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On behalf of the Medical Examiners Commission (MEC), I am pleased to provide this *Annual Workload Report* to each of our district medical examiners. The information included in this report is invaluable to the many interested parties well beyond the boundaries of our medical examiner districts. The Annual Workload Report includes information regarding each districts workload and lists information related to the depth of examinations, the manner of death as determined by the medical examiner and infant deaths related to sleep environment conditions. The MEC believes in the value and worth of compiling statewide data and providing it to the general public and policy makers alike.

In addition to this report, the MEC publishes the *Report of Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons* which provides highly sought after and critical information related to drug deaths in Florida. This unique report continues to track the unfortunate results of the abuse of both prescription and illicit drugs. The report assists Florida's state and local agencies in allocating and focusing their precious resources. Dating back to 1987, this annual report was first conceptualized for tracking deaths due to cocaine, with heroin later added in 1995. The report is constantly evolving. More drugs are tracked as their abuse potential and prevalence becomes known. The *Report of Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons* has currently evolved to include the tracking of 42 drugs and ethanol.

One of the MEC's proudest accomplishments continues to be its joint initiative with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Florida's 25 medical examiner districts as we attempt to resolve the approximate 755 unidentified deceased persons in our state. With new technology and advances in forensic science, this project continues to pay dividends for many families seeking closure of a loved one's fate. We will continue to encourage participation and provide access to various resources to reduce the backlog of these unidentified deaths.

Thank you for your on-going professional commitment to providing the State of Florida with high quality medical-legal death investigative services. This is very much a team effort and you are to be commended for your exemplary efforts and professionalism.



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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 (MEC) during 2024 to ensure an effective and viable program of medical examiner services throughout Florida.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Reappointments

The term for the licensed funeral director expired on June 30, 2024. Incumbent Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., applied for reappointment and will continue to serve until reappointed or replaced.

The term for one of the medical examiners expired on June 30, 2024. Incumbent Joshua Stephany, M.D., District 9/25 Medical Examiner, applied for reappointment and will continue to serve until reappointed or replaced.

The county commissioner position on the MEC was vacated by the Palm Beach County Commissioner Michael Barnett in November 2024 when he lost his bid for re-election.

MEDICAL EXAMINER DISTRICTS

In 2024, the Commission recommended that the medical examiners for Districts 1, 4, 5 and 6 be reappointed by the Governor for additional three-year terms.

District 1	Dr. Deanna Oleske
District 4	Dr. Robert Pietak
District 5	Dr. Barbara Wolf
District 6	Dr. Jon Thogmartin

Surveys for the reappointments of district medical examiners for Districts 1 (Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties), 2 (Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor and Wakulla counties), 4 (Clay, Duval and Nassau counties), 5 (Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties), 6 (Pasco and Pinellas counties) were mailed to the constituents of these districts in January.

Surveys were sent to the constituents of District 3 and 7 for information only. District 3 receives medical examiner services through contractual agreements with Districts 2 and 4. District 7 falls under Home Rule Charter and the district medical examiner is not appointed by the Governor. Dr. James Fulcher continues to serve as the district medical examiner for District 7.

Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D. was appointed the District 8 Interim Medical Examiner effective April 11, 2024.

Thomas Coyne, M.D. was appointed the District 2 Interim Medical Examiner effective May 1, 2024.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

There was a total of eleven formal complaints in 2024. Of the eleven cases received, two cases went to a probable cause panel with no further action and nine cases were found to be not legally sufficient by staff, without the need for review by a probable cause panel.

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 50th Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners was held July 17-19, 2024, at the Westin Sarasota in Sarasota, Florida.

STATE CHILD ABUSE DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE

Districts 12 and 22 Medical Examiner Russell S. Vega, M.D., was appointed in August 2024 to serve as the Florida Medical Examiners Commission representative on the statewide Child Abuse Death Review Committee.

The 2024 Florida Child Abuse Death Review Committee Annual Report is posted on the Florida Department of Health website and can be viewed at <http://www.flcadr.com/reports>.

VIOLENT CRIME AND DRUG CONTROL COUNCIL

Districts 12 and 22 Medical Examiner Russell S. Vega, M.D., continued to serve on the Violent Crime and Drug Control Council as the statutorily mandated medical examiner (F.S. §943.931(2)(i)).

The 2024 Violent Crime and Drug Control Council Annual Report is posted on the FDLE website at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/VCDCC/Publications>.

UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE

Unidentified deceased success stories can be attributed to many of the tools that are available to medical examiners and law enforcement when investigating unidentified decedents. Some of these tools include the NCIC/FCIC database, which contains missing person records and can include fingerprint and dental records; the Florida Unidentified Decedents Database (www.fluiddb.com); the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System “NamUs” (www.NamUS.gov); and the Unidentified Deceased Initiative online training video, which was developed by FDLE’s Bureau of Professional Development and the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC).

MEPIC is available to assist in the identification of unidentified medical examiner cases. Their staff can provide assistance with DNA status, fingerprint submissions, dental records, FCIC/NCIC queries on active missing persons cases, resource information, forensic artists and the opening of cases. The Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement have fingerprint databases from undocumented aliens they have encountered. These databases are not tied into the FBI database. MEPIC can assist the medical examiners in submitting fingerprints through these databases if other avenues fail to produce results.

Seven success stories were reported during 2024 from Districts 13 and 15. The number of solved cases has grown significantly due to the analytical and investigative efforts of the MEPIC staff. This has been especially helpful in the identification of decedents who were foreign nationals.

District 13

- On July 14, 2022, at approximately 1125 hours, a decomposed, partially skeletonized body was located in a wooded area of Tampa, FL with drug paraphernalia found on scene. Cause and Manner of death were determined to be Accident, Combined Toxic Effects of Methamphetamine and Fentanyl. No ID could be established at that time. Through collaborative efforts between Hillsborough County Medical Examiner, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory, we were able to finally positively

ID this individual as Renaldo Ortiz after DNA report came back and provided a CODIS offender hit Notification.

District 15

- On October 27, 1976, skeletal remains were discovered by a fisherman at the Talisman Sugar farm in the western region of Palm Beach County. The initial investigation revealed the white male subject was likely a homicide victim with 4 bullet wounds. Dental evaluation was conducted in November 1976 and the remains were submitted for anthropological evaluation in October of 1978. The identity of the victim had eluded investigators. On December 12, 2022, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office confirmed that the decedent was identified via Forensic Genealogy (Othram, Inc.) and DNA confirmation (Othram, Inc.) as Douglas Streeter, (Date of Birth: 09/07/1946), a 30-year-old white male. The preliminary investigation indicates the victim traveled to South Florida from the State of Ohio in early 1976 to engage in illicit drug activity, and he never returned home. Investigators are currently pursuing leads in the homicide investigation now that the victim has been identified.
- On January 12, 1985, a skull was discovered near a deserted stable. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office responded and identified the find as human skeletal remains. The remains were almost completely buried and were found to be more or less intact except for a single small defect of the right occipital facet. This was located immediately adjacent to the remainder of the skeletal remains. There was 1 transparent 4 petal shot cup of medium-large gauge with birdshot impressions located inside the skull. No clothing was found with the remains. An autopsy of the skeletal remains was completed with cause of death as shotgun wound of chest and manner being homicide. On January 16, 1985, dental charting was performed. The remains were sent to the Smithsonian for anthropological evaluation with analytical response received on February 6, 1985. On March 16, 1998, an artist facial rendering was completed. On June 30, 2005, the skull was sent to UNT for DNA and on March 23, 2007, a femur was sent to UNT for DNA, with DNA profiles being uploaded into the National DNA Index. On April 26, 2013, secondary dental charting and x-rays were performed by Dr. Barbara Needell. On April 22, 2022, the left femur was sent to Othram, Inc. for DNA/Forensic Genealogy. On August 30, 2022, the skull was sent to Othram, Inc. for DNA/Forensic Genealogy. On October 20, 2023, Othram, Inc. completed a Forensic Genealogy Report indicating possible relation to the ancestral couple Joseph Cook and Nancy Middleton. Beverly Ketron and Michael Ketron, descendants of the ancestral couple (Cook and Middleton) were contacted for further information and DNA samples. On December 27, 2023, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office confirmed that the decedent was identified via Forensic Genealogy and DNA confirmation as Terry Ketron, a 31-year-old white male.
- On December 19, 1982, the severely decomposed remains of the decedent were discovered in a wooded area approximately 140 yards north of Okeechobee Road in Loxahatchee, Florida. The remains were estimated to belong to a middle-aged white female and presented with a perforating gunshot wound to the skull. An autopsy was performed by Dr. Fred Hobin and the remains were submitted to Dr. Yasar Ican for anthropological evaluation on December 20, 1982. The cause of death was determined to be gunshot wound to the head with manner being ruled homicide. On August 20, 2013, the left femur was submitted to UNT for DNA extraction and submission to CODIS. On December 12, 2022, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office confirmed that the decedent was identified via Forensic Genealogy and DNA Confirmation (Othram Inc.) as Leona Jean Keller, (DOB: 12/13/1945), a 37-year-old white female.

- On June 21, 2022, a set of unidentified skeletal remains were located in an empty lot in West Palm Beach, Florida. Anthropologist Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney was contacted who presented on June 22, 2022, to excavate the remains. On June 23, 2022, an autopsy/examination was performed by Dr. Wendolyn Sneed. The remains were then evaluated anthropologically by Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney. On June 23, 2023, the West Palm Beach Police Department advised of a missing person, Terrace Wright, a 25-year-old black male who had been missing since 2014. The decedent's mother submitted DNA samples for a comparison. The result was negative as the comparison abilities were reportedly limited. On March 1, 2023, the right femur was turned over to the West Palm Beach Police Department who subsequently submitted the femur to BODE for DNA comparison to that of Teri Wright. On August 7, 2023, BODE Technology confirmed via DNA comparison, positive identification of the decedent as Terrance Wright (DOB: 11/18/1989), the 25-year-old black male who had gone missing in 2014.
- On September 7, 2003, a white male was discovered floating in the ocean in Palm Beach County, Florida. There were no apparent signs of foul play or trauma to the body. An autopsy was performed the same day by Dr. Barbara Wolf and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office issued a press release for the unidentified white male. On September 8, 2003, a blood sample was turned over to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, which was then submitted to UNT for DNA submission into their National DNA Index. On October 14, 2003, following the receipt of the toxicology results, the cause of death was determined to be drowning, while the manner of death was ruled undetermined. A NamUs case was created on April 7, 2008. In the summer of 2023, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, had what was left of the blood sample that was originally submitted to UNT, subsequently submitted to Othram, Inc. for forensic genealogy. On November 6, 2023, Othram Inc. completed a forensic genealogy report indicating the possible relation to the ancestral couple William Mack and Josephine Walter whose daughter, Glades Mack, had one son, Donald Hugh Kirk. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office located a missing person report from Fort Lauderdale Police Department from September 6, 2003. On November 14, 2023, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office reached out to the Marin County Sheriff's Office in California and requested that they locate Mr. Kirk's daughter to acquire a DNA sample to be sent to Othram, Inc. On December 7, 2023, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office confirmed that the decedent was identified via Forensic Genealogy and DNA confirmation as Donald Hugh Kirk (DOB: 7/18/1927), a 76-year-old white male.
- On 05/24/1985 at approximately 6:00pm, a decomposed body was located in an wooded area of Gibsonton, FL in unincorporated Hillsborough County. Further investigation revealed a .32 caliber revolver by the right-side waist of decedent. Cause and manner of death were determined to be: Suicide, Gunshot Wound to Head. No ID could be established. In February of 2024, through Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG), we were able to finally positive ID this individual as, Charles Ray. Using FIGG, we were able to track down a potential brother who confirmed he had a missing brother from the mid-80's. We conducted a one-to-one STR comparison which confirmed the relation. FIGG is an exciting and powerful new identification technology that we're excited about using for these types of cases and hope to ID many more.

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 2024 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, 2024) were provided by the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research. Unless otherwise noted, rates related to population in this report are deaths for every 1,000 residents.

Information concerning autopsy numbers and other workload distribution figures are supplied by each of the 25 medical examiner districts on the Annual Report Workload Data Form. These forms are filed annually with the MEC staff within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement by May 31 of each year.

Deaths included in this report are classified as "Natural" or "Violent." It should be noted that, for the purposes of this report, the term "Violent" includes all non-natural deaths.

