

FRANKLIN COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CORONER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Nathaniel R. Overmire, D.O.
Franklin County Coroner

THE ROLE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

The Franklin County Coroner's Office serves a community of more than 1.3 million people, including the city of Columbus. There were approximately 11,245 deaths in 2022, the last year for which we have final data. The Coroner's Office investigates all deaths by violence, criminal means, suicide, infant deaths, and prisoner deaths or any unattended death whatever the cause. The Coroner's Office provides identification, performs autopsies or medical examinations, and carries out any other requirements in regard to deaths which fall in the categories mentioned above.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Franklin county Coroner's Office is to serve and protect the interests of the community by maintaining the highest standard of professionalism and integrity in determining the cause and manner of death.

We are a dedicated team that is committed to providing excellence, compassion and respect to every family and community member.

DEDICATION

We recognize that each case within this report represents the death of a person whose absence is grieved by beloved family, friends, and our community. To those individuals, their loved ones, and to all the citizens of Franklin County who share in the loss, this report is dedicated.



Statement From Dr. Overmire

Dear Members of the Franklin County Community,

It is with great pride that I share my first annual report with you, the residents of Franklin County. Since I was appointed to be your Franklin County Coroner in late 2022, I have had the pleasure of serving along with a top notch team of forensic pathologists, investigators, morgue staff, administrators and toxicologists. I am incredibly grateful to work with all of them, and I can promise the residents and taxpayers of Franklin County that you are well served by our team members. It is my goal to make a very good team even better, and to strive every day to serve the families of our decedents with dignity and respect.



While I am certainly proud of the work we do, the very nature of the work of a Coroner is challenging. In this report, you'll find numerous figures about who has died in Franklin County and how they died over the last year. What is never far from my mind is that behind each figure or statistic is a real person who has left behind grieving families and friends. It is important that we never forget this.

As you have seen and heard in the last year, far too many of our Franklin County residents have perished as a result of drug overdoses, gun violence, and suicide. Too many of our infants also are dying, often labeled as being from "sudden unexplained" causes. It is part of my job to share these statistics with you, to relate to the community any patterns in the causes of death, and to encourage policy makers and the local, state and federal levels to support policies which will reduce the number of people who end up in the Coroner's care each year.

I am so distressed by some of the patterns we are seeing. At a time when there is so much positive about the trajectory of Columbus and Franklin County, I am a first-hand witness to far too many people whose lives have been shattered by untimely deaths. We are still seeing large numbers of overdose deaths, with disturbing increases particularly among African Americans. Suicides continue to occur at near record numbers with almost every part of Franklin County impacted.

In response to these disturbing trends, my office has increased our outreach with community members and groups from every demographic and every geographic part of the county. I'm also proud to have the only suicide investigation specialist within a coroner's office in the United States. Dallas Allen, about whom you can read more on page 17 of this report, gathers psychosocial information about suicide cases from family and friends of victims with an eye toward providing needed resources to survivors and promoting policies that will prevent further suicides. I also am pleased to announce that I am hiring an overdose investigator as well through a grant with our partners at Franklin County Public Health. This kind of innovative programming is a step toward reducing the needless loss of lives in our community.

I encourage you to read this report to learn more about what we do. I also hope you'll get involved with us and with those in the community who are doing the critical work to reduce needless deaths. We can only get there together, so I look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathaniel Overmire, D.O." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Nathaniel Overmire

TABLE OF CONTENTS

STATEMENT FROM THE CORONER	2
CORONER IN THE COMMUNITY	4
SAVING LIVES THROUGH ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATIONS	7
SUMMARY DATA	9
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART	10
DR. NATHANIEL OVERMIRE'S BIOGRAPHY	11
CORONER'S OFFICE AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND CREDENTIALS	12
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: GUN VIOLENCE	13
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: OVERDOSE DEATHS	15
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: SUICIDES	17
FATALITY REVIEW BOARDS	19
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	20
UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS	21
BUDGET AND FINANCE	22
EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION	23
STATISTICS	25

CORONER in the COMMUNITY

"Being engaged with the Franklin County community is a huge part of the Coroner's job."



"I take the 'public' part of 'public service' very seriously. I love finding ways to collaborate with our partners throughout Franklin County."



CORONER in the COMMUNITY





CORONER in the COMMUNITY

SAVING LIVES THROUGH ORG

ONCE EVERY 48 HOURS, AN OHIOAN DIES WAITING FOR A LIFE-SAVING ORGAN TRANSPLANT. ON THE NATIONAL TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST FOR A LIFESAVING ORGAN. IN THE U.S., THERE ARE MORE THAN 3,100 PEOPLE, INCLUDING ABOUT 700 IN CENTRAL OHIO, WAITING FOR LUNGS, PANCREASES AND LIVERS HAS EMERGED AS THE PREFERRED AND MOST SUCCESSFUL LIFE-SAVING GIFTS HAS INCREASED. THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE AND ITS PARTNERS, LIFELINE OF OHIO AND THE

MY SON THE SUPERHERO



"OUR SON, JOHN MULLINS IV, WAS REALLY INTO SUPERHEROES. WE WOULD BE GETTING READY FOR THE DAY, AND WE WOULD HEAR HIM UPSTAIRS, RUNNING AND JUMPING. AS A MOM, I WOULD BE IRRITATED. I'D SAY, 'COME ON, LET'S GO. WE'RE RUNNING LATE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?' HE WOULD SAY THAT HE WAS ACTING LIKE A SUPERHERO AND FIGHTING THE VILLAINS. THAT WAS THE WAY HE GOT READY FOR THE DAY. IN HINDSIGHT, I THINK THAT WAS HIS WAY OF PREPARING FOR THE WORLD.

WHEN BOTH OF OUR KIDS WOULD LEAVE FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY, MY HUSBAND WOULD SAY, 'ALWAYS BE BIG.' AND THAT WAS JUST A REMINDER THAT WHEN YOU GET OUT THERE IN THIS WORLD, RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S BIGGER THAN YOU AND THAT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMPACT OTHERS.

JOHN PASSED AWAY ON FATHER'S DAY 2019 AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 11. HE WAS UP AT THE PLATE ON THE BASEBALL FIELD, SWINGING FOR THE FENCES. IT WAS HOW HE LIVED: ALWAYS FIGHTING, ALWAYS BATTLING AS HE STARTED EVERY DAY. MY HUSBAND RECOGNIZED THAT SOMETHING WAS NOT QUITE RIGHT. THAT'S WHEN JOHN STEPPED AWAY FROM THE PLATE AND COLLAPSED.

WITHIN A FEW HOURS AT THE HOSPITAL, WE DISCOVERED HE HAD A BRAIN ANEURYSM. WE LEARNED HE WAS BORN WITH AN ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION, AND IT HAD RUPTURED. FORTUNATELY, THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL WERE ABLE TO REVIVE HIM AND PLACE HIM ON A VENTILATOR. THIS ALLOWED US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE TO DONATE HIS ORGANS.

JOHN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE HIS RIGHT KIDNEY TO A WOMAN IN MISSOURI. HE DONATED HIS LEFT KIDNEY AND PANCREAS TO A MAN IN OHIO, HIS INTESTINES TO A MAN IN NEW YORK, HIS LIVER TO A YOUNG GIRL IN OHIO AND HIS LUNGS TO A TEENAGE BOY IN PENNSYLVANIA. HE ALSO DONATED HIS CORNEAS — ONE TO A WOMAN IN OHIO AND ANOTHER TO A GENTLEMAN IN NEW YORK. HIS TISSUES AND RIBS WERE DONATED TO PROJECTS AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR CAR SAFETY AND CHILD SEAT RESTRAINT RESEARCH. I HOPE TO GET TO MEET ALL OF THE RECIPIENTS AT SOME POINT.

AS A PARENT, KNOWING JOHN'S DONATIONS HAVE IMPACTED THESE GREAT PEOPLE MAKES EVERY DAY EASIER. THIS LIGHT, THROUGH THE DARKNESS THAT WE FELT SINCE HE PASSED, GIVES US HOPE. TO KNOW THAT HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE BACK IN THE WAY THAT HE ALWAYS WANTED TO GIVE BACK."

— ERICA MULLINS, JOHN'S MOM

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

TRANSPLANT. RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE MORE THAN 108,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAITING FOR AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT. IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, MORE THAN 2,000 OHIOANS HAVE DIED WAITING. IN OHIO, THERE IS A LONG WAITLIST FOR A LIFESAVING ORGAN TRANSPLANT. AS TRANSPLANTATION OF HEARTS, KIDNEYS, LIVER, PANCREAS AND LUNG BECOMES A SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF MANY LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES, THE NEED FOR THESE ORGANS CONTINUES TO STRONGLY SUPPORT ORGAN, TISSUE AND EYE DONATION WITH ITS SUPPORT FROM THE CENTRAL OHIO LIONS EYE BANK.

HOW TO SAVE LIVES: BE AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE. ONE DECISION CAN LEAVE A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME AND IMPACT MANY PEOPLE YOU MAY NEVER MEET. IT TAKES LESS THAN TWO MINUTES TO REGISTER TO SAVE AND HEAL LIVES. REGISTERING IN THE OHIO DONOR REGISTRY MEANS THAT UPON YOUR DEATH, YOU AGREE TO BECOME AN ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONOR TO POTENTIALLY SAVE EIGHT LIVES THROUGH ORGAN DONATION AND HEAL MORE THAN 75 THROUGH TISSUE DONATION.

