

City and County of Honolulu
Department of the Medical Examiner

Annual Statistical Report
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

December 2025

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Total death notification

Jurisdiction accepted	1,392*
Jurisdiction declined	2,170
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Total deaths notified	3,562*

* Includes three (3) cases of non-human remains.

Death scenes investigated	816
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Bodies transported to the morgue*

Jurisdictional cases	1,186**
Storage cases (non-jurisdictional)	34
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Total bodies transported	1,220**

* All bodies were transported by order of the Department.

** Includes three (3) cases of non-human remains.

Manner of death (jurisdiction cases)

Natural	608
Accident	587
Suicide	130
Homicide	29
Undetermined	35
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Types of procedures performed

Full autopsy	563
Partial autopsy	55
External examination	568*
Medical records review	206
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Total procedures	1,392*

* Includes three (3) cases of non-human remains.

Cases with histology performed 319*

* Includes one (1) case of non-human remains.

Cases with toxicology performed/ordered 880

State-assisted cremation (unclaimed remains) 98

Unidentified remains (as of November 2025) 3

Organ and tissue donations 73

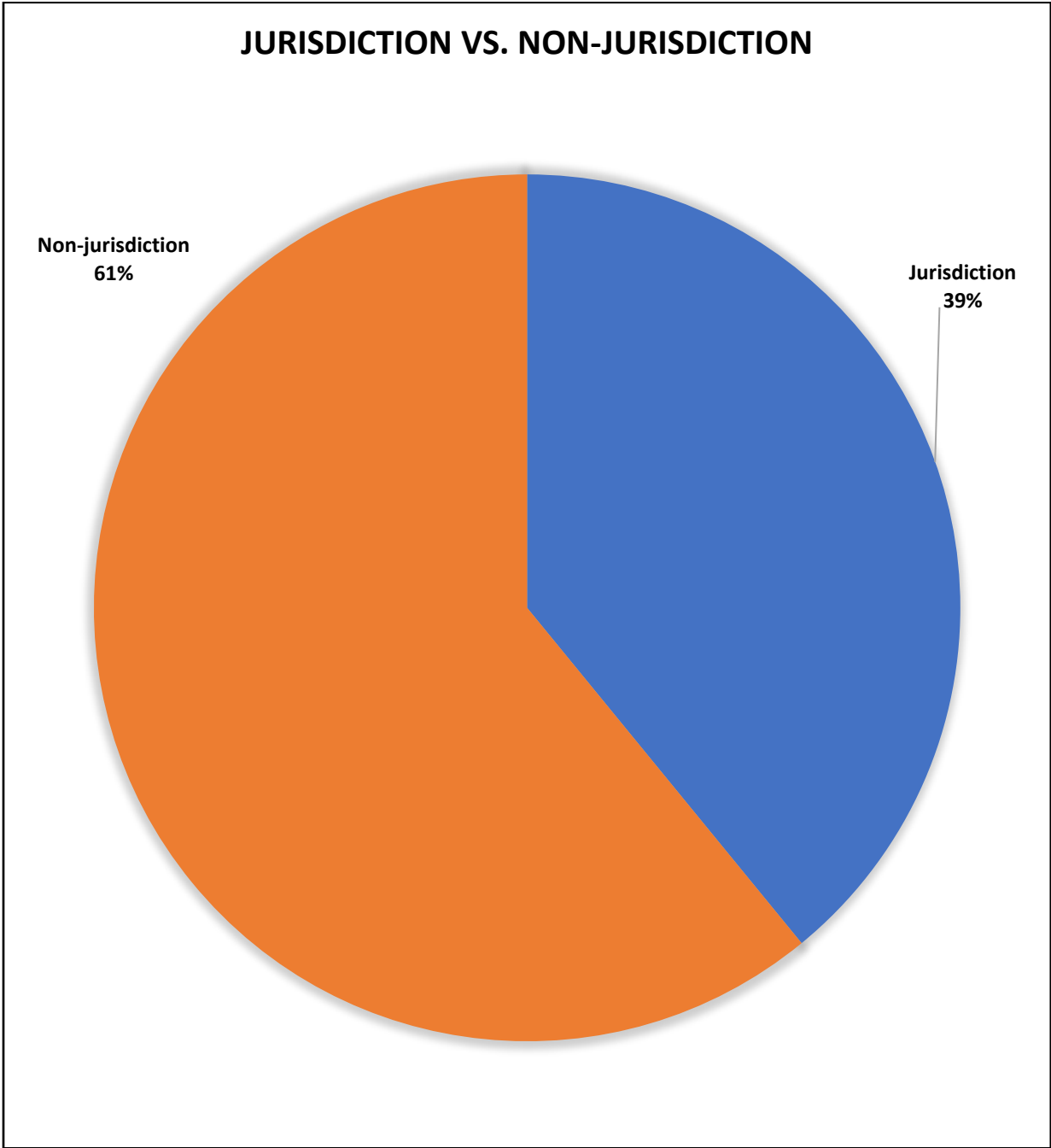
Hospital autopsies retained under jurisdiction 0

Exhumations 0

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Jurisdiction vs. non-jurisdiction

Type of case	Cases
Jurisdiction	1,392
Non-jurisdiction	2,170
Total notifications	3,562

