

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2026**



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Director's Highlights

- Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) – On September 17, 2025 - The GBI arrested and charged 24 people following a search warrant operation in Gwinnett County, GA. The GBI's ARDEO, Gwinnett Metro Task Force (GMTF), and Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office (SO) executed five search warrants in the Buford area of Gwinnett County. These search warrants represented the first phase of a lengthy investigation into the fentanyl drug trafficking organization (DTO) suspected of being spearheaded by Adrian Bernard Butler.

Butler DTO is responsible for trafficking kilograms of fentanyl, cocaine, and crack cocaine throughout Gwinnett County and northeast GA. While heavily concentrated in Buford, Flowery Branch, and Gainesville, Hall County, GA, the organization's tentacles spread throughout Forsyth, Jackson, Habersham, and Lumpkin Counties. Law enforcement is actively investigating multiple fentanyl overdose death investigations connected to the Butler DTO. To date, this investigation has led to the seizure of approximately one kilogram of cocaine, ounces of fentanyl, ounces of crack cocaine, multiple pounds of marijuana, and eight firearms. The investigation is ongoing, and additional charges are imminent.

Agencies assisting GBI ARDEO and GMTF included: Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program, GBI Metro Gang Task Force, Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office, Gwinnett County SO, Gwinnett County Police Department (PD) Communications Unit, Lawrenceville PD, U.S. Marshals Service, and University of North Georgia Digital Intelligence Unit.

- Middle Georgia Gang Task Force (MGGTF) – On September 11, 2025, GBI's MGGTF, Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS), and Washington County SO conducted a probation search of Jerrold Russell, age 37, of Sandersville, GA. During the search, they located and seized 414 grams of methamphetamine, 76 grams of marijuana, a loaded handgun, and \$3,410 in U.S. currency. Russell is currently on probation for Trafficking Cocaine until 2043, which will be revoked. Russell was arrested and faces several charges, including Trafficking Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.
- Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) – On September 3 and 4, 2025, GBI ARDEO, FBI Conasauga Safe Streets Task Force (CSSTF), and Gwinnett County SO shut down a drug lab, arrested and charged Arturo Perez-Huizache, age 40, and Carla Abarca-Jiminez, age 22, both of Guerrero, Mexico, with Trafficking Methamphetamine. Agents and deputies executed a search warrant at a home in Norcross, GA, which led to the seizure of approximately four kilograms of suspected methamphetamine, suspected cocaine, suspected ecstasy pills, and a firearm. Agents and deputies also located a methamphetamine lab where methamphetamine oils were being converted into methamphetamine crystals and packaged for sale.

These arrests were the result of a lengthy drug investigation into the criminal drug trafficking organization (DTO) of Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) inmate Kevin Lee Daniel Mashburn, age 41, of Blue Ridge, Georgia. The Mashburn DTO is responsible for flooding large amounts of methamphetamine up the I-515/575 corridor throughout Cherokee, Pickens, Gilmer, Fannin, and Union Counties. Over the past 12 months, agents and investigators have arrested more than a dozen suspects who were trafficking methamphetamine on behalf of the Mashburn DTO. These arrests netted more than 35 kilograms of

methamphetamine. The following agencies contributed to the investigation: FBI CSSTF, Fannin County SO, Gwinnett County SO, GDC, Gilmer County SO, Union County SO, Cherokee County SO Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS), and Pickens County SO. This is an ongoing investigation, and additional arrests are expected.

- Georgia Cyber Crime Center (G3C) – On September 3, 2025, following a five-month investigation conducted by the GBI's G3C, Charles Henry Williams, age 63, of Trinity, FL, was arrested and charged with Theft by Deception (1 count) and Exploitation of an Elder Person (1 count). The GBI conducted this investigation in coordination with the State of Georgia Attorney General's Office, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Sumter County SO, and the Pasco County SO. In April 2025, the GBI was requested to investigate an online timeshare scam that targeted an elderly couple in Newnan, GA. The investigation revealed that over the course of four years, the couple lost over \$1 million. Additional victims were also identified through the investigation. Williams was arrested in Trinity, FL, and will face charges in Coweta County, GA.
- Office of Special Investigations (OSI) - Cold Case Unit (CCU) – Fifty (50) cold cases are being reviewed or reinvestigated at this time. Eighteen (18) were Coleman-Baker Act (CBA) requests from designated family members and the remaining cases were GBI initiated from cold cases throughout the State. The CBA request webform is available on GBI's website Home page. CCU has also opened thirteen (13) GBI cold case unidentified remains (UID) cases in hopes of identifying the victims with FIGG (Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy). Four (4) of the unidentified remains cases have been identified.
- From January 1 to September 30, 2025, the GBI investigated a total of fifty-nine (59) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). On September 28, 2025, GBI's Region 4 Investigative Office in Douglas, GA, was requested by Coffee County SO. Douglas PD responded to the Circle K on E. Baker Highway in Douglas, GA, regarding a domestic violence incident where Tommy Randy Musgrove II, age 44, of Douglas, GA, held his girlfriend at knifepoint. Musgrove fled the scene before the police arrived. Officers and deputies went to the Bear Creek Road area to locate Musgrove. When they arrived, they found Musgrove's home on fire and Musgrove standing in the road with what appeared to be a gun in his hand. After putting the gun to his head, Musgrove ran further into the neighborhood and attempted to forcibly enter another home. Officers and deputies then fired their weapons and hit Musgrove multiple times. Law enforcement provided immediate medical care until EMS arrived on scene. Musgrove was transported to the hospital where he is in stable condition. No officers were injured. During the investigation, it was determined that Musgrove's gun was not real but was a replica BB/air gun.

