

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
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## Director's Highlights

- Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office (SRDEO) – On September 24, 2024, the GBI, Albany Dougherty County Drug Unit (ADDU), Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SO), Camilla Police Department, Mitchell County SO, Thomas County SO, and Miller County SO executed arrest warrants throughout numerous Georgia counties. Eighteen arrests were made in this joint investigation into a conspiracy to traffic drugs throughout multiple counties in Southwest Georgia. Charges include Conspiracy to Possess Methamphetamine with the Intent to Distribute; Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute; Conspiracy to Traffic Methamphetamine; Trafficking Methamphetamine; Use of a Communication Facility in Commission of a Felony Involving Methamphetamine; Possession of a Schedule III, IV, or V Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute; Use of a Communication Facility in Commission of a Felony Involving Controlled Substances; Conspiracy to Traffic Methamphetamine, Marijuana, and other illegal drugs; Trafficking in Cocaine, Illegal Drugs, Marijuana, or Methamphetamine; Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute; and Tampering with Evidence. During this 9-month joint investigation, approximately 778 grams of suspected methamphetamine and 9,000 grams of suspected marijuana was seized. This investigation is active and ongoing. More arrests and charges are expected.
- Region 11 – On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, GBI's Region 11 – Athens Field Office was requested by Barrow County Sheriff's Office to investigate a school shooting that occurred at Apalachee High School in Winder, GA. Two students and two teachers were shot and killed during the shooting. Nine additional people (8 students, 1 teacher) were injured and taken to various hospitals with injuries. GBI Agents, Georgia State Patrol Troopers, local law enforcement and first responders were on scene within minutes. The 14-year-old subject (Colt Gray) was taken into custody without incident. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the father of the 14-year-old subject (Colin Gray) was arrested for his role in his son having access to the rifle that was used in the school shooting.

By midnight September 4, over 400 leads had been conducted, to include contacting students, teachers and other faculty and administration. GBI's crime scene specialists remained on scene two and a half days, until early afternoon Friday, September 6, 2024, conducting well over 100 Leica scans. Leads were followed piecing together timelines before and during the shooting. Region 11, along with supervisors, agents, analysts, DFIs, and crime scene specialists from 12 other GBI work units, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Emergency Management, Department of Natural Resources, FBI Atlanta Division, local law enforcement and first responders assisted Barrow County Sheriff's Office. GBI's Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) supervisors and analysts set up on scene the day of the shootings and have continued to monitor and track numerous potential threats that developed the following days. GISAC and GBI work units have been working with local agencies investigating over 400 school threats, identifying, arresting, and prosecuting those making the threats.

- Region 1 – On August 30, 2024, GBI's Region 1 – Calhoun Field Office and the Walker County Sheriff's Office announced the arrest of Clarence George, age 63, of Alabama, in the murder investigation of Julie Ann McDonald. After 24 years, GBI agents charged George with murder and aggravated assault in connection with McDonald's death. On August 22, 2024, the U.S. Marshals Service arrested George in Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 11, 2000, the body of Julie McDonald was discovered in her home on Arnold Lane in Lafayette, GA. The Walker County Sheriff's Office asked the GBI to assist in the murder investigation. Both agencies worked diligently to solve the case but were unable to at that time. Between 2015-2016, the case was reviewed by a Walker County detective and a GBI Special Agent, who both made tremendous progress in the case. Investigators resubmitted evidence for testing, but the tests were unable to identify a suspect at that time. Between 2023-2024, a Walker County Lieutenant and a GBI Special Agent again reexamined the case and retested evidence in the investigation. The efforts of the detectives and GBI agents led to the murder and aggravated assault charges on George. George was taken to the Jefferson County Jail in Birmingham, Alabama where he is awaiting extradition back to Georgia for these charges.

- Middle Georgia Gang Task Force (MGGTF) – On August 23, 2024, the GBI arrested 7 people in Washington County, Georgia, following a joint drug investigation by the GBI's MGGTF, the Georgia State Patrol (GSP), the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS), the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC), and the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Charges included the Sale of Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine, Trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine with the Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Possession of a Knife during the Commission of a Felony. Following a 4-month joint investigation, GBI MGGTF arrested 4 people involved in drug sales in Washington County, GA. Law enforcement also executed multiple DCS search and arrest warrants. Following additional warrants, agents arrested 3 additional people on drug and gun charges. During the investigation, agents seized 1 rifle, approximately 50 grams of suspected crack cocaine, 14 grams of suspected powder cocaine, and approximately 28 grams of suspected marijuana.
- 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-two (32) cold cases are being reviewed at this time. Thirteen (13) were requests from designated family members and nineteen (19) were GBI initiated. CCU has also opened twelve (12) GBI cold case unidentified remains (UID) cases in hopes of identifying the victims with FIGG (Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy).
- From January 1 to September 30, 2024, the GBI has investigated a total of sixty-eight (68) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number sixty-eight (68) was September 30, 2024. GBI's Region 10 – Atlanta Regional Field Office was requested by the MARTA Police Department (PD). Officers responded to a robbery at the Oakland City MARTA station. As officers arrived, the suspect, Carnell Kelly, age 18, of Atlanta, ran out of the MARTA station. Officers pursued Kelly into James Orange Park. When officers confronted Kelly, he pulled out a knife. Officers ordered Kelly to drop the knife. When officers attempted to arrest Kelly, he grabbed his knife and engaged in a struggle with officers. During the struggle, the officer's gun was fired. No one was hit by the gunfire. An officer deployed a taser and Kelly was arrested without further incident. EMS was requested but Kelly declined treatment. Kelly was taken from the scene by MARTA PD, who took charges against Kelly. No one was injured during the incident. The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office for review.