AND HERE IS THE LINK, FOR BELOW THE TEXT, TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:

[HTTPS://LIFELINEOFOHIO.ORG/REGISTER-AS-A-DONOR/](https://lifelineofohio.org/register-as-a-donor/)



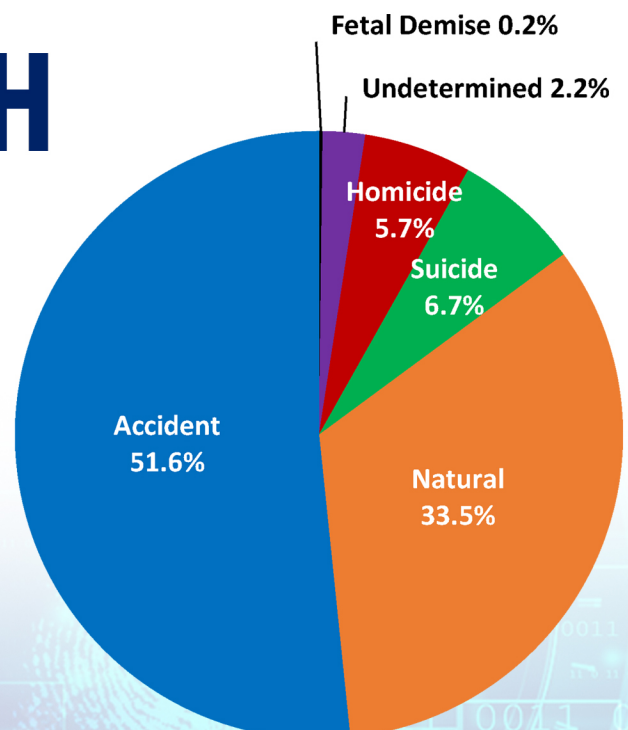
SUMMARY DATA

TOTAL REFERRED DEATHS	5886
ACCEPTED AS CORONER'S CASES	3023
NOT ASSIGNED AS CORONER'S CASES	2845
TOTAL AUTOPSIES PERFORMED	1374
FRANKLIN COUNTY AUTOPOSY CASES	1374
OUT OF COUNTY AUTOPSY CASES	0
TOTAL EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS	994
FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS	994
OUT OF COUNTY EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS	0
PARTIAL EXAMINATIONS	131
DEATH CERTIFICATE ONLY	524
ACCIDENT	1561
HOMICIDE	173
NATURAL	1012
SUICIDE	203
UNDETERMINED	68
FETAL DEMISE	6
BODIES TRANSPORTED	2609
STORAGE CASES	113
SCENES INVESTIGATED	1633
TOXICOLOGY INVESTIGATIONS	2555
SUDDEN INFANT DEATHS	31
NON-HUMAN BONES FOUND	24

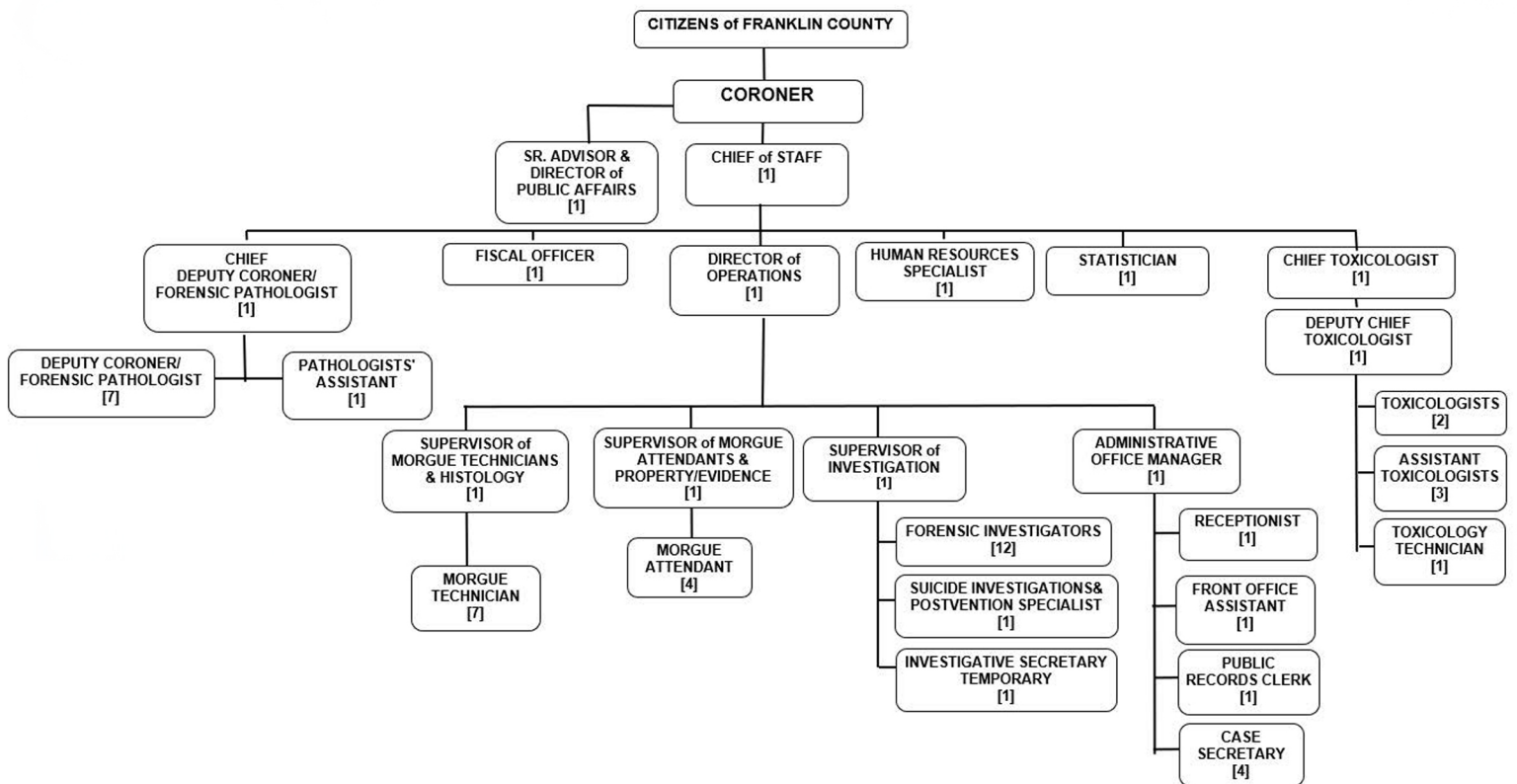


MANNERS OF DEATH

- Fetal Demise
- Undetermined
- Homicide
- Suicide
- Natural
- Accident



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MEET DR. NATHANIEL OVERMIRE



Nathaniel R. Overmire, D.O., was appointed in December 2022 to the Office of Franklin County Coroner. He was commissioned to assume the role of Franklin County Coroner on January 3, 2023.

Dr. Overmire is a proud osteopathic family physician. He grew up in Fostoria, Ohio. He came to Columbus in 2004 to complete his undergraduate studies at Capital University and then went to medical school at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OUHCOM) in Athens, Ohio. Finally, he returned to Columbus for residency at Grant Medical Center where he served as chief resident.



Dr. Overmire has been a full scope primary care physician for the last several years, having recently transitioned to a more acute care role at OhioHealth Urgent Care. He is also a part-time faculty member at the OUHCOM Dublin, Ohio campus teaching clinical skills to first- and second-year medical students.

At the Ohio Statehouse, Dr. Overmire has testified on vaccine bills and assisted in advocacy efforts on state policy. He currently serves as the Central Ohio Region Director on the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors and served on behalf of the OAFP as the New Physician Delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Constituency Leaders.



Dr. Overmire is excited for the opportunity to serve the residents of Franklin County. He wants to exemplify servant leadership, a philosophy he learned as an Albert Schweitzer Fellow. He wants to give back and be engaged in our communities and in all of our neighborhoods. He sees an incredible opportunity to engage residents on topics of public health and partnering with other county leaders to improve services for the benefit of residents. He's a listener and a thoughtful leader ready to work with all stakeholders to share ideas, educate and mentor, and most importantly listen, listen to people and their concerns.

Dr. Overmire loves working with people and getting to understand their unique stories. Just as he advocates for each of his patients, he plans to advocate with the same attention to detail and care for the people of Franklin County. He has a simple plan to lead in the office: set clear expectations, genuinely care, give helpful feedback, embody the culture he wants to see, and smile.

