

**Office of the Coroner
County of Portage, Ohio
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Statistical Annual Report - 2023**

There were **343 deaths** reported to the coroner. Of those reported, 164 cases were **eventually referred to an attending physician** because they did not meet the definition of a coroner case. Of those 164 death referrals, (18) required **on-the-scene investigation** before a determination could be rendered. **One Hundred Seventy-nine (179) cases** became coroner cases as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.

Cases **179**

Average age **55.9**

Youngest decedent **0**

Oldest decedent **93**

Busiest month December **21** cases

Slowest month August **9** cases

Averaged Approx. 14.9 cases per month

Number of Males **126**

Number of Females **53**

Decedents who were residents of county (169)

Decedents lived outside of county **(10)**

Number of Caucasians **171**

Number of Native Americans **0**

Number of African-Americans **7**

Number of Asian Americans **1**

Accidental Drug Toxicity Deaths 46

Largest age group affiliation, 60-69 (44) = cases

Second largest group of cases, 50-59 (32) = cases

The combined age group of 76 decedents represented 42% of cases.

One coroner case of a child age 2 and under (Fetus)

Cases: First six months **87** cases

Last six months **92** cases

Suicides: 29 = 21 Males, 8 Females Gun = 15

Hanging = 8

Toxicity = 2

Blunt Force = 1

Knife = 2

Drown = 1

Natural 81 45.0%

Accidents 64 36.0%

Suicides 29 16.0%

Homicides 2 1.0%

Undetermined 2 1.0%

Pending Cases 1 1.0%

100%

Age Group Affiliation

0-12 = 1 50-59 = 32

13-19 = 3 60-69 = 44

20-29 = 14 70-79 = 25

30-39 = 21 80-89 = 11

40-49 = 22 90-99 = 6

Pronouncement of Death

9% in Ravenna (17)

17% at Portage Medical Center (31)

13% in Kent (24)

11% in Streetsboro (20)

7% in Ravenna Twp (12)

5% in Aurora (9)

38% Other Combined Political Subdivisions (66)

100%

Six localities accounted for 62 % of cases

Autopsies = 59

33 % of cases

Contracted Summit County Medical Examiner - 21

Contracted Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner - 38

Accidental Drug Overdoses (Toxicity) = 46

Completed Suicide Overdoses = 2