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On behalf of the Medical Examiners Commission, I am pleased to provide this *Annual Workload Report* to each of our district medical examiners. While the Medical Examiners Commission is no longer required to submit this report to the Governor and Legislature, the information included is valuable to the districts so the Commission decided to continue compiling the data and providing it to the districts.

The *Report of Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons* includes highly sought after information. This unique report continues to display the unfortunate, yet increasing abuse of both prescription and illicit drugs. Furthermore, the report assists Florida's state and local agencies in allocating and focusing their resources.

The Medical Examiners Commission continued its joint initiative with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the 24 medical examiner districts, which is aimed at resolving the almost 700 unidentified deceased cases reported in our state. With new technology and advances in forensic science, the initiative is constantly evolving. This Commission will continue to encourage participation and provide access to resources to reduce the backlog of cases.

Thank you for your professional commitment to providing the state of Florida with high quality medico-legal death investigative services.

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INTRODUCTION

The Medical Examiners Act, Chapter 406, Part I, Florida Statutes, was enacted by the 1970 Legislature in order to establish minimum and uniform standards of excellence in statewide medical examiner services. This report is compiled to illustrate the direction taken by the Medical Examiners Commission during 2012 to ensure the maintenance of an effective and viable program of medical examiner services throughout Florida.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

At the end of 2012, the Commission anticipated two vacant seats. County Commissioner Donna G. Hayes retired in November 2012, which created the first vacancy and Monroe County Sheriff Robert Peryam retired in January 2013. Recommendations have been sent to the Governor for consideration to fill both vacancies.

MEDICAL EXAMINER DISTRICTS

In 2012, the Commission recommended that the district medical examiners from Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 be reappointed by the Governor for additional three-year terms.

District 1: Andrea N. Minyard, M.D.
District 2: David T. Steward, M.D.
District 4: Valerie J. Rao, M.D.
District 5: Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.
District 6: Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D.

Surveys were sent to the constituents of District 7 for information only as that district falls under a Home Rule Charter. Marie A. Herrmann, M.D. of District 7 (Volusia County) continued as the district medical examiner. Surveys were also sent to the constituents of District 3 for information only as that district is cross-covered by Districts 2, 4, and 8.

Mary K. Mainland, M.D. replaced Vernard Adams, M.D. as the District 13 medical examiner. Dr. Adams resigned in June 2012 after serving 21 years as District 13 medical examiner.

Michael Hensley retired in December 2012 after serving as the director of operations for the District 5 medical examiner for three years.

Mr. Larry R. Bedore retired in December 2012 after serving as the director of investigations/operations for Districts 5, 6, and 8 medical examiners since 1984. Mr. Bedore was an active participant on numerous MEC committees and working groups for the past three decades.

IN MEMORIAM

Terrence Roy Steiner, M.D. passed away on November 14, 2012. Dr. Steiner was the District 23 medical examiner from 1990 through 2010.

Former District 15 Medical Examiner Jim Benz, M.D. passed away in February 2012. He was the medical examiner from 1983 until 1995.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

In 2012, Commission staff received 13 formal written complaints against district medical examiners or their associate medical examiners. All of these complaints alleged misconduct regarding the findings of cause and/or manner of death. Most of these cases were found not legally sufficient by staff, without need for review by a Probable Cause Panel. One case went before a Probable Cause Panel but was found by the Panel to be not legally sufficient.

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 39th Annual Educational Conference was held July 11-13, 2012 at the Sandpearl Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The conference was jointly sponsored by District 16 Medical Examiner E. Hunt Scheuerman, M.D., the University of Florida College of Medicine, and the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine.

STATE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Child Abuse Death Review Committee (CADRC) is statutorily required to carefully review children whose deaths have been investigated by the Department of Children and Families and closed with a “verified” finding of child abuse or neglect. District 5 Medical Examiner Barbara Wolf, M.D. serves as the MEC representative on the committee and provided this report.

The CADRC received 126 child death cases that occurred in 2011 for review during the period January through November 2012. Four cases were verified after the review period and will be reported in 2013. One-hundred twenty-six victims were younger than 18 years old; and of the victims, 83 percent were under the age of five, 30 percent died from abuse and 70 percent died from neglect.

The causes of death due to neglect were:

- Drowning: 32 (25 percent);
- Unsafe sleeping environments: 30 (24 percent);
- Motor vehicle related: 10 (8 percent);
- Medical neglect: 7 (6 percent);
- Drug toxicity deaths: 5 (4 percent); and
- Firearm-related: 4 (3 percent)

When reviewing the cases with verified findings of death due to child abuse, the CADRC attempts to determine whether the child’s death was preventable. Based on the data collected and analyzed from the 126 child deaths reviewed, the committee identified five key recommendations for the Governor and Legislature to consider in an effort to prevent child abuse and neglect-related deaths:

- Florida lawmakers should amend the statutes governing the scope of responsibilities of the Statewide Child Abuse Death Review Committee to include all reported child fatalities accepted by the Abuse Hotline for an investigation;
- The DOH central office, DCF, hospitals, the Florida Pediatric Society, county health departments, Healthy Families Florida, Healthy Start and similar resources should submit information to the Statewide Child Abuse Death Review Committee by September 30, 2013 describing present practices in teaching parents infant sleep safety;
- Targeted prevention campaigns specific to drowning in residential pools and bath tubs should be developed;
- To avoid the costly consequences of child abuse and neglect, the legislature should increase the funding level for Healthy Families Florida, a program proven to prevent child abuse and neglect and improve the health, safety and well-being of children in high-risk families; and
- Local DCF offices and subcontracted Community-Based Care (CBC) agencies should develop formal partnerships and referral processes with local certified domestic violence centers to enhance the safety of families experiencing domestic violence.

METHODOLOGY

Death statistics in Florida reflect the total number of certificates of death recorded by local county registrars of vital statistics. These include both resident and non-resident deaths. Data for 2012 was obtained from the Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics. Rates related to deaths in this report are medical examiner cases per every 1,000 recorded deaths.

Population estimates for the state of Florida as of April 1, 2012 were provided by the Finance and Economic Analysis Section of the Executive Office of the Governor. Unless otherwise noted, rates related to population in this report are deaths for every 100,000 residents.

Information concerning autopsy numbers and other workload distribution figures are supplied by each of the 24 medical examiner districts on the Annual Report Workload Data Form. These forms are filed annually with the Medical Examiners Commission staff unit within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in July of each year (see tables I and Ia).