FRANKLIN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

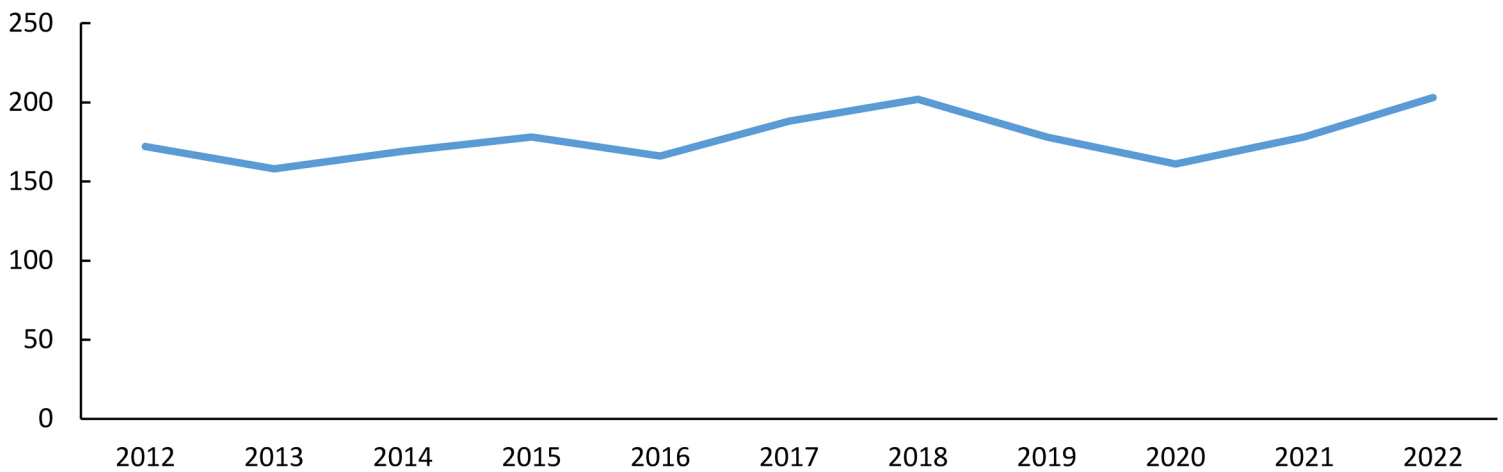
SELECTED AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

ACCREDITATION	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (NAME) 2022-23
ACCREDITATION	AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE – TOXICOLOGY LAB
ACCREDITATION	AMERICAN BOARD OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY – TOXICOLOGY LAB
APPOINTMENT	AMBER RAINES: VICE PRESIDENT, MIDWEST ASSN FOR TOXICOLOGY AND THERAPEUTIC DRUG MONITORING, 2023
APPOINTMENT	ERIKA WRIGLEY: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, NATIONAL ASSN OF FORENSIC AUTOPSY TECHNICIANS
APPOINTMENT	DR. TODD BARR: ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
APPOINTMENT	DAN BAKER: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AMERICAN BOARD OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY
PUBLICATION	REBECCA DERIENZ, DAN BAKER, MORGAN SHUTTLEWORTH, CASE REPORT IN JOURNAL OF ANALYTICAL TOXICOLOGY
PRESENTATION	DALLAS ALLEN, ERIC MILLER: "FRANKLIN COUNTY'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO SUICIDE FATALITIES" AT MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS (MDI) CONFERENCE
PRESENTATION	MARK HANSBROUGH: "CONSIDERATIONS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER/CORONER CASES" AT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC NURSES – OHIO CONFERENCE

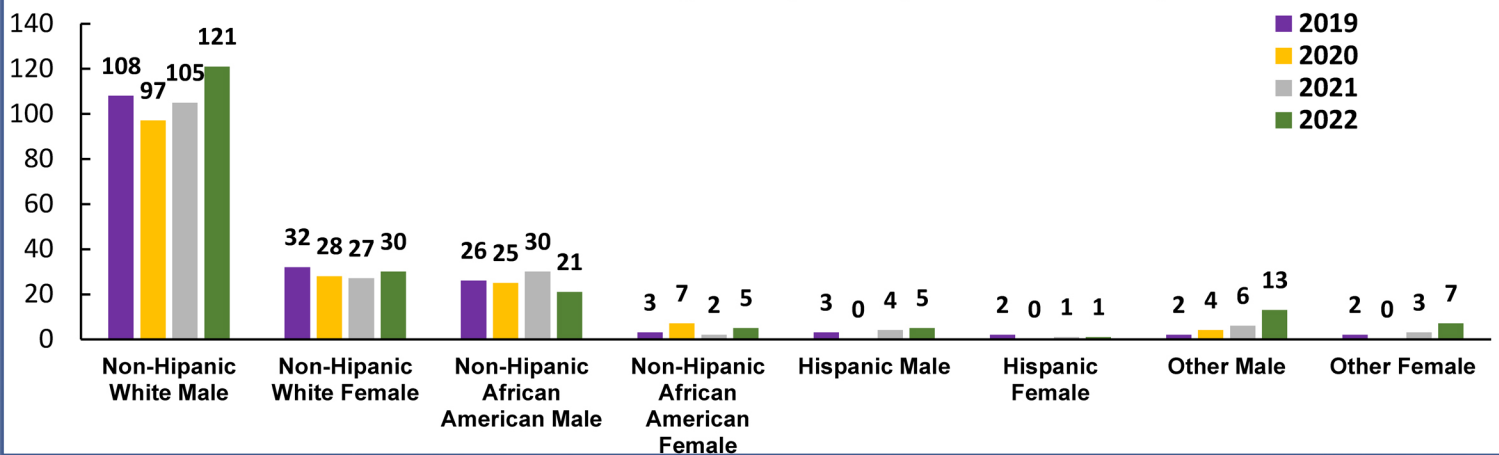


COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GUN VIOLENCE

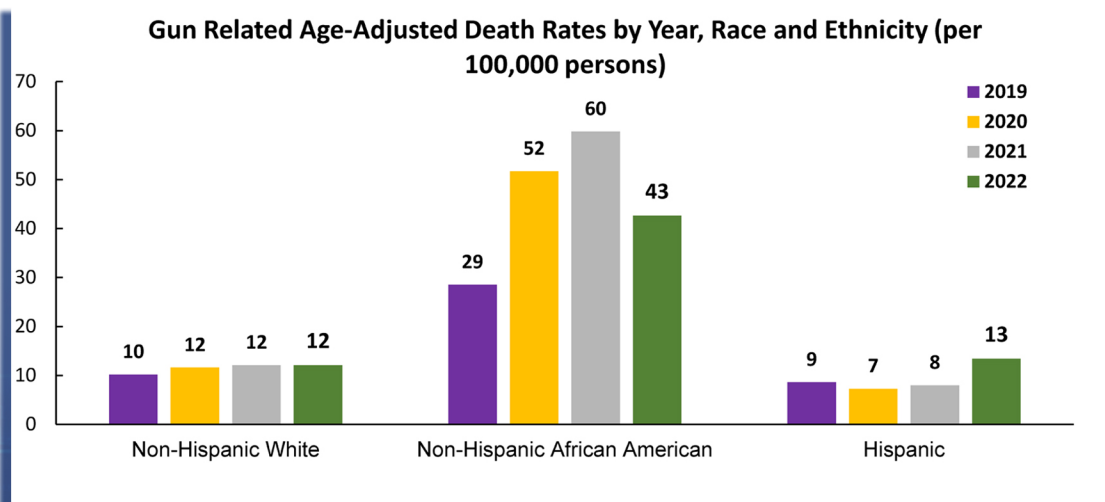
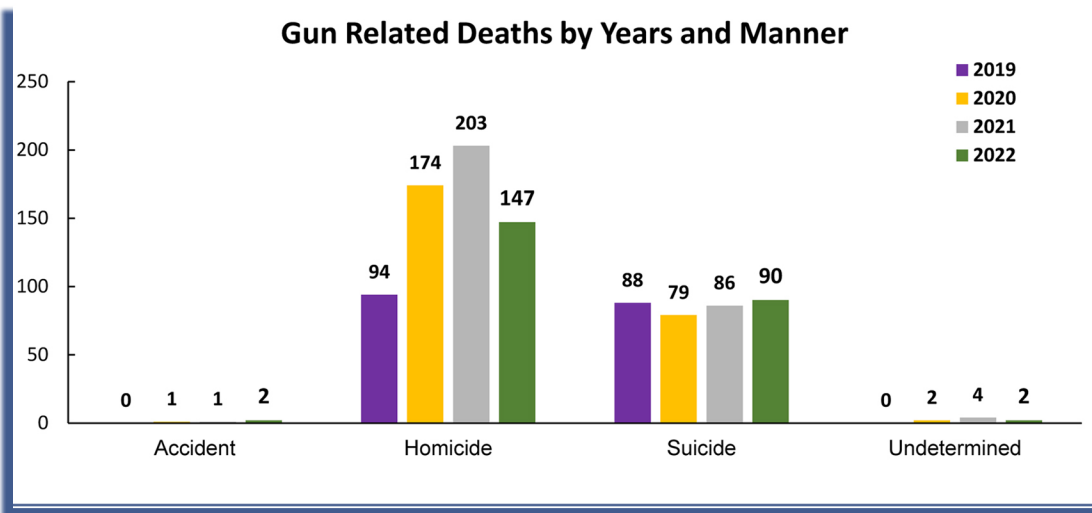
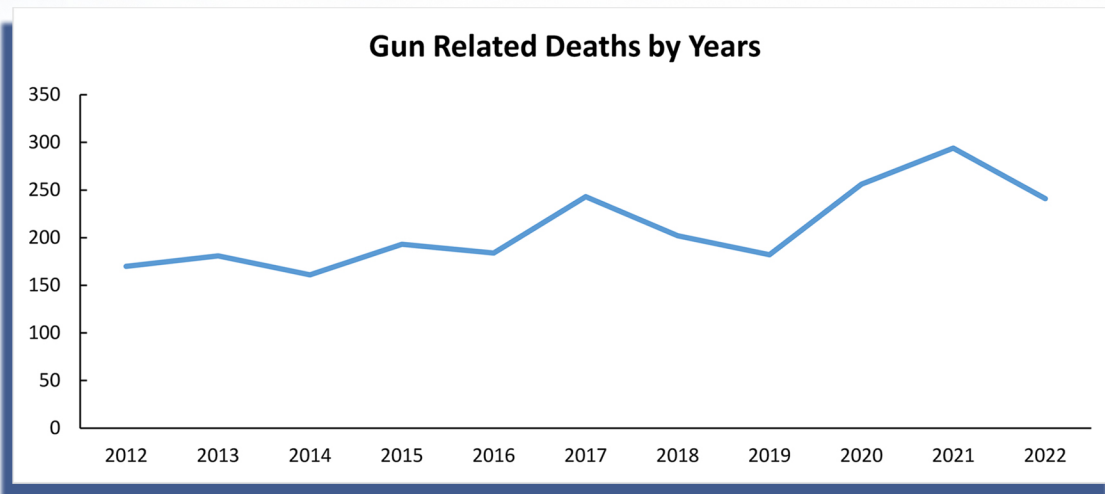
Suicide Deaths by Years



