

**Office of the Coroner  
County of Portage, Ohio  
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Statistical Annual Report - 2021**

There were 322 deaths reported to the coroner. Of those reported, 157 cases were eventually referred to an attending physician because they did not meet the definition of a coroner case. Of those 157 deaths referrals, 2 required on-the-scene investigation before a determination could be rendered. **One Hundred Sixty-Five (165) cases became coroner cases as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.**

Cases 165  
Average age 53  
Youngest decedent 17  
Oldest decedent 91

**Busiest months** November -19 cases / December -18 Cases  
**Slowest month** February - 9 cases

**Averaged Approx. 14 cases per month**

Number of males 117  
Number of females 48

**Decedents who were residents of county** (153 )  
Decedents lived outside of county (12 )

Number of Caucasians 155  
Number of African-Americans 7  
Number of Asian Americans 3

No coroner cases of a child age 2 or under.  
Cases with "**substance levels**" of alcohol/drugs - 52

**Largest age group affiliation, ( 50-59 ) = 37 cases**  
**Second largest group of cases, ( 60-69 )= 30 cases**  
**The combined age group of 50 - 69 cases represented 41% of cases.**

**Cases:** First six months 74 cases  
Last six months 91 cases  
**Suicides:** = 18 males, 6 females

Gun = 15  
Hanging = 3  
Toxicity = 5  
Blunt Force = 1

Natural	81	49%*
Accidents	58	36%
Suicides	24	14.8%
Homicides	2	0.2 %
Undertermined	0	0%
Pending Cases	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
	165	100%*

**Age Group Affiliation**  
0-12 = 0                      50-59 = 37  
13-19 = 1                    60-69 = 30  
20-29 = 18                  70-79 = 22  
30-39 = 27                  80-89 = 8  
40-49 = 20                  90-99 = 2

**Autopsies** = 40  
**24% of cases**  
Contracted Summit County Medical Examiner - 30  
Contracted Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner - 10

**Pronouncement of Death**  
17 % at Portage Medical Center (28)  
17 % in Ravenna City (27)  
9% in Ravenna Township (15)  
9% in Kent (14)  
8% in Streetsboro (12)  
40% in Other Political Subdiviisions (69)

**Accidental Drug Overdoses (Toxicities)** = 43  
**Completed Suicide Overdoses** = 5

100%  
Five localities accounted for 96 cases.  
(59% of cases)