TABLE I
2012 District Demographics and Annual Workload Activity Reports

District	Population	Total District Deaths	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined	Pending	Total Violent Deaths	Fetal Deaths	Human Archaeological Remains	Non-Human Remains	Total Cremation Approvals (CA)	Total Cases Referred to ME	Total Cases Accepted (incl CA)	Cases Referred Minus CA	Cases Accepted Minus CA	Jurisdiction Declined	SIDS	Police Custody or Penal Inst.
1	699,146	6,565	239	119	197	146	32	25	0	519	1	0	8	3,468	6,183	4,226	2,715	758	1,957	0	10
2	413,372	3,100	183	99	96	77	30	6	0	308	0	0	4	1,316	2,393	1,807	1,077	491	586	0	22
3	170,549	1,532	75	42	55	29	10	3	0	139	2	0	3	828	1,097	1,042	269	214	55	0	7
4	1,135,545	10,145	380	185	469	203	123	40	2	1,022	2	0	25	5,513	7,025	6,915	1,512	1,402	110	0	58
5	1,046,729	13,284	321	128	673	183	48	22	0	1,054	0	1	28	9,570	12,014	10,945	2,444	1,375	1,069	0	38
6	1,388,943	17,144	553	198	717	279	67	35	0	1,296	1	2	38	12,572	14,956	14,421	2,384	1,849	535	0	23
7	497,145	6,370	274	112	178	116	23	2	0	431	1	6	0	4,155	5,167	4,860	1,012	705	307	2	7
8	373,742	4,027	231	133	177	68	20	31	2	431	0	0	6	2,317	3,212	2,979	895	662	233	1	133
9	1,456,807	9,562	655	200	407	179	126	43	0	955	2	0	0	6,253	9,671	7,863	3,418	1,610	1,808	20	13
10	733,605	7,271	253	116	211	91	51	3	0	472	2	3	12	4,629	6,052	5,354	1,423	725	698	2	8
11	2,551,290	19,331	823	288	509	235	253	12	70	1,367	3	3	13	8,480	11,496	10,670	3,016	2,190	826	3	55
12	748,374	8,557	291	111	284	136	52	16	3	602	0	0	0	6,550	8,006	7,443	1,456	893	563	0	6
13	1,256,118	10,214	988	201	516	179	74	34	0	1,004	2	2	16	5,479	8,158	7,471	2,679	1,992	687	4	6
14	294,693	2,947	156	66	65	67	18	0	3	219	7	0	3	293	958	668	665	375	290	1	4
15	1,335,415	13,870	363	159	425	207	92	34	0	917	1	0	5	6,541	8,677	7,821	2,136	1,280	856	1	8
16	72,897	531	91	16	32	24	3	6	0	81	0	0	5	418	627	590	209	172	37	0	2
17	1,771,099	13,929	578	195	549	252	97	51	0	1,144	25	2	14	6,633	10,178	8,355	3,545	1,722	1,823	4	10
18	545,625	6,218	228	71	262	123	35	9	2	502	1	1	3	3,963	5,334	4,693	1,371	730	641	1	0
19	606,809	6,425	327	71	325	117	22	9	0	544	1	2	10	4,650	5,711	5,521	1,061	871	190	0	5
20	329,849	3,051	110	28	191	50	7	0	2	278	1	1	5	2,346	3,124	2,734	778	388	390	0	0
21	688,832	6,163	319	102	309	124	57	3	1	596	0	0	12	4,561	8,054	5,476	3,493	915	2,578	2	5
22	163,357	2,365	86	11	36	31	3	1	0	82	1	1	0	1,819	2,323	1,987	504	168	336	2	2
23	366,389	3,097	109	35	77	59	24	0	0	195	0	0	0	2,107	2,495	2,411	388	304	84	0	1
24	428,104	3,032	122	19	73	50	17	2	0	161	1	0	0	1,726	2,266	2,009	540	283	257	1	1
State	19,074,434	178,730	7,755	2,705	6,833	3,025	1,284	387	85	14,319	54	24	210	106,187	145,177	128,261	38,990	22,074	16,916	44	424

TABLE Ia
2012 Workload by Depth of Examination

	Natural				Acc: Motor Veh				Acc: Non Motor Veh				Suicide				Homicide				Undetermined				Pending				Totals for Year		
District	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only	Total	Autopsied	Body Inspected	Case Investigated Only
1	45	3	191	239	35	52	32	119	99	15	83	197	145	0	1	146	32	0	0	32	19	0	6	25	0	0	0	0	375	70	313
2	77	77	29	183	89	9	1	99	35	49	12	96	77	0	0	77	30	0	0	30	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	314	135	42
3	50	20	5	75	40	2	0	42	39	13	3	55	29	0	0	29	10	0	0	10	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	171	35	8
4	287	90	3	380	131	50	4	185	271	175	23	469	203	0	0	203	123	0	0	123	37	3	0	40	1	0	1	2	1,053	318	31
5	160	28	133	321	117	0	11	128	225	2	446	673	181	1	1	183	48	0	0	48	20	1	1	22	0	0	0	0	751	32	592
6	284	269	0	553	156	40	2	198	410	293	14	717	275	4	0	279	66	0	1	67	35	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	1,226	606	17
7	111	163	0	274	88	24	0	112	84	85	9	178	115	1	0	116	23	0	0	23	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	423	273	9
8	202	29	0	231	124	9	0	133	76	98	3	177	68	0	0	68	20	0	0	20	30	1	0	31	2	0	0	2	522	137	3
9	425	230	0	655	146	54	0	200	225	182	0	407	170	9	0	179	125	1	0	126	42	1	0	43	0	0	0	0	1,133	477	0
10	191	55	7	253	104	9	3	116	141	28	42	211	89	1	1	91	51	0	0	51	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	579	93	53
11	550	270	3	823	278	10	0	288	318	101	90	509	234	1	0	235	253	0	0	253	9	2	1	12	67	2	1	70	1,709	386	95
12	168	119	4	291	92	17	2	111	149	119	16	284	133	3	0	136	52	0	0	52	15	1	0	16	0	3	0	3	609	262	22
13	381	571	36	988	180	17	4	201	279	38	199	516	179	0	0	179	74	0	0	74	32	0	2	34	0	0	0	0	1,125	626	241
14	72	40	44	156	50	15	1	66	40	15	10	65	67	0	0	67	18	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	250	70	55
15	237	99	27	363	72	82	5	159	255	43	127	425	195	12	0	207	92	0	0	92	31	3	0	34	0	0	0	0	882	239	159
16	57	34	0	91	16	0	0	16	29	2	1	32	24	0	0	24	3	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	135	36	1
17	326	252	0	578	115	80	0	195	369	180	0	549	183	69	0	252	97	0	0	97	48	3	0	51	0	0	0	0	1,138	584	0
18	146	82	0	228	53	18	0	71	149	113	0	262	119	4	0	123	35	0	0	35	9	0	0	9	2	0	0	2	513	217	0
19	166	157	4	327	58	13	0	71	119	111	95	325	117	0	0	117	22	0	0	22	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	491	281	99
20	36	70	4	110	23	4	1	28	56	26	109	191	50	0	0	50	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	174	100	114
21	166	153	0	319	96	6	0	102	118	187	4	309	123	1	0	124	57	0	0	57	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	563	348	4
22	49	37	0	86	11	0	0	11	32	3	1	36	31	0	0	31	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	127	40	1
23	33	76	0	109	35	0	0	35	52	25	0	77	59	0	0	59	23	1	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	202	102	0
24	59	63	0	122	16	3	0	19	48	24	1	73	50	0	0	50	17	0	0	17	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	192	90	1
State	4,278	2,987	490	7,755	2,125	514	66	2,705	3,618	1,927	1,288	6,833	2,916	106	3	3,025	1,281	2	1	1,284	361	16	10	387	78	5	2	85	14,657	5,557	1,860

