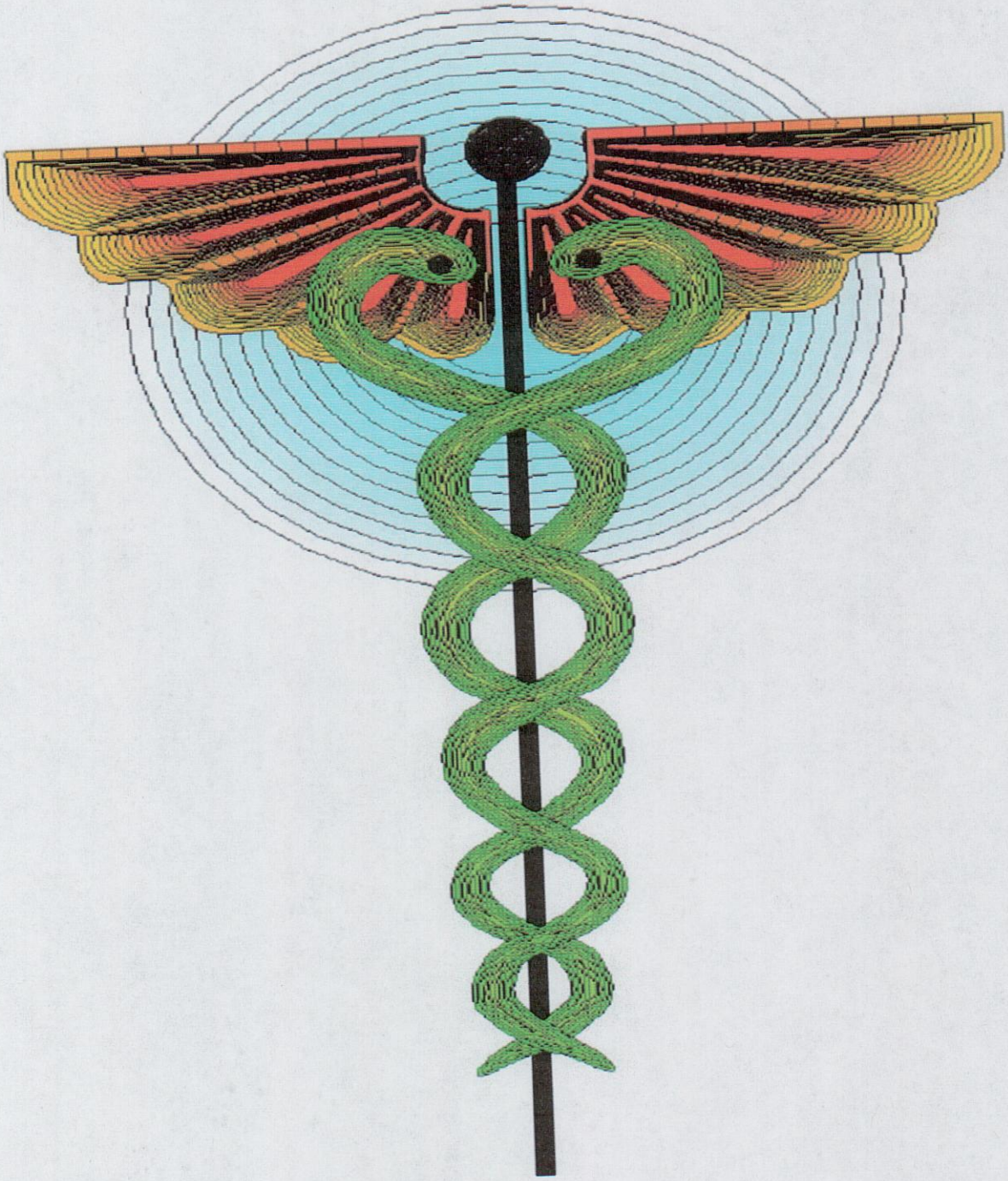
Bexar County
Medical Examiner's Office



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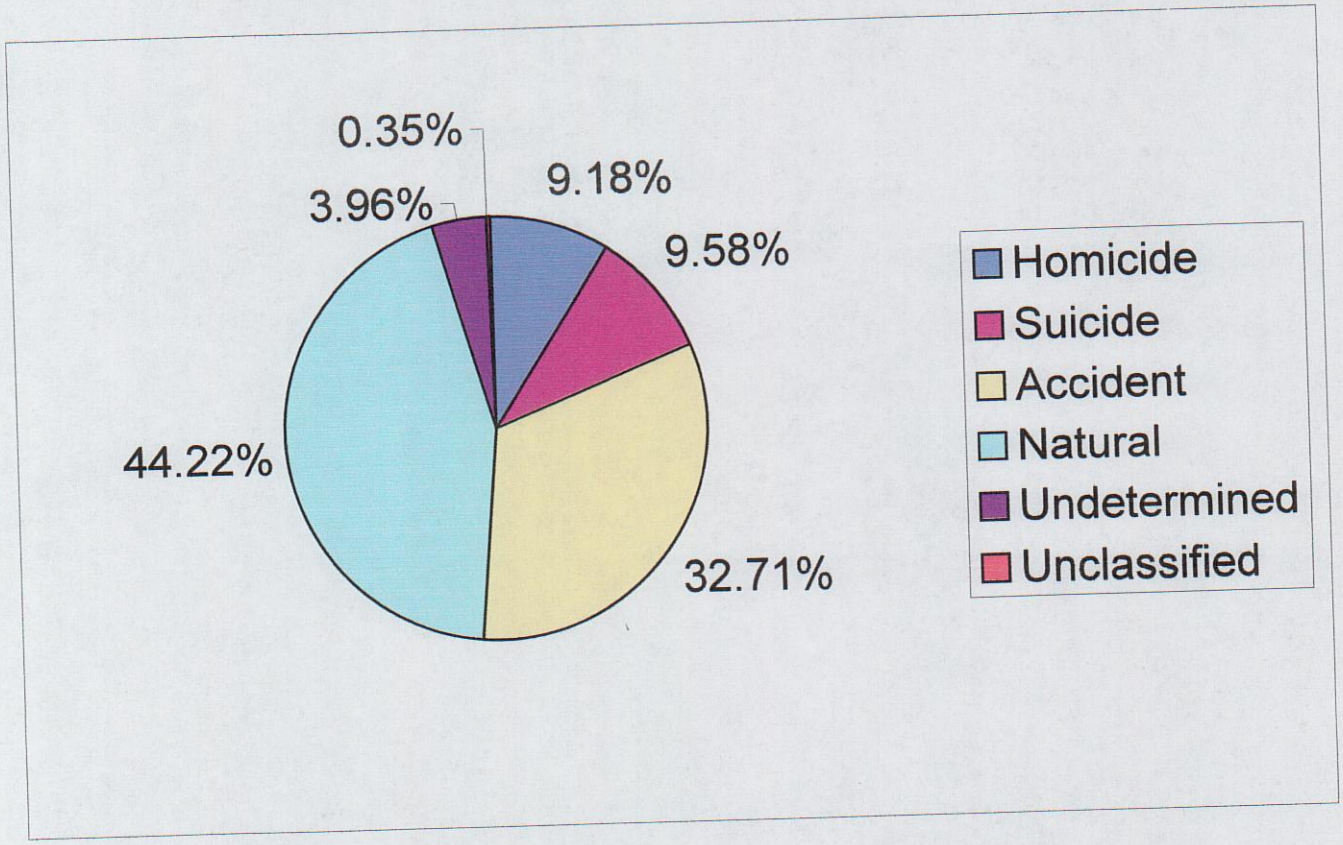
Annual Report 2001

	1999	2000	2001
Total Number of Cases Investigated	7915	8125	7607
Cases Accepted	1886	2059	1972
Autopsies	1237	1324	1315
Complete Autopsies	1142	1218	1213
Partial Autopsies	95	106	102
Inspections	590	681	599
Death Certificates Only	59	54	58
Storage/Voided Cases	184	174	161
Cremation Certificates Issued	1854	1922	1994
Scene Investigations	366	425	376

2001 Summary of Medical Examiner Cases

	Total Cases	Number Autopsied	Percentage Autopsied
Homicide	181	180	99.45%
Suicide	189	160	84.66%
Accident	645	485	75.19%
Natural	872	408	46.79%
Undetermined	78	77	98.72%
Unclassified	7	5	71.43%
Total	1972	1315	66.68%



