

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
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FY2025**



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## Director's Highlights

- Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office (SRDEO) – On August 27, 2024, the GBI arrested and charged 4 Candler County residents following a joint investigation by GBI's SRDEO, the Metter Police Department (PD), and GBI's Metro Gang Task Force. Charges for those arrested included Trafficking Methamphetamine, Use of a Communication Facility to Commit a Felony, and Conspiracy to Commit a Felony. Arrestees were booked into the Chandler County Sheriff's Office Jail.

This multi-agency drug investigation began in February 2024 and led to 2 search warrants. Multiple GBI work units, along with Metter PD, the Treutlen County Sheriff's Office, Statesboro PD, Rincon PD, and the Candler County Sheriff's Office executed the warrants and made the arrests. During the search warrant, police seized 3 vehicles, 3 rifles, 4 handguns, over \$30,000, approximately 3 pounds of suspected marijuana, and 1 ounce of suspected methamphetamine. Over the course of the investigation, law enforcement bought approximately one kilogram of Methamphetamine in undercover buys.

- Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (H.E.A.T.) – The GBI arrested and charged 17 people in Operation "Wrong Room," a proactive multi-jurisdictional effort to combat human trafficking in Georgia. Operation "Wrong Room" coincided with Operation "Coast to Coast." On August 22, 2024, law enforcement and service providers from across the United States came together to conduct a multi-state human trafficking operation. Operation "Coast to Coast" was a grassroots effort involving 26 states with the common goals of identifying trafficking victims, offering these victims much needed services, arresting traffickers, and making our communities safer.

In Operation "Wrong Room" alone, authorities contacted 15 adults and offered services including food, lodging, medical services, drug rehabilitation, counseling/therapy, and childcare. Law enforcement seized over \$255,000 from suspected traffickers during 2 residential search warrants served in Georgia. Charges for those arrested during Operation "Wrong Room" included Pandering (solicitation), Pimping, and Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act. Arrestees were booked into the DeKalb County Jail. The GBI partnered with the Chamblee Police Department, the DeKalb County DA's Office, the Gwinnett County Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council during Operation "Wrong Room."

During Operation "Coast to Coast," authorities contacted 94 adults and 1 minor and offered services including food, lodging, medical services, drug rehabilitation, counseling/therapy, and childcare. A child under the age of 1 was taken into protective custody before being turned over to state social services. Authorities contacted 39 adults and detained them as part of the operation. Law enforcement agencies and service providers from Maine, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota, Minnesota, New Mexico, California, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Wisconsin, and Illinois were involved. Private organizations also assisted including the Human Trafficking Training Center, Safe House Project, and Nurses Against Trafficking.

- 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 August 31, 2024, the GBI has investigated a total of sixty (60) Officer Involved Shootings (OIS).

OIS number sixty (60) was on August 28, 2024. GBI's Region 5 – Statesboro Field Office was requested by the Liberty County Sheriff's Office (LCSO). Deputies responded to a home in Fleming, GA following a 911 call. The caller requested help due to a domestic disturbance at the home.

Deputies arrived at the home and made contact with Andre Deon Haggray, age 30, of Flemington, GA, in the backyard of the home. Haggray pulled out a handgun and a deputy fired at Haggray who then entered the woods behind the home. Deputies then encountered Haggray in the woods, and there was an exchange of gunfire between Haggray and deputies. Haggray ultimately made his way to a nearby dirt road where he encountered additional deputies. Haggray raised his hand holding the gun and the deputies fired, hitting Haggray. Haggray was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Haggray will be taken to the GBI Medical Examiner's Office in Pooler, GA for an autopsy.

The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Atlantic District Attorney's Office for review.

### **Promotions Effective August 2024**

- Melissa Hehir was promoted to Division of Forensic Sciences Central Regional Crime Lab Assistant Manager in Macon, GA, effective August 16, 2024.

