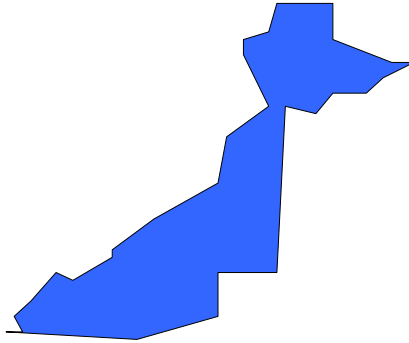


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Preface

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Without the above individuals, quality investigation of deaths in Fulton County would not occur, and neither would professional communication with the many agencies and members of the public who are impacted when a death occurs. These employees also care for and maintain a modern facility in which death investigations may be professionally conducted with respect for the dead and at which members of the public, legal, and law enforcement communities can effectively conduct their business.

I thank the Fulton County Medical Examiner employees— each and every one— for their dedication, excellence, and professional quality death investigations conducted for the citizens of Fulton County. We are proud to be a death investigation center fully accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners.

It is hoped that the information in this report may be useful to public health, public safety, and other policy and program planners who strive to improve the safety and quality of life. Additional data may be available for specialized studies that go beyond the general data presented in this report.

The medical examiner’s office and its personnel “speak for the dead” and our office is a place where “death delights to serve the living.” It is with a true sense of civic duty and public service that we conduct our death investigations for the community.

It is now 2006 and this Annual report is for calendar year 2004, which ended 14 months ago. It is not uncommon for some death cases to take many months to finalize because of extensive testing or the need for investigative information that takes time to obtain. The Report itself takes time to prepare, and must be done while we carry on our usual activities and death investigations, which also take the time of our staff. We hope to prepare the 2005 Annual Report more quickly but time will tell if we can meet that goal.

Randy Hanzlick, MD
Chief Medical Examiner
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SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

The Fulton County Medical Examiner (FCME) serves all non-federal, incorporated and unincorporated areas within Fulton County. In 2004, these areas include nearly all of the City of Atlanta, Alpharetta, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Union City, Unincorporated Fulton County, and other areas served by special law enforcement agencies such as MARTA and college police forces. Sandy Springs became a city in 2005 (Appendix A). The FCME does not serve the few areas of Federal property within the county such as the Federal Penitentiary which arranges for its own investigations. Under the provisions of the Georgia Death Investigation Act, FCME investigates deaths that are suspected or known as having resulted from external causes such as injury or poisoning, and deaths that are sudden, unexpected, and not explained with a reasonable degree of medical probability. Other selected types of death are also investigated such as those occurring while a person is in custody of a law enforcement agencies..

The County covers 529 square miles and has a 2004 estimated population of 782,858 (Appendix B). Countywide, the population is about 42% white, 50% black, and 8% other minorities. The Hispanic population is increasing and amounts to about 7% in 2004.

The laws describing the duties of medical examiners in Georgia are contained mostly in Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 45, Chapter 16, the “Georgia Death Investigations Act.” The types of death required to be reported to the medical examiner include:

- Violence (injury)
- Casualty (accident)
- Suicide
- Suddenly when in apparent good health
- When unattended by physician (no doctor who can sign the death certificate)
- Suspicious or unusual
- Children under 7 if death is unexpected or unexplained
- Executions pursuant to death penalty (these do not occur in Fulton County)
- Inmate of state hospital or state, county, or city penal institution
- Admitted to hospital unconscious and dying within 24 hours without regaining consciousness

Decisions about autopsies are not mandated and are left to the discretion of the medical examiner. As can be seen, the laws are general enough that jurisdiction may be accepted in a wide variety of cases that are not otherwise specified in law, such as sudden death while under anesthesia, which may be considered to be “sudden and unexpected” or “unusual.”