Suicide Deaths by Year, Race, and Ethnicity

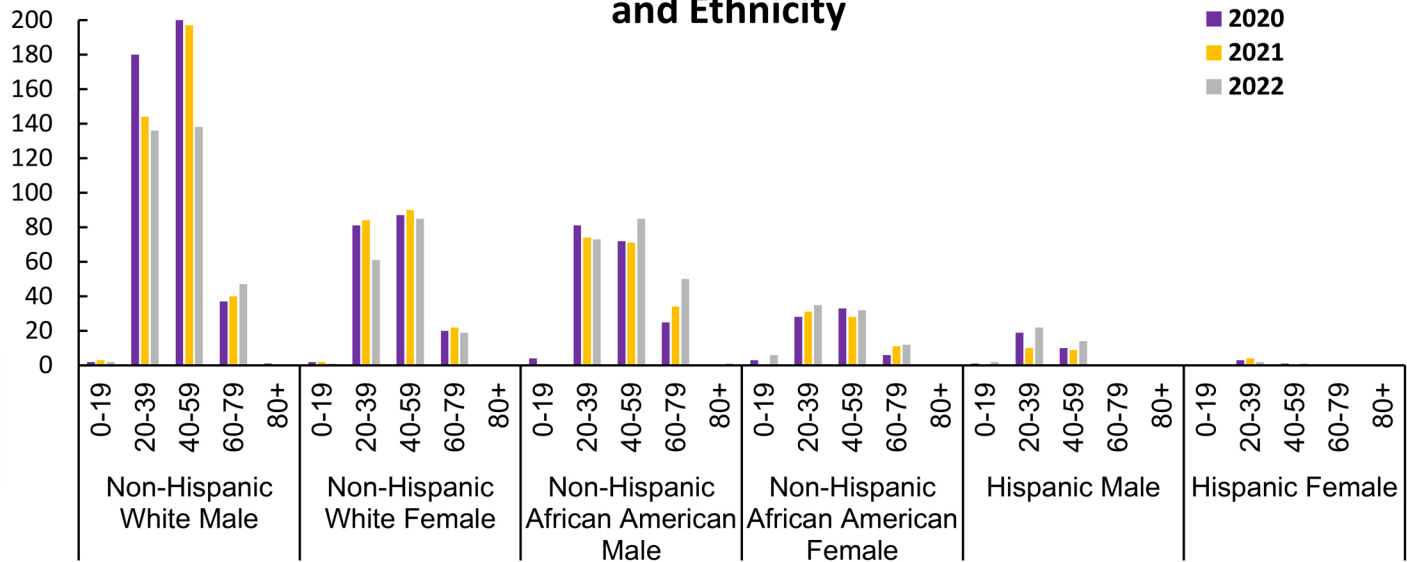


COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GUN VIOLENCE

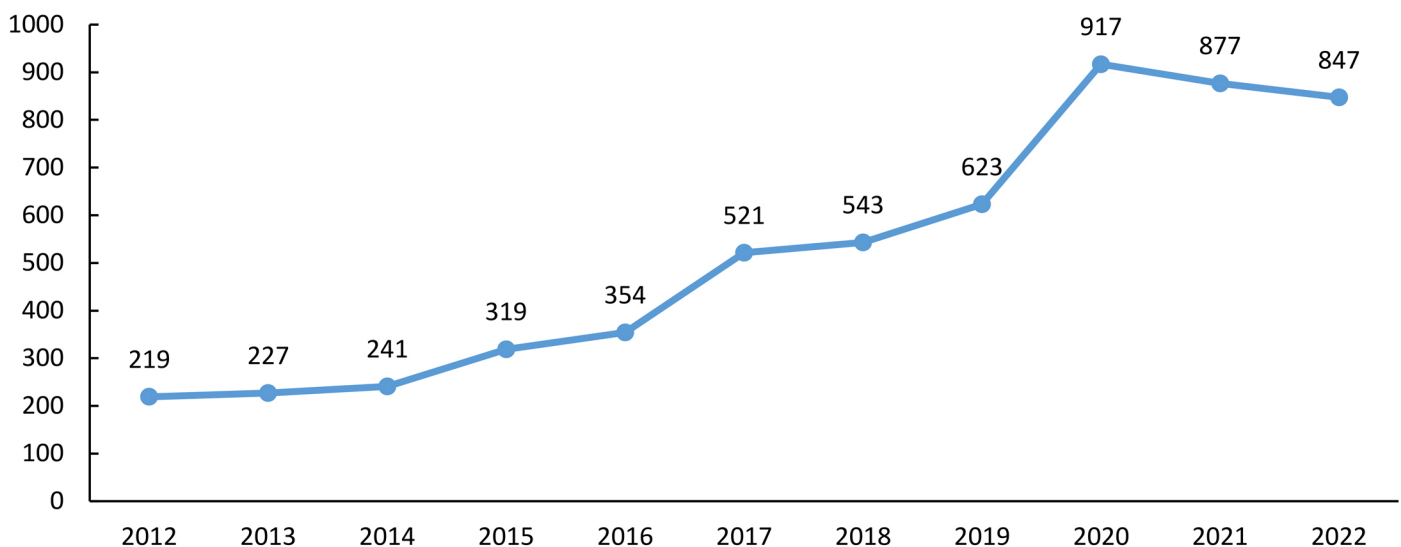


COMMUNITY CHALLENGE OVERDOSE DEATHS

Accidental Acute Intoxication Deaths by Years, Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