Manner of Death

Bexar County Cases

	1999	2000	2001
Homicide	138	120	135
Suicide	145	171	146
Accident	437	557	485
Natural	798	856	781
Undetermined	39	25	48
Unclassified	5	5	7
Total	1562	1734	1602

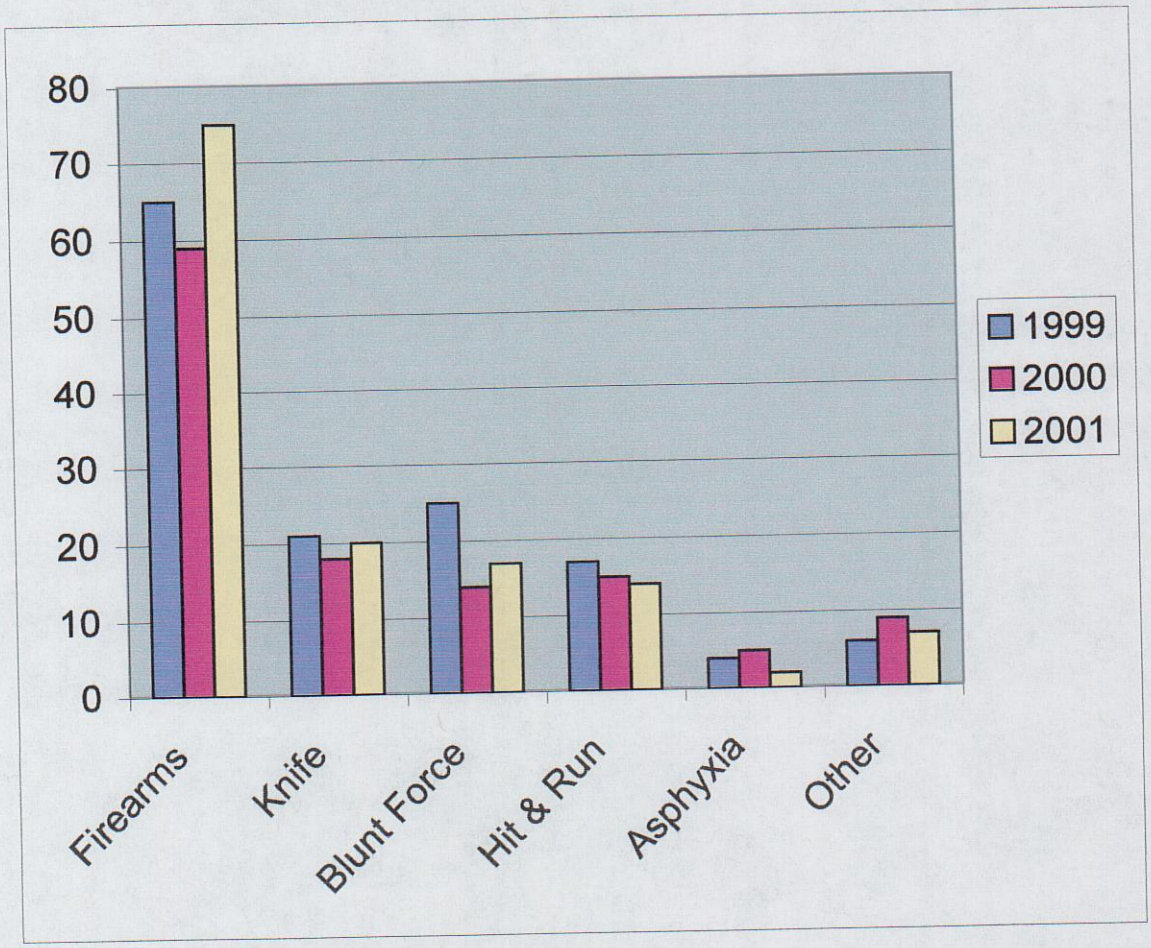
Contract Cases

	1999	2000	2001
Homicide	46	50	46
Suicide	40	44	43
Accident	93	124	160
Natural	64	79	91
Undetermined	22	28	30
Unclassified	1	0	0
Total	266	325	370

Homicides by Method

Bexar County

	1999	2000	2001
Firearms	65	59	75
Knife	21	18	20
Blunt Force	25	14	17
Hit & Run	17	15	14
Asphyxia	4	5	2
Other	6	9	7
Total	138	120	135



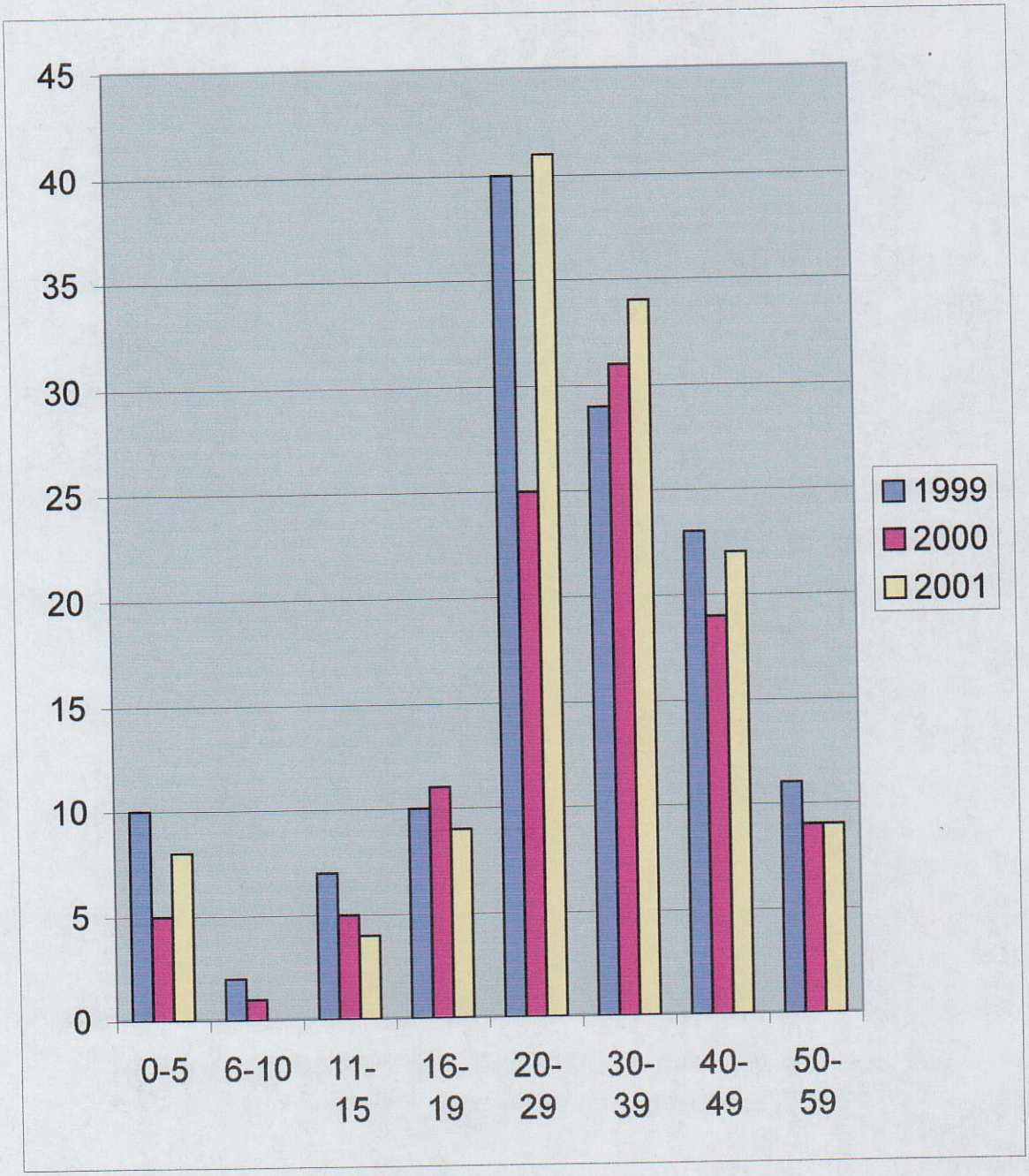
Homicides by Age, Race, Sex

Bexar County

	1999	2000	2001
0-5	10	5	8
6-10	2	1	0
11-15	7	5	4
16-19	10	11	9
20-29	40	25	41
30-39	29	31	34
40-49	23	19	22
50-59	11	9	9
60-69	2	5	4
70-79	2	6	3
80-89	1	2	1
90-99	0	0	0
Unk	1	1	0
Total	138	120	135