Note: Cases Investigated Only means the body was not viewed by a medical examiner (ME), although the case was investigated and certified by an ME.

TABLE II
Cases Accepted by Medical Examiners
Compared to District Population

Rank	Dist	Autopsies / Other Investigations		Rank	Dist	Cremation Approvals
1	16	2.359		1	22	11.135
2	8	1.771		2	5	9.143
3	13	1.586		3	6	9.051
4	19	1.435		4	12	8.752
5	7	1.418		5	7	8.358
6	18	1.338		6	19	7.663
7	6	1.331		7	18	7.263
8	21	1.328		8	20	7.112
9	5	1.314		9	21	6.621
10	14	1.273		10	10	6.310
11	3	1.255		11	8	6.199
12	4	1.235		12	23	5.751
13	12	1.193		13	16	5.734
14	2	1.188		14	1	4.960
15	20	1.176		15	15	4.898
16	9	1.105		16	4	4.855
17	1	1.084		17	3	4.855
18	22	1.028		18	13	4.362
19	10	0.988		19	9	4.292
20	17	0.972		20	24	4.032
21	15	0.959		21	17	3.745
22	11	0.858		22	11	3.324
23	23	0.830		23	2	3.184
24	24	0.661		24	14	0.994

TABLE III
Autopsies Compared to
Total Deaths, Population, and Violent Deaths

Rank	Dist	Autopsies/ Total Deaths		Rank	Dist	Autopsies/ Population		Rank	Dist	Autopsies/ Violent Deaths
1	16	0.254		1	16	1.852		1	16	1.667
2	8	0.130		2	8	1.397		2	22	1.549
3	9	0.118		3	3	1.003		3	11	1.250
4	3	0.112		4	18	0.940		4	3	1.230
5	13	0.110		5	4	0.927		5	10	1.227
6	4	0.104		6	13	0.896		6	8	1.211
7	2	0.101		7	6	0.883		7	24	1.193
8	21	0.091		8	7	0.851		8	9	1.186
9	11	0.088		9	14	0.848		9	14	1.142
10	14	0.085		10	21	0.817		10	13	1.121
11	18	0.083		11	12	0.814		11	23	1.036
12	17	0.082		12	19	0.809		12	4	1.030
13	10	0.080		13	10	0.789		13	18	1.022
14	19	0.076		14	9	0.778		14	2	1.019
15	6	0.072		15	22	0.777		15	12	1.012
16	12	0.071		16	2	0.760		16	17	0.995
17	7	0.066		17	5	0.717		17	7	0.981
18	23	0.065		18	11	0.670		18	15	0.962
19	15	0.064		19	15	0.660		19	6	0.946
20	24	0.063		20	17	0.643		20	21	0.945
21	1	0.057		21	23	0.551		21	19	0.903
22	20	0.057		22	1	0.536		22	1	0.723
23	5	0.057		23	20	0.528		23	5	0.713
24	22	0.054		24	24	0.448		24	20	0.626

TABLE IV						
Percent of Medical Examiner Cases Autopsied						
District	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined
1	18.8%	29.4%	50.3%	99.3%	100.0%	76.0%
2	42.1%	89.9%	36.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
3	66.7%	95.2%	70.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
4	75.5%	70.8%	57.8%	100.0%	100.0%	92.5%
5	49.8%	91.4%	33.4%	98.9%	100.0%	90.9%
6	51.4%	78.8%	57.2%	98.6%	98.5%	100.0%
7	40.5%	78.6%	47.2%	99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
8	87.4%	93.2%	42.9%	100.0%	100.0%	96.8%
9	64.9%	73.0%	55.3%	95.0%	99.2%	97.7%
10	75.5%	89.7%	66.8%	97.8%	100.0%	100.0%
11	66.8%	96.5%	62.5%	99.6%	100.0%	75.0%
12	57.7%	82.9%	52.5%	97.8%	100.0%	93.8%
13	38.6%	89.6%	54.1%	100.0%	100.0%	94.1%
14	46.2%	75.8%	61.5%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A
15	65.3%	45.3%	60.0%	94.2%	100.0%	91.2%
16	62.6%	100.0%	90.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
17	56.4%	59.0%	67.2%	72.6%	100.0%	94.1%
18	64.0%	74.6%	56.9%	96.7%	100.0%	100.0%
19	50.8%	81.7%	36.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
20	32.7%	82.1%	29.3%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A
21	52.0%	94.1%	38.2%	99.2%	100.0%	66.7%
22	57.0%	100.0%	88.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
23	30.3%	100.0%	67.5%	100.0%	95.8%	0.0%
24	48.4%	84.2%	65.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
State	55.2%	78.6%	52.9%	96.4%	99.8%	93.3%

TABLE V
Ranking of Violent Death Rates
(Per 1000 Population)

