

BEXAR COUNTY
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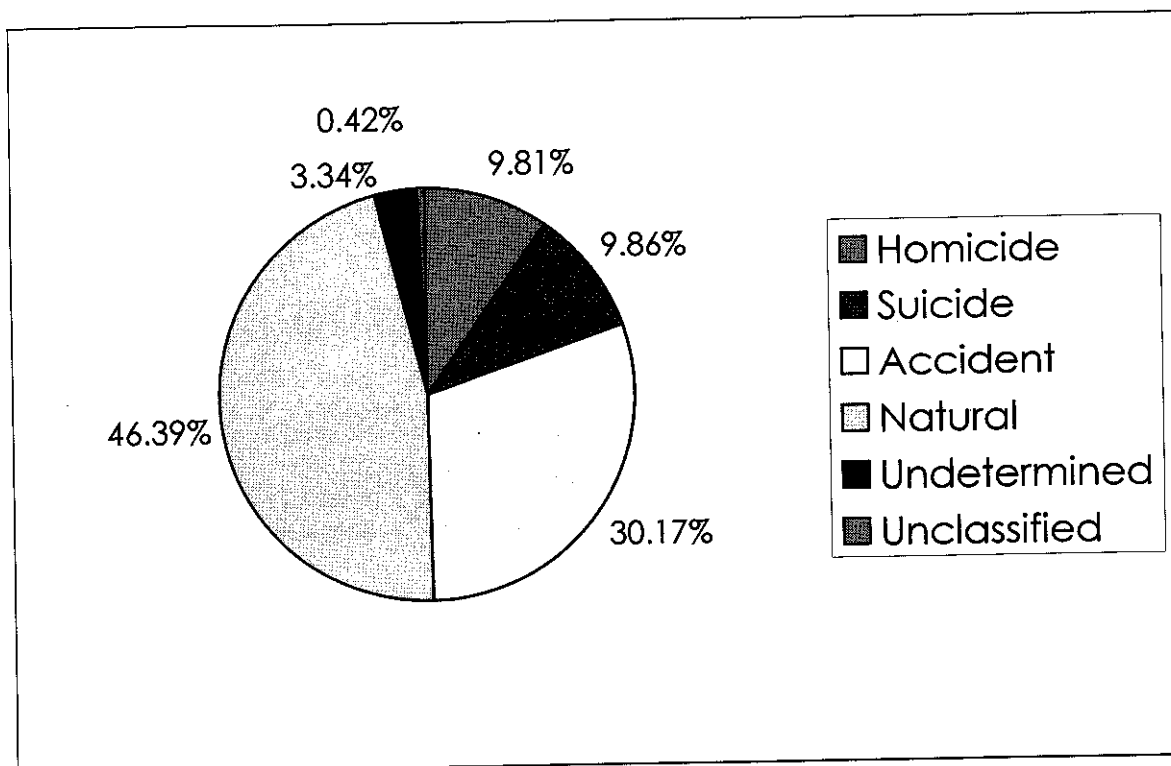
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Total Number of Cases Investigated	5,748	7,387	7,460	7,097	7,915
Cases Accepted	1,862	1,962	1,907	1,782	1,886

Autopsies	1,162	1,243	1,175	1,171	1,237
Complete Autopsies			1,094	1,069	1,142
Partial Autopsies			81	102	95
Inspections	665	698	699	566	590
Death Certificates Only	35	21	33	45	59

