

City and County of Honolulu  
Department of the Medical Examiner

Annual Statistical Report  
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

September 2024

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**Total death notification**

Jurisdiction accepted	1,386	
Jurisdiction declined	2,178	
Total deaths notified		3,564

**Death scenes investigated** 646

**Bodies transported to the morgue**

Jurisdiction cases body transported to the morgue	1,171	
Storage cases (non-jurisdiction cases)	46	
Total bodies transported to the morgue		1,217

**Manner of death**

Natural	610	
Accident	555	
Suicide	160	
Homicide	23	
Undetermined	38	
Total cases accepted		1,386

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**Types of procedures**

Full autopsy	398
Partial autopsy	41
External examination	738
Medical records review	206
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Total procedures	1,386

**Histology**

Cases where histology ordered	236
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**Toxicology**

Cases where toxicology performed	923
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**Unclaimed remains**

State-assisted cremation	163
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<b>Unidentified remains</b>	1
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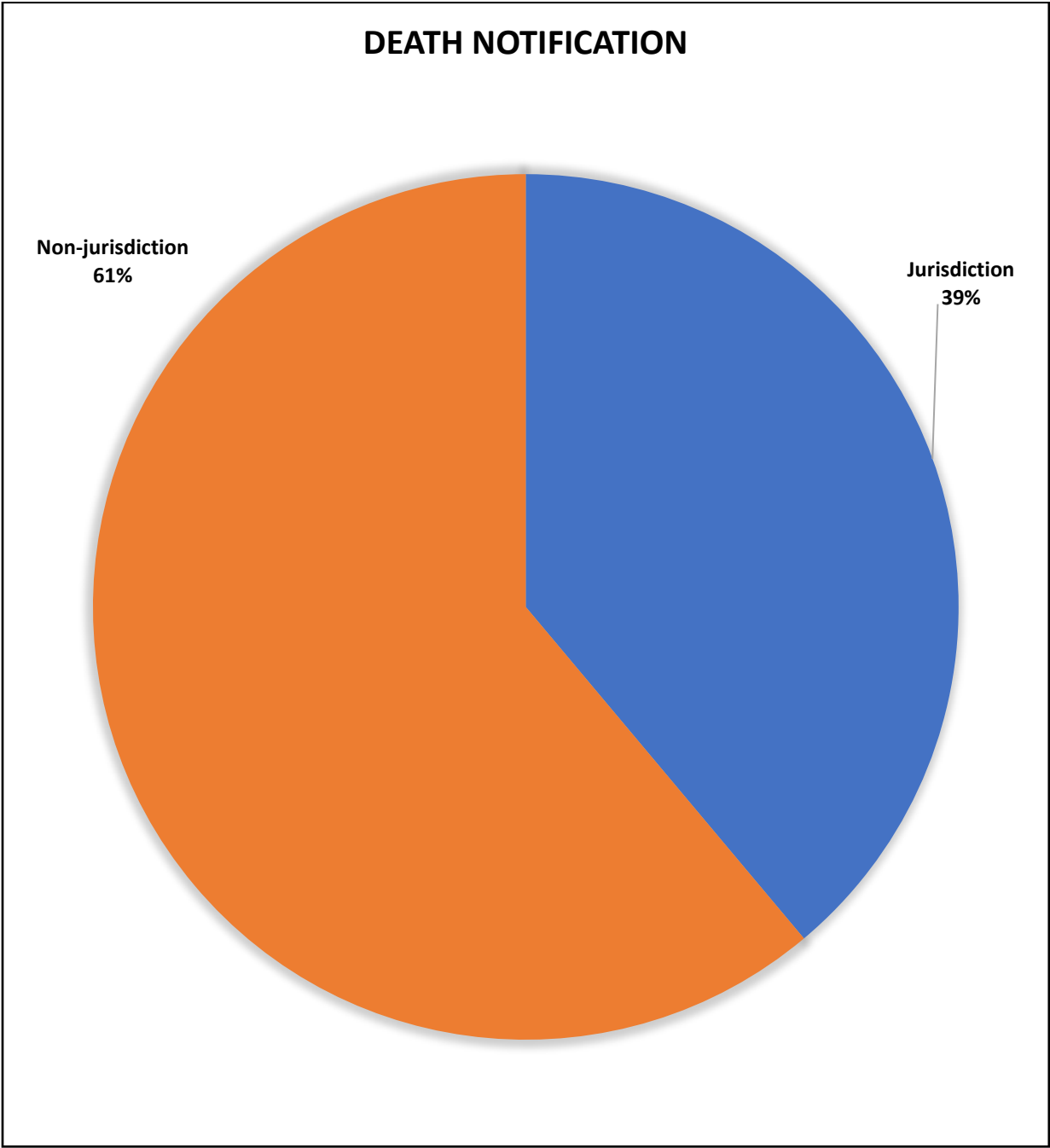
<b>Organ and tissue donations</b>	56
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**Death notification**

Type of case	Cases
Jurisdiction	1,386
Non-jurisdiction	2,178
Total death notifications	3,564

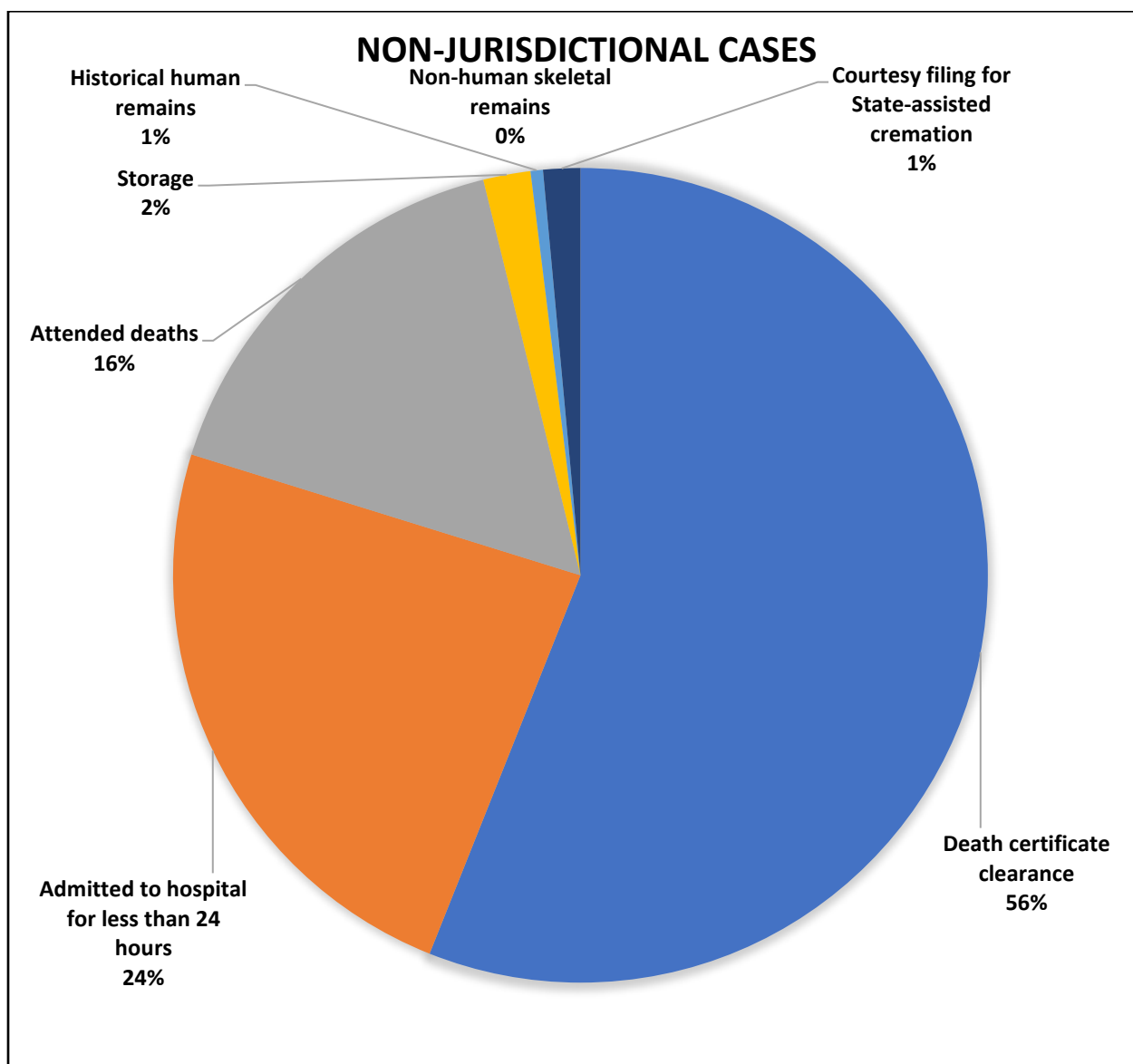


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**Non-jurisdictional cases**

Non-jurisdiction cases*	Cases
Death certificate clearance	1,373
Admitted to hospital for less than 24 hours	582
Attended deaths	401
Storage	46
Historical human remains	12
Non-human skeletal remains	0
Courtesy filing for State-assisted cremation	36
Total	2,450*

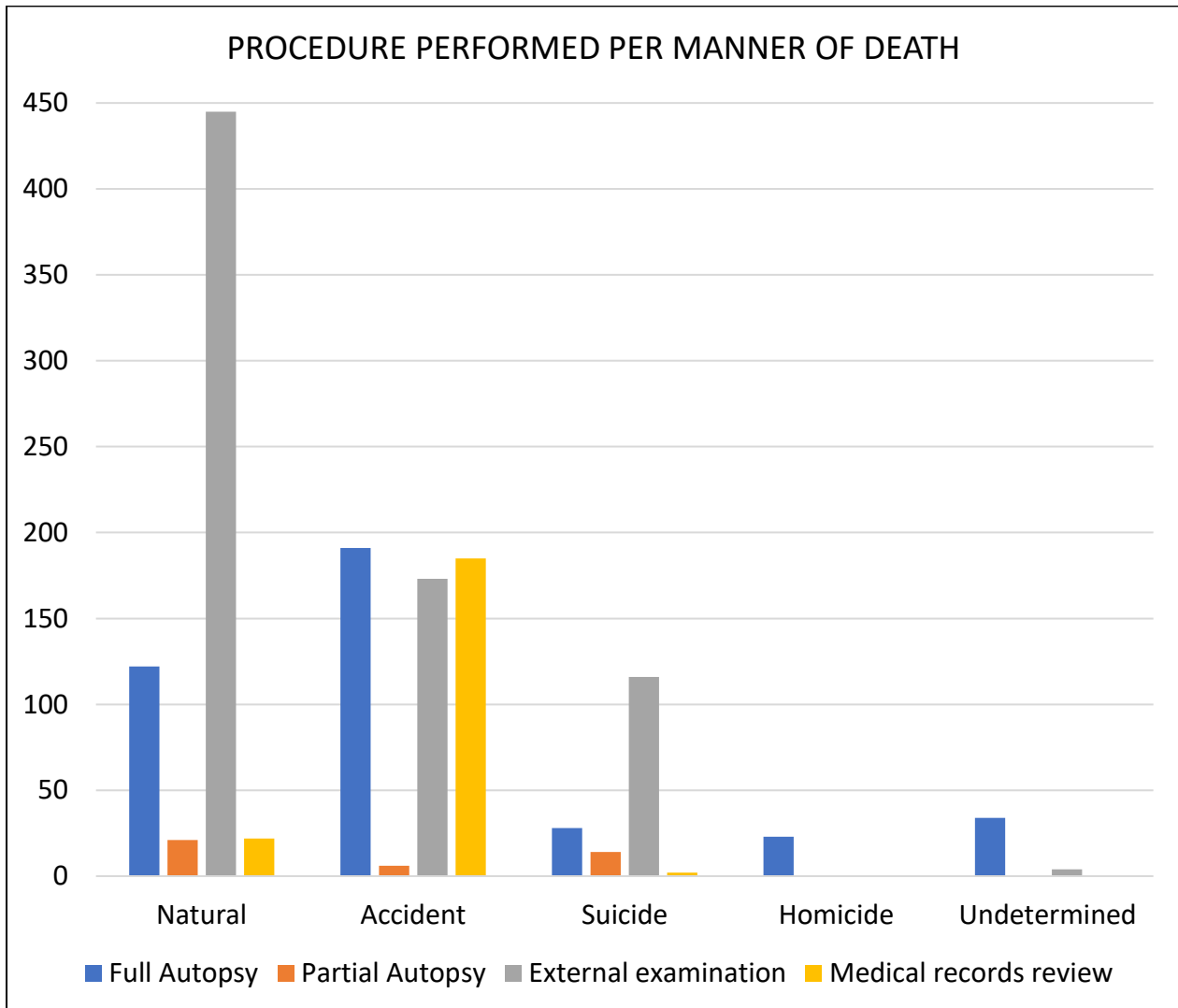
\* There is overlap. The total number of non-jurisdictional cases is 2,178.



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**Procedure performed per manner of death**

