

**Office of the Coroner  
County of Portage, Ohio  
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Statistical Annual Report - 2016**

There were **277 deaths reported** to the coroner. Of those reported, **131 cases** were eventually referred to an **attending physician** because they did not meet the definition of a coroner case. Of those 131 deaths referrals, **7** required **on-the-scene investigation** before a determination could be rendered. **One Hundred Forty-Six (146)** cases became coroner cases as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.

Cases	<b>146</b>	<u><b>Busiest month</b></u>	April.	18 cases
Ave. Age	<b>49</b>	<u><b>Slowest month</b></u>	December	7 cases
Youngest decedent	<b>1 month</b>			
Oldest decedent	<b>91</b>	<u><b>Averaged Approx.</b></u>	<b>12 cases per month</b>	
Number of males	<b>88</b>	61 ( %)	<b>131 decedents were residents of county (90 %)</b>	
Number of females	<b>58</b>	39 ( %)	15 decedents lived outside of county (10%)	

Number of Caucasians	142	The <b>average age</b> of decedents went down by two years	Age 49
Number of African-Americans	2		
Number of Asian Americans	2	Cases with “ <b>substance levels</b> ” of alcohol/drugs	(65) 45.0%

**Largest age group affiliation** 40-59 (60)  
**Second largest group of cases** 60-69 (24)  
**The combined age group of 40 to 69**  
**represented 58% of cases.**

**Four** coroner cases of deaths of a child age 2 and under.

**Cases:** First six months 84 cases

Last six months	62 cases
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**Suicides:** 25 = 16 males, 9 females  
12 with a gun  
8 aphyxiation  
4 drugs  
**Age Group Affiliation**  
1 a fall (jump)

<b>Natural</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Suicides</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Homicides</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Undertermined</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Pending Cases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
		<b>100%</b>

**Age Group Affiliation**

0-12 = 5	50-59 = 36
13-19 = 5	60-69 = 24
20-29 = 15	70-79 = 12
30-39 = 18	80-89 = 6
40-49 = 24	90-99 = 1

**Autopsies = 46**

**32% of cases**

Contracted Summit County Medical Examiner - 42

Contracted Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner - 4

**Accidental Drug Overdoses (Toxicities) = 46**

Completed Suicide Overdoses	= 4
Total	50

### Pronouncement of Death

16% at Portage Medical Center-RMH (23)

11% in Ravenna (16)

11% in Ravenna Twp (16)

10% in Streetsboro (14)

9% in Aurora (12)

7% in Kent (10)

6% in Deerfield Twp (9)

5% in Brimfield Twp (8)

25% remainder of political subdivisions (38)

100.0%