



SOUTHWESTERN
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
AT DALLAS



ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Reporting Demographics

Deaths In Jurisdiction:	18708	
Deaths Reported to Office:	14,862	
Deaths Investigated: (excludes NR cases)	14,576	
Deaths Certified: (includes all cases containing a Cause/Manner Determination)	5,865	Infant Deaths Certified: 125
Scenes Investigated:	1,563	
Bodies Brought to Facility:	4,826 (82.28% of Deaths Certified)	
Bodies Transported by ME/C:	3,045	

2. Examinations

Total Exams:	4,826	
Autopsies:	3,129 (53.35% of Deaths Certified)	
Infant Autopsies:	111	
Inspections:	1696 (28.92% of Deaths Certified)	
Partial Autopsies:	0	
Autopsies Performed For Outside Jurisdictions:	1,435 (45.86% of Autopsies)	
Toxicology Studies:	4,695 (4,695 Completed)	
Toxicology Studies on Autopsy Cases:	3,118	
Toxicology Studies as a percent of Autopsies Performed:	99.65%	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 90 Days:	4,499 (95.83%)	
Toxicology Studies Completed Within 60 Days:	3,907 (83.22%)	
Microscopic Studies:	780 (24.93% of Autopsies Performed)	
Neuropathologic Studies:	116 (3.71% of Autopsies Performed)	
Cardiac Pathology Studies:	0 (0% of Autopsies Performed)	

3. Manner of Death

Manner	# Certified/% of Deaths Certified	# Autopsied/% of Autopsies
Homicide	374/6.38	371/11.86
Suicide	593/10.11	373/11.92
All Accidents	2,263/38.58	1,267/40.49
non-MVA Accidents	1,648/28.10	812/25.95
MVA Accidents	647/11.03	479/15.31
Drug Related Accidents	886/15.11	638/20.39
non-MVA/non-Drug Accidents	231/3.94	174/5.56
Natural	2,418/41.26	938/29.98
Undetermined	184/3.14	163/5.21
Undefined	28/0.48	12/0.38
Pending	5/0.09	5/0.16
Other	0/0.00	0/0.00

4. Performance and Outcome Measures

Count of NAME Autopsies: <i>(Autopsies plus 1/5 External)</i>	3468
1/5 External Exams:	339
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 48 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	4661/96.58% of Total Exams
Count of autopsies and external examinations performed within 72 hours from the time that medical examiner jurisdiction is accepted:	4751/98.45% of Total Exams
<u>All Postmortem Exams (Autopsies and External Exams)</u>	
Count of All Postmortem Exams That are Signed:	4,820
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:	6

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Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days: 4,305

Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days: 2,361

Count of All Postmortem Exams Completed in Greater Than 90 days: 546

All Postmortem Exams Completed within 90 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams: 89%

All Postmortem Exams Completed within 60 days as a Percent of All Postmortem Exams: 49%

Autopsies Only

Count of Autopsies Only That are Signed: 3123

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: 6

Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days: 2759

Count of Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days: 1435

Count of Autopsies Only Completed in Greater Than 90 days: 390

Autopsies Only Completed within 90 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only: 88%

Autopsies Only Completed within 60 days as a Percent of all Autopsies Only: 46%

	Autopsies	Inspections	NAME Autopsies	Average # of Autopsies per ME (Name Autopsies/ME)
Staff ME's:	2,801	1,548	3,111	239
Chief/Deputy Chief:	315	143	344	172
All ME's Collectively:	3,123	1,696	3,462	231

5. Other Metrics

Unidentified Bodies:	10 (0.17% of Deaths Certified)
Unidentified Bodies Autopsied:	3 (0.10% of Autopsies Performed)
Organ Donations:	42 (1.34% of Autopsies Performed)
Cornea Donations:	126 (4.03% of Autopsies Performed)
Average Number of Bodies in Storage Facility Per Day:	122
Unclaimed Bodies:	385
Exhumations:	0