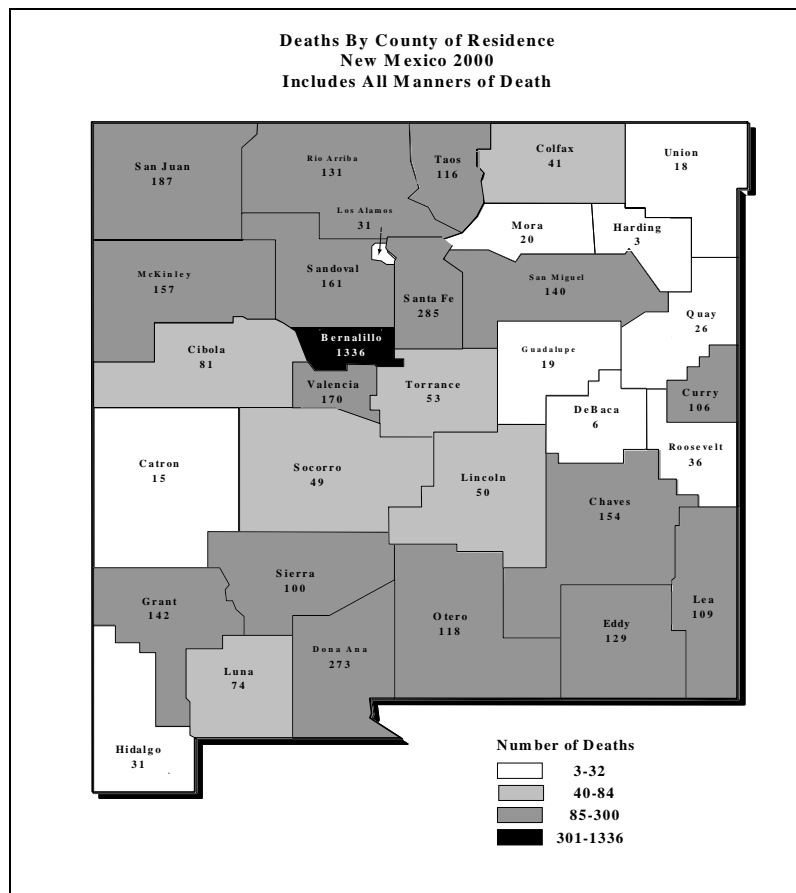




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Introduction

The Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) investigates any death occurring in the State of New Mexico that is sudden, violent, untimely, or where a person is found dead and the cause of death is unknown. In 2000, New Mexico had a total of 13,150 deaths. OMI performed services for a total of 4,734 deaths. A detailed breakout of the case distribution can be found in this report.

You may notice differences between this annual report and previous reports. This report is presented in two sections. The first section of the report summarizes the activity of the OMI. The second presents data routinely collected by the OMI in a manner that answers question related to mortality and public health. The tables and figures included in the report are designed to be self-explanatory, and we hope you find them easy to read and understand. Definitions can be found in the Glossary and may provide assistance with the terminology encountered in the report. Readers with special interests, needs, or whose questions are not answered by this report, may contact the Computer and Information Services Section of the OMI. Additionally, we encourage interested researchers to contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics for complete mortality statistics.

Comments or suggestions concerning the content, format, or clarity of the report are always welcome.

Preparation for the Annual Report

The OMI data from which this report was compiled are maintained on a Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) DEC station 5000/240 computer, running DEC standard MUMPS language and database management system and is located at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque. OMI staff Jean Durka and James Perrings using MUMPS and Microsoft Office2000, Professional prepared this report. UNM Health Sciences Center – Digital Printing and Document Services printed the final distribution copy.

Overview – Office of the Medical Investigator - 2000

The Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) was created by the New Mexico State Legislature in 1972 and became operational in 1973. Replacing the county coroner system, the OMI was tasked¹ with investigating all reportable deaths occurring in New Mexico, to subsequently determine the cause and manner of death in such cases, and to provide formal death certification.

Reportable Deaths:

Those deaths to be reported to the OMI include all deaths occurring in New Mexico as outlined below regardless of where or when the initial injuring event occurred.

- Any death that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly, that is, when the person has not been under medical care for significant heart, lung or other disease.
- Any death suspected to be due to violence, i.e., suicidal, accidental or homicidal injury, regardless of when or where the injury occurred.
- Any death suspected to be due to alcohol intoxication or the result of exposure to toxic agents.
- Any death of a resident housed in county a state institution, regardless of where death occurs. This refers to any ward of the state or individual placed in such a facility by legal authorization.
- Any death of a person in the custody of law enforcement officers.
- Any death of a person in a nursing home or other private institution without recent medical attendance.
- Any death that occurs unexpectedly during, in association with, or as a result of diagnostic, therapeutic, surgical, or anesthetic procedures.
- Deaths alleged to have been caused by an act of malpractice.
- Deaths suspected to be involved with the decedent's occupation.
- Deaths unattended by a physician.
- Any death due to neglect.
- Any stillbirth of 20 or more weeks' gestation unattended by a physician.
- Any maternal death to include death of a pregnant woman regardless of the length of the pregnancy, and up to six weeks (or one year) postdelivery, even where the cause of death is unrelated to the pregnancy.
- Any death of an infant or child where the medical history has not established some pre-existing medical condition.
- Deaths, which are possibly, directly or indirectly, attributable to environmental exposure, not otherwise specified.
- Any death suspected to be due to infectious or contagious disease wherein the diagnosis and extent of disease at the time of death are undetermined.
- Any death occurring under suspicious circumstances.
- Any death in which there is doubt as to whether or not it is a medical investigator's case should be reported.

¹ NMSA Statue 24-11-1, et seq., and 7-NMAC 3.2.8

Statutory Duty:

The OMI Policy Manual, derived from statute, requires the OMI to perform the following duties in all cases of reportable deaths:

- Receive all reports of sudden, unexpected or unexplained deaths.
- Respond to all sudden, unexpected or unexplained deaths.
- In the absence of a physician, pronounce death.
- Take custody of the body and all articles on or near the body.
- Maintain the chain of custody of the body and all articles obtained there from.
- Conduct an investigation leading to the determination of the cause and manner of death.
- Obtain toxicology samples from the body when indicated, and arrange for necessary tests upon those samples that will aid in the determination of cause and manner of death; maintain the proper chain of custody and evidence on those samples; store those samples for an appropriate period of time.
- Certify the cause and manner of death and forward written certification to designated agencies.
- Properly dispose of human remains through release to family or designated and authorized entities.
- Provide accurate identification of all human remains when possible.
- Cooperate with authorized agencies having involvement with death investigation.
- Provide professional, objective testimony in state and local courts of law.
- Define procedures that establish fees for services and material provided by the Office of the Medical Investigator.
- Define procedures to reimburse all parties providing services to the Office of the Medical Investigator.
- Establish and maintain a disaster plan outlining the role of OMI staff.
- Maintain records of each official death investigation and provide reports to official agencies.

The above duties are exclusive of deaths that occur on tribal or federal land. The OMI provides consulting services for requesting agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Tribal Law Enforcement or neighboring state jurisdictions.

The OMI is designated as a special program within the Department of Pathology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. A Board of Medical Investigations, comprised of the Dean of the UNM School of Medicine, the Chief of the New Mexico State Police, the Secretary of Health and Environment Department and the Chairman of the New Mexico Thanatopractice was established to oversee and develop broad policy. The Board appoints the Chief Medical Investigator, a physician licensed in New Mexico, trained in Pathology and Forensic Medicine, who has responsibility for operations.

The program operates out of the Central Office located in the UNM Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Central Office directs all investigative activities statewide. Specially trained and certified Field Deputy Medical Investigators (FDMI) conduct field investigations. Every county in New Mexico has FDMI's who conduct investigations at the scene of death to collect information used to determine jurisdiction, possible cause and manner of death, and in the absence of a physician provide the pronouncement of death. The FDMI's contact the Central Office and present the

results of each investigation to Central Office Deputy Medical Investigators who make the ultimate decisions regarding jurisdiction and the need for further medicolegal investigation. All autopsy services are conducted in the Central Office and are performed by forensic pathologists with the assistance of morphology services. The New Mexico State Laboratory provides the majority of toxicology services with some specialized tests sent to other laboratories. All documentation is archived at the Central Office and is available as provided for by public record statutes and regulations.

Such a strongly defined and professionally staffed system provides investigative agencies, the medical community and the citizens of New Mexico with standardized death investigation protocols and a central repository for the information compiled during those medicolegal investigations. The centralization of these services has proven valuable in many areas of public concern including:

- Criminal investigations (Ex. homicide or child abuse)
- Protection of public health from environmental hazards and the spread of infectious disease
- Surveillance and reporting of deaths that may represent bioterrorist activities
- Medical and statistical research contributing to positive preventative measures (Seat Belt Laws)
- Expert testimony in court cases
- Proper certification of death
- Services to families of the deceased persons (Grief Intervention Program)

Program Summary and Highlights for 2000

Investigative Activity:

In 2000, New Mexico had 13,150 deaths, of which 4,101 deaths met the criteria to become a reportable death. The OMI provided investigative services for those 4,101 deaths and based on investigations retained jurisdiction over 2,225 deaths, relinquishing jurisdiction of 1,579 deaths to private physicians. An additional 633 deaths were investigated as a consultation service resulting in a total caseload of 4,734 medicolegal investigations. The following tables provide a granular examination of the case distribution.

Table 1 - Total Number of Cases - 2000

Total Number of Cases - 2000										
	Year of Death									
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Cases	4,449	4,531	4,283	4,278	4,327	4,732	4,768	4,591	4,829	4,734

Table 2 - Total Cases - Autopsy Status - 2000

Autopsy Status - 2000						
Autopsy	Manner of Death					Total
	Natural	Accident	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	
Yes	498	646	265	183	76	1,668
No	2,518	461	58	0	29	3,066
Total	3,016	1,107	323	183	105	4,734

Figure 1 - Total Cases - Autopsy Status

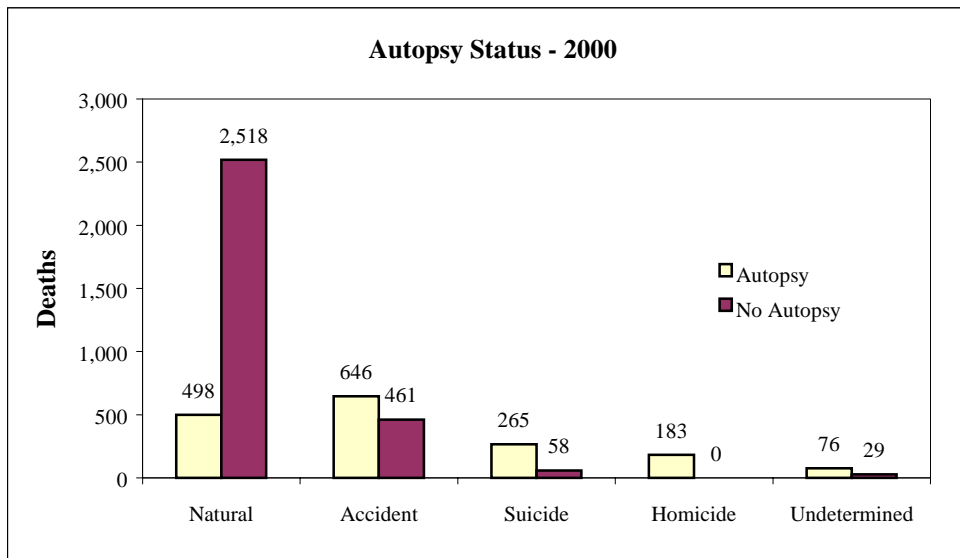


Table 3 - Total Cases -Case Distribution - 2000

Case Distribution - 2000					
Type of Case	Manner of Death	Autopsy		Percentage Autopsied	Total
		Yes	No		
Medical Investigator	Natural	339	603	36.0%	942
	Accident	584	439	57.1%	1,023
	Suicide	260	49	84.1%	309
	Homicide	171	0	100.0%	171
	Undetermined	64	13	83.1%	77
	Subtotal		1,418	1,104	56.2%
Terminated Jurisdiction	Natural	2	1577	0.1%	1,579
	Accident	0	0	0.0%	0
	Suicide	0	0	0.0%	0
	Homicide	0	0	0.0%	0
	Undetermined	0	0	0.0%	0
	Subtotal		2	1,577	0.1%
Reported Deaths		1,420	2,681		4,101
Consultation Cases	Natural	157	347	31.2%	504
	Accident	62	22	73.8%	84
	Suicide	5	9	35.7%	14
	Homicide	12	0	100.0%	12
	Undetermined	12	7	63.2%	19
	Subtotal		248	385	39.2%
Total		1,668	3,066		4,734

Additional Investigation Facts:

Deputy Medical Investigators throughout New Mexico

- Traveled 44,730 miles (one way) responding to 4,101 deaths
- Performed 2,119 field external examinations

OMI Toxicology:

- 1,969 OMI cases with toxicology requests
- 4,776 test requests
- 11,735 specimens submitted for analysis

“Doe” and/or missing person cases:

- 191 “Doe” cases
- 179 “Doe” cases identified (93.72%)
- 37 Forensic Anthropology examinations
- 65 Forensic Odontology examinations
- 3 DNA cases
- 12 “Doe” cases unidentified
- 43 Missing person’s reports

Training and Education

At the OMI, training and education is an integral part of day-to-day operations. The OMI is designated as a special program within the Department of Pathology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. The staff pathologists are faculty members with the School of Medicine and are expected to participate in training of medical students, residents and fellows, as well as conduct research activity to further advance the science of forensic medicine.

Forensic Pathologist Fellowship Program

The OMI Forensic Pathologist Fellowship Program is accredited and is considered one of the best in the country. The fellowship is a one-year in-depth training program in forensic pathology. Applicants must have completed an accredited residency program in anatomical or anatomical/clinical pathology. Three positions for this competitive program are available each year and are generally filled three years in advance.

Certification Training

All OMI deputy medical investigators are required to become certified to perform a death investigation. The OMI provides this training for the deputy medical investigators throughout New Mexico and in the past year, 24 individuals successfully completed the training and received certification. Upon request, OMI will provide the certification training to other medical investigators, coroners and law enforcement agencies for adaptation to the needs of their local systems. (Ex. Native American police officers)

Specialized training and certification is offered to hospice and home health care personnel. This training permits agency personnel to function as Deputy Medical Investigator–Designates, performing the formal pronouncement of death and documenting the in-home deaths of terminally ill individuals. 90 agencies statewide, with over 600 RN’s, participate in this voluntary program and typically handle approximately 2,700 deaths each year.

Annual Seminar

In September 2000, the 27th Annual Medicolegal Death Investigation Seminar was hosted by the OMI in Albuquerque, New Mexico. 107 representatives from the medical examiner, law enforcement and health care professions from throughout the nation participated in the three-day curriculum designed to present the most current facets of death investigations. The seminar also provides an opportunity for OMI Deputy Medical Investigator's to attain the required biennial re-certification.

Law Enforcement Education

Death investigation training is provided at the New Mexico State Police Academy, the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Training Academy and the Albuquerque Police Academy. In addition, specialized training is provided to individual police departments at their request.

Public Education

OMI staff conducts in-service training throughout the state for a wide variety of agencies. Examples of agencies include hospitals, correction facilities, the EMS training site, state search and rescue groups and professional/advanced degree classes at New Mexico Universities. Approximately 620 individuals participated in the in-service training program.

Additionally, OMI staff provided tours and presentations to over 500 students from middle and high schools throughout New Mexico; the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute; and UNM medical and health programs.

OMI Newsletter

The OMI Newsletter was published each month and sent to OMI field and central office staff, funeral homes, and hospice and home health care agencies. The newsletter conveys information regarding updates in legislation and/or policy and procedure, as well as provides education in areas of disaster management, scene investigation and personnel issues.

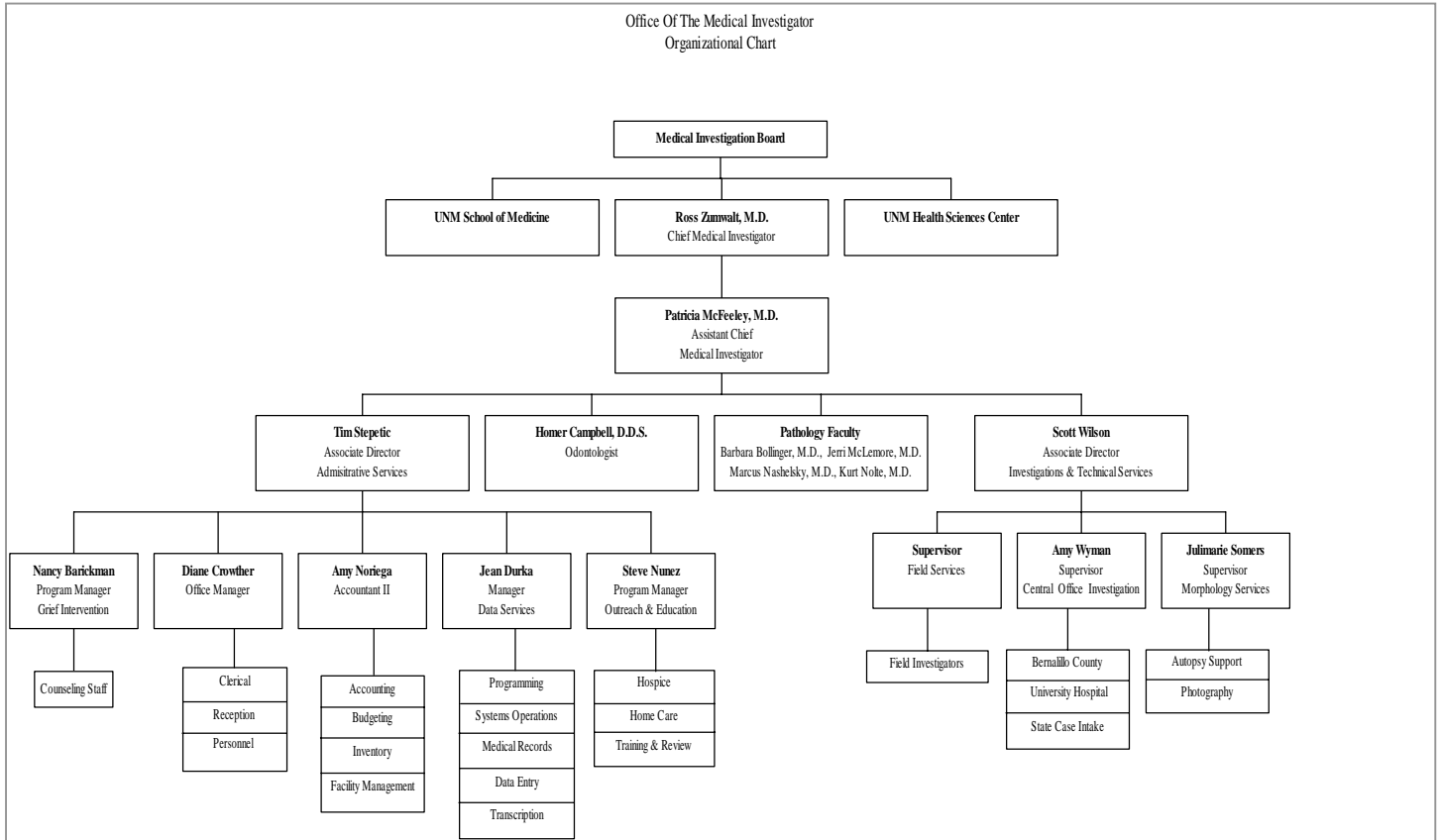
Grief Services Program

The Grief Services Program (GSP) was established in 1975. Initially, the program provided crisis intervention and education to families whose child died as a result of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The program has continually expanded its mission and now provides services to all New Mexico families following pregnancy loss or the sudden and unexpected death of a young person under 25 years of age. Additionally, the GSP provides grief education and training throughout New Mexico for agencies such as law enforcement, emergency responders, nurses, mental health providers, teachers and other groups who request such training. In 2000, the GSP provided:

- Intervention for approximately 898 New Mexico families
- Facilitated approximately 168 support groups
- Provided 20 training classes throughout New Mexico

Organizational Chart

Figure 2 - Organizational Chart



Facility Enhancement

In 2000, a \$612,000 bond issued OMI facility renovation was completed. The renovation corrected serious ventilation deficiencies and expanded the autopsy suite.