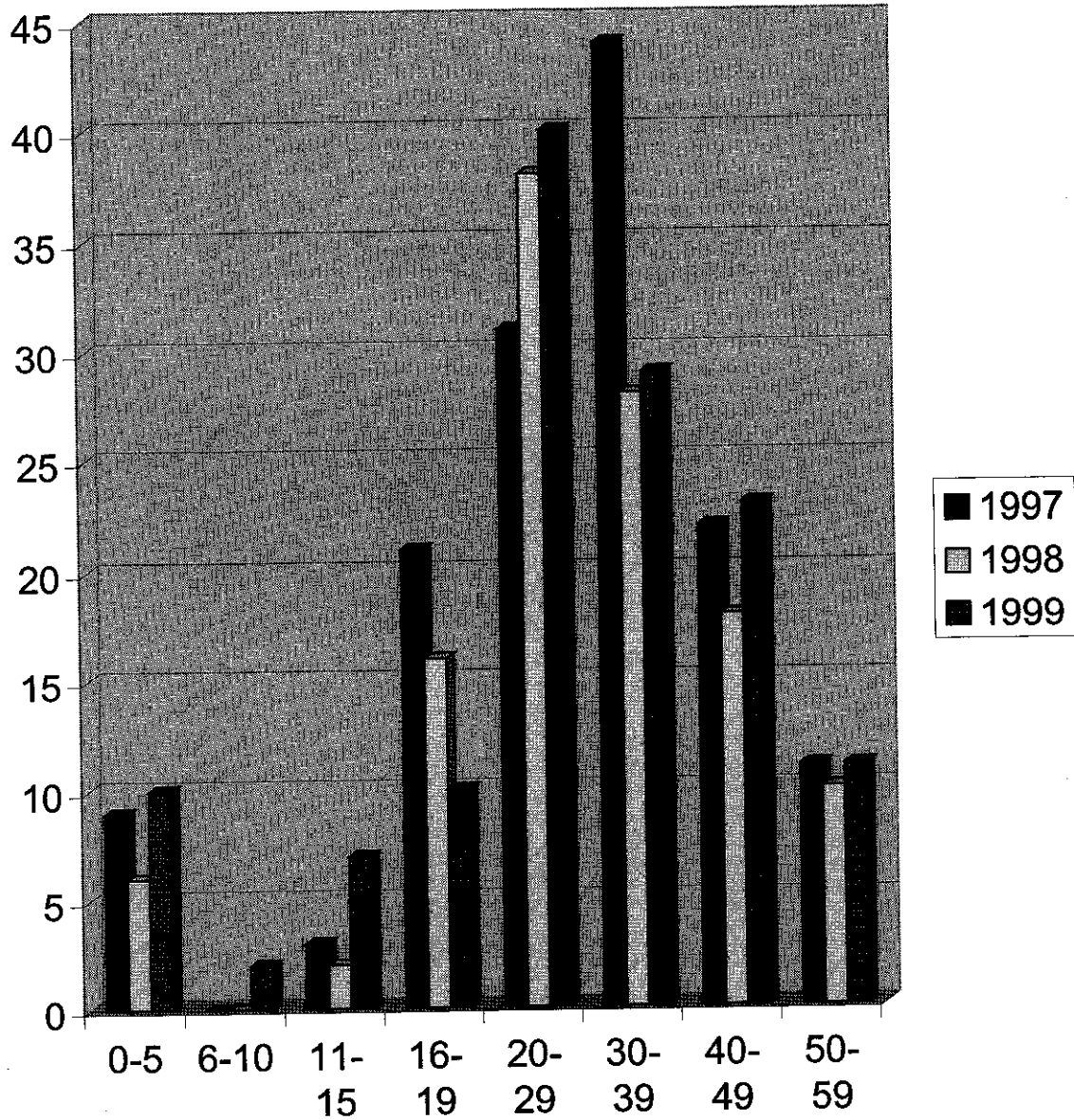
Storage/Voided Cases	112	82	121	156	184
Cremation Certificates Issued	1,567	1,601	1,883	1,836	1,854
Scene Investigations	380	367	340	341	366

1999 Summary of Medical Examiner Cases

	Total Cases	Number Autopsied	Percentage Autopsied
Homicide	185	184	99%
Suicide	186	162	87%
Accident	569	429	75%
Natural	875	398	45%
Undetermined	63	59	94%
Unclassified	8	5	63%
Total	1,886	1,237	66%