The Georgia State Fire Marshall's Office is investigating the fire incident. Douglas PD is investigating the incident at Circle K and has secured an arrest warrant for Aggravated Assault. This investigation is active and ongoing. Additional arrest warrants are expected to be obtained. Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be given to the Waycross Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for review and prosecution.

Promotions Effective October 2025

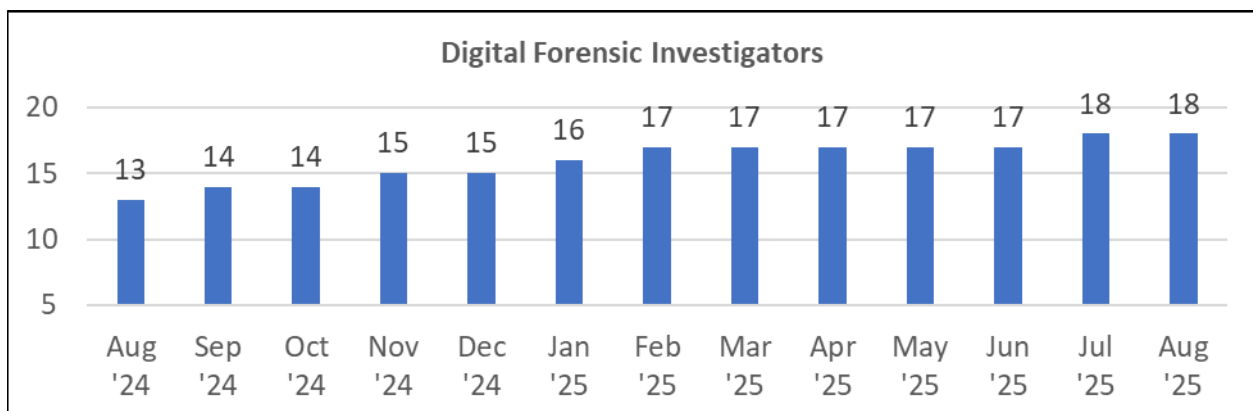
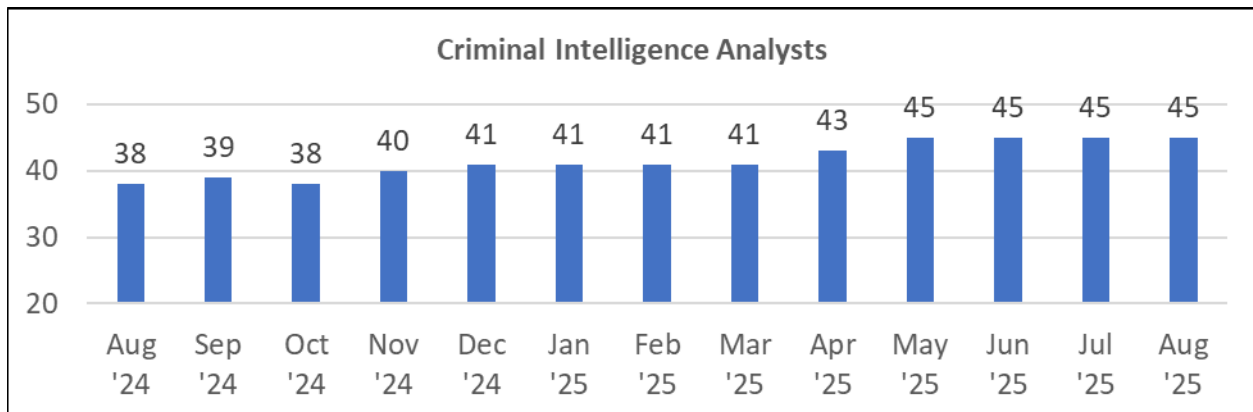
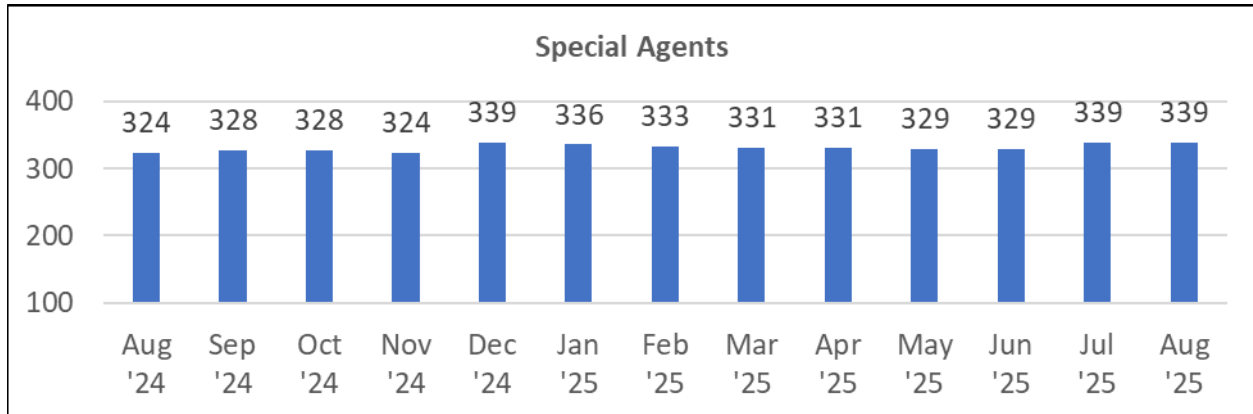
- Morgan Brennan was promoted to Division of Forensic Sciences Chemistry Assistant Manager at Headquarters in Decatur, GA, effective October 1, 2025.
- Daniel Nicholson was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge at the Northwest Georgia Drug Task Force, effective October 1, 2025.
- Steven Sweatt was promoted to Special Agent in Charge at the Region 2 Investigative Field Office in Midland, GA, effective October 1, 2025.

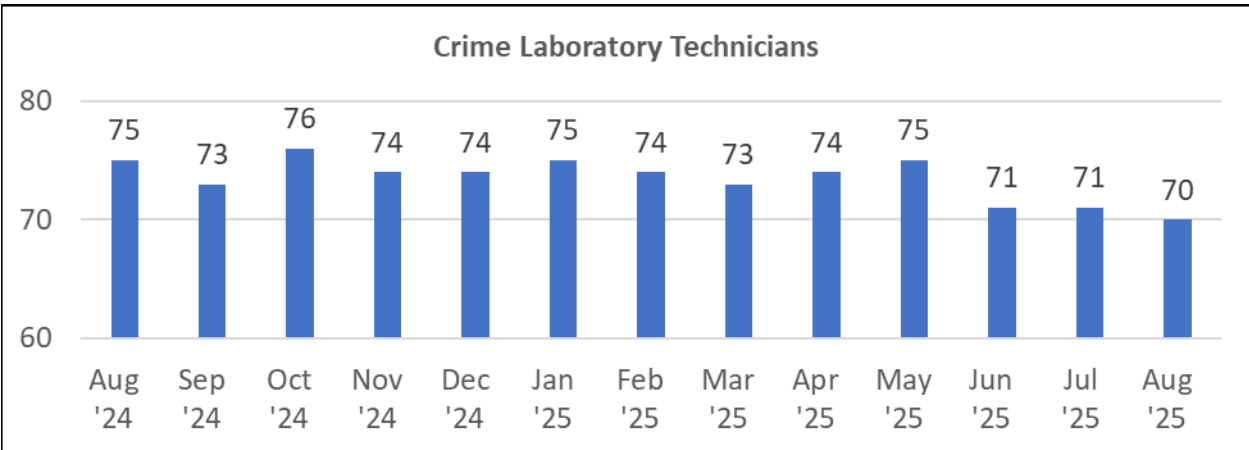
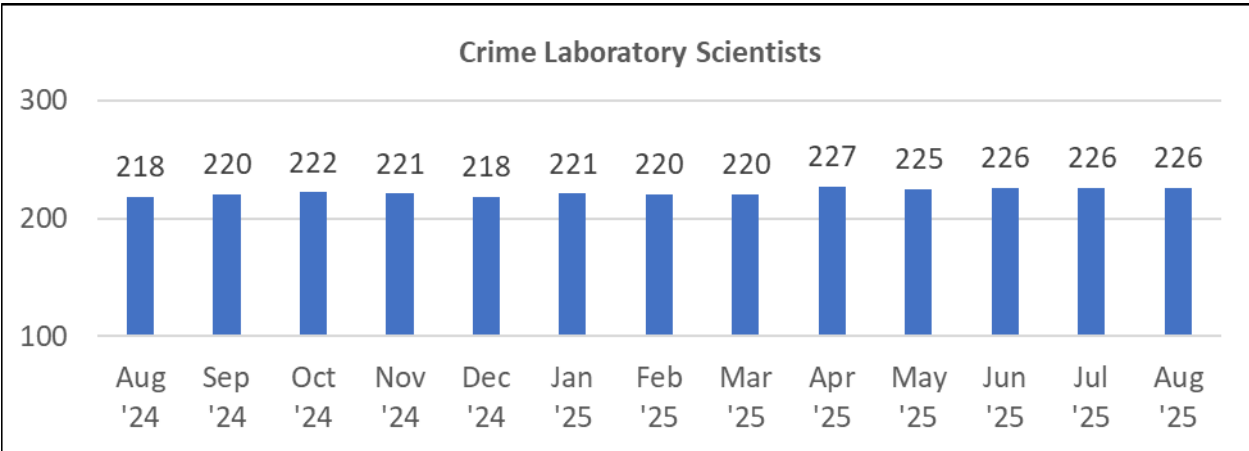
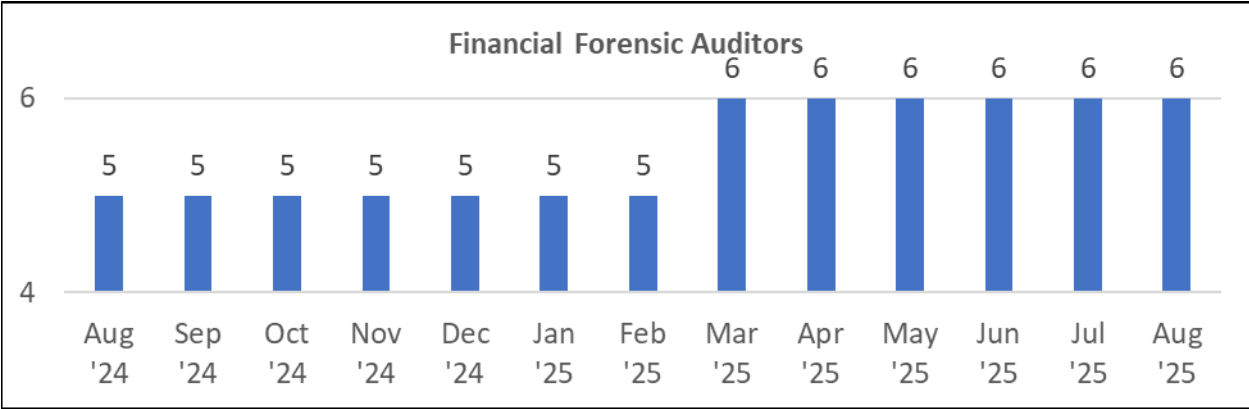