Ranking	Dist	Mot Veh Acc/ Population	Dist	Non M-V Acc/ Population	Dist	Homicides/ Population	Dist	Suicides/ Population	Dist	Total Violent/ Population
1	8	0.356	5	0.643	4	0.108	16	0.329	8	1.153
2	3	0.246	20	0.579	11	0.099	7	0.233	16	1.111
3	2	0.239	19	0.536	9	0.086	14	0.227	5	1.007
4	7	0.225	6	0.516	21	0.083	18	0.225	6	0.933
5	14	0.224	18	0.480	2	0.073	1	0.209	18	0.920
6	16	0.219	8	0.474	10	0.070	6	0.201	4	0.900
7	1	0.170	21	0.449	12	0.069	19	0.193	19	0.896
8	4	0.163	16	0.439	15	0.069	22	0.190	7	0.867
9	13	0.160	4	0.413	23	0.066	2	0.186	21	0.865
10	10	0.158	13	0.411	18	0.064	8	0.182	20	0.843
11	12	0.148	12	0.379	14	0.061	12	0.182	3	0.815
12	21	0.148	7	0.358	13	0.059	21	0.180	12	0.804
13	6	0.143	3	0.322	3	0.059	4	0.179	13	0.799
14	9	0.137	15	0.318	17	0.055	5	0.175	2	0.745
15	18	0.130	17	0.310	8	0.054	3	0.170	14	0.743
16	5	0.122	10	0.288	6	0.048	23	0.161	1	0.742
17	15	0.119	1	0.282	7	0.046	15	0.155	15	0.687
18	19	0.117	9	0.279	5	0.046	20	0.152	9	0.656
19	11	0.113	2	0.232	1	0.046	13	0.143	17	0.646
20	17	0.110	14	0.221	16	0.041	17	0.142	10	0.643
21	23	0.096	22	0.220	24	0.040	10	0.124	11	0.536
22	20	0.085	23	0.210	19	0.036	9	0.123	23	0.532
23	22	0.067	11	0.200	20	0.021	24	0.117	22	0.502
24	24	0.044	24	0.171	22	0.018	11	0.092	24	0.376

TABLE VI Ranking of Districts by Number of Violent Deaths			
Rank	Violent Deaths	District	Geographical Area of Florida with Population Ranking (#)
1	1,367	11	Miami (#1)
2	1,296	6	St. Petersburg (#4)
3	1,144	17	Ft. Lauderdale (#2)
4	1,054	5	Leesburg (#8)
5	1,022	4	Jacksonville (#7)
6	1004	13	Tampa (#6)
7	955	9	Orlando (#3)
8	917	15	Palm Beach (#5)
9	602	12	Sarasota (#9)
10	596	21	Ft. Myers (#12)
11	544	19	Ft. Pierce (#13)
12	519	1	Pensacola (#11)
13	502	18	Melbourne (#14)
14	472	10	Lakeland (#10)
15	431	7	Daytona Beach (#15)
16	431	8	Gainesville (#18)
17	308	2	Tallahassee (#17)
18	278	20	Naples (#20)
19	219	14	Panama City (#21)
20	195	23	St. Augustine (#19)
21	161	24	Sanford (#16)
22	139	3	Live Oak (#22)
23	82	22	Port Charlotte (#23)
24	81	16	Florida Keys (#24)
State	14,319		

TABLE VII District Death Rates Compared to Autopsy Rates			
Dist	Deaths/Population	Autopsies/Total Deaths	Autopsies/Population
1	0.94%	0.069	0.644
2	0.75%	0.107	0.801
3	0.90%	0.117	1.050
4	0.89%	0.097	0.864
5	1.27%	0.060	0.758
6	1.23%	0.078	0.959
7	1.28%	0.082	1.050
8	1.08%	0.122	1.311
9	0.66%	0.125	0.824
10	0.99%	0.083	0.821
11	0.76%	0.101	0.764
12	1.14%	0.073	0.831
13	0.81%	0.128	1.041
14	1.00%	0.073	0.733
15	1.04%	0.088	0.909
16	0.73%	0.271	1.975
17	0.79%	0.089	0.701
18	1.14%	0.085	0.970
19	1.06%	0.094	0.995
20	0.92%	0.066	0.612
21	0.89%	0.101	0.906
22	1.45%	0.053	0.765
23	0.85%	0.073	0.617
24	0.71%	0.074	0.526
State	0.94%	0.090	0.845

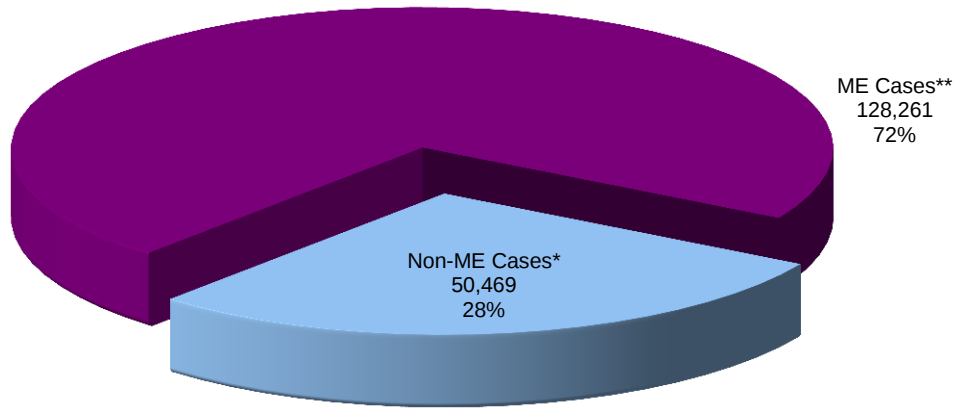
TABLE VIII**Fifteen Year Comparison of SIDS Deaths**

Dist	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1	6	8	2	5	2	6	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	3	6	2	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	4	1	2	1	0
3	3	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	3	0
4	11	8	15	7	6	9	7	8	4	3	5	3	10	5	0
5	1	9	1	6	3	2	2	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	6	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	4	4	6	4	2	2	4	7	5	1	2	4	1	2	2
8	6	5	3	3	6	8	7	0	5	2	9	3	0	0	1
9	9	13	3	11	17	11	8	12	10	6	5	6	10	10	20
10	8	15	10	3	5	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
11	11	9	8	0	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	0	2	2	3
12	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0
13	16	13	10	13	10	4	6	7	5	8	7	5	5	8	4
14	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
15	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	4	0	1
16	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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18	1	0	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
19	3	2	2	2	4	0	2	4	2	8	1	3	2	2	0
20	2	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	2	0	0
21	6	2	5	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	2
22	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
23	2	0	3	1	0	2	2	7	4	4	5	2	3	2	0
24	2	7	2	6	3	0	2	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
State	144	151	137	115	118	102	80	73	58	51	50	36	55	48	44

TABLE IX**Fifteen Year Comparison of Violent Death Rates**

Dist	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1	0.574	0.517	0.576	0.664	0.714	0.763	0.787	0.867	0.831	0.811	0.805	0.807	0.765	0.788	0.742
2	0.572	0.554	0.688	0.530	0.621	0.359	0.560	0.736	0.640	0.634	0.625	0.624	0.688	0.708	0.745
3	0.681	0.660	0.749	0.690	0.976	0.773	0.848	0.981	0.910	0.990	0.975	0.975	0.956	1.030	0.815
4	0.598	0.620	0.634	0.703	0.740	0.743	0.793	0.802	0.792	0.842	0.835	0.837	0.739	0.775	0.900
5	0.702	0.587	0.702	0.784	0.796	0.755	0.711	0.792	0.782	0.699	0.690	0.685	0.904	0.937	1.007
6	0.597	0.642	0.647	0.721	0.766	0.805	0.846	0.825	0.893	0.909	0.910	0.914	1.014	0.981	0.933
7	0.705	0.724	0.652	0.670	0.814	0.769	0.838	0.867	0.810	0.823	0.818	0.824	1.019	0.943	0.867
8	0.718	0.672	0.733	0.705	0.802	0.947	0.905	1.072	1.049	1.170	1.151	1.141	1.130	1.167	1.153
9	0.691	0.664	0.621	0.655	0.615	0.617	0.695	0.730	0.721	0.702	0.693	0.697	0.645	0.673	0.656
10	0.590	0.614	0.622	0.641	0.669	0.665	0.788	0.569	0.764	0.663	0.657	0.658	0.701	0.663	0.643
11	0.670	0.648	0.598	0.585	0.615	0.586	0.584	0.608	0.621	0.611	0.607	0.608	0.539	0.534	0.536
12	0.557	0.559	0.627	0.634	0.554	0.689	0.731	0.763	0.753	0.746	0.737	0.741	0.741	0.780	0.804
13	0.793	0.818	0.795	0.797	0.896	0.879	0.847	0.864	0.908	0.908	0.902	0.905	0.902	0.860	0.799
14	0.767	0.669	0.847	0.884	0.863	0.891	0.844	0.845	0.927	0.937	0.920	0.919	0.715	0.775	0.743
15	0.651	0.659	0.660	0.700	0.691	0.789	0.774	0.792	0.833	0.904	0.904	0.910	0.723	0.646	0.687
16	0.909	1.126	0.741	1.464	1.085	1.242	1.120	1.226	1.180	1.279	1.328	1.296	1.272	1.390	1.111
17	0.596	0.625	0.544	0.609	0.649	0.641	0.646	0.693	0.666	0.675	0.677	0.683	0.664	0.622	0.646
18	0.595	0.583	0.701	0.750	0.888	0.872	0.848	1.002	0.981	0.880	0.874	0.875	0.854	0.895	0.920
19	0.650	0.622	0.675	0.858	0.867	0.897	0.951	0.827	0.835	0.764	0.754	0.759	0.809	0.805	0.896
20	0.787	0.797	0.704	0.756	0.836	0.838	0.865	0.941	0.946	0.872	0.874	0.874	0.930	0.877	0.843
21	0.874	0.927	0.912	0.956	0.941	0.929	1.082	1.113	1.047	0.993	0.979	0.991	0.887	0.923	0.865
22	0.394	0.497	0.551	0.505	0.485	0.507	0.682	0.669	0.605	0.620	0.615	0.616	0.575	0.611	0.502
23	0.738	0.735	0.723	0.630	0.694	0.680	0.695	0.649	0.624	0.663	0.645	0.643	0.658	0.609	0.532
24	0.459	0.342	0.318	0.299	0.335	0.385	0.357	0.335	0.081	0.409	0.408	0.411	0.435	0.447	0.376
State	0.652	0.647	0.647	0.682	0.715	0.721	0.748	0.772	0.773	0.775	0.770	0.766	0.772	0.753	0.001

Chart Ia
2012 Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Total Florida Deaths: 178,730



* Includes 16,916 Cases Reviewed but Jurisdiction Declined

** Includes Cases Accepted and Cremation Approvals

Chart Ib
2012 Medical Examiner Workload
Total Deaths Reviewed: 145,177

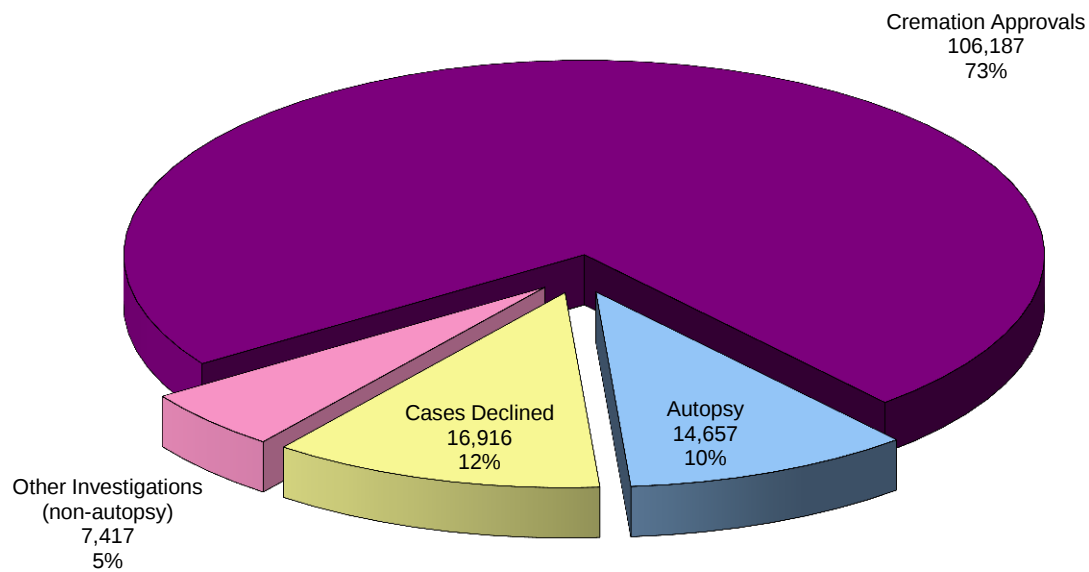


Chart IIa
2012 Violent vs. Non-Violent Deaths
Total Florida Deaths: 178,730

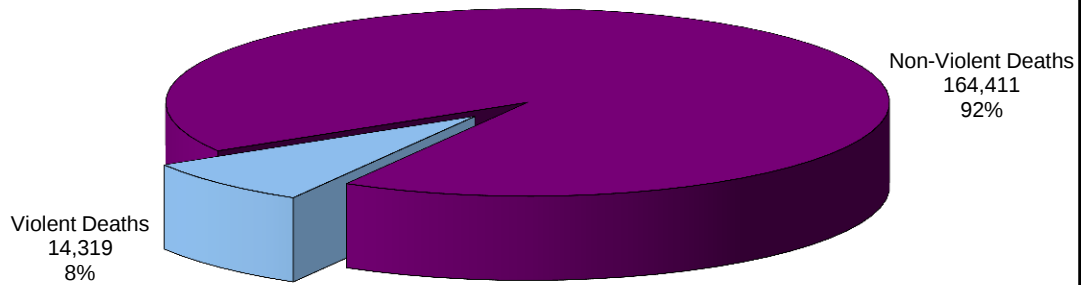


Chart IIb
2012 Violent Death Workload
Total Violent Deaths: 14,319

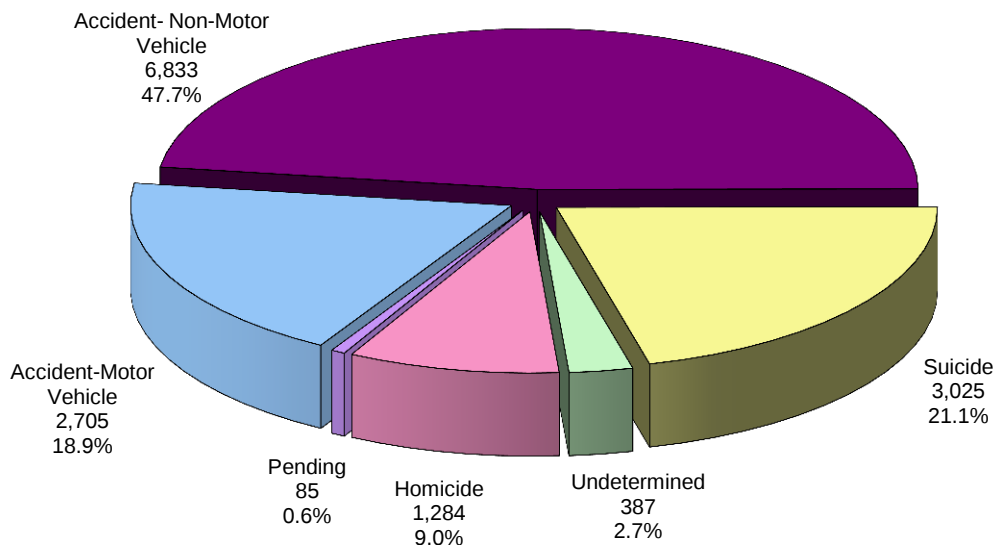
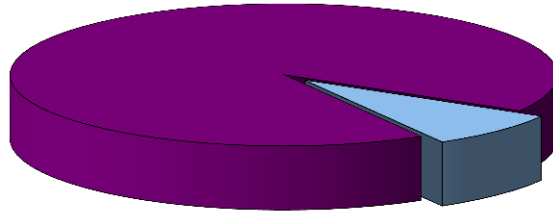


Chart IIIa

2012 Autopsy Workload
Total Florida Deaths: 178,730

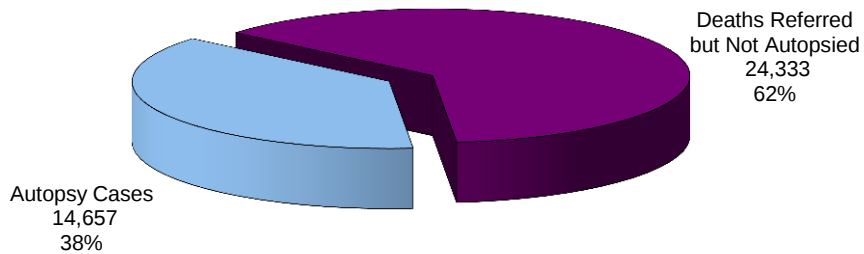
Total Deaths not
autopsied
164,073
92%



Deaths Autopsied
14,657
8%

Chart IIIb

2012 Autopsy Workload as Percent of
Deaths Referred to Medical Examiners
Total Deaths Referred: 38,990 *



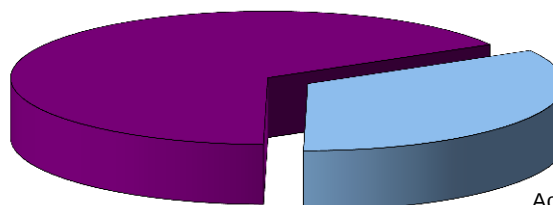
Deaths Referred
but Not Autopsied
24,333
62%

*Excludes Cremations

Chart IIIc

2012 Autopsy Workload as
Percent of Deaths Accepted
Total Deaths Accepted: 22,074

Autopsy Cases
14,657
66%



Accepted Cases
Not Autopsied
7,417
34%

Chart IVa
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Homicide
Total Homicides: 1,284

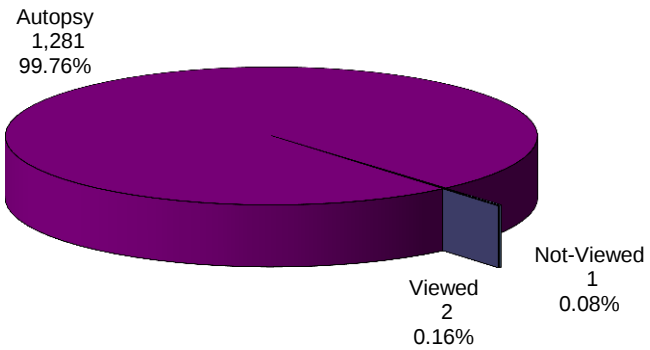


Chart IVb
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Suicide
Total Suicides: 3,025

