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Sexual Assault Kits Report December 1, 2024

O.C.G.A. § 35-1-2 (g) requires the Division of Forensic Sciences to provide an annual report of the number of sexual assault cases for which it has tested evidence pursuant to this Code section and the number of sexual assault cases remaining to be tested. The table below provides this information.

SB304 Kits: Sexual assault kits with incident dates prior to 2015 as well as submissions of sexual assault kits previously being stored at hospitals are included in the SB304 statistics. Testing has been completed on these SB304 kits.

Number of SB304 Sexual Assault Kits Tested FY24	0
(7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	
Number of SB304 Sexual Assault Kits Submitted Through	0
June 30, 2024 Remaining To Be Tested	

Ongoing Investigations: The GBI Crime Laboratory receives approximately 200 new sexual assault kits each month from ongoing investigations.

Number of Sexual Assault Kits from Ongoing	2298
Investigations Tested FY24 (7/1/2023–6/30/2024)	
Number of Sexual Assault Kits from Ongoing	480
Investigations Remaining To Be Tested as of June 30, 2024	

The GBI Crime Laboratory reviewed sexual assault evidence in storage that was submitted prior to 1999 to identify cases that have the potential to undergo DNA analysis. Sexual assault evidence from 1,612 cases have been identified that need DNA analysis based on a review by the GBI Crime Laboratory and requests from law enforcement or prosecuting agencies. 837 cases were tested as of June 30, 2024.

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