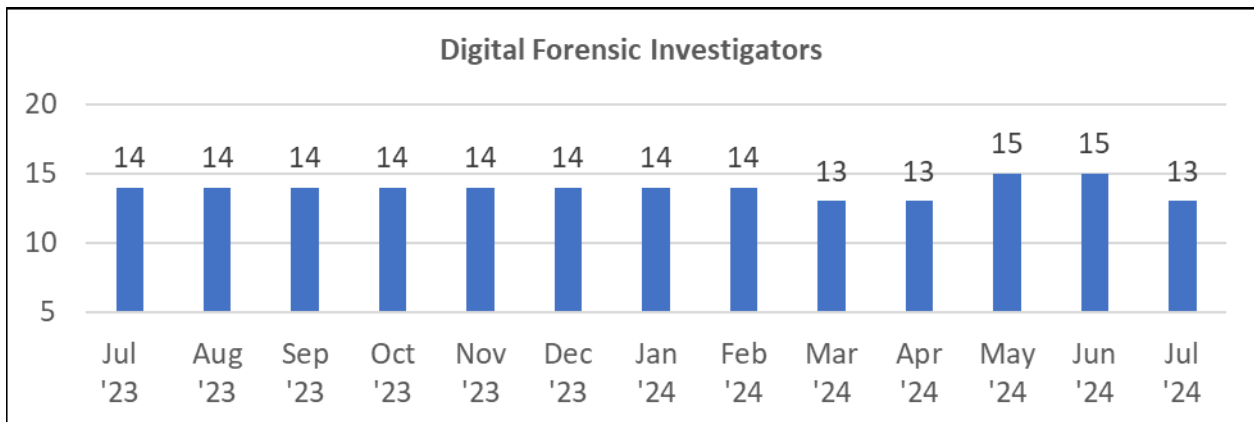
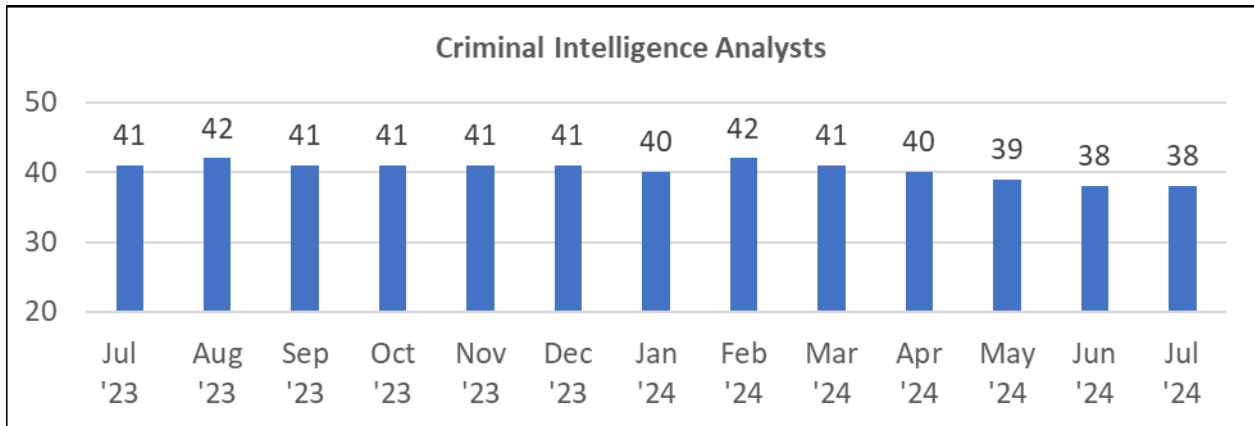
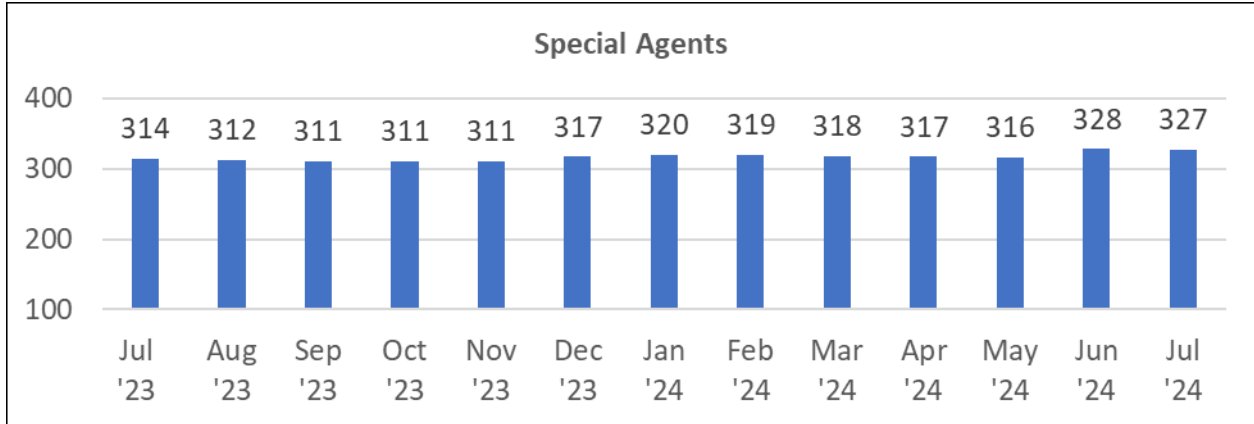
### **Appointment Effective September 2024**