	1999	2000	2001
W/M	91	78	90
W/F	28	21	20
B/M	14	16	15
B/F	2	4	8
O/M	1	0	1
O/F	2	1	1
Total	138	120	135

Homicides by Age



Drugs and Alcohol in Homicide Victims

Bexar County

Alcohols/Drugs Analysis	1999	2000	2001
No Tests Performed	8	8	3
Negative for Drugs & Alcohol	60	51	57
Positive for Alcohol	33	33	31
Drugs Only	19	16	31
Drugs & Alcohol	18	12	13
Total	138	120	135

Alcohol Levels	1999	2000	2001
<.05	9	10	11
.05-.099	7	9	11
.10-.199	20	20	17
.20-.299	9	5	4
+.30	6	1	1
Total	51	45	44

Homicides by Firearms

Bexar County

Type of Weapon	1999	2000	2001*
Handgun	52	43	61
Centerfire Rifle	6	3	9
Rimfire Rifle	1	4	2
Shotgun	1	4	3
Other	7	5	7
Total	67	59	82

*More than one weapon was used in some cases in 2001.

Caliber of Handguns	1999	2000	2001
.38/.357	7	6	8
.22	12	5	9
.25	3	0	3
.32	0	1	2
.40	5	7	15
.45 ACP	5	1	0
.380 ACP	8	3	3
9mm	11	15	19
Other	1	5	2
Total	52	43	61

Child Homicides

Bexar County
Ages 0 - 5

Method	1999	2000	2001
Blunt Force	6	1	6
Asphyxia	0	1	1
Motor Vehicle	2	1	0
Other	2	2	0
Total	10	5	7

Race/Sex	1999	2000	2001
W/M	7	5	4
W/F	3	0	3
B/M	0	0	0
B/F	0	0	0
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	10	5	7

Sudden Death Infant Sydrome

Race/Sex	1999	2000	2001
W/M	9	13	5
W/F	5	2	5
B/M	1	3	1
B/F	0	2	1
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	15	20	12

Suicides by Method, Age, Race, Sex

Bexar County

Method	1999 Male	1999 Female	2000 Male	2000 Female	2001 Male	2001 Female
Firearms	58	12	82	13	70	17
Drugs/Chemicals	15	13	14	16	9	10
Hanging	25	6	22	4	25	6
Carbon Monoxide	3	2	2	1	3	0
Knife	5	0	3	1	0	0
Other	5	1	10	3	4	2
Total	111	34	133	38	111	35
	145		171		146	

Age	1999	2000	2001
<15	1	6	3
15-19	7	14	8
20-29	26	27	28
30-39	40	33	36
40-49	28	46	28
50-59	15	15	19
60-69	11	9	6
70-79	6	6	7
80-89	10	13	8
90-99	1	2	3
Total	145	171	146

Race/Sex	1999	2000	2001
W/M	104	125	103
W/F	30	34	31
B/M	7	8	7
B/F	1	2	1
O/M	0	0	1
O/F	3	2	3
Total	145	171	146

Drugs and Alcohol in Suicide Victims

Bexar County

Alcohols/Drugs Analysis	1999	2000	2001
No Tests Performed	4	4	3
Negative for Drugs & Alcohol	46	65	38
Positive for Alcohol	30	29	34
Drugs Only	43	53	46
Drugs & Alcohol	22	20	23
Total	145	171	144

Alcohol Levels	1999	2000	2001
<.05	9	11	10
.05-.099	7	10	13
.10-.199	20	21	22
.20-.299	10	6	10
+.30	6	1	2
Total	52	49	57

Suicides by Firearms

Bexar County

Type of Weapon	1999	2000	2001
Handgun	57	70	63
Centerfire Rifle	1	2	4
Rimfire Rifle	2	9	5
Shotgun	6	7	6
Other	4	7	9
Total	70	95	87

Caliber of Handguns	1999	2000	2001
.38/.357	27	22	28
.22	10	11	12
.25	4	4	4
.32	2	8	5
.40	0	3	3
.45 ACP	2	5	0
.380 ACP	3	7	2
9mm	6	8	8
Other	3	2	1
Total	57	70	63