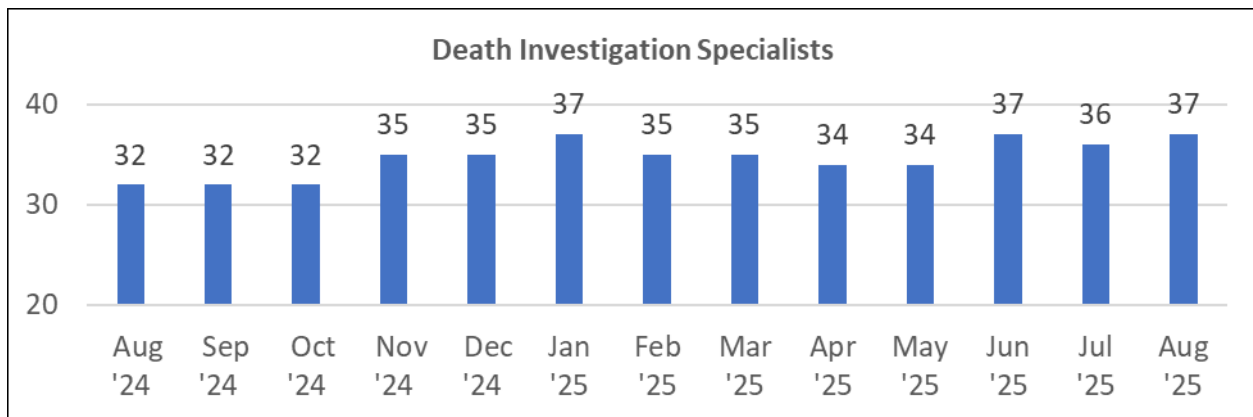
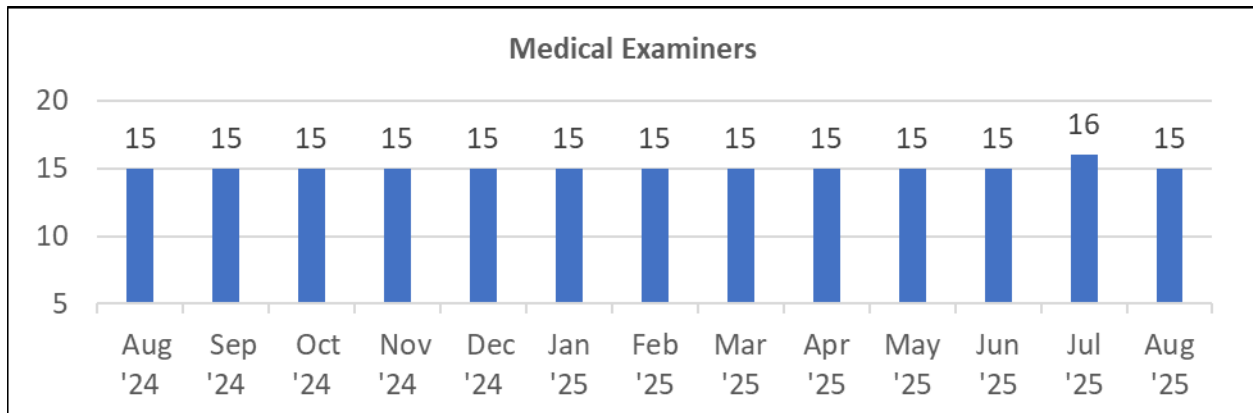
Staffing Report

