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GENERAL STATISTICS

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Number of Cases Investigated	10594	10886	11554
Cases Accepted	2416	2522	2469
Scene Investigations	918	919	955
¹Bexar County	2133	2216	2198
Autopsies			
Complete Autopsies	1253	1337	1283
Partial Autopsies	108	112	92
Inspections	772	767	823
²Out of County	107	123	106
Autopsies			
Complete Autopsies	99	116	103
Partial Autopsies	6	5	1
Inspections	2	2	2
Total Examinations			
Autopsies			
Complete Autopsies	1352	1453	1386
Partial Autopsies	114	117	93
Inspections	774	769	825
Death Certificates Only	51	56	55
Storage/Voided Cases	125	127	110
ME Cases Where Toxicology Testing Was Performed	1572 (75%)	1742 (79%)	1726 (79%)
FTL Cases (DUI/DWI)	2,748	3,875	1,739
Hospital autopsies retained under ME jurisdiction	14	13	13
Unidentified Bodies (after case completion)	1	1	0
Exhumations	1	2	0
Bodies Transported (Contract Service)	2,191	2,297	2,253
Organ and Tissue Donations*			
Organ (TOSA)	104	34	46
Corneal (SAEB)	249	234	188
Tissue (STBTC & UHAR)	172	150	122
County Burials	30	58	51

¹ Includes Autopsies (Complete and Partial) and Inspections only.

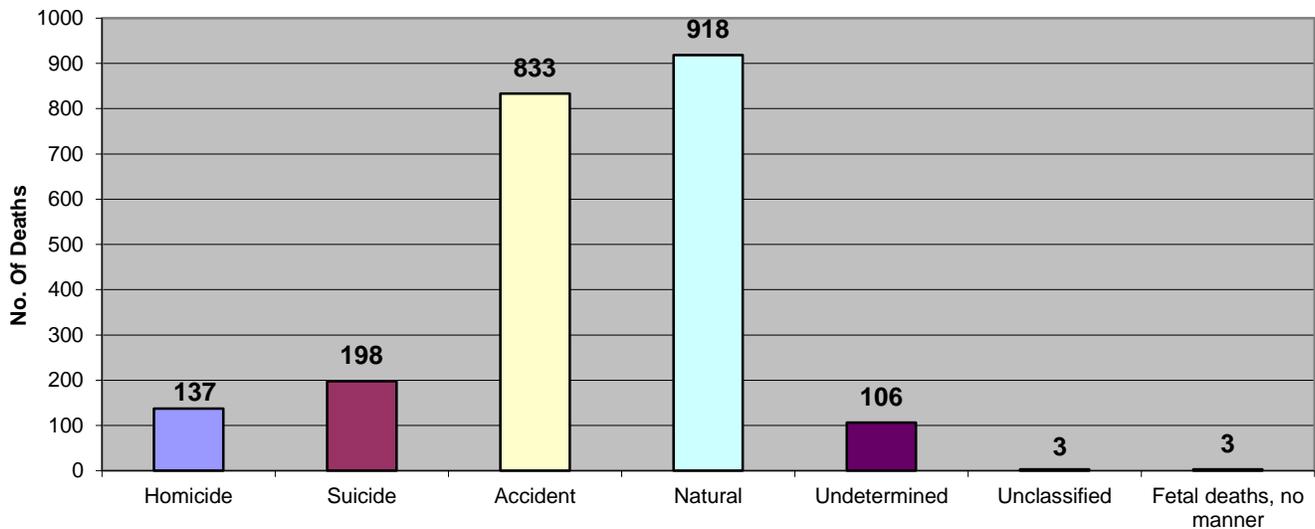
²Out of County cases are reported on this page for the purpose of performance indicators. For County statistical purposes, only Bexar County cases will be reported for the remainder of the annual report.

*Organ and tissue donation only approved by BCMEO after next of kin consent has been obtained; the data obtained was provided by the agencies listed in parentheses)

MANNER OF DEATH

<u>Manner</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Homicide	118	136	137
Suicide	194	206	198
Accident	860	896	833
Natural	860	876	918
Undetermined	96	98	106
Unclassified	5	4	3
Fetal deaths, no manner			3
Total	2133	2216	2198

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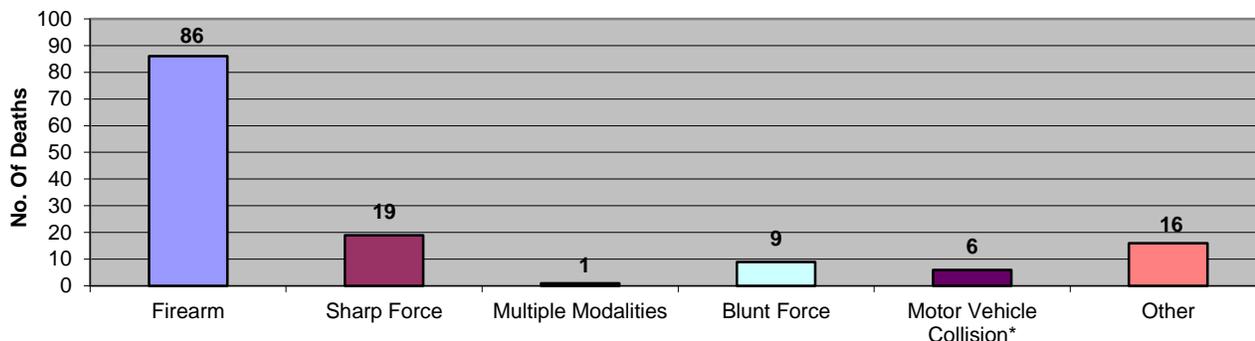