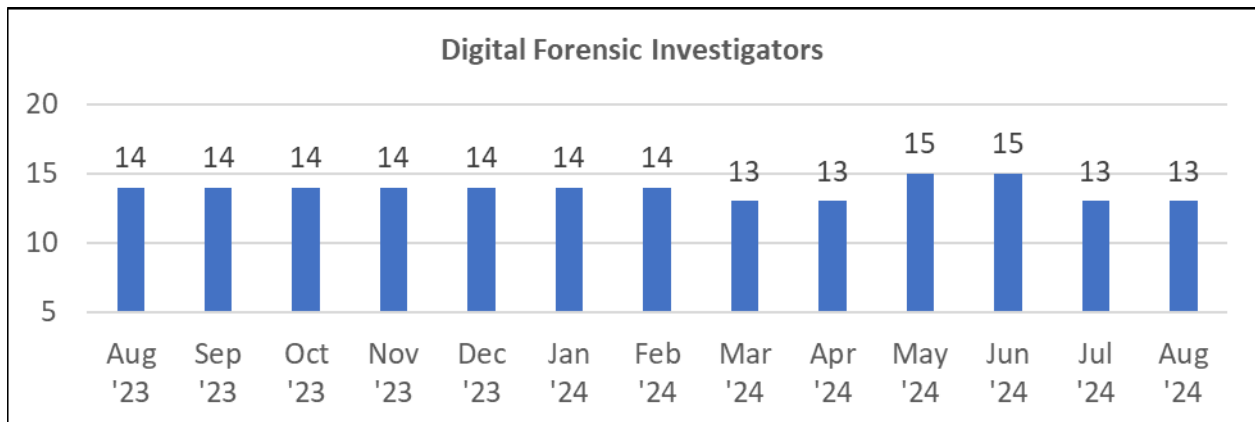
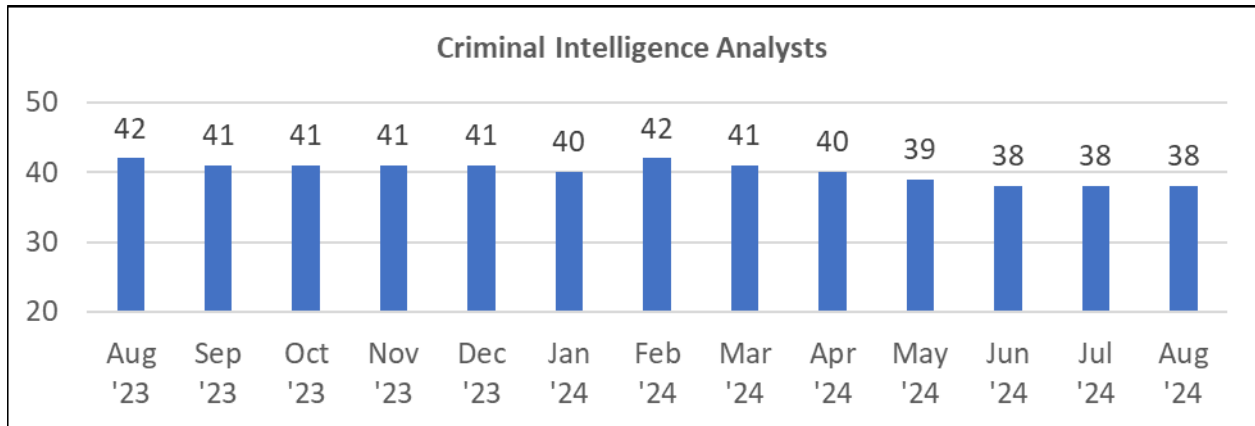
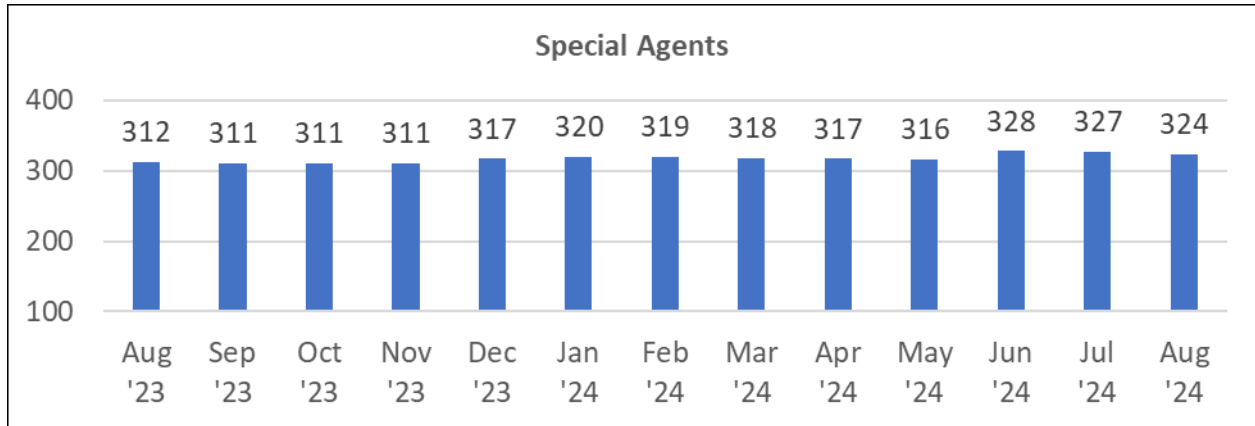
### **Promotions Effective October 2024**