Overview – Total Cases – 2000

The remainder of this report will present data routinely collected by the OMI in a manner that answers questions regarding mortality and public health. The tables and charts summarize data collected on every medicolegal investigation, including consultation cases that the OMI conducted for this reporting period. The data, a subset of total mortality figures, present findings on cases that come to the attention of forensic pathology. Readers who need complete mortality figures are encouraged to contact the State Center for Health Statistics – New Mexico Vital Records and Health Statistics, New Mexico Department of Health.

Table 4 - NM Deaths Rates and OMI Cases

Death Rates and Total Cases - New Mexico - 2000					
County of Residence	Population *	Deaths *	Death Rate (Per 100,000 population)	OMI Cases	Ratio of OMI Cases
Bernalillo	556,678	3,984	716	1756	0.44
Catron	3,543	25	706	19	0.76
Chaves	61,382	609	992	143	0.23
Cibola	25,595	195	762	80	0.41
Colfax	14,189	139	980	49	0.35
Curry	45,044	337	748	122	0.36
DeBaca	2,240	27	1,205	4	0.15
Dona Ana	174,682	1,018	583	268	0.26
Eddy	51,658	540	1,045	122	0.23
Grant	31,002	333	1,074	143	0.43
Guadalupe	4,680	48	1,026	24	0.50
Harding	810	9	1,111	2	0.22
Hidalgo	5,932	49	826	38	0.78
Lea	55,511	440	793	108	0.25
Lincoln	19,411	165	850	51	0.31
Los Alamos	18,343	107	583	26	0.24
Luna	25,016	244	975	73	0.30
McKinley	74,798	418	559	147	0.35
Mora	5,180	50	965	17	0.34
Otero	62,298	432	693	115	0.27
Quay	10,155	107	1,054	38	0.36
Rio Arriba	41,190	332	806	128	0.39
Roosevelt	18,018	138	766	26	0.19
San Juan	89,908	697	775	202	0.29
San Miguel	113,801	286	251	134	0.47
Sandoval	30,126	528	1,753	106	0.20
Santa Fe	129,292	747	578	273	0.37
Sierra	13,270	208	1,567	101	0.49
Socorro	18,078	131	725	54	0.41
Taos	29,979	203	677	115	0.57
Torrence	16,911	111	656	46	0.41
Union	4,174	48	1,150	18	0.38
Valencia	66,152	445	673	118	0.27
New Mexico Residents	1,819,046	13,150	723	4,666	0.35
Non-New Mexico Residents				68	
United States ²	272,691,000	2,391,630	865		
Total				4734	

* Data provided by New Mexico Department of Health - Vital Records & Health Statistics

² Data from "Deaths: Preliminary Data for 1999." National Vital Statistics Reports; vol 49 no. 3, National Center for Health Statistics.2001

Table 5 - County of Injury

Total Cases - County of Injury - 2000						
County of Injury	Manner of Death					Total
	Natural	Accident	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	
Bernalillo	0	282	99	55	21	457
Catron	0	7	1	0	0	8
Chaves	0	30	13	15	2	60
Cibola	0	37	1	1	2	41
Colfax	0	16	4	0	0	20
Curry	0	16	4	1	3	24
DeBaca	0	1	1	0	0	2
Dona Ana	0	52	30	11	5	98
Eddy	0	29	7	9	2	47
Grant	0	17	5	2	2	26
Guadalupe	0	8	0	0	0	8
Harding	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hidalgo	0	7	1	0	0	8
Lea	0	21	7	7	1	36
Lincoln	0	11	7	1	3	22
Los Alamos	0	6	0	0	1	7
Luna	0	16	4	2	0	22
McKinley	0	78	11	4	4	97
Mora	0	7	2	0	0	9
Otero	0	25	13	4	0	42
Quay	0	13	2	1	0	16
Rio Arriba	0	57	9	4	2	72
Roosevelt	0	6	4	0	2	12
San Juan	0	62	21	7	1	91
San Miguel	0	20	6	11	0	37
Sandoval	0	34	15	8	2	59
Santa Fe	0	84	26	12	2	124
Sierra	0	12	7	1	0	20
Socorro	0	17	3	1	1	22
Taos	0	21	5	4	1	31
Torrance	0	16	4	1	2	23
Union	0	3	0	0	0	3
Valencia	0	39	6	10	3	58
Non-Resident	0	51	5	6	3	65
Unknown	0	5	0	5	40	50
Natural Deaths	3,016					3,016
Total		1,107	323	183	105	4,734

Figure 3 - Deaths by County of Injury

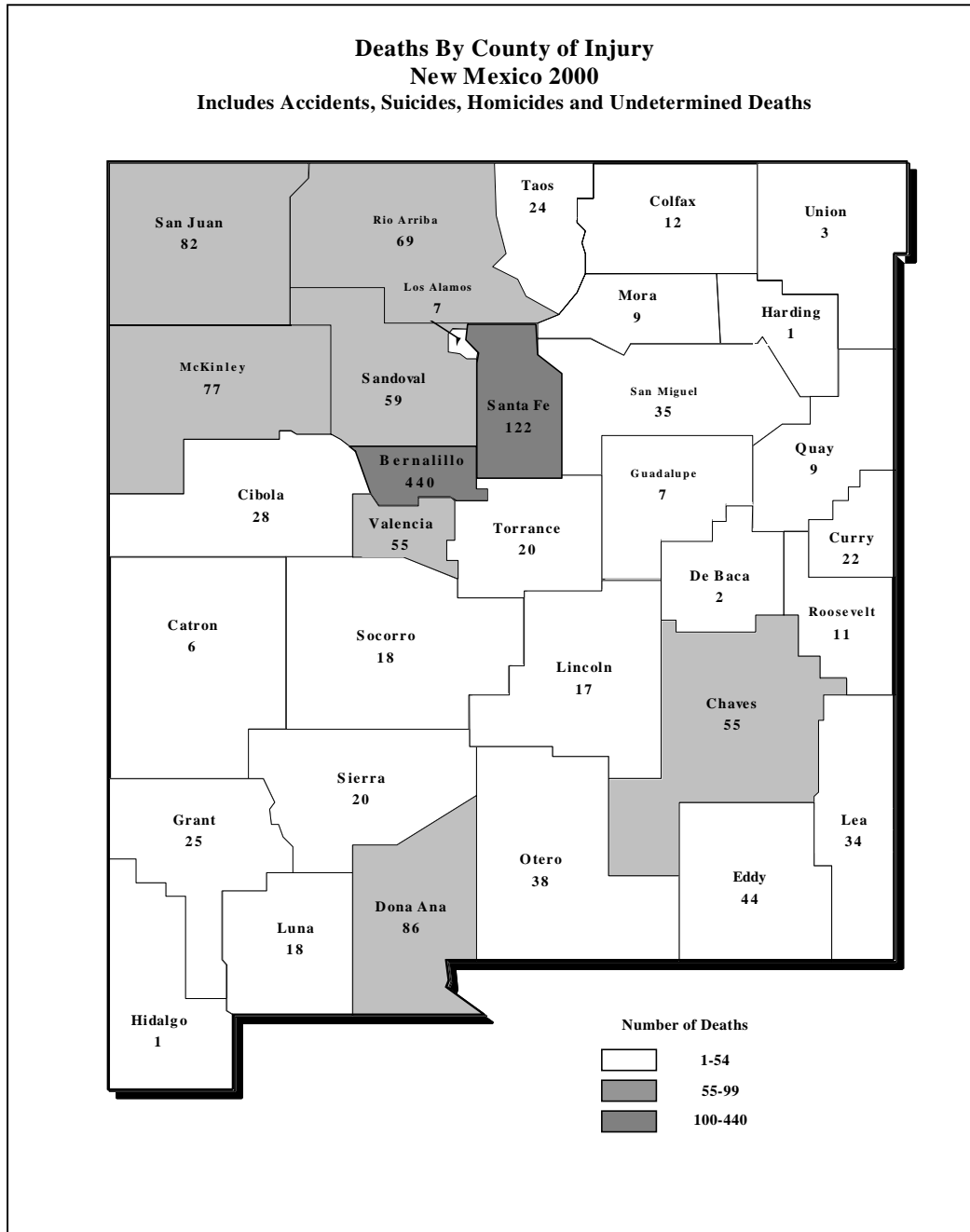
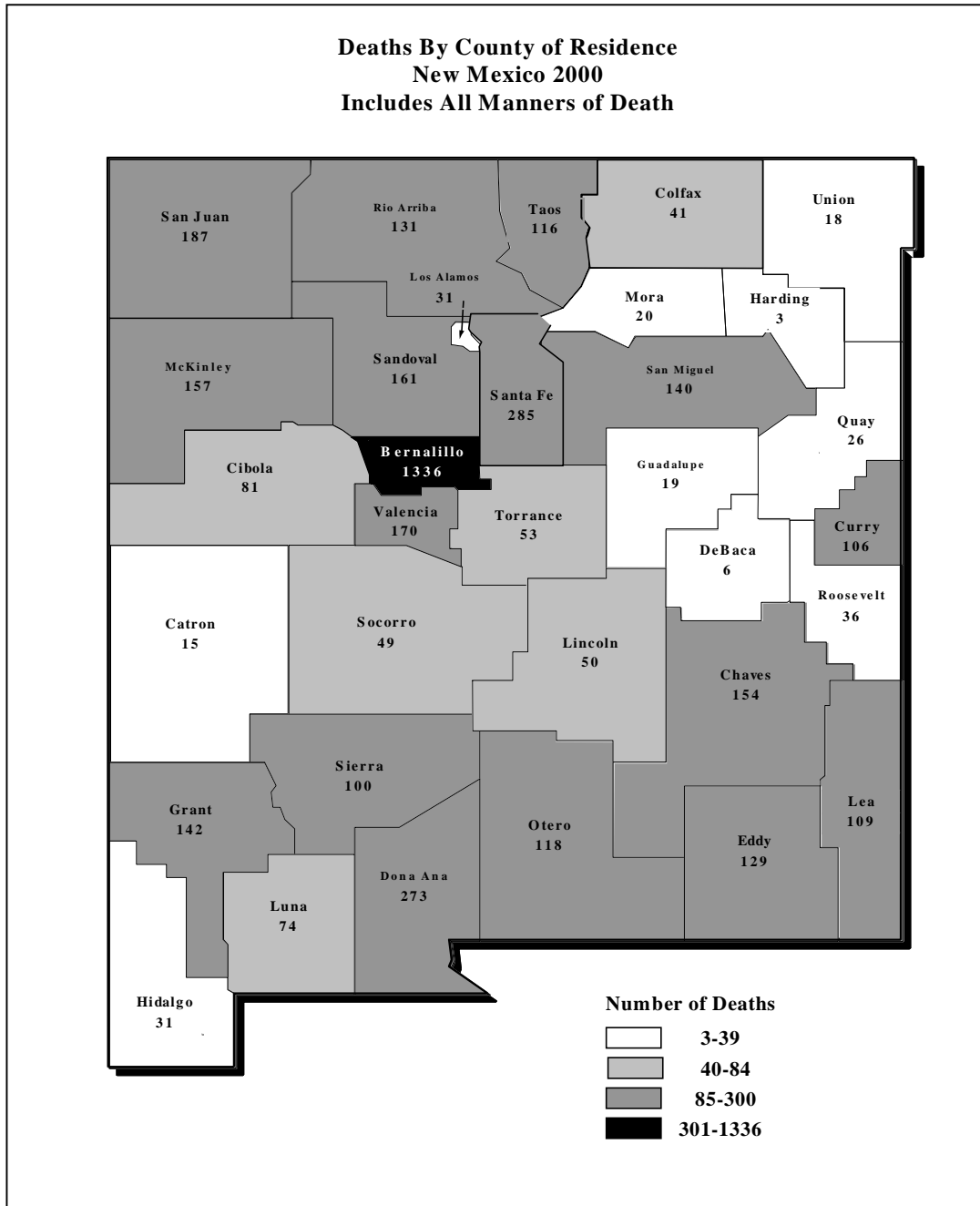


Table 6 - County of Residence

County of Residence - New Mexico - 2000						
County of Residence	Manner of Death					Total
	Natural	Accident	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	
Bernalillo	872	283	99	56	26	1,336
Catron	11	3	1	0	0	15
Chaves	96	27	13	14	4	154
Cibola	54	23	0	1	3	81
Colfax	30	7	4	0	0	41
Curry	79	17	5	1	4	106
DeBaca	4	1	1	0	0	6
Dona Ana	179	53	26	10	5	273
Eddy	88	26	6	8	1	129
Grant	113	17	5	2	5	142
Guadalupe	12	7	0	0	0	19
Harding	2	1	0	0	0	3
Hidalgo	29	1	1	0	0	31
Lea	72	23	7	6	1	109
Lincoln	32	8	7	1	2	50
Los Alamos	19	11	0	1	0	31
Luna	59	11	2	2	0	74
McKinley	76	58	14	3	6	157
Mora	15	3	2	0	0	20
Otero	81	21	12	2	2	118
Quay	19	4	2	1	0	26
Rio Arriba	67	47	10	3	4	131
Roosevelt	29	3	3	0	1	36
San Juan	103	55	18	7	4	187
San Miguel	104	18	8	10	0	140
Sandoval	97	33	16	10	5	161
Santa Fe	153	92	23	14	3	285
Sierra	83	9	6	1	1	100
Socorro	32	11	3	1	2	49
Taos	88	20	3	4	1	116
Torrance	38	7	4	1	3	53
Union	14	4	0	0	0	18
Valencia	114	38	7	9	2	170
Unknown	0	1	1	1	7	10
Non-Resident	152	164	14	14	13	357
Total	3,016	1,107	323	183	105	4,734

Figure 4 – Deaths by County of Residence



Overview – Total Cases – Cause of Death – 2000

Table 7 - Total Cases – Cause of Death – Alphabetic Sort

Total Cases - Cause of Death - 2000				
Alphabetic Sort				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Natural Deaths				
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	7	1	1	5
Alzheimers Disease	47	7	3	37
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	1	0	0	1
Aneurysm	51	19	1	31
Arthritis	3	0	0	3
Aspiration	5	2	0	3
Asthma	8	3	0	5
Blood disorders	2	1	0	1
Carcinoma	290	15	6	269
Cerebrovascular	110	11	3	96
Certification for record purposes only	4	0	0	4
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	118	3	9	106
Congenital Defect	33	8	0	25
Dehydration	3	1	0	2
Diabetes	32	4	2	26
Emboli	37	24	0	13
Emphysema	30	1	2	27
Epilepsy	26	21	1	4
Ethanolism	93	38	15	40
Gallbladder	5	1	0	4
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	69	21	8	40
Heart Disease	1,555	165	169	1,221
Hepatic failure	60	13	7	40
History of Illness or Injury	3	0	0	3
Hodgkin's disease	1	0	0	1
Hypertension	68	19	11	38
Intrauterine Fetal Death	34	19	0	15
Leukemia	9	1	0	8
Malnutrition	1	0	0	1
Maternal and Fetal Complications of Birth	1	1	0	0
Medical Treatment	5	4	0	1

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Total Cases - Cause of Death - 2000 Cont.				
Alphabetic Sort				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Natural Deaths				
Meningitis	5	4	0	1
Multiple Organ Failure	2	1	0	1
Natural- Other	79	39	2	38
Obesity	5	1	0	4
Obstruction (blockage)	4	2	0	2
Pancreas	5	5	0	0
Parkinson's disease	11	0	0	11
Pneumonia	163	50	4	109
Prematurity	38	3	1	34
Pulmonary Edema	3	0	0	3
Renal Failure	39	0	1	38
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	22	8	0	14
Reye's Syndrome	1	1	0	0
Sepsis	58	12	3	43
Spontaneous Hemorrhage	18	10	1	7
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	11	11	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	1	0
Subtotal	3,176	550	251	2,375
Unnatural Deaths				
Asphyxia	37	36	1	0
Aspiration	8	3	0	5
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	28	17	8	3
Drowning	27	25	1	1
Electrocution	2	2	0	0
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	6	6	0	0
Exposure	23	21	0	2
Exsanguination	4	3	1	0
Gunshot Wound	289	258	9	22
Hanging	62	47	6	9
Head and Neck Injuries	202	98	45	59
Multiple Injuries	461	237	95	129
Narcotic Abuse	18	18	0	0
Stab Wound	29	29	0	0
Subdural Hematoma	7	2	2	3
Substance Intoxication	264	255	4	5
Thermal Injuries (burns)	19	13	6	0
Subtotal	1,486	1,070	178	238
Undetermined Deaths				
Skeletal/Mummified Remains	18	18	0	0
Undetermined After Autopsy and/or Investigation	52	30	3	19
Certification for Record Purposes	1	0	0	1
Skeletal Remains- Ancient	1	0	0	1
Subtotal	72	48	3	21
Total	4,734	1,668	432	2,634