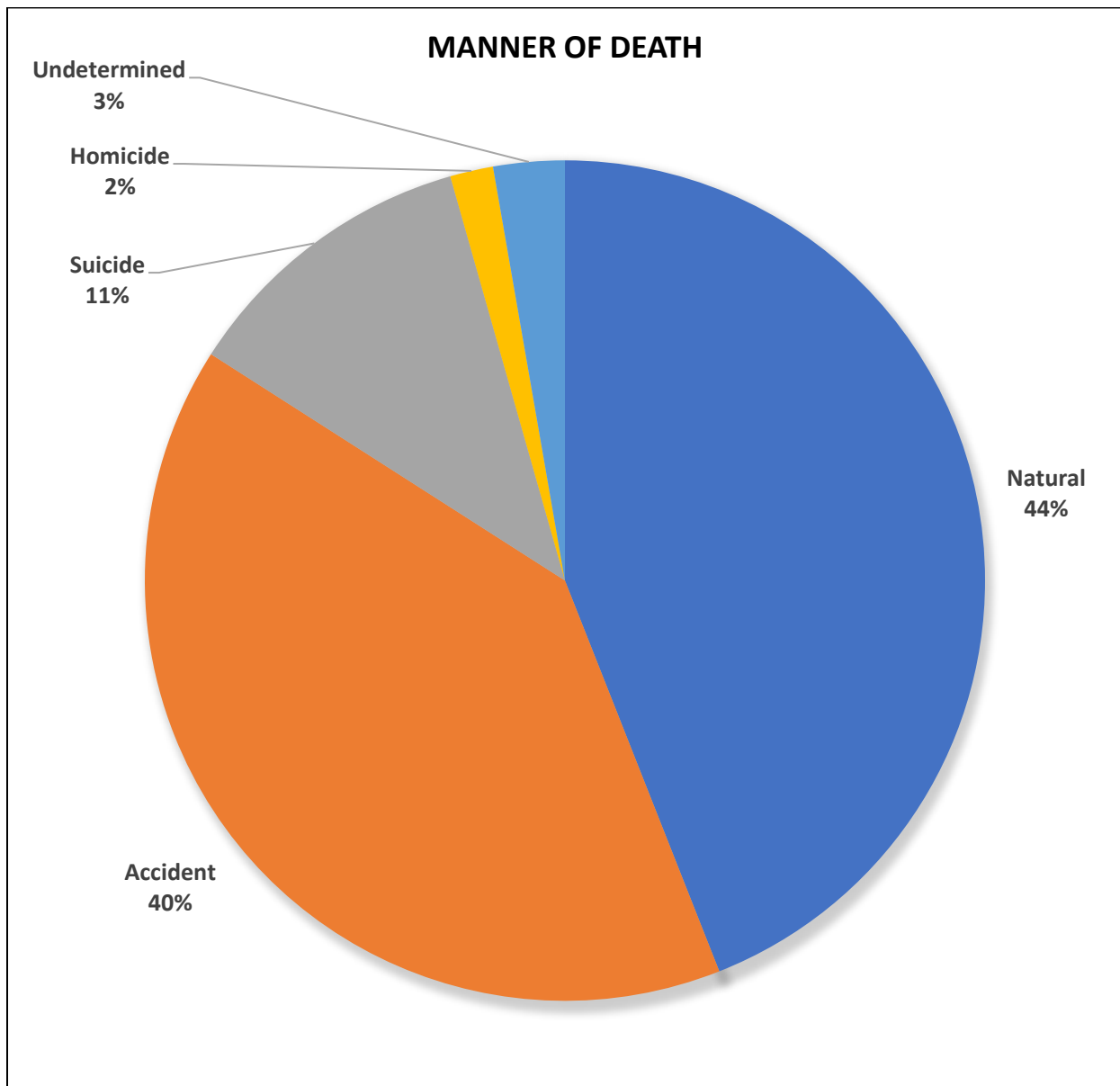
Manner of death	Full Autopsy	Partial Autopsy	External examination	Medical records review	Total
Natural	122	21	445	22	610
Accident	191	6	173	185	555
Suicide	28	14	116	2	160
Homicide	23	0	0	0	23
Undetermined	34	0	4	0	38
Total jurisdictional cases	398	41	738	209	1,386