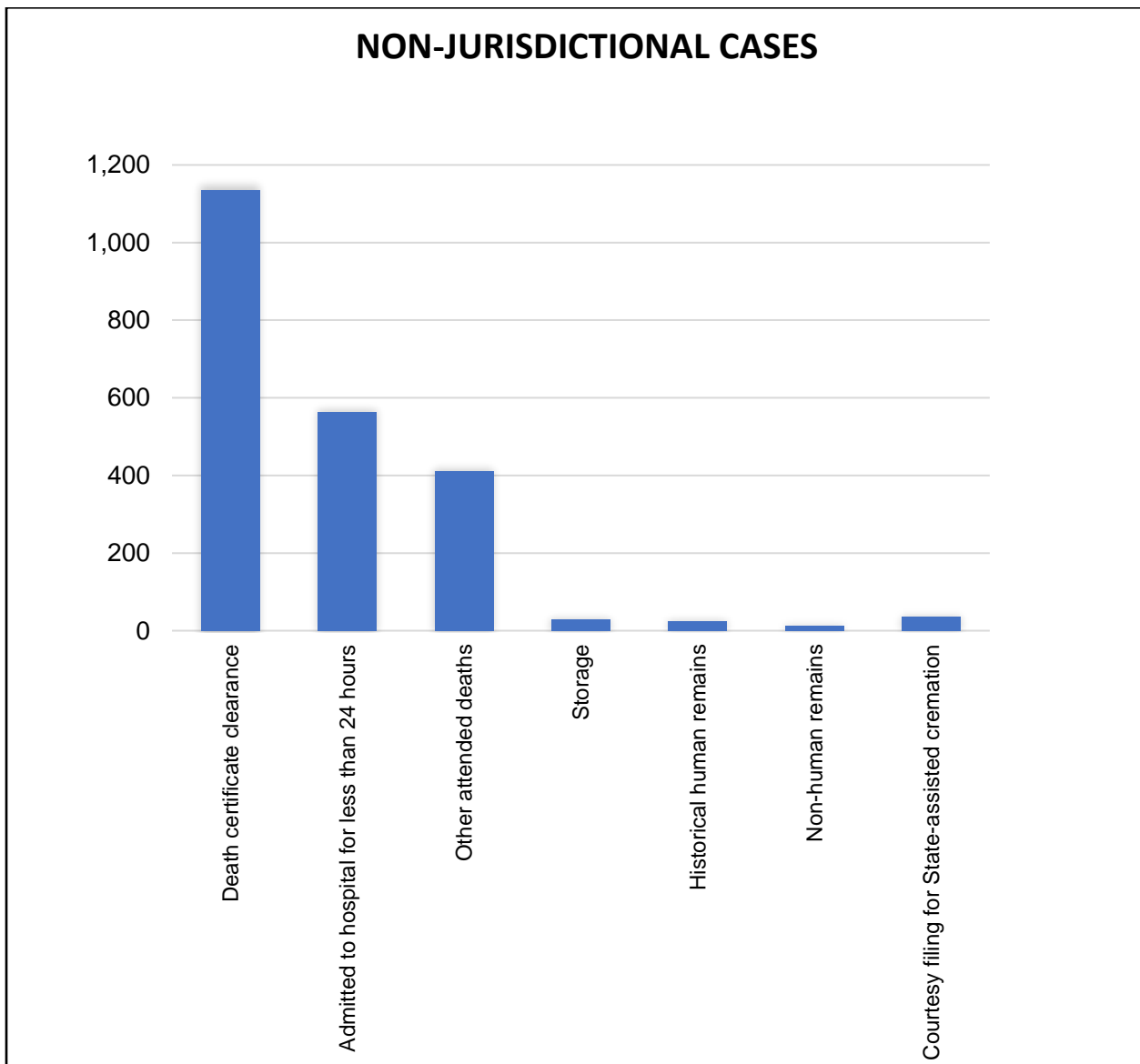


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Non-jurisdictional case categories

Category	Cases
Death certificate clearance	1,135
Admitted to hospital for less than 24 hours	563
Other attended deaths	411
Storage	34
Historical human remains	24
Non-human remains	12
Courtesy filing for State-assisted cremation	36
Total	2,210*

* There is overlap among categories. The total number of non-jurisdictional cases is 2,170.