Coverage Map

Florida Medical Examiner Districts

District 1

Escambia
Okaloosa
Santa Rosa
Walton

District 2

Franklin
Gadsden
Jefferson
Leon
Liberty
Taylor
Wakulla

District 3 *Covered by

Columbia *4
Dixie *8
Hamilton *4
Lafayette *2
Madison *2
Suwannee *2

District 4

Clay
Duval
Nassau

District 5

Citrus
Hernando
Lake
Marion
Sumter

District 6

Pasco
Pinellas

District 7

Volusia

District 8

Alachua
Baker
Bradford
Gilchrist
Levy
Union

District 9

Orange

District 10

Hardee
Highlands
Polk

District 11

Miami-Dade

District 12

DeSoto
Manatee
Sarasota

District 13

Hillsborough

District 14

Bay
Calhoun
Gulf
Holmes
Jackson
Washington

District 15

Palm Beach

District 16

Monroe

District 17

Broward

District 18

Brevard

District 19

Indian River
Martin
Okeechobee
St. Lucie

District 20

Collier

District 21

Glades
Hendry
Lee

District 22

Charlotte

District 23

Flagler
Putnam
St. Johns

District 24 *Covered by

Seminole *5

District 25 *Covered by

Osceola *9

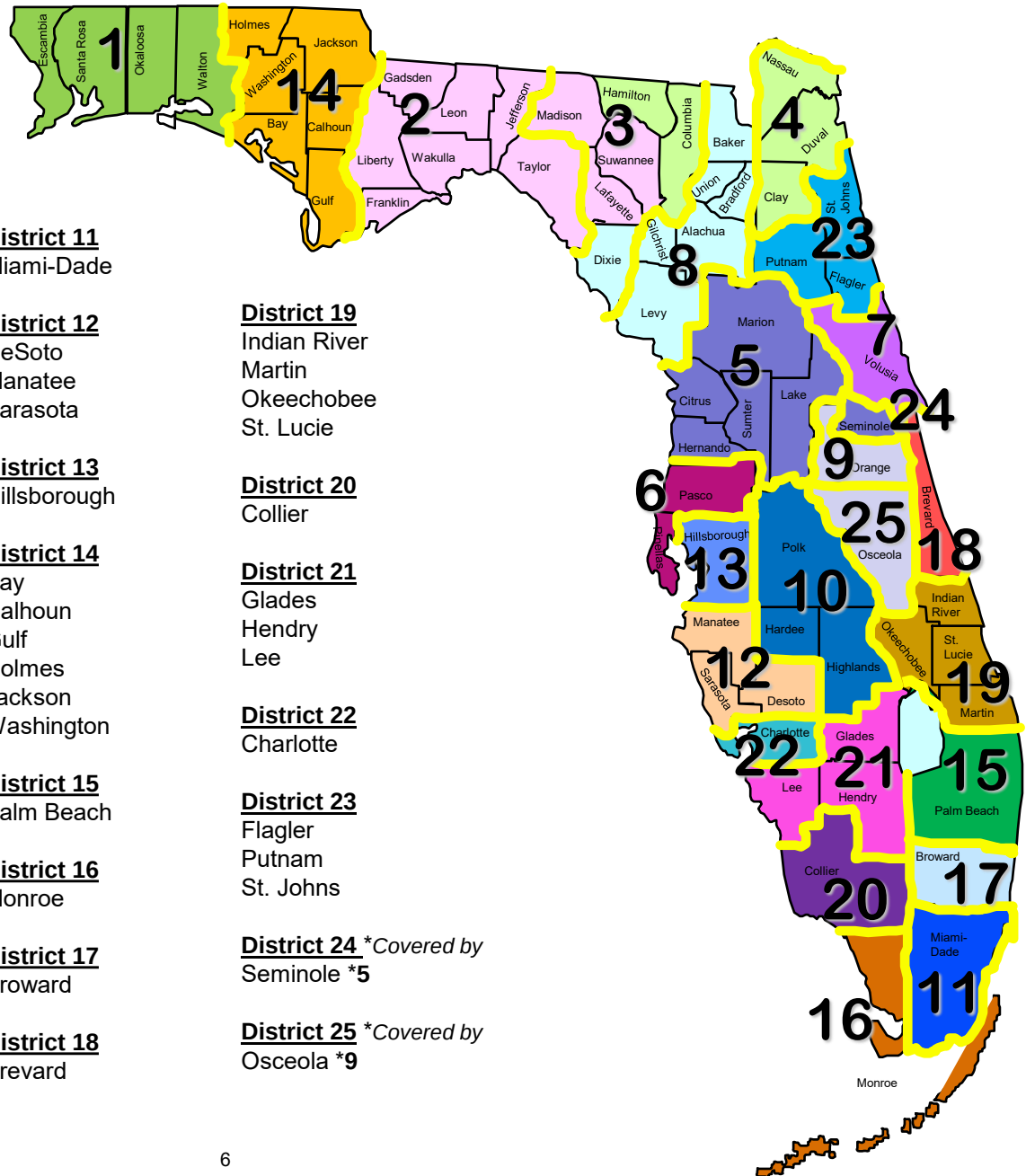


TABLE I
2024 District Demographics and Annual Workload Activity Reports

District	Population	Total District Deaths	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Drug Intoxication	Accident: Fall	Accident: Other	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 Excluding CA	Cases Accepted Excluding CA	Jurisdiction Declined	Infant Deaths: Not Sleep Environment Related	Infant Deaths: Sleep Environment Related	Total Infant Deaths	Total Law Enforcement Involved	Penal Institution (Jail / Prison)	Judicial Executions
1	853,875	9,177	561	139	247	222	152	171	65	21	88	1,105	0	1	2	6,292	9,415	7,958	3,123	1,666	1,457	5	10	15	9	50	0
2	443,169	4,140	214	95	67	57	67	78	43	8	5	420	0	0	0	1,097	2,469	1,731	1,372	634	738	1	2	3	1	20	0
3	177,610	2,115	123	59	41	25	28	39	21	3	0	216	0	0	0	1,385	1,879	1,724	494	339	155	0	3	3	0	25	0
4	1,402,948	14,198	533	168	457	336	165	248	94	32	0	1,500	5	1	26	10,422	12,974	12,455	2,552	2,033	519	3	5	8	8	57	0
5	1,386,312	19,664	638	269	369	697	100	295	52	46	0	1,828	1	1	12	16,564	21,454	19,030	4,890	2,466	2,424	4	9	13	7	51	0
6	1,604,247	20,024	610	245	634	612	121	314	71	35	0	2,032	0	0	1	16,835	19,549	19,477	2,714	2,642	72	4	8	12	11	19	0
7	594,643	7,674	287	118	228	275	56	134	25	15	0	851	1	3	1	5,505	7,571	6,643	2,066	1,138	928	2	6	8	4	10	0
8	433,995	5,074	265	126	88	123	48	80	38	7	1	511	0	0	0	3,693	4,578	4,469	885	776	109	5	5	10	1	115	1
9	1,511,568	10,892	477	197	347	355	93	174	102	16	0	1,284	3	0	0	8,103	12,228	9,864	4,125	1,761	2,364	3	15	18	13	27	0
10	958,082	9,941	309	169	201	119	75	159	44	5	2	774	5	0	16	7,781	10,091	8,864	2,310	1,083	1,227	5	0	5	6	6	0
11	2,774,841	21,887	787	192	375	308	270	282	177	39	50	1,693	2	7	5	12,009	15,734	14,489	3,725	2,480	1,245	16	15	31	11	45	0
12	969,870	11,800	316	94	107	113	188	124	30	9	31	696	0	1	17	6,971	9,066	7,983	2,095	1,012	1,083	18	5	23	15	0	0
13	1,560,449	13,494	910	222	395	359	113	226	111	26	3	1,455	1	2	0	8,693	13,410	11,058	4,717	2,365	2,352	32	22	54	7	0	0
14	322,731	3,810	218	88	73	49	38	98	25	10	3	384	2	0	0	2,471	4,107	3,073	1,636	602	1,034	4	7	11	5	40	0
15	1,545,905	16,171	509	224	315	559	143	260	79	26	0	1,606	4	3	2	9,366	13,040	11,481	3,674	2,115	1,559	4	13	17	26	12	0
16	84,147	509	25	6	20	2	25	19	2	2	0	76	0	2	0	455	564	556	109	101	8	0	1	1	0	0	0
17	1,981,888	15,544	625	286	441	345	139	269	122	75	35	1,712	6	0	11	8,854	12,395	11,191	3,541	2,337	1,204	7	13	20	11	6	0
18	653,703	8,400	303	108	218	225	56	142	37	40	21	847	2	0	1	6,791	9,047	7,941	2,256	1,150	1,106	3	5	8	2	5	0
19	761,858	8,956	272	120	125	180	67	136	36	20	3	687	2	1	4	7,308	9,205	8,267	1,897	959	938	3	3	6	5	14	0
20	408,381	4,393	195	44	51	232	36	44	6	5	13	431	0	0	4	3,821	5,089	4,447	1,268	626	642	2	0	2	0	0	0
21	885,244	8,417	472	143	197	317	153	148	37	16	5	1,016	0	0	31	6,990	10,190	8,478	3,200	1,488	1,712	7	10	17	14	2	0
22	210,645	3,025	113	17	44	65	14	37	8	4	0	189	0	0	0	2,735	3,386	3,037	651	302	349	0	1	1	1	2	0
23	543,927	4,660	145	52	73	111	43	80	9	12	0	380	0	1	1	3,839	4,523	4,364	684	525	159	1	4	5	5	1	0
24	493,282	3,797	149	45	78	139	23	57	14	5	0	361	1	0	2	2,945	4,134	3,455	1,189	510	679	1	2	3	0	3	0
25	451,231	3,149	191	60	109	53	17	41	17	6	0	303	1	0	0	2,332	3,556	2,826	1,224	494	730	3	3	6	1	6	0
State	23,014,551	230,911	9,247	3,286	5,300	5,878	2,230	3,655	1,265	483	260	22,357	36	23	136	163,257	219,654	194,861	56,397	31,604	24,793	133	167	300	163	516	1

TABLE Ia 2024 Annual Workload Activity Reports For Infant Deaths										
District	Not Sleep Environment Related					Sleep Environment Related				
	Specified Natural Disease	Homicide	Accident	Undetermined	Total	Accidental asphyxia, sleep surface sharing	Accidental asphyxia, not sleep surface sharing	SIDS	Undetermined	Total
1	3	0	1	1	5	6	3	0	1	10
2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2
3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
4	0	1	2	0	3	2	0	3	0	5
5	1	0	0	3	4	5	3	0	1	9
6	2	1	0	1	4	3	3	0	2	8
7	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	2	6
8	5	0	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	5
9	2	0	0	1	3	3	4	0	8	15
10	4	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
11	6	3	2	5	16	6	3	0	6	15
12	4	0	9	5	18	0	5	0	0	5
13	5	3	18	6	32	14	0	3	5	22
14	1	0	3	0	4	6	0	0	1	7
15	3	0	0	1	4	7	5	1	0	13
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
17	2	1	3	1	7	1	0	0	12	13
18	1	0	0	2	3	1	3	0	1	5
19	0	0	3	0	3	1	1	0	1	3
20	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
21	0	1	6	0	7	7	1	0	2	10
22	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
23	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	4
24	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
25	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	3	3
State	44	11	50	28	133	75	37	7	48	167

TABLE Ib 2024 Annual Workload Activity Reports For Law Enforcement Involved Deaths						
District	Law Enforcement Involved (Homicides, not including Judicial Execution)	Law Enforcement Involved (Accidents)	Law Enforcement Involved (Undetermined)	Law Enforcement Involved (Suicides)	Law Enforcement Involved (Natural)	Total
1	2	3	0	3	1	9
2	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	5	2	1	0	0	8
5	4	0	0	3	0	7
6	2	4	0	4	1	11
7	3	1	0	0	0	4
8	0	0	0	1	0	1
9	8	3	1	1	0	13
10	4	1	0	1	0	6
11	10	1	0	0	0	11
12	7	0	0	2	6	15
13	6	0	0	1	0	7
14	1	3	0	1	0	5
15	4	6	0	8	8	26
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	6	3	0	2	0	11
18	2	0	0	0	0	2
19	5	0	0	0	0	5
20	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	5	2	0	6	1	14
22	1	0	0	0	0	1
23	2	2	0	1	0	5
24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	1	0	1
State	77	32	2	35	17	163

TABLE Ia1
2024 Workload by Depth of Examination (Infant Deaths)