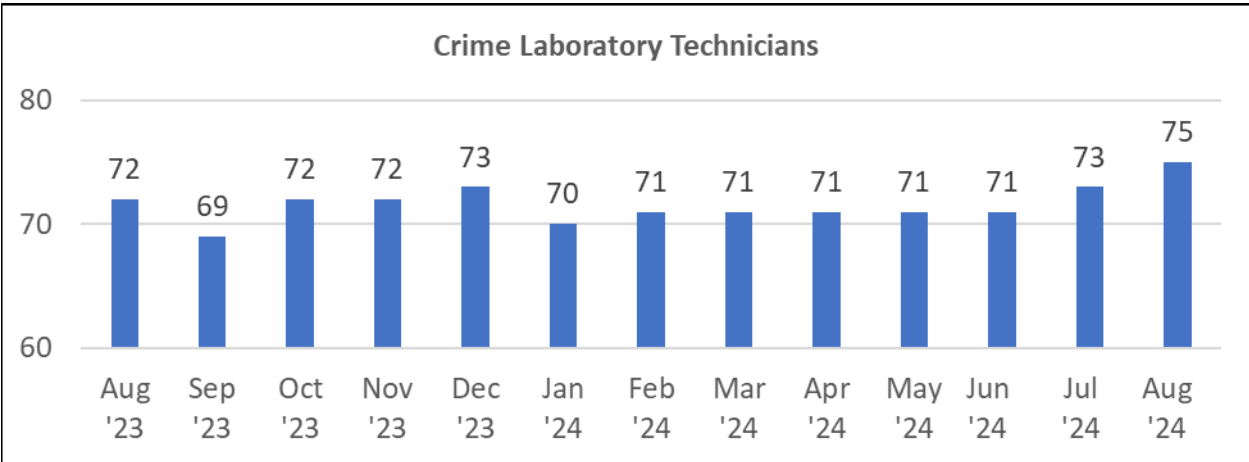
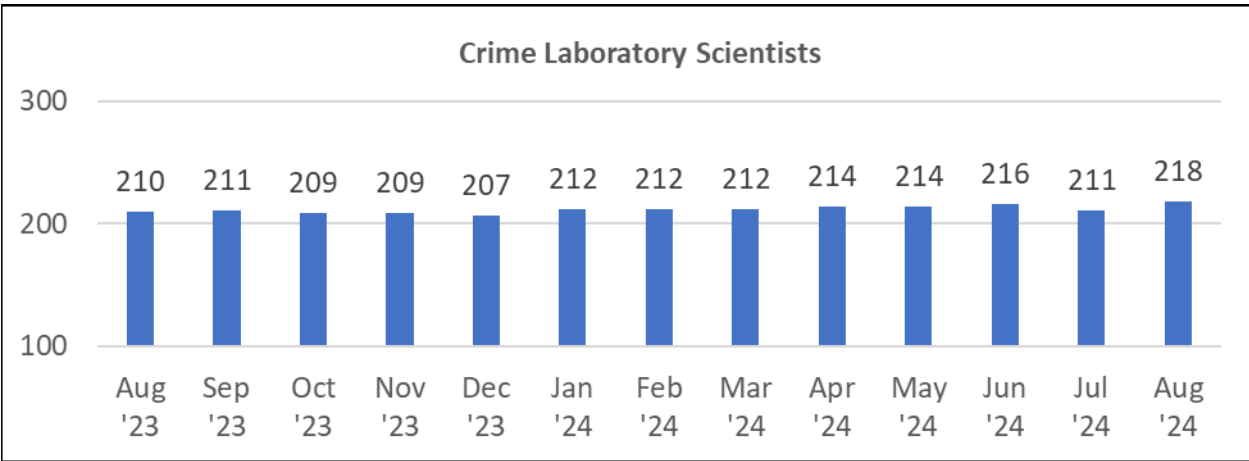
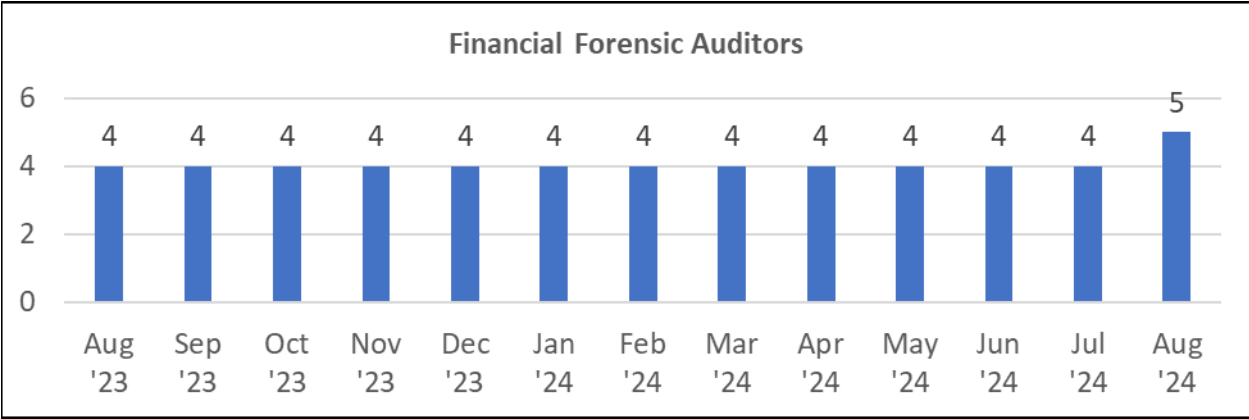
- Andy Mossman was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the Metro Gang Task Force in Conyers, GA, effective October 1, 2024.
- Dana Reese was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office in Metter, GA, effective October 1, 2024.

