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INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES  
AT DALLAS



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## 1. Reporting Demographics

Deaths In Jurisdiction:	15,727
Deaths Reported to Office:	13,887
Deaths Investigated: (excludes NR cases)	13,468
Deaths Certified: (includes all cases containing a Cause/Manner Determination)	5,487
Scenes Investigated:	1,107
Bodies Brought to Facility:	4,585 (83.56% of Deaths Certified)
Bodies Transported by ME/C:	3,134

## 2. Examinations

Total Exams:	4,585
Autopsies:	3,771 (68.73% of Deaths Certified)
Inspections:	813 (14.82% of Deaths Certified)
Partial Autopsies:	0
Autopsies Performed For Outside Jurisdictions:	1,506 (39.94% of Deaths Certified)
Toxicology Studies:	4,301 (4,301 Completed)
Toxicology Studies on Autopsy Cases:	3,712
Toxicology Studies as a percent of Autopsies Performed:	98.44%
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 90 Days:	4,301 (100.00%)
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 60 Days:	4,300 (99.98%)
Microscopic Studies:	1,551 (41.13% of Autopsies Performed)
Neuropathologic Studies:	198 (5.25% of Autopsies Performed)
Cardiac Pathology Studies:	0 (0% of Autopsies Performed)

### 3. Manner of Death

<b>Manner</b>	<b># Certified/% of Deaths Certified</b>	<b># Autopsied/% of Autopsies</b>
Homicide	383/6.98	383/10.16
Suicide	532/9.70	526/13.95
All Accidents	1,835/33.44	1,312/34.79
non-MVA Accidents	1,294/23.58	806/21.37
MVA Accidents	588/10.72	553/14.66
Natural	2,562/46.69	1,398/37.07
Undetermined	146/2.66	141/3.74
Undefined	29/0.53	11/0.29
Pending	0/0.00	0/0.00
Other	0/0.00	0/0.00

### 4. Performance and Outcome Measures

Count of NAME Autopsies: <i>(Autopsies plus 1/5 External)</i>	3934
1/5 External Exams:	163
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	4309/93.98% of Total Exams
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 72 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	4470/97.49% of Total Exams
<u>All Postmortem Exams (Autopsies and External Exams)</u>	
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Signed:	4,585
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Still In Progress and Less than 90 days:	0
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Still In Progress and Greater than 90 days:	0
Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days:	4,503

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Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days:	4,027
Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	85
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	98%
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	88%

Autopsies Only

Count of Autopsies Only That are Signed:	3771
Count of Autopsies Only That are Still In Progress and Less than 90 days:	0
Count of Autopsies Only That are Still In Progress and Greater than 90 days:	0
Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days:	3701
Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days:	3263
Count of Autopsies Only Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	72
Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	98%
Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	87%

	<b>Autopsies</b>	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>NAME Autopsies</b>	<b>Average # of Autopsies per ME (Name Autopsies/ME)</b>
Staff ME's:	3,271	718	3,415	325
Chief/Deputy Chief:	497	95	516	258
All ME's Collectively:	3,771	813	3,934	303

## 5. Other Metrics

Unidentified Bodies:	8 (0.15% of Deaths Certified)
Unidentified Bodies Autopsied:	8 (0.21% of Autopsies Performed)
Organ Donations:	62 (1.64% of Autopsies Performed)
Cornea Donations:	190 (5.04% of Autopsies Performed)
Average Number of Bodies in Storage Facility Per Day:	52
Unclaimed Bodies:	261
Exhumations:	1
Forensic Anthropology consultations:	115