District	Not Sleep Environment Related																			
	Specified Natural Disease				Homicide				Accident				Undetermined				Totals for Year			
	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
1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	5
2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4
6	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4
7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
8	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
9	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	3
10	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
11	6	0	0	6	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	5	0	0	5	14	2	0	16
12	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	5	0	0	5	18	0	0	18
13	5	0	0	5	3	0	0	3	18	0	0	18	6	0	0	6	32	0	0	32
14	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
15	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	7	0	0	7
18	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
20	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
21	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
24	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
25	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3
State	42	1	1	44	11	0	0	11	47	2	1	50	28	0	0	28	128	3	2	133

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

TABLE Ia1 Cont.
2024 Workload by Depth of Examination (Infant Deaths)

District	Sleep Environment Related																			
	Accidental asphyxia, sleep surface sharing				Accidental asphyxia, not sleep surface sharing				SIDS				Undetermined				Totals for Year			
	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
1	6	0	0	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	0	0	10
2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2
3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3
4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
5	5	0	0	5	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	9
6	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	8	0	0	8
7	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	6	0	0	6
8	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
9	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	8	14	0	1	15
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	6	0	0	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	15	0	0	15
12	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
13	14	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	5	0	0	5	22	0	0	22
14	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	0	0	7
15	7	0	0	7	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
17	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	13	0	0	13
18	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	5
19	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	7	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	10	0	0	10
22	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
23	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
24	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3
State	75	0	0	75	37	0	0	37	7	0	0	7	47	0	1	48	166	0	1	167

TABLE Ib1
2024 Workload by Depth of Examination (Law Enforcement Involved Deaths)

District	Homicides				Accidents				Undetermined				Suicides				Natural				Totals for Year			
	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
1	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	8	1	0	9
2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	5	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8
5	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
6	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	10	1	0	11
7	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
9	8	0	0	8	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	13
10	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
11	10	0	0	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11
12	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	4	0	6	11	4	0	15
13	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
14	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
15	4	0	0	4	5	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	8	3	5	0	8	19	7	0	26
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	6	0	0	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11
18	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
19	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	5	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	14	0	0	14
22	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
23	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
State	77	0	0	77	28	4	0	32	2	0	0	2	34	1	0	35	7	10	0	17	148	15	0	163

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

TABLE Ic
2024 Workload by Depth of Examination

District	Natural				Acc: Motor Vehicle				Acc: Drug Intoxication				Acc: Fall				Acc: Other			
	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
1	208	156	197	561	60	52	27	139	177	56	14	247	17	4	201	222	83	21	48	152
2	108	85	21	214	65	7	23	95	62	2	3	67	1	2	54	57	44	5	18	67
3	67	44	12	123	55	1	3	59	38	1	2	41	3	1	21	25	24	1	3	28
4	296	148	89	533	106	9	53	168	382	33	42	457	21	9	306	336	124	7	34	165
5	261	79	298	638	145	54	70	269	180	168	21	369	26	5	666	697	56	17	27	100
6	280	321	9	610	176	48	21	245	565	69	0	634	27	14	571	612	83	23	15	121
7	124	136	27	287	21	73	24	118	163	29	36	228	11	3	261	275	32	4	20	56
8	116	141	8	265	87	29	10	126	67	13	8	88	6	7	110	123	25	13	10	48
9	224	248	5	477	122	70	5	197	278	63	6	347	9	291	55	355	50	34	9	93
10	183	64	62	309	131	10	28	169	170	7	24	201	7	1	111	119	51	6	18	75
11	459	286	42	787	138	54	0	192	337	38	0	375	54	71	183	308	210	60	0	270
12	132	167	17	316	75	2	17	94	107	0	0	107	1	1	111	113	59	7	122	188
13	346	536	28	910	168	50	4	222	304	70	21	395	36	106	217	359	90	18	5	113
14	94	86	38	218	49	32	7	88	62	10	1	73	5	4	40	49	23	11	4	38
15	339	170	0	509	116	108	0	224	294	21	0	315	36	0	523	559	99	44	0	143
16	18	7	0	25	5	0	1	6	20	0	0	20	2	0	0	2	25	0	0	25
17	400	217	8	625	58	228	0	286	403	35	3	441	24	118	203	345	99	35	5	139
18	189	109	5	303	72	33	3	108	196	20	2	218	14	37	174	225	36	12	8	56
19	192	64	16	272	98	4	18	120	116	3	6	125	14	1	165	180	55	1	11	67
20	92	98	5	195	38	6	0	44	50	1	0	51	8	3	221	232	28	5	3	36
21	178	242	52	472	92	49	2	143	181	16	0	197	25	62	230	317	110	39	4	153
22	51	57	5	113	15	1	1	17	40	1	3	44	0	0	65	65	11	1	2	14
23	84	60	1	145	29	23	0	52	69	4	0	73	3	1	107	111	37	5	1	43
24	76	22	51	149	22	13	10	45	30	39	9	78	5	133	1	139	14	1	8	23
25	94	97	0	191	39	20	1	60	87	19	3	109	5	24	24	53	9	5	3	17
State	4,611	3,640	996	9,247	1,982	976	328	3,286	4,378	718	204	5,300	360	898	4,620	5,878	1,477	375	378	2,230

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

TABLE 1c Cont.
2024 Workload by Depth of Examination

District	Suicide				Homicide				Undetermined				Pending				Totals for Year			
	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
1	72	99	0	171	65	0	0	65	20	1	0	21	71	17	0	88	773	406	487	1,666
2	74	4	0	78	43	0	0	43	8	0	0	8	3	0	2	5	408	105	121	634
3	33	6	0	39	21	0	0	21	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	244	54	41	339
4	165	78	5	248	92	0	2	94	28	3	1	32	0	0	0	0	1,214	287	532	2,033
5	146	146	3	295	52	0	0	52	42	2	2	46	0	0	0	0	908	471	1,087	2,466
6	297	16	1	314	71	0	0	71	34	1	0	35	0	0	0	0	1,533	492	617	2,642
7	130	3	1	134	25	0	0	25	14	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	520	248	370	1,138
8	67	13	0	80	37	0	1	38	7	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	413	216	147	776
9	166	7	1	174	96	4	2	102	15	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	960	718	83	1,761
10	157	0	2	159	44	0	0	44	5	0	0	5	1	1	0	2	749	89	245	1,083
11	215	67	0	282	175	2	0	177	36	1	2	39	50	0	0	50	1,674	579	227	2,480
12	122	2	0	124	30	0	0	30	8	1	0	9	31	0	0	31	565	180	267	1,012
13	217	7	2	226	110	1	0	111	25	1	0	26	3	0	0	3	1,299	789	277	2,365
14	98	0	0	98	25	0	0	25	9	0	1	10	3	0	0	3	368	143	91	602
15	102	158	0	260	79	0	0	79	24	2	0	26	0	0	0	0	1,089	503	523	2,115
16	14	5	0	19	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	88	12	1	101
17	114	154	1	269	122	0	0	122	57	15	3	75	34	1	0	35	1,311	803	223	2,337
18	93	49	0	142	37	0	0	37	32	8	0	40	17	4	0	21	686	272	192	1,150
19	132	3	1	136	36	0	0	36	20	0	0	20	3	0	0	3	666	76	217	959
20	44	0	0	44	6	0	0	6	5	0	0	5	12	1	0	13	283	114	229	626
21	101	47	0	148	37	0	0	37	14	2	0	16	3	2	0	5	741	459	288	1,488
22	37	0	0	37	8	0	0	8	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	166	60	76	302
23	36	44	0	80	9	0	0	9	9	3	0	12	0	0	0	0	276	140	109	525
24	24	32	1	57	14	0	0	14	4	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	189	241	80	510
25	40	1	0	41	16	1	0	17	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	296	167	31	494
State	2,696	941	18	3,655	1,252	8	5	1,265	431	42	10	483	232	26	2	260	17,419	7,624	6,561	31,604

TABLE II 2024 Cases Accepted by Medical Examiners Related to District Population						
Autopsies and Other			Cremation			
Rank	District	Investigations		Rank	District	Approvals
1	1	1.951		1	22	12.984
2	7	1.914		2	5	11.948
3	3	1.909		3	6	10.494
4	14	1.865		4	18	10.389
5	8	1.788		5	20	9.356
6	5	1.779		6	7	9.258
7	18	1.759		7	8	8.509
8	21	1.681		8	19	9.592
9	6	1.647		9	10	8.121
10	20	1.533		10	21	7.896
11	13	1.516		11	3	7.798
12	4	1.449		12	14	7.657
13	22	1.434		13	4	7.429
14	2	1.431		14	1	7.369
15	15	1.368		15	12	7.188
16	19	1.259		16	23	7.058
17	16	1.200		17	15	6.059
18	17	1.179		18	24	5.970
19	9	1.165		19	13	5.571
20	10	1.130		20	16	5.407
21	25	1.095		21	9	5.361
22	12	1.043		22	25	5.168
23	24	1.034		23	17	4.467
24	23	0.965		24	11	4.328
25	11	0.894		25	2	2.475