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										
Scientist Positions	21	21										
Investigative Division	20	20										
Sworn Agent Positions	5	5										
GCIC	4	4										
Admin	6	7										

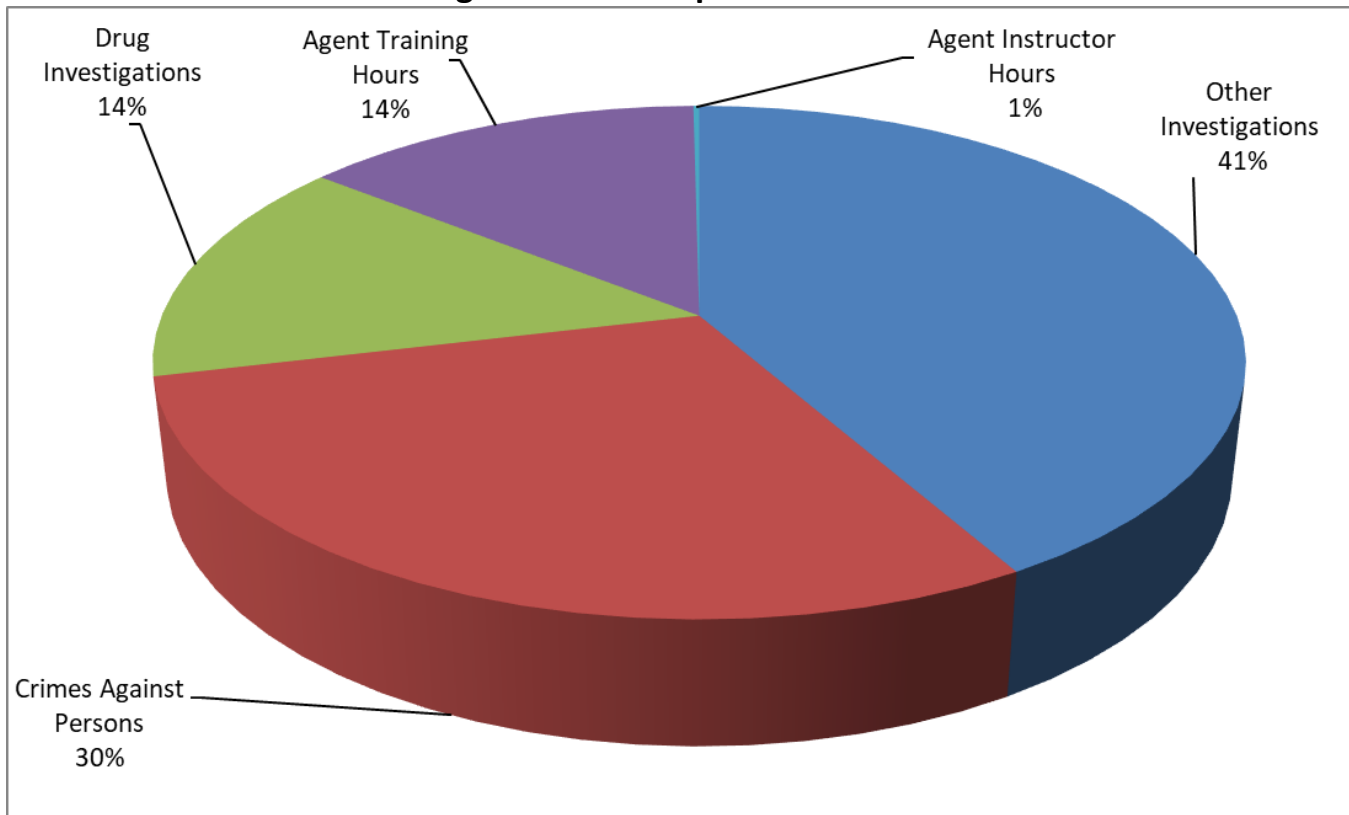


Investigative Division

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											281
** Drug Investigations	76	60											136
*** Other Investigations	650	529											1,179
Total	888	708											1,596

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.

