



SOUTHWESTERN
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
AT DALLAS



ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Reporting Demographics

Deaths In Jurisdiction:	16,510	2019 data
Deaths Reported to Office:	16,152	
Deaths Investigated: <i>(excludes NR cases)</i>	15,661	
Deaths Certified: <i>(includes all cases containing a Cause/Manner Determination)</i>	6,735	Infant Deaths Certified: 139
Scenes Investigated:	997	
Bodies Brought to Facility:	5,364	(79.64% of Deaths Certified)
Bodies Transported by ME/C:	3,618	

2. Examinations

Total Exams:	5,364	
Autopsies:	4,297	(63.80% of Deaths Certified)
Infant Autopsies:	115	
Inspections:	1067	(15.84% of Deaths Certified)
Partial Autopsies:	0	
Autopsies Performed For Outside Jurisdictions:	1,799	(41.87% of Autopsies)
Toxicology Studies:	5,122	(5,122 Completed)
Toxicology Studies on Autopsy Cases:	4,254	
Toxicology Studies as a percent of Autopsies Performed:	99.00%	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 90 Days:	5,122	(100.00%)
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 60 Days:	5,112	(99.80%)
Microscopic Studies:	1,423	(33.12% of Autopsies Performed)
Neuropathologic Studies:	215	(5.00% of Autopsies Performed)

Cardiac Pathology Studies: 0 (0% of Autopsies Performed)

3. Manner of Death

Manner	# Certified/% of Deaths Certified	# Autopsied/% of Autopsies
Homicide	507/7.53	505/11.75
Suicide	575/8.54	561/13.06
All Accidents	2,366/35.13	1,645/38.28
non-MVA Accidents	1,658/24.62	981/22.83
MVA Accidents	744/11.05	697/16.22
Natural	3,096/45.97	1,421/33.07
Undetermined	159/2.36	152/3.54
Undefined	32/0.48	13/0.30
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>	4510
1/5 External Exams:	213
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5025/93.68% of Total Exams
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 72 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5236/97.61% of Total Exams
<u>All Postmortem Exams (Autopsies and External Exams)</u>	
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Signed:	5,365
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:	5,329

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Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days:	5,067
Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	36
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	99%
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	94%

Autopsies Only

Count of Autopsies Only That are Signed:	4297
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:	4263
Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days:	4022
Count of Autopsies Only Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	35
Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	99%
Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	94%

	Autopsies	Inspections	NAME Autopsies	Average # of Autopsies per ME (Name Autopsies/ME)
Staff ME's:	3,774	952	3,964	352
Chief/Deputy Chief:	523	115	546	273
All ME's Collectively:	4,297	1,067	4,510	340

5. Other Metrics

Unidentified Bodies:	10 (0.15% of Deaths Certified)
Unidentified Bodies Autopsied:	7 (0.16% of Autopsies Performed)
Organ Donations:	67 (1.56% of Autopsies Performed)
Cornea Donations:	181 (4.21% of Autopsies Performed)
Average Number of Bodies in Storage Facility Per Day:	87
Unclaimed Bodies:	289
Exhumations:	1