TABLE III 2024 Autopsies Related to Total Deaths, Population, and Violent Deaths									
Autopsies/ Total Deaths			Autopsies/ Population			Autopsies/ Violent Deaths			
Rank	District		Rank	District		Rank	District		
1	16	0.173	1	3	1.374	1	16	1.158	
2	3	0.115	2	14	1.140	2	3	1.130	
3	2	0.099	3	18	1.049	3	11	0.989	
4	14	0.097	4	16	1.046	4	25	0.977	
5	13	0.096	5	6	0.956	5	2	0.971	
6	25	0.094	6	8	0.952	6	19	0.969	
7	9	0.088	7	2	0.921	7	10	0.968	
8	21	0.088	8	1	0.905	8	14	0.958	
9	4	0.086	9	7	0.874	9	13	0.893	
10	17	0.084	10	19	0.874	10	22	0.878	
11	1	0.084	11	4	0.865	11	12	0.812	
12	18	0.082	12	21	0.837	12	18	0.810	
13	8	0.081	13	13	0.832	13	4	0.809	
14	6	0.077	14	22	0.788	14	8	0.808	
15	11	0.076	15	10	0.782	15	17	0.766	
16	10	0.075	16	15	0.704	16	6	0.754	
17	19	0.074	17	20	0.693	17	9	0.748	
18	7	0.068	18	17	0.661	18	21	0.729	
19	15	0.067	19	25	0.656	19	23	0.726	
20	20	0.064	20	5	0.655	20	1	0.700	
21	23	0.059	21	9	0.635	21	15	0.678	
22	22	0.055	22	11	0.603	22	20	0.657	
23	24	0.050	23	12	0.583	23	7	0.611	
24	12	0.048	24	23	0.507	24	24	0.524	
25	5	0.046	25	24	0.383	25	5	0.497	

TABLE IV 2024 Percent of Medical Examiner Cases Autopsied								
District	Natural	Accident: Motor Vehicle	Accident: Drug Intoxication	Accident: Fall	Accident: Other	Suicide	Homicide	Undetermined
1	37.1%	43.2%	71.7%	7.7%	54.6%	42.1%	100.0%	95.2%
2	50.5%	68.4%	92.5%	1.8%	65.7%	94.9%	100.0%	100.0%
3	54.5%	93.2%	92.7%	12.0%	85.7%	84.6%	100.0%	100.0%
4	55.5%	63.1%	83.6%	6.3%	75.2%	66.5%	97.9%	87.5%
5	40.9%	53.9%	48.8%	3.7%	56.0%	49.5%	100.0%	91.3%
6	45.9%	71.8%	89.1%	4.4%	68.6%	94.6%	100.0%	97.1%
7	43.2%	17.8%	71.5%	4.0%	57.1%	97.0%	100.0%	93.3%
8	43.8%	69.0%	76.1%	4.9%	52.1%	83.8%	97.4%	100.0%
9	47.0%	61.9%	80.1%	2.5%	53.8%	95.4%	94.1%	93.8%
10	59.2%	77.5%	84.6%	5.9%	68.0%	98.7%	100.0%	100.0%
11	58.3%	71.9%	89.9%	17.5%	77.8%	76.2%	98.9%	92.3%
12	41.8%	79.8%	100.0%	0.9%	31.4%	98.4%	100.0%	88.9%
13	38.0%	75.7%	77.0%	10.0%	79.6%	96.0%	99.1%	96.2%
14	43.1%	55.7%	84.9%	10.2%	60.5%	100.0%	100.0%	90.0%
15	66.6%	51.8%	93.3%	6.4%	69.2%	39.2%	100.0%	92.3%
16	72.0%	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	73.7%	100.0%	100.0%
17	64.0%	20.3%	91.4%	7.0%	71.2%	42.4%	100.0%	76.0%
18	62.4%	66.7%	89.9%	6.2%	64.3%	65.5%	100.0%	80.0%
19	70.6%	81.7%	92.8%	7.8%	82.1%	97.1%	100.0%	100.0%
20	47.2%	86.4%	98.0%	3.4%	77.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
21	37.7%	64.3%	91.9%	7.9%	71.9%	68.2%	100.0%	87.5%
22	45.1%	88.2%	90.9%	0.0%	78.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
23	57.9%	55.8%	94.5%	2.7%	86.0%	45.0%	100.0%	75.0%
24	51.0%	48.9%	38.5%	3.6%	60.9%	42.1%	100.0%	80.0%
25	49.2%	65.0%	79.8%	9.4%	52.9%	97.6%	94.1%	100.0%
State	49.9%	60.3%	82.6%	6.1%	66.2%	73.8%	99.0%	89.2%

TABLE V
2024 Ranking of Violent Death Rates
(Per 1000 Population)

Ranking	Dist	Mot Veh Acc/ Population	Dist	Drug Intox Acc/ Population	Dist	Fall Acc/ Population	Dist	Other Acc/ Population	Dist	Homicides/ Population	Dist	Suicides/ Population	Dist	Total Violent/ Population
1	3	0.332	6	0.395	20	0.568	16	0.297	3	0.118	14	0.304	7	1.431
2	8	0.290	7	0.383	5	0.503	12	0.194	2	0.097	16	0.226	5	1.319
3	14	0.273	18	0.333	7	0.462	1	0.178	8	0.088	7	0.225	18	1.296
4	2	0.214	4	0.326	6	0.381	21	0.173	14	0.077	3	0.220	1	1.294
5	7	0.198	1	0.289	15	0.362	3	0.158	1	0.076	18	0.217	6	1.267
6	5	0.194	5	0.266	21	0.358	2	0.151	13	0.071	5	0.213	3	1.216
7	10	0.176	13	0.253	18	0.344	14	0.118	9	0.067	1	0.200	14	1.190
8	18	0.165	25	0.242	22	0.309	4	0.118	4	0.067	6	0.196	8	1.177
9	1	0.163	16	0.238	8	0.283	8	0.111	11	0.064	8	0.184	21	1.148
10	21	0.162	3	0.231	24	0.282	11	0.097	17	0.062	19	0.179	4	1.069
11	19	0.158	9	0.230	1	0.260	7	0.094	18	0.057	4	0.177	20	1.055
12	6	0.153	14	0.226	4	0.239	15	0.093	15	0.051	2	0.176	15	1.039
13	15	0.145	21	0.223	19	0.236	20	0.088	19	0.047	22	0.176	2	0.948
14	17	0.144	17	0.223	9	0.235	19	0.088	10	0.046	15	0.168	13	0.932
15	13	0.142	10	0.210	13	0.230	18	0.086	6	0.044	21	0.167	16	0.903
16	25	0.133	22	0.209	23	0.204	23	0.079	7	0.042	10	0.166	19	0.902
17	9	0.130	15	0.204	17	0.174	10	0.078	21	0.042	23	0.147	22	0.897
18	4	0.120	8	0.203	14	0.152	6	0.075	22	0.038	13	0.145	17	0.864
19	20	0.108	19	0.164	3	0.141	13	0.072	25	0.038	17	0.136	9	0.849
20	12	0.097	24	0.158	2	0.129	5	0.072	5	0.038	12	0.128	10	0.808
21	23	0.096	2	0.151	10	0.124	17	0.070	12	0.031	24	0.116	24	0.732
22	24	0.091	11	0.135	25	0.117	22	0.066	24	0.028	9	0.115	12	0.718
23	22	0.081	23	0.134	12	0.117	9	0.062	16	0.024	20	0.108	23	0.699
24	16	0.071	20	0.125	11	0.111	24	0.047	23	0.017	11	0.102	25	0.671
25	11	0.069	12	0.110	16	0.024	25	0.038	20	0.015	25	0.091	11	0.610

