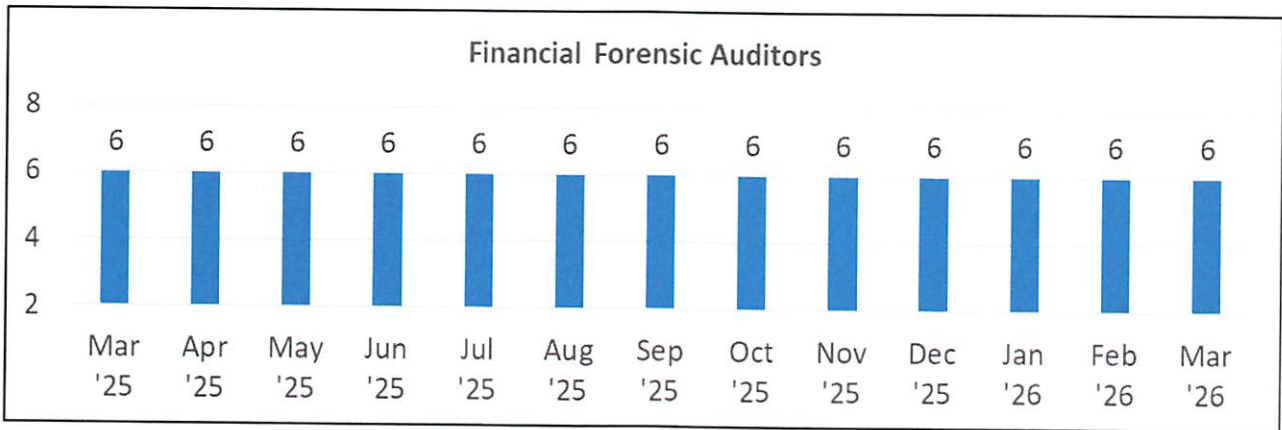
- Jessica Washington was promoted to the Sex Offender Registry Supervisor in GCIC on April 1, 2026.

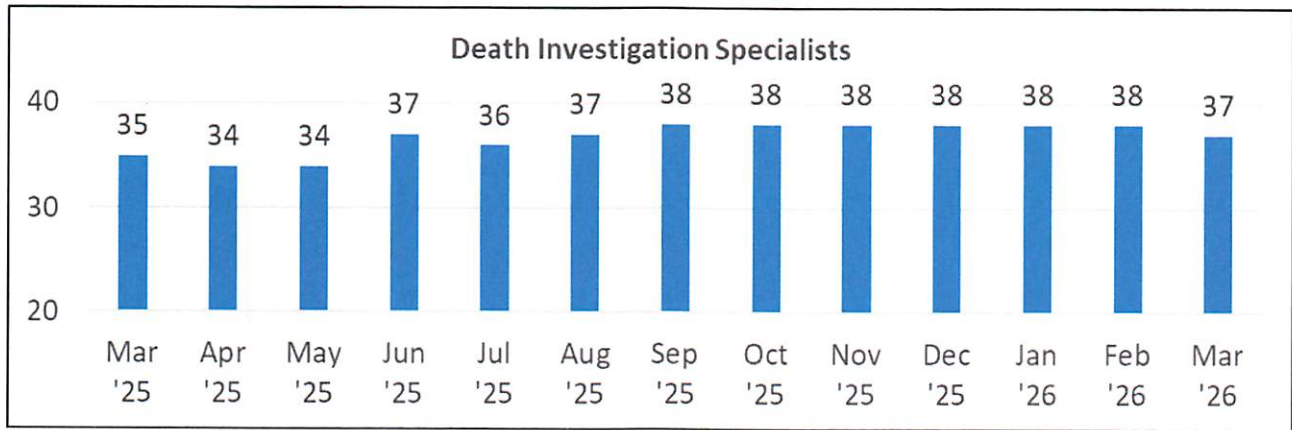
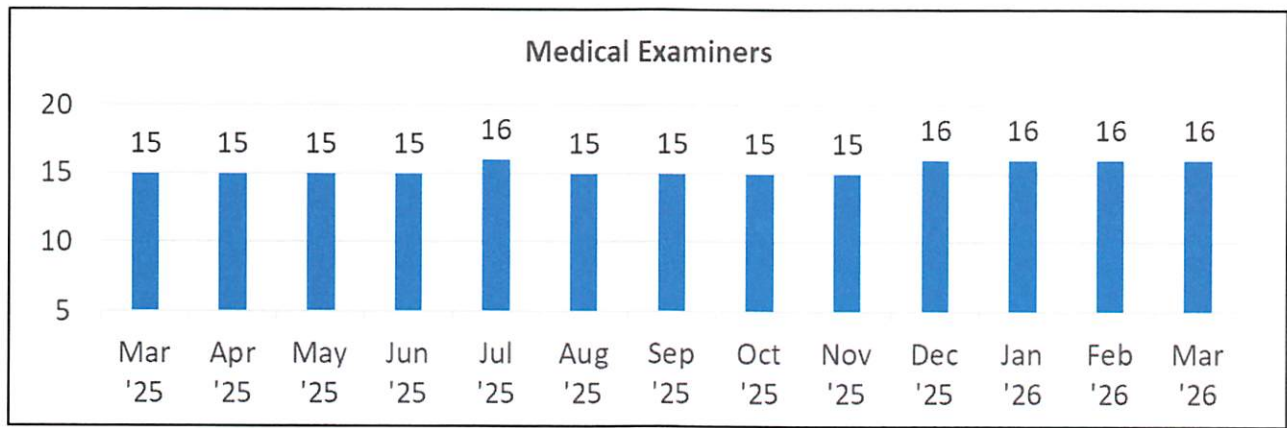