<u>Manner</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>Number Autopsied*</u>	<u>Percent Autopsied</u>
Homicide	137	137	100%
Suicide	198	175	88%
Accident	833	458	55%
Natural	918	498	54%
Undetermined	106	105	99%
Unclassified	3	1	33%
Fetal deaths, no manner	3	1	33%
Total	2198	1375	63%

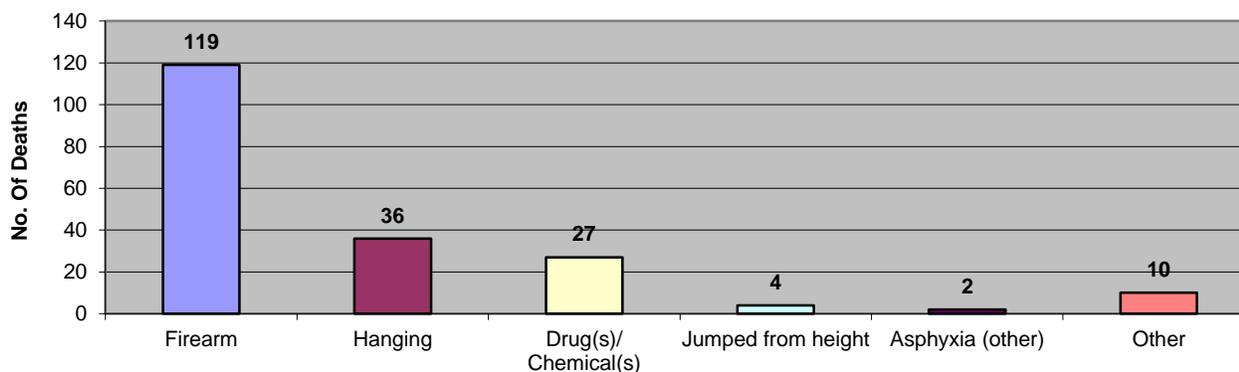
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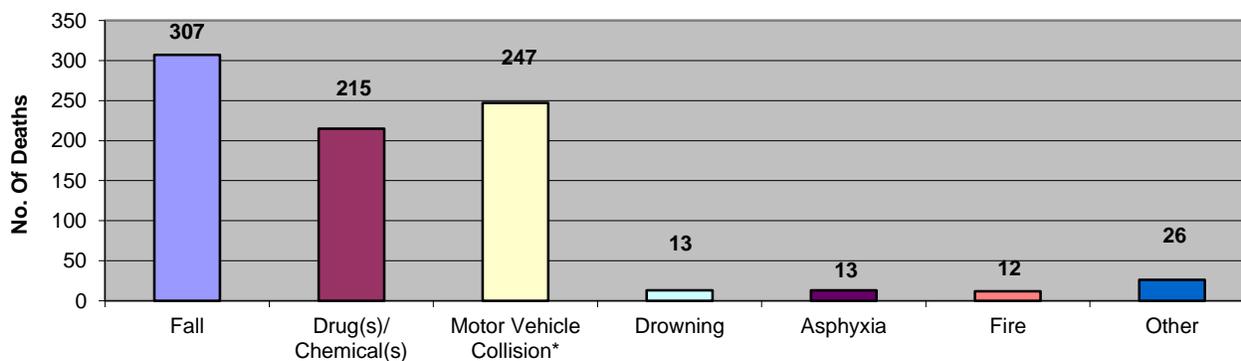
Homicides By Method



Suicides By Method



Accidents By Method



*Motor vehicle collisions include the following types of deaths: motor vehicle-driver; motor vehicle-passenger; motor vehicle-pedestrian; motor vehicle-fire; motorcycle/ATV; and bicycle vs. motor vehicle deaths.

PEDIATRIC DEATHS

<u>Manner Age <18 yrs</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Homicide	11	12	12
Suicide	2	6	4
Accident	29	44	31
Natural	11	14	11
Undetermined	29	30	33
Unclassified	2	1	1
Total	84	107	92

<u>Manner Age <1 yr</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Homicide	2	3	2
Accident	4	2	6
Natural	2	4	5
Undetermined	26	27	23
Unclassified	1	1	1
Total	35	37	37

<u>Sudden Unexplained Deaths in Infancy*</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
with bedsharing/ co-sleeping	1	8	6
in unsafe sleeping environment	6	2	4
bedsharing in unsafe sleep environment	1	0	1
no known risk factors	4	6	4
Total cases	15	16	15

*these deaths were previously referred to as SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome)