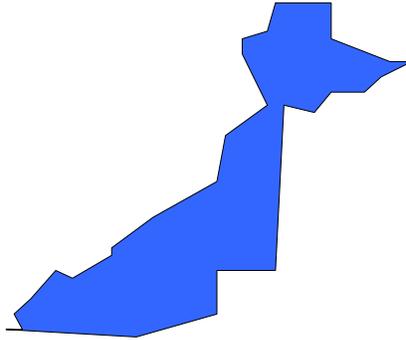


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Without the above individuals, quality investigation of deaths in Fulton County would not occur, and neither would professional communication with the many agencies and members of the public who are impacted when a death occurs. These employees also care for and maintain a modern facility in which death investigations may be professionally conducted with respect for the dead and at which members of the public, legal, and law enforcement communities can effectively conduct their business.

I thank the Fulton County Medical Examiner employees— each and every one— for their dedication, excellence, and professional quality death investigations conducted for the citizens of Fulton County. We are proud to be a death investigation center fully accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners.

It is hoped that the information in this report may be useful to public health, public safety, and other policy and program planners who strive to improve the safety and quality of life. Additional data may be available for specialized studies that go beyond the general data presented in this report.

The medical examiner's office and its personnel "speak for the dead" and our office is a place where "death delights to serve the living." It is with a true sense of civic duty and public service that we conduct our death investigations for the community.

It is now July 2006 and this Annual report is for calendar year 2005. It is not uncommon for some death cases to take many months to finalize because of extensive testing or the need for investigative information that takes time to obtain. The Report itself takes time to prepare, and must be done while we carry on our usual activities and death investigations, which also take the time of our staff. We hope to continue preparing our annual report in July of each year.

Randy Hanzlick, MD
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July 1, 2006

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SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

The Fulton County Medical Examiner (FCME) serves all non-federal, incorporated and unincorporated areas within Fulton County. In 2005, these areas include nearly all of the City of Atlanta, Alpharetta, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Union City, Unincorporated Fulton County, and other areas served by special law enforcement agencies such as MARTA and college police forces. Sandy Springs became a city in 2005 (Appendix A). The FCME does not serve the few areas of Federal property within the county such as the Federal Penitentiary which arranges for its own investigations. Under the provisions of the Georgia Death Investigation Act, FCME investigates deaths that are suspected or known as having resulted from external causes such as injury or poisoning, and deaths that are sudden, unexpected, and not explained with a reasonable degree of medical probability. Other selected types of death are also investigated such as those occurring while a person is in custody of a law enforcement agencies..

The County covers 529 square miles and has a 2004 estimated population of 782,858 (Appendix B). Countywide, the population is about 42% white, 50% black, and 8% other minorities. The Hispanic population is increasing and amounts to about 7% in 2004. Final 2005 population data are not yet available.

The laws describing the duties of medical examiners in Georgia are contained mostly in Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 45, Chapter 16, the “Georgia Death Investigations Act.” The types of death required to be reported to the medical examiner include:

- Violence (injury)
- Casualty (accident)
- Suicide
- Suddenly when in apparent good health
- When unattended by physician (no doctor who can sign the death certificate)
- Suspicious or unusual
- Children under 7 if death is unexpected or unexplained
- Executions pursuant to death penalty (these do not occur in Fulton County)
- Inmate of state hospital or state, county, or city penal institution
- Admitted to hospital unconscious and dying within 24 hours without regaining consciousness

Decisions about autopsies are not mandated and are left to the discretion of the medical examiner. As can be seen, the laws are general enough that jurisdiction may be accepted in a wide variety of cases that are not otherwise specified in law, such as sudden death while under anesthesia, which may be considered to be “sudden and unexpected” or “unusual.”

When a death is reported to FCME, the case is either **accepted** (AJ) or **declined** (DJ). If a case is accepted, it means that the medical examiner will be signing the death certificate (certifying the death). A case is **declined** for one of two reasons:

- The incidents leading to death did not occur in Fulton County
- The death need not have been reported and there is a physician who is willing to sign the death certificate

A case is **accepted** if:

- It meets the criteria specified by law as described above, and
- The incident leading to death occurred in Fulton County, or
- If the place of incident or onset of fatal events is unknown, the death occurred or the dead body was found in Fulton County

The case medical examiner (forensic pathologist) generally uses one of four approaches to certify a death (obtain information to complete the death certificate):

- **Signout.** The death certificate is signed without examining the body.
- **View.** A cursory examination is performed to further evaluate the case and rule out trauma or the need for further in-depth examination. A few simple case notes may be prepared.
- **External examination.** Formal external examination with a dictated report of the examination, usually including toxicology or chemistry tests as well.
- **Autopsy.** Complete autopsy with dictated report. A **limited dissection** (partial autopsy) is sometimes performed if:
 - there is expressed objection to autopsy or significant health or safety risks exists for staff, and,
 - a complete autopsy need not be performed.

Budget and Staff

The annual operating budget for 2005 was approximately \$3.2 million. The FCME staff consisted of approximately 37 employees including 5 physician medical examiners, 10 investigators, 22 other staff including forensic technical support, custodial, and administrative professional staff.

General Response

When a death is reported to FCME, the case is assigned a sequential case number. Basic information is obtained on all cases reported. Investigators, in consultation with the on-call medical examiner as needed, make decisions about whether the case should be accepted or declined, if death scene investigation is required, and whether or not the body need be transported to the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Center. The on-call medical examiner then makes decisions about the type of examination to be conducted and the extent of additional testing to be performed. Usually, bodies transported to FCME are returned to the family and funeral home within 24 hours or less if the body has been officially identified.

For further information about FCME, please see our website at www.fcmeo.org

For further information about medical examiners and death investigation, please see the website of the National Association of Medical Examiners at www.TheNAME.org

Data Source and Analyses

The data herein are derived from the HOMER (Has Our Medical Examiner Records) Access database. In 2005, there were 2,185 case reports. Twelve of these records were non-human remains, and two death records were noted to be duplicate records. Thus, after excluding these 14 records from data analysis, there were a total of 2171 unique human death cases for this report: 1,322 AJ cases and 849 DJ cases. Dr. Fajardo analyzed the data using SPSS v11.0, Access 2003 and Excel 2003.

Race/Ethnicity Categories of 2005 Cases

Categorizing Race/Ethnicity of decedents has become more difficult because of a growing mixed-race population and because of personal preferences in how Race/Ethnicity is reported by family members.

The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. For the United States Census 2000, the questions on race and Hispanic origin were asked of every individual living in the United States. Hispanics may be of any race. The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably in this report.

This report uses the six categories of the Census 2000 for people indicating only one race:

- 1) White
- 2) Black or African American
- 3) American Indian and Alaska Native
- 4) Asian
- 5) Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- 6) Some other race

SECTION II. ALL REPORTED CASES

Table 1. Number of cases Accepted (AJ, n=1322) and Declined (DJ, n=849) by Manner of death

Jurisdiction	Manner of Death	Frequency	Percent
AJ	ACCIDENT*	262	19.82
	ACCIDENT (T)**	130	9.83
	HOMICIDE	145	10.97
	NATURAL	676	51.13
	SUICIDE	78	5.90
	UNDETERMINED	31	2.34
	Total =	1,322	100.00
DJ	Not applicable	849	100.00
	Total =	849	100.00

* Non Traffic-related accidents

** Traffic-related accidents

Table 2. Manner of death by Procedure cross-tabulation for Accepted (Certified) Cases only (n=1322)

MANNER	PROCEDURE					Total
	Autopsy	External PM Exam	Signout	View	View/Signout	
ACCIDENT*	187	21	46	8	0	262
ACCIDENT (T)**	116	5	9	0	0	130
HOMICIDE	144	0	1	0	0	145
NATURAL	336	166	89	83	2	676
SUICIDE	77	1	0	0	0	78
UNDETERMINED	27	3	1	0	0	31
Total =	887	196	146	91	2	1,322

* Non Traffic-related accidents

** Traffic-related accidents

Figure 1. Manner of death by Year reported, 1988-2005 certified cases (AJ) only (n=1322). This shows that there is a decreasing trend for homicide cases but there is an increasing trend for accidents other than traffic fatalities.

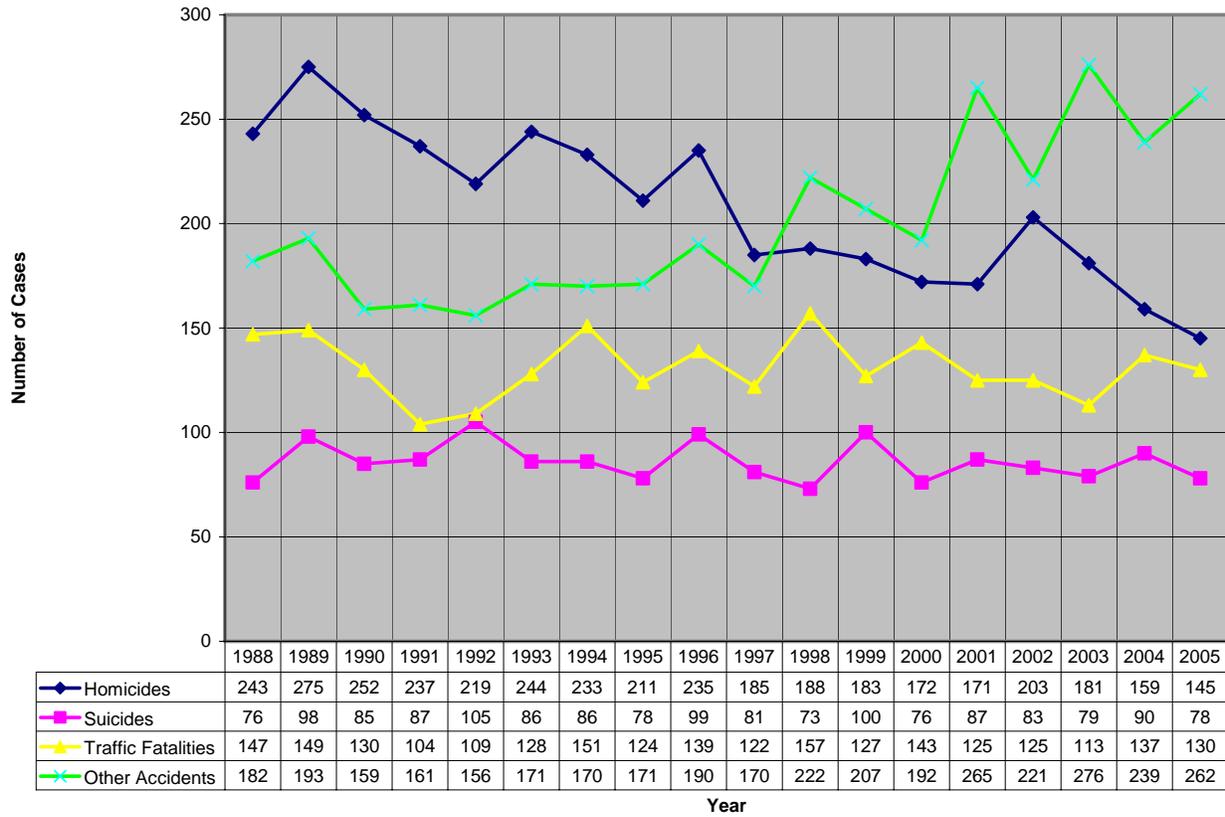


Figure 2. Number of all deaths reported by month (n=2171)

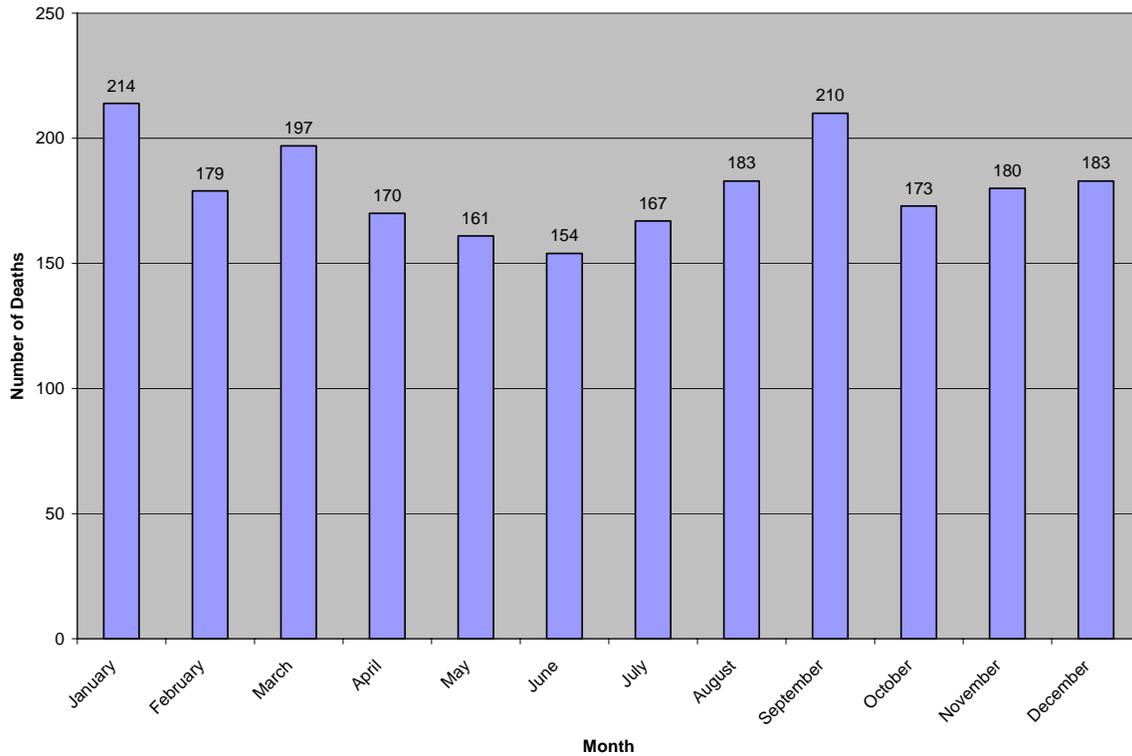


Figure 3. Number of all deaths reported by day of the week (n=2171)

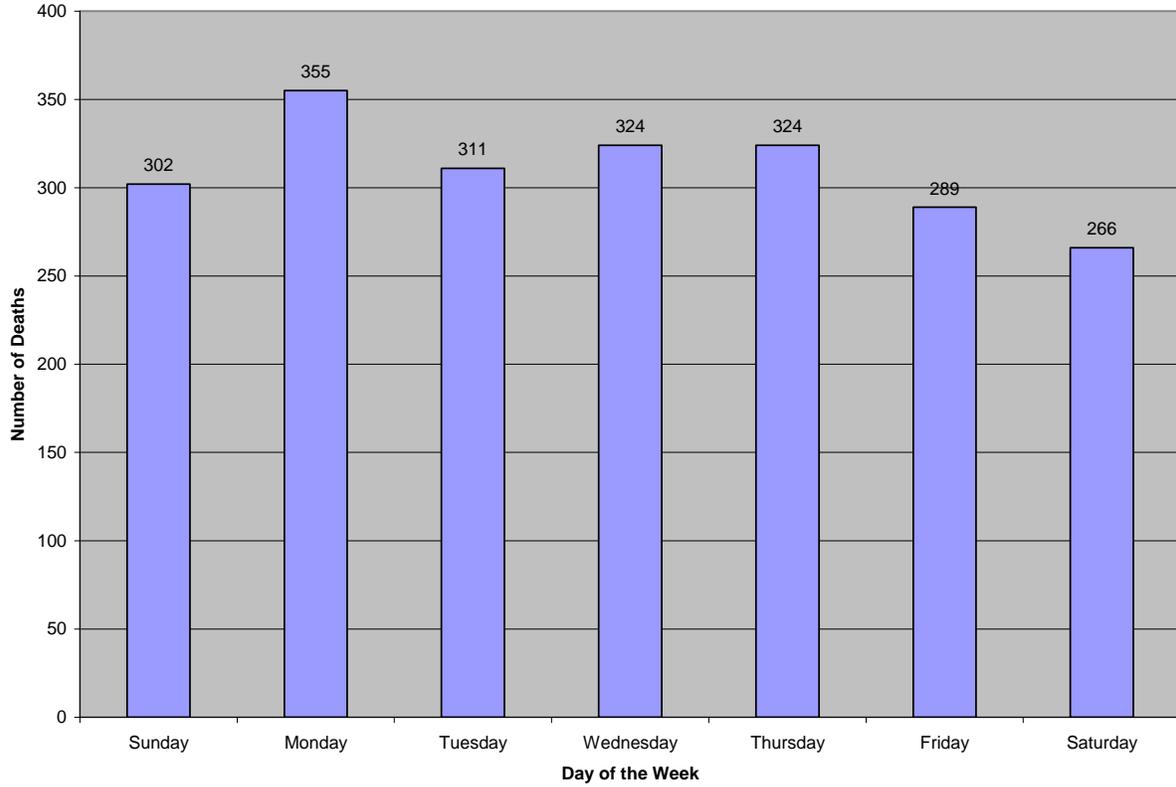


Figure 4. Number of all deaths reported by Time of day (n=2171)

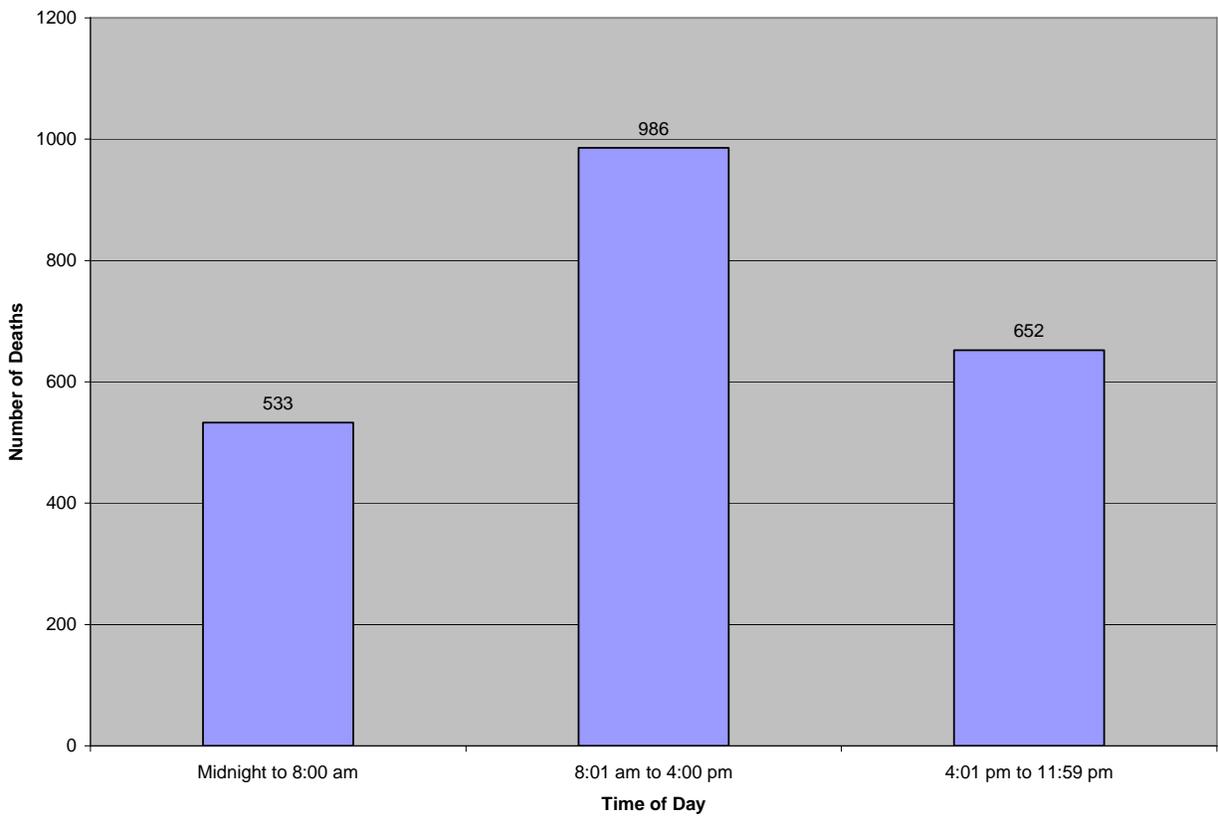


Figure 5. Number of all deaths reported by Age group (n=2171)

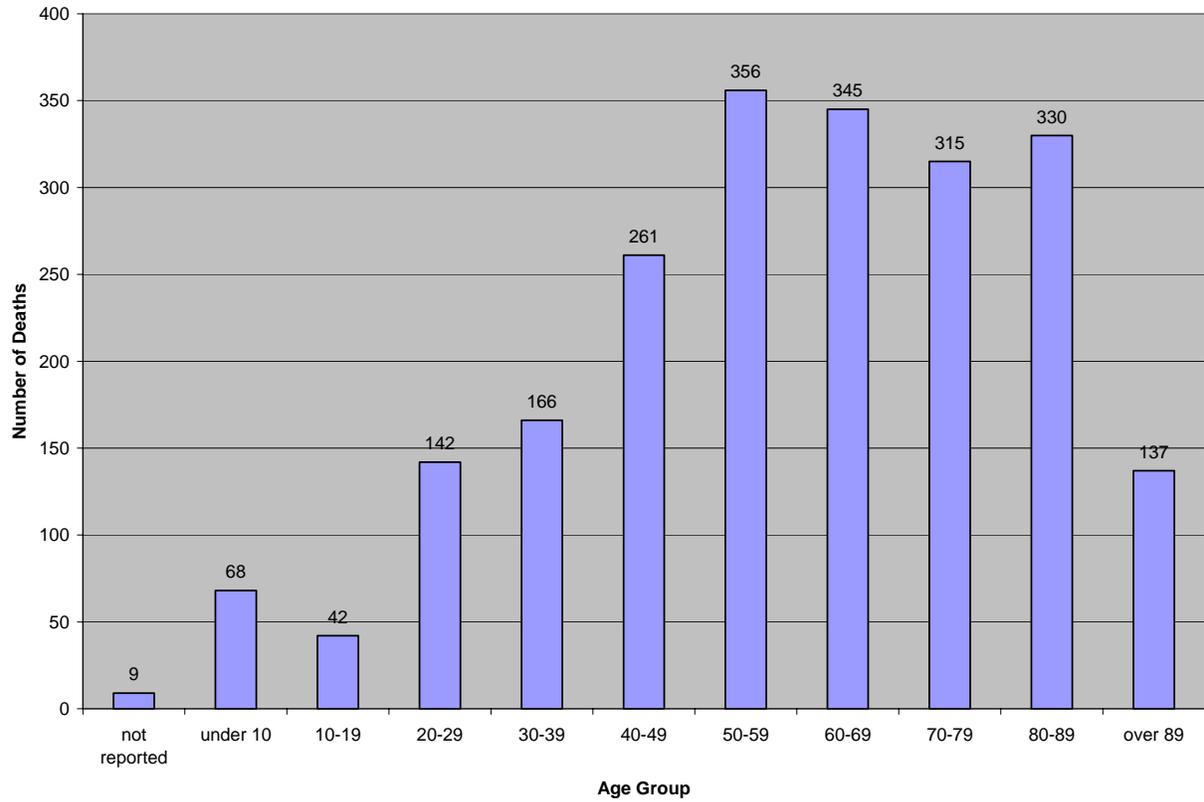


Figure 6. Number and percentage of all deaths reported by Sex (n=2171)

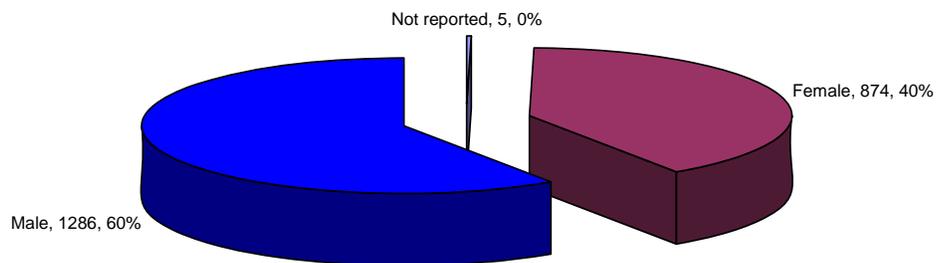


Figure 7. Number of all deaths reported by Race (n=2171)

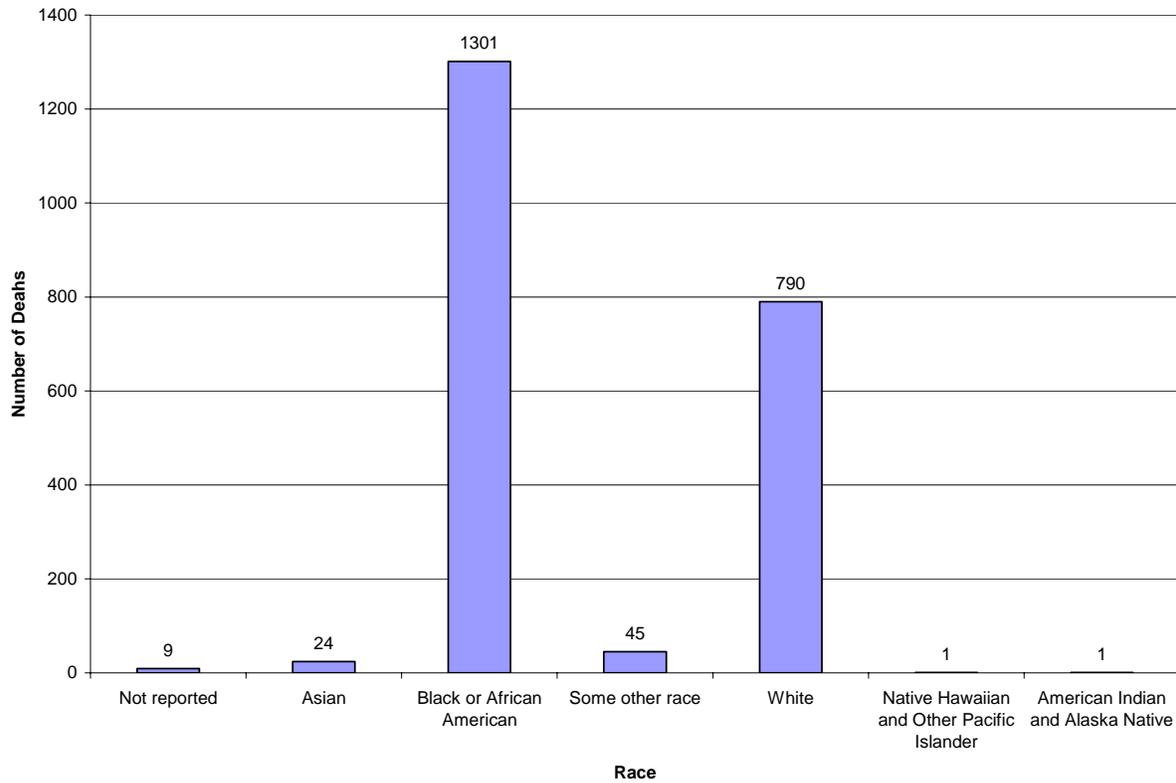


Figure 8. Number and percentage of all deaths reported by Hispanic/Latino ethnicity (n=2171)

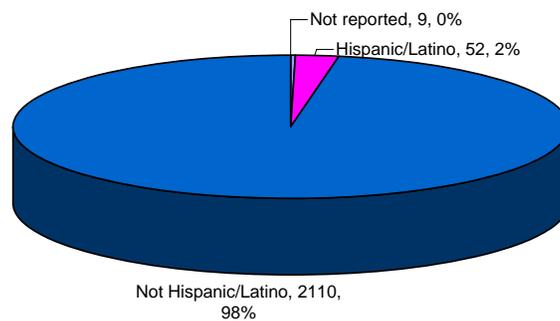


Table 3. Police Jurisdiction by Manner of death cross-tabulation for all reported deaths (n=2171)

Police Jurisdiction	MANNER							Total		%
	NA/DJ	ACCIDENT	ACCIDENT (T)	HOMICIDE	NATURAL	SUICIDE	UNDETERMINED	Total	Accepted	
Alpharetta	15	7	6	2	7	1	1	39	24	61.5
Atlanta	351	151	62	103	439	41	20	1167	816	69.9
College Park	14	2	4	4	22	3	2	51	37	72.5
East Point	16	13	2	5	29	3	2	70	54	77.1
Fairburn	9	3	2	0	3	0	1	18	9	50.0
Fulton County	77	31	40	27	82	22	3	282	205	72.7
Hapeville	6	3	0	0	6	0	0	15	9	60.0
Palmetto	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	4	100.0
Roswell	38	12	4	1	21	7	1	84	46	54.8
Union City	11	2	1	2	5	0	0	21	10	47.6
Not reported	284	25	2	1	57	0	1	370	86	23.2
Other*	28	12	6	0	3	1	0	50	22	44.0
All Cases =	849	262	130	145	676	78	31	2171	1322	60.9