Homicides by Age



Manner of Death

Bexar County Cases

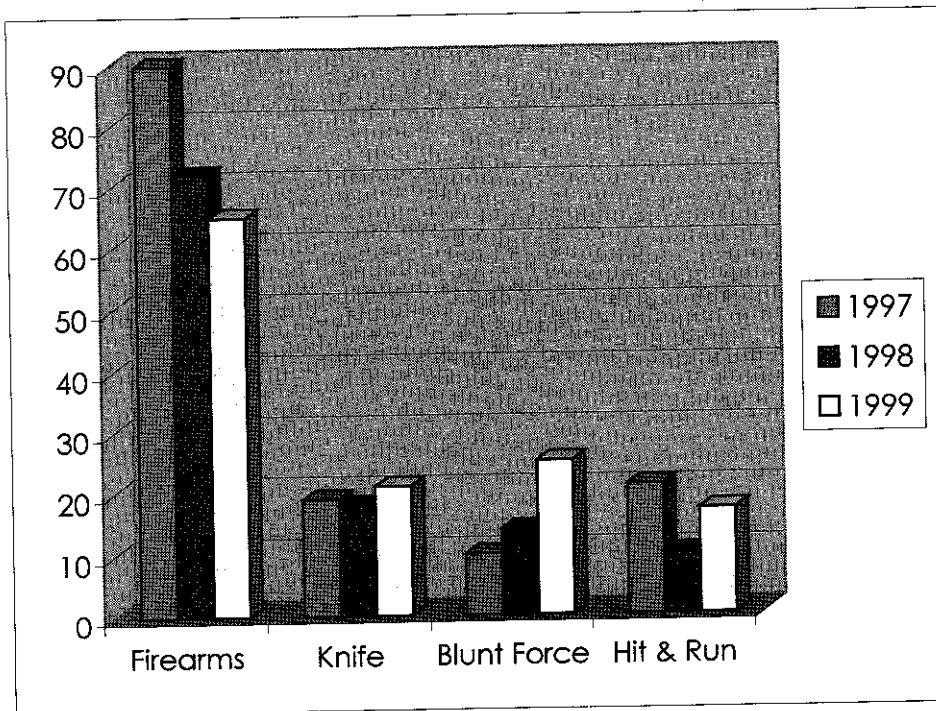
	1997	1998	1999
Homicide	156	124	138
Suicide	138	153	145
Accident	427	456	437
Natural	906	767	798
Undetermined	44	27	39
Unclassified	8	12	5
Total	1,679	1,539	1,562

Contract Cases

	1997	1998	1999
Homicide	41	42	46
Suicide	40	33	40
Accident	63	83	93
Natural	71	64	64
Undetermined	13	19	22
Unclassified	0	2	1
Total	228	243	266

Homicides by Method Bexar County

	1997	1998	1999
Firearms	90	72	65
Knife	19	18	21
Blunt Force	10	14	25
Hit & Run	21	10	17
Asphyxia	10	6	4
Other	6	4	6
Total	156	124	138




Homicides by Age, Race, Sex Bexar County

	1997	1998	1999
0-5	9	6	10
6-10	0	0	2
11-15	3	2	7
16-19	21	16	10
20-29	31	38	40
30-39	44	28	29
40-49	22	18	23
50-59	11	10	11
60-69	7	1	2
70-79	5	4	2
80-89	0	0	1
90-99	0	0	0
Unk	3	1	1
Total	156	124	138

	1997	1998	1999
W/M	111	88	91
W/F	25	16	28
B/M	15	16	14
B/F	5	3	2
O/M	0	1	1
O/F	0	0	2
Total	156	124	138

Homicides by Firearms Bexar County

Type of Weapon	1997	1998	1999
Handgun 	69	65	52
Centerfire Rifle	8	5	6
Rimfire Rifle	4	2	1
Shotgun	12	4	1
Other	6	2	7
Total	99	78	67

Caliber of Handguns	1997	1998	1999
.38/.357	26	15	7
.22	5	9	12
.25	5	6	3
.32	3	5	0
.40	5	4	5
.45 ACP	4	5	5
.380 ACP	7	6	8
9mm	9	15	11
Other	5	0	1
Total	69	65	52