TABLE VI 2024 Ranking of Districts by Number of Violent Deaths			
Rank	Violent Deaths	District	Geographical Area of Florida with Population Ranking (#)
1	2,032	6	St. Petersburg (#3)
2	1,828	5	Leesburg (#8)
3	1,712	17	Ft. Lauderdale (#2)
4	1,693	11	Miami (#1)
5	1,606	15	Palm Beach (#5)
6	1,500	4	Jacksonville (#7)
7	1,455	13	Tampa (#4)
8	1,284	9	Orlando (#6)
9	1,105	1	Pensacola (#9)
10	1,016	21	Ft. Myers (#11)
11	851	7	Daytona Beach (#16)
12	847	18	Melbourne (#15)
13	774	10	Lakeland (#10)
14	696	12	Sarasota (#12)
15	687	19	Ft. Pierce (#13)
16	511	8	Gainesville (#19)
17	431	20	Naples (#20)
18	420	2	Tallahassee (#18)
19	384	14	Panama City (#21)
20	380	23	St. Augustine (#14)
21	361	24	Sanford (#23)
22	303	25	Kissimmee (#17)
23	216	3	Live Oak (#24)
24	189	22	Port Charlotte (#22)
25	76	16	Florida Keys (#25)
State	22,357		

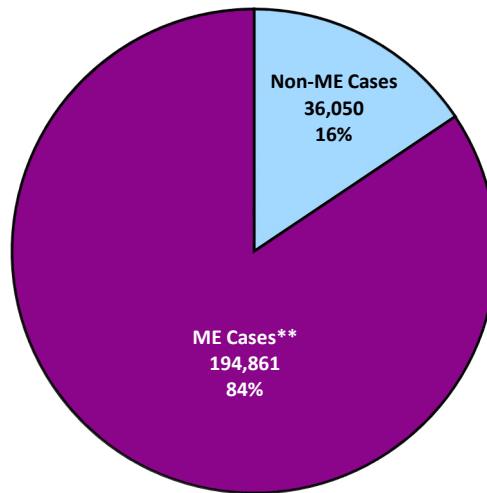
TABLE VII 2024 District Death Rates as Related to Autopsy Rates		
Dist	Deaths/ Population	Autopsies/ Population
1	1.07%	0.091%
2	0.93%	0.092%
3	1.19%	0.137%
4	1.01%	0.087%
5	1.42%	0.065%
6	1.25%	0.096%
7	1.29%	0.087%
8	1.17%	0.095%
9	0.72%	0.064%
10	1.04%	0.078%
11	0.79%	0.060%
12	1.22%	0.058%
13	0.86%	0.083%
14	1.18%	0.114%
15	1.05%	0.070%
16	0.60%	0.105%
17	0.78%	0.066%
18	1.28%	0.105%
19	1.18%	0.087%
20	1.08%	0.069%
21	0.95%	0.084%
22	1.44%	0.079%
23	0.86%	0.051%
24	0.77%	0.038%
25	0.70%	0.066%
State	1.00%	0.076%

TABLE VIII
Fifteen Year Comparison of Violent Death Rates

Dist	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	0.765	0.788	0.742	0.711	0.821	0.862	0.858	0.909	0.984	0.986	1.239	1.437	1.457	1.388	1.294
2	0.688	0.708	0.745	0.644	0.576	0.611	0.736	0.791	0.798	0.885	0.865	1.085	0.981	0.974	0.948
3	0.956	1.030	0.815	0.820	0.714	0.956	0.848	0.879	1.025	1.045	1.057	1.303	1.221	1.209	1.216
4	0.739	0.775	0.900	0.874	0.879	0.930	1.224	1.292	1.092	1.188	1.346	1.330	1.342	1.269	1.069
5	0.904	0.937	1.007	0.994	1.024	1.145	1.253	1.291	1.340	1.322	1.556	1.557	1.580	1.496	1.319
6	1.014	0.981	0.933	0.897	0.973	0.987	1.082	1.068	1.109	1.175	1.472	1.510	1.463	1.439	1.267
7	1.019	0.943	0.867	0.853	0.817	0.917	0.984	1.141	1.228	1.206	1.670	1.802	1.641	1.522	1.431
8	1.130	1.167	1.153	1.095	0.979	1.109	1.159	1.231	1.322	1.234	1.286	1.364	1.343	1.353	1.177
9	0.645	0.673	0.656	0.642	0.705	0.730	0.815	0.815	0.873	0.833	0.942	1.051	0.983	0.971	0.849
10	0.701	0.663	0.643	0.697	0.711	0.668	0.778	0.800	0.812	0.863	0.954	1.014	0.940	0.908	0.808
11	0.539	0.534	0.536	0.524	0.562	0.594	0.674	0.608	0.601	0.622	0.624	0.733	0.654	0.633	0.610
12	0.741	0.780	0.804	0.781	0.842	1.083	1.118	1.071	0.956	0.986	1.088	1.212	1.096	1.121	0.718
13	0.902	0.860	0.799	0.777	0.747	0.837	0.877	0.793	0.849	0.792	0.901	1.138	1.132	1.092	0.932
14	0.715	0.775	0.743	0.722	0.888	1.012	1.008	1.027	1.089	1.196	1.225	1.356	1.276	1.029	1.190
15	0.723	0.646	0.687	0.750	0.761	0.939	1.176	1.213	1.068	1.120	1.202	1.252	1.252	1.161	1.039
16	1.272	1.390	1.111	1.167	0.979	1.267	1.183	1.392	1.339	1.155	1.002	1.139	1.489	1.136	0.903
17	0.664	0.622	0.646	0.651	0.668	0.745	0.928	0.939	0.838	0.859	1.037	1.077	1.028	0.919	0.864
18	0.854	0.895	0.920	0.925	0.954	1.008	1.188	1.288	1.256	1.322	1.390	1.537	1.576	1.547	1.296
19	0.809	0.805	0.896	0.938	0.847	0.911	1.054	1.044	1.108	1.031	1.106	1.207	1.196	1.057	0.902
20	0.930	0.877	0.843	0.970	1.025	0.983	1.059	1.105	1.135	1.168	1.161	1.346	1.338	1.272	1.055
21	0.887	0.923	0.865	0.765	0.909	1.067	1.047	1.199	1.123	1.104	1.215	1.260	1.437	1.265	1.148
22	0.575	0.611	0.502	0.507	0.552	0.616	0.722	0.660	0.601	0.721	0.633	0.792	0.874	0.990	0.897
23	0.658	0.609	0.532	0.520	0.589	0.539	0.603	0.691	0.730	0.634	0.836	0.622	0.664	0.745	0.699
24	0.435	0.447	0.376	0.428	0.403	0.479	0.666	0.684	0.733	0.738	0.833	0.957	0.892	0.881	0.732
25							0.654	0.818	0.780	0.696	0.837	0.940	0.878	0.979	0.671
State	0.772	0.753	0.751	0.744	0.770	0.842	0.949	0.965	0.950	0.962	1.088	1.180	1.152	1.101	0.971

Note: Prior to 2016, District 9 included Orange & Osceola counties. Both counties enacted Home Rule authority in 2016 and District 9 was split into two districts, with Orange County staying District 9 and Osceola County becoming District 25.