* Includes special police jurisdiction such as MARTA, Georgia State Patrol, Fulton County Sheriff's Department/Office, cases reported from other counties, and cases with police jurisdiction unspecified. Sandy Springs is included in "other"

SECTION III. MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT (NON-TRAFFIC)

Figure 9. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=262)

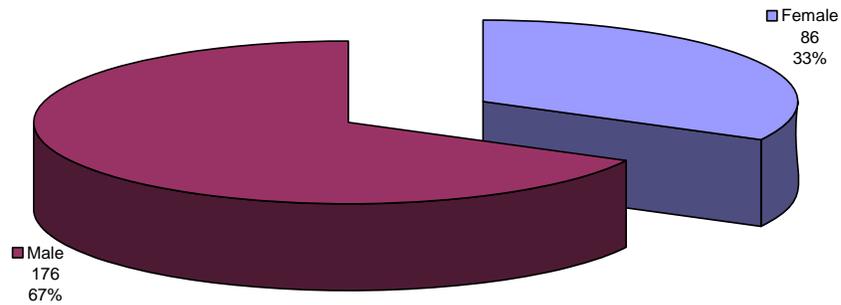


Figure 10. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=262)

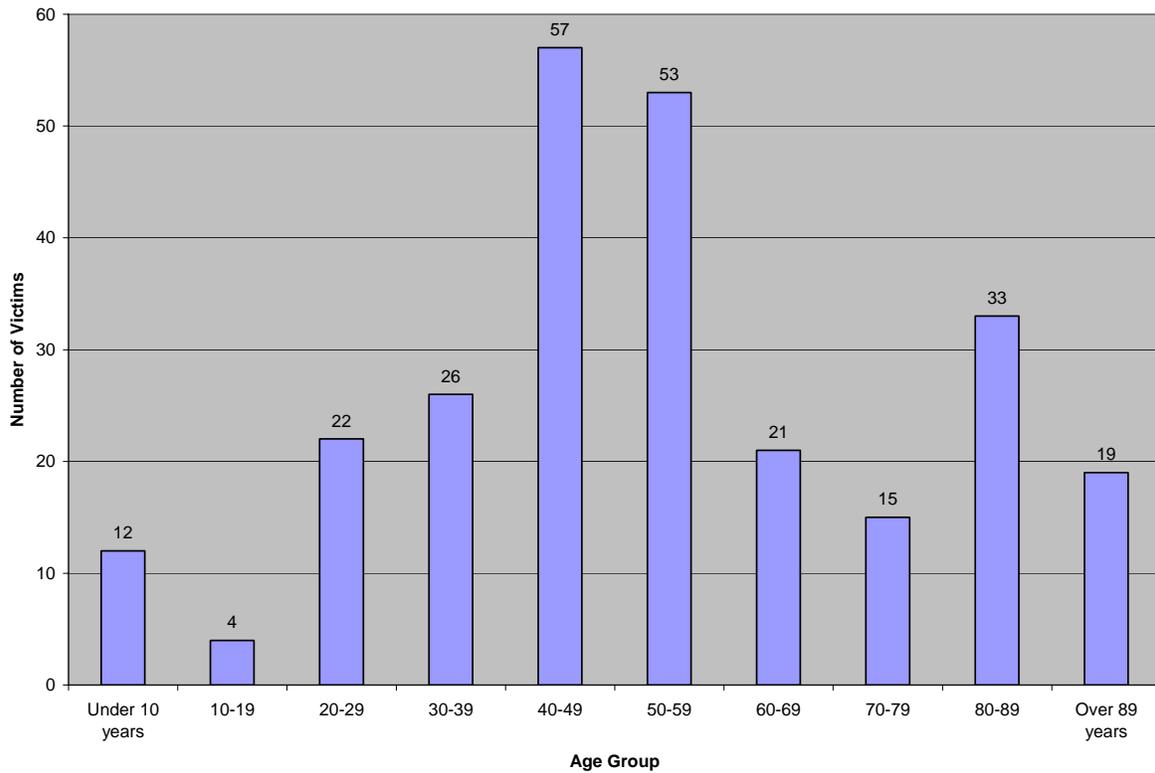


Table 4. Race by Sex Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=262)

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black or African American	45	81	126
White	41	88	129
Asian	0	5	5
Some other race	0	2	2
Total =	86	176	262

Table 5. Race by Ethnicity Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=262)

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black or African American	0	126	126
White	0	129	129
Asian	0	5	5
Some other race	2	0	2
Total =	2	260	262

Table 6. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=262) for Accidental Deaths

ZIP CODE	Number of Victims	Percent
28741-	1	0.38
30004-	4	1.53
30005-	3	1.15
30022-	5	1.91
30075-	6	2.29
30076-	6	2.29
30092-	1	0.38
30097-	2	0.76
30152-	1	0.38
30213-	7	2.67
30260-	1	0.38
30268-	2	0.76
30291-	3	1.15
30303-	2	0.76
30305-	9	3.44
30305	2	0.76
30306-	4	1.53
30307-	2	0.76
30308-	8	3.05
30309-	4	1.53
30310-	15	5.73
30311-	3	1.15
30312-	5	1.91
30313-	2	0.76
30314-	21	8.02
30315-	17	6.49
30316-	1	0.38
30317-	1	0.38
30318-	21	8.02
30318	1	0.38
30319-	5	1.91
30324-	9	3.44
30327-	3	1.15
30328-	15	5.73
30331-	11	4.20
30331	2	0.76
30335-	1	0.38
30336-	2	0.76
30337-	2	0.76
30342-	13	4.96
30344-	13	4.96
30349-	6	2.29
30350-	4	1.53
30354-	6	2.29
36265-	1	0.38
36775	1	0.38
Missing	8	3.05
Total =	262	100.00

Table 7. Number of certified deaths for each cause of death (n=262)

Cause of Death	Frequency	Percent
Asphyxia-Café Coronary	4	1.53
Asphyxia-Compression	1	0.38
Asphyxia-Foreign Body	1	0.38
Asphyxia-Overlaying	1	0.38
Asphyxia-Positional	3	1.15
Asphyxia-Wedging	1	0.38
Bicyclist	1	0.38
Blunt Force	3	1.15
Burn-Thermal-Clothing Fire	1	0.38
Cardiac-Hypertension	1	0.38
Drowning-Other	1	0.38
Drowning-Pool/Spa	3	1.15
Drowning-River	1	0.38
Drowning-Tub	1	0.38
Drug Death-Poisoning	65	24.81
Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	58	22.14
Electrical	4	1.53
Fall- Down Steps	9	3.44
Fall-From Height	10	3.82
Fall-Standing Height	62	23.66
Fall	1	0.38
Fire death	17	6.49
Fire death from explosion	1	0.38
Hyperthermia-Exogenous	1	0.38
Hypothermia-Exogenous	5	1.91
MVA-ATV	1	0.38
MVA-OffRoad	1	0.38
Poisoning-CO with no fire	1	0.38
Train-Commercial	1	0.38
Treatment Complication	2	0.76
Total =	262	100.00

Table 8. Circumstances for non-traffic accidental deaths, certified deaths (n=262)

Incident	AGE	RACE	SEX	Cause	Place Injured	How injury occurred
1	85	White	M	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Nursing home	Aspirated large food bolus while eating
2	86	Black or African American	M	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Own residence	Aspirated inadequately chewed food
3	90	White	M	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Nursing Home	Choked while eating food. Foodobstructed airway.
4	85	White	F	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Own residence	Aspirated inadequately chewed food
5	88	White	F	Asphyxia-Compression	Nursing home	Nonabulatory, demented, restrained inwheelchair; slid under restraint belt
6	4	Black or African American	F	Asphyxia-Foreign Body	Own Residence	Aspirated white hair ornament (bead).
7	D04	Black or African American	M	Asphyxia-Overlying	Home	Bedsharing with adult
8	M07	Black or African American	F	Asphyxia-Positional	Own residence	Entrapment in prone position on pillow wedgedbetween bed and wall
9	M05	Black or African American	M	Asphyxia-Positional	residence	immobilization of face against mattress
10	M01	Black or African American	F	Asphyxia-Positional	residence	infant found wedged against back of couch
11	M05	White	M	Asphyxia-Wedging	Another's residence	Found prone on bed; head wedged betweenbed and wall
12	53	Black or African American	M	Bicyclist	Walkway	Helmeted operator of bicycle fell from bike & suffered neck injury during cold weather
13	64	White	M	Blunt Force	construction site	Crushed between log and bobcat bucketwhile clearing undeveloped land
14	39	White	M	Blunt Force	hockey rink	remote neck injury in hockey game
15	50	Asian	M	Blunt Force	Residence	Probable blunt impact of head
16	92	Black or African American	F	Burn-Thermal-Clothing Fire	home	nightgown caught fire from space heater
17	48	Black or African American	M	Cardiac-Hypertension	residence	used cocaine
18	45	Black or African American	M	Drowning-Other	Interstate roadway	Sudden cardiac event followed by roll downembankment with submersion of face in water
19	2	White	M	Drowning-Pool/Spa	Own Residence	Fell into residential swimming pool
20	46	Black or African American	M	Drowning-Pool/Spa	Hotel swimming pool	Suffered cardiac dysrhythmia while inswimming pool. Face became immersed in water.
21	61	White	M	Drowning-Pool/Spa	Residence	Witnessed collapse followed by submersion inwater of hot tub
22	45	Asian	M	Drowning-River	River	Waders filled with water causing submersion
23	6	Black or African American	F	Drowning-Tub	Residence	Seizure while in bath tub
24	56	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	History of chronic ethanol abuse. Ingestedethanol with acute intoxication.
25	50	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used controlled medications.
26	35	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Use of Licit and Illicit Drugs
27	52	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used multiple controlled medications.
28	71	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Apartment	Ingested over the counter pain reliever
29	69	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Inadvertent toxicity of ethyl alcohol andprescription drugs
30	30	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	motel	used methadone
31	63	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own residence	Use of illicit drug
32	36	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used cocaine.
33	26	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Vacant Building	Exposure to near-freezing outdoor temperatureafter use of cocaine and opiate
34	51	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Rooming house	Used illicit drug
35	43	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Inadvertent Opiate Toxicity
36	33	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel Room	Used opiates and ethanol.
37	68	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Ingested prescription medications
38	23	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Motel	Use of illicit and prescription drugs
39	43	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used multiple controlled substances.
40	25	Asian	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Parking lot	Used illicit drugs
41	29	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	City street	Use of illicit drug
42	38	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	residence	used controlled substance
43	41	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used controlled substances.
44	41	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's residence	Consumed ethanol.
45	51	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used cocaine
46	51	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used illicit substance
47	39	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Creek or stream	Used cocaine, found in Peachtree Creek
48	38	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Place of business	Used cocaine which in conjunction withhypertension created aortic dissection.
49	19	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	residence	used alcohol and opiates
50	38	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	City Street	Used cocaine.
51	32	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Parking Lot	Used opioid(s) and alprazolam.
52	36	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's residence	Used cocaine, opiate(s), and ethanol.

53	24	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Inadvertent toxicity of cocaine and opiate
54	20	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	home	ingested methadone and benzodiazepines
55	51	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	History of chronic ethanol abuse. Consumed ethanol.
56	58	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Residence	Ethanol ingestion
57	37	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used cocaine, opioid(s) and midazolam.
58	47	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	City street	Use of illicit drug
59	50	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Use of illicit and medicinal drugs
60	40	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Drank excessive alcohol and injected heroin
61	51	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel	Used oxycodone.
62	22	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Parking lot	Injected illicit drug
63	48	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Residence	Used cocaine, opiates, and ethanol
64	27	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Park	Used methamphetamine
65	47	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used cocaine.
66	22	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	roadway	used controlled substance
67	62	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Rooming House	Ingested ethanol and prescription medication
68	40	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Condominium	Used opiates and alprazolam
69	27	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used alprazolam.
70	45	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's Residence	Inadvertent toxicity of prescription medications
71	46	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Warehouse	Use of controlled drug
72	32	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's Residence	Use of Cocaine and Morphine
73	60	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's Residence	Used cocaine.
74	17	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Ingested morphine and methadone.
75	21	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Residence	Used opiates
76	50	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Prescription drug misuse
77	43	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel room	Used oxycodone.
78	24	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Apartment	Used opiates
79	49	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used cocaine.
80	34	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's residence	Used opiates, phenobarbital, and cocaine.
81	42	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used cocaine, oxycodone, and alprazolam and drank ethanol.
82	36	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Found on roadway	Used cocaine and consumed ethanol.
83	52	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Apartment	Used opiate
84	47	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's residence	Inadvertent overdose of narcotic
85	58	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used illicit substance
86	84	Asian	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Ingested analgesics to treat hip pain
87	22	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	another's residence	injected heroin
88	26	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Apartment	Parenteral drug use
89	46	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Used multiple controlled substances.
90	60	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's Residence	Used cocaine and consumed ethanol.
91	73	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Nursing Home	Ingested sertraline which aggravated existing organic heart disease.
92	52	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	used controlled substance
93	48	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Used illicit drug
94	52	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	home	used controlled substance
95	53	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Rooming house	Natural disease aggravated by use of controlled drug
96	41	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Apartment	Natural disease processes aggravated by use of controlled drug
97	49	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	used cocaine
98	53	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Used illicit substance
99	36	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Used an opiate(s) and consumed ethanol.
100	46	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Temporary habitat	Used illicit substance
101	84	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Nursing home	Used opiate pain medications after surgery
102	49	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Inadvertent Toxicity of Prescription Drugs
103	59	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Golf Club	Heart disease aggravated by acute/recent cocaine use
104	59	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Ingested multiple prescription medications: diazepam, fluoxetine, amitriptyline, morphine
105	48	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Use of Illicit Drug
106	42	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Hotel	Used cocaine.
107	50	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Natural disease process aggravated by acute cocaine and ethanol use.
108	59	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Used illicit drug
109	47	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Office	Used illicit substance
110	45	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Use of controlled drugs

111	49	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Natural disease process aggravated use of cocaine
112	68	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	used controlled substance
113	45	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	used controlled substance
114	47	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Rooming house	Natural disease aggravated by use of controlled drug.
115	43	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	home	took controlled substance
116	54	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	used controlled substance
117	40	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Parking lot	Used illicit substances
118	52	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Use of illicit drug
119	41	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Residence	Used cocaine
120	59	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Used an opiate and consumed ethanol.
121	34	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Used illicit substance
122	51	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Residence	Used opiates
123	44	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Used excessive over-the-counter medicine Combined with prescription medicine
124	40	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Natural disease process aggravated by use of controlled drug.
125	54	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Residence	Used cocaine
126	39	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Use of illicit drug
127	37	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Temporary habitat	Used controlled medication.
128	19	White	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Apartment	Used methamphetamine
129	47	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	near street	used controlled substance
130	46	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	house	ingested controlled substance
131	27	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Temporary Habitat	Prescription drug use complicating cardiac enlargement
132	55	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	house	used controlled substance
133	58	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Used illicit substance
134	43	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Use of cocaine
135	48	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's residence	Natural disease process aggravated by use of controlled drug
136	57	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Natural disease process aggravated by recent use of controlled drug
137	51	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Cocaine use aggravating pre-existing cardiac disease
138	52	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Hotel parking Lot	Used cocaine.
139	47	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Use of illicit drug
140	54	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	used controlled substance
141	54	White	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	ingested ethanol
142	50	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	house	used controlled substances
143	47	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Found on wll/outside	Used cocaine which caused toxic effects.
144	44	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Public housing	Used cocaine and ethanol
145	56	Black or African American	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Dissection of the ascending aorta created by hypertension and cocaine use.
146	44	Black or African American	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Natural disease process aggravated by cocaine use
147	19	Black or African American	M	Electrical	MARTA railway	Fatally shocked by high voltage electrical rail
148	79	White	M	Electrical	Own residence	Fatally shocked while repairing home water pump
149	43	White	M	Electrical	Switch near street	Electrocuted while working on switch
150	41	White	M	Electrical	Outside of residence	Contacted high voltage electricity source with metal object
151	85	White	M	Fall	Assisted living home	Probable fall
152	57	Black or African American	M	Fall- Down Steps	home	fall down flight of stairs with suitcase
153	75	White	M	Fall- Down Steps	Own Residence	Fall from standing height on flight of stairs
154	86	White	M	Fall- Down Steps	Another's home	Fall down 1-2 steps of circular stairs
155	48	Black or African American	M	Fall- Down Steps	house	fell down 4 concrete stairs
156	29	Black or African American	F	Fall- Down Steps	Own Residence	Missstep while walking down stairs and fractured left ankle.
157	60	Asian	M	Fall- Down Steps	Another's residence	Found at bottom of stairs; Fell from ladder two months prior with cortical contusion
158	63	Black or African American	F	Fall- Down Steps	Restaurant	Collapsed/fell on steps at restaurant striking head
159	82	White	M	Fall- Down Steps	Residence	Fell down flight of stairs
160	24	White	M	Fall- Down Steps	apartment building	fell down flight of stairs
161	61	Some other race	M	Fall-From Height	Construction site	Fell from roof of building onto concrete
162	25	Some other race	M	Fall-From Height	Parking lot	Fell from cinder block wall while intoxicated
163	50	Black or African American	M	Fall-From Height	Unknown	Fell approx. 30 feet after electrical shock while pruning tree
164	74	White	M	Fall-From Height	Own residence	Ladder slipped during descent from roof resulting in fall to wooden deck
165	49	Black or African American	M	Fall-From Height	Another's residence	fell from roof
166	74	Black or African American	M	Fall-From Height	Residence	Fall from porch
167	54	Black or African American	M	Fall-From Height	Another's Residence	Fell from roof of house

168	82	White	M	Fall-From Height	Own Residence	Fell from step ladder and struck back of head
169	23	White	M	Fall-From Height	Another's home	Fell from third floor balcony to ground
170	50	Black or African American	M	Fall-From Height	Warehouse	Fell from height of approximately 30-40 feet.Struck head on pavement.
171	85	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Residence	Unrestrained Fall
172	76	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Unrestrained fall from standing height
173	83	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Health care facility	fell out of wheelchair
174	81	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	house	Ground level fall
175	87	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fall when got out of bed
176	96	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Health Care Facility	Unrestrained fall from standing height
177	87	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Tripped and fell from standing height
178	82	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Hospital	Fell from standing height
179	97	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Another's Residence	Unrestrained fall
180	88	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Residence	Fall to floor while ambulating
181	91	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	residence	fell from standing or sitting height
182	89	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Nursing Home	Fall from standing height
183	85	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Fall from standing height
184	80	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Physical therapy	Fell from standing height and struck head
185	93	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	residence	fell from standing height
186	54	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Place of business	Probable unrestrained fall(s) from standingheight
187	54	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Hospital	Chronic pulmonary thromboemboli; syncopal/fall from bed causing right ankle injury
188	87	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	home	Fell at home from standing height
189	96	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from sitting height
190	38	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Restaurant	Fell approximately 3 feet striking neck.
191	79	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
192	100	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Probable fall from standing height
193	56	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Probable unrestrained fall onto head
194	50	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Blunt force head trauma resulting from fall from standing height
195	97	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Fell from standing height fracturing leftfemur
196	92	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Ground level fall while ambulating
197	59	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	home	Fell in bathtub
198	86	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Personal care home	Fall from standing height while ambulating
199	67	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Probable fall from standing height
200	81	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Fell from sitting height
201	67	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	residence	fell from standing or sitting height
202	102	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Nursing home	Fell from sitting height
203	89	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	nursing home	fell out of wheelchair
204	49	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Sidewalk	Fell from standing height
205	83	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Near a Mall	Fell near a mall, injuring head/neck
206	79	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Natural disease aggravated by head injuryfrom ground level fall
207	83	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	nursing facility	fall from sitting height
208	45	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Bar	Fell from standing height striking headon floor
209	95	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Fell from standing height
210	98	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Another's home	Fell from standing height
211	74	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Apartment	Fell while ambulating
212	48	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	On/near roadway	Unrestrained fall from standing height
213	86	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	residence	tripped while walking and fell backwards
214	90	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	residence	Ground level fall at home while standing
215	87	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
216	99	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Assisted living home	Fell while ambulating
217	93	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Unrestrained ground level fall(s)
218	76	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell while transferring from wheel chair.
219	23	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	Gas station	Fell while ambulating
220	37	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fall from standing height
221	97	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Assisted Living Home	Apparent fall in bathroom
222	50	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Parking Lot	Probable fall from standing height
223	78	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Grocery Store	Fell while ambulating
224	87	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
225	50	Black or African American	F	Fall-Standing Height	Hotel parking lot	fell while stepping down off curb

226	85	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	nursing home	fell and hit head on bedpost
227	90	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from bed to floor
228	83	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Bathroom in home	Fell from standing height
229	84	White	M	Fall-Standing Height	home	Fell from standing height while walking in front of parked vehicle
230	67	Black or African American	M	Fall-Standing Height	Train station	Fell while on moving escalator with probable entrapment of clothing
231	73	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Probable fall from standing height
232	91	White	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Fell from standing height onto back of head
233	6	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Another's residence	House fire.
234	36	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Own Residence	Victim of residential fire.
235	29	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Own Residence	Victim of residential fire
236	40	White	M	Fire death	residence	grease fire in extended care facility
237	63	White	M	Fire death	Home	Accidental house fire
238	74	Black or African American	F	Fire death	Own Residence	Inhalation of smoke from burning food on oven
239	69	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Own Residence	Accidental house fire
240	68	White	M	Fire death	Own Residence	Organic heart disease with left ventricular rupture aggravated by smoke/soot inhalation.
241	32	Black or African American	F	Fire death	Home	Inhaled products of combustion during house fire
242	62	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Residence	Probable smoking in bed
243	32	Black or African American	F	Fire death	Own Residence	Inhaled products of combustion produced during a house fire.
244	8	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Own Residence	Inhaled products of combustion produced during a house fire.
245	4	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Own Residence	Inhaled products of combustion produced during a house fire.
246	22	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Residence	Trapped in bedroom during accidental house fire
247	54	Black or African American	F	Fire death	Elderly High-rise	Collapsed in accidental house fire
248	50	Black or African American	M	Fire death	Shed	Collapsed in shed during structural fire
249	43	White	M	Fire death	residence	engulfed in house fire
250	32	White	M	Fire death from explosion	Building	Burned by fire resulting from explosion
251	56	Black or African American	M	Hyperthermia-Exogenous	Home	Natural disease process aggravated by elevated ambient temperature.
252	46	White	M	Hypothermia-Exogenous	Another's Residence	Exposure to outdoor temperatures after unrestrained falls while intoxicated.
253	89	White	F	Hypothermia-Exogenous	Home	Natural disease aggravated by exposure.
254	46	White	M	Hypothermia-Exogenous	Culvert/ditch	In culvert/ditch for shelter on cold night, homeless
255	56	Black or African American	M	Hypothermia-Exogenous	store utility room	stayed in unheated room on cold night with significant natural disease
256	62	Black or African American	M	Hypothermia-Exogenous	On/near roadway	Exposure to near-freezing outdoor temperatures
257	6	White	M	MVA-ATV	rural roadway	Four-wheel ATV rollover
258	64	White	M	MVA-OffRoad	horse farm	rolled over by pick-up truck
259	71	Black or African American	F	Poisoning-CO with no fire	Residence	Automobile exhaust escaping from garage into home
260	54	White	F	Train-Commercial	Train bridge	Struck by train while walking on tracks
261	48	Black or African American	F	Treatment Complication	Jail	Oral administration of Lisinopril
262	34	Black or African American	F	Treatment Complication	Hospital	Sudden unexpected death following bilateral TMJ release surgery with general anesthesia

SECTION IV. MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT (TRAFFIC)

Figure 11. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=130) for Traffic Accidents

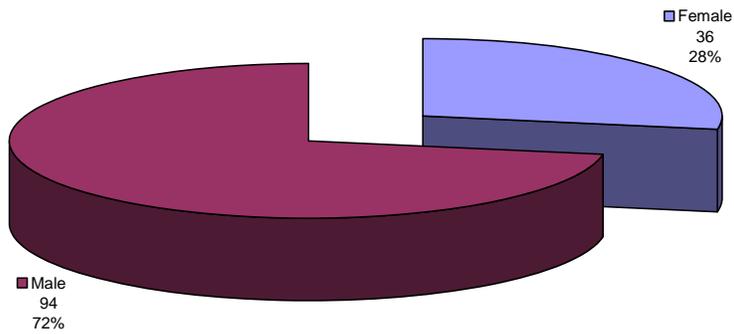


Figure 12. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=130) for Traffic Accidents

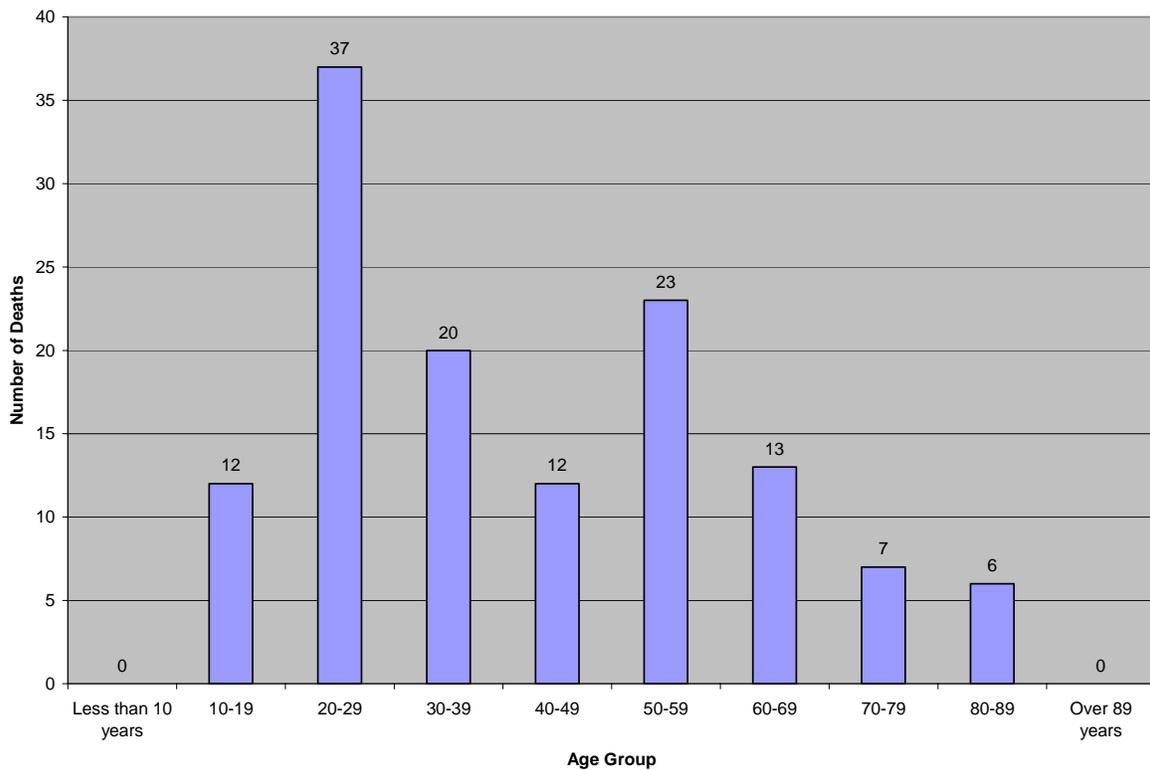


Table 9. Race by Sex Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=130) for Traffic Accidents

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
White	13	32	45
Black or African American	18	49	67
Asian	3	2	5
Some other race	2	11	13
Total =	36	94	130

Table 10. Race by Ethnicity Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=130) for Traffic Accidents

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	YES	NO	
Asian	0	5	5
Black or African American	0	67	67
White	3	42	45
Some other race	13	0	13
Total =	16	114	130

Table 11. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=130) for Traffic Accidents

Zip Code	Number of Victims	Percent
30004-	3	2.31
30009-	1	0.77
30022-	4	3.08
30075-	2	1.54
30097-	1	0.77
30213-	4	3.08
30268-	4	3.08
30291-	2	1.54
30303-	1	0.77
30305-	1	0.77
30306-	1	0.77
30307-	1	0.77
30308-	3	2.31
30309-	5	3.85
30310-	10	7.69
30311-	6	4.62
30312-	2	1.54
30314-	1	0.77
30315-	6	4.62
30316-	3	2.31
30318-	9	6.92
30324-	1	0.77
30327-	1	0.77
30328-	5	3.85
30331-	6	4.62
30337-	3	2.31
30342-	3	2.31
30344-	4	3.08
30349-	9	6.92
30354-	3	2.31
Not reported	25	19.23
Total =	130	100.00

Table 12. Number of certified deaths for each Case Code (n=130) for Traffic Accidents

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
MARTA-Train	1	0.77
MVA-Driver	62	47.69
MVA-Motorcyclist Driver	14	10.77
MVA-Motorcyclist Rider	1	0.77
MVA-Occupant	25	19.23
MVA-Pedestrian-Roller Blader	1	0.77
MVA-Pedestrian	22	16.92
MVA-Rider	3	2.31
MVA-UnknownStatus	1	0.77
Total =	130	100.00

