

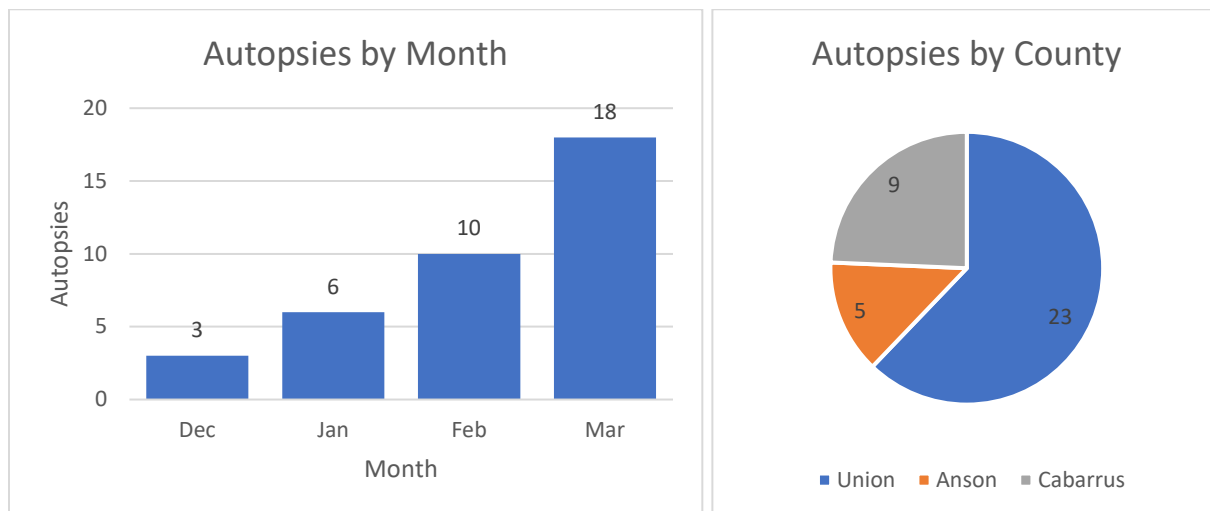
South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center

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On December 17, 2024, the South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center (SPRAC) began accepting Union County cases for autopsy at its temporary facility located at Atrium Health Union. Since then, coverage has expanded to include Anson County on February 1, 2025, and Cabarrus County on March 1, 2025. Coverage for Montgomery County is scheduled to begin May 1, 2025.

Between December 17, 2024, and March 31, 2025, a total of 37 autopsies were performed. Of those, 23 involved deaths in Union County, five in Anson County and nine in Cabarrus County.



In March, SPRAC began tracking cases involving law enforcement investigations. Three cases have been connected to criminal investigations, including two related to death by distribution charges. This figure is not comprehensive. While the Medical Examiner's Office works collaboratively with law enforcement, it conducts independent investigations and is not always notified when a criminal investigation occurs.

As operations expand, SPRAC will continue to monitor caseload trends, county-specific service volumes, and law enforcement involvement. These data points will inform future resource planning and help ensure consistent, high-quality forensic services across the region.