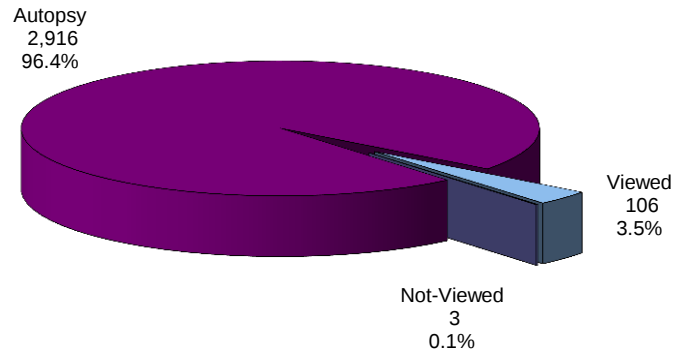


Chart IVc
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Undetermined
Total Undetermined: 387

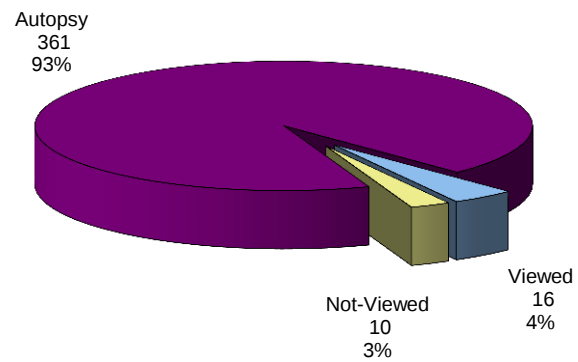


Chart IVd
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Motor Vehicle
Total Accident: Motor Vehicle: 2,705

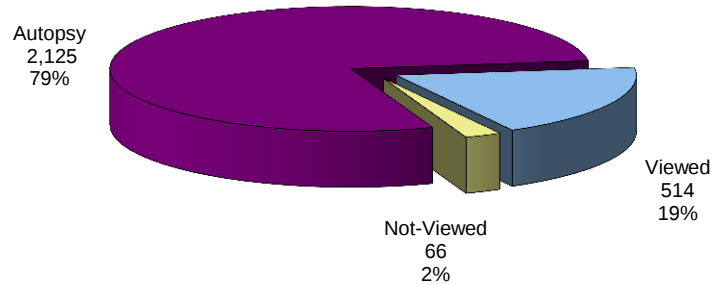


Chart IVe
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle
Total Accident: Non-Motor Vehicle: 6,833

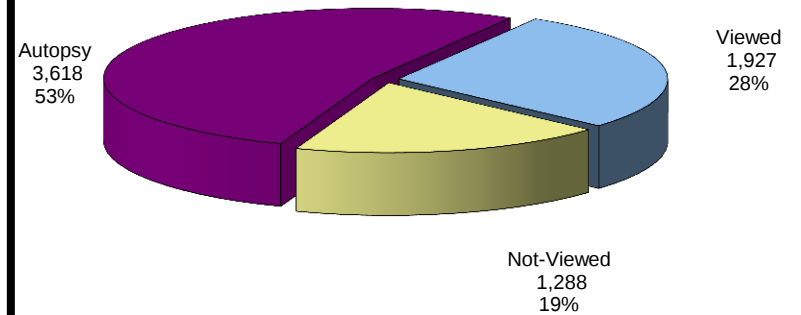
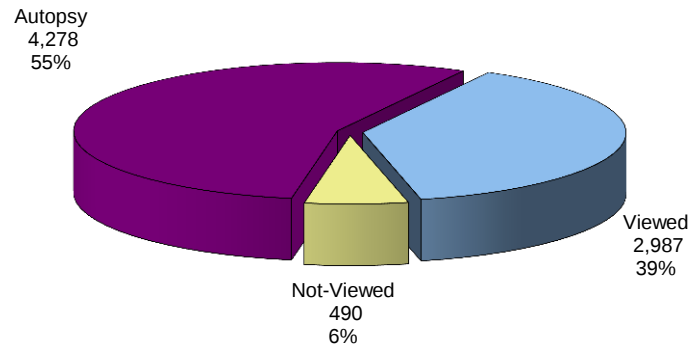
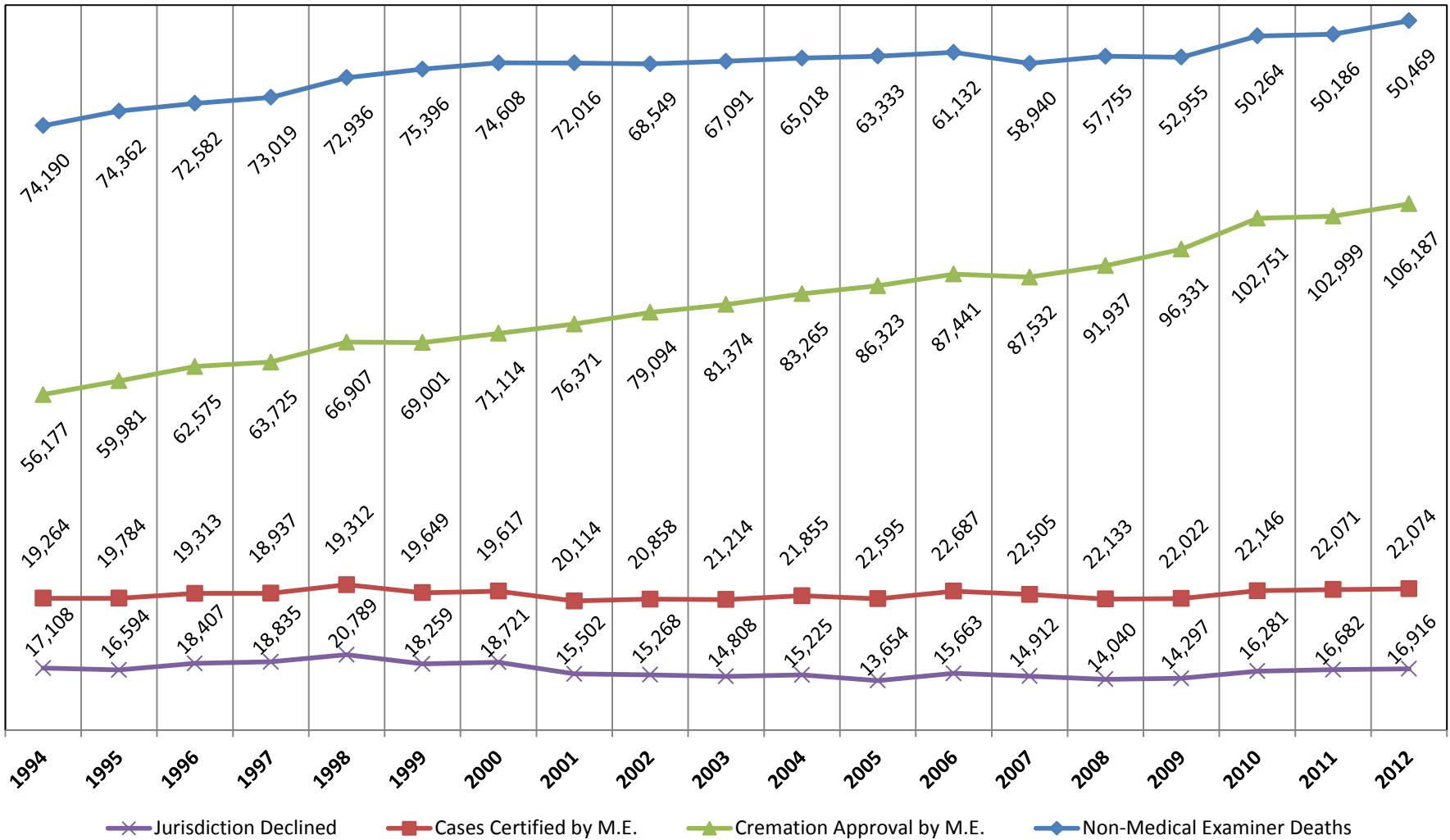