Table 13. Circumstances for road traffic fatalities in 2005, certified deaths (n=130)

Incident	AGE	RACE	SEX	Category	Zip Code	PLACE	Address/Location
1	29	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30349-	On/Near Roadway	S. Fulton Pkwy and Mason Road, Atlanta GA.,30349
2	20	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30310-	roadway	2053 M.L. King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA, 30310 (Rear)
3	33	Black or African American	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30308-	Street	249 North Ave., Atlanta, GA 30308
4	53	Black or African American	F	MVA-Occupant	30331-	4 LANE ROAD	Fairburn Road and Camp Creek Parkway, Atlanta, Ga.
5	26	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30310-	Street	1040 Lee Street, S. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30310
6	18	Some other race	M	MVA-Occupant	30315-	Interstate roadway	I-75/85 Southbound at Hwy.166, Atlanta, GA
7	32	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Freeway	I-285 at Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA
8	89	White	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30318-	Own Residence	1548 Walthall Ct, N.W. Atlanta Ga., 30318
9	60	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30315-	roadway	Interstate 75/85 at 166 interchange
10	22	White	F	MVA-Driver	30004-	State Highway	GA 400 Southbound @ Mansell Rd., Alpharetta, GA
11	50	White	F	MVA-Occupant	Not reported	On Roadway	I-285 W Atlanta, GA
12	53	White	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	On Roadway	I-285 W Atlanta, GA
13	44	White	M	MVA-Driver	30309-	Freeway	I-75/85 Northbound at 14th St., Atlanta, GA 30309
14	14	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	30316-	roadway	915 Glenwood Ave., Atlanta, GA 30316
15	54	White	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30306-	roadway	Highland and Briarcliff, Atlanta 30306
16	20	Some other race	M	MVA-Occupant	30009-	Street	6500 North Point Pkwy., Alpharetta, GA 30009
17	23	White	F	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Freeway	Georgia Hwy 400 @ Abernathy, Atlanta, GA 30328
18	37	Some other race	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30328-	street	6985 Roswell Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30328
19	83	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Street	Fulton Industrial Blvd. @ I-20, Atlanta, GA 30336
20	53	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Roadway	I-85 and Flat Shoals Road
21	74	White	M	MVA-Driver	30344-	Road	Camp Creek Pkwy & Washington Rd, East Point, GA 30344
22	64	White	F	MVA-Occupant	30344-	Street	Camp Creek Pkwy/Washington Rd., East Point, GA 30344
23	74	White	M	MVA-Driver	30349-	County road	Camp Creek and Welcome All Rd. College Park, Ga 30349
24	71	Some other	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30268-	Parking lot	9125 Roosevelt Highway, Palmetto, GA, 30268

		race					
25	31	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	30331-	Street	3399 Mount Gilead Rd., Atlanta, GA 30331
26	19	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	30314-	Roadway	MLK Jr. Dr. & Joseph Lowery Blvd. Atl., Ga. 30314
27	86	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30213-	Interstate roadway	85 S/B at Senoia Rd., Fairburn, Ga.
28	64	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	30331-	City street	1964 Enon Road, Atlanta, Ga. 30331
29	26	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	30349-	On/Near Roadway	Sth Fulton Parkway/ Buffington Rd, College Pk, Ga 30349
30	28	Some other race	F	MVA-Occupant	Not reported	On/Near Roadway	400 Northbound @ Old Milton Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA
31	30	Some other race	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	On/Near Roadway	400 Northbound @ Old Milton Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA
32	60	Black or African American	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30315-	roadway	Cleveland Ave. & Old Hapeville, Atlanta, GA 30315
33	55	White	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30328-	On Roadway	Roberts and Dunwoody Place Atlanta, GA 30328
34	51	Black or African American	F	MVA-UnknownStatus	30349-	roadway	unknown
35	19	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30315-	Street	2021 Meador Way SE, Atlanta, GA 30315 (in roadway)
36	24	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	Not reported	State Highway	Hwy.166 Eastbound at Sylvan Rd., Atlanta, GA
37	20	White	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30075-	On/Near Roadway	GA120 Westbound Roswell, GA 30075
38	21	White	M	MVA-Driver	30342-	roadway	4717 Roswell Road Apt. #N5 Atlanta, Georgia 30342
39	27	White	F	MVA-Driver	30312-	City Street	Pryor & Ridge Atlanta, Ga. 30312
40	32	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30349-	Interstate roadway	Interstate 285 South at Spur 14, College Park, GA 30349
41	56	Black or African American	F	MVA-Pedestrian	Not reported	Four lane road	Fulton Industrial Blvd,
42	27	White	M	MVA-Driver	30268-	Interstate Roadway	I-85 and Sth Johnson Rd, Atlanta 30268
43	10	White	F	MVA-Occupant	30312-	On/Near Roadway	Park Avenue and Sydney Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30312
44	24	White	M	MARTA-Train	30309-	MARTA train bridge	Marta tracks above I-85 north bound, Atl. Ga.
45	58	White	M	MVA-Driver	30316-	4 lane street	Intersection Moreland Ave SE and Hosea Williams Dr SE
46	47	Black or African American	F	MVA-Occupant	30303-	Street	Piedmont Ave and Ellis St, Atlanta, GA 30303
47	34	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30337-	roadway	4000 Global Gateway Connector, College Park, GA
48	41	White	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30022-	roadway	8025 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Alpharetta GA
49	18	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	30318-	Roadway	Intersection of Jones and Griffin Streets NW Atl.GA
50	72	White	M	MVA-Driver	30213-	State highway	5930 Campbellton Fairburn Rd. (Hwy 92), Fairburn, GA
51	37	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30291-	roadway	10175 Cedar Grove Rd, Fairburn, GA 30291
52	64	Black or African American	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30315-	Street	976 Boulevard SE, Atlanta, Ga. 30315
53	55	White	M	MVA-MotorcyclistRider	30311-	Interstate Roadway	I-285 & North of Cascade Rd, Ga 30311
54	41	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30344-	roadway	Old National Hwy. & Godby Rd. College Park, Ga. 30344
55	81	White	F	MVA-Driver	30268-	Freeway	I-85 near Johnson Rd., Atlanta, GA 30268
56	87	White	M	MVA-Driver	30328-	street	5855 Greenbriar Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30328
57	69	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30308-	Street	Courtland St. @ Renaissance Pkwy. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308
58	59	White	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30268-	Road	Hutchesons Ferry Rd. near Jones Ferry Rd., Palmetto, GA
59	85	Black or African American	F	MVA-Occupant	30311-	Road	1992 Cascade Rd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30311
60	31	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	30349-	4 lane road / street	South Fulton Parkway & Stonewall Tell Rd. 30349
61	66	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30311-	Road	1992 Cascade Rd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30311
62	23	Asian	F	MVA-Driver	30342-	Street	3975 Roswell Road NE, Atlanta, GA

63	26	White	M	MVA-Driver	30004-	Road	Hopewell Rd., Alpharetta, GA 30004
64	21	Some other race	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Intrastate roadway	285 W @ Northside Drive/Powers Ferry
65	27	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	30311-	City street	1992 Cascade Rd. SW Atlanta, GA 30311
66	63	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30318-	On/Near Roadway	70 H.E. Holmes Dr., Atlanta Ga., 30318
67	46	White	F	MVA-Driver	30327-	6 lane road	I-75 North Bound near Mt. Paran, Atl. Ga.
68	51	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	30311-	On/Near Roadway	Stone Hogan Connector and Hogan Road, Atl., GA
69	52	Black or African American	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30354-	City street	Near 3296 Jonesboro Road, Atlanta, GA 30354
70	20	White	M	MVA-Driver	30309-	Interstate roadway	I75N @ Brookwood Interchange Atlanta, GA 30309
71	50	White	F	MVA-Driver	Not reported	State Highway	Pennsylvania Turnpike, Mount Pleasant Township, PA
72	35	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30331-	State Highway	Exit ramp from I-20 east onto 285 south, Atl. Ga 30331
73	24	Some other race	M	MVA-Driver	30342-	roadway	Roswell Rd. & Windsor Parkway Atlanta, GA 30342
74	36	Some other race	M	MVA-Occupant	30075-	Another's home	885-J Park Ridge Circle, Roswell, GA 30075
75	16	White	M	MVA-Rider	30097-	Roadway	7040 Sweet Creek Road, Duluth, Ga.
76	23	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	30311-	roadway	2175 Martin Luther King Dr., Atlanta, GA 30311
77	46	White	M	MVA-Pedestrian-RollerBlader	30004-	CITY STREET	Kimbell Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004
78	57	Black or African American	F	MVA-Occupant	30318-	Street	DL Hollowell Pkwy & JP Lowery Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30318
79	33	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30310-	City Street	Metropolitan Pkwy/Casplan St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30310
80	20	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	30349-	Roadway	Butner Rd @ Grassy Trace (Fulton County) 30349
81	47	White	M	MVA-Occupant	30309-	Roadside	St Augustine, Florida,32084
82	27	White	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30324-	Roadway	Cheshire Bridge at I-85 overpass, Atlanta, GA
83	28	Some other race	M	MVA-Driver	30022-	Freeway	GA 400 at Haynes Bridge Rd., Alpharetta, GA
84	48	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	30315-	Street	2144 Macon Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30315
85	34	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30310-	roadway	I-20 West @ Joseph E. Lowery Blvd.
86	34	Asian	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30310-	Street	University Ave. at Metropolitan Ave., Atlanta, GA 30310
87	30	Black or African American	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30309-	Street	Peachtree Rd. & 8th St., Atlanta, GA 30309
88	22	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30337-	Roadway	2900 Camp Creek Parkway, College Park, GA, 30337
89	53	Asian	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30310-	on/near roadway	2020 Lee St, SW, Atlanta GA., 30310
90	11	Black or African American	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30318-	School parking lot	1890 Donald Lee Hollowell, Atl. Ga. 30318
91	23	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30349-	Roadway	4166 Hershel Rd., College Park, GA
92	19	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30349-	Street	5856 Old Bill Cook Rd. College Park, GA 30349
93	64	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30344-	Street	Cleveland Ave. @ I-85, Atlanta, GA 30344
94	33	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	Not reported	Roadway	Cleveland Ave. Atlanta, Ga.
95	25	Black or African American	M	MVA-Rider	30337-	Street	4397 Yates Rd. College Park, GA 30337
96	36	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30308-	Interstate Highway	I-75/85 near Williams Street, Atlanta GA 30308
97	28	White	M	MVA-Occupant	Not reported	Freeway	I-85 @ Lindberg St., Atlanta, GA
98	54	Black or African American	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30331-	Roadside	4547 Campbellton Rd., SW, Atlanta, GA 30331
99	27	Asian	M	MVA-Driver	30318-	roadway	I-285 SB, North of Donald Lee Hollowell Pwk, Atl. GA
100	31	Black or African American	M	MVA-Rider	30310-	Street	McDaniel Street and Rockwell Street, Atlanta, GA 30310

101	53	White	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	On/Near Roadway	Campbellton Redwine Rd @ South Fulton Pkway
102	52	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Freeway	I-20 East, Fulton County, GA
103	53	Black or African American	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30354-	Interstate Roadway	I-285 East at Jonesboro Road, Atlanta, GA 30354
104	49	Black or African American	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30354-	Freeway	I-285 East at Jonesboro Rd., Atlanta, GA 30354
105	21	White	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30305-	roadway	2901 Piedmont Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30305
106	23	White	F	MVA-Driver	30328-	Interstate	I285E @ New Northside Drive 30328
107	52	White	F	MVA-Driver	30328-	interstate	I285E @ New Northside Drive 30328
108	74	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30331-	roadway	Bakers Ferry and Camp Creek PKWY, Atl. Ga. 30331
109	59	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30213-	State Highway	Hwy 138 @ Hwy 29 Fairburn, GA 30213
110	15	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30310-	City street	McDaniel St & Roy St. Atlanta, GA 30310
111	44	White	M	MVA-Driver	30307-	City Street	Dekalb Ave and Battery Place, Atlanta, GA 30307
112	69	White	M	MVA-Pedestrian	Not reported	On/Near Roadway	7447 Roswell Rd., Atlanta, GA 30342
113	24	Asian	F	MVA-Occupant	Not reported	Interstate roadway	I85N @ 400, Atlanta, Ga.
114	23	Some other race	M	MVA-Occupant	Not reported	road	I-285 Westbound and Riverside Drive Atlanta, GA
115	48	Black or African American	F	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Highway	GA 400 North , Roswell, GA 30075
116	50	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30318-	Interstate highway	I285S (North of I20), Atlanta, GA 30318
117	36	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	30310-	Interstate Hwy	I75/85N @ University Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310
118	27	Black or African American	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Roadway	Metropolitan Parkway, SW at Arthur Street, SW
119	45	Some other race	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30316-	apt. parking lot	1387 Custer Avenue, SE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30316
120	33	Black or African American	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30318-	Business Parking Lot	Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy, NW & Azlee Place, NW
121	63	Black or African American	F	MVA-Occupant	30318-	Interstate highway	I 285S, Atlanta, GA 30318
122	68	White	M	MVA-Driver	30022-	On/Near Roadway	Medlock Bridge Rd at Old Alabama Rd, GA., 30022
123	15	White	M	MVA-Occupant	Not reported	State Highway	I 285 westbound at Riverside Drive, Atlanta, Georgia
124	28	Some other race	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Freeway ramp	GA 400 Southbound at I-285 Westbound, Atlanta, GA
125	76	White	M	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Street	Roswell Rd & Northwood Dr, Atlanta, GA 30342
126	77	White	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30291-	Road	Roosevelt Hwy. and Virginia Ave., Union City, GA 30291
127	15	Black or African American	M	MVA-Occupant	30310-	Road	2350 Beecher Cir., Atlanta, GA 30310
128	61	Black or African American	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30213-	Business parking lot	97 Heath Street, Fairburn, Georgia
129	20	White	F	MVA-Driver	Not reported	Road	Tennessee
130	21	White	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30022-	Street	Medlock Bridge Rd. at State Bridge Rd., Fulton Co., GA

SECTION V. MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE

Figure 13. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=145) for Homicides

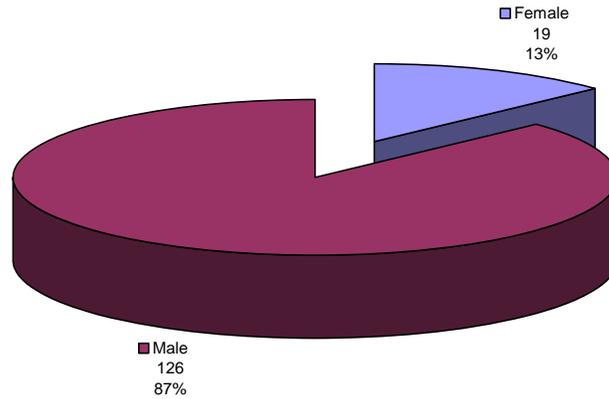


Figure 14. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=145) for Homicides