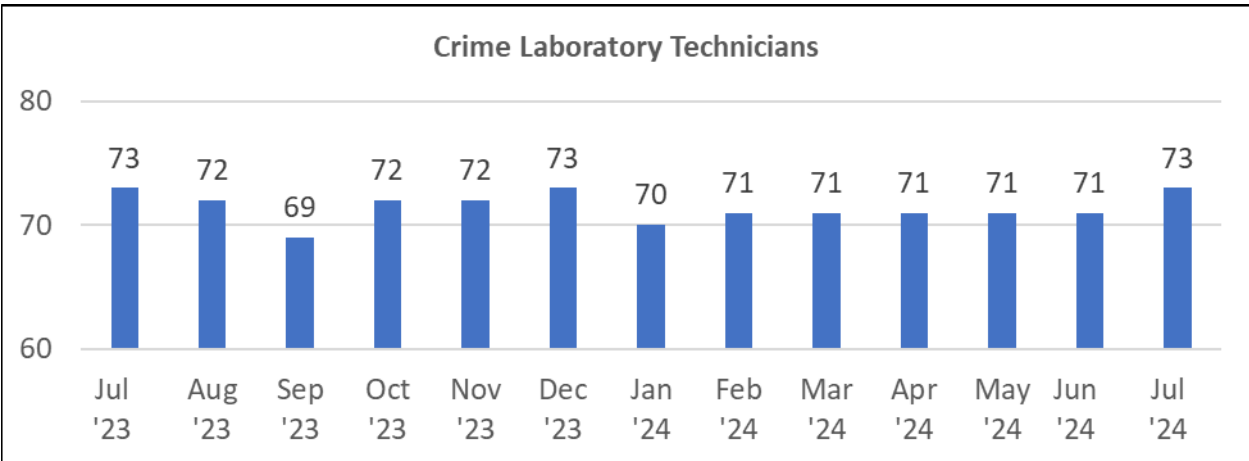
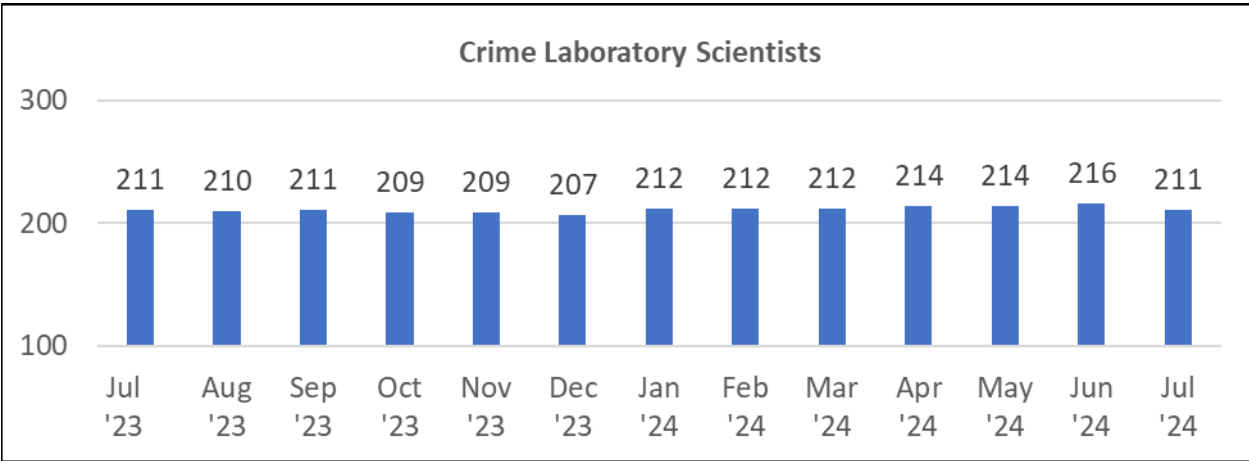
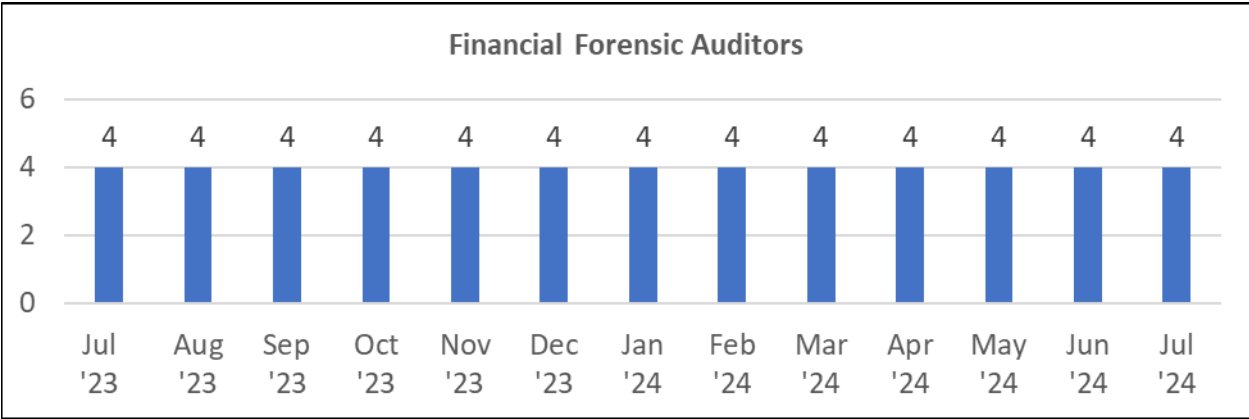
- Director Chris Hosey appointed Trent Hillsman to Inspector in the Investigative Division, effective September 1, 2024.