Table 8 - Total Cases – Cause of Death – Numeric Sort

Total Cases - Cause of Death - 2000				
By Highest Value				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Natural Deaths				
Heart Disease	1,555	165	169	1,221
Carcinoma	290	15	6	269
Pneumonia	163	50	4	109
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	118	3	9	106
Cerebrovascular	110	11	3	96
Ethanolism	93	38	15	40
Natural- Other	79	39	2	38
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	69	21	8	40
Hypertension	68	19	11	38
Hepatic failure	60	13	7	40
Sepsis	58	12	3	43
Aneurysm	51	19	1	31
Alzheimers Disease	47	7	3	37
Renal Failure	39	0	1	38
Prematurity	38	3	1	34
Emboli	37	24	0	13
Intrauterine Fetal Death	34	19	0	15
Congenital Defect	33	8	0	25
Diabetes	32	4	2	26
Emphysema	30	1	2	27
Epilepsy	26	21	1	4
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	22	8	0	14
Spontaneous Hemorrhage	18	10	1	7
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	11	11	0	0
Parkinson's disease	11	0	0	11
Leukemia	9	1	0	8
Asthma	8	3	0	5
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	7	1	1	5
Gallbladder	5	1	0	4
Medical Treatment	5	4	0	1
Meningitis	5	4	0	1
Aspiration	5	2	0	3
Pancreas	5	5	0	0
Obesity	5	1	0	4
Certification for record purposes only	4	0	0	4
Obstruction (blockage)	4	2	0	2
History of Illness or Injury	3	0	0	3
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Total Cases - Cause of Death - 2000 Cont.				
By Highest Value				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Natural Deaths				
Arthritis	3	0	0	3
Dehydration	3	1	0	2
Pulmonary Edema	3	0	0	3
Multiple Organ Failure	2	1	0	1
Blood disorders	2	1	0	1
Hodgkin's disease	1	0	0	1
Malnutrition	1	0	0	1
Maternal and Fetal Complications of Birth	1	1	0	0
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	1	0	0	1
Reye's Syndrome	1	1	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	1	0
Subtotal	3,176	550	251	2,375
Unnatural Deaths				
Multiple Injuries	461	237	95	129
Gunshot Wound	289	258	9	22
Substance Intoxication	264	255	4	5
Head and Neck Injuries	202	98	45	59
Hanging	62	47	6	9
Asphyxia	37	36	1	0
Stab Wound	29	29	0	0
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	28	17	8	3
Drowning	27	25	1	1
Exposure	23	21	0	2
Thermal Injuries (burns)	19	13	6	0
Narcotic Abuse	18	18	0	0
Unnatural-Other	18	11	2	5
Aspiration	8	3	0	5
Subdural Hematoma	7	2	2	3
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	6	6	0	0
Exsanguination	4	3	1	0
Electrocution	2	2	0	0
Subtotal	1,504	1,081	180	243
Undetermined Deaths				
Skeletal/Mummified Remains	39	24	1	14
Undetermined After Autopsy and/or Investigation	13	13	0	0
Skeletal Remains- Ancient	1	0	0	1
Certification for Record Purposes	1	0	0	1
Subtotal	54	37	1	16
Total	4,734	1,668	432	2,634

Overview – Total Cases – Manner of Death – 2000

Table 9 - Total Cases – Manner of Death – Accidental Deaths

Total Cases - Manner of Death -Accidental Deaths - 2000				
Alphabetic Sort				
Manner of Death - Accident	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
<i>Aircraft</i>				
Passenger in aircraft crash	7	6	1	0
Pilot of aircraft crash	10	8	2	0
<i>Animal Related</i>				
Animal related (bitten, kicked, trampled)	5	4	1	0
<i>Asphyxia</i>				
Accidental ligature strangulation	1	1	0	0
Choked on foreign object	10	5	0	5
Crushed/suffocated	14	10	2	2
Drowned (non-recreational water accidents)	13	12	1	0
Drowned while swimming (recreational and rescue attempts)	7	7	0	0
<i>Cyclist</i>				
Cyclist non-motor vehicle accident	1	1	0	0
<i>Drug Use</i>				
Ingested alcohol (ethanol)	19	1	0	19
Ingested and/or injected illicit drug(s)	172	2	3	172
Ingested and/or injected prescription medications	61	56	2	3
<i>Electrical</i>				
Contacted electrical current	2	2	0	0
<i>Exposure</i>				
Exposed to cold, heat	25	22	0	3
<i>Fall</i>				
Fall from height	40	7	13	20
Fall from standing height	167	17	31	119
<i>Fire</i>				
Victim of explosion	8	7	0	1
Victim of fire	9	6	2	1
<i>Machinery</i>				
Farm or Industrial machinery accident	5	3	2	0
<i>Medical Treatment</i>				
Medical treatment	1	1	0	0
<i>Motor Vehicle</i>				
Cyclist struck by motor vehicle type	7	3	1	3
Driver of auto in collision with fixed object	10	4	5	1
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Total Cases - Manner of Death - Accidental Deaths - 2000 Cont.

Alphabetic Sort

	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Accident				
Driver of auto in collision with other motor vehicle	93	48	25	20
Driver of auto that left roadway	74	34	15	25
Driver of motorcycle left roadway	13	5	6	2
Driver of motorcycle in collision with other motor vehicle type	13	7	1	5
Driver of pickup in collision with fixed object	3	0	1	2
Driver of pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	23	10	6	7
Driver of pickup that left roadway	23	12	4	7
Driver of truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	1	1	0	0
Driver of truck that left roadway	5	5	0	0
Motor vehicle accident, etiology unknown	1	0	0	1
Passenger in auto in collision with fixed object	4	2	2	0
Passenger in auto in collision with other motor vehicle type	47	24	16	7
Passenger in auto that left roadway	60	26	11	23
Passenger in pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	8	6	1	1
Passenger in pickup that left roadway	9	7	1	1
Passenger in truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	3	1	1	1
Passenger in truck that left roadway	5	5	0	0
Passenger on motorcycle left roadway	1	0	1	0
Passenger who fell from moving motor vehicle	3	3	0	0
Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle	55	32	12	11
Pedestrian struck by non-motor vehicle	1	1	0	0
Poisoned				
Inhaled toxic agent accidentally	10	7	2	1
Inhaled toxic substances to achieve intoxication	5	5	0	0
Poisoned	2	1	1	0
Traumatic Injury				
Accidental discharge of firearm	4	4	0	0
Cut self	2	2	0	0
Struck by moving object	2	1	0	1
Unknown				
Accident-Unknown	43	30	6	7
Total	1,107	464	178	471

Figure 5 - Accidental Deaths

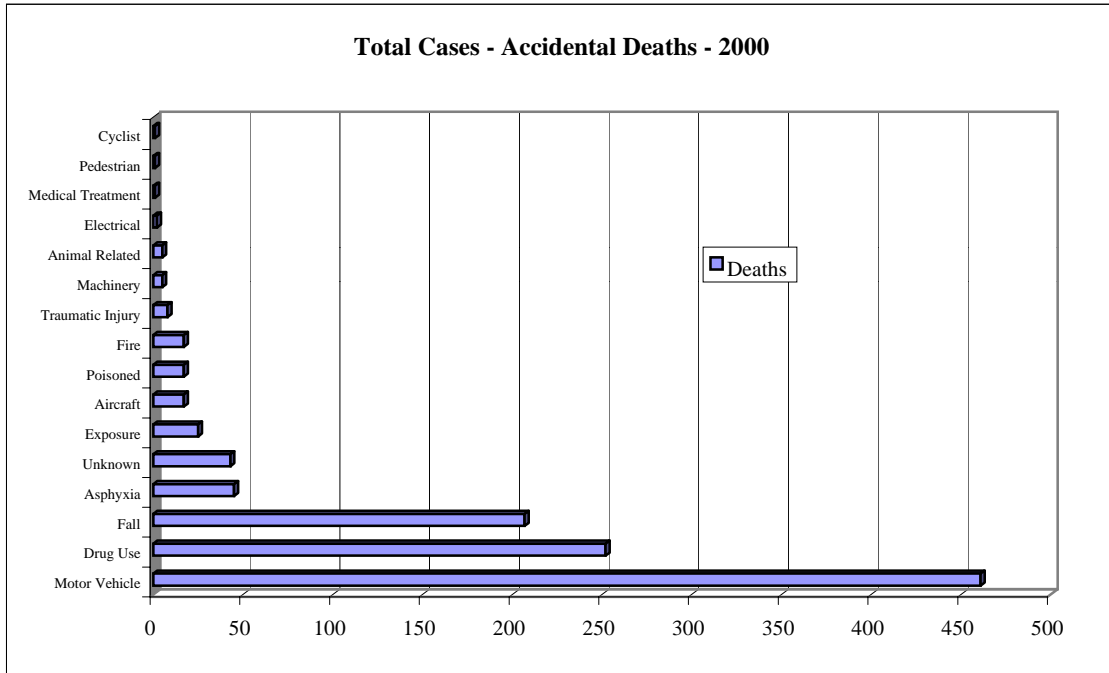


Figure 6 - Accidental Deaths - Age

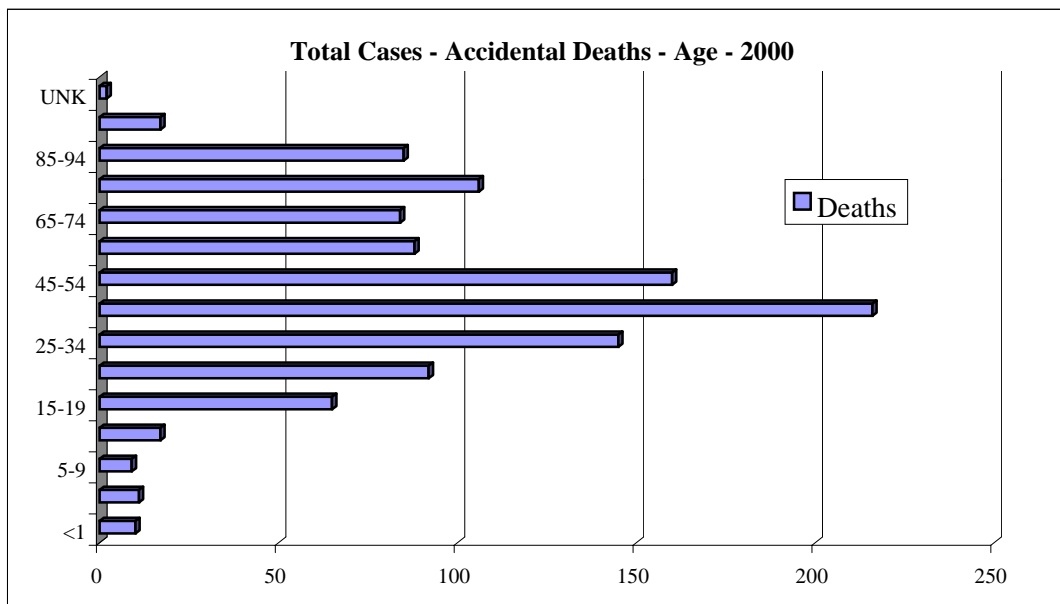


Table 10 – Manner of Death – Suicide – Alphabetic Sort

Total Cases- Manner of Death - Suicide Deaths - 2000				
Alphabetic Sort				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Suicide				
Asphyxia				
Drowned self	2	1	0	1
Hanged self	62	47	6	9
Suffocated self	5	5	0	0
Drug Use				
Ingested or injected medication	40	37	2	1
Ingested, injected or inhaled non-prescription medication	13	13	0	0
Fall				
Jumped from height	4	4	0	0
Fire				
Burned self	4	2	2	0
Motor Vehicle				
Suicide as pedestrian	1	1	0	0
Poisoned				
Inhaled toxic agent	11	5	4	2
Traumatic Injury				
Cut/Slashed self	4	4	0	0
Shot self with firearm	172	142	8	22
Unknown				
Suicide-Other	5	1	1	0
Total	323	262	23	35

Table 11 – Manner of Death – Suicide – Numeric Sort

Total Cases - Manner of Death - Suicide Deaths - 2000				
By Highest Value				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Suicide				
Shot self with firearm	172	142	8	22
Hanged self	62	47	6	9
Ingested or injected medication	40	37	2	1
Ingested, injected or inhaled non-prescription medication	13	13	0	0
Inhaled toxic agent	11	5	4	2
Suffocated self	5	5	0	0
Suicide-Other	5	4	1	0
Cut/Slashed self	4	4	0	0
Jumped from height	4	4	0	0
Burned self	4	2	2	0
Drowned self	2	1	0	1
Suicide as pedestrian	1	1	0	0
Total	323	265	23	35

Figure 7 - Suicide Deaths

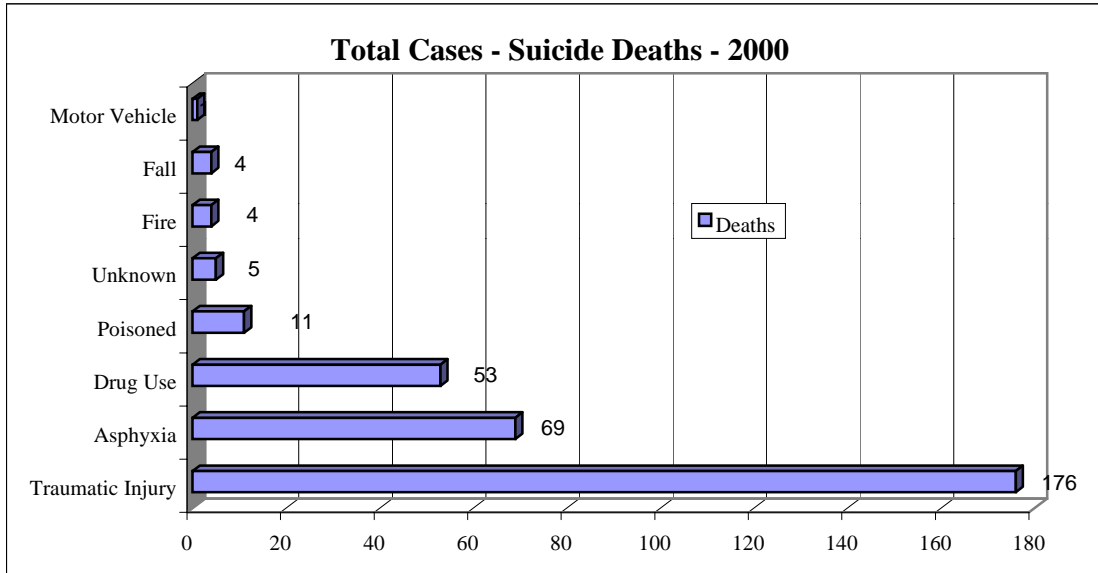


Figure 8 - Suicide Deaths - Age

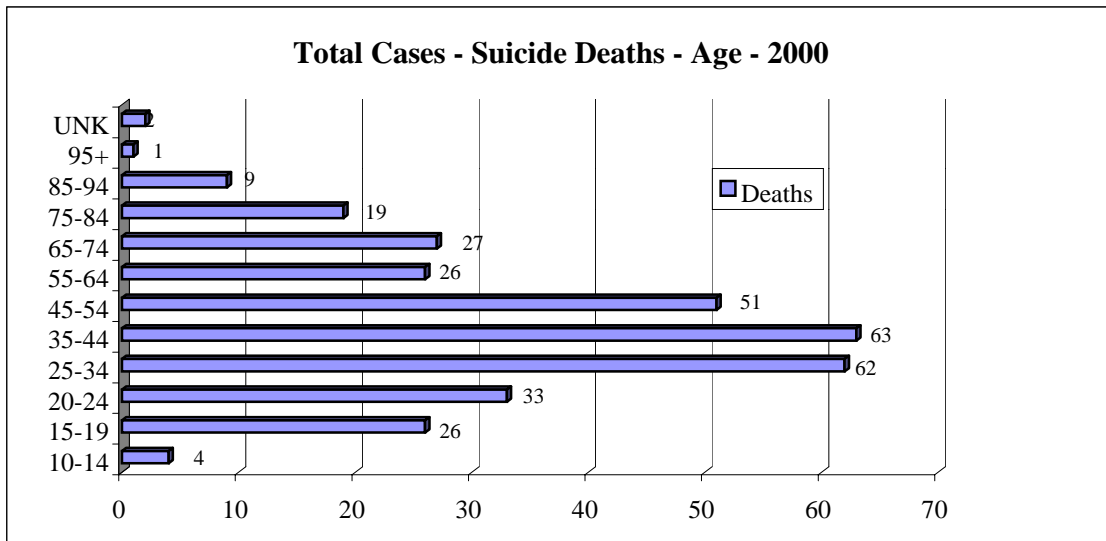


Table 12 – Suicide Deaths - County of Residence

Suicide Deaths - County of Residence - 2000								
County of Residence	Year of Death							
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Bernalillo	94	97	99	113	89	88	100	99
Catron	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Chaves	5	14	17	9	10	6	13	13
Cibola	4	5	4	2	4	5	1	0
Colfax	1	0	2	7	0	1	5	4
Curry	4	8	6	7	5	12	8	5
DeBaca	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Dona Ana	26	17	21	23	18	24	18	26
Eddy	8	5	7	11	12	7	8	6
Grant	9	6	6	7	9	5	10	5
Guadalupe	3	4	2	0	1	1	0	0
Harding	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hidalgo	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1
Lea	11	3	7	7	5	6	8	7
Lincoln	7	3	6	4	5	8	9	7
Los Alamos	6	1	2	5	2	1	3	0
Luna	3	3	5	5	12	1	8	2
McKinley	9	9	6	11	14	14	14	14
Mora	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	2
Otero	6	8	15	6	5	2	9	12
Quay	1	4	3	2	0	1	2	2
Rio Arriba	12	15	6	12	14	9	8	10
Roosevelt	1	0	1	3	1	2	2	3
San Juan	14	16	13	11	12	17	15	18
San Miguel	6	8	5	5	6	5	4	8
Sandoval	7	11	11	8	11	13	7	16
Santa Fe	18	27	24	32	21	28	23	23
Sierra	4	4	2	7	10	4	6	6
Socorro	2	4	1	4	4	3	0	3
Taos	6	2	4	4	5	5	2	3
Torrence	3	0	1	4	5	3	3	4
Union	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Valencia	7	12	8	10	8	9	13	7
Unknown	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Non Resident	17	14	12	18	6	26	9	14
Total	299	305	298	340	299	310	312	323

Table 13 - Manner of Death – Homicide Deaths – Alphabetic Sort

Total Cases - Manner of Death - Homicide Deaths - 2000				
Alphabetic Sort				
Manner of Death - Homicide	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Asphyxia				
Strangled by assailant(s)	7	7	0	0
Fire				
Victim of intentionally set fire	1	1	0	0
Motor Vehicle				
Struck with auto by assailant(s)	5	5	0	0
Traumatic Injury				
Assaulted (unknown)	1	1	0	0
Beaten by assailant(s)	26	26	0	0
Shot by assailant(s) with firearm	104	104	0	0
Stabbed by assailant(s)	28	28	0	0
Unknown				
Homicide-Other	11	11	0	0
Total	183	183	0	0

Table 14 – Manner of Death – Homicide Deaths – Numeric Sort

Total Cases - Manner of Death - Homicide Deaths - 2000				
By Highest Value				
Manner of Death - Homicide	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Shot by assailant(s) with firearm	104	104	0	0
Stabbed by assailant(s)	28	28	0	0
Beaten by assailant(s)	26	26	0	0
Homicide-Other	11	11	0	0
Strangled by assailant(s)	7	7	0	0
Struck with auto by assailant(s)	5	5	0	0
Victim of intentionally set fire	1	1	0	0
Assaulted (unknown)	1	1	0	0
Total	183	183	0	0