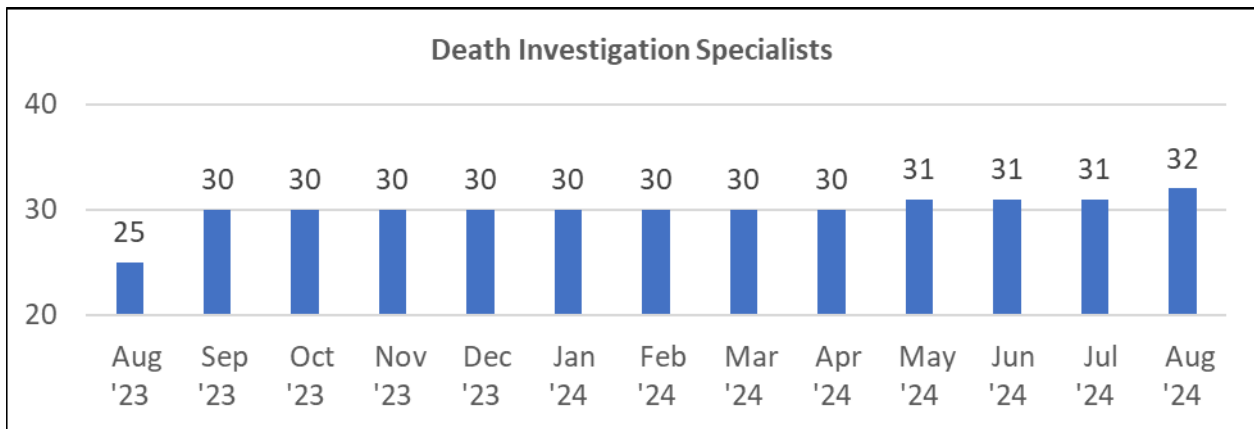
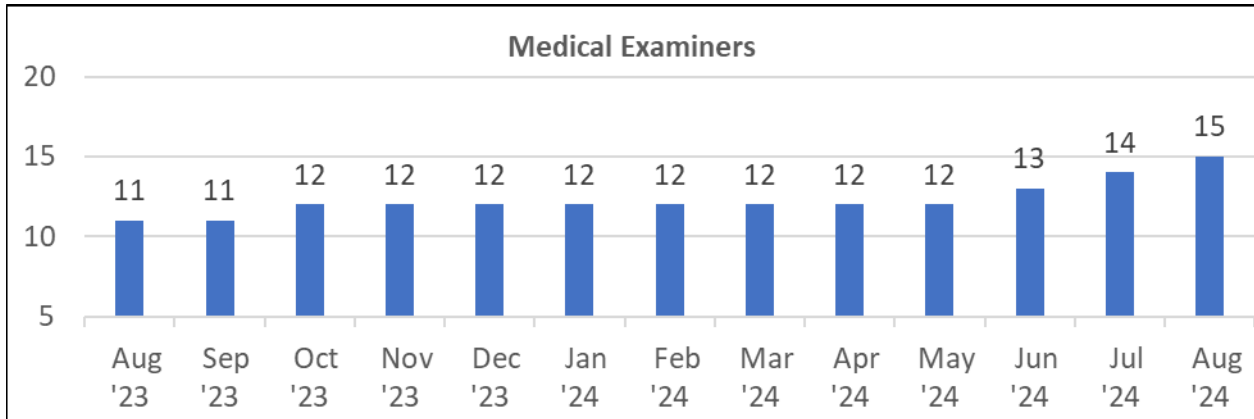


# Staffing Report

## Filled Positions (All Fund Sources)







**GBI Vacancies -- FY2025**

*(State Funds Only)*

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sept '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
<b>DOFS</b>	58	46										
<b>Scientist Positions</b>	32	25										
<b>Investigative Division</b>	44	42										
<b>Sworn Agent Positions</b>	20	22										
<b>GCIC</b>	9	9										
<b>Admin</b>	5	5										