Staffing Report

Filled Positions (All Fund Sources)







GBI Vacancies – YTD FY2026

(State Funds Only)

	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sept '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26
DOFS	38	38	38	41	41	42	42	38	33			
Scientist Positions	21	21	23	22	22	22	21	21	18			
Investigative Division	20	20	25	26	26	25	20	19	20			
Sworn Agent Positions	5	5	8	9	10	14	8	10	10			
GCIC	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	7			
Admin	6	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	7			

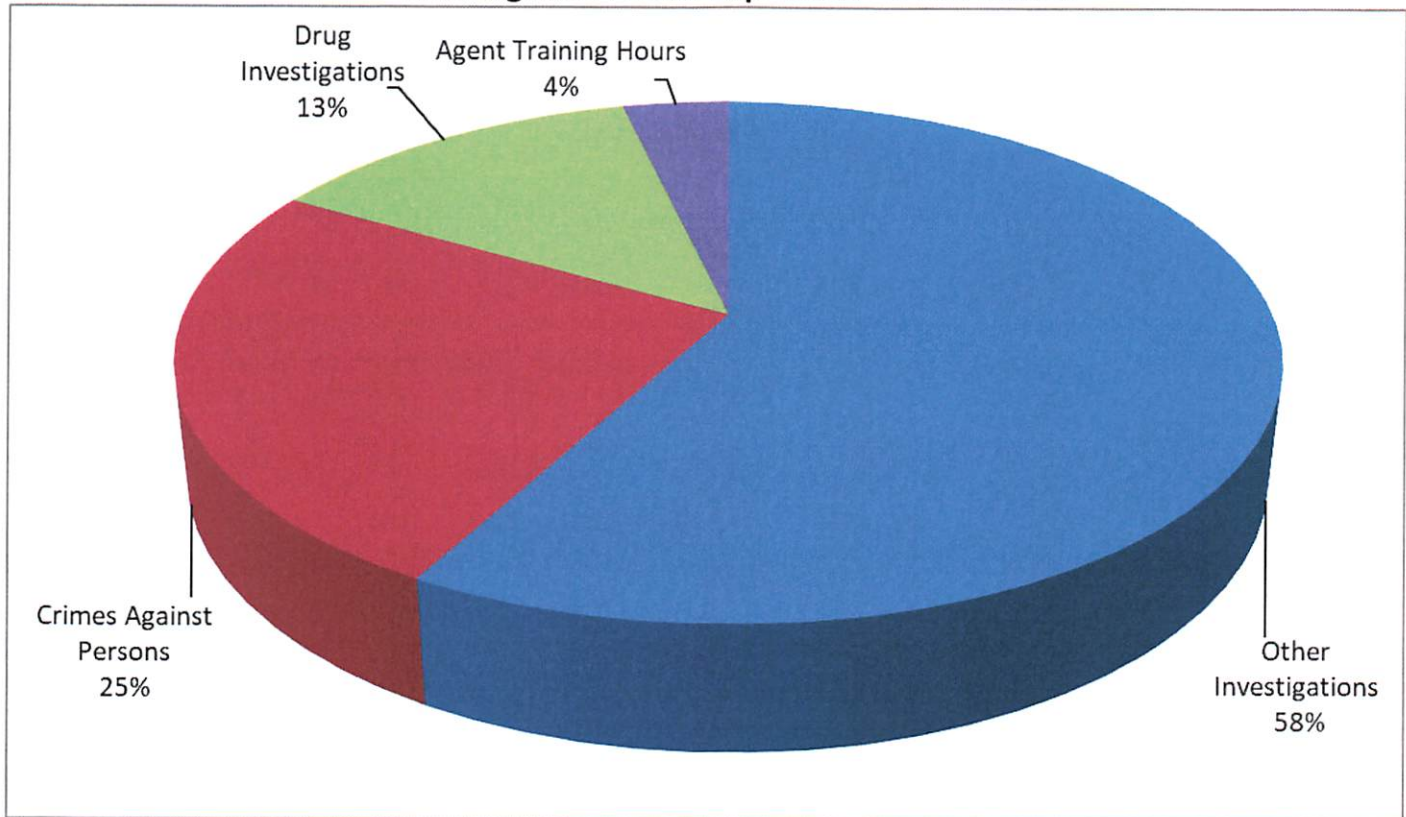


Investigative Division

Investigative Cases – YTD FY2026

	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	FY 2026
* Crimes Against Persons	162	119	70	110	114	105	133	95	101				1,009
**Drug Investigations	76	60	80	69	64	65	63	80	86				643
***Other Investigations	650	529	692	496	548	541	656	562	696				5,370
Total	888	708	842	675	726	711	852	737	883				7,022