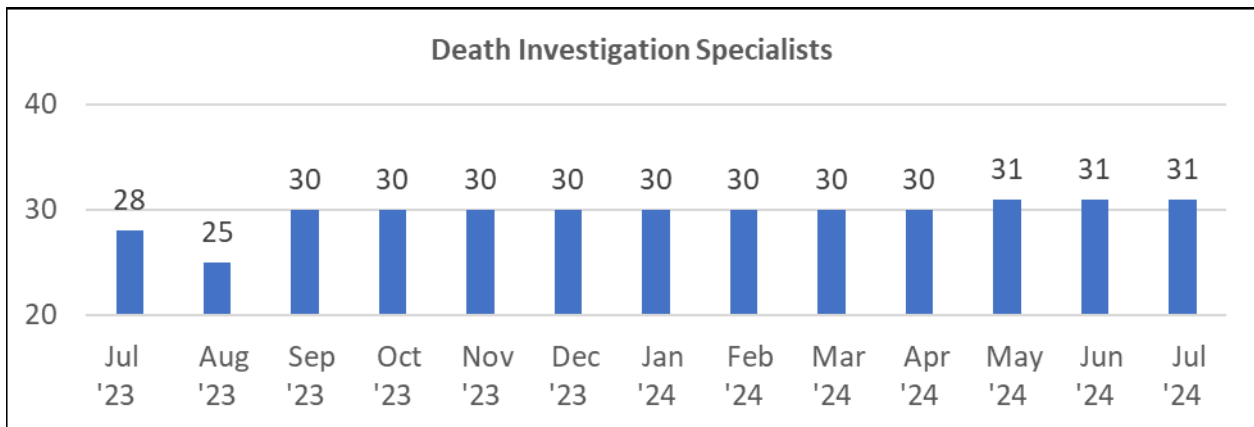
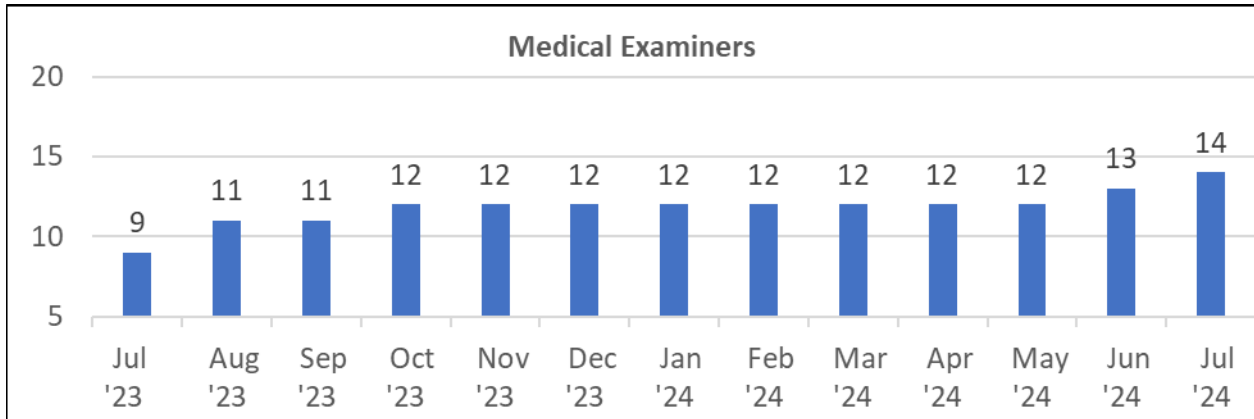


# Staffing Report

## 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											
<b>Scientist Positions</b>	32											
<b>Investigative Division</b>	44											
<b>Sworn Agent Positions</b>	20											
<b>GCIC</b>	9											
<b>Admin</b>	5											