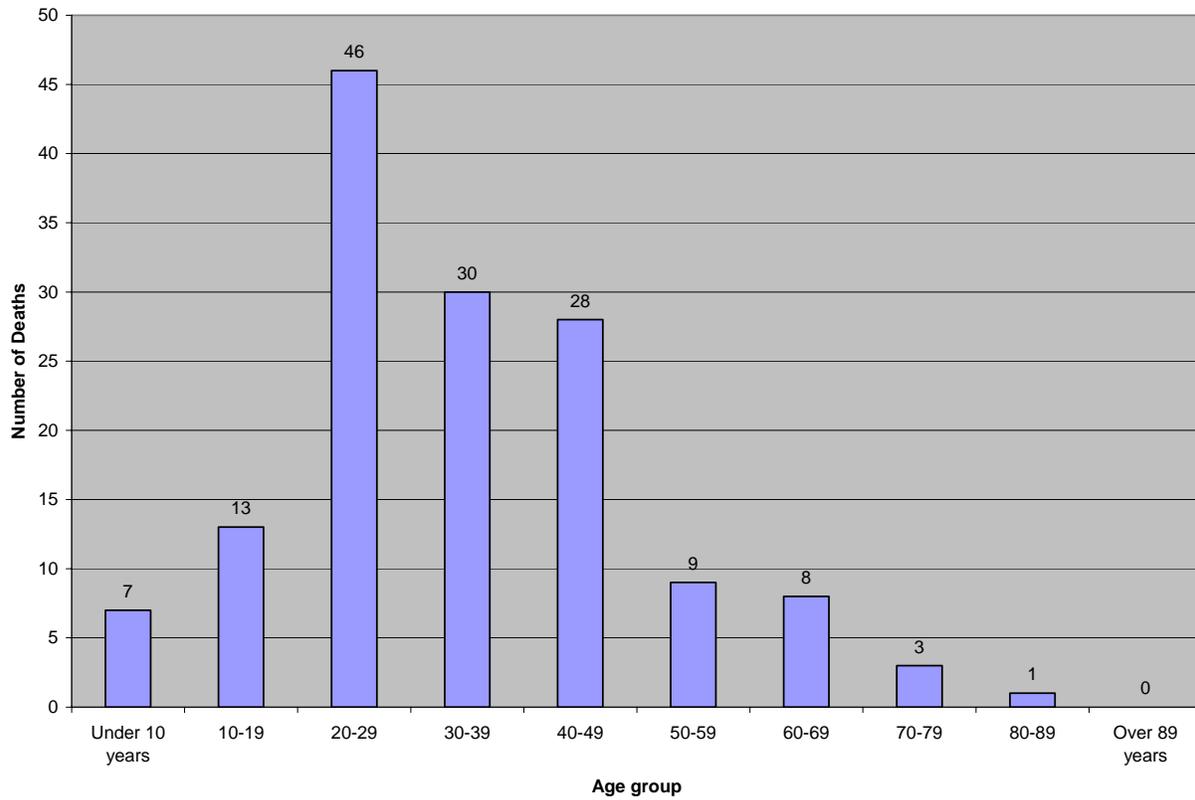


Table 14. Race by Sex Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=145) for Homicides

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black or African American	13	100	113
White	6	14	20
Asian	0	1	1
Some other race	0	11	11
Total =	19	126	145

Table 15. Race by Ethnicity Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=145) for Homicides

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black or African American	0	113	113
White	1	19	20
Asian	0	1	1
Some other race	11	0	11
Total =	12	133	145

Table 16. Number of certified deaths for each Zip code (Incident) (n=145)

Zip Code	Number of Victims	Percent
30004-	3	2.07
30075-	1	0.69
30097-	1	0.69
30268-	2	1.38
30291-	2	1.38
30303-	3	2.07
30305-	1	0.69
30307-	1	0.69
30308-	2	1.38
30309-	1	0.69
30310-	16	11.03
30311-	11	7.59
30312-	7	4.83
30313-	1	0.69
30314-	5	3.45
30315-	17	11.72
30316-	2	1.38
30318-	20	13.79
30324-	3	2.07
30327-	2	1.38
30328-	3	2.07
30331-	6	4.14
30337-	1	0.69
30339-	1	0.69
30342-	4	2.76
30344-	5	3.45
30345-	1	0.69
30349-	14	9.66
30349	1	0.69
30350-	4	2.76
30354-	2	1.38
71109-	1	0.69
Missing	1	0.69
Total =	145	100.00

Table 17. Number of certified deaths for each cause of homicide death investigated in 2005 (n=145)

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Asphyxia-Strangulation	4	2.76
Asphyxia-Suffocation	1	0.69
Asphyxia	1	0.69
Blunt Force	11	7.59
Bow/Crossbow/Arrow	1	0.69
Burn-Thermal-Not Fire	1	0.69
Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	1	0.69
Fall-Standing Height	1	0.69
Gun-Handgun	22	15.17
Gun-Pistol	19	13.10
Gun-Revolver	2	1.38
Gun-Rifle	3	2.07
Gun-Shotgun	6	4.14
Gun (not otherwise specified)	59	40.69
Restraint-Associated	1	0.69
Sharp Instrument-Knife	1	0.69
Sharp Instrument	11	7.59
Total =	145	100.00

SECTION VI. MANNER OF DEATH: SUICIDE

Figure 15. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=78) for Suicides

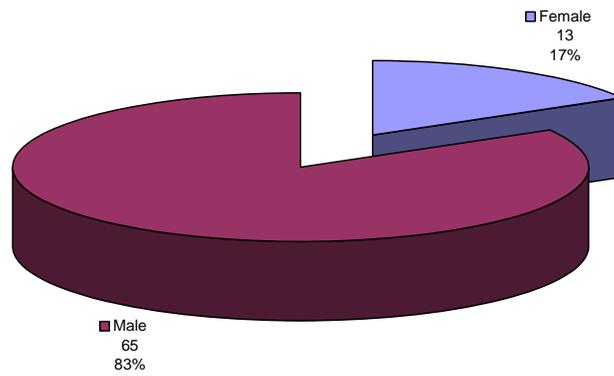


Figure 16. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=78) for Suicides

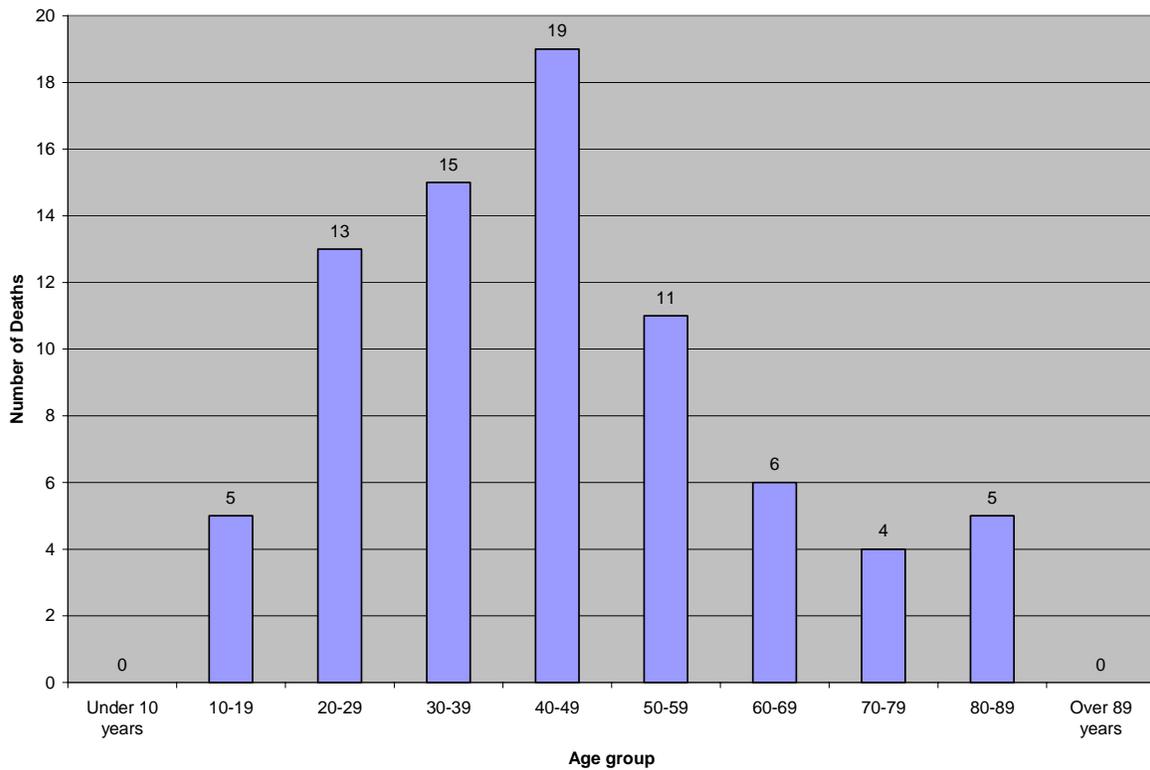


Table 18. Race by Sex cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=78) for Suicides

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black or African American	5	13	18
White	8	47	55
Asian	0	1	1
Some other race	0	4	4
Total =	13	65	78

Table 19. Race by Ethnicity cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=78) for Suicides

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black or African American	0	18	18
White	0	55	55
Asian	0	1	1
Some other race	4	0	4
Total =	4	74	78

Table 20. Number of certified deaths for each Zip code (Incident) (n=78) for Suicides

Zip Code	Frequency	Percent
30004-	4	5.13
30022-	1	1.28
30075-	4	5.13
30076-	3	3.85
30097-	1	1.28
30296-	1	1.28
30303-	1	1.28
30305-	4	5.13
30306-	1	1.28
30307-	1	1.28
30308-	5	6.41
30309-	4	5.13
30310-	5	6.41
30312-	1	1.28
30314-	1	1.28
30315-	2	2.56
30318-	5	6.41
30319-	1	1.28
30324-	2	2.56
30326-	1	1.28
30327-	2	2.56
30328-	3	3.85
30329-	1	1.28
30331-	2	2.56
30336-	2	2.56
30338-	1	1.28
30342-	4	5.13
30344-	4	5.13
30349-	5	6.41
30350-	3	3.85
30354-	2	2.56
Not reported	1	1.28
Total =	78	100.00

Table 21. Number of certified deaths for each method of suicide (n=78) for Suicides

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Asphyxia-Hanging	9	11.54
Asphyxia-Strangulation	1	1.28
Asphyxia-Suffocation	3	3.85
Burn-Thermal-Not Fire	1	1.28
Drug Death-Poisoning	12	15.38
Gun-Handgun	12	15.38
Gun-Pistol	7	8.97
Gun-Revolver	12	15.38
Gun-Rifle	3	3.85
Gun-Shotgun	3	3.85
Gun (not otherwise specified)	3	3.85
Jump from Height	9	11.54
MVA-Driver	1	1.28
Poisoning-Not Drug or CO	1	1.28
Sharp Instrument-Knife	1	1.28
Total =	78	100.00

SECTION VII: MANNER OF DEATH: UNDETERMINED

Figure 17. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=31) for manner Undetermined

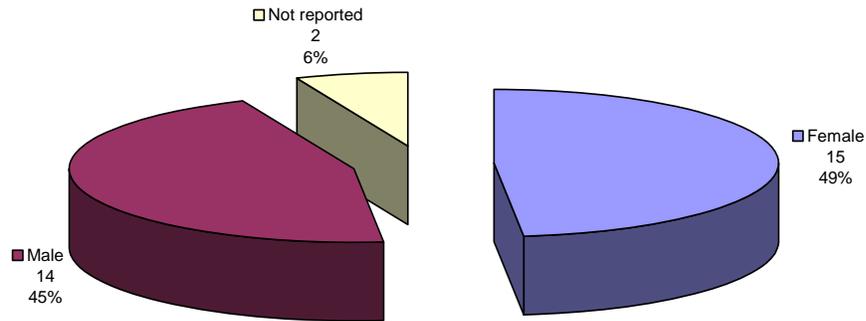


Figure 18. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=31) for manner Undetermined

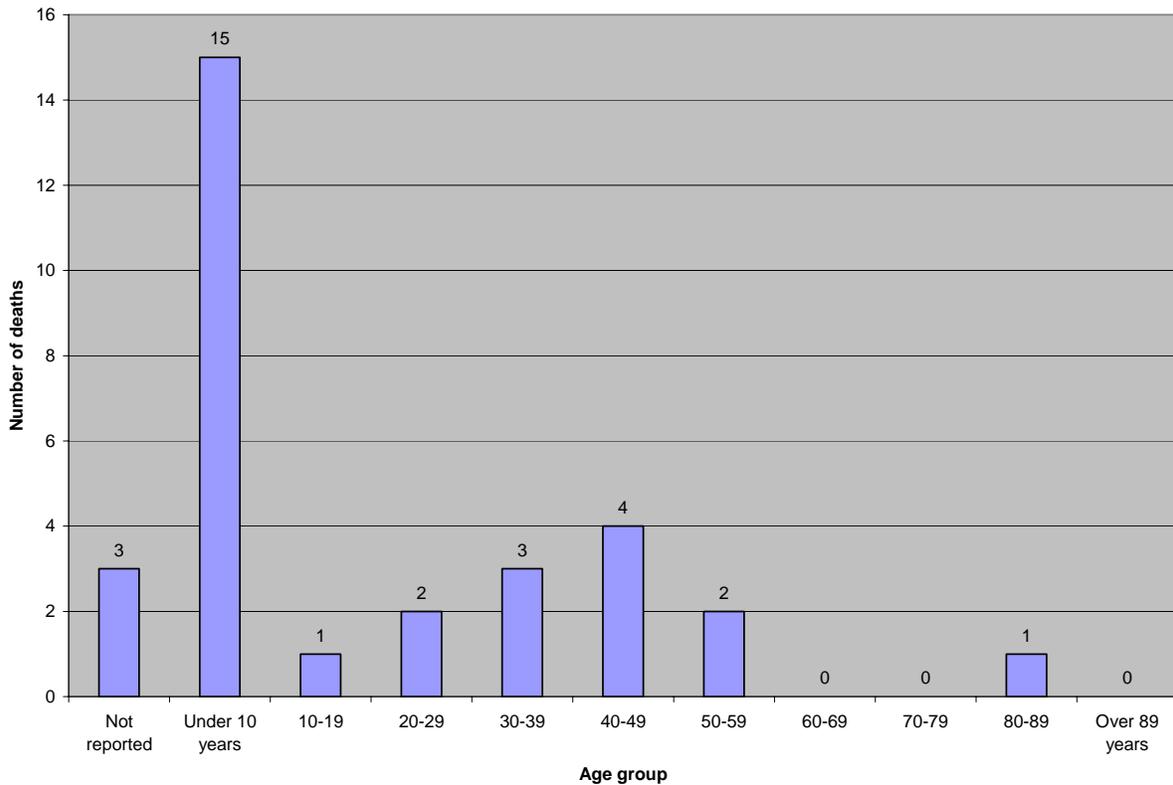


Table 22. Race by Sex cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=31) for manner Undetermined