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2026



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

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

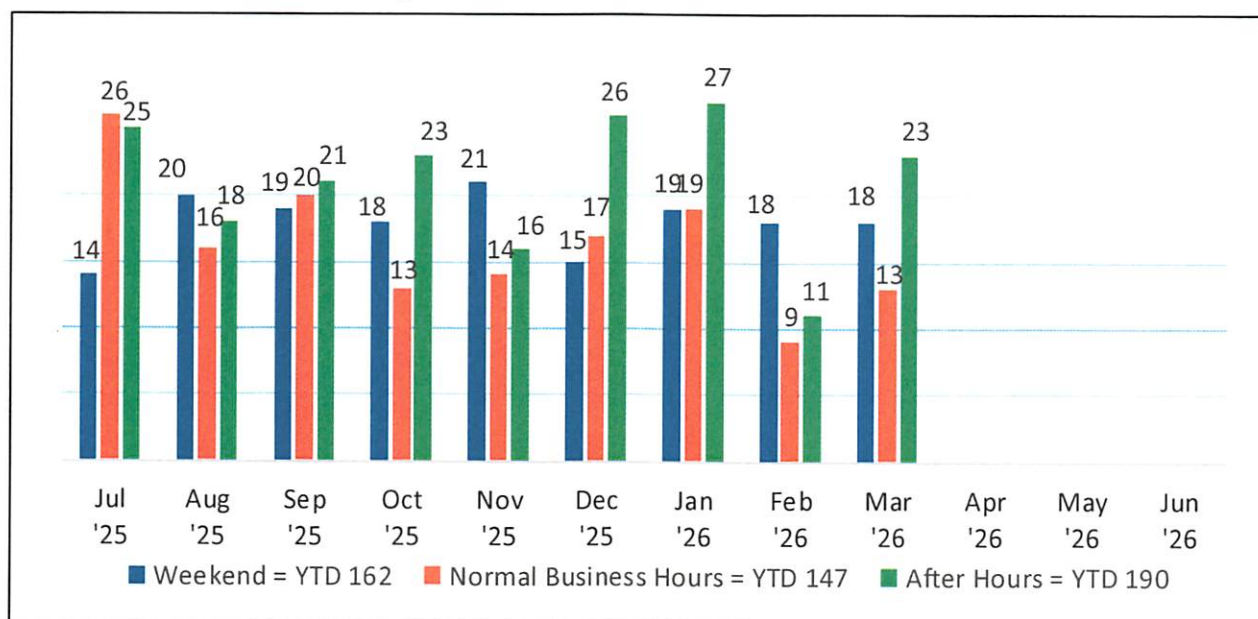
*** **Other Investigations** - corruption, cyber, bomb disposal, election, technology, cold case review, property crimes, special events, etc.

Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2026

	February 2026	YTD FY2026
Property Stolen	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Recovered	\$6,241,257.46	\$14,234,300.46
* Contraband Seized	\$4,686,757.10	\$94,140,346.31
Arrests	88	752
* Cases Closed	775	4,360

*Note: In July 2025, we began the process of transitioning to a new case management system which includes the migration of data. Reported totals may change as a result.

Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2026



Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) Watch Desk Activity YTD FY2026

	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	FY 2026
Threats to Life	15	30	31	29	12	17	20	15	17				186
See Send App Tips	954	1,225	1,461	1,236	1,189	939	746	701	795				9,246
Suspicious Activity	3	2	1	0	2	1	3	5	2				19
*Requests for Info.	1,351	1,552	1,456	1,324	1,186	1,046	1,452	1,395	1715				12,477

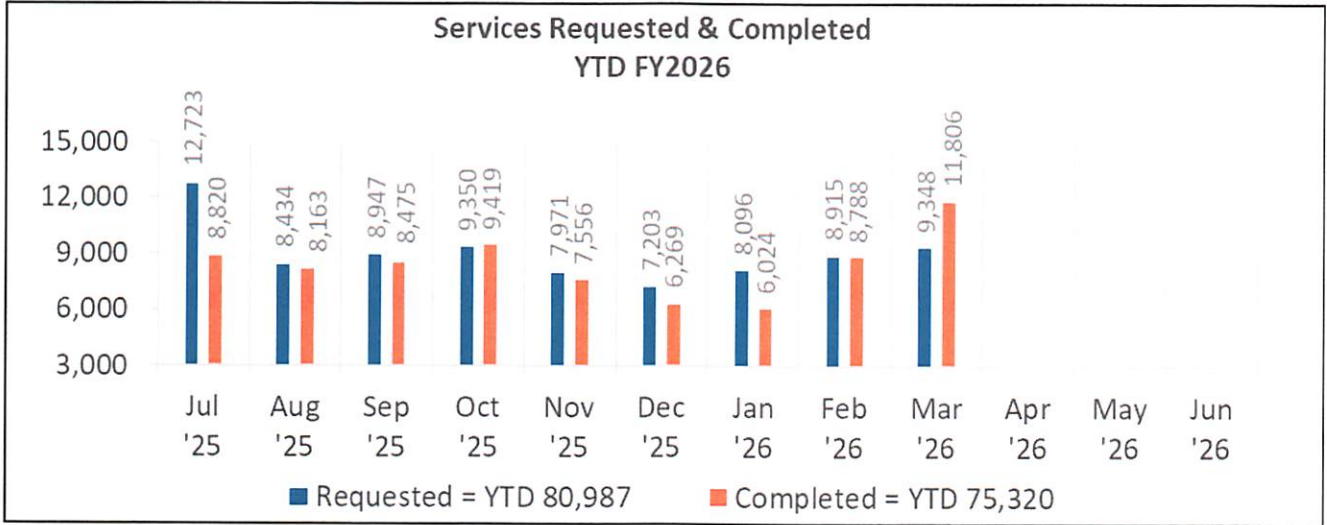
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Investigative Division Notes:

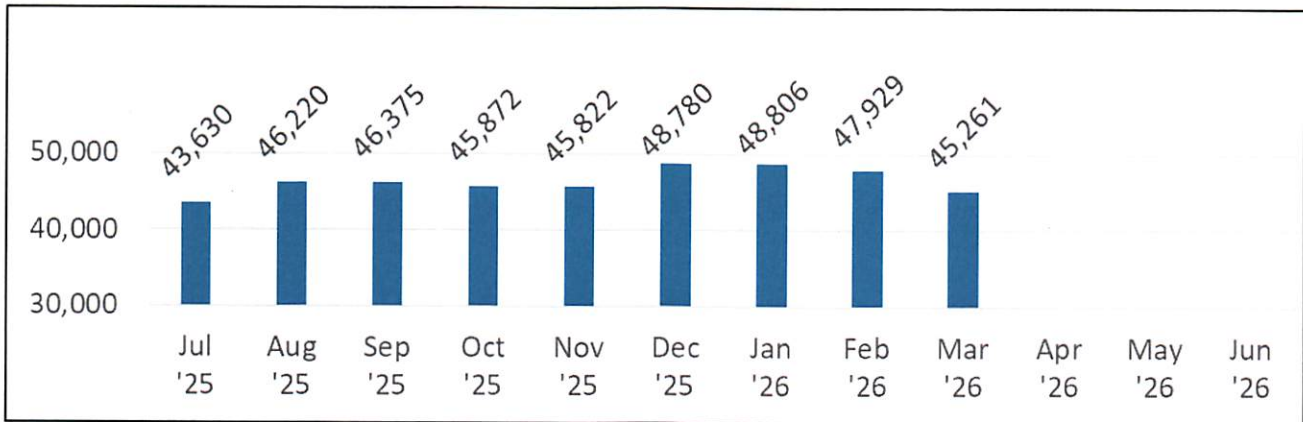
- Update: There are 34 Special Agent applicants scheduled for Command Staff Interviews from April 20-23.