Chart Ia
2024 Medical Examiner Jurisdiction
Total Florida Deaths: 230,911



*** Includes Cases Accepted and Cremation Approvals*

Chart Ib
2024 Medical Examiner Workload
Total Deaths Reviewed: 219,654

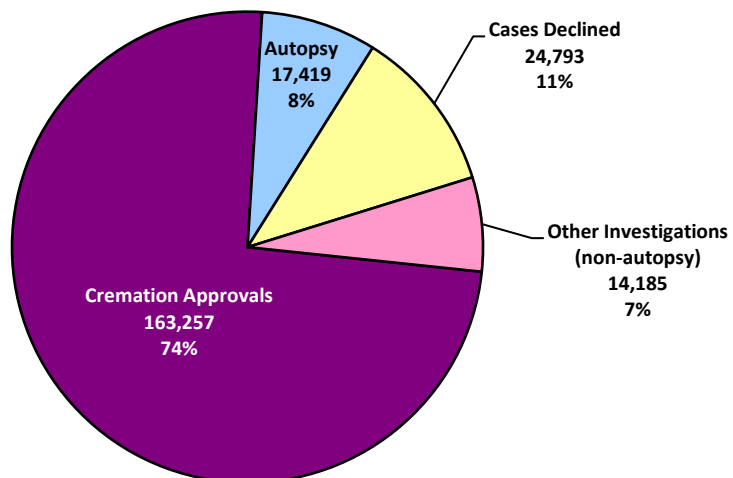


Chart IIa
2024 Violent vs. Non-Violent Deaths
Total Florida Deaths: 230,911

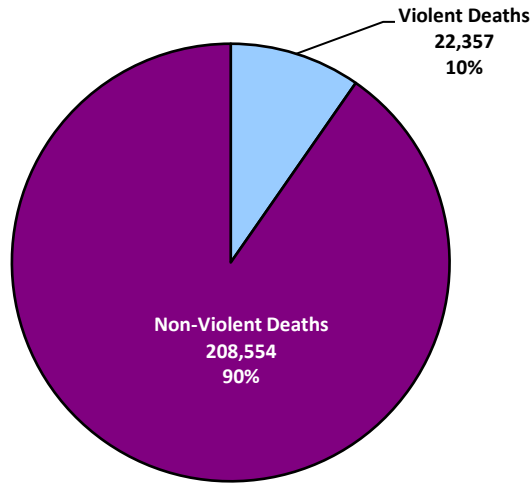


Chart IIb
2024 Violent Death Workload
Total Violent Deaths: 22,357

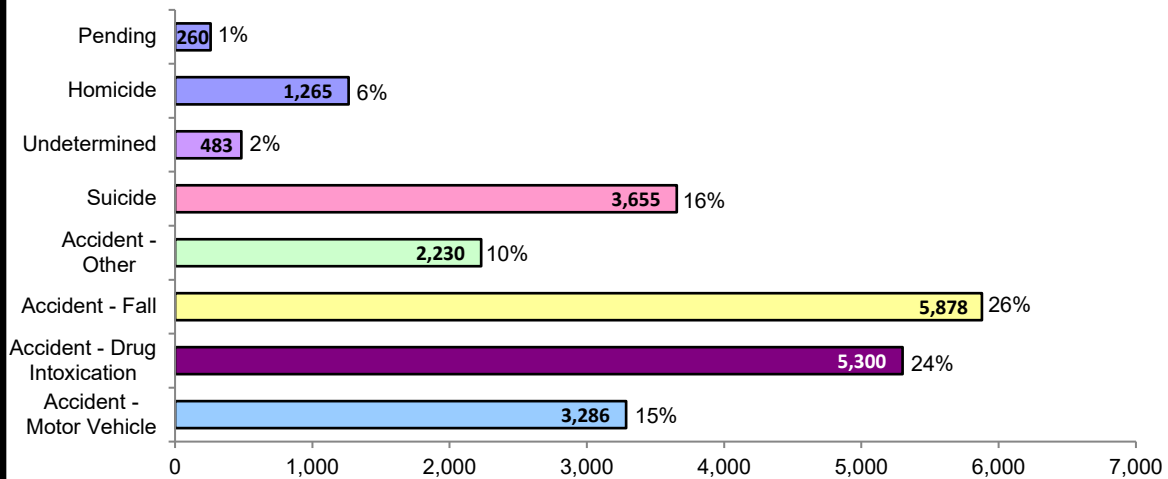


Chart IIIa
2024 Autopsy Workload
Total Florida Deaths: 230,911

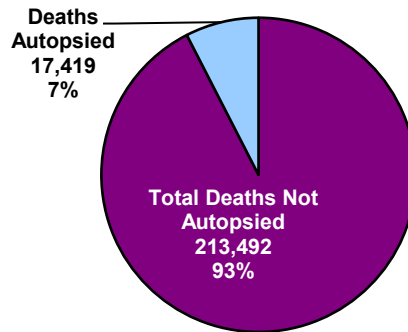
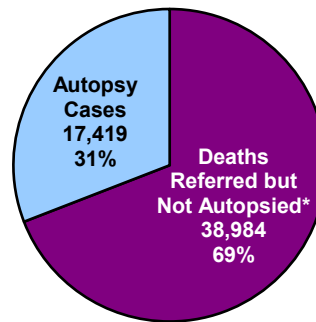


Chart IIIb
2024 Autopsy Workload as Percent of Deaths Referred to Medical Examiners



Total Deaths Referred: 56,397 (*excludes cremations)

Chart IIIc
2024 Autopsy Workload as Percent of Deaths Accepted
Total Deaths Accepted: 31,604

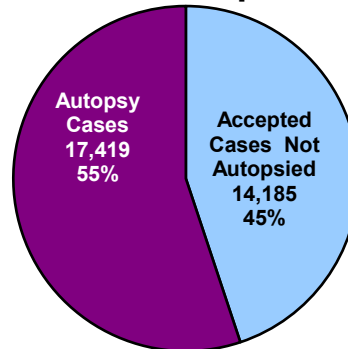


Chart IVa
2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Homicide

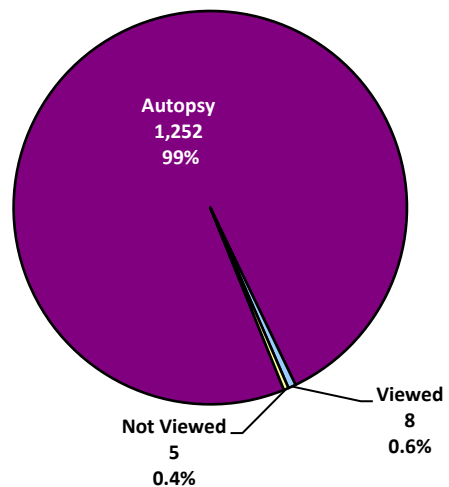


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2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Suicide

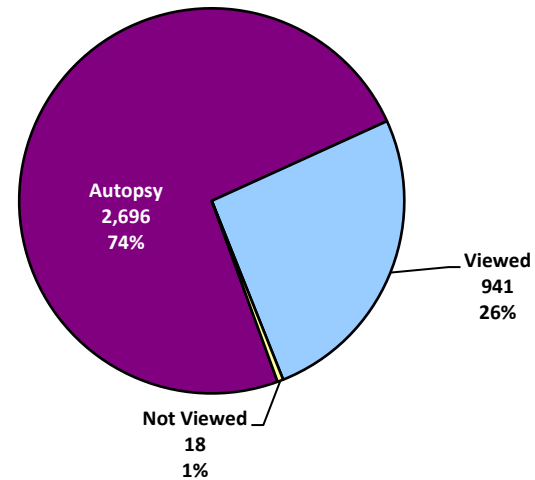


Chart IVc
2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Undetermined

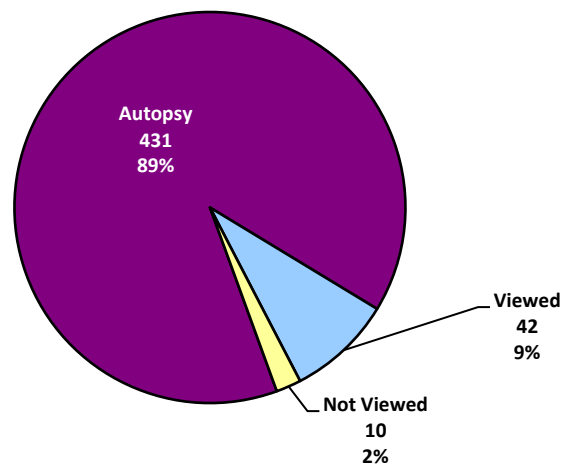


Chart IVd
2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Motor Vehicle

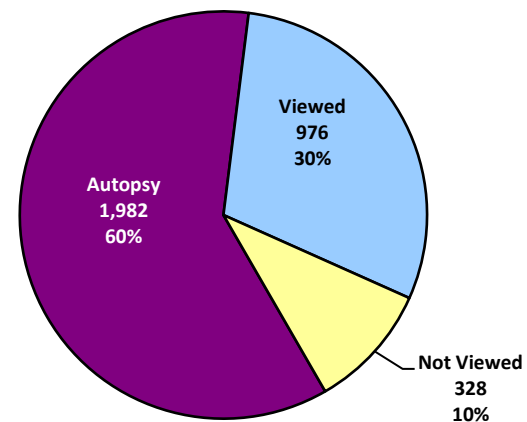


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2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Drug Intoxication