Teenage Suicides

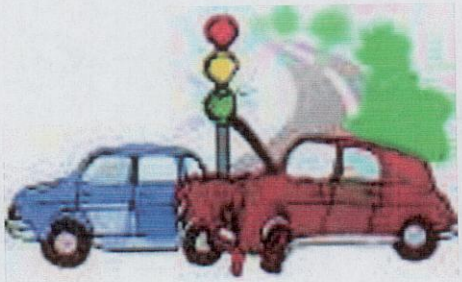
Bexar County

	1999	2000	2001
Firearms	4	12	5
Hanging	3	7	6
Drugs	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	8	20	11

	1999	2000	2001
W/M	7	14	9
W/F	1	2	0
B/M	0	2	2
B/F	0	2	0
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	
Total	8	20	11

Motor Vehicle Operators

Bexar County



Alcohol/Drugs Analysis	1999	2000	2001
No Tests Performed	4	4	1
Negative for Drugs& Alcohol	25	35	20
Positive for Alcohol	30	26	18
Drugs Only	9	5	4
Drugs & Alcohol	7	9	4
Total	75	79	47

Alcohol Levels	1999	2000	2001
<.05	2	2	2
.05-.099	1	2	3
.10-.199	14	14	7
.20-.299	15	15	10
+.30	5	2	0
Total	37	35	22

Seatbelt Use	1999	2000	2001
Yes	17	18	23
No	40	33	20
Unknown	18	28	4
Total	75	79	47

Pedestrians

Bexar County

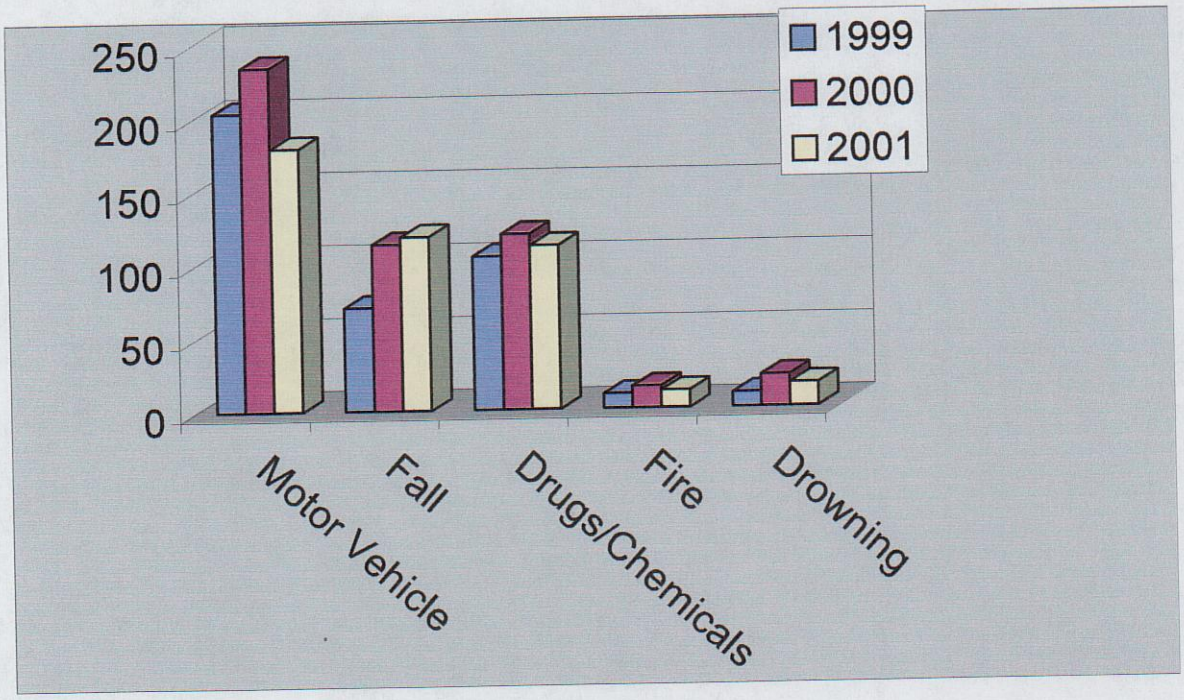
Alcohol/Drugs Analysis	1999	2000	2001
No Tests Performed	1	4	1
No Alcohol	16	19	11
<.05	0	0	2
.05-.099	2	3	0
.10-.199	5	13	7
.20-.299	5	2	5
.30+	5	2	0
Total	34	43	26

