



SOUTHWESTERN
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
AT DALLAS



ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Reporting Demographics

Deaths In Jurisdiction:	18708	
Deaths Reported to Office:	15,225	
Deaths Investigated: (excludes NR cases)	14,900	
Deaths Certified: (includes all cases containing a Cause/Manner Determination)	6,560	Infant Deaths Certified: 120
Scenes Investigated:	1,448	
Bodies Brought to Facility:	5,361 (81.72% of Deaths Certified)	
Bodies Transported by ME/C:	3,219	

2. Examinations

Total Exams:	5,361	
Autopsies:	3,991 (60.84% of Deaths Certified)	
Infant Autopsies:	107	
Inspections:	1367 (20.84% of Deaths Certified)	
Partial Autopsies:	0	
Autopsies Performed For Outside Jurisdictions:	1,908 (47.81% of Autopsies)	
Toxicology Studies:	5,144 (5,144 Completed)	
Toxicology Studies on Autopsy Cases:	3,960	
Toxicology Studies as a percent of Autopsies Performed:	99.22%	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 90 Days:	5,053 (98.23%)	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 60 Days:	4,571 (88.86%)	
Microscopic Studies:	871 (21.82% of Autopsies Performed)	
Neuropathologic Studies:	124 (3.11% of Autopsies Performed)	
Cardiac Pathology Studies:	0 (0% of Autopsies Performed)	

3. Manner of Death

Manner	# Certified/% of Deaths Certified	# Autopsied/% of Autopsies
Homicide	439/6.69	435/10.90
Suicide	696/10.61	677/16.96
All Accidents	2,424/36.95	1,568/39.29
non-MVA Accidents	1,739/26.51	956/23.95
MVA Accidents	723/11.02	645/16.16
Drug Related Accidents	970/14.79	724/18.14
non-MVA/non-Drug Accidents	274/4.18	232/5.81
Natural	2,781/42.46	1,109/27.79
Undetermined	191/2.91	183/4.59
Undefined	19/0.29	9/0.23
Pending	10/0.15	10/0.25
Other	0/0.00	0/0.00

4. Performance and Outcome Measures

Count of NAME Autopsies: <i>(Autopsies plus 1/5 External)</i>	4264
1/5 External Exams:	273
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5059/94.37% of Total Exams
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 72 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	5254/98.00% of Total Exams
<u>All Postmortem Exams (Autopsies and External Exams)</u>	
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Signed:	5,349
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:	9

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Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days: 5,048

Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days: 3,694

Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed in Greater Than 90 days: 306

All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams: 94%

All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams: 69%

Autopsies Only

Count of Autopsies Only That are Signed: 3981

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: 9

Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days: 3760

Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days: 2698

Count of Autopsies Only Completed in Greater Than 90 days: 223

Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only: 94%

Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only: 68%

	Autopsies	Inspections	NAME Autopsies	Average # of Autopsies per ME (Name Autopsies/ME)
Staff ME's:	3,697	1,323	3,962	305
Chief/Deputy Chief:	280	42	288	144
All ME's Collectively:	3,981	1,367	4,254	284

5. Other Metrics

Unidentified Bodies:	10 (0.15% of Deaths Certified)
Unidentified Bodies Autopsied:	9 (0.23% of Autopsies Performed)
Organ Donations:	74 (1.85% of Autopsies Performed)
Cornea Donations:	169 (4.23% of Autopsies Performed)
Average Number of Bodies in Storage Facility Per Day:	128
Unclaimed Bodies:	313
Exhumations:	0