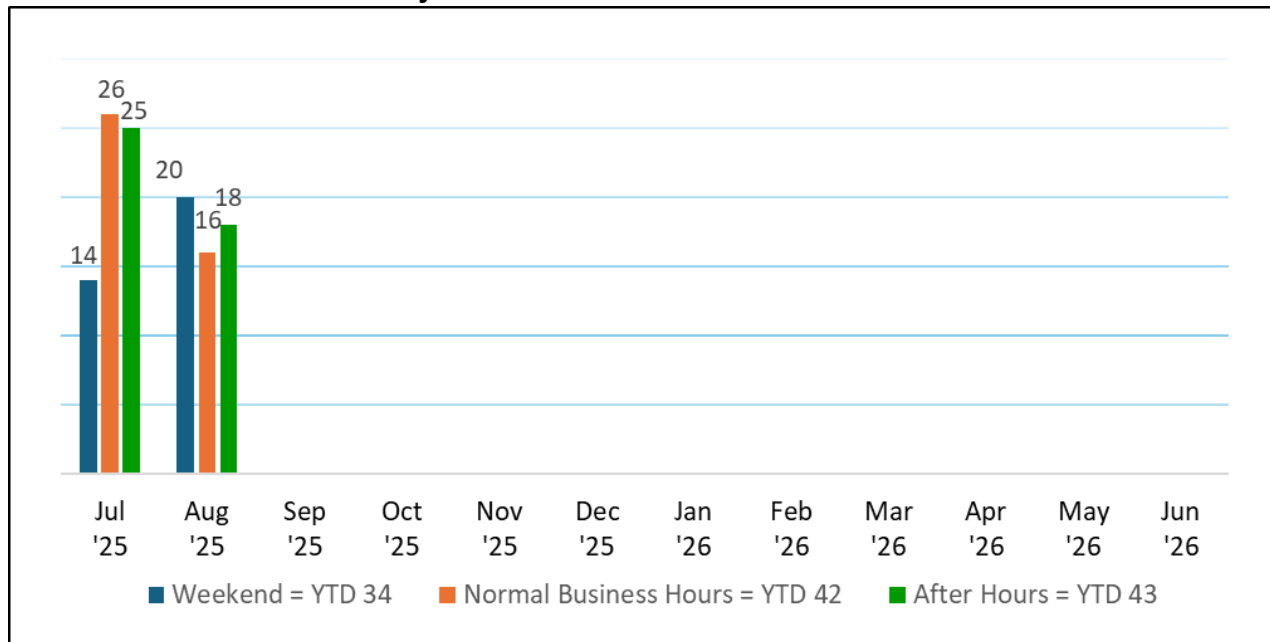
*** **Other Investigations** - corruption, cyber, bomb disposal, election, technology, cold case review, property crimes, special events, etc.

Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2026

	August 2025	YTD FY2026
Property Stolen	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Recovered	\$0.00	\$0.00
* Contraband Seized	\$4,290,780.85	\$4,324,462.85
Arrests	93	142
* Cases Closed	502	624

**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											45
See Send App Tips	954	1,225											2,179
Suspicious Activity	3	2											5
*Requests for Info.	1,351	1,552											2,903

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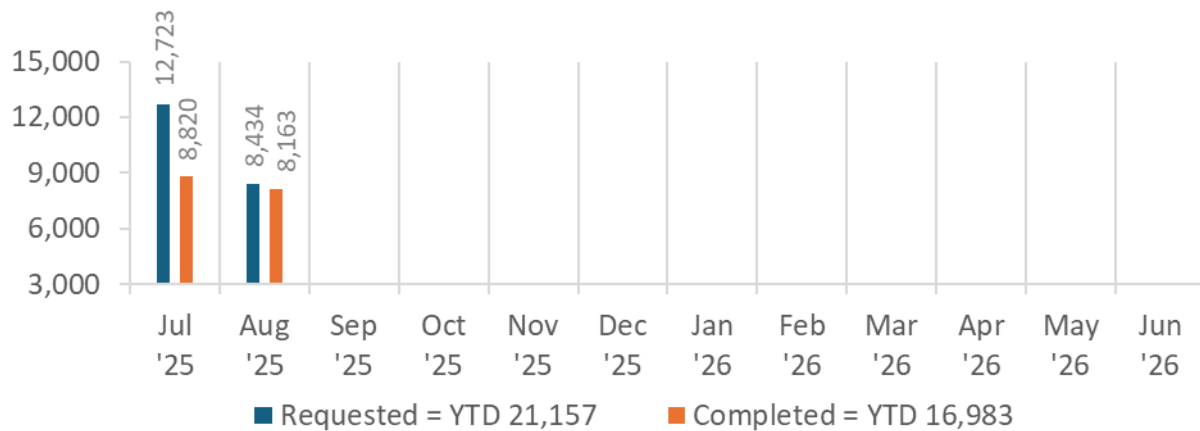
Investigative Division Notes:

- Thirty-nine (39) Special Agent applicants are currently in the hiring process. Background investigations are ongoing.