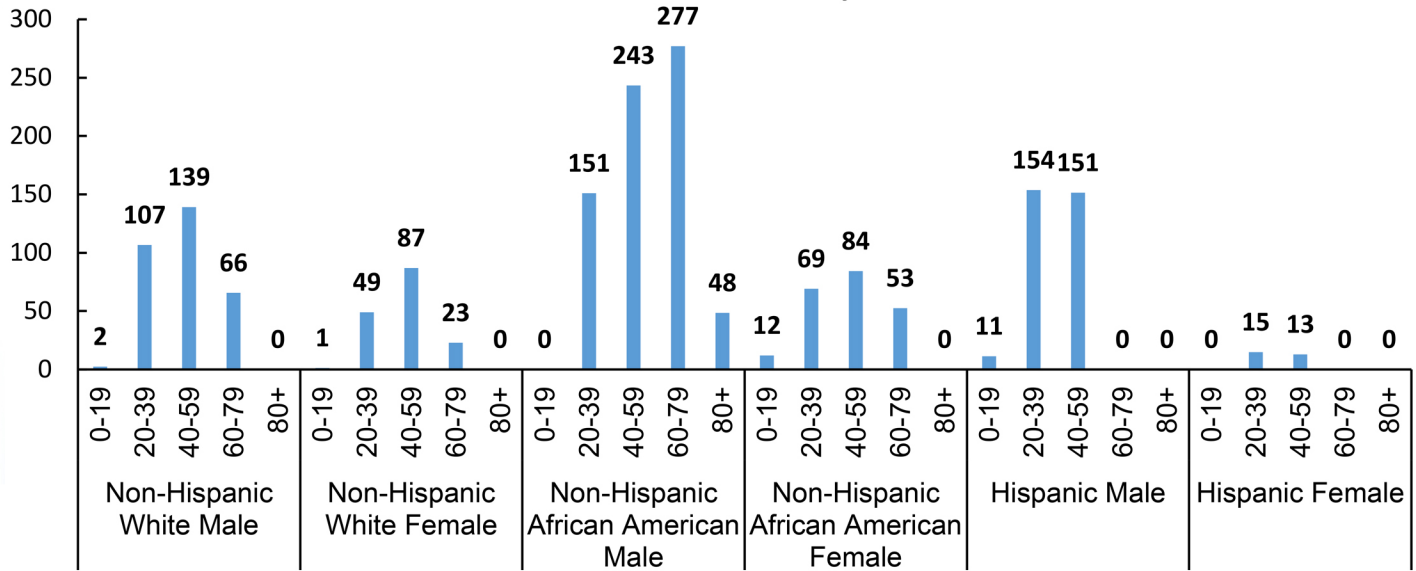


Accidental Acute Intoxication Deaths by Years

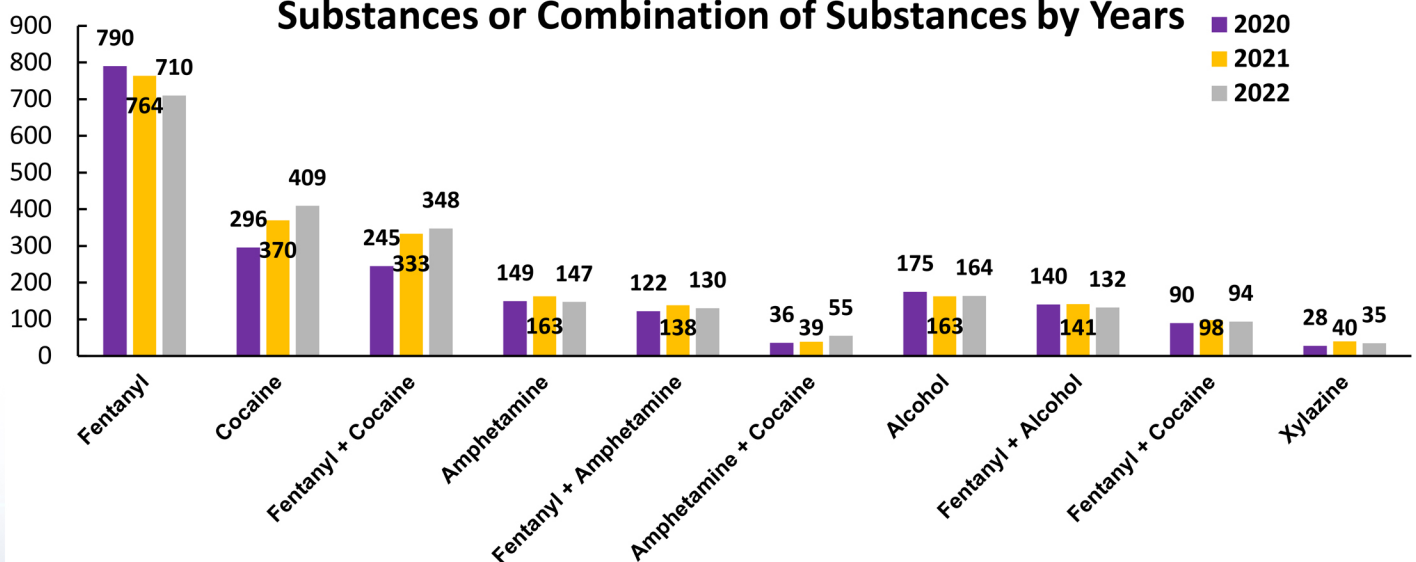


COMMUNITY CHALLENGE OVERDOSE DEATHS

2022 Accidental Acute Intoxication Age-Specific Death Rate (per 100,000) by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity



Accidental Acute Intoxication Deaths Involving Selected Substances or Combination of Substances by Years



Multiple drugs are usually involved in overdose deaths. Individual deaths may be reported in more than one category.

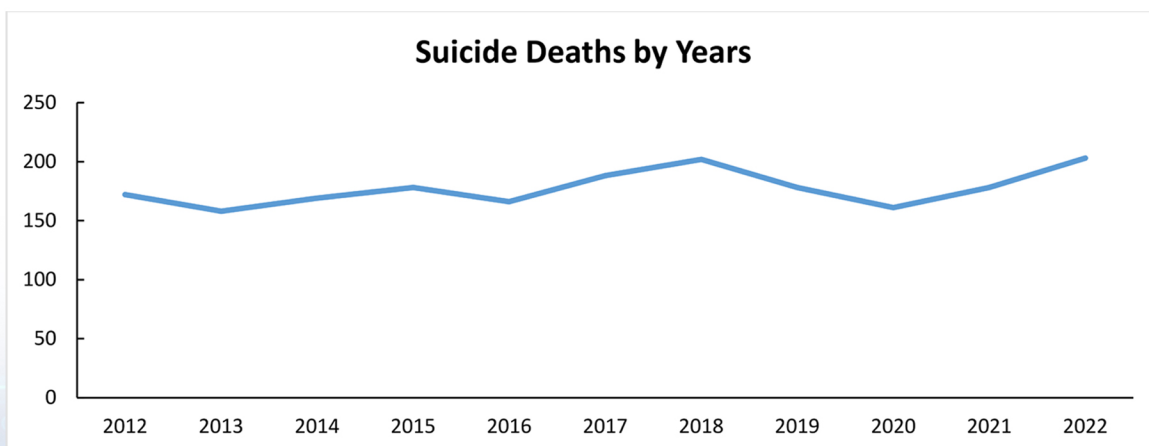
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE SUICIDES

DALLAS ALLEN SUICIDE INVESTIGATION and POSTVENTION SPECIALIST



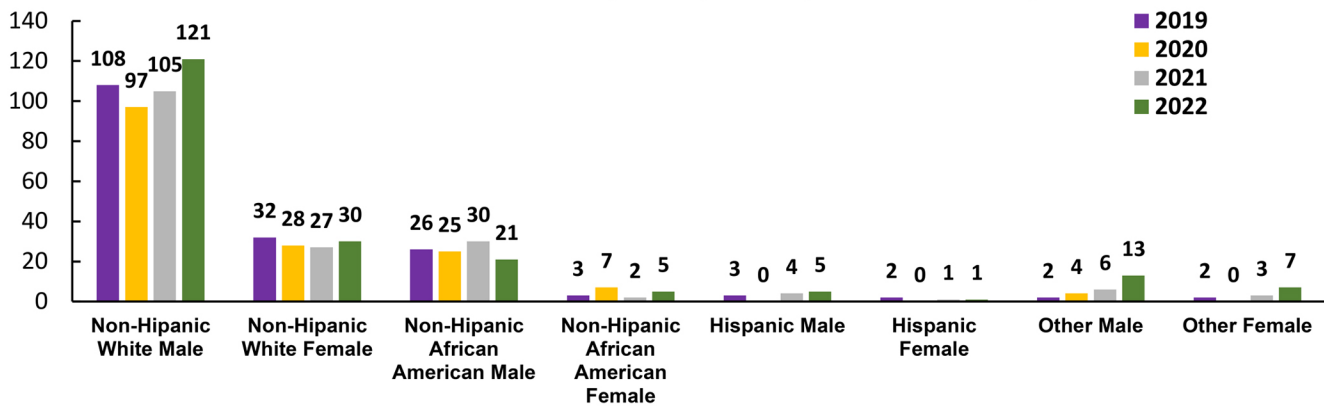
DALLAS ALLEN IS THE SUICIDE INVESTIGATIONS AND POSTVENTION SPECIALIST AT THE OFFICE OF THE CORONER. DALLAS CONDUCTS FULL PSYCHOSOCIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROVIDES GRIEF SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES TO SUICIDE. AS OF JULY 2021, DALLAS BECAME THE FIRST PERSON IN THE NATION TO HOLD THIS TITLE WITHIN A MEDICOLEGAL OFFICE.

DALLAS IS A SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVOR WHO BELIEVES LIFTING THE STIGMA SURROUNDING SUICIDE WILL CREATE MORE PREVENTION POSSIBILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDAL IDEATION. DALLAS HAS GARNERED MOST OF HIS EXPERIENCE FROM WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS IN A MENTAL HEALTH SETTING. DALLAS HAS A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE FROM MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY IN NEW CONCORD, OHIO.

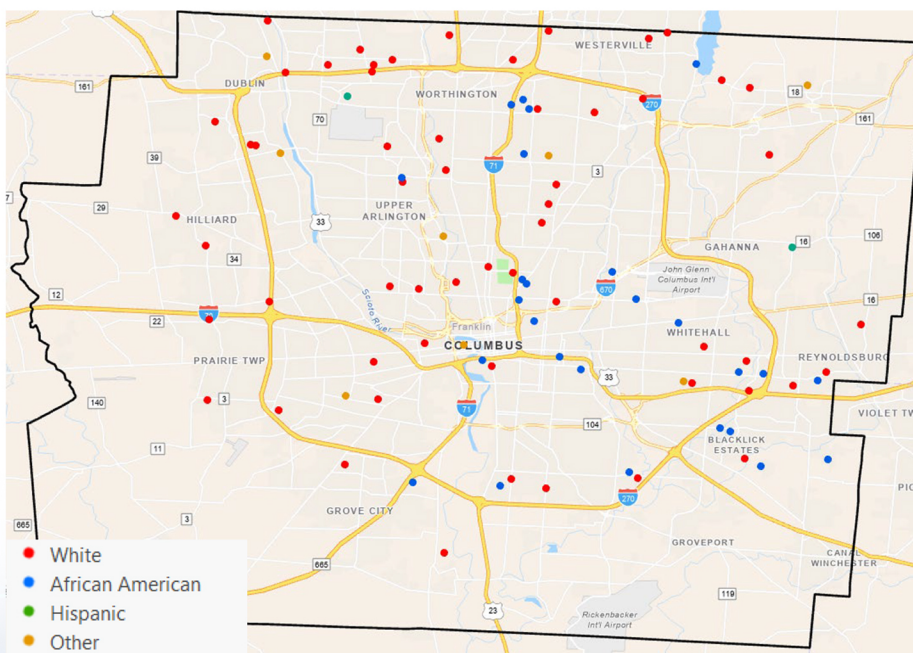


COMMUNITY CHALLENGE SUICIDES

Suicide Deaths by Year, Race, and Ethnicity



FRANKLIN COUNTY SUICIDES 2022



Only cases where injury have occurred in Franklin County are shown on the map.



FATALITY REVIEW BOARDS

The Franklin County Coroner's Office participates in several fatality review boards. The boards involve numerous public health and other specialists to review the circumstances around certain kinds of deaths and make recommendations on how to prevent these kinds of deaths in the future. The panels select a sample of the deaths in Franklin County and examine them in detail through the eyes of experts in the hope that these unfortunate decedents can assist in decreasing mortality in our community.