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**Manner of death**

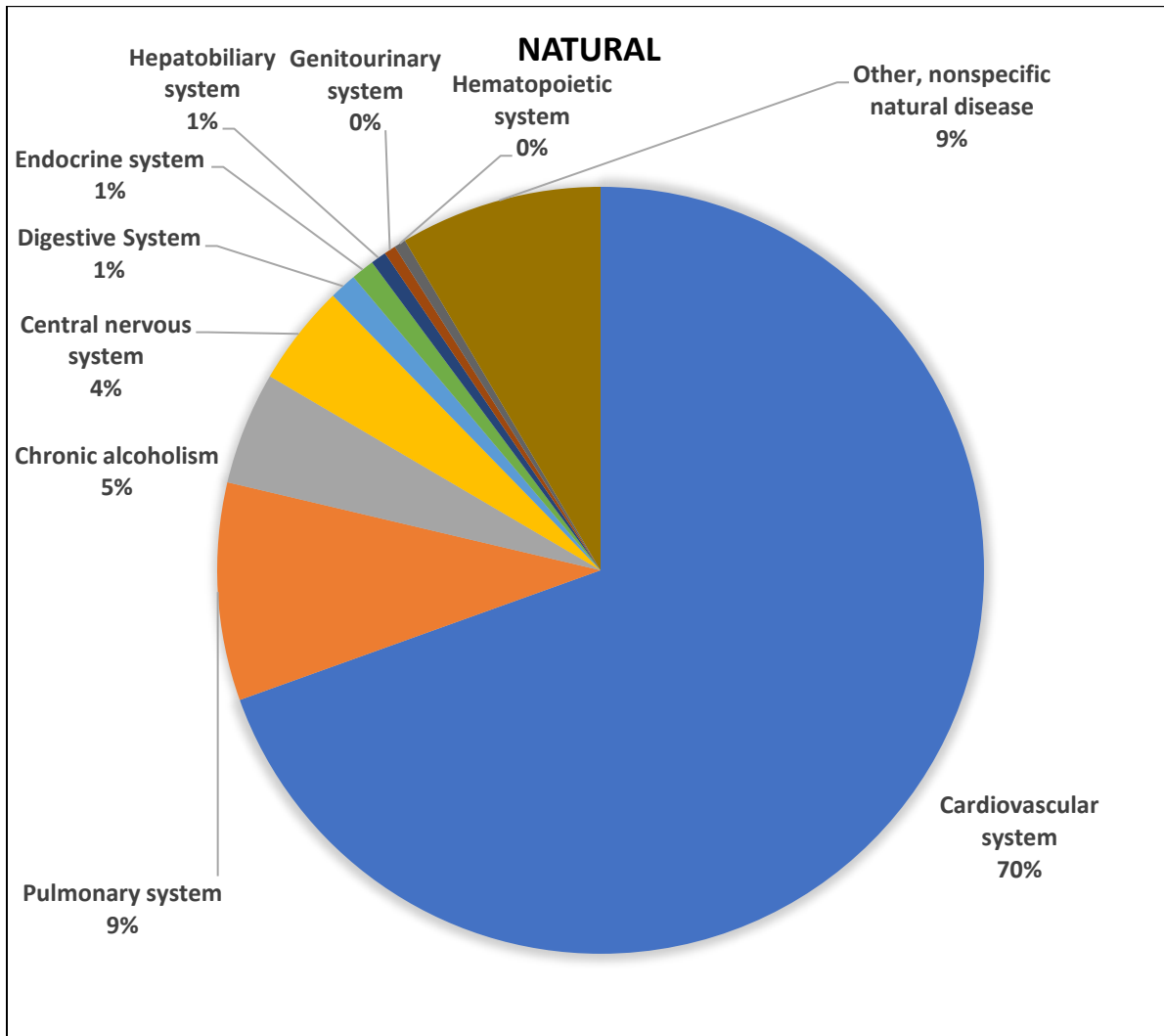
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**Natural**

Manner of death category	Cases
Cardiovascular system	424
Pulmonary system	56
Chronic alcoholism	29
Central nervous system	26
Digestive System	7
Endocrine system	6
Hepatobiliary system	4
Genitourinary system	3
Hematopoietic system	3
Other, nonspecific natural disease	52
Total cases	610

