



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:	15,649	
Deaths Investigated: <i>(excludes NR cases)</i>	15,183	
Deaths Certified: <i>(includes all cases containing a Cause/Manner Determination)</i>	6,800	Infant Deaths Certified: 155
Scenes Investigated:	1,208	
Bodies Brought to Facility:	5,581 (82.07% of Deaths Certified)	
Bodies Transported by ME/C:	3,729	

## 2. Examinations

Total Exams:	5,581	
Autopsies:	4,259 (62.63% of Deaths Certified)	
Infant Autopsies:	133	
Inspections:	1320 (19.41% of Deaths Certified)	
Partial Autopsies:	0	
Autopsies Performed For Outside Jurisdictions:	1,775 (41.68% of Autopsies)	
Toxicology Studies:	5,223 (5,223 Completed)	
Toxicology Studies on Autopsy Cases:	4,209	
Toxicology Studies as a percent of Autopsies Performed:	98.83%	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 90 Days:	5,193 (99.43%)	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 60 Days:	4,819 (92.26%)	
Microscopic Studies:	1,202 (28.22% of Autopsies Performed)	
Neuropathologic Studies:	180 (4.23% of Autopsies Performed)	

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

### 3. Manner of Death

Manner	# Certified/% of Deaths Certified	# Autopsied/% of Autopsies
Homicide	511/7.51	510/11.97
Suicide	603/8.87	592/13.90
All Accidents	2,533/37.25	1,760/41.32
non-MVA Accidents	1,836/27.00	1,126/26.44
MVA Accidents	737/10.84	673/15.80
Natural	2,880/42.36	1,169/27.45
Undetermined	231/3.40	217/5.10
Undefined	41/0.60	11/0.26
Pending	1/0.01	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>	4523
1/5 External Exams:	264
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5201/93.19% of Total Exams
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 72 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5444/97.55% of Total Exams
<u>All Postmortem Exams (Autopsies and External Exams)</u>	
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Signed:	5,580
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:	5,323

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Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days:	4,108
Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	262
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	95%
All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams:	74%

Autopsies Only

Count of Autopsies Only That are Signed:	4259
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:	4038
Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days:	3077
Count of Autopsies Only Completed in Greater Than 90 days:	224
Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	95%
Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only:	72%

	<b>Autopsies</b>	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>NAME Autopsies</b>	<b>Average # of Autopsies per ME (Name Autopsies/ME)</b>
Staff ME's:	3,777	1,213	4,020	309
Chief/Deputy Chief:	476	106	497	249
All ME's Collectively:	4,259	1,320	4,523	302

## 5. Other Metrics

Unidentified Bodies:	8 (0.12% of Deaths Certified)
Unidentified Bodies Autopsied:	4 (0.09% of Autopsies Performed)
Organ Donations:	89 (2.09% of Autopsies Performed)
Cornea Donations:	189 (4.44% of Autopsies Performed)
Average Number of Bodies in Storage Facility Per Day:	104
Unclaimed Bodies:	332
Exhumations:	0