RACE	SEX			Total
	Female	Male	Missing	
Black or African American	13	10	0	23
White	1	3	0	4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	1	0	1
Not reported	1	0	2	3
Total =	15	14	2	31

Table 23. Race by Ethnicity cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=31) for manner Undetermined

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black or African American	0	23	23
White	0	4	4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	1	1
Not reported	3	0	3
Total =	3	28	31

Table 24. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=31) for manner Undetermined

Zip Code	Frequency	Percent
30004-	1	3.23
30075-	1	3.23
30213-	2	6.45
30303-	1	3.23
30309-	1	3.23
30310-	1	3.23
30310	1	3.23
30311-	2	6.45
30312-	2	6.45
30314-	1	3.23
30315-	2	6.45
30318-	4	12.90
30324-	1	3.23
30326-	1	3.23
30331-	2	6.45
30337-	2	6.45
30344-	2	6.45
30349-	1	3.23
30350-	1	3.23
30354-	1	3.23
Not reported	1	3.23
Total =	31	100.00

Table 25. Number of certified deaths for each case code (n=31) for manner Undetermined

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Asphyxia-Suffocation	1	3.23
Blunt Force	3	9.68
Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	2	6.45
Seizure Disorder	1	3.23
SIDSOID-Classic*	3	9.68
SIDSOID-Not SIDS*	1	3.23
SIDSOID-Stressor*	11	35.48
Undetermined	9	29.03
Total =	31	100.00

*It is office policy in SIDS-like cases to certify the manner of death as undetermined rather than natural unless another manner of death is identified. “Stressor” indicates some risk factor was present such as soft bedding. “Disease” means that disease was present but significance in causing death is unknown. “Both” means that disease and a stressor were present. “Classic” means that neither disease nor a stressor was identified. “Not SIDS” means that the circumstances were not consistent with SIDS but a specific cause of death was not determined.

SECTION VIII. MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL

Figure 19. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=676) for Natural Deaths

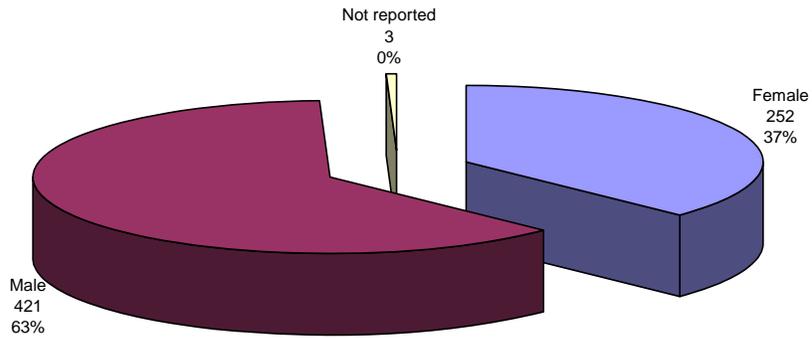


Figure 20. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=676) for Natural Deaths

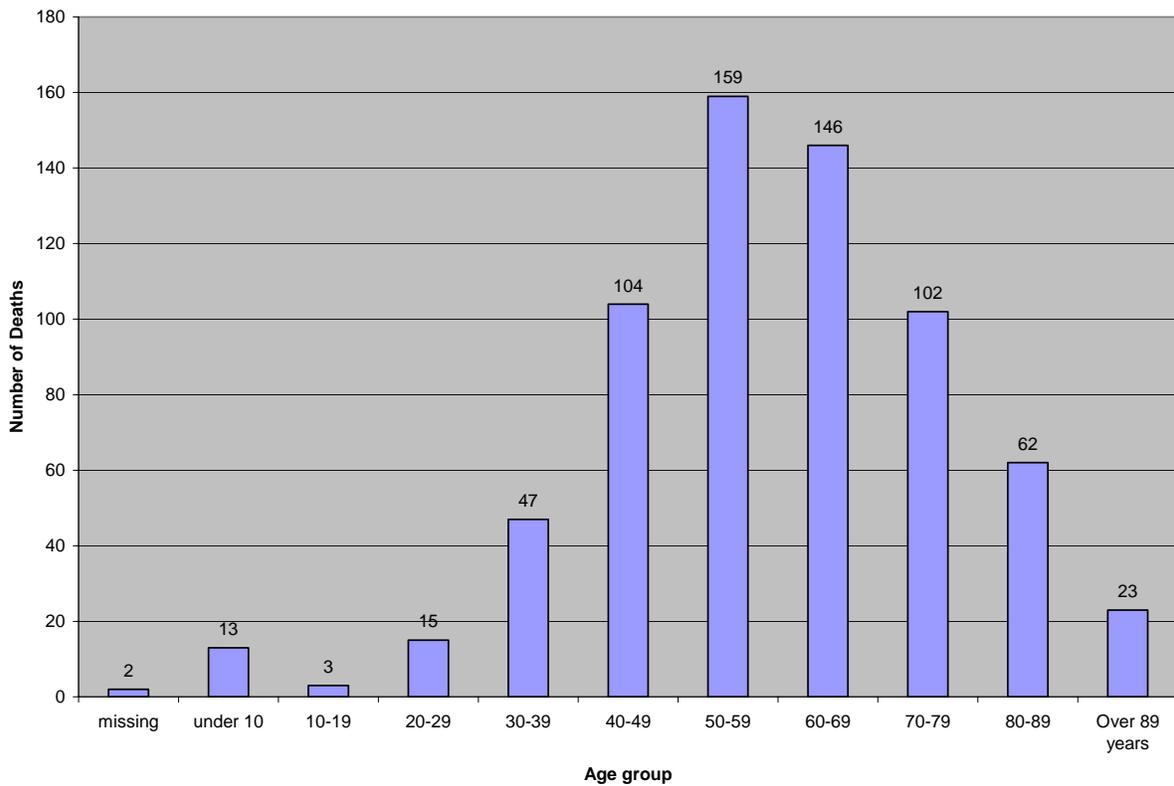


Table 26. Race by Sex cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=676) for Natural Deaths

RACE	SEX			Total
	Female	Male	Missing	
Black or African American	178	282	2	462
White	70	127	0	197
Asian	3	3	0	6
Some other race	1	8	0	9
Not reported	0	1	1	2
Total =	252	421	3	676

Table 27. Race by Ethnicity cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=676) for Natural Deaths

RACE	HISPANIC			Total
	NO	YES	Missing	
Black or African American	461	1	0	462
White	196	1	0	197
Asian	6	0	0	6
Some other race	0	9	0	9
Not reported	0	0	2	2
Total =	663	11	2	676

Table 28. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=676) for Natural Deaths

Zip Code	Number of deaths	Percent
30004-	8	1.18
30005-	3	0.44
30015-	1	0.15
30022-	13	1.92
30024-	1	0.15
30075-	10	1.48
30076-	14	2.07
30097-	4	0.59
30201-	1	0.15
30213-	11	1.63
30268-	5	0.74
30291-	6	0.89
30303-	9	1.33
30304-	1	0.15
30305-	16	2.37
30306-	13	1.92
30306	1	0.15
30307-	1	0.15
30308-	20	2.96
30309-	15	2.22
30310-	49	7.25
30311-	31	4.59
30311	1	0.15
30312-	33	4.88
30312	2	0.30
30313-	8	1.18
30314-	34	5.03
30315-	55	8.14
30315	1	0.15
30316-	8	1.18
30318-	66	9.76
30318	1	0.15
30319-	2	0.30
30324-	12	1.78
30326-	1	0.15
30327-	5	0.74
30328-	8	1.18
30331-	44	6.51
30336-	4	0.59
30337-	14	2.07
30342-	16	2.37
30344-	33	4.88
30349-	36	5.33
30350-	12	1.78
30354-	21	3.11
30375-	1	0.15
Note reported	25	3.70
Total =	676	100.00

Table 29. Number of certified deaths for each cause of natural death investigated in 2005 (n=676)

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Aneurysm Rupture	5	0.74
Aorta Dissection	5	0.74
Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD	183	27.07
Cardiac-Cardiomyopathy	17	2.51
Cardiac-Hypertension	168	24.85
Cardiac-Myocarditis	3	0.44
Cardiac-Valvular	1	0.15
Cardiac	39	5.77
Connective Tissue Disorder	1	0.15
Dementia-Alzheimers	3	0.44
Dementia-NOS	1	0.15
Diabetes-IDDM	5	0.74
Diabetes-Ketoacidosis	6	0.89
Diabetes	9	1.33
Drug-Death-Chronic Abuse	27	3.99
Endocrine Disease	1	0.15
GI Tract Disease	6	0.89
Hematologic Disorder	1	0.15
Hepatobiliary Disease	4	0.59
Heritable-Genetic-Congenital	1	0.15
Infection-Genitourinary	1	0.15
Infection-HIV-AIDS	19	2.81
Infection-Lung	23	3.40
Infection-Nervous System	2	0.30
Infection	4	0.59
Neoplasm	25	3.70
Nervous System- Stroke	5	0.74
Nervous System-Hemorrhage-HBP	3	0.44
Nervous System-Hemorrhage	3	0.44
Nervous System	4	0.59
Nonspecific Natural	35	5.18
Obesity	1	0.15
Pregnancy-Complication	4	0.59
Prematurity	2	0.30
Psychiatric Disorder	1	0.15
Pulmonary-Asthma	6	0.89
Pulmonary-COPD	10	1.48
Pulmonary-Hypertension	1	0.15
Pulmonary	1	0.15
Renal Disease	7	1.04
Seizure Disorder-Idiopathic	4	0.59
Seizure Disorder	3	0.44
Stillbirth	3	0.44
Thromboemboli	18	2.66
Treatment Complication	3	0.44
Undetermined	1	0.15
Vascular Disease	1	0.15
Total =	676	100.00

SECTION IX: Special Topics

Table 30. Deaths Among the Homeless

Certified (AJ) Deaths among the homeless, manner and cause code by sex and race*, 2005 (n=27)

MANNER	Cause Code	Female		Total Female	Male			Total Male	All Cases All Races
		B	W	All Races	B	W	Missing	All Races	
ACCIDENT	Drug Death-Poisoning	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Fall-From Height	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Fall-Standing Height	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	3
	Hypothermia-Exogenous	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
	MVA-Bicyclist	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Total =	0	0	0	6	3	0	9	9
ACCIDENT (T)	Total =	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOMICIDE	Total =	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NATURAL	Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	3
	Cardiac-Cardiomyopathy	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Cardiac-Hypertension	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Drug-Death-Chronic Abuse	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Infection-HIV-AIDS	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	4
	Infection-Lung	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	3
	Seizure Disorder	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Undetermined	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Total =	4	0	4	8	3	1	11	15
SUICIDE	Asphyxia-Hanging	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Jump from Height	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Total =	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2
UNDETERMINED	Undetermined	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Total =	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1

* Race: B=Black or African-American; W=White; Missing=Race not reported

Table 31. Deaths Among Persons of Old Age

Certified (AJ) deaths among persons of old age: manner of death by sex and race, >= 75 years old, 2005 (n=207)

Manner	Age Group	Female				Total Female	Male				Total Male	All Cases
		B	W	A/P	O	All Races	B	W	A/P	O	All Races	All Races
Accident*	75-79	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	5	7
	80-84	1	4	0	0	5	1	6	1	0	8	13
	85-89	2	8	0	0	10	2	8	0	0	10	20
	90-94	1	4	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	4	9
	95-99	0	6	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	2	8
	100-104	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Total =	6	24	0	0	30	6	22	1	0	29	59
Accident (T) (MVA)	75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2
	80-84	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
	85-89	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	4
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	1	1	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	6	8
Homicide	75-79	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	80-84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	85-89	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
Natural	75-79	15	6	0	0	21	15	8	0	0	23	44
	80-84	11	11	0	0	22	12	7	0	0	19	41
	85-89	7	5	1	0	13	4	4	0	0	8	21
	90-94	6	6	0	0	12	2	3	0	0	5	17
	95-99	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
	100-104	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Total =	43	30	1	0	74	33	22	0	0	55	129
Suicide	75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3
	80-84	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	4
	85-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	7	8
Undetermined	75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	80-84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	85-89	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1

- 48 of the 59 Accidental Deaths involved a fall, usually while ambulating

Table 32. Deaths Among Children

Certified (AJ) deaths among children by age group, cause & manner of death, 15 years old and younger, 2005
(n=57)

Age Group (years)	CaseCode	MANNER	Number of cases
< 1 year	Asphyxia-Overlaying	ACCIDENT	1
	Asphyxia-Positional	ACCIDENT	3
	Asphyxia-Wedging	ACCIDENT	1
	Gun-Pistol	HOMICIDE	1
	Infection	NATURAL	1
	Infection-Lung	NATURAL	2
	Infection-Nervous System	NATURAL	1
	Pregnancy-Complication	NATURAL	1
	Prematurity	NATURAL	1
	SIDS/OID-Classic	UNDETERMINED	3
	SIDS/OID-Not SIDS	UNDETERMINED	1
	SIDS/OID-Stressor	UNDETERMINED	11
	Stillbirth	NATURAL	3
		Total =	30
1-5	Asphyxia-Foreign Body	ACCIDENT	1
	Asphyxia-Strangulation	HOMICIDE	1
	Blunt Force	HOMICIDE	2
	Burn-Thermal-Not Fire	HOMICIDE	1
	Cardiac-Myocarditis	NATURAL	2
	Drowning-Pool/Spa	ACCIDENT	1
	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	HOMICIDE	1
	Fire death	ACCIDENT	1
	Infection-Lung	NATURAL	1
	Prematurity	NATURAL	1
		Total =	12
6-9	Drowning-Tub	ACCIDENT	1
	Fire death	ACCIDENT	2
	Gun	HOMICIDE	1
	MVA-ATV	ACCIDENT	1
		Total =	5
10-15	Gun-Handgun	HOMICIDE	2
	Gun-Revolver	SUICIDE	1
	Gun-Rifle	HOMICIDE	1
	MVA-Driver	ACCIDENT (T)	1
	MVA-Occupant	ACCIDENT (T)	4
	MVA-Pedestrian	ACCIDENT (T)	1
		Total =	10