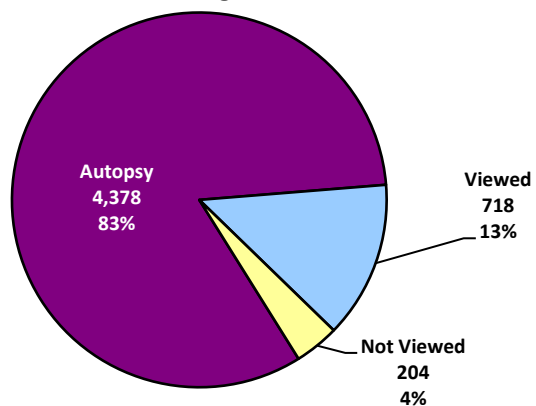


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2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Fall

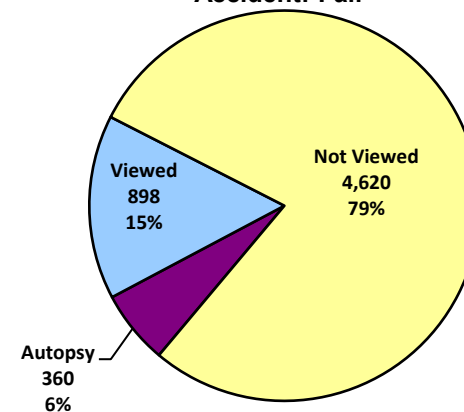


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2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Accident: Other (Non-motor vehicle)

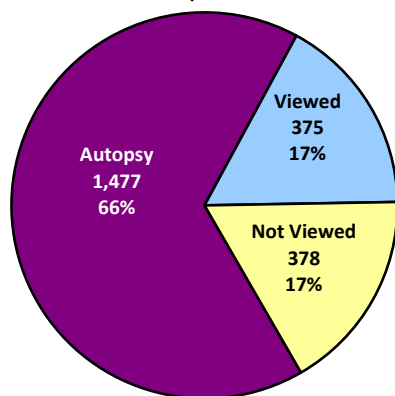


Chart IVh
2024 Workload by Depth of Examinations -
Natural

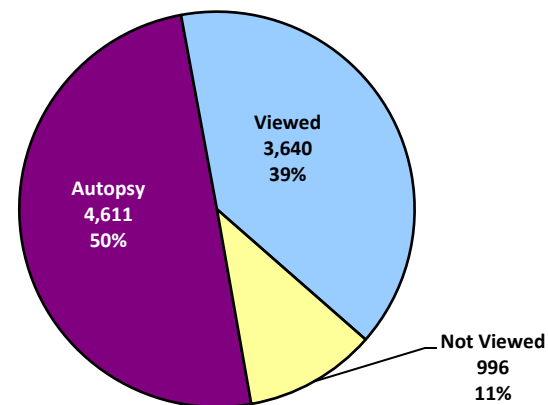
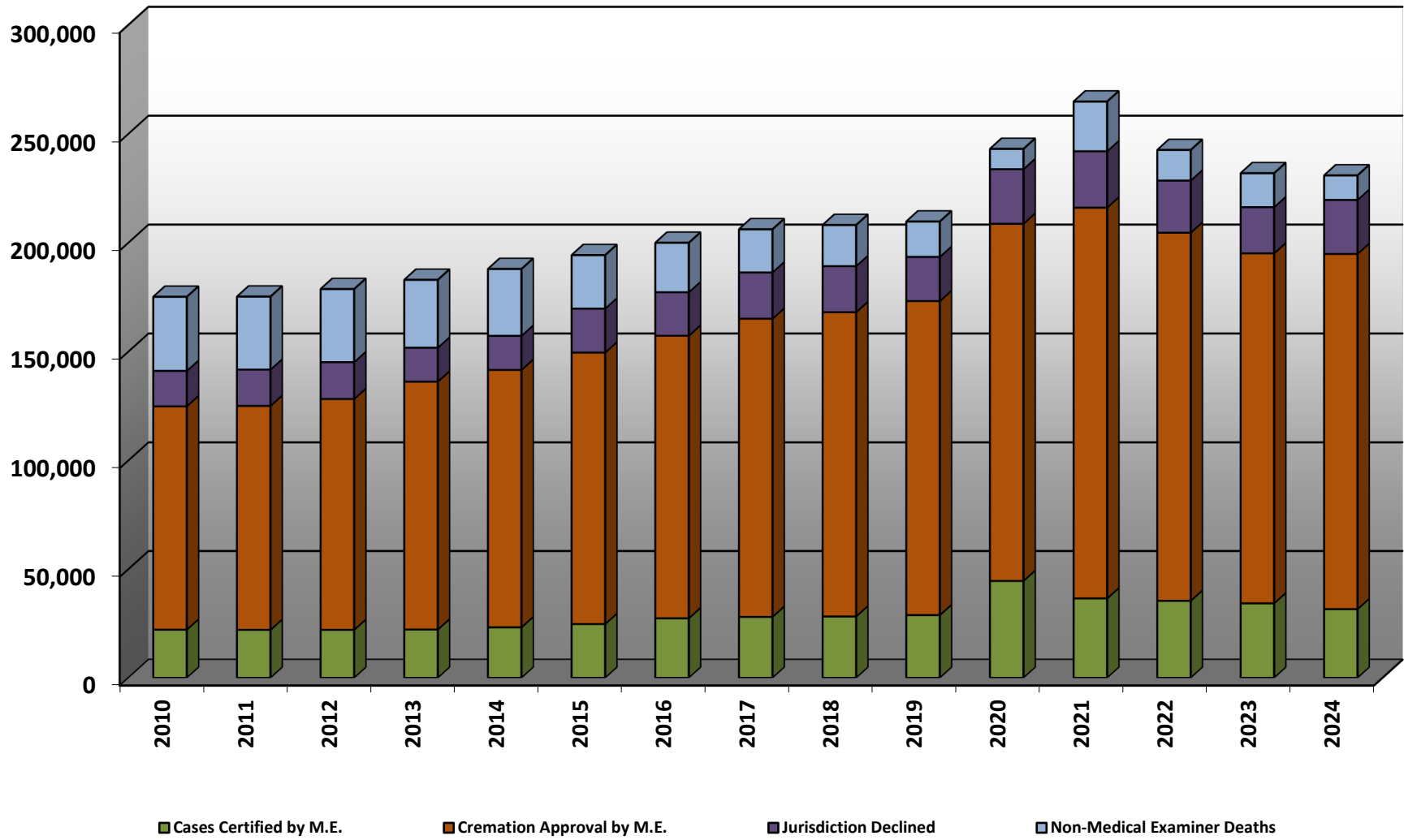


CHART V
Historical Workload
Medical Examiner Cases
2010 - 2024



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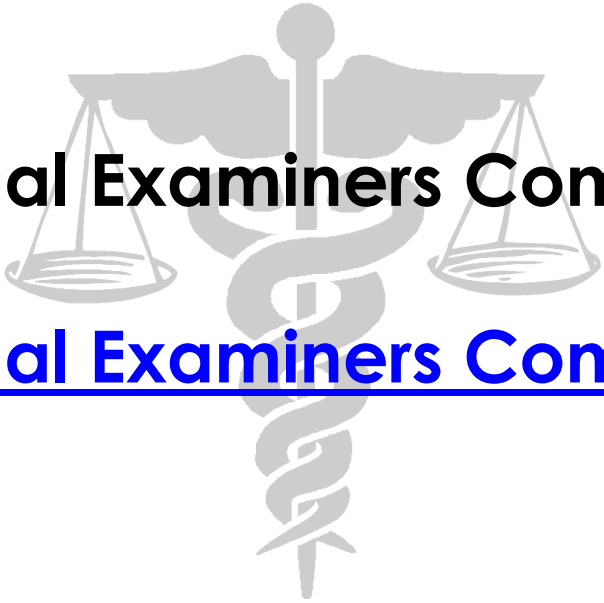
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1	2027	2030	2033
2	2027	2030	2033
3	2027	2030	2033
4	2027	2030	2033
5	2027	2030	2033
6	2027	2030	2033
7	Home Rule Authority Began 1997		
8	2028	2031	2034
9	Home Rule Authority Began 2016		
10	2028	2031	2034
11	Home Rule Authority Began 1992		
12	2028	2031	2034
13	Home Rule Authority Began 1992		
14	2028	2031	2034
15	Home Rule Authority Began 1993		
16	2026	2029	2032
17	Home Rule Authority Began 2011		
18	2026	2029	2032
19	2026	2029	2032
20	2026	2029	2032
21	2026	2029	2032
22	2026	2029	2032
23	2026	2029	2032
24	2026	2029	2032
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