

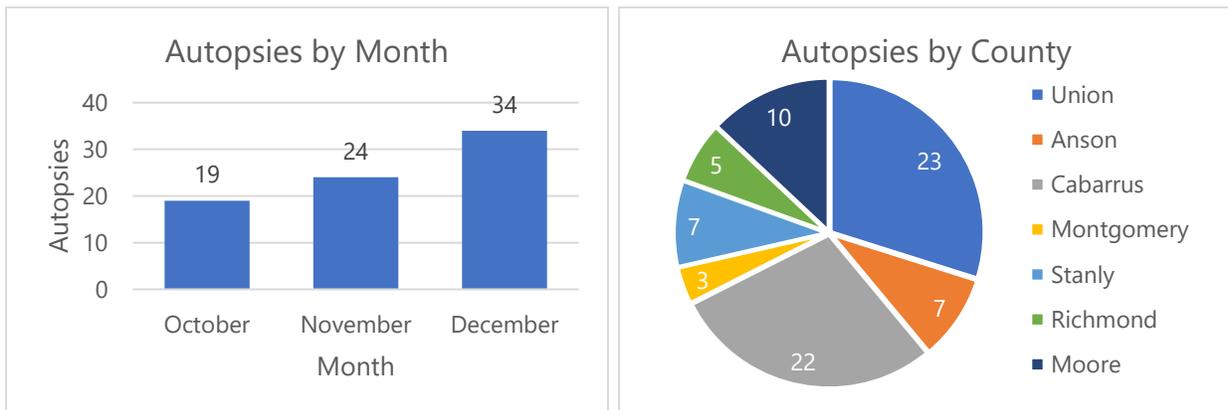
South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center

January 2026 Quarterly Report

October 2025-December 2025

The South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center (SPRAC) continues to perform autopsies at its temporary facility located at Atrium Health Union. Service expanded to include two additional counties, Richmond County on October 1, 2025, and Moore County on December 1, 2025.

Between October 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, a total of 77 autopsies were performed. Of those, 23 involved deaths in Union County, seven in Anson County, 22 in Cabarrus County, three in Montgomery County, seven in Stanly County, five in Richmond County, and 10 in Moore County.



From October through December, seven cases were connected to criminal investigations, with zero death by distribution cases. 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.

Planning continues for the permanent facility. The project has advanced to the conceptual design phase. The facility is on track for completion in mid-fiscal year 2028.

SPRAC will continue to monitor caseload data and law enforcement involvement to guide planning and resource allocation. As operations continue to expand, this information will help ensure consistent service delivery and support long-term planning for the new facility.