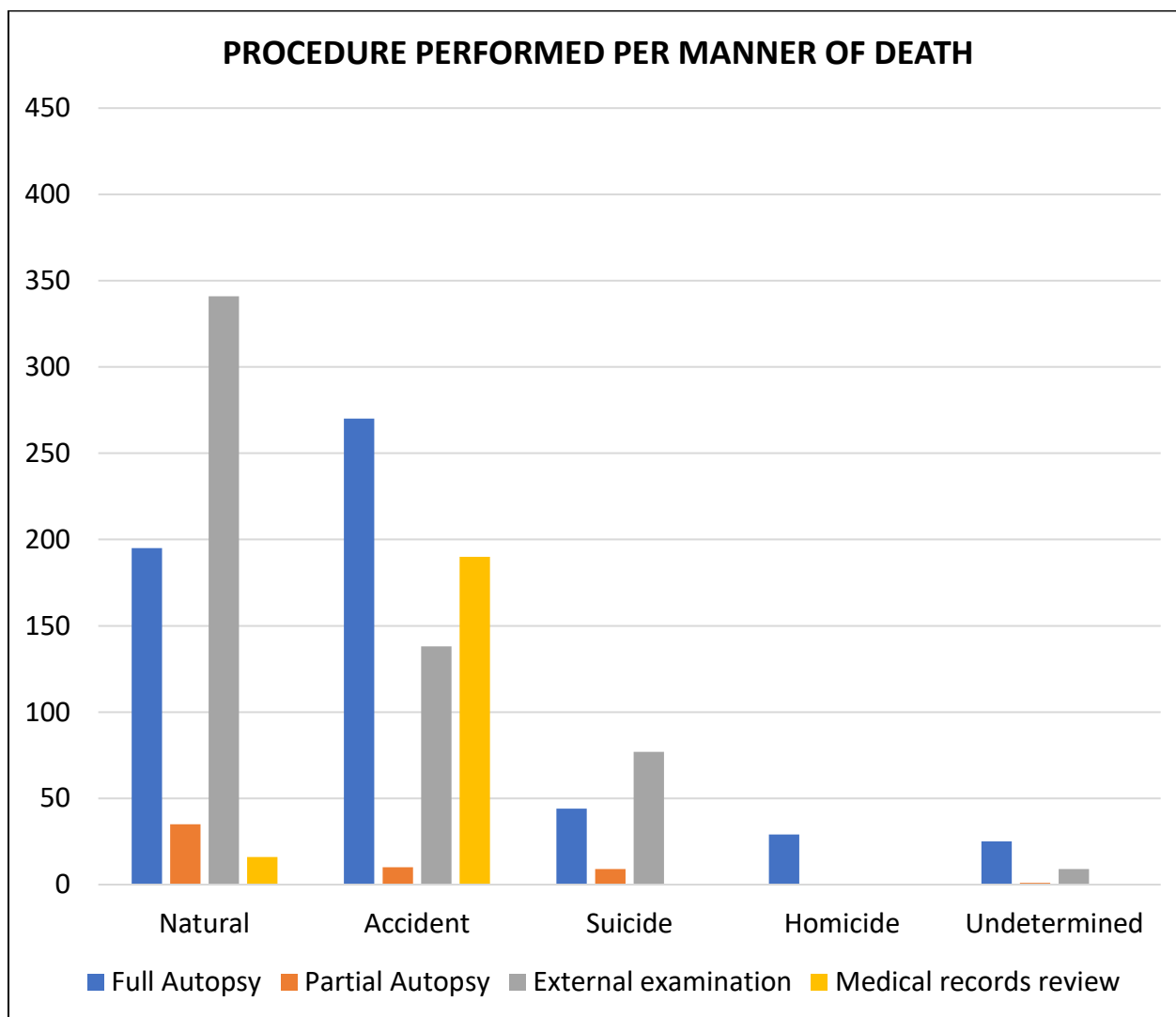


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Procedure by manner of death

Manner of death	Full Autopsy	Partial Autopsy	External examination	Medical records review	Total
Natural	195	35	341	16	587
Accident	270	10	138	190	608
Suicide	44	9	77	0	130
Homicide	29	0	0	0	29
Undetermined	25	1	9	0	35
Total jurisdictional cases	563	55	568*	206	1,392*

* Includes three (3) non-human cases.