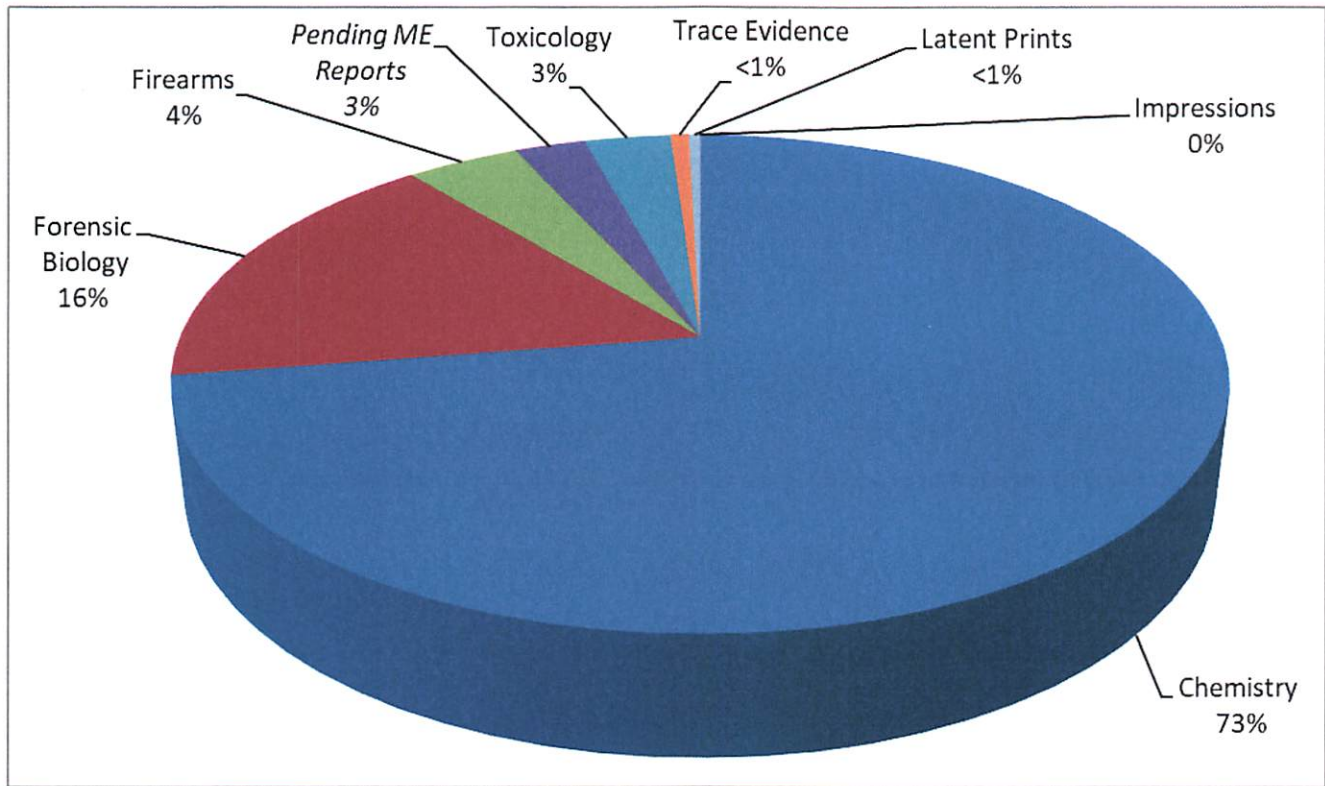


Crime Laboratory



Backlog Report – YTD FY2026 Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old





Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