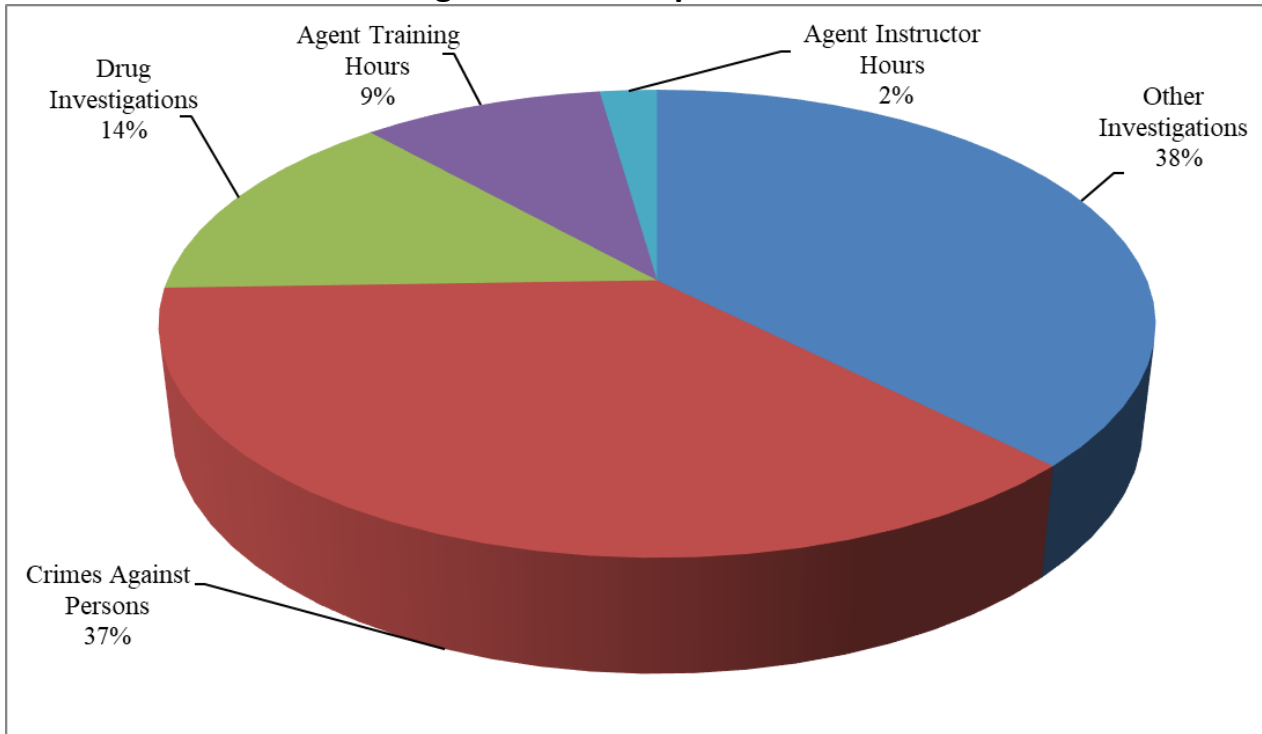


# Investigative Division

## 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												85
**Drug Investigations	16												16
***Other Investigations	412												412
<b>Total</b>	<b>513</b>												<b>513</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.

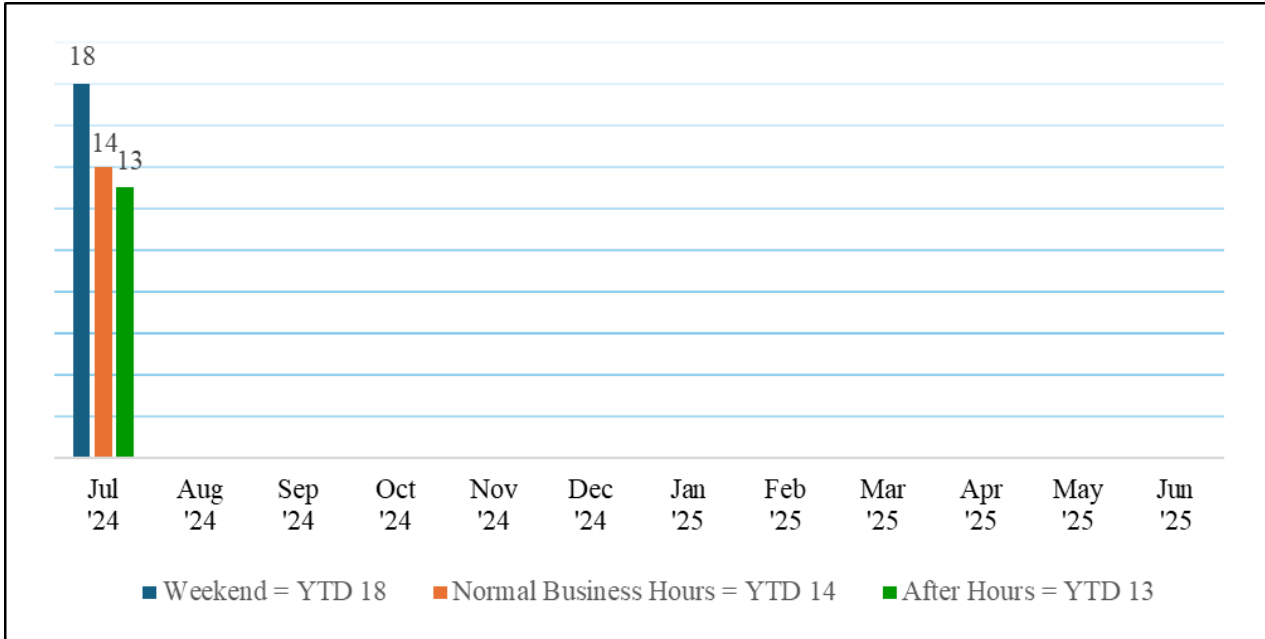
\*\*\* **Other Investigations** - corruption, cyber, bomb disposal, election, technology, cold case review, property crimes, special events, etc.



