

**Office of the Coroner  
County of Portage, Ohio  
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Statistical Annual Report - 2022**

There were **289 deaths reported** to the coroner. Of those reported, 123 cases were **eventually referred to an attending physician** because they did not meet the definition of a coroner case. Of those 123 death referrals, (12) required **on-the-scene investigation** before a determination could be rendered. **One Hundred Sixty-Six (166) cases became coroner cases as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.**

Cases 166  
Average age 54.5  
Youngest decedent 11  
Oldest decedent 98

**Busiest months** January 17 case  
**Slowest month** February 9 cases

**Averaged Approx.** 13.8 cases per month

Number of Males 124  
Number of Females 42

**Decedents who were residents of county** (144)  
Decedents lived outside of county (22)

Number of Caucasians 156  
Number of Native Americans 1  
Number of African-Americans 8  
Number of Asian Americans 1

Accidental Drug Toxicity Deaths 48

**Largest age group affiliation, 50-59 (38) = cases**  
**Second largest group of cases, 60-69 (37) = cases**  
**The combined age group of 75 decedents represented 45% of cases.**

**No coroner cases of a child age 2 and under.**

**Cases:** First six months 78 cases  
Last six months 88 cases

**Suicides:** = 23 males, 3 females

Gun = 17  
Hanging = 5  
Toxicity = 3  
Blunt Force = 1

Natural	68	41.0%
Accidents	66	40.0%
Suicides	26	16.0%
Homicides	3	1.5%
Undetermined	3	1.5%
Pending Cases	0	0%
		100%

**Age Group Affiliation**

0-12 = 1	50-59 = 38
13-19 = 3	60-69 = 37
20-29 = 14	70-79 = 16
30-39 = 16	80-89 = 12
40-49 = 24	90-99 = 5

**Pronouncement of Death**

11% in Ravenna (19)  
22% at Portage Medical Center (36)  
9% in Kent (15)  
11% in Streetsboro (18)  
7% in Brimfield Township (12)  
40% Other Combined Political Subdivisions (66)  
100%

**Autopsies = 37**

**22 % of cases**

Contracted Summit County Medical Examiner - 25  
Contracted Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner - 12

Six localities accounted for 60 % of cases

**Accidental Drug Overdoses (Toxicity) = 48**  
**Completed Suicide Overdoses = 3**