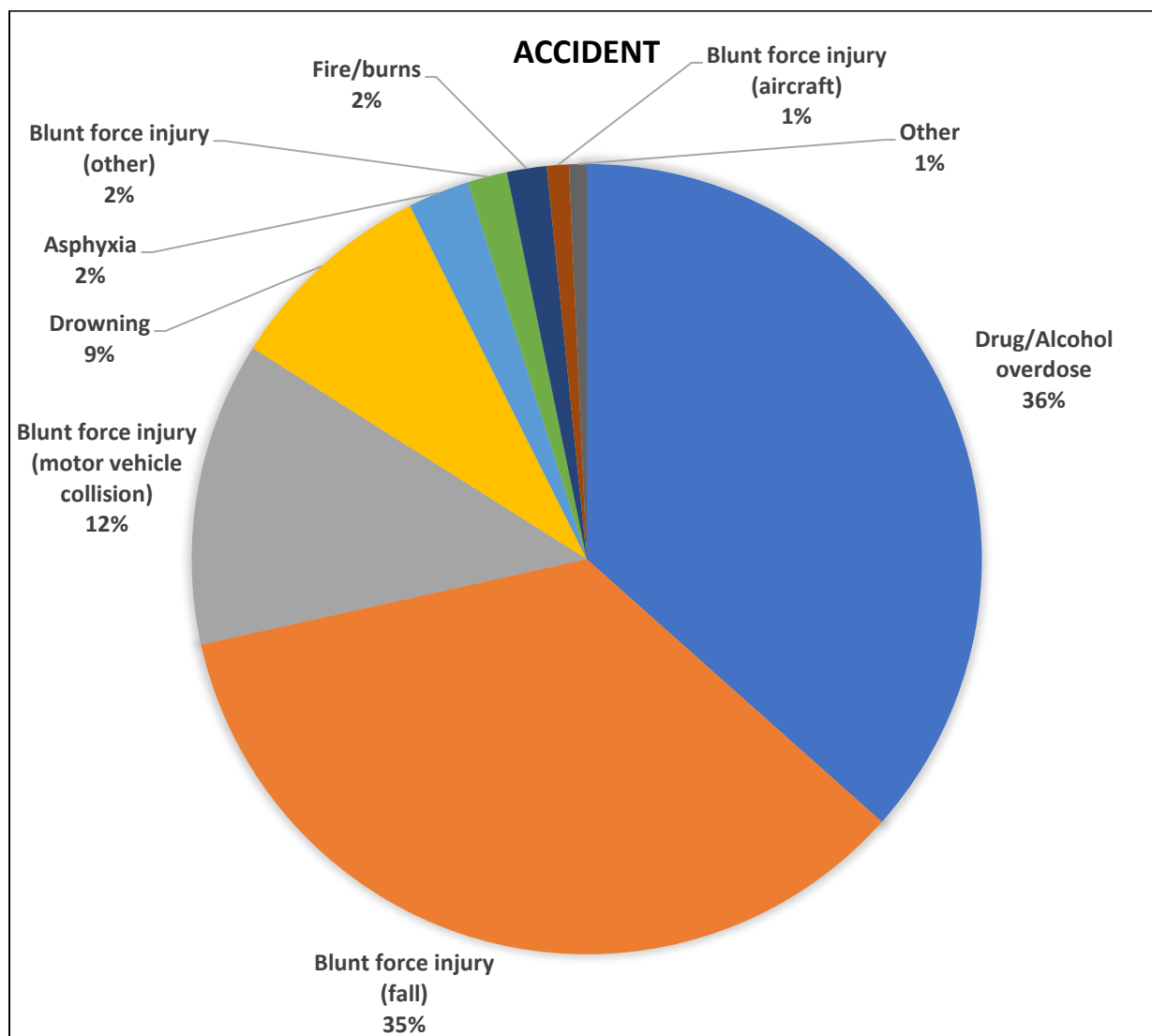




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### Accident

Manner of death category	Cases
Drug/Alcohol overdose	203
Blunt force injury (fall)	194
Blunt force injury (motor vehicle collision)	69
Drowning	48
Asphyxia	14
Blunt force injury (other)	9
Fire/burns	9
Blunt force injury (aircraft)	5
Other	4
Total cases	555



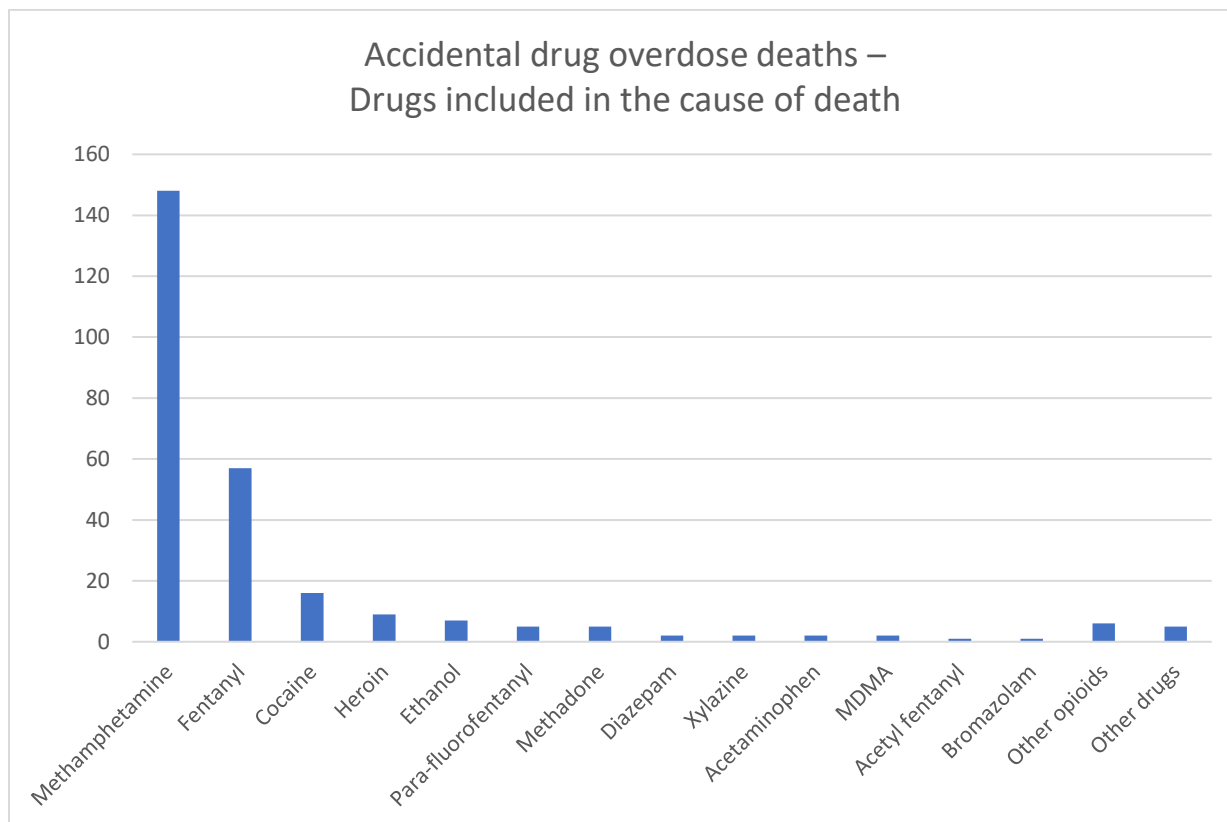
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**Accidental drug overdose deaths – Drugs included in the cause of death**