### Recoveries, Seizures, Arrests – YTD FY2025

	July 2024	YTD FY2025
Property Stolen	0	0
Property Recovered	0	0
Contraband Seized	\$3,476,946.10	\$3,476,946.10
Arrests	80	80
Cases Closed	495	495

### 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												34
See Send App Tips	2,352												2,352
Suspicious Activity	0												0
*Requests for Info.	1,936												1,936

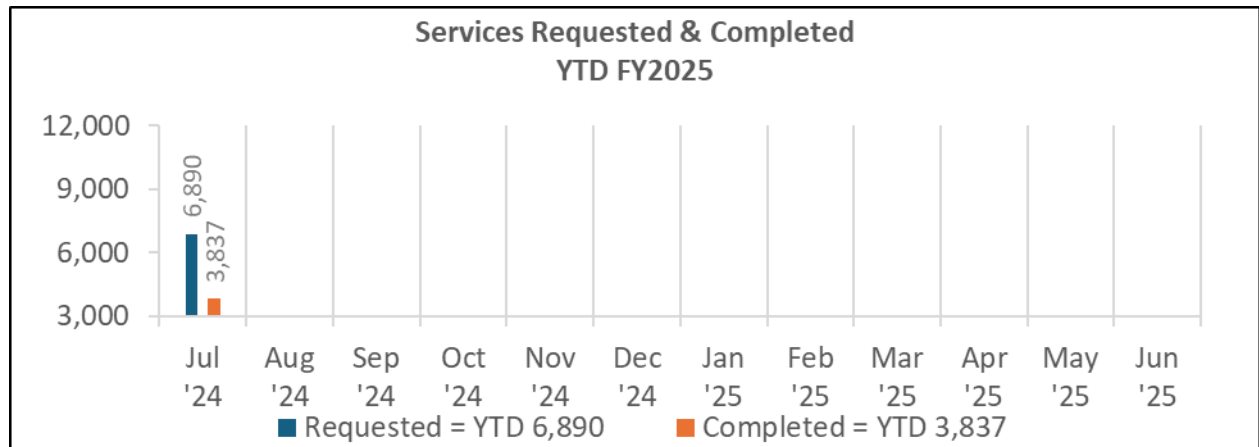
\* The GISAC Requests for Information (RFI) totals are accurate at the time of this report. However, the numbers may change due to pending updates and modifications within the reporting system.

#### Investigative Division Notes:

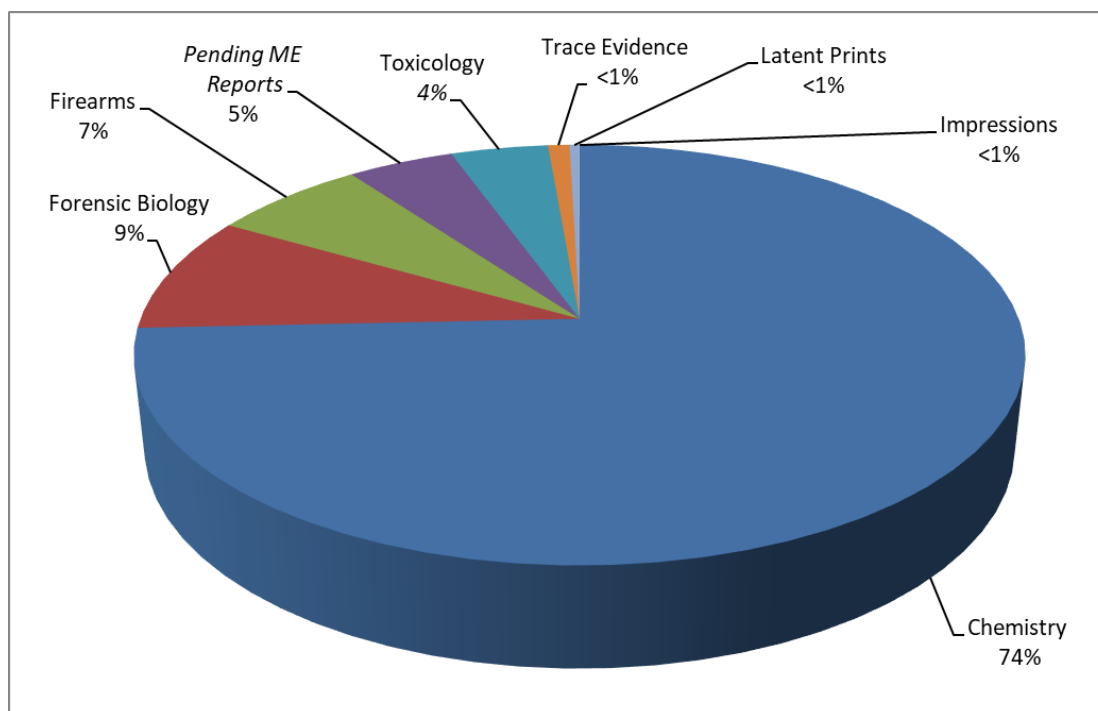
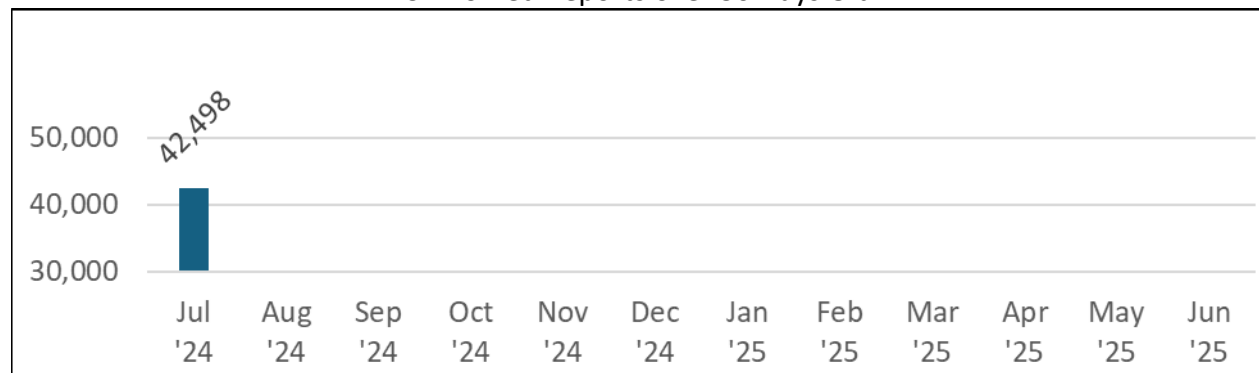
- Six (6) Special Agent applicants have a tentative hire date of September 16, 2024.
- Forty-five Special Agent applicants are currently in the hiring process, polygraphs and backgrounds are ongoing.



# Crime Laboratory



### Backlog Report – YTD FY2025 Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old



### Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

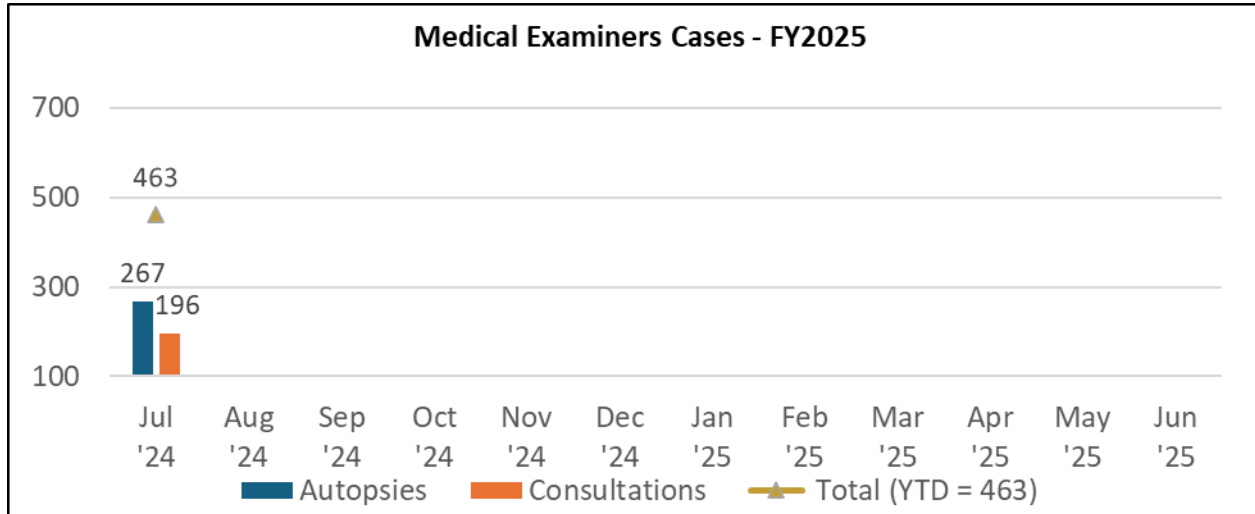
	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	YTD FY2025
<b>Samples Entered</b>	1,710												1,710
<b>Confirmed Hits</b>	65												65

**Crime Laboratory Notes:**

- The Crime Laboratory has 16 Scientists in training within their respective disciplines.
- During August 2024, ten (10) Crime Lab Scientists, 1 Forensic Technician, and 1 Evidence Receiving Technician 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.