Child Homicides Bexar County Ages 0 - 5

Method	1997	1998	1999
Blunt Force	5	4	6
Asphyxia	4	2	0
Motor Vehicle	0	0	2
Other	0	0	2
Total	9	6	10

Race/Sex	1997	1998	1999
W/M	3	3	7
W/F	4	2	3
B/M	1	0	0
B/F	1	1	0
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	9	6	10

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

Race/Sex	1997	1998	1999
W/M	14	4	9
W/F	4	4	5
B/M	0	0	1
B/F	0	1	0
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	18	9	15

Suicides by Method, Age, Race, Sex Bexar County

	1997		1998		1999	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Firearms	76	8	71	15	58	12
Drugs/Chemicals	7	14	12	15	15	13
Hanging	11	2	26	0	25	6
Carbon Monoxide	1	1	2	1	3	2
Knife	5	0	1	0	5	0
Other	9	4	7	3	5	1
Total	109	29	119	34	111	34
	138		153		145	

Age	1997	1998	1999
<15	2	1	1
15-19	11	3	7
20-29	21	33	26
30-39	31	32	40
40-49	22	36	28
50-59	17	12	15
60-69	8	8	11
70-79	20	17	6
80-89	5	11	10
90-99	1	0	1
Unk	0	0	0
Total	138	153	145

Race Sex	1997	1998	1999
W/M	100	106	104
W/F	29	33	30
B/M	7	10	7
B/F	1	1	1
O/M	1	3	0
O/F	0	0	3
Total	138	153	145

Drugs and Alcohol in Suicide Victims Bexar County

Alcohols/Drugs Analysis	1997	1998	1999
No Tests Performed	4	8	4
Negative for Drugs & Alcohol	50	51	46
Positive for Alcohol	30	23	30
Drugs Only	36	52	43
Drugs & Alcohol	18	19	22
Total	138	153	145

Alcohol Levels

	1997	1998	1999
<.05	4	5	4
.05-.099	13	5	13
.10-.199	20	20	15
.20-.299	9	11	17
+.30	2	1	3
Total	48	42	52

Teenage Suicides Bexar County

Method	1997	1998	1999
Firearms	9	1	4
Hanging	2	1	3
Drugs	2	1	1
Other	0	1	0
Total	13	4	8

Race/Sex	1997	1998	1999
W/M	7	3	7
W/F	4	1	1
B/M	2	0	0
B/F	0	0	0
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	13	4	8

Motor Vehicle Operators Bexar County

Alcohol/Drugs Analysis	1997	1998	1999
No Tests Performed	6	4	4
Negative for Drugs & Alcohol	29	20	25
Positive for Alcohol	23	29	30
Drugs Only	8	10	9
Drugs & Alcohol	4	11	7
Total	70	74	75

Alcohol Levels	1997	1998	1999
<.05	2	4	2
.05-.099	4	6	1
.10-.199	7	14	14
.20-.299	10	13	15
+.30	4	3	5
Total	27	40	37

Seatbelt Use	1997	1998	1999
Yes	24	26	17
No	29	35	40
Unknown	17	13	18
Total	70	74	75

