



SOUTHWESTERN
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
AT DALLAS



ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Reporting Demographics

Deaths In Jurisdiction:	19,989	
Deaths Reported to Office:	16,394	
Deaths Investigated: <i>(excludes NR cases)</i>	15,989	
Deaths Certified: <i>(includes all cases containing a Cause/Manner Determination)</i>	7,181	Infant Deaths Certified: 160
Scenes Investigated:	1,067	
Bodies Brought to Facility:	5,885 (81.95% of Deaths Certified)	
Bodies Transported by ME/C:	3,732	

2. Examinations

Total Exams:	5,885	
Autopsies:	4,797 (66.80% of Deaths Certified)	
Infant Autopsies:	141	
Inspections:	1081 (15.05% of Deaths Certified)	
Partial Autopsies:	0	
Autopsies Performed For Outside Jurisdictions:	2,219 (46.26% of Autopsies)	
Toxicology Studies:	5,575 (5,575 Completed)	
Toxicology Studies on Autopsy Cases:	4,730	
Toxicology Studies as a percent of Autopsies Performed:	98.60%	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 90 Days:	5,575 (100.00%)	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 60 Days:	5,376 (96.43%)	
Microscopic Studies:	1,520 (31.69% of Autopsies Performed)	
Neuropathologic Studies:	238 (4.96% of Autopsies Performed)	

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

3. Manner of Death

Manner	# Certified/% of Deaths Certified	# Autopsied/% of Autopsies
Homicide	492/6.85	492/10.26
Suicide	617/8.59	604/12.59
All Accidents	2,640/36.76	1,908/39.77
non-MVA Accidents	1,906/26.54	1,221/25.45
MVA Accidents	777/10.82	728/15.18
Natural	3,145/43.81	1,555/32.42
Undetermined	232/3.23	223/4.65
Undefined	52/0.72	14/0.29
Pending	3/0.04	1/0.02
Other	0/0.00	0/0.00

4. Performance and Outcome Measures

Count of NAME Autopsies: <i>(Autopsies plus 1/5 External)</i>	5014
1/5 External Exams:	216
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5479/93.13% of Total Exams
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 72 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5739/97.55% of Total Exams
<u>All Postmortem Exams (Autopsies and External Exams)</u>	
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Signed:	5,880
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:	5,681

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Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days:	4,478
Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	197
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	97%
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	76%

Autopsies Only

Count of Autopsies Only That are Signed:	4798
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:	4605
Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days:	3570
Count of Autopsies Only Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	187
Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	96%
Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	74%

	Autopsies	Inspections	NAME Autopsies	Average # of Autopsies per ME (Name Autopsies/ME)
Staff ME's:	4,159	938	4,347	334
Chief/Deputy Chief:	634	143	663	331
All ME's Collectively:	4,798	1,081	5,014	334

5. Other Metrics

Unidentified Bodies:	16 (0.22% of Deaths Certified)
Unidentified Bodies Autopsied:	14 (0.29% of Autopsies Performed)
Organ Donations:	0 (0.00% of Autopsies Performed)
Cornea Donations:	0 (0.00% of Autopsies Performed)
Average Number of Bodies in Storage Facility Per Day:	102
Unclaimed Bodies:	363
Exhumations:	0