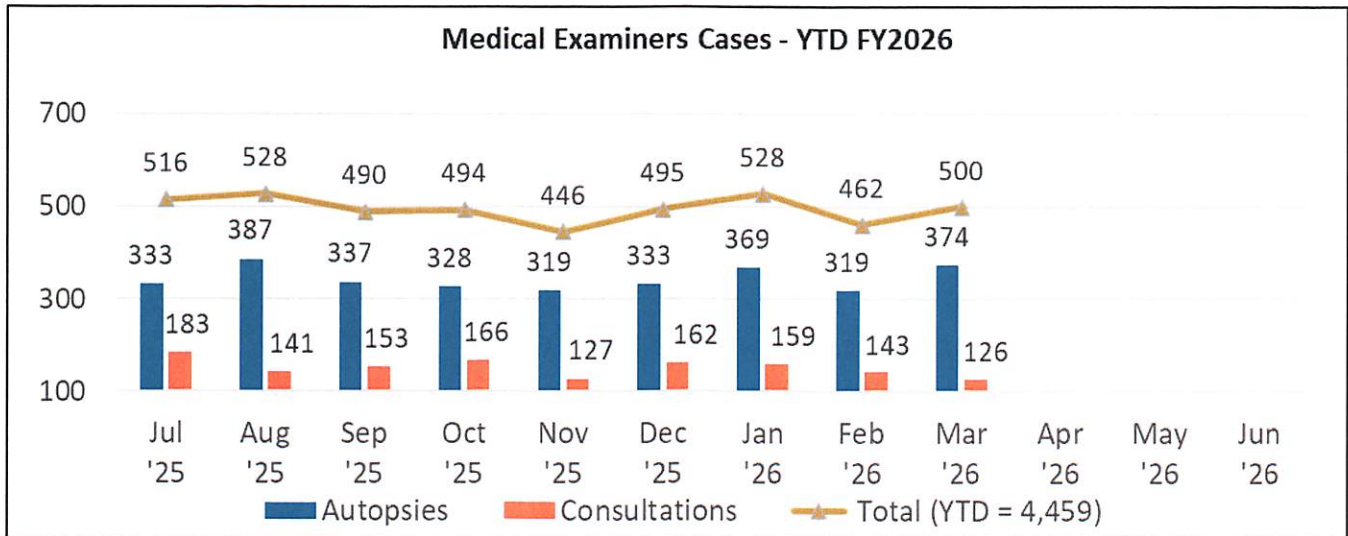
	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	YTD FY2026
Samples Entered	1,923	2,477	2,295	2,907	2,308	29	36	1,866	2,733				16,574
Confirmed Hits	37	43	48	47	69	29	28	20	41				362