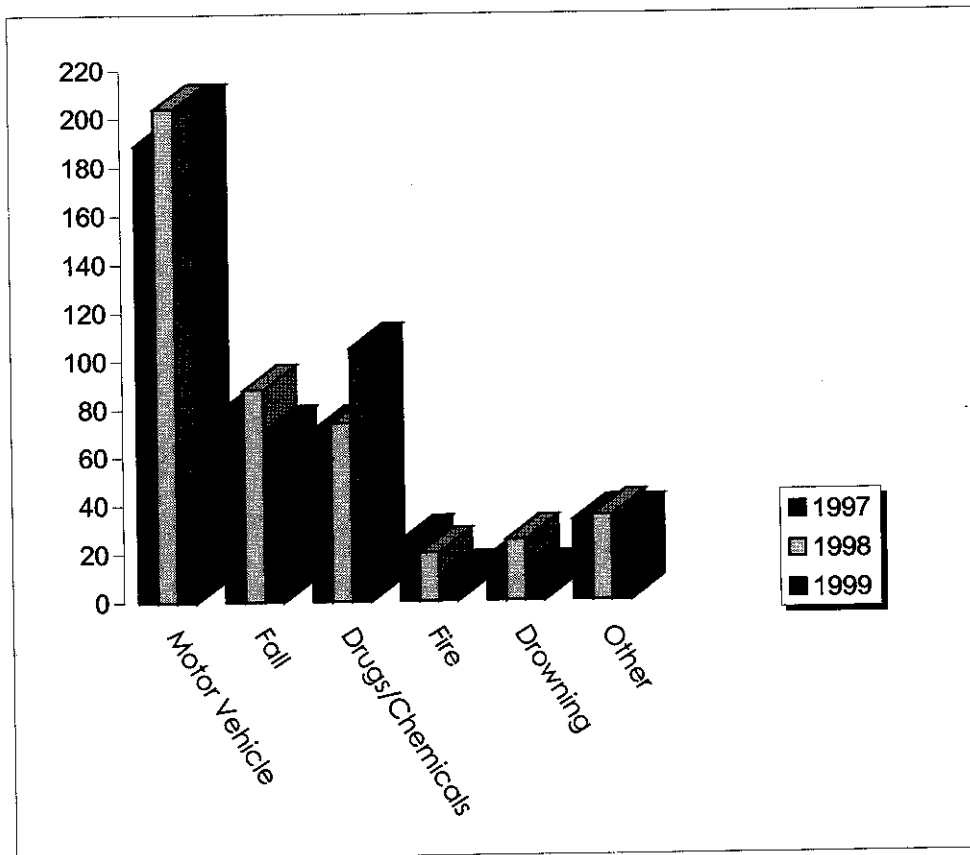
Pedestrians Bexar County

Alcohol Levels	1997	1998	1999
No Tests Performed	3	2	1
No Alcohol	21	22	16
<.05	1	0	0
.05-.099	0	4	2
.10-.199	5	4	5
.20-.299	7	3	5
+.30	1	3	5
Total	38	38	34

Age	1997	1998	1999
0-5	2	0	0
6-10	0	2	0
11-15	2	1	0
16-19	3	1	1
20-29	4	7	8
30-39	9	4	8
40-49	7	6	7
50-59	2	8	4
60-69	4	1	1
70-79	4	6	3
80-99	1	2	1
Unk	0	0	1
Total	38	38	34

Accidental Deaths Bexar County

	1997	1998	1999
Motor Vehicle	189	204	204
Fall	81	88	71
Drugs/Chemicals	71	74	105
Fire	25	20	10
Drowning	18	25	10
Other	33	35	33
Total	417	446	433



Drugs and Alcohol in Homicide Victims Bexar County

Alcohols/Drugs Analysis	1997	1998	1999
No Tests Performed	7	2	8
Negative for Drugs & Alcohol	51	40	60
Positive for Alcohol	42	37	33
Drugs Only	28	25	19
Drugs & Alcohol	28	20	18
Total	156	124	138

Alcohol Levels

	1997	1998	1999
<.05	15	10	9
.05-.099	15	13	7
.10-.199	25	16	20
.20-.299	9	14	9
+.30	6	4	6
Total	70	57	51

Deaths Due to Drugs/Toxic Substances Bexar County

	1997	1998	1999
Heroin	22	16	45
Cocaine	15	13	23
Heroin and Cocaine	6	11	15
Narcotics	8	12	13
Tricyclic Anti-Depressants	3	6	6
Propoxyphene	2	2	2
Mixed Drugs	17	31	20
Barbiturates	1	0	0
Ethyl Alcohol	2	2	1
Carbon Monoxide	8	5	4
Other	19	12	16
Total	103	110	145