Figure 9 – Homicide Deaths

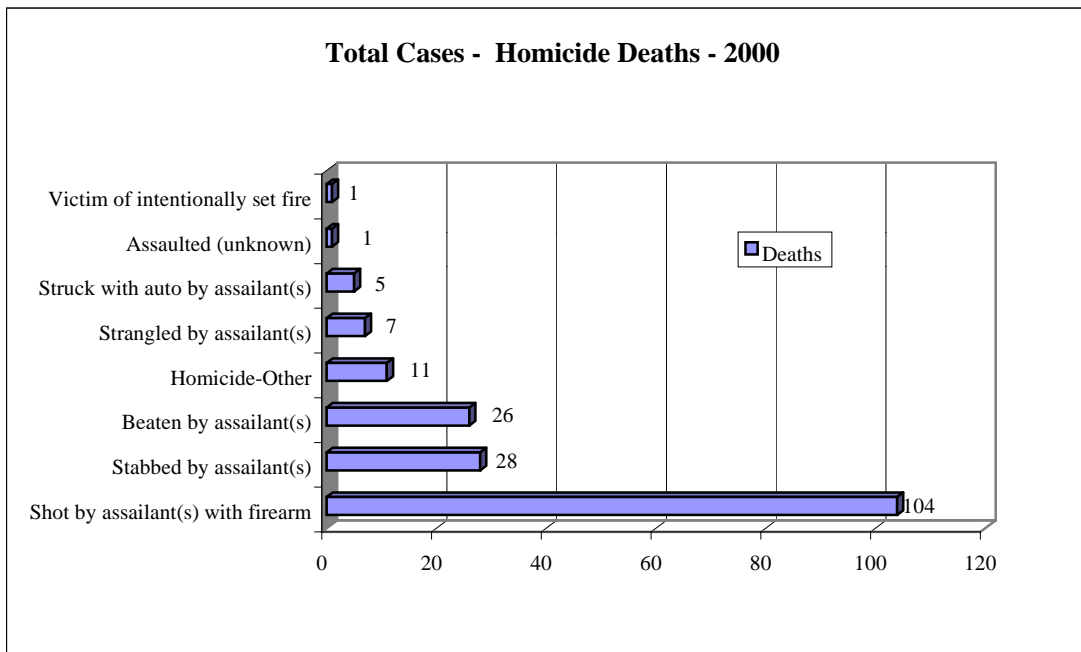


Figure 10 – Homicide Deaths - Age

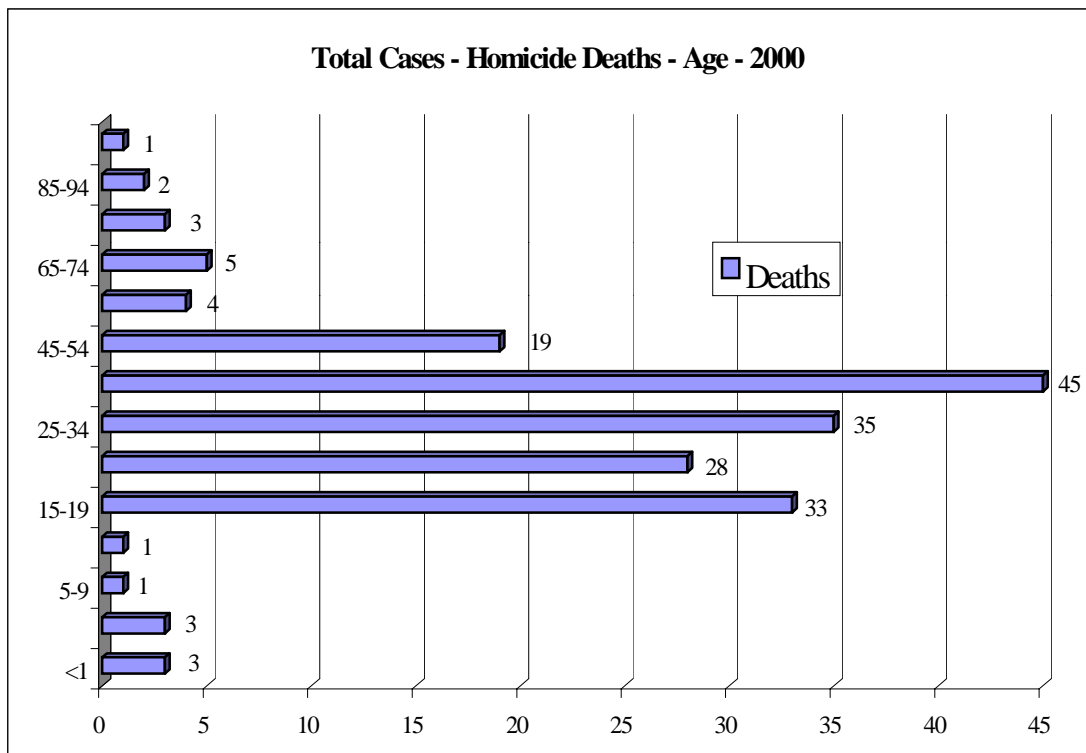


Table 15 – Homicide Deaths – County of Residence

Homicide Deaths - County of Residence - 2000								
County of Residence	Year of Death							
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Bernalillo	58	64	81	80	61	61	67	56
Catron	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	0
Chaves	12	8	8	14	13	5	10	14
Cibola	1	5	3	2	2	1	1	1
Colfax	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Curry	0	2	3	1	3	3	5	1
DeBaca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dona Ana	4	13	9	6	9	13	12	10
Eddy	3	5	0	5	3	2	4	8
Grant	1	1	3	3	3	4	3	2
Guadalupe	1	2	0	0	2	3	1	0
Harding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hidalgo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lea	7	2	5	4	8	5	7	6
Lincoln	2	2	0	1	3	2	2	1
Los Alamos	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Luna	0	1	2	3	5	0	1	2
McKinley	8	5	9	8	9	13	5	3
Mora	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Otero	4	1	2	0	3	2	2	2
Quay	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	1
Rio Arriba	14	8	7	4	4	12	4	3
Roosevelt	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
San Juan	12	17	7	16	9	11	7	7
San Miguel	3	6	2	2	6	3	3	10
Sandoval	6	10	2	7	4	4	4	10
Santa Fe	7	4	11	11	10	7	12	14
Sierra	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Socorro	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	1
Taos	5	1	2	1	1	2	5	4
Torrence	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	1
Union	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valencia	7	5	6	7	5	6	6	9
Unknown	13	17	12	12	9	3	3	1
Non-Resident	0	0	1	4	1	9	13	14
Total	174	191	180	198	181	180	185	183

Table 16 – Manner of Death – Undetermined Deaths – Alphabetic Sort

Total Cases - Undetermined Deaths - 2000				
Alphabetic Sort				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Undetermined				
Asphyxia				
Asphyxia/airway obstruction/suffocation	2	2	0	0
Drowning	1	1	0	0
Drug Use				
Ingested/injected medication	6	6	0	0
Ingested/injected/inhaled illicit drug or volatile	2	2	0	0
Narcotic abuse	1	1	0	0
Fall				
Fall from height/same height	1	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle				
Pedestrian	1	1	0	0
Traumatic Injury				
Blunt trauma/multiple injuries/subdural hematoma	4	4	0	0
Gunshot wound	4	3	1	0
Unknown				
Skeletal, mummified or decomposed remains	20	20	0	0
Undetermined after autopsy and/or toxicology	61	36	1	24
Manner of Death-Other				
Certification for record purposes only	1	0	0	1
Undetermined-Other	1	3	0	22
Total	105	79	2	48

Table 17 – Manner of Death – Undetermined Deaths – Numeric Sort

Total Cases - Undetermined Deaths - 2000				
By Highest Value				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Undetermined				
Undetermined after autopsy and/or toxicology	61	36	1	24
Skeletal, mummified or decomposed remains	20	20	0	0
Ingested/injected medication	6	6	0	0
Blunt trauma/multiple injuries/subdural hematoma	4	4	0	0
Gunshot wound	4	3	1	0
Ingested/injected/inhaled illicit drug or volatile	2	2	0	0
Asphyxia/airway obstruction/suffocation	2	2	0	0
Pedestrian	1	1	0	0
Narcotic abuse	1	1	0	0
Drowning	1	1	0	0
Skeletal remains (ancient)	1	0	0	1
Certification for record purposes only	1	0	0	1
Fall from height/same height	1	0	0	1
Total	105	76	2	27

Figure 11 – Undetermined Deaths - Age

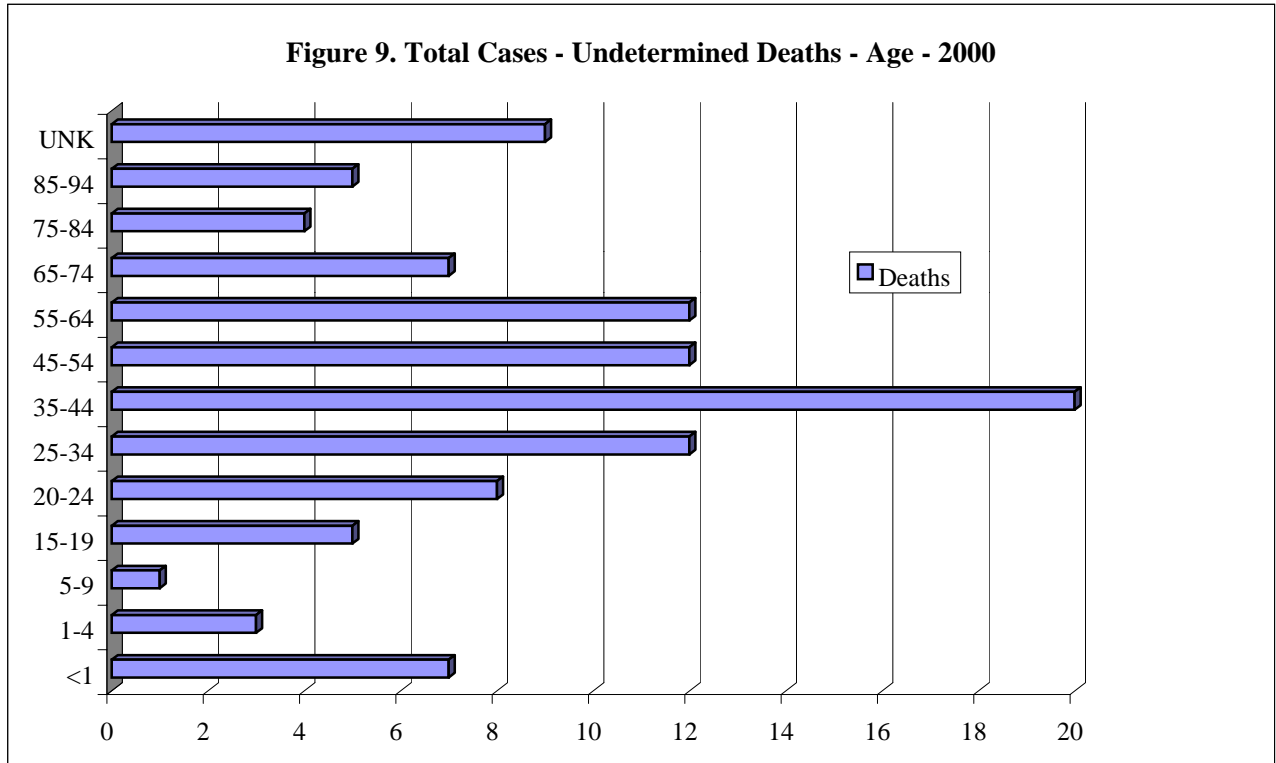


Table 18 – Total Cases - Age

Total Cases - Age at Death - 2000								
Gender	Age	Manner of Death					Total	
		Natural	Accidents		Suicide	Homicide		Undetermined
			Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle				
Female	<1	64	2	4	0	2	5	77
	1-4	3	3	3	0	1	2	12
	5-9	2	3	2	0	0	1	8
	10-14	0	7	2	1	0	0	10
	15-19	5	13	6	2	6	1	33
	20-24	11	17	4	4	8	1	45
	25-34	22	22	15	11	4	3	77
	35-44	65	31	24	14	12	11	157
	45-54	89	17	17	12	1	7	143
	55-64	149	11	12	11	2	5	190
	65-74	210	15	16	4	3	3	251
	75-84	339	11	36	0	0	1	387
	85-94	241	3	49	3	1	2	299
	95+	50	1	11	1	0	0	63
	UNK	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
	Subtotal	1,251	156	201	63	41	44	1,756
Male	<1	71	0	3	0	1	2	77
	1-4	3	3	1	0	2	1	10
	5-9	2	2	2	0	1	0	7
	10-14	3	4	4	3	1	0	15
	15-19	2	36	10	24	27	4	103
	20-24	7	47	24	29	20	7	134
	25-34	29	51	57	51	31	9	228
	35-44	98	53	108	49	33	9	350
	45-54	228	40	86	38	18	5	415
	55-64	290	27	38	15	2	7	379
	65-74	404	20	33	23	2	4	486
	75-84	412	18	41	19	3	3	496
	85-94	189	4	29	6	1	3	232
	95+	23	0	5	0	0	0	28
	UNK	0	0	2	2	0	2	6
	Subtotal	1,761	305	443	259	142	56	2,966
Unknown		4	0	2	1	0	5	12
Total		3,016	461	646	323	183	105	4,734

Table 19 – Total Cases - Gender

Total Cases - Gender - 2000						
Gender	Manner of Death					Total
	Natural	Accident	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	
Female	1,251	357	63	41	44	1,756
Male	1,761	748	259	142	56	2,966
Unknown	4	2	1	0	5	12
Total	3,016	1,107	323	183	105	4,734

Figure 12 – Total Cases - Day

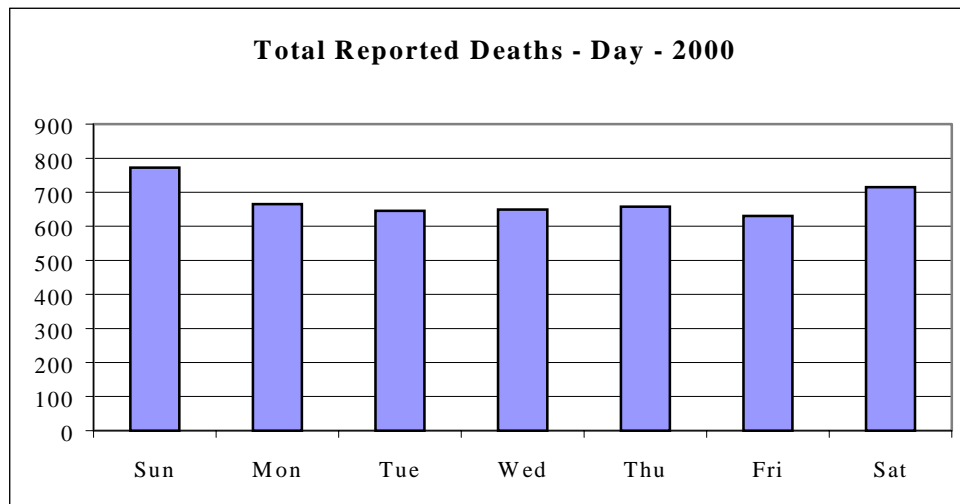


Figure 13 – Total Cases – Manner of Death - Day

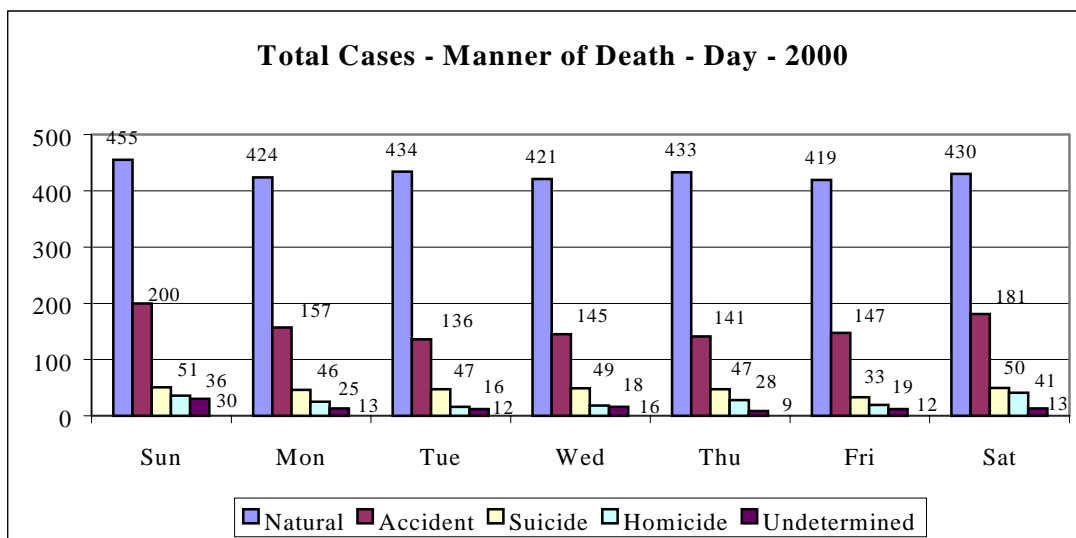


Figure 14 – Total Cases – Month

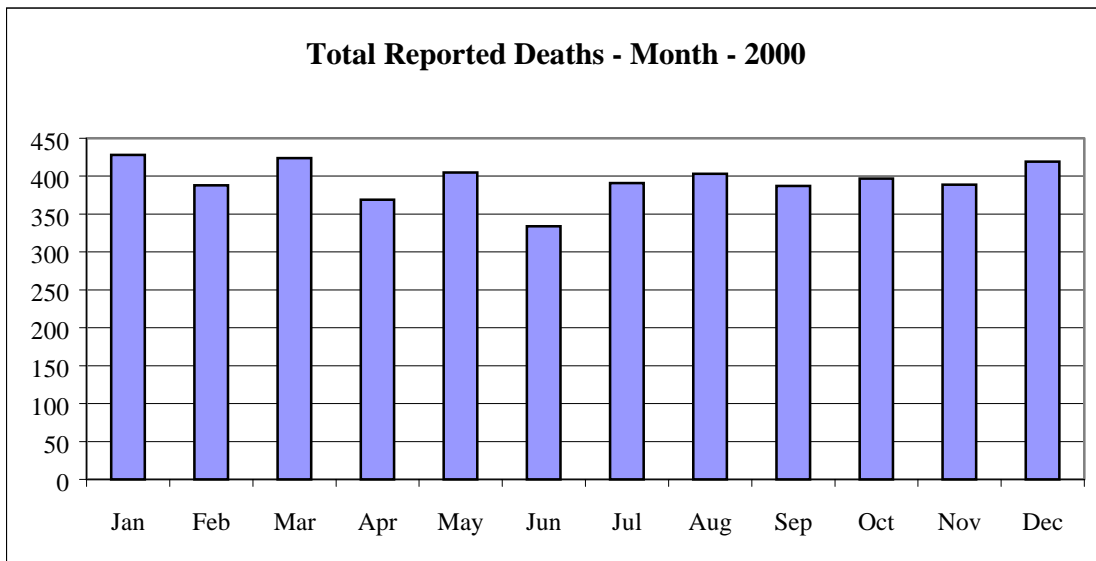
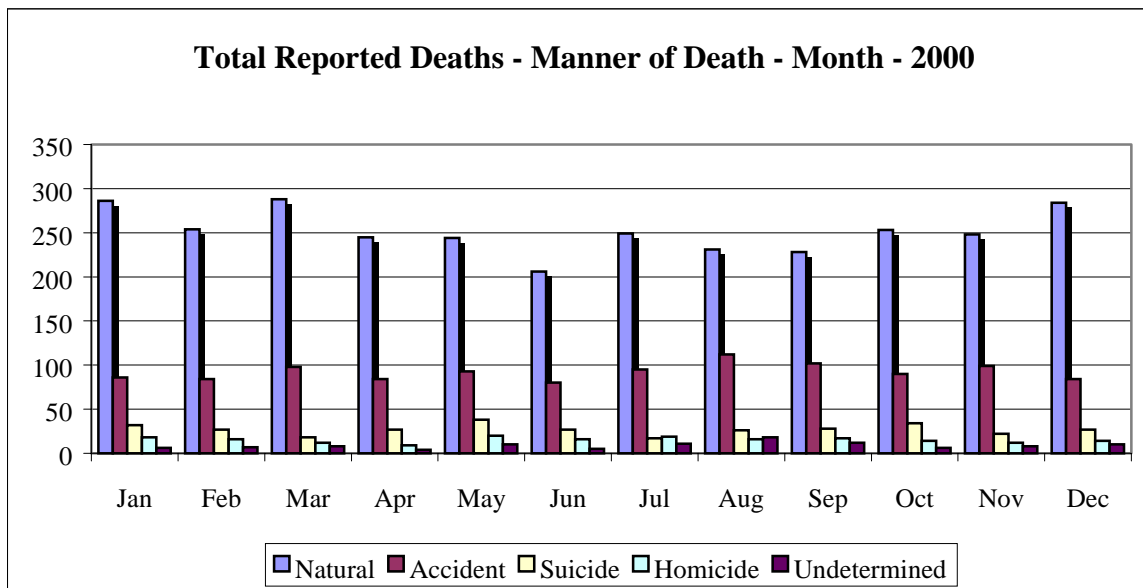