Drugs included in the cause of death	Cases
Methamphetamine	148
Fentanyl (18 with methamphetamine, 9 with cocaine, 3 with heroin)	57**
Cocaine	16
Heroin	9
Ethanol	7
Para-fluorofentanyl	5
Methadone	5
Diazepam	2
Xylazine	2
Acetaminophen	2
MDMA	2
Acetyl fentanyl	1
Bromazolam	1
Other opioids	6
Other drugs	5
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>267*</b>

\* There is overlap. The total number of drug overdose cases is 203.

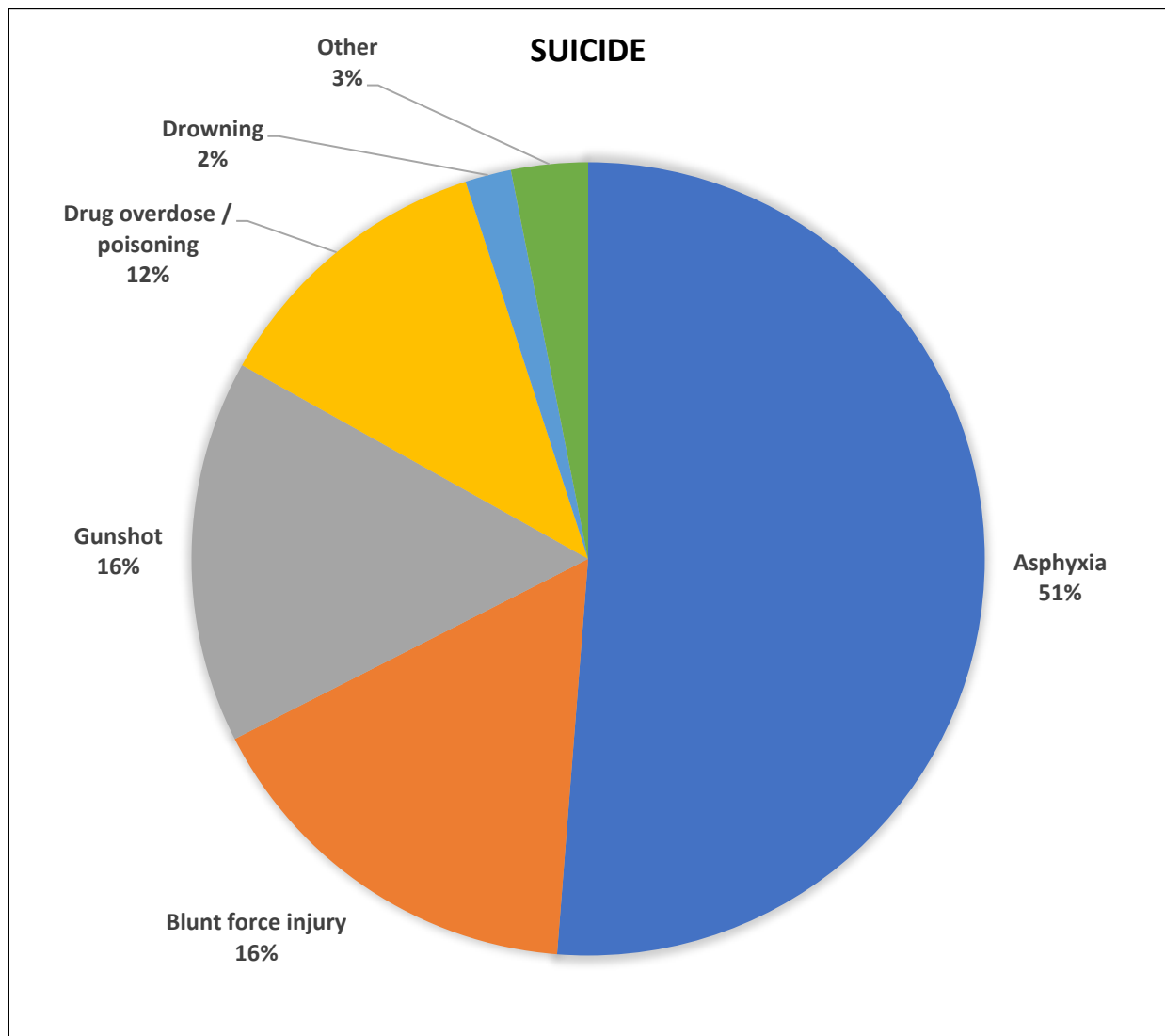
\*\* In 21 cases, fentanyl was the sole drug attributed to the cause of death.



