

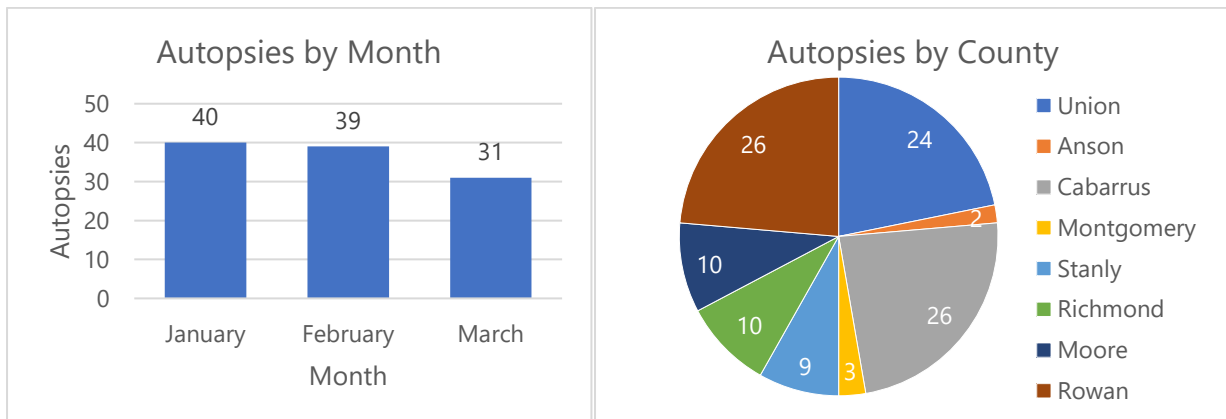
# South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center

## April 2026 Quarterly Report

### January 2026-March 2026

The South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center (SPRAC) continues to perform autopsies at its temporary facility located at Atrium Health Union. Service expanded to include Rowan County on January 1, 2026.

Between January 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026, a total of 110 autopsies were performed. Of those, 24 involved deaths in Union County, two in Anson County, 26 in Cabarrus County, three in Montgomery County, nine in Stanly County, 10 in Richmond County, 10 in Moore County, and 26 in Rowan County.



From January through March, 14 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. Groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for September 2026. The facility is on track for completion in mid-fiscal year 2028.

SPRAC will continue to evaluate trends in autopsy volume to support efficient operations across all counties served. These insights will guide ongoing decision making as the center expands services and advances planning for the permanent facility.