Figure 15 – Total Cases –Manner of Death - Month



Deaths of Children (18 Years of Age and Younger)

Cause of Death

Table 20 –Children – Cause of Death – Alphabetic Sort

Children* - Cause of Death - 2000				
Alphabetic Sort				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Natural Deaths				
Aspiration	1	1	0	0
Blood disorders	1	1	0	0
Carcinoma	3	1	2	0
Cerebrovascular	7	1	6	0
Congenital Defect	26	7	19	0
Epilepsy	3	3	0	0
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	2	1	1	0
Heart Disease	2	1	1	0
Hepatic failure	1	0	1	0
Intrauterine Fetal Death	34	19	15	0
Natural- Other	14	10	4	0
Pneumonia	3	3	0	0
Prematurity	38	3	34	1
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	6	3	3	0
Sepsis	6	2	4	0
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	11	11	0	0
Subtotal	158	67	90	1
Unnatural Deaths				
Asphyxia	7	7	0	0
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	4	3	0	1
Drowning	6	6	0	0
Exposure	3	3	0	0
Gunshot Wound	39	39	0	0
Hanging	7	7	0	0
Head and Neck Injuries	33	15	10	8
Multiple Injuries	43	22	12	9
Stab Wound	4	4	0	0
Substance Intoxication	8	8	0	0
Thermal Injuries (burns)	4	4	0	0
Unnatural-Other	1	1	0	0
Subtotal	159	119	22	18
Undetermined				
Skeletal/Mummified Remains	1	1	0	0
Undetermined After Autopsy and/or Investigation	6	3	3	0
Subtotal	7	4	3	0
Total	324	190	115	19

* 18 Years of Age and Younger

Table 21 - Children – Cause of Death – Numeric Sort

Children* - Cause of Death - 2000				
By Highest Value				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Natural Deaths				
Prematurity	38	3	34	1
Intrauterine Fetal Death	34	19	15	0
Congenital Defect	26	7	19	0
Natural- Other	14	10	4	0
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	11	11	0	0
Cerebrovascular	7	1	6	0
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	6	3	3	0
Sepsis	6	2	4	0
Pneumonia	3	3	0	0
Carcinoma	3	1	2	0
Epilepsy	3	3	0	0
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	2	1	1	0
Heart Disease	2	1	1	0
Blood disorders	1	1	0	0
Aspiration	1	1	0	0
Hepatic failure	1	0	1	0
Subtotal	158	67	90	1
Unnatural Deaths				
Multiple Injuries	43	22	12	9
Gunshot Wound	39	39	0	0
Head and Neck Injuries	33	15	10	8
Substance Intoxication	8	8	0	0
Asphyxia	7	7	0	0
Hanging	7	7	0	0
Drowning	6	6	0	0
Stab Wound	4	4	0	0
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	4	3	0	1
Thermal Injuries (burns)	4	4	0	0
Exposure	3	3	0	0
Unnatural-Other	1	1	0	0
Subtotal	159	119	22	18
Undetermined				
Undetermined After Autopsy and/or Investigation	6	3	3	0
Skeletal/Mummified Remains	1	1	0	0
Subtotal	7	4	3	0
Total	324	190	115	19

* 18 Years of Age and Younger

Manner of Death – Accidental

Table 22 – Children – Manner of Death – Accidental Deaths – Alphabetic Sort

Children* - Accidental Deaths - 2000				
Alphabetic Sort				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Accident				
Asphyxia				
Accidental ligature strangulation	1	1	0	0
Crushed/suffocated	2	2	0	0
Drowned (non-recreational water accidents)	3	3	0	0
Drowned while swimming (recreational and rescue attempts)	2	2	0	0
Drug Use				
Ingested alcohol (ethanol)	1	1	0	0
Ingested and/or injected illicit drug(s)	1	1	0	0
Ingested and/or injected prescription medications	2	2	0	0
Exposure				
Exposed to cold, heat	1	1	0	0
Fall				
Fall from height	2	0	0	2
Fire				
Victim of explosion	5	4	0	1
Victim of fire	1	1	0	0
Machinery				
Farm or Industrial machinery accident	1	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle				
Cyclist struck by motor vehicle type	2	0	0	2
Driver of auto in collision with fixed object	2	1	1	0
Driver of auto in collision with other motor vehicle	9	3	4	2
Driver of auto that left roadway	6	1	2	3
Driver of motorcycle in collision with other motor vehicle type	1	0	0	1
Driver of pickup in collision with fixed object	1	0	0	1
Driver of pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	3	3	0	0
Driver of pickup that left roadway	1	1	0	0
Passenger in auto in collision with other motor vehicle type	11	7	2	2
Passenger in auto that left roadway	15	6	2	7
Passenger in pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	1	0	0	1
Passenger in pickup that left roadway	2	1	1	0
Passenger in truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	2	1	1	0
Passenger who fell from moving motor vehicle	1	1	0	0
Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle	5	4	1	0
Poisoned				
Inhaled toxic agent accidentally	3	3	0	0
Traumatic Injury				
Accidental discharge of firearm	2	2	0	0
Unknown				
Accident-Unknown	6	3	3	0
Total	95	55	18	22

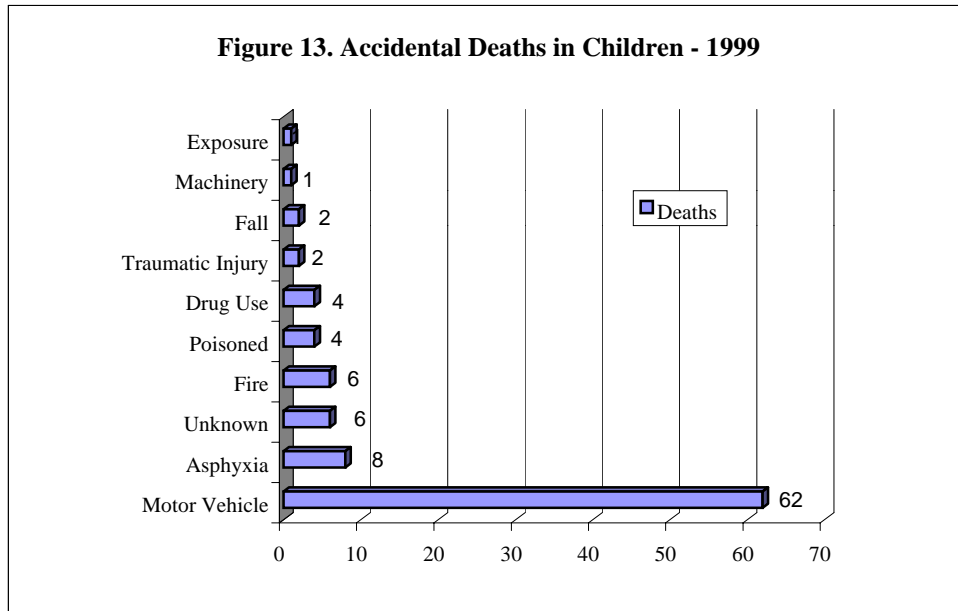
* 18 Years of Age and Younger

Table 23 – Children – Manner of Death – Accidental Deaths – Numeric Sort

Children* - Accidental Deaths -2000				
By Highest Value				
Manner of Death - Accident	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Passenger in auto that left roadway	15	6	2	7
Passenger in auto in collision with other motor vehicle type	11	7	2	2
Driver of auto in collision with other motor vehicle	9	3	4	2
Accident-Unknown	6	3	3	0
Driver of auto that left roadway	6	1	2	3
Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle	5	4	1	0
Victim of explosion	5	4	0	1
Driver of pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	3	3	0	0
Drowned (non-recreational water accidents)	3	3	0	0
Inhaled toxic agent accidentally	3	3	0	0
Accidental discharge of firearm	2	2	0	0
Crushed/suffocated	2	2	0	0
Cyclist struck by motor vehicle type	2	0	0	2
Driver of auto in collision with fixed object	2	1	1	0
Drowned while swimming (recreational and rescue attempts)	2	2	0	0
Fall from height	2	0	0	2
Ingested and/or injected prescription medications	2	2	0	0
Passenger in pickup that left roadway	2	1	1	0
Passenger in truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	2	1	1	0
Accidental ligature strangulation	1	1	0	0
Driver of motorcycle in collision with other motor vehicle type	1	0	0	1
Driver of pickup in collision with fixed object	1	0	0	1
Driver of pickup that left roadway	1	1	0	0
Exposed to cold, heat	1	1	0	0
Farm or Industrial machinery accident	1	0	1	0
Ingested alcohol (ethanol)	1	1	0	0
Ingested and/or injected illicit durg(s)	1	1	0	0
Passenger in pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	1	0	0	1
Passenger who fell from moving motor vehicle	1	1	0	0
Poisoned	1	1	0	0
Victim of fire	1	1	0	0
Total	96	55	18	22

* 18 Years of Age and Younger

Figure 16 – Accidental Deaths in Children



Manner of Death – Suicide

Table 24 – Children – Suicide Deaths

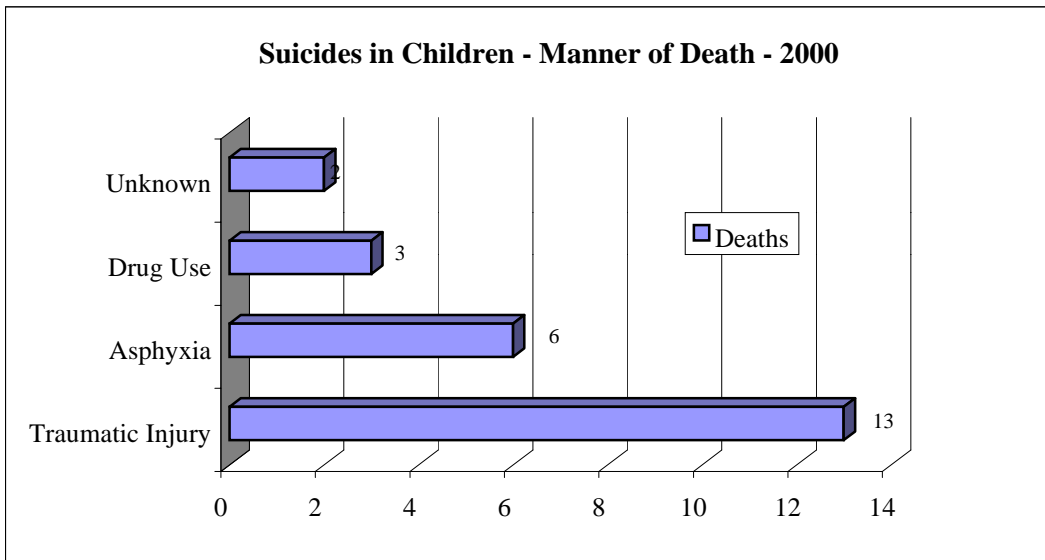
Children* - Suicide Deaths - 2000				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Suicides				
Shot self with firearm	13	13	0	0
Hanged self	6	6	0	0
Ingested or injected medication	2	2	0	0
Suicide-Other	2	2	0	0
Ingested, injected or inhaled non-prescription medication	1	1	0	0
Total	24	24	0	0

* 18 Years of Age and Younger

Figure 17 – Suicide in Children



Figure 18 – Suicide in Children – Manner of Death

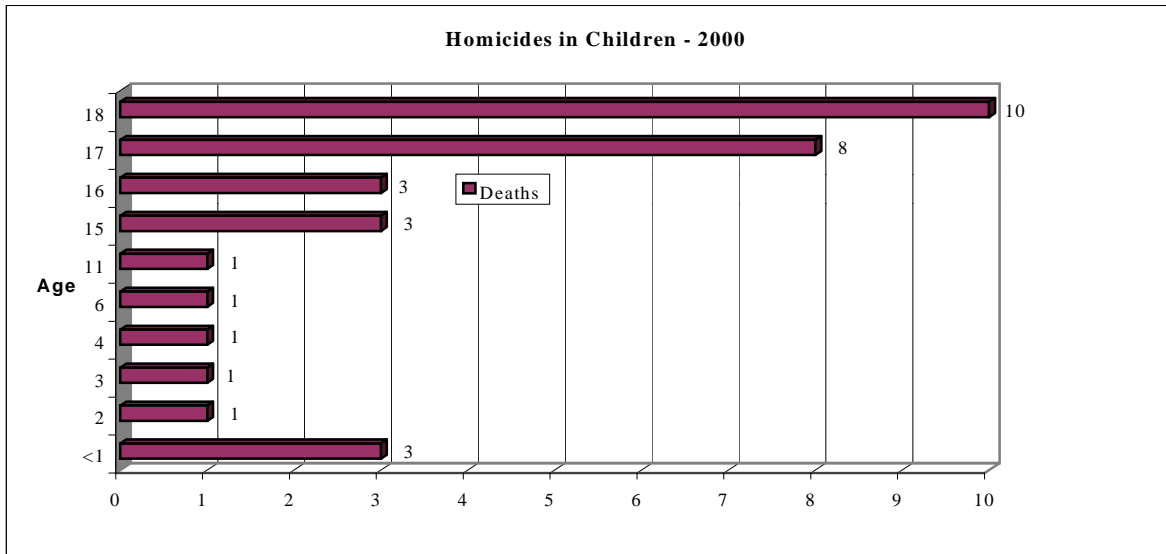


Manner of Death - Homicide

Table 25 – Children – Manner of Death – Homicide

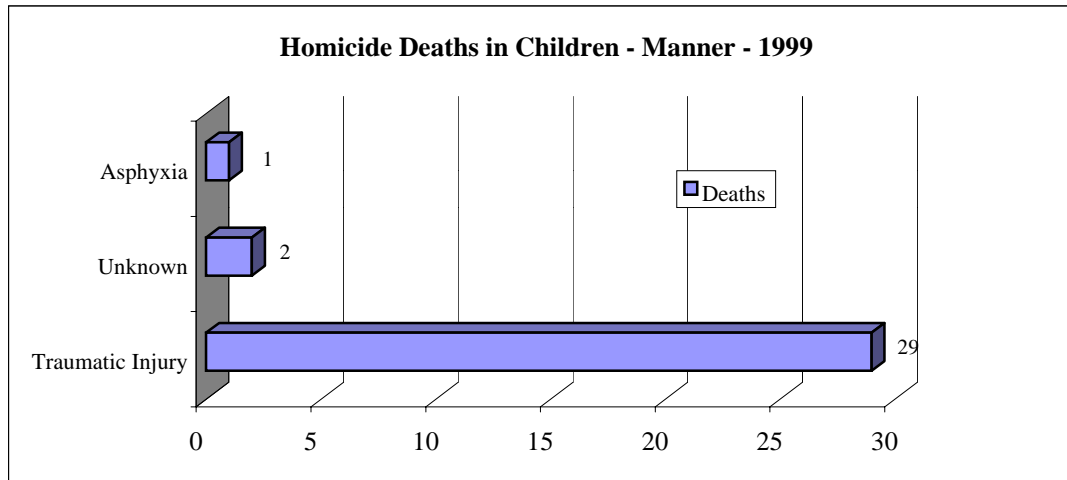
Children* - Homicide Deaths - 2000				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Homicide				
Shot by assailant(s) with firearm	21	21	0	0
Beaten by assailant(s)	4	4	0	0
Stabbed by assailant(s)	4	4	0	0
Homicide-Other	2	2	0	0
Strangled by assailant(s)	1	1	0	0
Total	32	32	0	0

Figure 19 – Homicides in Children



* 18 Years of Age and Younger

Figure 20 – Homicides in Children



Manner of Death – Undetermined

Table 26 – Children – Manner of Death – Undetermined

Children* - Undetermined Deaths - 2000				
	Total Cases	Autopsied	Dictated External	Investigation/Field Examination
Manner of Death - Undetermined				
Undetermined after autopsy and/or toxicology	14	8	6	0
Asphyxia/airway obstruction/suffocation	2	2	0	0
Ingested/injected/inhaled illicit drug or volatile	1	1	0	0
Gunshot wound	1	1	0	0
Skeletal, mummified or decomposed remains	1	1	0	0
Total	19	13	6	0

* 18 Years of Age and Younger

Ethanol Related Deaths

Cause of Death

Table 27 – Cause of Death – Ethanol Present in Decedent – Alphabetic Sort

Cause of Death -Presence of Ethanol in Decedent				
Alphabetic Sort				
	Total Cases	Ethanol \geq 0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Natural Deaths				
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	7	0	0	7
Alzheimers Disease	47	0	1	46
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	1	0	0	1
Aneurysm	51	2	11	38
Arthritis	3	0	0	3
Aspiration	5	0	1	4
Asthma	8	1	1	6
Blood disorders	2	0	1	1
Carcinoma	290	1	5	284
Cerebrovascular	110	1	7	102
Certification for record purposes only	4	0	0	4
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	118	1	4	113
Congenital Defect	33	1	5	27
Dehydration	3	0	1	2
Diabetes	32	1	4	27
Emboli	37	2	18	17
Emphysema	30	0	4	26
Epilepsy	26	2	19	5
Ethanolism	93	35	31	27
Gallbladder	5	0	0	5
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	69	7	18	44
Heart Disease	1555	57	264	1234
Hepatic failure	60	2	14	44
History of Illness or Injury	3	0	1	2
Hodgkin's disease	1	0	0	1
Hypertension	68	1	22	45
Intrauterine Fetal Death	34	0	4	30
Leukemia	9	0	1	8
Malnutrition	1	0	0	1
Maternal and Fetal Complications of Birth	1	0	1	0
Medical Treatment	5	0	0	5
Meningitis	5	0	2	3
Multiple Organ Failure	2	0	1	1
Natural- Other	79	3	19	57
Obesity	5	1	3	1
Obstruction (blockage)	4	0	1	3
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Cause of Death -Presence of Ethanol in Decedent - Cont