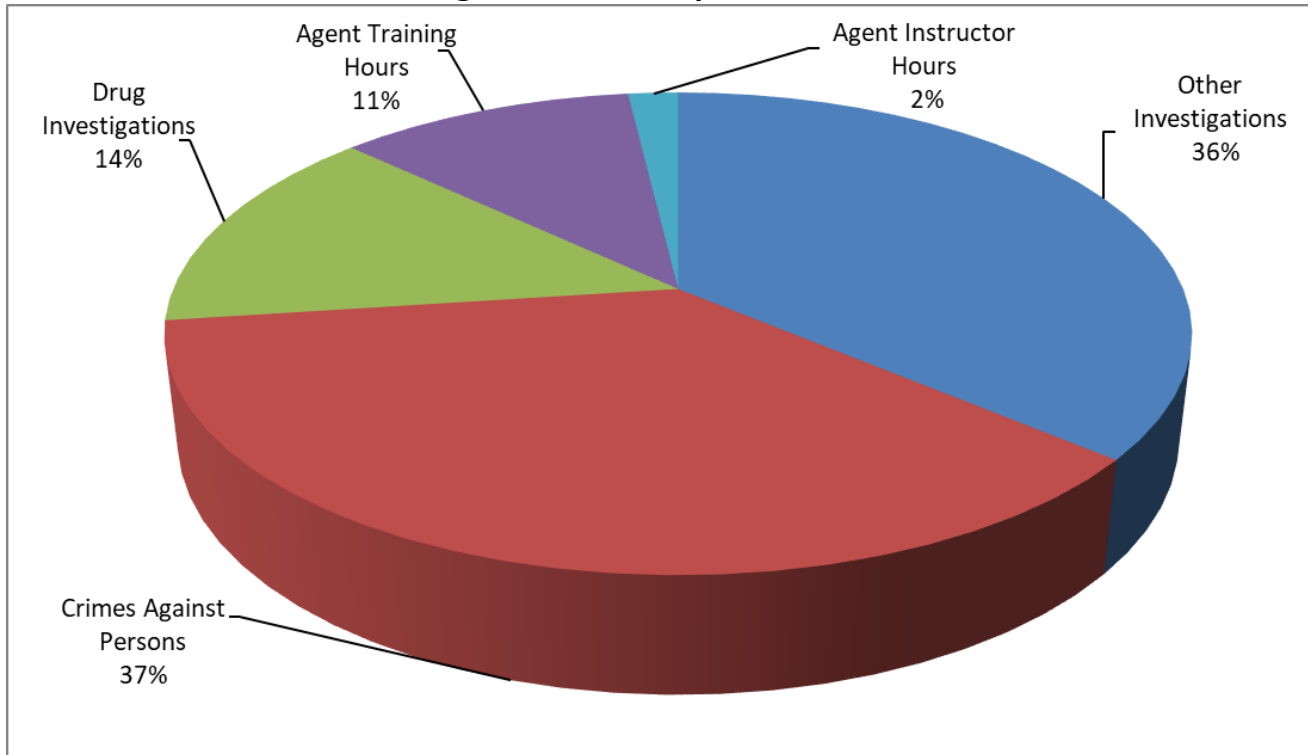


# Investigative Division

## Investigative Cases – YTD FY2025

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	FY 2025
* Crimes Against Persons	85	106											191
**Drug Investigations	16	22											38
***Other Investigations	412	462											874
<b>Total</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>590</b>											<b>1,103</b>

## Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2025



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

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

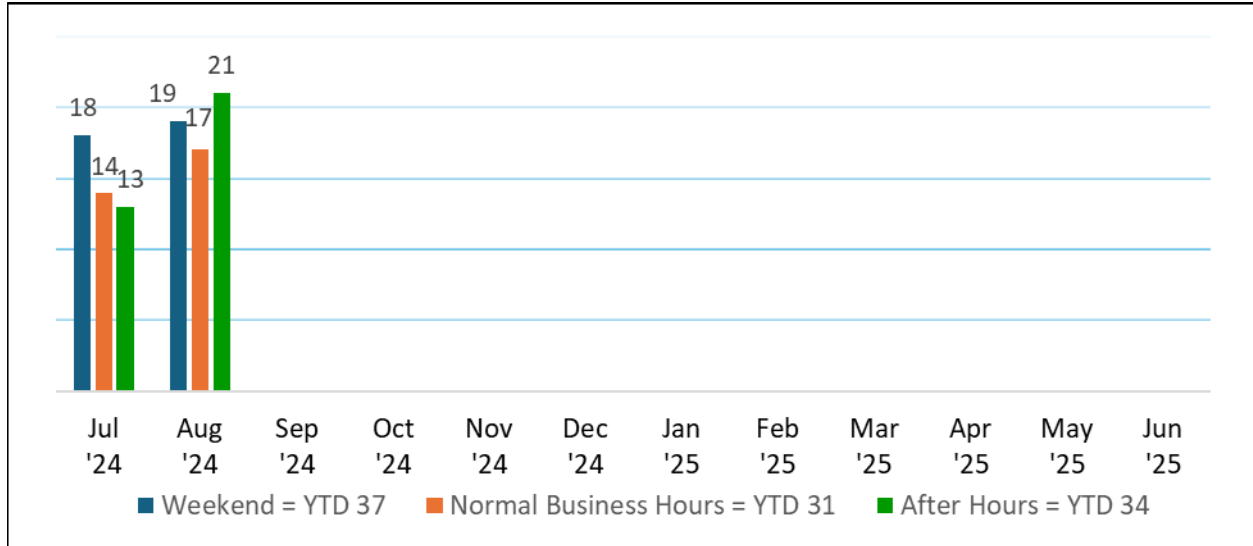
\*\*\* **Other Investigations** - corruption, cyber, bomb disposal, election, technology, cold case review, property crimes, special events, etc.



### Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2025

	August 2024	YTD FY2025
Property Stolen	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Property Recovered	\$126,300.00	126,300.00
Contraband Seized	\$2,879,731.50	\$5,694,565.60
Arrests	82	173
Cases Closed	445	957

### Major Case Call Outs - YTD FY2025



### Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC)

#### Watch Desk Activity YTD FY2025

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	FY 2025
Threats to Life	34	42											76
See Send App Tips	2,352	628											2,980
Suspicious Activity	0	1											1
*Requests for Info.	1,936	1,978											3,914

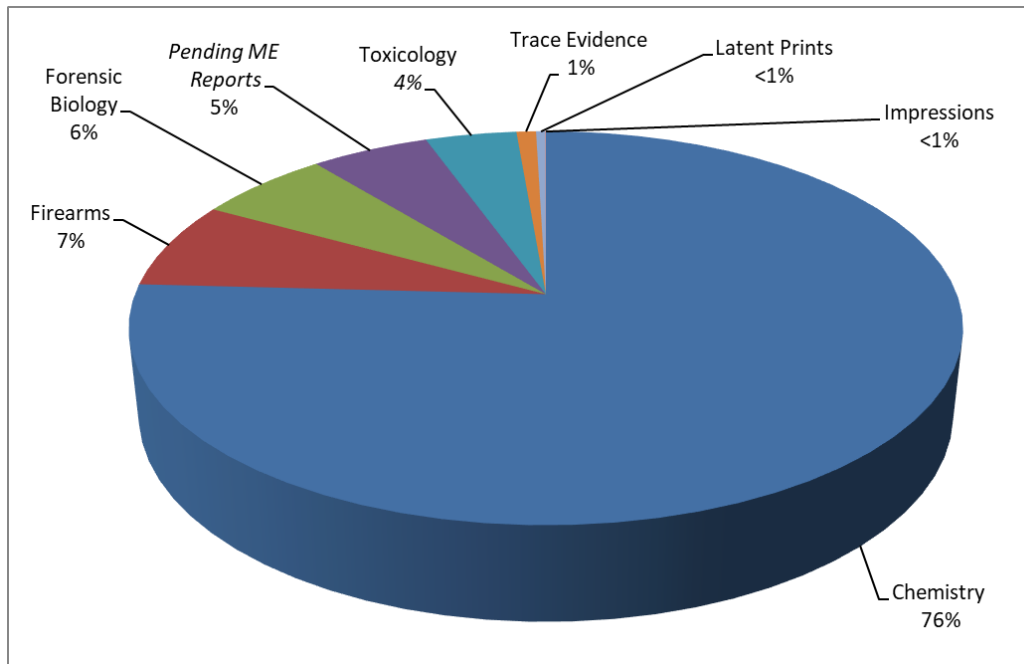
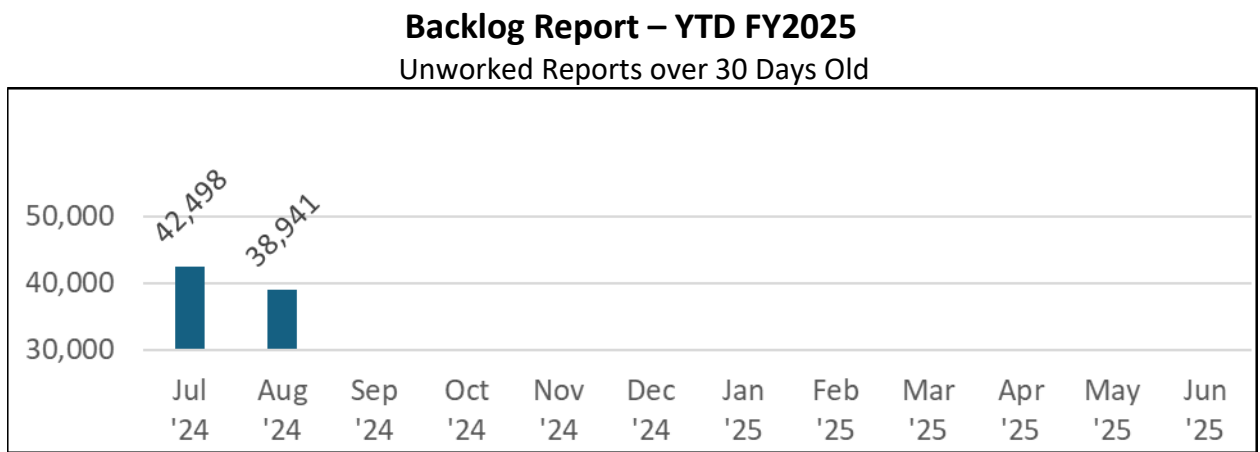
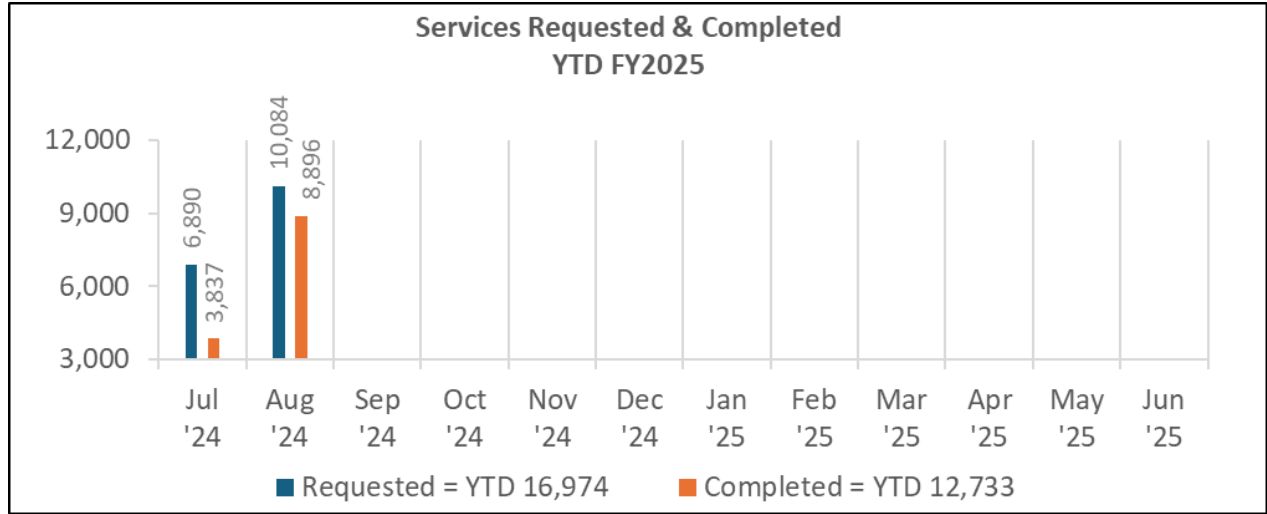
\* The GISAC Requests for Information (RFI) totals are accurate at the time of this report. However, the numbers may change due to pending updates and modifications within the reporting system.

