City and County of Honolulu Department of the Medical Examiner

Annual Statistical Report July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

June 2023

(Last amendment: 11/28/23)

Total death notification		
Jurisdiction accepted	1,242	
Jurisdiction declined	2,025	
Total deaths notified		3,267
Death scenes investigated	644	
Bodies transported to the morgue		
Jurisdiction cases body transported to the morgue	1,074	
Storage cases (non-jurisdiction cases)	43	
Total bodies transported to the morgue		1,117
Manner of death		
Natural	555	
Accident	504	
Suicide	125	
Homicide	28	
Undetermined	30	
Total cases accepted		1,242
Types of procedures		
Autopsy	433	
External examinations	641	
Medical records review	168	
Total procedures		1,242

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Histology	
Cases where histology ordered	203
Toxicology	
Cases where toxicology performed	864
Unclaimed remains	
State-assisted cremation	116
Unidentified remains	5
Organ and tissue donations	49

Death notification

Type of case	Cases
Jurisdiction	1,242
Non-jurisdiction	2,025
Total death notifications	3,267



Non-jurisdiction cases

Non-jurisdiction cases	Cases	Total
Death certificate clearance	1,195	
Admitted to hospital for less than 24 hours	476	
Attended deaths	279	
Storage	43	
Historical remains	9	
Others	23	
Total non-jurisdiction cases		2,025



Procedure performed per manner of death

Manner of death	Autopsy	External examinations	Medical records review	Total
Natural	147	385	23	555
Accident	196	165	143	504
Suicide	84	40	1	125
Homicide	28	0	0	28
Undetermined	22	7	1	30
Total jurisdictional cases	477	597	168	1,242



Manner of death

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Natural

Manner of death category	Cases
Cardiovascular system	370
Pulmonary system	45*
Chronic alcoholism	40
Central nervous system	21
Chronic substance use	17
Digestive System	9
Hepatobiliary system	8
Endocrine system	4
Genitourinary system	4
Other	37
Total cases	555

* Including 21 cases of COVID-19



Accident

Manner of death category	Cases
Drug/Alcohol overdose	187
Blunt force injury (fall)	169
Blunt force injury (motor vehicle collision)	71
Drowning	45
Blunt force injury (other)	12
Asphyxia	11
Fire/burns	2
Other	7
Total cases	504



Suicide

Manner of death category	Cases
Asphyxia	65
Blunt force injury	19
Gunshot	23
Drug overdose / poisoning	11
Sharp force injury	4
Other	3
Total cases	125



Homicide

Manner of death category	Cases
Gunshot	10
Blunt force injury	10
Sharp force injury	6
Death following physical struggle	1
Other / combination	1
Total cases	28



Undetermined

Manner of death category	Cases
Possible non-natural etiology / severe decomposition	15
Unexplained infant/child death	5
Drowning	4
Traumatic injury	3
Drug/poisoning	3
Total cases	30