Alphabetic Sort

Natural Deaths	Total Cases	Ethanol \geq 0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Pancreas	5	1	3	1
Parkinson's disease	11	0	0	11
Pneumonia	163	5	18	140
Prematurity	38	0	1	37
Pulmonary Edema	3	0	0	3
Renal Failure	39	0	1	38
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	22	0	0	22
Reye's Syndrome	1	0	1	0
Sepsis	58	1	5	52
Spontaneous Hemorrhage	18	2	5	11
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	11	0	10	1
Tuberculosis	1	0	0	1
Subtotal	3176	127	508	2541
Unnatural Deaths				
Asphyxia	37	13	23	1
Aspiration	8	3	2	3
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	28	14	12	2
Drowning	27	16	11	0
Electrocution	2	0	2	0
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	6	6	0	0
Exposure	23	13	9	1
Exsanguination	4	4	0	0
Gunshot Wound	289	127	150	12
Hanging	62	24	37	1
Head and Neck Injuries	202	73	67	62
Multiple Injuries	461	152	201	108
Narcotic Abuse	18	4	14	0
Stab Wound	29	19	10	0
Subdural Hematoma	7	1	1	5
Substance Intoxication	264	119	137	8
Thermal Injuries (burns)	19	3	9	7
Unnatural-Other	18	2	7	9
Subtotal	1504	593	692	219
Other				
Skeletal/Mummified Remains	19	5	5	9
Undetermined After Autopsy and/or Investigation	34	5	11	18
Certification for Record Purposes	1	0	0	1
Subtotal	54	10	16	28
Total	4734	730	1216	2788

Table 28 - Cause of Death – Ethanol Present in Decedent – Numeric Sort

Cause of Death - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent - 2000				
By Highest Vaule				
	Total Cases	Ethanol >= 0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Natural Deaths				
Heart Disease	1,555	57	264	1,234
Carcinoma	290	1	5	284
Pneumonia	163	5	18	140
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	118	1	4	113
Cerebrovascular	110	1	7	102
Ethanolism	93	35	31	27
Natural- Other	79	3	19	57
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	69	7	18	44
Hypertension	68	1	22	45
Hepatic failure	60	2	14	44
Sepsis	58	1	5	52
Aneurysm	51	2	11	38
Alzheimers Disease	47	0	1	46
Renal Failure	39	0	1	38
Prematurity	38	0	1	37
Emboli	37	2	18	17
Intrauterine Fetal Death	34	0	4	30
Congenital Defect	33	1	5	27
Diabetes	32	1	4	27
Emphysema	30	0	4	26
Epilepsy	26	2	19	5
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	22	0	0	22
Spontaneous Hemorrhage	18	2	5	11
Parkinson's disease	11	0	0	11
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	11	0	10	1
Leukemia	9	0	1	8
Asthma	8	1	1	6
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	7	0	0	7
Aspiration	5	0	1	4
Gallbladder	5	0	0	5
Medical Treatment	5	0	0	5
Meningitis	5	0	2	3
Obesity	5	1	3	1
Pancreas	5	1	3	1
Certification for record purposes only	4	0	0	4
Obstruction (blockage)	4	0	1	3
Arthritis	3	0	0	3
Dehydration	3	0	1	2
History of Illness or Injury	3	0	1	2
Pulmonary Edema	3	0	0	3

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Cause of Death - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent - Cont

By Highest Vaule

	Total Cases	Ethanol \geq 0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Natural Deaths				
Blood disorders	2	0	1	1
Multiple Organ Failure	2	0	1	1
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	1	0	0	1
Hodgkin's disease	1	0	0	1
Malnutrition	1	0	0	1
Maternal and Fetal Complications of Birth	1	0	1	0
Reye's Syndrome	1	0	1	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	0	1
Subtotal	3,176	127	508	2,541
Unnatural Deaths				
Multiple Injuries	461	152	201	108
Gunshot Wound	289	127	150	12
Substance Intoxication	264	119	137	8
Head and Neck Injuries	202	73	67	62
Hanging	62	24	37	1
Asphyxia	37	13	23	1
Stab Wound	29	19	10	0
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	28	14	12	2
Drowning	27	16	11	0
Exposure	23	13	9	1
Thermal Injuries (burns)	19	3	9	7
Narcotic Abuse	18	4	14	0
Unnatural-Other	18	2	7	9
Aspiration	8	3	2	3
Subdural Hematoma	7	1	1	5
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	6	6	0	0
Exsanguination	4	4	0	0
Electrocution	2	0	2	0
Subtotal	1,504	593	692	219
Other				
Undetermined After Autopsy and/or Investigation	34	5	11	18
Skeletal/Mummified Remains	19	5	5	9
Certification for Record Purposes	1	0	0	1
Subtotal	54	10	16	28
Total	4,734	730	1,216	2,788

Manner of Death – Accidental Deaths

Table 29 - Accidental Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent – Alphabetic Sort

Accidental Deaths - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent				
Alphabetic Sort				
Circumstances	Total	Ethanol >= 0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Accidental Deaths				
Aircraft				
Passenger in aircraft crash	7	1	5	1
Pilot of aircraft crash	10	2	7	1
Animal Related				
Animal related (bitten, kicked, trampled)	5	1	4	0
Asphyxia				
Accidental ligature strangulation	1	0	1	0
Choked on foreign object	10	4	2	4
Crushed/suffocated	14	2	9	3
Drowned (non-recreational water accidents)	13	7	6	0
Drowned while swimming (recreational and rescue attempts)	7	4	3	0
Cyclist				
Cyclist non-motor vehicle accident	1	0	1	0
Drug Use				
Ingested alcohol (ethanol)	19	16	2	1
Ingested and/or injected illicit drug(s)	172	84	81	7
Ingested and/or injected prescription medications	61	15	38	8
Electrical				
Contacted electrical current	2	0	2	0
Exposure				
Exposed to cold, heat	25	12	11	2
Fall				
Fall from height	40	4	7	29
Fall from standing height	167	6	8	153
Fire				
Victim of explosion	8	0	4	4
Victim of fire	9	4	4	1
Machinery				
Farm or Industrial machinery accident	5	1	4	0
Medical Treatment				
Medical treatment	1	0	0	1
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Accidental Deaths - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent - Cont

Alphabetic Sort

Circumstances	Total	Ethanol >= 0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Accidental Deaths				
Motor Vehicle				
Cyclist struck by motor vehicle type	7	1	4	2
Driver of auto in collision with fixed object	10	3	4	3
Driver of auto in collision with other motor vehicle	93	24	59	10
Driver of auto that left roadway	74	32	34	8
Driver of motorcycle left roadway	13	4	8	1
Driver of motorcycle in collision with other motor vehicle type	13	4	6	3
Driver of pickup in collision with fixed object	3	1	1	1
Driver of pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	23	6	14	3
Driver of pickup that left roadway	23	15	7	1
Driver of truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	1	1	0	0
Driver of truck that left roadway	5	0	5	0
Motor vehicle accident, etiology unknown	1	0	1	0
Passenger in auto in collision with fixed object	4	2	2	0
Passenger in auto in collision with other motor vehicle type	47	13	23	11
Passenger in auto that left roadway	60	23	23	14
Passenger in pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	8	3	4	1
Passenger in pickup that left roadway	9	7	1	1
Passenger in truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	3	0	1	2
Passenger in truck that left roadway	5	3	2	0
Passenger on motorcycle left roadway	1	0	1	0
Passenger who fell from moving motor vehicle	3	2	1	0
Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle	55	29	14	12
Pedestrian struck by non-motor vehicle	1	1	0	0
Poisoned				
Inhaled toxic agent accidentally	10	2	7	1
Inhaled toxic substances to achieve intoxication	5	0	5	0
Poisoned	2	0	0	2
Traumatic Injury				
Accidental discharge of firearm	4	0	4	0
Cut self	2	2	0	0
Struck by moving object	2	0	2	0
Unknown				
Accident-Unknown	43	17	15	11
Total	1,107	358	447	302

Table 30 – Accidental Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent – Numeric Sort

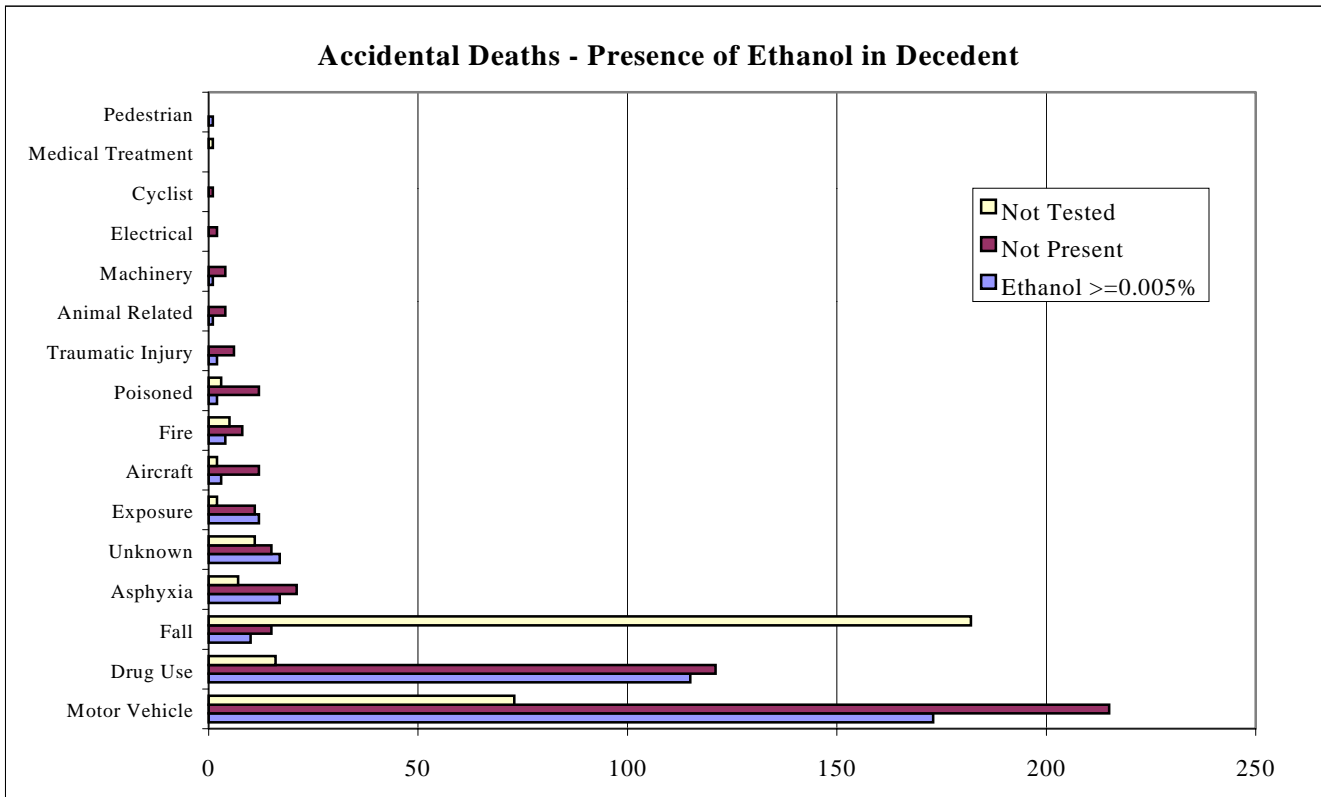
Accidental Deaths - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent -2000				
By Highest Value				
Circumstances	Total	Ethanol >=0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Accidental Deaths				
Ingested and/or injected illicit drug(s)	172	84	81	7
Fall from standing height	167	6	8	153
Driver of auto in collision with other motor vehicle	93	24	59	10
Driver of auto that left roadway	74	32	34	8
Ingested and/or injected prescription medications	61	15	38	8
Passenger in auto that left roadway	60	23	23	14
Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle	55	29	14	12
Passenger in auto in collision with other motor vehicle type	47	13	23	11
Accident-Unknown	43	17	15	11
Fall from height	40	4	7	29
Exposed to cold, heat	25	12	11	2
Driver of pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	23	6	14	3
Driver of pickup that left roadway	23	15	7	1
Ingested alcohol (ethanol)	19	16	2	1
Crushed/suffocated	14	2	9	3
Driver of motorcycle left roadway	13	4	8	1
Driver of motorcycle in collision with other motor vehicle type	13	4	6	3
Drowned (non-recreational water accidents)	13	7	6	0
Choked on foreign object	10	4	2	4
Driver of auto in collision with fixed object	10	3	4	3
Inhaled toxic agent accidentally	10	2	7	1
Pilot of aircraft crash	10	2	7	1
Passenger in pickup that left roadway	9	7	1	1
Victim of fire	9	4	4	1
Passenger in pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	8	3	4	1
Victim of explosion	8	0	4	4
Cyclist struck by motor vehicle type	7	1	4	2
Drowned while swimming (recreational and rescue attempts)	7	4	3	0
Passenger in aircraft crash	7	1	5	1
Driver of truck that left roadway	5	0	5	0
Farm or Industrial machinery accident	5	1	4	0
Inhaled toxic substances to achieve intoxication	5	0	5	0
Passenger in truck that left roadway	5	3	2	0
Accidental discharge of firearm	4	0	4	0
Animal related (bitten, kicked, trampled)	4	0	4	0
Passenger in auto in collision with fixed object	4	2	2	0

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Accidental Deaths - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent -Cont.

Circumstances	By Highest Value			
	Total	Ethanol $\geq 0.005\%$		
Accidental Deaths		Yes	No	Not Tested
Driver of pickup in collision with fixed object	3	1	1	1
Passenger in truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	3	0	1	2
Passenger who fell from moving motor vehicle	3	2	1	0
Contacted electrical current	2	0	2	0
Cut self	2	2	0	0
Poisoned	2	0	0	2
Struck by moving object	2	0	2	0
Accidental ligature strangulation	1	0	1	0
Cyclist non-motor vehicle accident	1	0	1	0
Driver of truck in collision with other motor vehicle type	1	1	0	0
Fell/thrown from (horse, brahma bull, other riding animal	1	1	0	0
Medical treatment	1	0	0	1
Motor vehicle accident, etiology unknown	1	0	1	0
Passenger on motorcycle left roadway	1	0	1	0
Pedestrian struck by non-motor vehicle	1	1	0	0
Total	1,107	358	447	302

Figure 21 – Accidental Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent

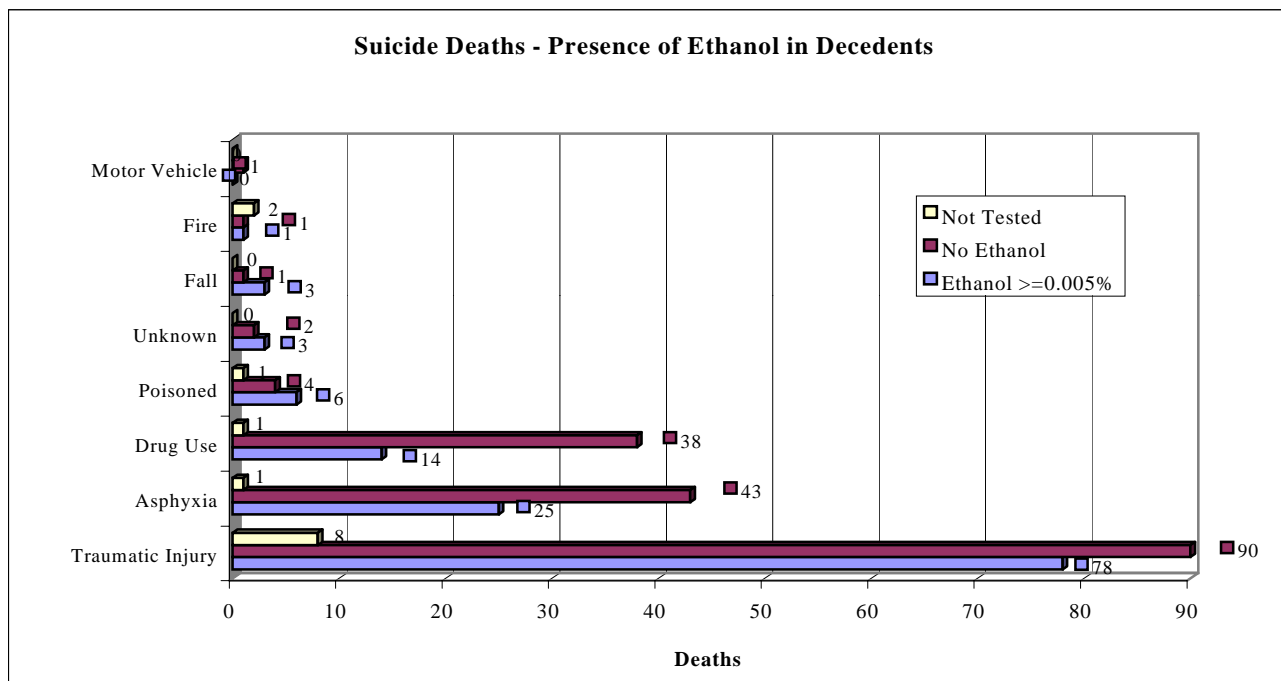


Manner of Death - Suicide

Table 31 – Suicide Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent

Suicide Deaths - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent				
By Highest Value				
Circumstances	Total	Ethanol >=0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Suicide Deaths				
Shot self with firearm	172	76	88	8
Hanged self	62	24	37	1
Ingested or injected medication	40	11	28	1
Ingested, injected or inhaled non-prescription medication	13	3	10	0
Inhaled toxic agent	11	6	4	1
Suffocated self	5	0	5	0
Suicide-Other	5	3	2	0
Jumped from height	4	3	1	0
Burned self	4	1	1	2
Cut/Slashed self	4	2	2	0
Drowned self	2	1	1	0
Suicide as pedestrian	1	0	1	0
Total	323	130	180	13