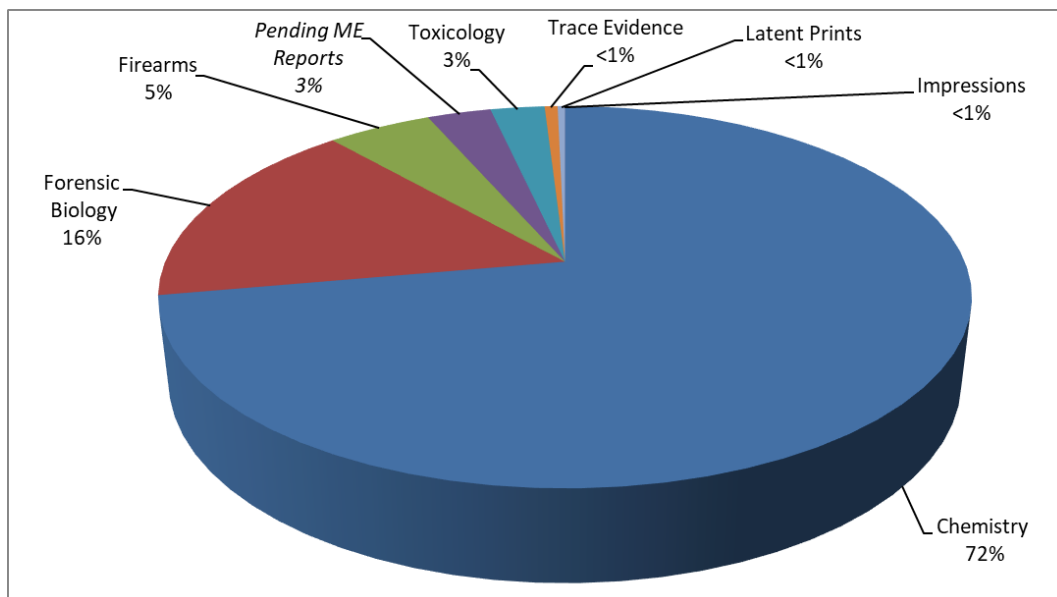
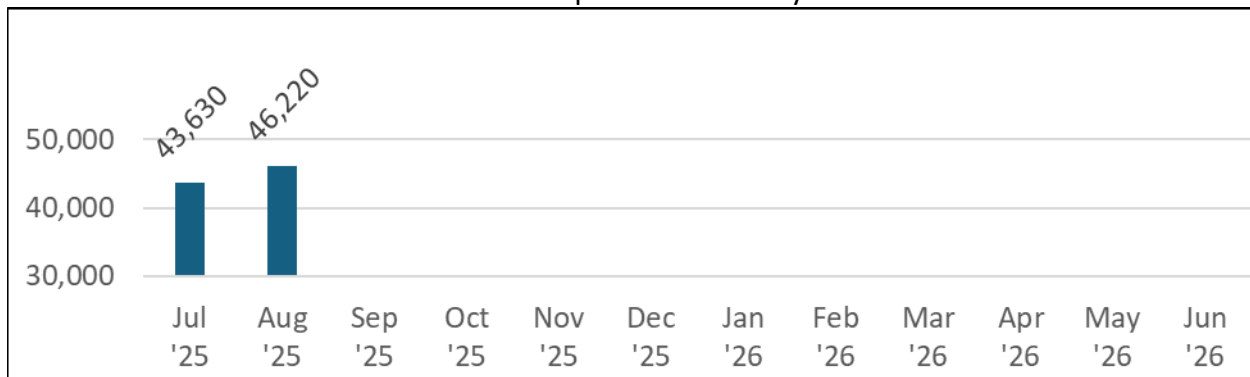


Crime Laboratory

Services Requested & Completed
YTD FY2026



Backlog Report – YTD FY2026
Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old



Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

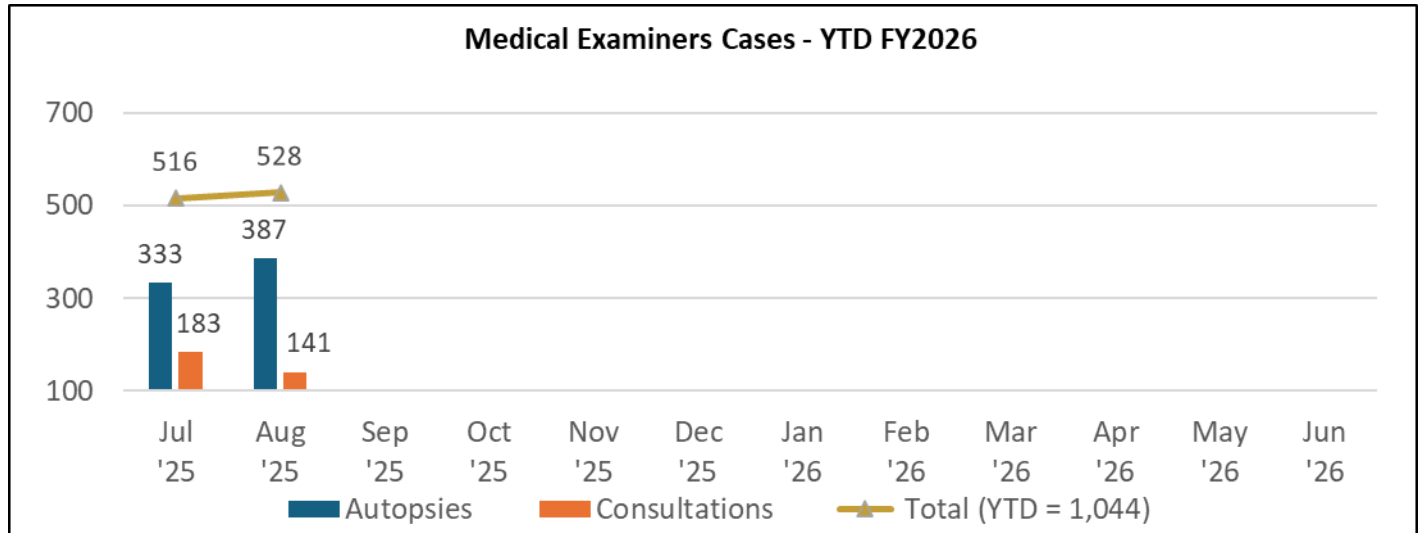
	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	YTD FY2026
Samples Entered	1,923	2,477											4,400
Confirmed Hits	37	43											80

Crime Laboratory Notes:

- The Crime Laboratory has 21 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.
- During September 2025, one (1) Death Investigation Specialist began employment with the GBI Division of Forensic Sciences.