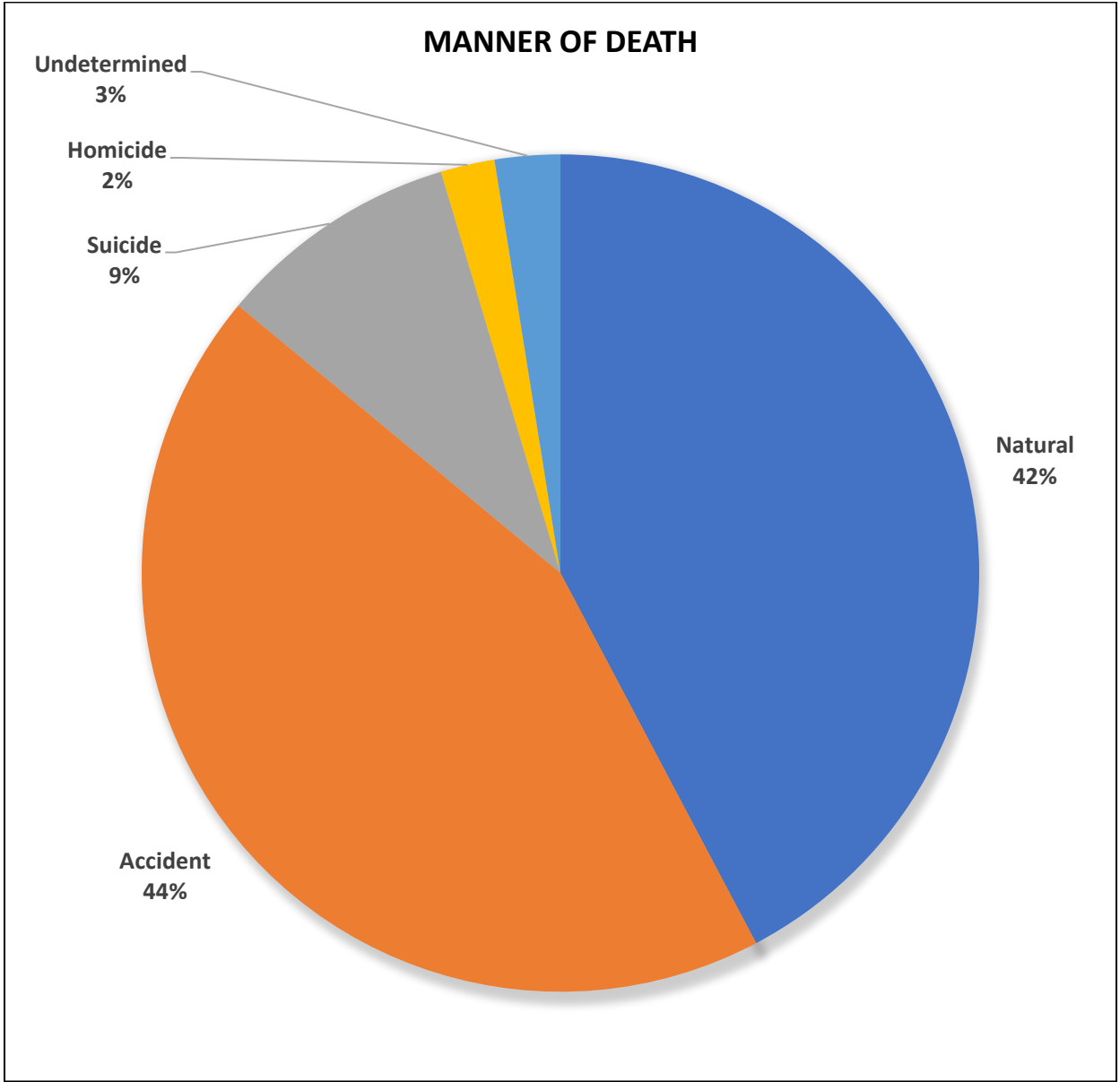


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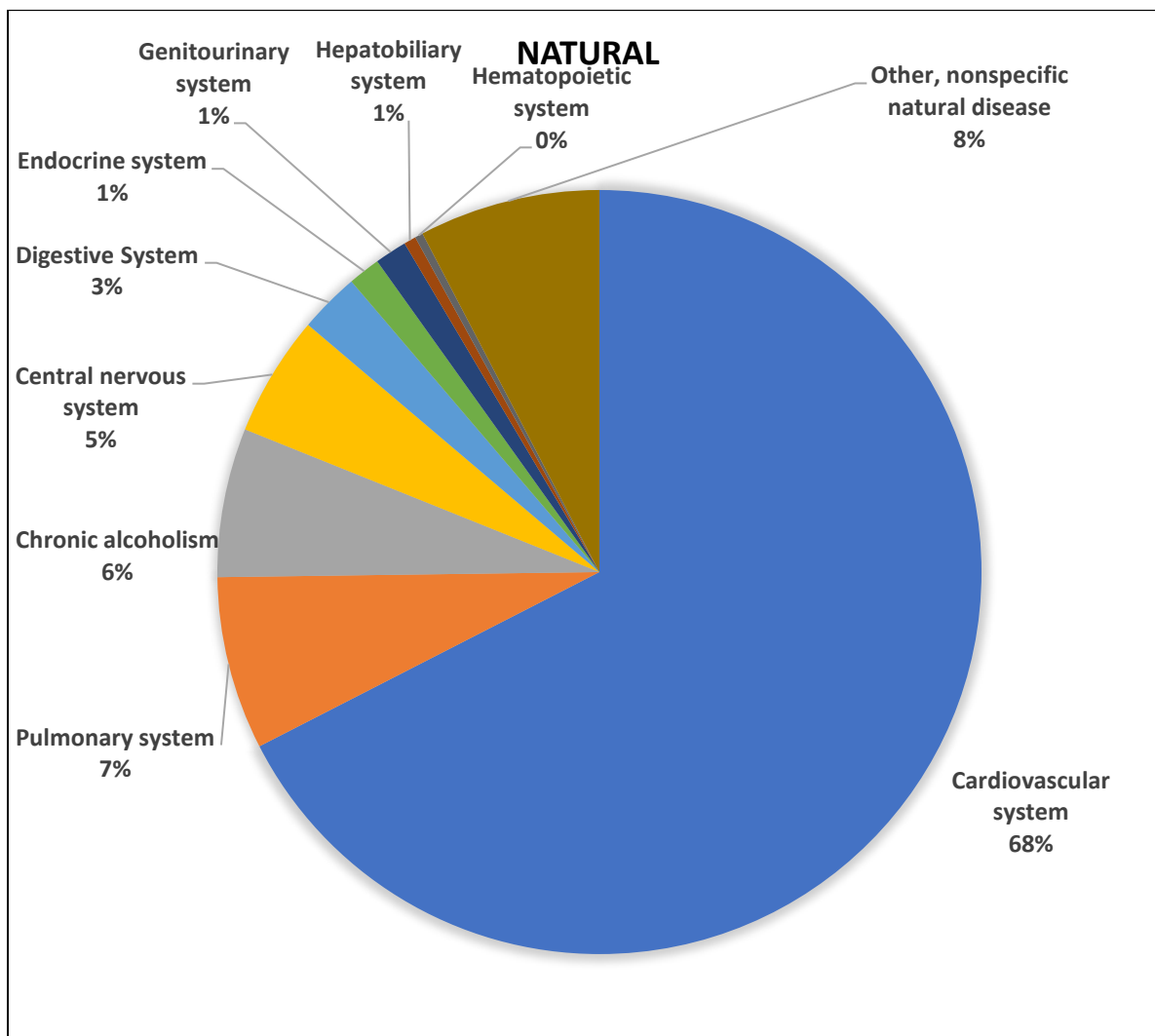
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Natural