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### Suicide

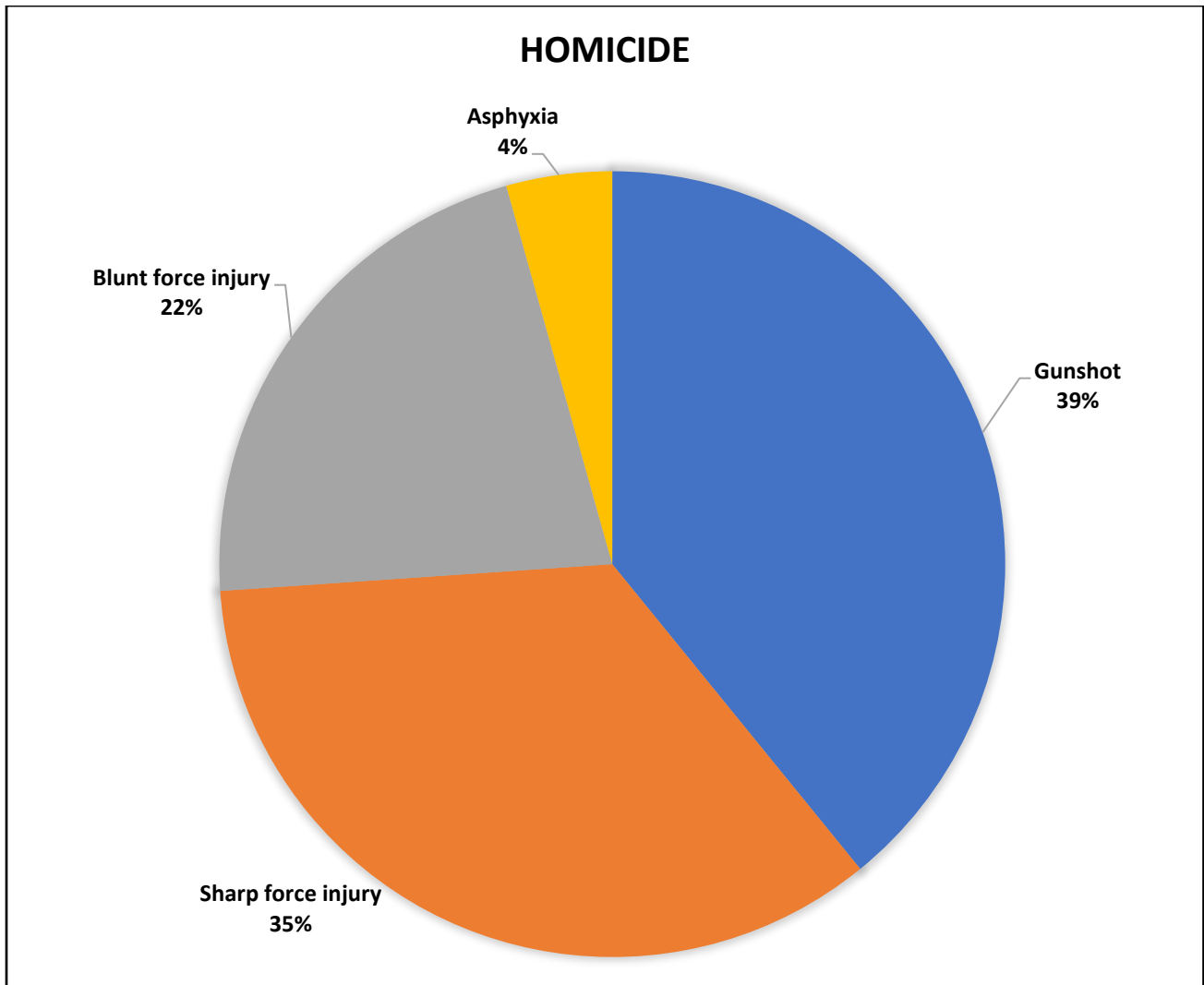
Manner of death category	Cases
Asphyxia	82
Blunt force injury	26
Gunshot	25
Drug overdose / poisoning	19
Drowning	3
Other	5
Total cases	160



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**Homicide**

Manner of death category	Cases
Gunshot	9
Sharp force injury	8
Blunt force injury	5
Asphyxia	1
Total cases	23



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**Undetermined**

Manner of death category	Cases
Unexplained infant/child death	16
Traumatic injury	6
Drug/Poisoning	5
Other, including severe decomposition/skeletonization	11
Total cases	38