Figure 22 – Suicide Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent

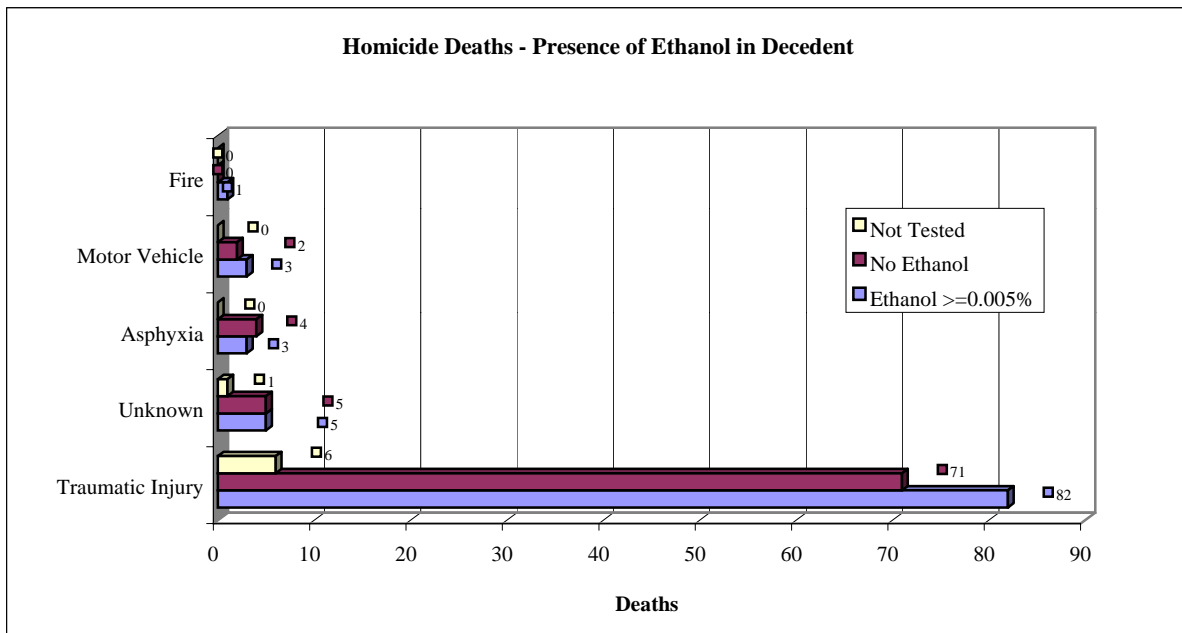


Manner of Death - Homicide

Table 32 – Homicide Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent

Homicide Deaths - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent New Mexico Deaths - 1999				
Circumstances	Total	Ethanol >=0.005%		
		Yes	No	Not Tested
Shot by assailant(s) with firearm	104	47	53	4
Stabbed by assailant(s)	28	19	9	0
Beaten by assailant(s)	26	15	9	2
Homicide-Other	11	5	5	1
Strangled by assailant(s)	7	3	4	0
Struck with auto by assailant(s)	5	3	2	0
Victim of intentionally set fire	1	1	0	0
Assaulted (unknown)	1	1	0	0
Total	183	94	82	7

Figure 23 – Homicide Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent



Manner of Death - Undetermined

Table 33 – Undetermined Deaths – Ethanol Present in Decedent

Undetermined Deaths - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent				
By Highest Value				
Circumstances	Ethanol >=0.005%			
Undetermined Deaths	Total	Yes	No	Not Tested
Undetermined after autopsy and/or toxicology	81	18	25	39
Drug Use	9	4	5	0
Traumatic Injury	8	5	3	0
Asphyxia	3	1	2	0
Other	2	0	0	2
Fall	1	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	0
Total	105	29	35	42

Motor Vehicle Related Deaths

Table 34 – Deaths Related to Motor Vehicles – Ethanol Present in Decedent

Circumstances	Ethanol $\geq 0.005\%$			Total
	Yes	No	Not Tested	
Motor Vehicle Driver	82	124	26	232
Motor Vehicle Passenger	53	57	29	139
Pedestrian Hit by Motor Vehicle	33	17	12	62
Motorcycle Driver	8	14	4	26
Motorcycle Passenger	0	1	0	1
Unknown Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	1
Total	176	214	71	461

Figure 24 – Deaths Related to Motor Vehicles – Ethanol Present in Decedent

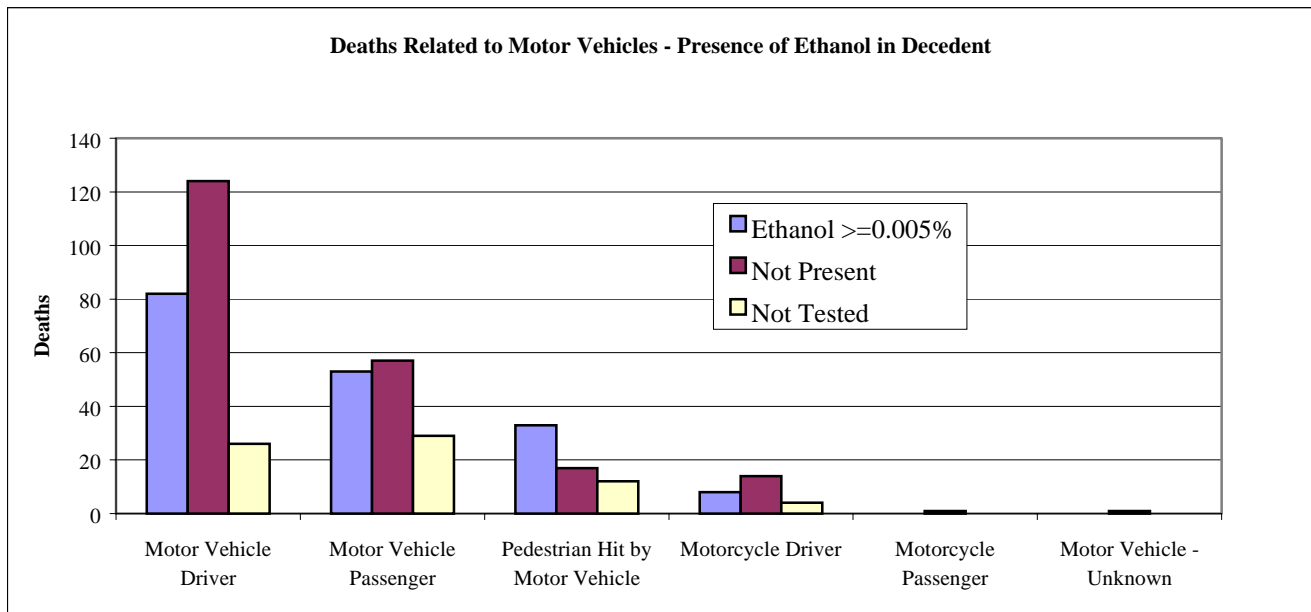


Table 35 – Motor Vehicle – Ethanol Present in Decedent- Seat Belt Use

Deaths Related to Motor Vehicles - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent - Seat Belt Use					
Circumstance	Ethanol >=0.005%	Seat Belt Use			Total
		Belt Not in Use	Belt in Use	Unknown	
Motor Vehicle Driver	Yes	46	16	28	90
	No	40	51	47	138
	Not Tested	7	1	22	30
	Subtotal	93	68	97	258
Motor Vehicle Passenger	Yes	33	6	15	54
	No	27	20	16	63
	Not Tested	14	9	7	30
	Subtotal	74	35	38	147
Total		167	103	135	405

Table 36 – Motor Vehicle – Ethanol Present in Decedent – Air Bag Use

Deaths Related to Motor Vehicles - Presence of Ethanol in Decedent - Air Bag Use						
Circumstance	Ethanol >=0.005%	Air Bag Use			Unknown	Total
		Air Bag Not in Use	Air Bag Inflated	Air Bag Not Installed		
Motor Vehicle Driver	Yes	2	2	0	86	90
	No	2	13	0	123	138
	Not Tested	0	2	0	28	30
	Subtotal	4	17	0	237	258
Motor Vehicle Passenger	Yes	0	2	1	51	54
	No	0	1	2	60	63
	Not Tested	1	3	0	26	30
	Subtotal	1	6	3	137	147
Total		5	23	3	374	405

Drug Caused Deaths

Table 37 – Drug Caused Deaths – Age

Drugs Caused Deaths by Age - New Mexico Deaths						
Age at Death	Manner of Death					Total
	Natural	Accident	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	
1-4	0	0	0	0	1	1
10-14	0	0	1	0	0	1
15-19	0	5	2	0	0	7
20-24	0	12	4	0	1	17
25-34	0	43	2	0	4	49
35-44	0	70	16	0	3	89
45-54	0	55	13	0	2	70
55-64	0	13	4	0	1	18
65-74	0	1	3	0	0	4
75-84	0	0	2	0	0	2
85-94	0	0	2	0	0	2
UNK	0	1	0	0	0	1
						0
Total	0	200	49	0	12	261

Figure 25 – Drug Caused Deaths – Manner of Deaths

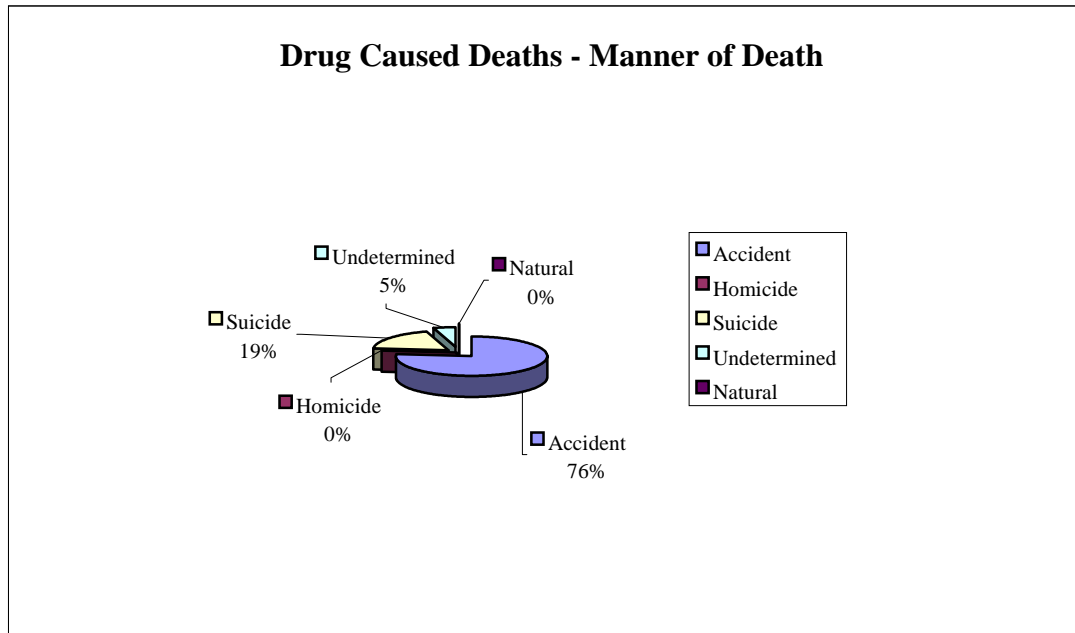


Table 38 – Drug Caused Deaths – County of Residence

Drug Caused Deaths - County of Residence	
County of Residence	Deaths
Bernalillo	115
Catron	1
Chaves	9
Cibola	1
Colfax	0
Curry	6
DeBaca	0
Dona Ana	16
Eddy	2
Grant	2
Guadalupe	1
Harding	0
Hidalgo	0
Lea	4
Lincoln	5
Los Alamos	2
Luna	1
McKinley	4
Mora	0
Otero	3
Quay	1
Rio Arriba	15
Roosevelt	1
San Juan	9
San Miguel	6
Sandoval	3
Santa Fe	24
Sierra	1
Socorro	4
Taos	5
Torrence	3
Union	0
Valencia	10
Non Resident	0
Unknown	7
Total	261

Table 39 – Drug/Physiologically Active Compounds Present in Decedent

Drug/Physiologically Active Compounds Present in Decedent	
Drug/Compound	Total
ALCOHOL	
ETHANOL	67
2-PROPANOL (ISOPROPYL)	1
ALCOHOL Total	68
ANALGESIC	
ACETAMINOPHEN (Tylenol)	23
SALICYLATE (Aspirin,Empirin)	1
TRAMADOL (Ultram)	2
ANALGESIC Total	26
ANTI-ARRHYTHMIC/ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE	
LIDOCAINE	3
DILTIAZEM (Cardizem)	2
ANTI-ARRHYTHMIC/ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE Total	5
ANTICONVULSANT	
VALPROIC ACID (Depakote)	1
CARBAMAZEPINE (Tegretal)	2
DIPHENYLHYDANTOIN (Dilantin, Phenytoin)	1
GABAPENTIN	2
ANTICONVULSANT Total	6
ANTI-DEPRESSANT	
AMITRIPTYLINE (Elavil)	22
BUPROPION (Wellbutrin)	1
DESIPRAMINE (Norpramine)	1
DOXEPIN (Adapin, Sinequan)	5
IMIPRAMINE (Tofranil)	2
NORTRIPTYLINE (Amitriptyline Metabolite)	1
NORTRIPTYLINE (Aventyl, Pamelor)	2
PAROXETINE (Paxil)	2
SERTRALINE (Zoloft)	4
TRAZODONE (Desyrel)	2
TRICYCLICS	1
VENLAFAXINE (Effexor)	3
CITALOPRAM	1
CLOMIPRAMINE (Anafranil)	2
MIRTRAZAPINE(Remeron)	3
O-DESMETHYLVENLAFAXINE (Venlafaxine Metabolite)	1
OLANZAPINE	3
ANTI-DEPRESSANT Total	56

Drug/Physiologically Active Compounds Present in Decedent Cont.

BARBITURATE

BUTALBITAL (Fiorinal)	3
PHENOBARBITAL	1
PENTOBARBITAL (Nembutal)	2
SECOBARBITAL (Seconal,Tuinal)	3
BARBITURATE Total	9

CANNABINOID

CANNABINOIDS (Marijuana, THC)	9
CANNABINOID Total	9

MAJOR TRANQUILIZER

CLONAZEPAM (Clonopin)	2
PROMETHAZINE (Phenergan)	3
7-AMINO CLONAZEPAM	1
HYDROXYZINE (Vistaril)	3
MAJOR TRANQUILIZER Total	9

MINOR TRANQUILIZER

ALPRAZOLAM (Xanax)	6
BENZODIAZEPINES	1
CARISOPRODOL (Soma)	4
CHLORDIAZEPOXIDE (Librium)	2
DIAZEPAM (Valium)	14
DIPHENHYDRAMINE (Benadryl,Sominex)	14
FLUOXETINE (Prozac)	8
NORDIAZEPAM (Diazepam Metabolite)	1
OXAZEPAM (Serax)	1
DOXYLAMINE (Unisom)	2
LIORESAL (Baclofen)	1
MEPROBAMATE (Miltown)	6
TEMAZEPAM (Restoril)	1
ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE (Ambien)	3
MINOR TRANQUILIZER Total	64

NARCOTIC

6-Monoacetylmorphine (Heroin metabolite)	4
CODEINE	17
FENTANYL (Sublimaze)	1
HEROIN	2
HYDROCODONE (Hyphen, Hycodaphen, Tussionex)	6
MEPERIDINE (Demerol)	2
METHADONE	25
MORPHINE	132
OPIATES	2
OXYCODONE (Percodan, Percocet)	13
PROPOXYPHENE (Darvon,Darvocet)	22
DIHYDROCODEINE	1
Methadone Primary Metabolite	1
NARCOTIC Total	228

Drug/Physiologically Active Compounds Present in Decedent Cont.

OTHER

BENZTROPINE (Cogentin)	1
METOCLOPRAMIDE (Reglan)	1
QUININE	1
RANITIDINE (Zantac)	1
OTHER Total	4

SEDATIVE

CHLORAL HYDRATE	1
CYCLOBENZOPRINE (Flexeril)	6
TRICHLOROETHANOL (Chloral Hydrate Metabolite)	1
SEDATIVE Total	8

STIMULANT

BENZOYLECGONINE (Cocaine Metabolite)	1
COCAINE	81
METHAMPHETAMINE	7
METHYLPHENIDATE (Ritalin)	1
ECGONINE METHYL ESTER (Cocaine Metabolite)	1
GUIFENESIN	2
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE	1
STIMULANT Total	94

VOLATILE ORGANIC

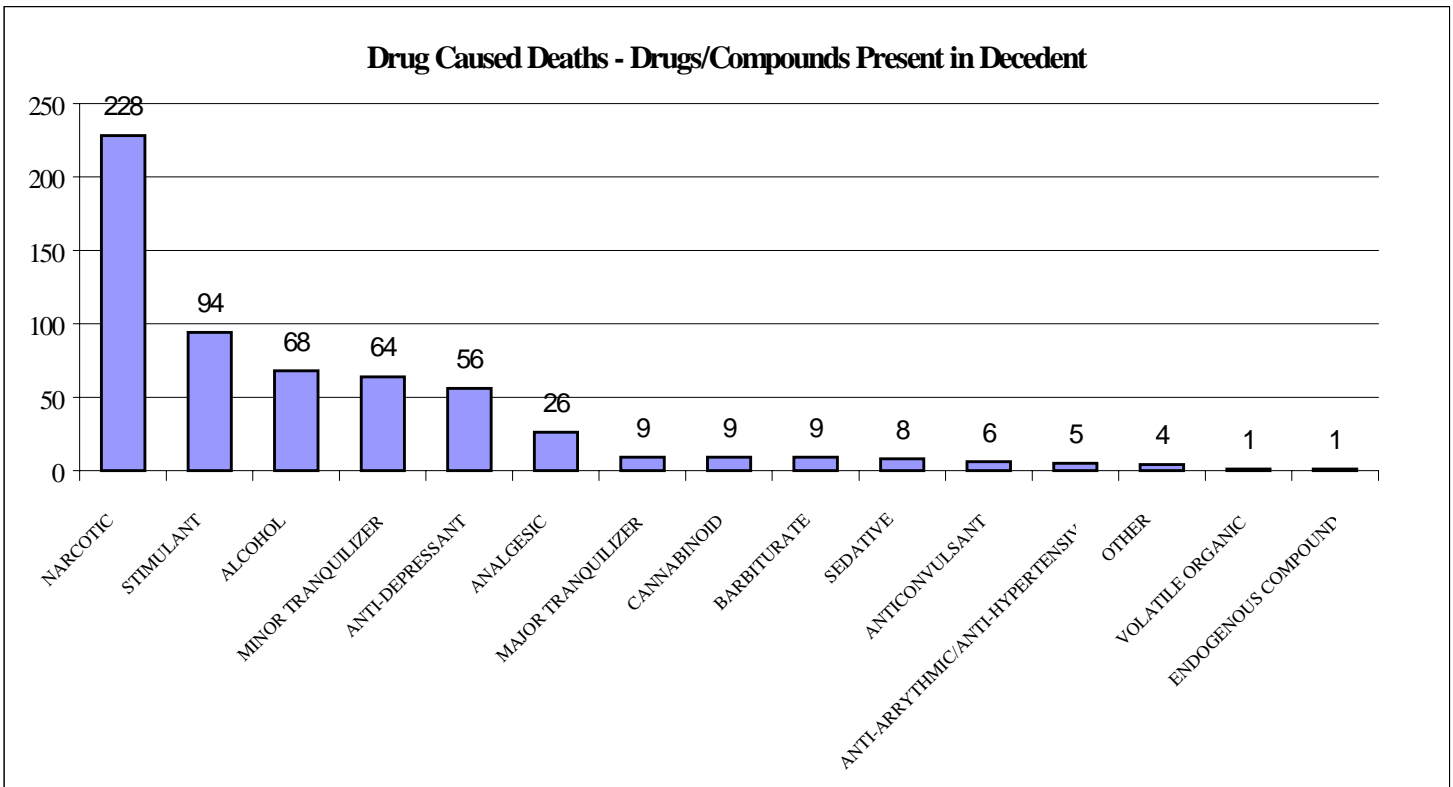
2,3,3-TRIMETHYL PENTANE	1
VOLATILE ORGANIC Total	1

ENDOGENOUS COMPOUND

INSULIN	1
ENDOGENOUS COMPOUND Total	1

Total	588
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Figure 26 – Drug Caused Deaths – Drug/Compounds Present in Decedent



Cause of Death

Table 40 – Drug Caused Deaths – Cause of Death

Drug Caused Deaths - Cause of Death	
Cause of Death	Deaths
<i>Natural Deaths</i>	
Pneumonia	2
Heart Disease	1
Hepatic failure	1
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Unatural Deaths</i>	
Aspiration	1
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	4
Narcotic Abuse	17
Substance Intoxication	235
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>257</i>
Total	261

Table 41 – Drug Caused Deaths – Cause of Death – Natural – Drug/Compound Present in Decedent

Drug Caused Deaths -Cause of Death - Natural Drugs/Compounds Present in Decedent					
Cause of Death	Drug/Compound Category				Total
	ANALGESIC	ANTI-DEPRESSANT	NARCOTIC	STIMULANT	
Heart Disease	0	1	0	0	<i>1</i>
Hepatic failure	1	0	0	0	<i>1</i>
Pneumonia	0	0	3	1	<i>4</i>
Total	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>
Total Drugs/Compounds					6

Table 42 – Drug Caused Deaths – Cause of Death – Unnatural – Drug/Compound Present in Decedent

Drug Caused Deaths -Cause of Death - Unnatural					
Drugs/Compounds Present in Decedent					
<i>Drug Category</i>					
<i>Cause of Death</i>	ALCOHOL	ANALGESIC	ANTI- ARRHYTHMIC/ANTI- HYPERTENSIVE	ANTICONVULSANT	<i>Total</i>
Aspiration	0	0	0	0	0
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	4	0	0	0	4
Narcotic Abuse	2	2	0	0	4
Substance Intoxication	62	23	5	6	96
Total	68	25	5	6	104
<i>Drug Category</i>					
<i>Cause of Death</i>	ANTI-DEPRESSANT	BARBITURATE	CANNABINOID	ENDOGENOUS COMPOUND	<i>Total</i>
Aspiration	1	0	1	0	2
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	1	0	0	0	1
Narcotic Abuse	4	0	1	0	5
Substance Intoxication	49	9	7	1	66
Total	55	9	9	1	74
<i>Drug Category</i>					
<i>Cause of Death</i>	MAJOR TRANQUILIZER	MINOR TRANQUILIZER	NARCOTIC	OTHER	<i>Total</i>
Aspiration	1	1	1	0	3
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	0	0	0	0	0
Narcotic Abuse	0	2	24	0	26
Substance Intoxication	8	61	200	4	273
Total	9	64	225	4	302
<i>Drug Category</i>					
<i>Cause of Death</i>	SEDATIVE	STIMULANT	VOLATILE ORGANIC	<i>Total</i>	
Aspiration	0	1	0	1	
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	0	0	0	0	
Narcotic Abuse	1	5	0	6	
Substance Intoxication	7	87	1	94	
Total	8	93	1	102	
Total Drugs/Compounds					582

Manner of Death

Table 43 – Drug Caused Deaths – Manner of Death

Drug Caused Deaths - Manner of Death	
Manner of Death	
Accident	Deaths
Ingested alcohol (ethanol)	3
Ingested and/or injected prescription medications	47
Accident-Unknown	1
Ingested and/or injected illicit drug(s)	149
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>200</i>
Suicide	Deaths
Ingested, injected or inhaled non-prescription medication	39
Ingested/injected medication	10
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>49</i>
Undetermined	Deaths
Ingested/injected medication	6
Ingested/injected/inhaled illicit drug or volatile	2
Narcotic abuse	1
Undetermined after autopsy and/or toxicology	2
Blunt trauma/multiple injuries/subdural hematoma	1
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12</i>
Total	261

Manner of Death – Accidental Deaths

Table 44 – Drug Caused Deaths – Manner of Death – Accident – Drug/Compounds Present in Decedent

Drug Caused Deaths - Manner of Death -Accident					
Drugs/Compounds Present in Decedent					
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	ALCOHOL	ANALGESIC	ANTI-ARRHYTHMIC/ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE	ANTICONVULSANT	Total
Drug Use	64	14	2	2	82
Unknown	0	1	0	0	1
Total	64	15	2	2	83
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	ANTI-DEPRESSANT	BARBITURATE	CANNABINOID	MAJOR TRANQUILIZER	Total
Drug Use	29	3	8	6	46
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	3	8	6	46
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	MINOR TRANQUILIZER	NARCOTIC	OTHER	SEDATIVE	Total
Drug Use	36	194	3	4	237
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Total	36	194	3	4	237
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	STIMULANT	VOLATILE ORGANIC	Total		
Drug Use	89	1	90		
Unknown	0	0	0		
Total	89	1	90		
Total Drug/Compounds					456

Manner of Death - Suicide

Table 45 - Drug Caused Deaths – Manner of Death – Suicide – Drug/Compounds Present in Decedent

Drug Caused Deaths - Manner of Death - Suicide					
Drugs/Compounds Present in Decedent					
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	ALCOHOL	ANALGESIC	ANTI-ARRHYTHMIC/ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE	ANTICONVULSANT	Total
Drug Use	3	9	2	3	17
Total	3	9	2	3	
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	ANTI-DEPRESSANT	BARBITURATE	ENDOGENOUS COMPOUND	MAJOR TRANQUILIZER	Total
Drug Use	20	4	1	2	27
Total	20	4	1	2	
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	MINOR TRANQUILIZER	NARCOTIC	OTHER	SEDATIVE	Total
Drug Use	21	22	1	3	47
Total	21	22	1	3	
Manner of Death	STIMULANT				Total
Drug Use	4				4
Total	4				
Total Drugs/Compounds					95

Manner of Death - Undetermined

**Table 46 - Drug Caused Deaths – Manner of Death – Undetermined –
 Drug/Compounds Present in Decedent**

Drug Caused Deaths - Cause of Death -Undetermined					
Drugs/Compounds Present in Decedent					
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	ALCOHOL	ANALGESIC	ANTI-ARRHYTHMIC/ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE	ANTICONVULSANT	Total
Drug Use	1	1	1	1	4
Traumatic Injury	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	1	0	0	1
Total	1	2	1	1	5
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	ANTI-DEPRESSANT	BARBITURATE	CANNABINOID	MAJOR TRANQUILIZER	Total
Drug Use	4	1	1	1	7
Traumatic Injury	2	0	0	0	2
Unknown	1	1	0	0	2
Total	7	2	1	1	11
Drug Category					
Manner of Death	MINOR TRANQUILIZER	NARCOTIC	SEDATIVE	STIMULANT	Total
Drug Use	4	9	1	1	15
Traumatic Injury	0	2	0	0	2
Unknown	3	1	0	0	4
Total	7	12	1	1	21
Total Drugs/Compounds					37

Drug Involved Deaths

Cause of Death

Table 47 – Drug Involved Deaths- Cause of Death

Drug Involved Deaths - Cause of Death	
Cause of Death	
Natural	Deaths
Aspiration	1
Asthma	1
Cerebrovascular	3
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1
Emboli	1
Epilepsy	1
Ethanolism	4
Heart Disease	17
Hepatic failure	3
Natural- Other	4
Obesity	1
Pneumonia	4
Reye's Syndrome	1
Sepsis	1
<i>Subtotal</i>	43
Unnatural Deaths	
Asphyxia	7
Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	5
Drowning	3
Ethanol (alcohol) Intoxication	2
Exposure	3
Exsanguination	1
Gunshot Wound	59
Hanging	12
Head and Neck Injuries	25
Multiple Injuries	41
Narcotic Abuse	2
Stab Wound	7
Subdural Hematoma	1
Substance Intoxication	56
Thermal Injuries (burns)	1
Unnatural-Other	2
<i>Subtotal</i>	227
Undetermined Deaths	
Skeletal/Mummified Remains	2
Undetermined After Autopsy and/or Investigation	5
<i>Subtotal</i>	7
Total	277

Manner of Death – Accidental Deaths

Table 48 – Drug Involved Deaths – Manner of Death - Accident

Drug Involved Deaths - Manner of Death - Accident	
Manner of Death	
Accident	Deaths
Aircraft	
Pilot of aircraft crash	1
Asphyxia	
Crushed/suffocated	2
Drug Use	
Ingested alcohol (ethanol)	2
Ingested and/or injected illicit drug(s)	48
Ingested and/or injected prescription medications	15
Exposure	
Exposed to cold, heat	2
Fall	
Fall from height	1
Fall from standing height	2
Fire	
Victim of fire	1
Motor Vehicle	
Cyclist struck by motor vehicle type	1
Driver of auto in collision with fixed object	2
Driver of auto in collision with other motor vehicle	7
Driver of auto that left roadway	7
Driver of motorcycle in collision with other motor vehicle type	2
Driver of pickup in collision with motor vehicle type	5
Driver of pickup that left roadway	3
Driver of truck that left roadway	2
Passenger in auto in collision with other motor vehicle type	2
Passenger in auto that left roadway	11
Passenger in pickup that left roadway	4
Passenger in truck that left roadway	1
Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle	5
Poisoned	
Inhaled toxic agent accidentally	2
Traumatic Injury	
Cut self	1
Unknown	
Accident-Unknown	3
Total	132

Manner of Death - Suicide

Table 49 – Drug Involved Deaths – Manner of Death – Suicide

Drug Involved Deaths - Manner of Death - Suicide	
Manner of Death	
<i>Suicide</i>	Deaths
Asphyxia	
Drowned self	1
Hanged self	12
Suffocated self	2
Drug Use	
Ingested or injected medication	7
Ingested, injected or inhaled non-prescription medication	3
Fire	
Burned self	1
Poisoned	
Inhaled toxic agent	1
Traumatic Injury	
Shot self with firearm	23
Unknown	
Suicide-Other	1
Total	51

Table 50 – Drug Involved Deaths – Manner of Death - Homicide

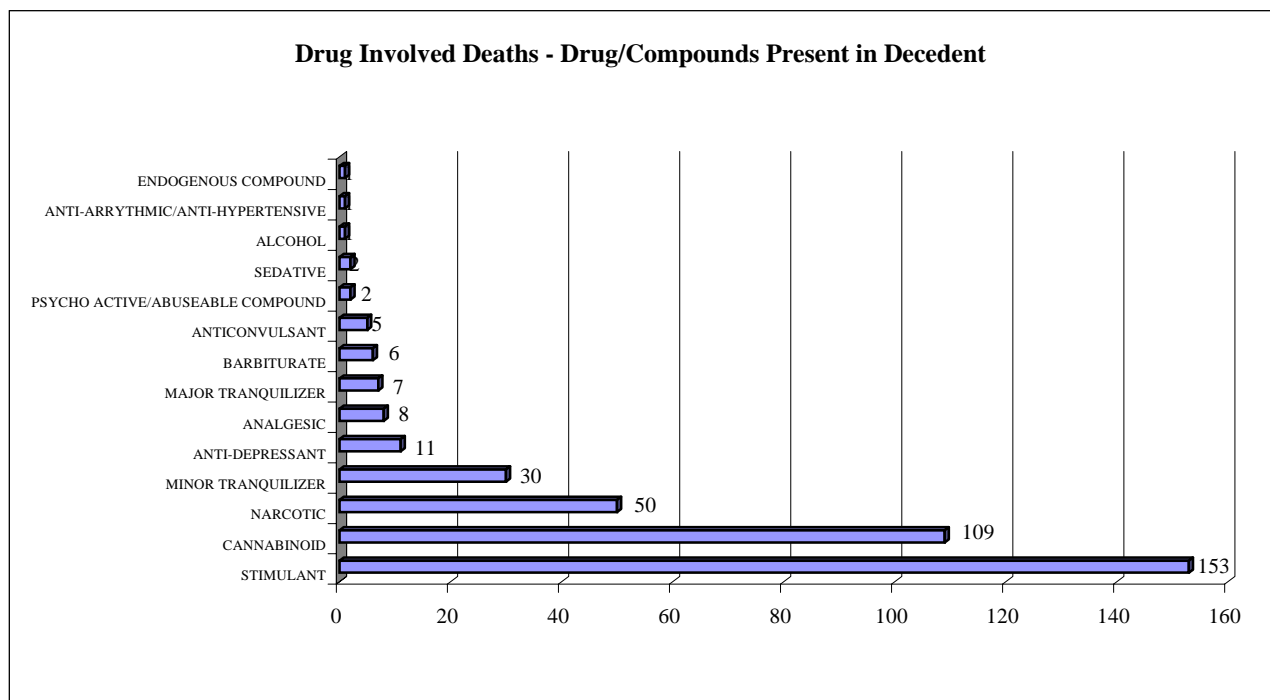
Table 48. Drug Involved Deaths - Manner of Death - Homicide -2000	
Manner of Death	
<i>Homicide</i>	Deaths
Asphyxia	
Strangled by assailant(s)	2
Motor Vehicle	
Struck with auto by assailant(s)	3
Traumatic Injury	
Beaten by assailant(s)	7
Shot by assailant(s) with firearm	35
Stabbed by assailant(s)	7
Unknown	
Homicide-Other	2
Total	56

Manner of Death - Undetermined

Table 51 – Drug Involved Deaths – Manner of Death - Undetermined

Table 49. Drug Involved Deaths - Manner of Death - Undetermined -2000	
Manner of Death	Deaths
Undetermined	
Traumatic Injury	
Blunt trauma/multiple injuries/subdural hematoma	2
Unknown	
Skeletal, mummified or decomposed remains	3
Undetermined after autopsy and/or toxicology	6
Total	11

Figure 27 – Drug Involved Deaths – Drug/Compounds Present in Decedent



Glossary

Accident – The *manner of death* used when, in other than *natural deaths*, there is no evidence of intent.

Autopsy - A detailed postmortem external and internal examination of a body to determine cause of death.

Ethanol Present – Deaths in which toxicological tests reveal a reportable level of *ethanol* (0.005% or greater) at the time of death.

Cause of Death – The agent of effect that results in a physiological derangement or biochemical disturbance that is incompatible with life. The results of post-mortem examination, including autopsy and toxicological findings, combined with information about the medical history of the decedent serves to establish the *cause of death*. The same *cause of death* can result from different *circumstances* and *manner of death*. For example, the same cause of death, drowning, can result from the accidental immersion of a child in a swimming pool or from the homicidal immersion of a child in a bathtub.

Children – Individuals 18 years of age or younger.

Circumstances of Death – The situation, setting, or condition present at the time of injury or death.

County of Death – The County where the injury leading to death occurred. The county where the decedent legally resided, the county where the decedent was fatally injured, and the county where the decedent died may be the same or different. For example, a resident of Los Angeles County, California, may be injured in a motor vehicle accident in Apache County, Arizona, and be transported to and die in a regional trauma center in Bernalillo County, New Mexico. See *county of residence*.

County of Residence - the County where a person legally resides. If not a resident of New Mexico, the decedent is listed as “out of state.” We distinguish between *county of residence* and *county of injury*.

Deputy Medical Investigator – An investigator, not necessarily a physician, appointed by the *State Medical Investigator* to assist in the investigation of deaths in the *jurisdiction* of the OMI. There is at least one deputy medical investigator in each county in New Mexico.

Dictated External – A detailed postmortem external examination of a body.

Drug Caused Death – A death caused by a drug or combination of drugs. Deaths caused by *ethanol*, poisons and volatile substances are excluded.

Drug Involved Death – A death in which a drug or combination of drugs is present in the body at the time of death. The drug(s) is not the *cause of death*, but may have contributed to the death. Therapeutic drugs exceeding therapeutic levels are included.

Ethanol – An alcohol, which is the principal intoxicant in liquor, beer, and wine. A person with an alcohol concentration in blood of 0.08 grams percent (0.08g%) is legally intoxicated in New Mexico.

Homicide – The *manner of death* in which death results from the intentional harm of one person by another.

Jurisdiction – The extent of the Office of the Medical Investigator’s authority over deaths. The OMI authority covers reportable deaths that occur in New Mexico, except for those occurring on federal reservations (American Indian and military) and in Veteran’s Administration hospitals. 24-11-5NMSA 1978 and described in the OMI policy manual defines reportable deaths. The OMI may be invited to consult on or investigate cases over which it has no jurisdiction.

Investigation/Field Examination – An investigation and external examination conducted at the scene to determine cause of death.

Manner of Death – The general category of the condition, circumstances, or event, which causes the death. The categories are *natural*, *accident*, *homicide*, *suicide*, and *undetermined*.

Motor Vehicle Accident Related Deaths – An accidental death involving a motor vehicle. Motor vehicles include automobiles, vans, motorcycles, and trucks, but exclude bicycles, tricycles, aircraft and trains. The decedent is usually a driver of, a passenger in, or a pedestrian who is struck by, a motor vehicle. The death of a bicyclist that is struck by a motor vehicle is considered to be a motor vehicle accident related death.

Natural – The *manner of death* used when solely a disease causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the *manner of death* is not considered natural.

Non-Motor Vehicle Accident – An *accidental death* that does not involve a motor vehicle.

Office of the Medical Investigator – The state agency in New Mexico that is responsible for the investigation of sudden, violent, or untimely deaths. The Office of the Medical Investigator was created by legislation in 1973 to replace the county coroner system (see also *Deputy Medical Investigator*).

Opiate – A class of drugs, including morphine, codeine, and heroin, derived from the opium poppy plant (*Papaver Somniferum*).

Place of Injury – The type of place where the injury leading to death occurred. In this report six categories are used:

Residence – Includes areas in and around dwellings, but excludes long-term care facilities and institutions.

Roadway, Railroad, or Airport – Includes all public areas designed for motorized or powered transportation.

Body of Water – Includes naturally occurring and manmade bodies of water, such as lakes, rivers, ocean, streams, swimming pools; but excludes small containers holding water, such as bathtubs, pails, toilettes.

Building/Developed Area – Includes areas in and around non-residential buildings or structures, and developed outdoor areas, such as city parks, golf courses, ski areas, but excludes undeveloped outdoor areas such as forests or fields.

Undeveloped Land – Includes undeveloped outdoor areas, such as farm fields, forests, rural or natural land, or outdoor areas under construction.

Unknown – Insufficient information is available to classify the place of injury into one of the above categories.

State Medical Investigator – The head of the *Office of the Medical Investigator*. The State Medical Investigator must be a licensed physician licensed in New Mexico and may appoint Assistant Medical Investigators, who must be physicians, and *Deputy Medical Investigators*.

Stimulant – a class of drugs, including cocaine and oral and indictable amphetamines, whose principal action is the stimulation of the central nervous system, Cocaine is an alkaloid derived from the leaves of *Erythroxylon Coca*, a shrub which grows in the Andes Mountains 1000 to 3000 meters above sea level, and can be taken orally, intravenously, or by inhalation.

Suicide – The *manner of death* in which death results from the purposeful attempt to end one's life.

Undetermined – The *manner of death* for deaths in which there is insufficient information to assign another manner.