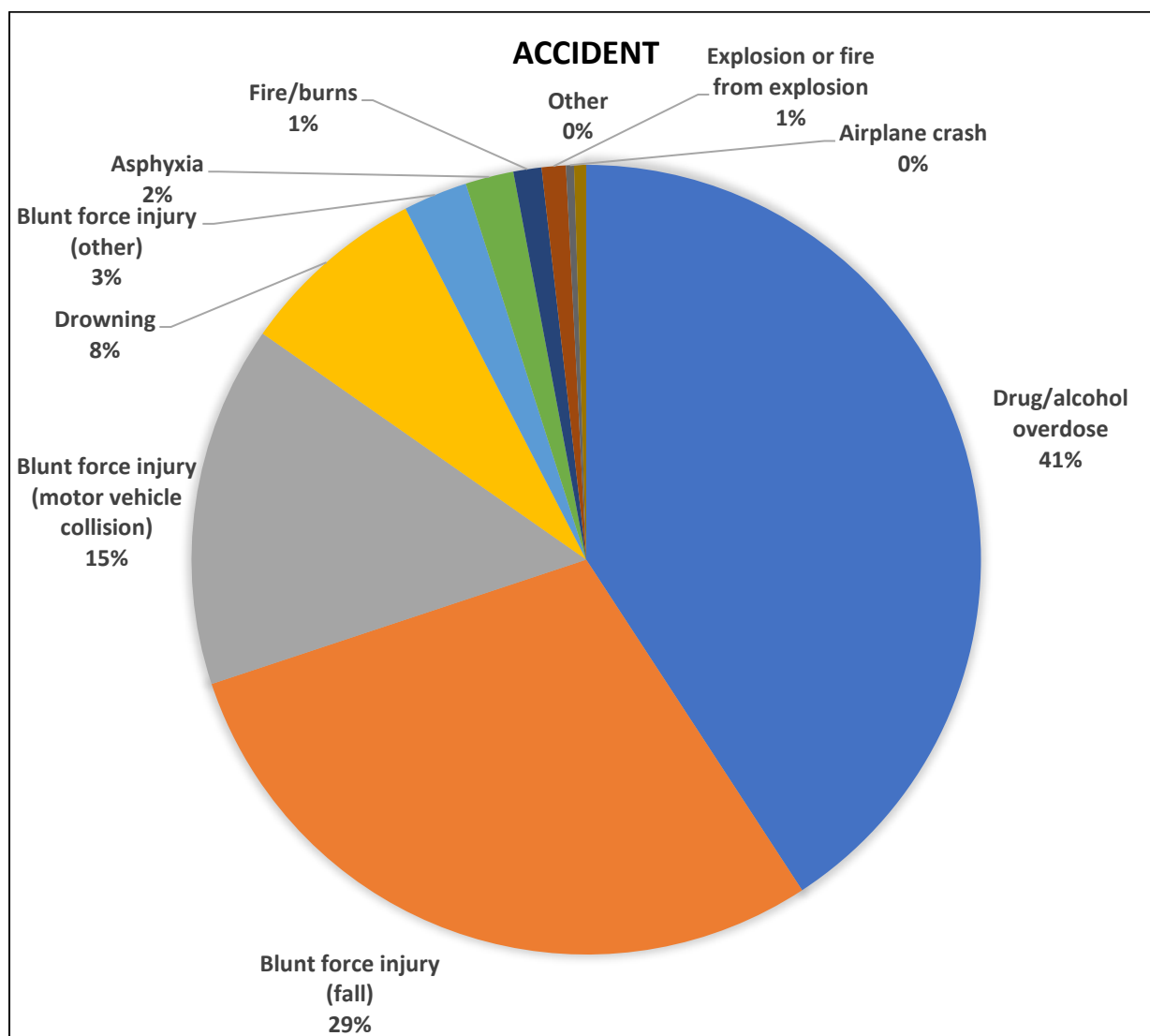
Category	Cases
Cardiovascular system	396
Pulmonary system	43
Chronic alcoholism	37
Central nervous system	30
Digestive System	15
Endocrine system	8
Genitourinary system	8
Hepatobiliary system	3
Hematopoietic system	2
Other, nonspecific natural disease	45
Total cases	587



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Accident

Category	Cases
Drug/alcohol overdose	248
Blunt force injury (fall)	177
Blunt force injury (motor vehicle collision)	90
Drowning	47
Blunt force injury (other)	16
Asphyxia	12
Fire/burns	7
Explosion or fire from explosion	6
Airplane crash	2
Other	3
Total cases	608



