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Report for the Coroner's Office

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Total cases reported to the Coroner's Office	2240
View & Release Cases	930
Cremation Authorizations	863
Actual Coroner's Cases	231
Autopsies	216
Inquests	0
Natural Deaths	63
Accidental Deaths	105
Suicides	39
Homicide	4
Cannot Be Determined	5
Pending	0

Actual Coroner's Cases by Month

January	12
February	19
March	17
April	24
May	15
June	16
July	17
August	21
September	18
October	27
November	17
December	13

Violent or Accidental Deaths:

139

Highway Fatalities	21
Operator	17
Passenger	2
Pedestrian	2
Quad Accidents	0
Operator	0
Passenger	0
Pedestrian	0
Suicides	35
Asphyxiation	0
Carbon Monoxide	0
Drowning	0
Exanguination	1
GSW Head	17
GSW-Multi	0
GSW Trunk	2
GSW Stomach	0
Hanging	15
Huffing	0
Jumped	0
Overdose	0
Shotgun Wound	0
Homicides	3
BFT - Head	0
Drowning	0
Falls	0
Exanguination	0
GSW - Head	2
GSW-Multi	1
GSW - Trunk	0
GSW - Stomach	0
Post-Surgical	0
Stab Wound	0
Unknown	0
Vehicular	0

Accidents	7
Asphyxiation	1
Cold Exposure	2
Drowning	1
Electrocution	0
Falls	0
Fire	0
Industrial Accident	0
Obstruction/Airway	0
Post-Surgical	0
Prior Injury	2
Smoke Inhalation	1
Tree Fall	0

<u>Deaths by Drug Overdose</u>	73
<u>Combined Drug Toxicity</u>	47

<u>Total Heroin-Related Deaths</u>	38
<u>Heroin Combined with Other Drugs</u>	25
<u>Heroin-Only Deaths</u>	13

<u>One Drug</u>	26
Alcohol	2
Cocaine	2
Fentanyl	2
Heroin	13
Methadone	2
Morphine	1
Oxycodone	1
Oxymorphone	3

<u>Two Drugs</u>	24
Alcohol, Heroin	2
Alcohol, Hydrocodone	1
Alcohol, Oxycodone	1
Alprazolam, Diazepam	1
Alprazolam, Oxymorphone	1
Alprazolam, Heroin	4
Buprenorphine, Clonazepam	1
Cocaine, Fentanyl	2
Cocaine, Heroin	4
Fentanyl, Heroin	6
Hydrocodone, Oxymorphone	1

<u>Three Drugs</u>	14
Alcohol, Alprazolam, Oxycodone	1
Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Fentanyl	1
Alprazolam, Clonazepam, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Diazepam, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Heroin, Hydrocodone	1
Alprazolam, Heroin, Oxycodone	1
Buprenorphine, Cocaine, Oxycodone	1
Cocaine, Heroin, Oxycodone	1
Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin	2
Fentanyl, Heroin, Oxycodone	1

Fentanyl, Morphine, Oxymorphone	1
Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Oxymorphor	1
Morphine, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone	1
<u>Four Drugs</u>	2
Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Clonazepam, Oxycodone, Methadone	1

Five Drugs

0

Drug Overdoses

73

Male

48

Female

25

Age Breakdown

1-9

0

10-19

1

20-29

12

30-39

22

40-49

17

50-59

13

60-69

1

70-79

0

80-89

0

90-99

0

Suicide

39

Male

32

Female

7

Age Breakdown

1-9

0

10-19

4

20-29

2

30-39

7

40-49

7

50-59

11

60-69

4

70-79

4

80-89

0

90-99

0

Highway Fatalities

20

Male

15

Female

5

Age Breakdown

1-9	0
10-19	1
20-29	6
30-39	1
40-49	3
50-59	8
60-69	1
70-79	0
80-89	0
90-99	0

Homicide

	4
Male	2
Female	2

Age Breakdown

1-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	1
30-39	0
40-49	1
50-59	1
60-69	1
70-79	0
80-89	0
90-99	0

Quad Accidents

	0
Male	0
Female	0

Age Breakdown

1-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	0
30-39	0
40-49	0
50-59	0
60-69	0
70-79	0
80-89	0
90-99	0

YEAR	SUICIDES	HOMICIDES	HIGHWAY FATALITIES	DRUGS
1992	27	5	40	2
1993	25	5	32	3
1994	24	10	17	4
1995	20	3	17	6
1996	16	1	18	10
1997	24	5	23	6
1998	20	6	13	7
1999	22	5	29	11
2000	19	3	25	4
2001	25	3	21	9
2002	27	8	28	23
2003	14	4	26	28
2004	20	2	19	23
2005	17	5	22	20
2006	29	2	15	23
2007	18	5	23	17
2008	30	7	26	18
2009	32	6	28	12
2010	18	7	16	31
2011	30	7	27	46
2012	27	5	23	36
2013	27	6	14	58
2014	28	8	13	36
2015	39	4	20	73
TOTAL	578	122	535	506

Cases investigated during the term of S. Timothy Warco, Coroner

YEAR	ACTUAL CORONER'S CASES	CASES REPORTED	INQUESTS	AUTOPSIES
1992	285	841	3	61
1993	232	816	7	64
1994	159	794	1	84
1995	163	892	1	100
1996	140	922	0	90
1997	166	933	1	97
1998	131	814	1	71
1999	162	860	0	96
2000	145	788	0	90
2001	177	1004	0	106
2002	216	1071	0	91
2003	180	958	0	92
2004	180	1038	1	117
2005	189	1164	0	114
2006	182	1245	0	108
2007	183	1333	0	109
2008	224	1455	0	136
2009	204	1466	0	120
2010	197	1597	1	111
2011	249	1708	2	150
2012	207	1762	1	135
2013	218	1835	0	157
2014	309	1678	0	160
2015	231	2240	0	216
Total	4729	29214	19	2675

The preceding report is a constantly-changing document and does not contain information about cases which are pending the results of toxicology reports, histology reports and the pathologist's final review. As such, statistics for months prior are subject to change in the future as cases are finalized and unpended.

Natural deaths or presumed natural deaths describe a case where advanced age or natural disease processes are documented or determined to be the cause of death at autopsy.

Most drug deaths within Washington County are ruled generally ruled "Accidental." As such, there may be some overlap between the drug deaths category and the accidental deaths category. When referencing these statistics, note that on page one, the total accidental deaths listed will include drug deaths. In the subsequent pages, drug deaths and accidental deaths are treated separately.

Similarly, highway fatalities are calculated with accidental deaths on page one, but are listed seperate from "Violent or Accidental Deaths" in the following pages.

For the purposes of this report, "Accidental" refers only to the manner of death, and does not address causality or culpability regarding a death.