Crime Laboratory Notes:

- The Crime Laboratory has 20 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.



Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)



MEO Backlog – YTD FY2026

Medical Examiner data is calculated as >90 days from the date of examination in accordance with National Association of Medical Examiner accreditation standards.

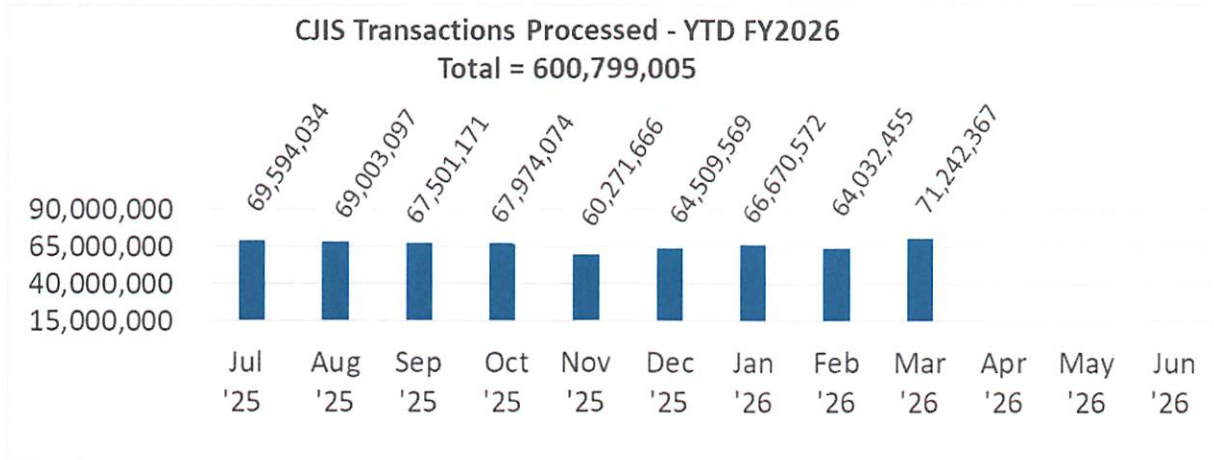
	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26
Reports Pending	1,779	1,401	1,250	1,269	1,260	1,280	1,282	1,189	1,172			
*Released w/in 90 Days	75.6%	63.6%	63.1%	61.4%	58.2%	62.6%	54.4%	49.5%	56.9%			

MEO Notes:

- The GBI MEO has been formally listed as a second-year intersession host for pathology experience through Mercer University. Intersessions are courses held in between major semesters of medical school and allow students to explore different areas of medicine. Hosting this intersession continues the GBI Medical Examiner's Office goal of addressing the national shortage of Medical Examiners by exposing more medical students, especially Georgia-based students, to forensic pathology.
- One pre-med student shadowed Dr. Broder on 3/24 and has advised that he now wants to go into Forensic Pathology.
- Two Emory Medical Students rotating with the Medical Examiner's Office.
- GBI Medical Examiner's Office has received continued accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)



Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)



AFIS/MBIS, CCH, and Applicant Activity Report

	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26
Criminal Fingerprint Submissions												
Submissions	45,867	30,989	37,054	36,880	33,884	34,722	36,093	*Not Avail.	39,053			
Submissions w/Palms	16,806	11,778	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.			
Submissions w/Photos	10,629	7,590	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.			
Latent Print AFIS HITS	16	24	*Not Avail.	*Not Avail.	40	*Not Avail.	54	*Not Avail.	131			
Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)												
Submissions	47,314	37,097	43,735	42,604	31,424	33,139	42,815	*Not Avail.	42,973			
Submissions through Rap Back	5,522	4,136	5,680	5,628	4,077	4,346	6,001	5,167	5,572			
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	1,440	1,099	1,286	1,407	1,179	1,322	1,378	1,535	1,506			
Final Disposition Submissions												
Local Agencies	81,109	72,924	74,570	80,573	57,658	71,621	63,656	72,138	81,435			
GCIC	267	278	178	309	192	170	249	312	259			
Rapid ID Transactions												
Transactions	2,017	1,868	1,852	2,068	1,810	1,607	1,836	1,874	1,974			
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	58%	60%	56%	60%	59%	61%	56%	54%	58%			
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	52%	52%	54%	56%	50%	50%	52%	53%	52%			
Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	14%	15%	17%	18%	14%	14%	17%	18%	16%			

* NEC continues to work on providing criminal fingerprint submission monthly data.

GCIC Activity Report

	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26
Off-Line Search Requests	19	20	16	12	12	19	24	30	15			
Sex Offender Registry <i>(Database Total 40,828)</i>												
Records Added	125	130	132	122	113	113	115	99	140			
Protection Order Registry <i>(Database Total 189,819)</i>												
Records Added	2,952	3,149	3,146	3,171	2,440	2,729	2,545	2,531	2,923			
Criminal Justice Agencies <i>(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)</i>												
Audited	0	0	13	32	37	20	21	46	42			
In Compliance	0	0	3	1	8	1	4	3	4			
Out of Compliance	0	0	10	31	29	19	17	43	38			
Trained	5	6	4	**19	4	0	1	4	2			
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	39	51	30	51	36	11	44	73	61			
In Compliance	21	31	19	27	19	11	28	44	35			
Out of Compliance	18	20	11	24	17	0	16	29	26			
Trained	10	21	51	12	11	1	8	12	24			
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	9	5	3	3	1	8	11	1	9			
CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO)	3,637	2,941	2,781	3,159	2,769	3,128	5,976	4,226	3,448			
CJIS Security Policy Awareness and Training/Awareness Statement	7,165	6,231	5,630	6,550	5,454	5,543	15,037	8,312	6,925			

** FBI RISC HITS - Repository for individuals of Special Concerns (RISC). This group includes Wanted Persons including the Immigration Violator File, National Sex Offenders, Known/Suspected Terrorists and other persons of special interest groups defined by the FBI.

The percentage of electronically received fingerprint cards vs. mailed/manual fingerprint cards = 99.8%



Office of Privacy and Compliance / Open Records Unit

Open Records/Archives Requests - YTD FY2026

Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	FY 2026
721	750	720	732	588	590	782	858	756				6497

Facilities – Major Projects Status

- GBI Headquarters’ new Medical Examiner’s Office construction is currently in sitework and footing installation phase.
- The new Central Medical Examiner’s Building is in the schematic design phase.
- The new Region 11 Investigative Office is scheduled to begin construction in April 2026
- GBI-Region 10/Gang Task Force Building is in the Space Programming Phase.