Chart IVf
Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Natural
Total Natural: 7,755



Historical Workload Medical Examiner Cases Compared to All Florida Deaths 1994 - 2012



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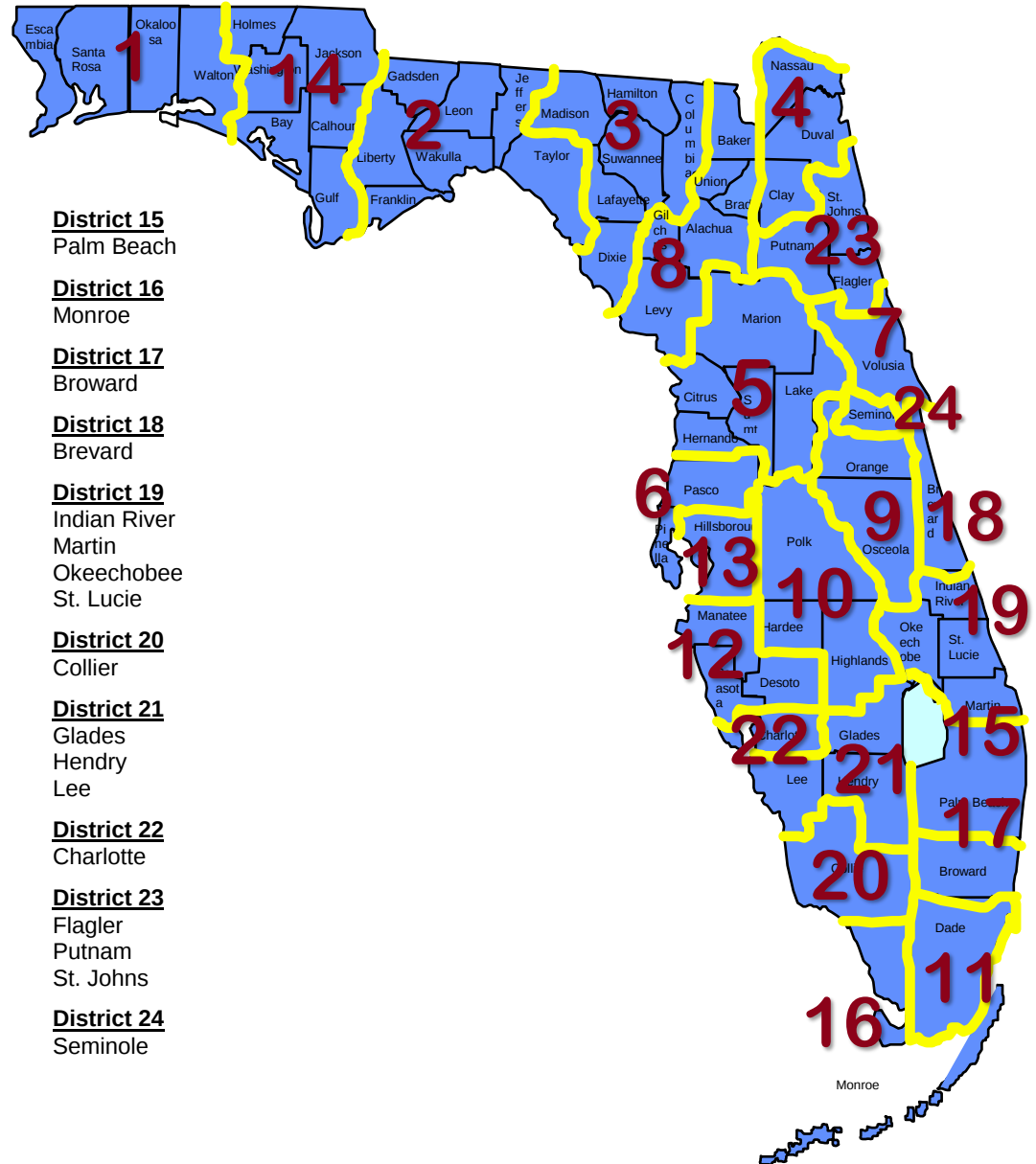
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2	2012	2015	2018
3	2012	2015	2018
4	2012	2015	2018
5	2012	2015	2018
6	2012	2015	2018
7	Home Rule Authority Began 1997		
8	2013	2016	2019
9	2013	2016	2019
10	2013	2016	2019
11	Home Rule Authority Began 1992		
12	2013	2016	2019
13	Home Rule Authority Began 1992		
14	2013	2016	2019
15	Home Rule Authority Began 1993		
16	2011	2014	2017
17	Home Rule Authority Began 2011		
18	2011	2014	2017
19	2011	2014	2017
20	2011	2014	2017
21	2011	2014	2017
22	2011	2014	2017
23	2011	2014	2017
24	2011	2014	2017



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