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.

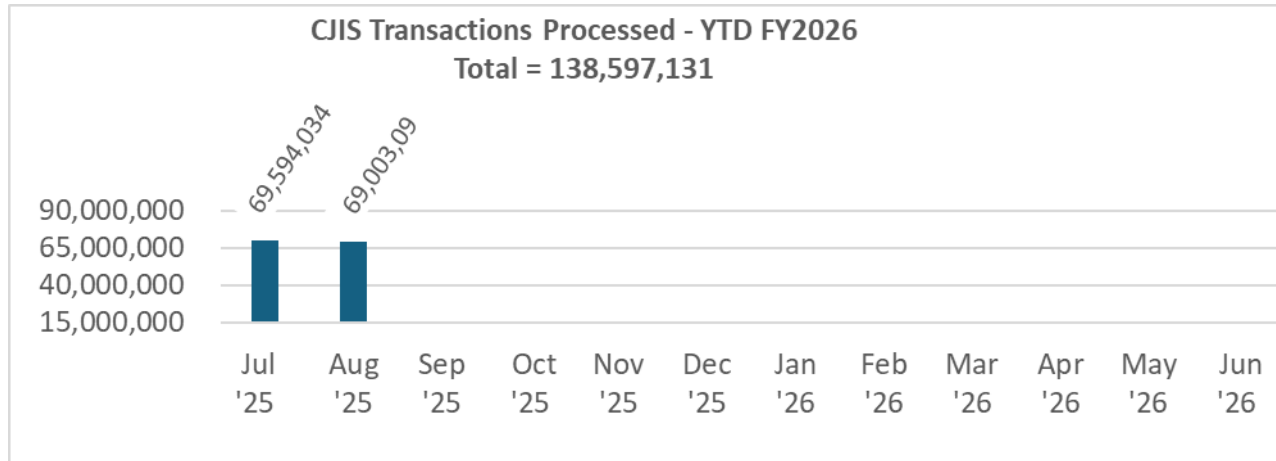
	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26
Reports Pending	1,779	1,401										
*Released w/in 90 Days	75.6%	63.6%										

MEO Notes:

- On September 12, 2025, GBI's MEO hosted the 2025 Georgia Association of Medical Examiners (GAME) Meeting with approximately 80 attendees from the GBI MEO, Metro-Atlanta ME Offices, and Clayton State University.
- An Emory medical student began a one-month rotation with the GBI Medical Examiner's Office.
- During September 2025, FY26 MEO Fellows received classroom/lecture training on legal issues, drug-related deaths, asphyxia deaths, fire deaths, and electrocution.



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										
Submissions w/Palms	16,806	11,778										
Submissions w/Photos	10,629	7,590										
Latent Print AFIS HITS	16	24										
Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)												
Submissions	47,314	37,097										
Submissions through Rap Back	5,522	4,136										
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	1,440	1,099										
Final Disposition Submissions												
Local Agencies	81,109	72,924										
GCIC	267	278										
Rapid ID Transactions												
Transactions	2,017	1,868										
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	58%	60%										
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	52%	52%										
**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 '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	20	20										
Sex Offender Registry <i>(Database Total 40,134)</i>												
Records Added	125	130										
Protection Order Registry <i>(Database Total 195,597)</i>												
Records Added	2,952	3,149										
Criminal Justice Agencies <i>(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)</i>												
Audited	0*	0*										
In Compliance	0*	0*										
Out of Compliance	0*	0*										
Trained	5	6										
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										
In Compliance	21	31										
Out of Compliance	18	20										
Trained	10	21										
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										
CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO)	3,637	2,941										
CJIS Security Policy Awareness and Training/Awareness Statement	7,165	6,231										

* The CJIS Compliance unit began a new 3-year audit cycle, which included preparation for the new cycle in the months of July and August – 2025. Audit numbers will begin to show on the September 2025 monthly report.

GCIC Notes:

- During August 2025, the percentage of electronically received fingerprint cards vs. mailed/manual fingerprint cards was 99.6%.
- The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) was upgraded to the Multimodal Biometric Identification System (MBIS). The MBIS went live on August 25, 2025. The August numbers are slightly altered due to the transition.



Administration

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
Open Records Requests	721	750											1,471

Facilities – Major Projects Status

- GBI Headquarters' Medical Examiner's Office new construction is scheduled to begin in September 2025.
- The new Central Medical Examiner's Building is currently in the programming phase of design.