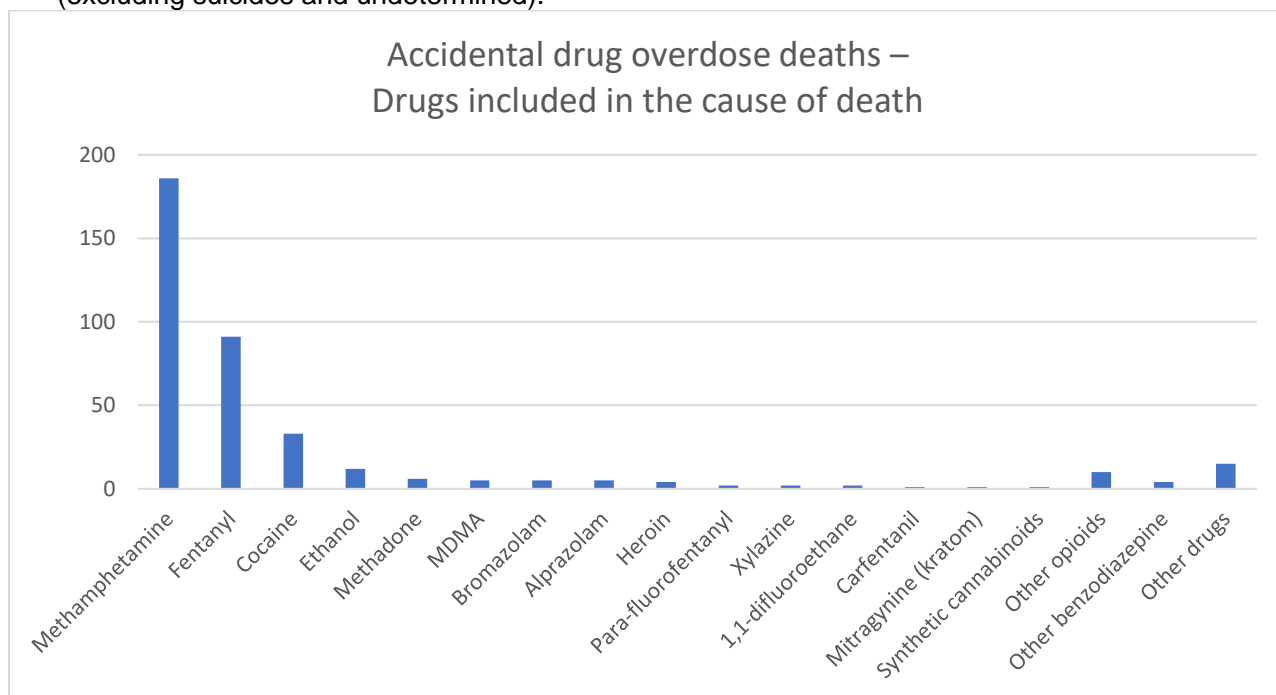
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Accidental drug overdose – Drugs included in the cause of death statement*

Drug	Cases
Methamphetamine	186
Fentanyl (27 with methamphetamine, 11 with cocaine, 11 fentanyl alone)	91
Cocaine	33
Ethanol	12
Methadone	6
MDMA	5
Bromazolam	5
Alprazolam	5
Heroin	4
Para-fluorofentanyl	2
Xylazine	2
1,1-difluoroethane	2
Carfentanil	1
Mitragynine (kratom)	1
Synthetic cannabinoids	1
Other opioids	10
Other benzodiazepine	4
All other drugs	15
Total	385**

* Cause of death statement includes “other contributing factor”.

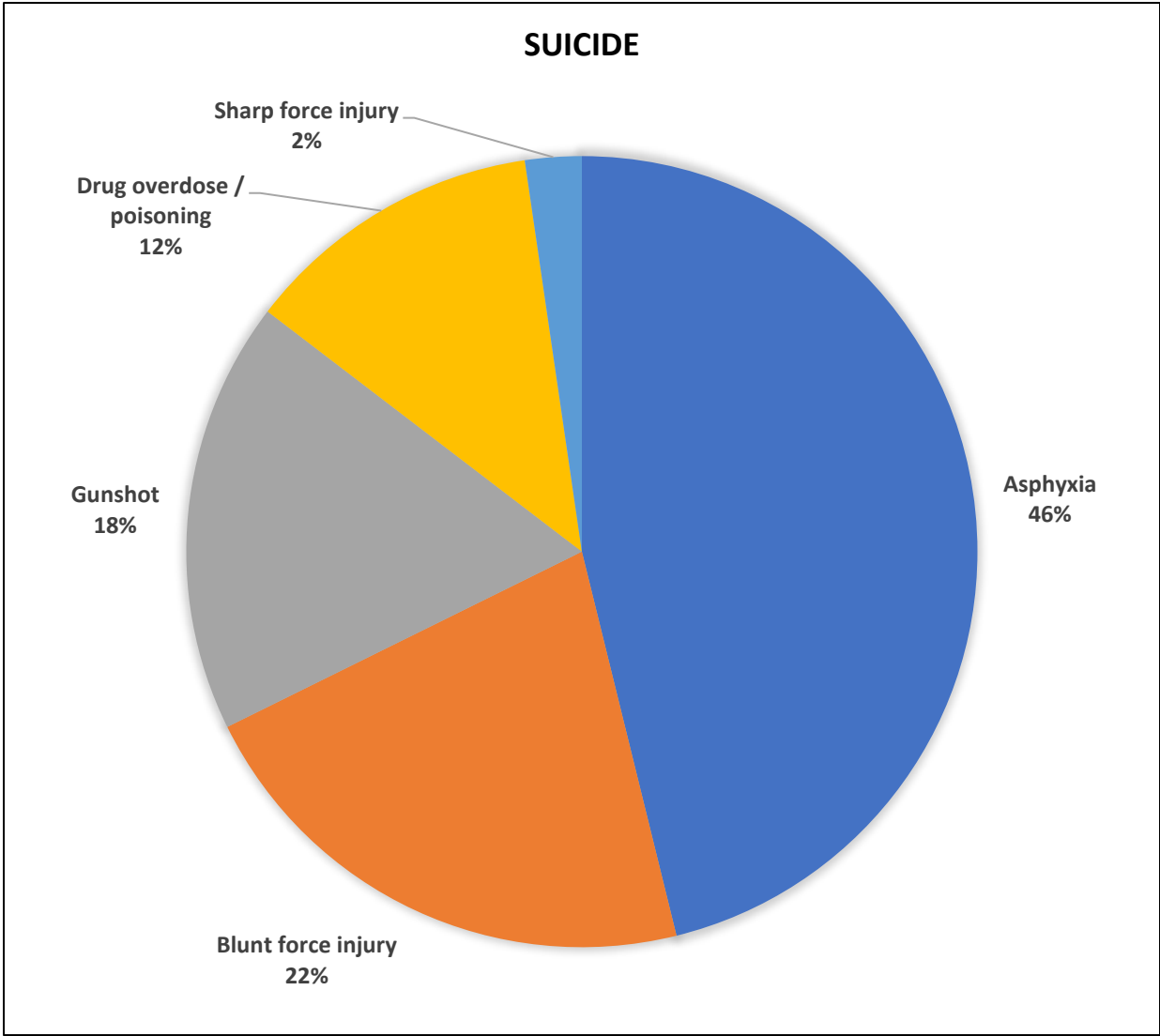
** Overlap exists due to multiple drugs involved. The total number of drug overdose cases is 248 (excluding suicides and undetermined).