#### Investigative Division Notes:

- Thirty-five Special Agent applicants are currently in the background process as potential hires.



# Crime Laboratory



### Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

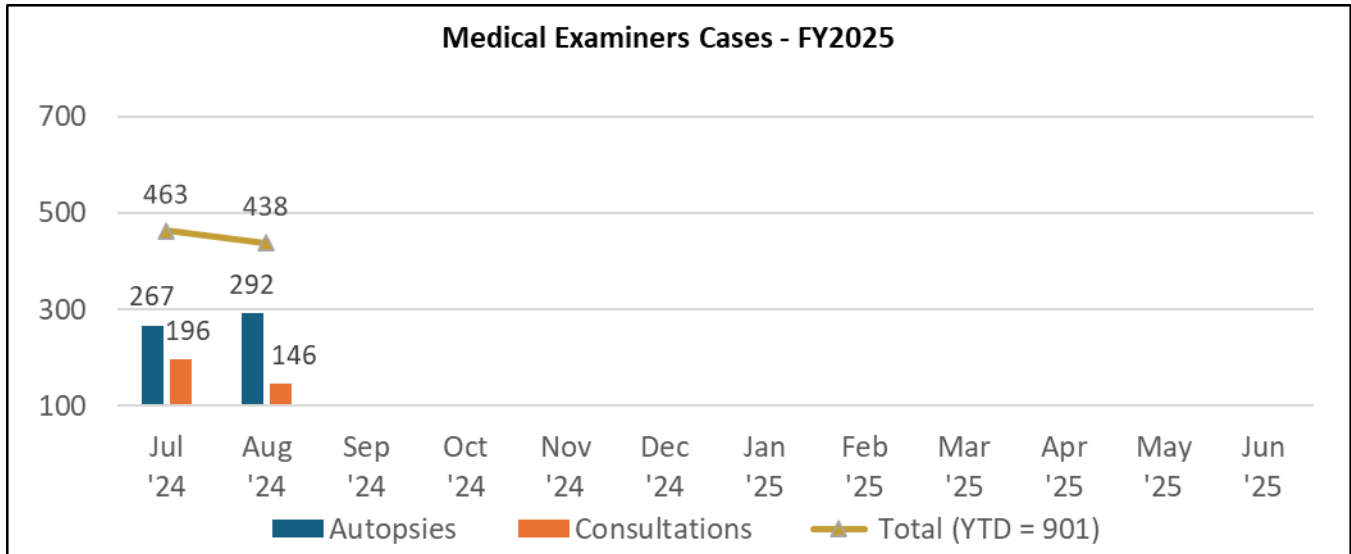
	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	YTD FY2025
<b>Samples Entered</b>	1,710	1,926											3,636
<b>Confirmed Hits</b>	65	35											100

**Crime Laboratory Notes:**

- The Crime Laboratory has 26 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.
- During September 2024, 1 Crime Lab Scientist and 2 Forensic Technicians began employment with the GBI Division of Forensic Sciences.



## Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)



### MEO Backlog - FY2025

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

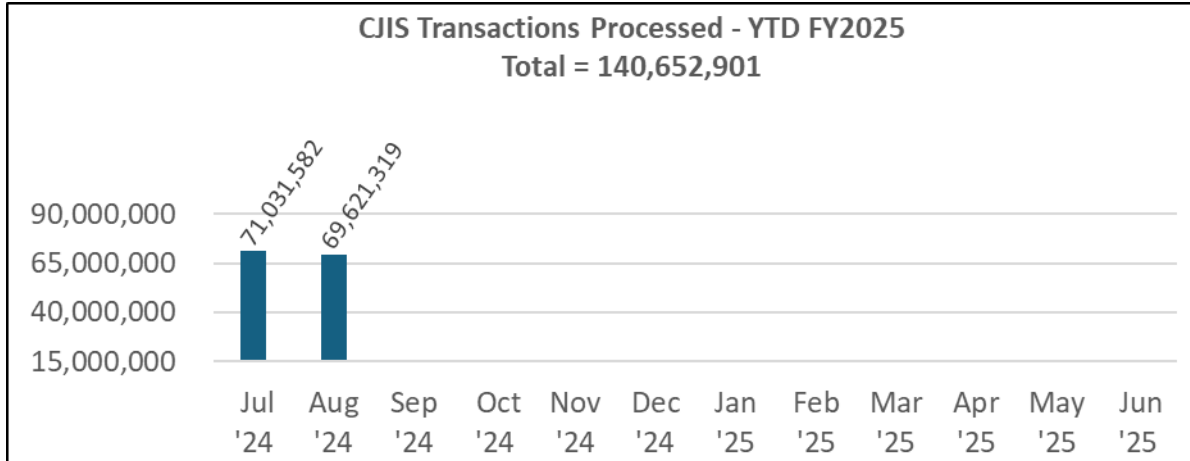
	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
<b>Reports Pending</b>	1,938	2,110										
<b>Released w/in 90 Days</b>	68.9%	53.0%										

#### MEO Notes:

- During September 2024, Augusta University Pathology residents began their two-week rotation in the MEO's Forensic Pathology Program.
- GBI Medical Examiner, Dr. Reynolds, presented a lecture on gunshot wounds to GBI's Emory University Pathology residents.



# Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC)



## AFIS, CCH, and Applicant Activity Report

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
<b>Criminal Fingerprint Submissions</b>												
Submissions	44,936	45,969										
Submissions w/Palms	15,948	16,590										
Submissions w/Photos	11,132	11,617										
Latent Print AFIS HITS	19	44										
<b>Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)</b>												
Submissions	48,959	52,249										
Submissions through Rap Back	6,157	6,245										
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	1,107	1,122										
<b>Final Disposition Submissions</b>												
Local Agencies	71,469	71,214										
GCIC	326	287										
<b>Rapid ID Transactions</b>												
Transactions	1,893	2,128										
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	49%	52%										
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	52%	55%										
**Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	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 '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
<b>Off-Line Search Requests</b>	17	14										
<b>Sex Offender Registry</b> <i>(Database Total 38,889)</i>												
<b>Records Added</b>	106	145										
<b>Protection Order Registry</b> <i>(Database Total 188,998)</i>												
<b>Records Added</b>	2,854	3,190										
<b>Criminal Justice Agencies</b> <i>(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)</i>												
<b>Audited</b>	20	36										
<b>In Compliance</b>	4	5										
<b>Out of Compliance</b>	16	31										
<b>Trained</b>	10	4										
<b>Non-Criminal Justice</b> <i>(e.g. Civil Courts, City, County and Charter Schools, Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), Department of Community Health (DCH), etc.)</i>												
<b>Audited</b>	63	32										
<b>In Compliance</b>	32	25										
<b>Out of Compliance</b>	31	7										
<b>Trained</b>	12	57										
<b>Learning Management System (LMS)</b> <i>An on-line system for criminal justice and non-criminal justice staff to enroll and attend e-learning courses.</i>												
<b>Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database</b>	11	12										
<b>CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO)</b>	3,058	3,078										
<b>CJIS Security Policy Awareness and Training/Awareness Statement</b>	5,538	6,878										

### GCIC Notes:

- Due to Tropical Storm Debby in early August, the 2024 GCIC Training Symposium was cancelled. The 2024 GCIC Training Symposium has been rescheduled for October 21-22, 2024, in Jekyll Island, GA. Please visit the GCIC website at [Georgia Crime Information Center \(state.ga.us\)](https://www.state.ga.us/gcic) for more information.



# Administration

## Office of Privacy and Compliance / Open Records Unit

### Open Records/Archives Requests - YTD FY2025

	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	FY 2025
<b>Open Records Requests</b>	694	573											1,267

## Facilities – Major Projects Status

- Phase 1 HQ Building Automation System Replacement was completed in September 2024.
- HQ MEO Expansion design services scheduled for completion in December 2024.
- Region 1 - Calhoun Office new construction scheduled for completion in January 2025.