

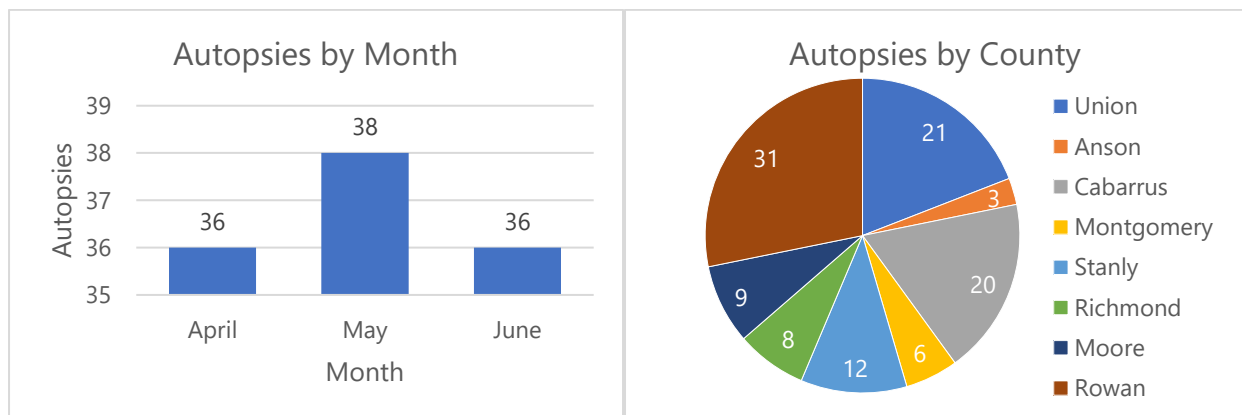
South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center

July 2026 Quarterly Report

April 2026-June 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 Gaston County on July 1, 2026.

Between April 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026, a total of 110 autopsies were performed. Of those, 21 involved deaths in Union County, three in Anson County, 20 in Cabarrus County, six in Montgomery County, 12 in Stanly County, eight in Richmond County, nine in Moore County, and 31 in Rowan County.



From April through June, 17 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.