Age	1999	2000	2001
0-5	0	3	0
6-10	0	0	0
11-15	0	2	1
16-19	1	2	1
20-29	8	5	4
30-39	8	6	4
40-49	7	7	6
50-59	4	12	3
60-69	1	0	3
70-79	3	4	2
80-89	1	2	2
Unk	1	0	0
Total	34	43	26

Accidental Deaths

Bexar County

	1999	2000	2001
Motor Vehicle	204	235	180
Fall	71	114	119
Drugs/Chemicals	105	120	112
Fire	10	15	12
Drowning	10	22	16
Other	33	51	46
Total	433	557	485



Deaths due to Drugs/Toxic Substances

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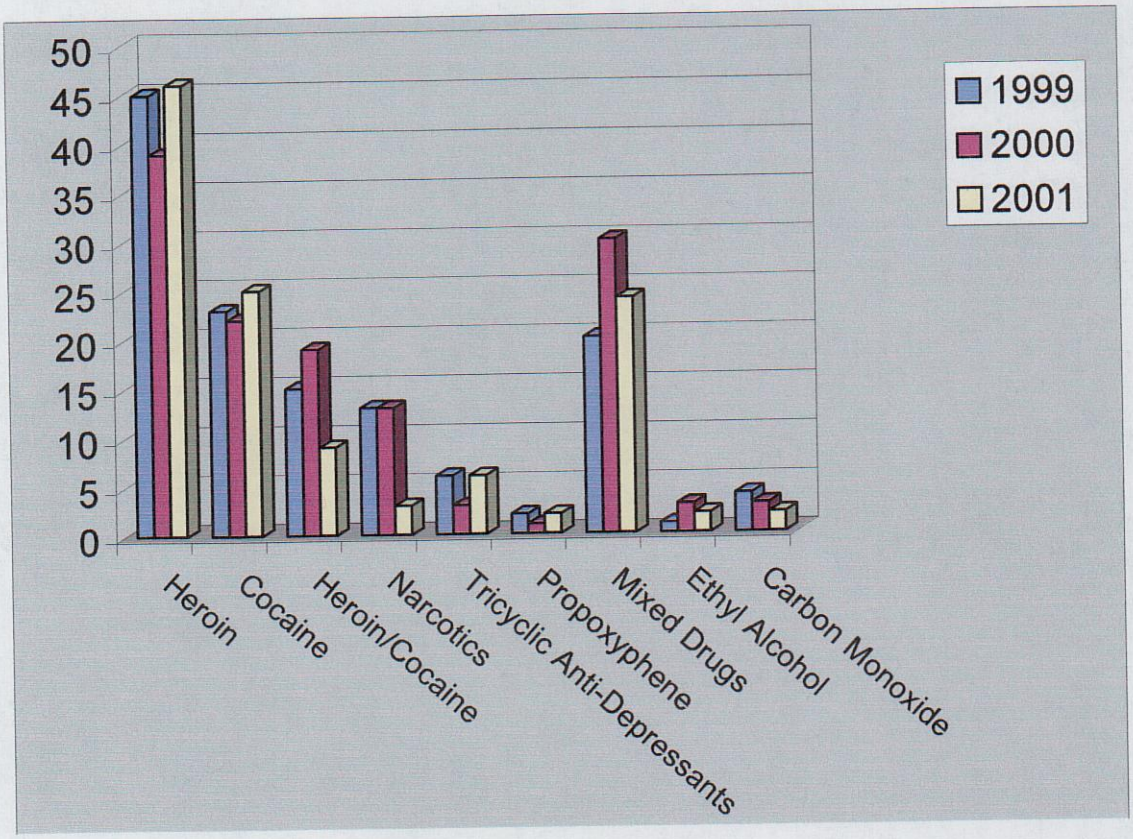
	1999	2000	2001
Heroin	45	39	46
Cocaine	23	22	25
Heroin/Cocaine	15	19	9
Narcotics	13	13	3
Tricyclic Anti-Depressants	6	3	6
Propoxyphene	2	1	2
Mixed Drugs	20	30	24
Ethyl Alcohol	1	3	2
Carbon Monoxide	4	3	2
Other	16	23	20
Total	145	156	139