

## Washington County, Pennsylvania

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## Report for the Coroner's Office

S. Timothy Warco

Washington County, Pennsylvania

<b>Population Served, 2015 Estimate:</b>	<b>208,261</b>
<b>Area Served, Mi<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>861</b>
<b>Total cases reported to the Coroner's Office</b>	<b>2068</b>
View & Release Cases	859
Cremation Authorizations	952
Total Investigations	236
Total Autopsies	221
Inquests	0
Abandoned or Unclaimed	21
<i>Reports</i>	21
<i>County Dispositions</i>	11
Unidentified	0
Organ Donations	4
Natural Deaths	39
Investigated/PND	15
Accidental Deaths	131
Suicides	38
Homicides	4
Stillborn	1
SUIDS	3
Cannot Be Determined	5
Pending	0

**Investigations by Month**

January	16	July	21
February	20	August	19
March	25	September	16
April	13	October	22
May	28	November	19
June	25	December	12

**Violent or Accidental Deaths:**

172

<b>Highway Fatalities</b>	<b>24</b>
Operator	17
Passenger	5
Pedestrian	2
<b>Quad Accidents</b>	<b>1</b>
Operator	1
Passenger	0
Pedestrian	0
<b>Suicides</b>	<b>38</b>
Asphyxiation	1
Carbon Monoxide	1
Drowning	0
Drug Overdose	3
Exanguination	3
Fire/Smoke Inhalation	1
GSW-Chest	4
GSW Head	10
GSW-Mouth	6
GSW-Multi	0
GSW Trunk	0
GSW Stomach	1
Hanging	6
Huffing	0
Jumped	2
Shotgun Wound	0

<b>Homicides</b>	<b>4</b>
BFT - Head	0
Drowning	0
Falls	0
Exanguination	0
GSW - Head	1
GSW-Multi	2
GSW - Trunk	0
GSW Chest	0
GSW - Stomach	1
Post-Surgical	0
Stab Wound	0
Unknown	0
Vehicular	0

<b>Other Accidents</b>	<b>9</b>
Asphyxiation	1
Blunt-Force Trauma	0
Carbon Monoxide Poisonir	0
Cold Exposure	0
Drowning	1
Electrocution	0
Gun Shot Wound	1
Falls	2
Fire	2
Industrial Accident	1
Obstruction/Airway	0
Post-Surgical	0
Prior Injury	1
Thermal or Inhalation Inj.	0
Tree Fall	0

<b>Undetermined Manner</b>	<b>1</b>
Drug Overdose	1

<b><u>Deaths by Drug Overdose</u></b>	<b>97</b>
<u>Combined Drug Toxicity</u>	<b>1</b>
(Not otherwise listed here)	
<b><u>Total Heroin-Related Deaths</u></b>	<b>25</b>
<u>Heroin Combined with Other Drugs</u>	22
<u>Heroin-Only Deaths</u>	3
<b><u>Total Fentanyl Related Deaths</u></b>	<b>71</b>
<u>Fentanyl Combined with Other Drugs</u>	48
<u>Fentanyl-Only Deaths</u>	23
<b><u>One Drug</u></b>	<b>30</b>
Buprenorphine	1
Diphenhydramine	1
Fentanyl	23
Heroin	3
Methadone	2
<b><u>Two Drugs</u></b>	<b>35</b>
Acetyl Fentanyl, Fentanyl	1
Alcohol, Fentanyl	3
Alcohol, Methadone	1
Alprazolam, Hydrocodone	2
Buprenorphine, Cocaine	1
Buprenorphine, Fentanyl	2
Buprenorphine, Norbuprer	1
Cocaine, Fentanyl	7
Cocaine, Heroin	4
Fentanyl, Heroin	6
Fentanyl, Mirtazipine	1
Fentanyl, Morphine	2
Fentanyl, Oxycodone	1
Fentanyl, Oxymorphone	1
Hydrocodone, Morphine	2

<b><u>Three Drugs</u></b>	<b>28</b>
Acetyl Fentanyl, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Acetyl Fentanyl, Fentanyl, Morphine	1
Alcohol, Buprenorphine, Morphine	1
Alcohol, Diazepam, Morphine	1
Alprazolam, Cocaine, Fentanyl	1
Alprazolam, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Heroin, Phenobarbital	1
Alprazolam, Morphine, Hydrocodone	1
Amphetamine, Fentanyl, Morphine	1
Buprenorphine, Cocaine, Hydrocodone	1
Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Fentanyl	1
Cocaethylene, Cocaine, Fentanyl	1
Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin	5
Cocaine, Fentanyl, Morphine	4
Cocaine, Morphine, Oxymorphone	1
Codiene, Heroin, Oxycodone	1
Dihydrocodeine, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone	1
Fentanyl, Furanyl Fentanyl, U-447700	2
Furanyl Fentanyl, Hydroxyzine, U-447700	1
Fentanyl, Heroin, Oxycodone	1

<b><u>Four Drugs</u></b>	<b>2</b>
Buprenorphine, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Buprenorphine, Fentanyl, Heroin, Oxycodone	1

<b><u>Five Drugs</u></b>	<b>1</b>
Alcohol, Acetyl Fentanyl, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Methamphetamine	1

<b><u>Drug Overdoses</u></b>	<b>96</b>
Male	60
Female	36

<b><u>Age Breakdown</u></b>	
1-9	1
10-19	0
20-29	24
30-39	37
40-49	13
50-59	15
60-69	7
70-79	0
80-89	0
90-99	0

<b><u>Suicide</u></b>	<b>38</b>
Male	32
Female	6

**Age Breakdown**

1-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	5
30-39	2
40-49	7
50-59	12
60-69	10
70-79	1
80-89	1
90-99	0

**Highway Fatalities**

<b>24</b>	
Male	17
Female	7

**Age Breakdown**

1-9	0
10-19	2
20-29	6
30-39	0
40-49	2
50-59	10
60-69	3
70-79	1
80-89	0
90-99	0

<b><u>Homicide</u></b>	<b>4</b>
Male	3
Female	1

**Age Breakdown**

1-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	2
30-39	1
40-49	0
50-59	1
60-69	0
70-79	0
80-89	0
90-99	0

<b><u>Quad Accidents</u></b>	<b>1</b>
Male	1
Female	0

**Age Breakdown**

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

<b>2017 Investigating Authorities</b>	
Adult Protective Services	1
Allegheny County Detectives	1
Bentleyville Boro Police	3
California Borough Police	4
Canonsburg Police	11
Carroll Township Police	2
Cecil Township Police	2
Centerville Boro Police	2
Charleroi Regional Police	18
Chartiers Township Police	13
Donegal Township Police	2
Donora Police	4
East Bethlehem Township Police	1
East Washington Boro Police	4
McDonald Police	2
Monessen Police	2
Monongahela City Polcie	14
Mt. Pleasant Township Police	1
North Franklin Township Police	1
North Strabane Township Police	6
Pennsylvania State Police	72
Peters Township Police	4
RESA Regional Police	2
Rostraver Police	3
Smith Township Police	3
South Strabane Township Police	5
Washington City Police	31
West Brownsville Police	1
Clinical	21



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	21	73
2016	37	8	16	109
2017	38	4	24	96
TOTAL	653	134	576	711

*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	225	2018	0	216
2016	250	2137	0	246
2017	236	2068	0	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>5209</b>	<b>33197</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3142</b>



***The mission of the Washington County Coroner's Office is to serve the County of Washington by providing a thorough, respectful and unbiased investigation into the cause and manner of death for all individuals who come under our jurisdiction, and to serve with honesty and integrity.***

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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 unopened.

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 separate 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.