Table 33. Deaths Caused by Drugs and Poisons

Certified (AJ) deaths caused by drugs and poisons among accident and suicide deaths, 2005 (n=138)

Manner of death	Drugs involved	Number of deaths
ACCIDENT	Acetaminophen	1
	Alcohol and opiate	1
	Alprazolam	1
	Alprazolam and quetiapine	1
	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	1
	Cocaine	55
	Cocaine and Alprazolam	1
	Cocaine and ethanol	5
	Cocaine and methamphetamine	1
	Cocaine and Methylenedioxymethamphetamine	1
	Cocaine and Opiate	2
	Cocaine toxicity	1
	Cocaine, ethanol, and morphine	1
	Cocaine, ethanol, oxycodone, and alprazolam	1
	Cocaine, morphine, and midazolam	1
	Cocaine, opiates, and ethanol.	1
	Ethanol	5
	Ethanol and Fluoxetine	1
	Ethanol and morphine.	1
	Ethanol and opiates	2
	Ethanol and Prescription Medications	1
	Fentanyl	2
	Gamma Hydroxybutyrate and Codeine	1
	Hydrocodone and Alprazolam	1
	Hydromorphone	1
	Methadone	1
	Methadone and benzodiazepines	1
	Methamphetamine	3
	Mixed Drug	3
	Mixed Drug Intoxication by Fentanyl, Methadone, Diazepam and Sertraline	1
	Morphine and methadone	1
	Morphine and alprazolam	1
	Morphine and Cocaine	1
	Opiate toxicity, including codeine, morphine, and hydrocodone	1
	Opiate(s), methadone, and a benzodiazepine	1
	Opiates	8
	Opiates and alprazolam	2
	Opiates and ethanol	1
	Opiates, phenobarbital, and cocaine	1
	Opioid	1
	Oxycodone	3
Oxycodone and Diazepam	1	
Oxycodone and diphenhydramine	1	
Propoxyphene, citalopram, cyclobenzaprine and metaxalone	1	

	Salicylate	1
	Sertraline	1
	Total =	125
SUICIDE	Acetaminophen	1
	Alprazolam, quetiapine, and trazodone	1
	Alprazolam, quetiapine, opioids and trazodone	1
	Amitriptyline, cocaine, and methamphetamines	1
	Ethylene glycol	2
	Fluoxetine and Alprazolam	1
	Isopropyl Alcohol	1
	Lidocaine	1
	Mixed drug toxicity including fluoxetine, methamphetamine, and trazodone	1
	Morphine, alprazolam, and ethanol	1
	Salicylate	1
	Tricyclic antidepressant	1
	Total =	13

Summary, Trends, and Emerging Issues

A brief summary of basic operational data for 2004 is as follows:

• Total case reports received	2185
• Non-human cases	12
• Duplicate Reports	2
• Total human deaths reported	2171
• Cases declined, natural death with certifier, or other county	849
• Cases accepted for full investigation and certification	1322
• Natural deaths	676
• Homicides	145
• Suicides	78
• Accidents (excluding traffic fatalities)	262
• Road-traffic related Accidental Deaths	130
• Undetermined manner of death	31
• On-scene death investigations	896
• Bodies transported to the office	1309
• Cases certified without bodily examination by MD	147
• External examination (Views + External Exams) by MD	369
• Complete autopsies by MD	887
• Partial (Limited) Autopsies by MD	0
• Bodies examined by investigator, not MD	171
• Total bodies examined by MD or investigator	1427
• Certified death but autopsy performed at hospital	2
• Cases submitted to GBI for toxicology	1081
• Bodies remaining unidentified as of 2/2006	4
• Unclaimed bodies/remains	25
• County burials on year 2004 cases	20
• Exhumations	0
• Organ and tissue donations	27

By the end of 2004, the Fulton County population had grown to about 782,858 which is the highest population in many years. Despite that, the number of homicides (145) and the homicide rate are the lowest in several decades. Consistent with past years, most homicides (77%) involve guns. The number and rate of suicide has remained more constant although other studies show in increasing rate in young people including minorities. Prior to the 1990s, suicides were committed with guns in about 65% of cases and by hanging or jumping in about 15% of cases, while in 2005, 51% involved guns and 23% involved hanging or jumping. Most accidental deaths in the elderly are due to falls while ambulating or from other low places such as beds or chairs. Nearly one-half of accidental deaths that are not related to traffic accidents result from intoxications with prescribed drugs, illicit drugs, or poisons. The number of unidentified deceased (4) is fewer than which occurred in 2004 (9). Most deaths with circumstances suggestive of sudden infant death syndrome had possible stressors (such as bed sharing with adults) identified during the investigation.

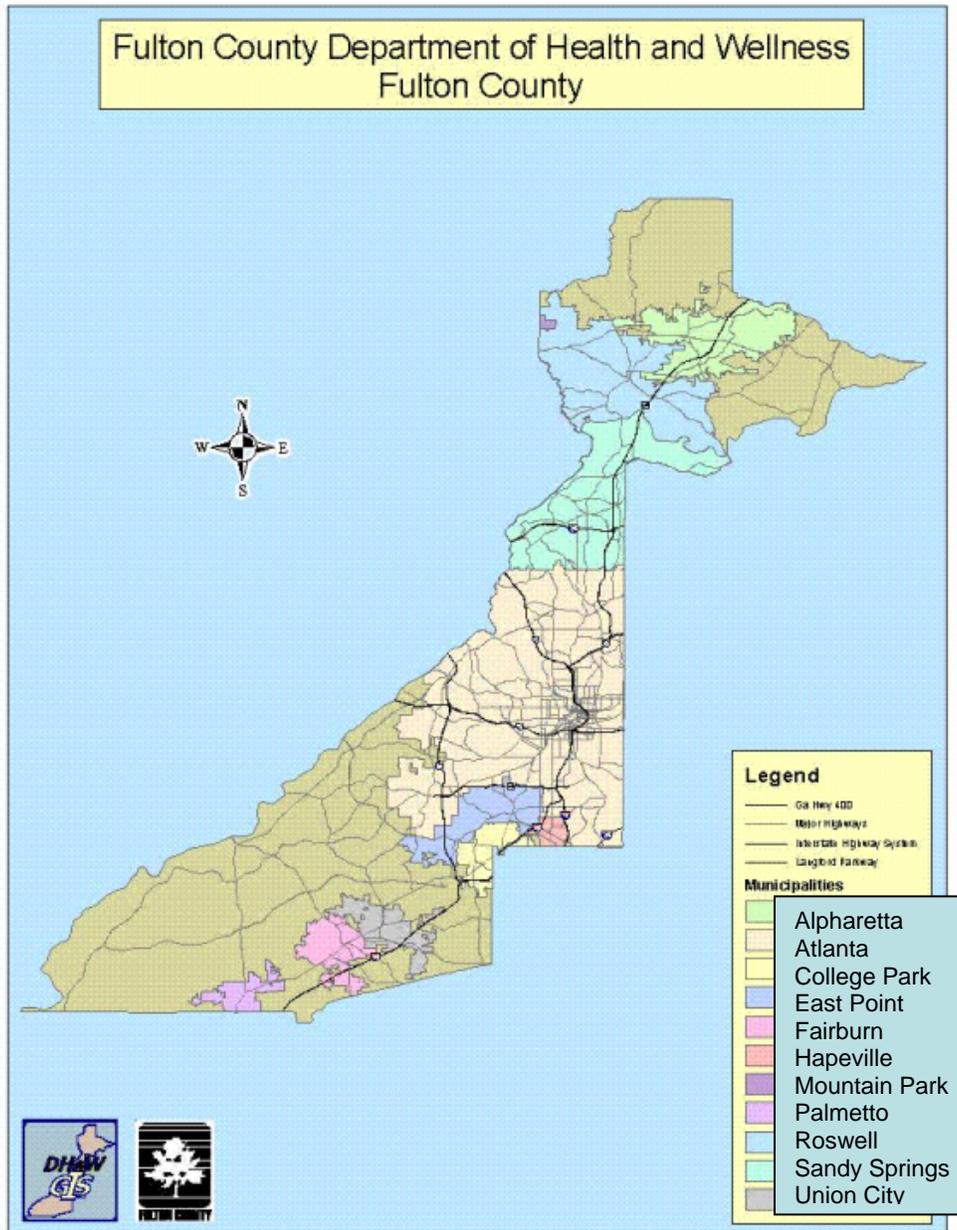


SECTION X: Appendices

APPENDIX A

Map of Fulton County

(Source: Department of Health & Wellness, Fulton County Department of Health)



APPENDIX B

Fulton County Demographic Characteristics: 2004

Fulton County, Georgia

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004

Data Set: **2004 American Community Survey**

Demographic - Sex and Age, Race, Relationship, Household by Type

Social - Education, Marital Status, Fertility, Grandparents...

Economic - Income, Employment, Occupation, Commuting to Work...

Housing - Occupancy and Structure, Housing Value and Costs, Utilities...

Narrative - Text profile with graphs for easy analysis...

NOTE. Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
SEX AND AGE			
Male	382,286	379,318	385,254
Female	400,572	397,604	403,540
Under 5 years	61,534	58,959	64,109
5 to 9 years	59,445	52,215	66,675
10 to 14 years	56,098	49,318	62,878
15 to 19 years	45,564	41,664	49,464
20 to 24 years	45,463	41,435	49,491
25 to 34 years	134,849	129,667	140,031
35 to 44 years	134,925	130,891	138,959
45 to 54 years	114,066	111,165	116,967
55 to 59 years	44,934	40,499	49,369
60 to 64 years	28,295	23,976	32,614
65 to 74 years	32,149	31,263	33,035
75 to 84 years	18,487	16,851	20,123
85 years and over	7,049	5,031	9,067
Median age (years)	34.2	33.9	34.5
18 years and over	576,956	576,438	577,474
21 years and over	555,578	551,055	560,101
62 years and over	73,681	70,718	76,644
65 years and over	57,685	56,443	58,927
18 years and over	576,956	576,438	577,474
Male	277,008	275,972	278,044
Female	299,948	298,754	301,142
65 years and over	57,685	56,443	58,927
Male	22,601	22,088	23,114
Female	35,084	33,939	36,229
RACE			
One race	774,026	770,787	777,265
Two or more races	8,832	5,593	12,071
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
One race	774,026	770,787	777,265
White	392,072	380,869	403,275
Black or African American	331,060	326,739	335,381
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,591	1,032	2,150
Cherokee tribal grouping	N	N	N
Chippewa tribal grouping	N	N	N

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Navajo tribal grouping	N	N	N
Sioux tribal grouping	N	N	N
Asian	29,844	28,192	31,496
Asian Indian	10,632	5,987	15,277
Chinese, except Taiwanese	5,777	2,364	9,190
Filipino	935	0	2,463
Japanese	2,204	668	3,740
Korean	7,692	2,867	12,517
Vietnamese	2,036	681	3,391
Other Asian	568	0	1,285
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	187	0	504
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N
Guamanian or Chamorro	N	N	N
Samoan	N	N	N
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N
Some other race	19,272	7,746	30,798
Two or more races	8,832	5,593	12,071
White and Black or African American	1,199	100	2,298
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	748	189	1,307
White and Asian	2,104	452	3,756
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	1,131	123	2,139
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races:			
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
White	397,551	386,500	408,602
Black or African American	336,066	332,269	339,863
American Indian and Alaska Native	4,130	2,959	5,301
Asian	32,776	31,517	34,035
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N
Some other race	21,640	9,925	33,355
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE			
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	56,968	*****	*****
Mexican	40,340	33,248	47,432
Puerto Rican	3,226	625	5,827
Cuban	1,995	68	3,922
Other Hispanic or Latino	11,407	6,086	16,728
Not Hispanic or Latino	725,890	*****	*****
White alone	353,990	352,676	355,304
Black or African American alone	329,297	325,219	333,375
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	1,591	1,032	2,150
Asian alone	29,844	28,192	31,496
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	187	0	504
Some other race alone	3,123	0	6,750
Two or more races:	7,858	4,818	10,898
Two races including Some other race	1,188	0	3,120
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	6,670	4,131	9,209
RELATIONSHIP			
Household population	782,858	*****	*****
Householder	345,065	335,850	354,280
Spouse	127,843	120,655	135,031
Child	223,651	216,018	231,284
Other relatives	45,186	35,964	54,408
Nonrelatives	41,113	32,957	49,269
Unmarried partner	14,432	10,279	18,585
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE			
Total households	337,463	329,578	345,348

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Lower Bound</u>	<u>Upper Bound</u>
Family households (families)	190,621	182,502	198,740
With own children under 18 years	99,458	91,387	107,529
Married-couple families	122,192	114,080	130,304
With own children under 18 years	57,984	51,646	64,322
Female householder, no husband present	52,259	46,151	58,367
With own children under 18 years	35,179	29,709	40,649
Nonfamily households	146,842	137,059	156,625
Householder living alone	124,295	115,095	133,495
65 years and over	21,460	17,743	25,177
Households with one or more people under 18 years	109,683	101,515	117,851
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	47,706	44,048	51,364
Average household size	2.32	2.27	2.37
Average family size	3.12	3.02	3.22
General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Lower Bound</u>	<u>Upper Bound</u>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a confidence interval. The interval shown here is a 90 percent confidence interval. The stated range can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the lower and upper bounds contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- The number of householders does not necessarily equal the number of households because of differences in the weighting schemes for the population and occupied housing units.
- For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2000 Brief entitled, [Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin](#), issued March 2001. (pdf format)

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '**' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
6. An '***' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
7. An '*****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

APPENDIX C FCME VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT



The Fulton County Medical Examiner Mission is:

To serve the citizens of Fulton County, the public, and the justice system, and to foster public health, safety, and well-being by conducting death investigation in accordance with the law and professional standards.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner Vision is:

Guiding Philosophy: Death Investigation uses knowledge, experience, skill, and technology, and when performed with intellectual honesty, fosters truth, justice, health, and safety.

Purpose: We strive to safeguard personal liberty and public well-being.

Goals: Relying upon knowledge, experience, skill, professionalism, technology, and evidentiary principles, we will conduct death investigation that is above reproach and worthy of the public trust. Judges, attorneys, and juries will understand our work and testimony and will use it to find the truth. Our work will assist in bringing the culpable to appropriate and expedient justice; in vindicating the wrongly accused; in advancing knowledge; and in safeguarding the public. The public will be informed and educated through our work. The courts, media, and public will understand and appreciate the value of our work. Every person affected by our work will know that it is done with integrity and that outcomes based on our work will be fair, just, and appropriate.