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Suicide

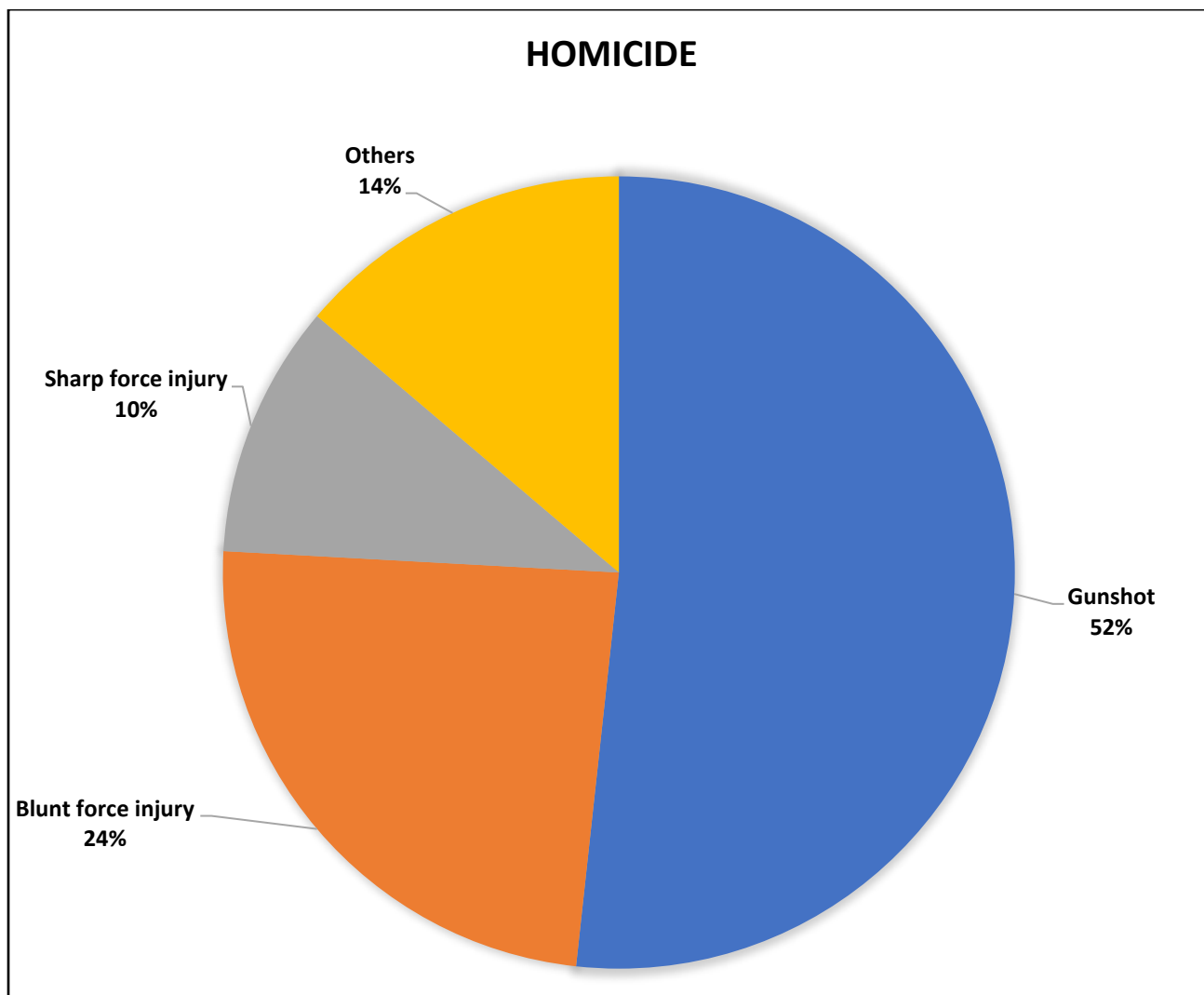
Category	Cases
Asphyxia	60
Blunt force injury	28
Gunshot	23
Drug overdose / poisoning	16
Sharp force injury	3
Total cases	130