The FCCO forensic pathologists and death investigators participate in the following committees:

- **Traffic:** This committee examines the circumstances around deaths involving vehicles, including deaths to pedestrians and drivers and passengers in other vehicles like bicycles and motorcycles. The circumstances around these deaths include the physical surroundings including road dimensions and design, vehicle speeds and time of day and/or season of the year.
- **Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths (SUID):** As of September 2014, Ohio coroners are required to complete a death scene investigation using the CDC protocol and a standard investigation reporting form. The investigation form is to be shared with the local Child Fatality Review board reviewing the death. Some of these SUID are diagnosed as accidental suffocation, positional asphyxia, overlay (the obstruction of breathing caused by the weight of a person or animal lying on the infant), or undetermined.¹
- **Child:** This committee examines several major causes of unexpected child deaths under the age of 18 years, including through vehicular accidents; abuse and neglect; firearms and weapons; drowning; and other causes often related to safety.
- **Suicides:** Utilizing the only Suicide Forensic Investigator in the nation (see page 17 of this report), this committee examines the psychosocial factors that may have influenced the decedent to take his or her own life.
- **Overdose:** the rash of overdose deaths in our community has made the work of this committee more important than ever. The committee examines the circumstances leading up to the death, but also examines trends in the availability of the drugs and substances that result in the overdose deaths.
- **Domestic Violence:** this panel examines deaths, both homicides and suicides, caused by domestic violence, for examination of the systemic interventions into known incidents of domestic violence occurring in the family of the deceased prior to the death, for consideration of altered systemic response to avert future domestic violence deaths, or for development of recommendations for coordinated community prevention and intervention initiatives to eradicate domestic violence.²

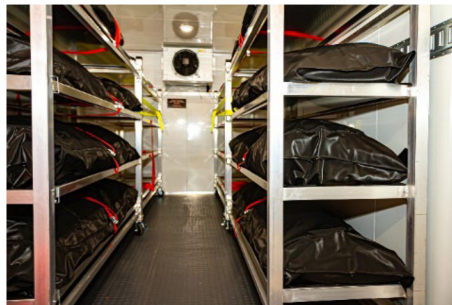
¹ Ohio Child Fatality Review 21st Annual Report 2021, odh.ohio.gov

² National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative website, ndvfri.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Franklin County Coroner's Office continues to train and exercise as part of the Franklin County Mass Fatality Plan. Fatality management is the ability to coordinate with other organizations (e.g., law enforcement, healthcare, emergency management, and medical examiners/coroners) to ensure the proper recovery, handling, identification, transportation, tracking, storage, and disposition of human remains and personal effects; certify cause of death; and facilitate access to mental/behavioral health services to the family members, responders, and survivors of an incident. Recent incidents highlight an emerging threat known as complex coordinated terrorist attacks where a violent assault or series of assaults that employs one or more types of weapons, intends to injure, or kill large numbers of people. To effectively respond to an attack requires comprehensive planning and preparation.

The Coroner's Office will work with all public safety services agencies within Franklin County to develop a plan, conduct training and exercises, and purchase equipment necessary to support this type of incident. Fatality Management Services is one of the 32 Federal Core Capabilities in support of the National Preparedness Goal.



UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS

Per the Ohio Revised Code, the Coroner must make a reasonable attempt to promptly identify the body or remains of a deceased person (ORC 313.08). Initial presumptive information learned from the death scene by the forensic investigator may lead to the positive identity of the decedent. The coroner may use any means available in attempting to identify the body or remains (ORC 313.08). When visual identification is not available, the process for scientific identification continues utilizing accessible fingerprints, dental records, DNA, radiology, or medical documentation of unique anatomical features. Within these processes the subject matter experts identify unique anatomical features that have beneficial characteristics for a positive identification to be made. In situations where there is no presumptive identification and the local resources have been exhausted, samples including DNA are submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs).

Returning unidentified individuals to their loved ones is a priority and it is a continuous process. For additional information on these cases please visit our website www.coroner.franklincountyohio.gov.

How Initially-unidentified Decedents were Identified (2022)

	Quarterly Data 2022				
Type of ID	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Fingerprints	171	145	150	110	576
Visual	28	34	38	38	138
Radiology	9	11	13	7	40
Dental	7	2	1	1	11
DNA	4	7	1	0	12
Totally of Circumstances	0	3	10	8	21
Medical Device	0	1	3	3	7
Total	219	203	216	167	805

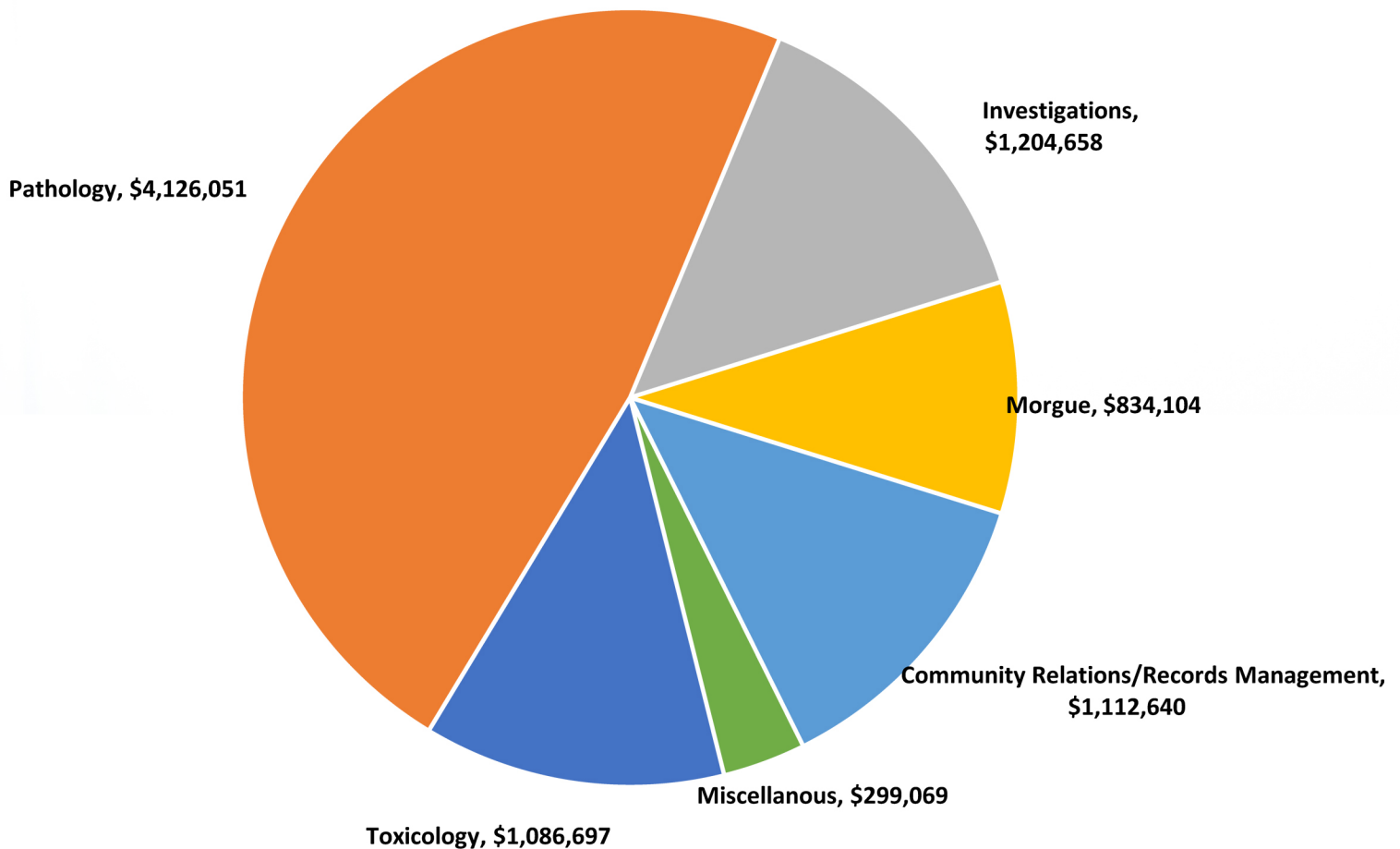
Decedents Still Unidentified

FCFSC Case#	Date Located	Male or Female	NamUs #	Notes	ID'd
89-2994	11/3/1989	Male	14619	Body of a white male located on Walcutt Road	
93-9208	10/11/93	Male	19869	Black male found between Alum Creek and Rt. 31	
97-2573	8/9/1997	Female	17868	Black female found near 675 West London-Groveport Rd along the bank of the Scioto River	
98-0402	2/1/1998	Male	4751	Elderly male found along Winkler Hill Rd. about 2 miles notheast of I-77	
07-1801	5/30/2007	Male	616	Hispanic male found in the Scioto River	
21-5442	12/8/2021	Male	88076	Unknown male found burned in the area of under an overpass (I-670) in the area south of Vine Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The decedent was not recognizable when found.	
22-2361	5/24/2022	Male	93270	Skeletonized Male found in an abandoned trailer off Moler Street by the Scioto River	
23-3171	7/23/2023	Female		The decedent was found in a wooded area near the railroad tracks behind 1675 S. High St, Columbus	

BUDGET

INVESTING IN HIGH QUALITY FORENSIC SERVICES

2022 Expenditures



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2022:

- HIRED NEW FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR OUT-OF-COUNTY AUTOPSIES
- HIRED PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT TO STAFF TO MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCY
- BY END OF 2022, REDUCED AVERAGE CASE COMPLETION TIME BY 38 PERCENT

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION



The Franklin County Coroner's Office is committed to educating the next generation of forensic pathologists, investigators, and technicians. The office has opportunities for:

- Interns
- Medical rotations
- Pathology Assistants
- High school and college classes



We have partnered with numerous high schools, colleges, and institutions including:

- Tiffin University
- The Ohio State University
- West Virginia University
- Lake Erie College of Medicine
- Wayne State University
- COSI
- Reynoldsburg High School



Schools wishing to explore collaboration with FCCO should contact laurengraessle@franklincountyohio.gov. Students seeking internships should visit the FCCO website.

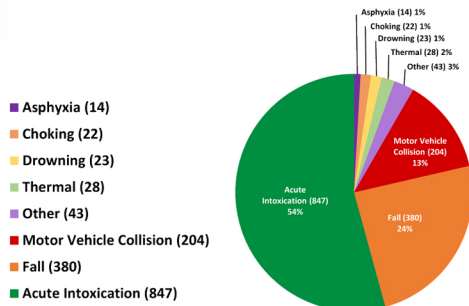


STATISTICS

Manner of Death: Accidental

An accidental death is a result of an unnatural cause where there is no evidence of intent to cause harm and the fatal outcome was unintentional.

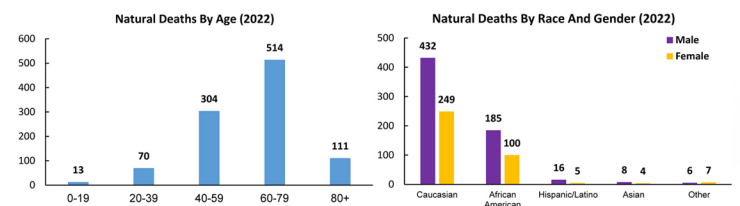
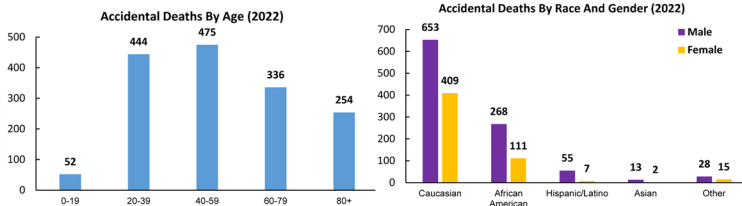
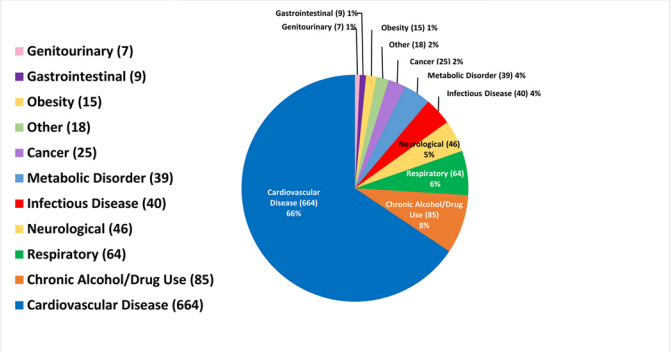
ACCIDENTAL CASES	
2021	1610
2022	1561



Manner of Death: Natural

A natural death is one due to a spontaneous or naturally occurring disease or degenerative process. A death so classified can fall under the jurisdiction of the Coroner because of the sudden or unexpected nature of the death, because there was no physician with knowledge or awareness of the decedent's condition, or when circumstances surrounding the death arouse suspicion.

NATURAL CASES	
2021	986
2022	1012

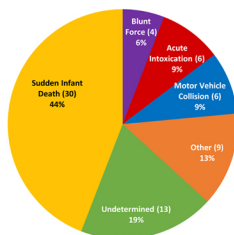


Manner of Death: Undetermined

"Undetermined" is a classification used when the information pointing to one manner of death is no more compelling than one or more other competing manners of death in thorough consideration of all available information.

UNDETERMINED CASES	
2021	80
2022	68

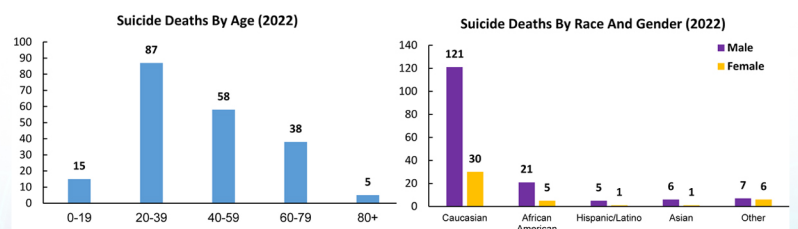
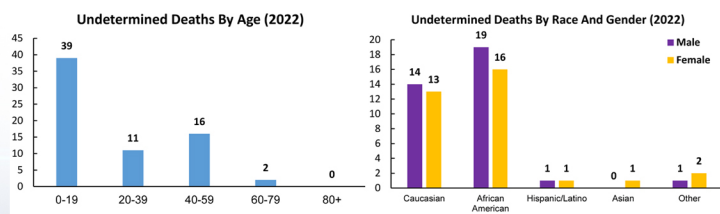
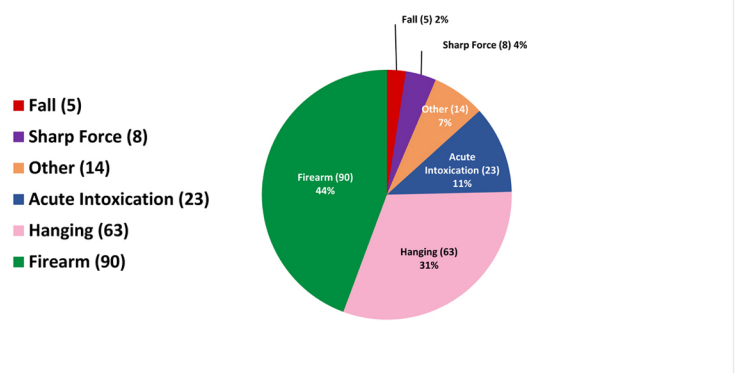
- Blunt Force (4)
- Acute Intoxication (6)
- Motor Vehicle Collision (6)
- Other (9)
- Undetermined (13)
- Sudden Infant Death (30)



Manner of Death: Suicide

A suicide is a death resulting from a self-inflicted injury which ends one's life.

SUICIDE CASES	
2021	178
2022	203



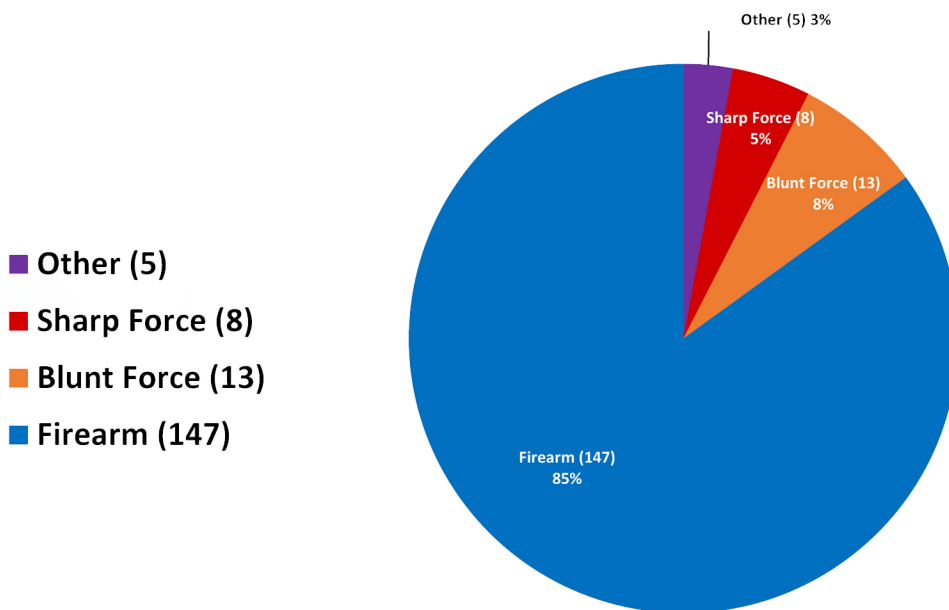
STATISTICS

Manner of Death: Homicide

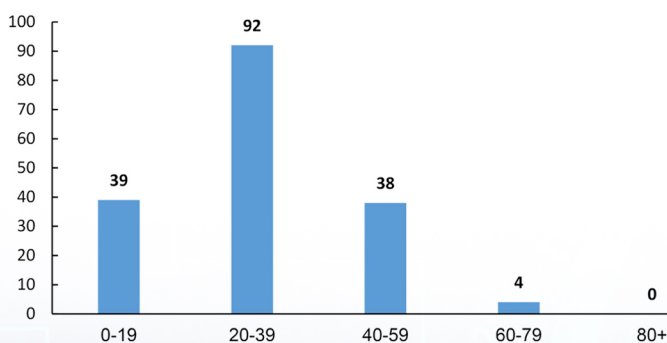
A homicide death is a death resulting from a voluntary action committed by another person. A homicide is not necessarily a murder. This classification does not necessarily indicate criminal intent, which is determined by the legal process.

HOMICIDE CASES

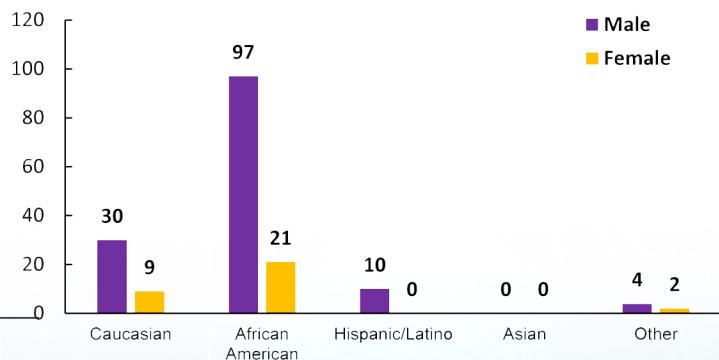
2021	240
2022	173



HOMICIDE DEATHS BY AGE 2022



HOMICIDE DEATHS BY RACE AND GENDER 2022

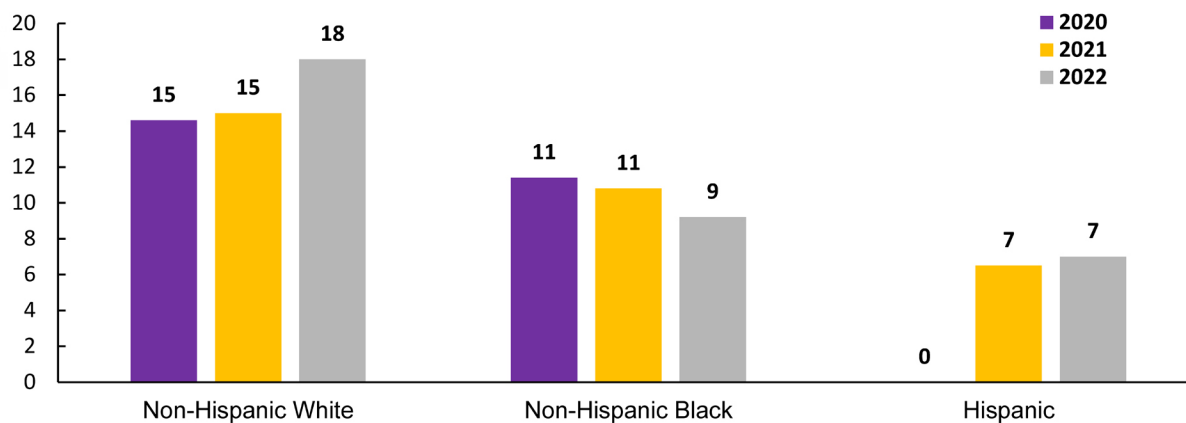


STATISTICS

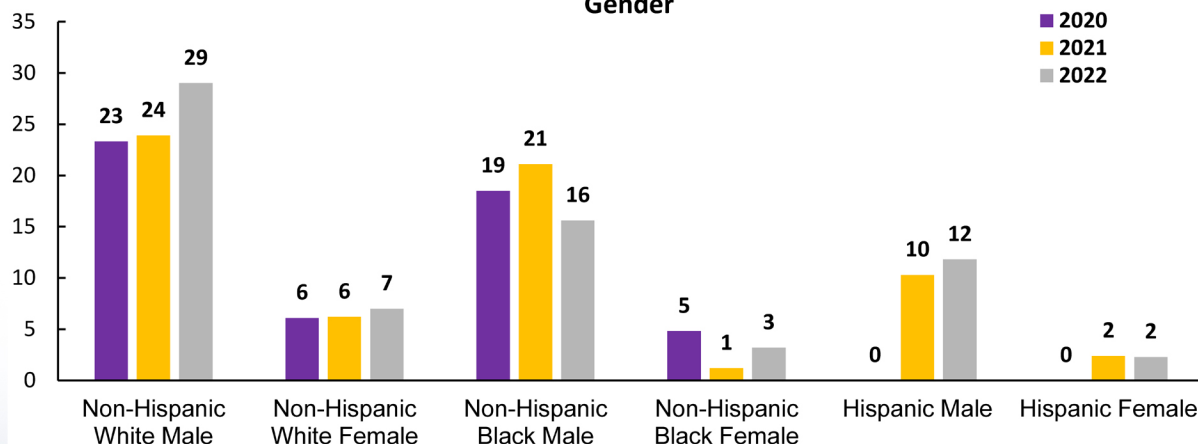
Number of Suicide Deaths by Method:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Acute Intoxication	18	22	19	20	23
Firearm	93	88	79	86	90
Hanging	62	52	46	59	63
Other	29	16	17	13	27
Total	202	178	161	178	203

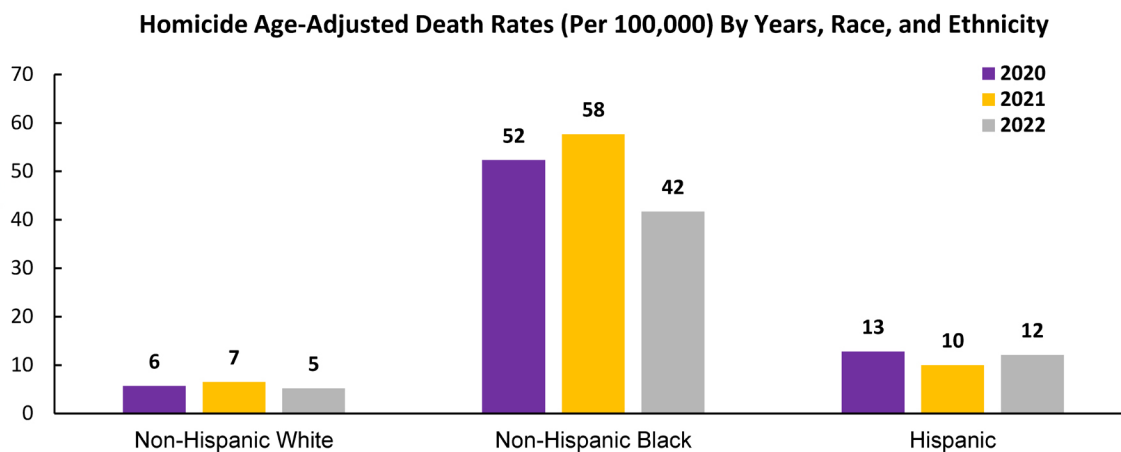
Suicide Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Years, Race, and Ethnicity



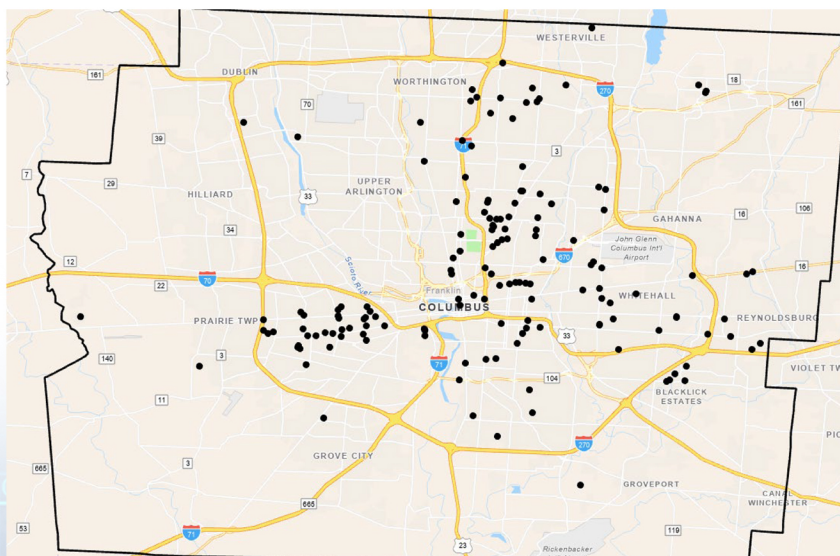
Suicide Age-Adjusted Death Rates (Per 100,000) By Years, Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

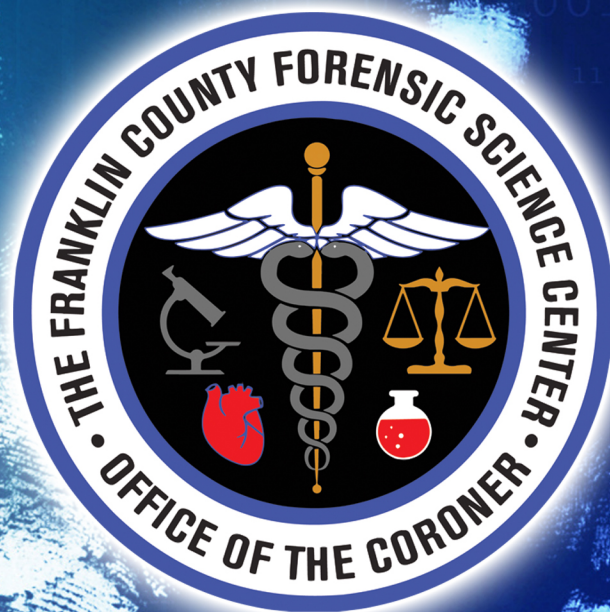


STATISTICS



HOMICIDES FRANKLIN COUNTY 2022





2090 FRANK ROAD
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223
(614) 525-5290

www.coroner.franklincountyohio.gov