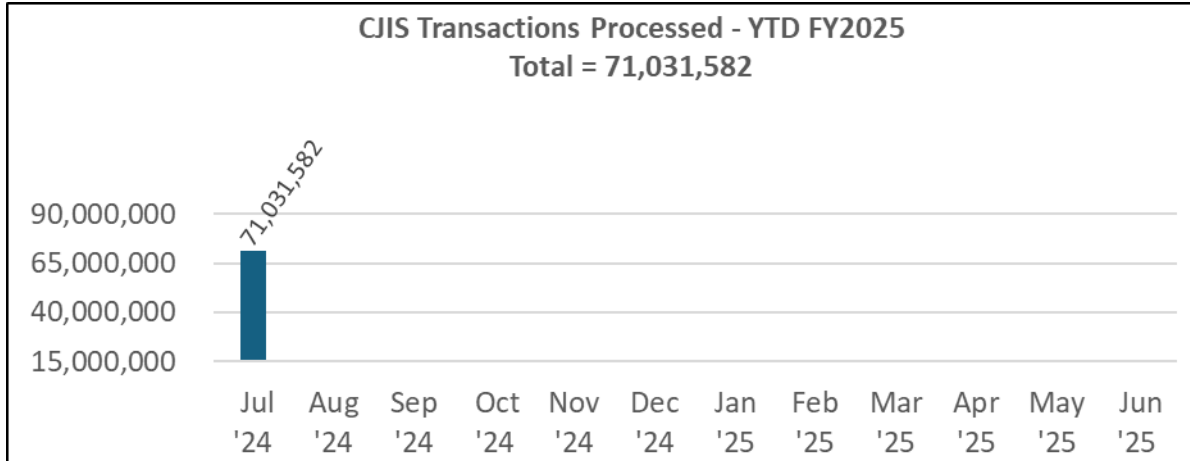
	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25
<b>Reports Pending</b>	1,938											
<b>Released w/in 90 Days</b>	68.9%											

#### MEO Notes:

- During August 2024, the MEO's Forensic Pathology Fellows continued legal and gunshot wound classroom/lecture training. Fellows toured Artivion Labs receiving an overview of how their work to collect hearts and tissue assists in transplants and research. They also viewed a heart dissection step-by-step, gaining better understanding of the anatomy of the heart and what one may look for in different cases.



# 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											
Submissions w/Palms	15,948											
Submissions w/Photos	11,132											
Latent Print AFIS HITS	19											
<b>Applicant Fingerprint Submissions (Non-Criminal)</b>												
Submissions	48,959											
Submissions through Rap Back	6,157											
Applicant Fingerprint Triggering Events	1,107											
<b>Final Disposition Submissions</b>												
Local Agencies	71,469											
GCIC	326											
<b>Rapid ID Transactions</b>												
Transactions	1,893											
Transactions w/AFIS HITS	49%											
Transactions w/NCIC HITS	52%											
**Transactions w/FBI RISC HITS	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 '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											
<b>Sex Offender Registry</b> <i>(Database Total 38,770)</i>												
<b>Records Added</b>	106											
<b>Protection Order Registry</b> <i>(Database Total 185,607)</i>												
<b>Records Added</b>	2,854											
<b>Criminal Justice Agencies</b> <i>(e.g. Law Enforcement Agencies, Criminal Court Systems, Corrections, etc.)</i>												
<b>Audited</b>	20											
<b>In Compliance</b>	4											
<b>Out of Compliance</b>	16											
<b>Trained</b>	10											
<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											
<b>In Compliance</b>	32											
<b>Out of Compliance</b>	31											
<b>Trained</b>	12											
<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											
<b>CJIS Network Operator Certification (CNO)</b>	3,058											
<b>CJIS Security Policy Awareness and Training/Awareness Statement</b>	5,538											

### 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 \(state.ga.us\)](http://Georgia Crime Information Center (state.ga.us)) 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
Open Records Requests	694												

## Facilities – Major Projects Status

- HQ MEO Expansion design services scheduled for completion in December 2024.
- Region 1 - Calhoun Office new construction scheduled for completion in January 2025.