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Homicide

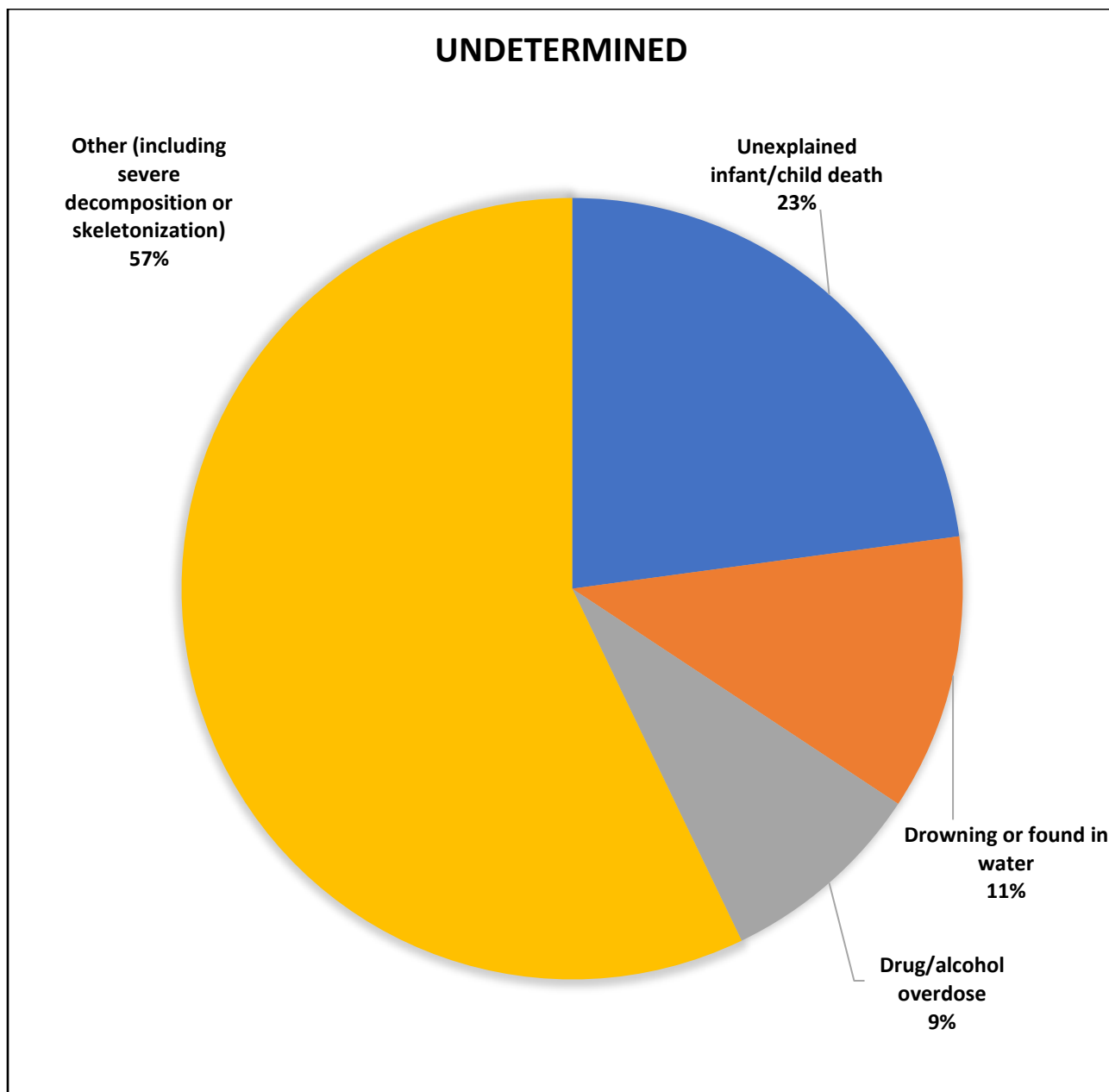
Category	Cases
Gunshot	15
Blunt force injury	7
Sharp force injury	3
Others	4
Total cases	29



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Undetermined

Category	Cases
Unexplained infant/child death	8
Drowning or found in water	4
Drug/alcohol overdose	3
Other (including severe decomposition or skeletonization)	20
Total cases	35



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Jurisdictional infant deaths (live birth to one year of age)

Category (manner)	Cases
Sudden unexplained infant deaths (undetermined)	7
Asphyxia (accident)	3
Natural disease (natural)	2
Blunt force injuries (homicide)	1
Total cases	13*

*All cases received a full autopsy examination.