When a death is reported to FCME, the case is either **accepted** (AJ) or **declined** (DJ). If a case is accepted, it means that the medical examiner will be signing the death certificate (certifying the death). A case is **declined** for one of two reasons:

- The incidents leading to death did not occur in Fulton County
- The death need not have been reported and there is a physician who is willing to sign the death certificate

A case is **accepted** if:

- It meets the criteria specified by law as described above, and
- The incident leading to death occurred in Fulton County, or
- If the place of incident or onset of fatal events is unknown, the death occurred or the dead body was found in Fulton County

The case medical examiner (forensic pathologist) generally uses one of four approaches to certify a death (obtain information to complete the death certificate):

- **Signout.** The death certificate is signed without examining the body.
- **View.** A cursory examination is performed to further evaluate the case and rule out trauma or the need for further in-depth examination. A few simple case notes may be prepared.
- **External examination.** Formal external examination with a dictated report of the examination, usually including toxicology or chemistry tests as well.
- **Autopsy.** Complete autopsy with dictated report. A **limited dissection** (partial autopsy) is sometimes performed if:
 - there is expressed objection to autopsy or significant health or safety risks exists for staff, and,
 - a complete autopsy need not be performed.

Budget and Staff

The annual operating budget for 2004 was approximately \$3.1 million. The FCME staff consisted of approximately 44 employees including 5 physician medical examiners, 11 investigators, 10 clerical staff, 3 administrators, 9 forensic technicians and morgue attendants, 2 custodians, 2 photographers, 1 histologist, and 1 forensic pathology physician in training.

General Response

When a death is reported to FCME, the case is assigned a sequential case number. Basic information is obtained on all cases reported. Investigators, in consultation with the on-call medical examiner as needed, make decisions about whether the case should be accepted or declined, if death scene investigation is required, and whether or not the body need be transported to the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Center. The on-call medical examiner then makes decisions about the type of examination to be conducted and the extent of additional testing to be performed. Usually, bodies transported to FCME are returned to the family and funeral home within 24 hours or less if the body has been officially identified.

For further information about FCME, please see our website at www.fcmeo.org

For further information about medical examiners and death investigation, please see the website of the National Association of Medical Examiners at www.TheNAME.org

Data Source and Analyses

The data herein are derived from the HOMER (Has Our Medical Examiner Records) Access database. In 2004, there were 2254 case reports. Nine of these records were non-human remains, and four death records were noted to be duplicate records. Thus, after excluding these 13 records from data analysis, there were a total of 2241 unique human death cases for this report. Dr. Fajardo analyzed the data using SPSS v11.0, Access 2003 and Excel 2003.

Race/Ethnicity Categories of 2004 Cases

Categorizing Race/Ethnicity of decedents has become more difficult because of a growing mixed-race population and because of personal preferences in how Race/Ethnicity is reported by family members.

The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. For the United States Census 2000, the questions on race and Hispanic origin were asked of every individual living in the United States. Hispanics may be of any race. The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably in this report.

This report uses the six categories of the Census 2000 for people indicating only one race:

- 1) White
- 2) Black or African American
- 3) American Indian and Alaska Native
- 4) Asian
- 5) Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- 6) Some other race

SECTION II. ALL REPORTED CASES

Table 1. Number of cases Accepted (AJ) and Declined (DJ) by Manner of death (n=2241)

MANNER	AJ	Total
ACCIDENT	237	
ACCIDENT (T) (Traffic-related)	139	
HOMICIDE	159	
NATURAL	656	
SUICIDE	90	
UNDETERMINED	43	
Declined (DJ)	0	917
Total =	1324	2241

Table 2. Manner of death by Procedure cross-tabulation for Accepted (Certified) Cases only (n=1324)

MANNER	PROCEDURE				Total
	Autopsy	External PM Exam	Signout	View	
ACCIDENT	153	28	46	10	237
ACCIDENT (Traffic)	121	9	8	1	139
HOMICIDE	157	0	2	0	159
NATURAL	319	148	80	109	656
SUICIDE	87	1	2	0	90
UNDETERMINED	37	2	2	2	43
Total =	874	188	140	122	1324

Figure 1. Manner of death by Year reported, 1988-2004 certified cases only. This shows that there is a decreasing trend for homicide cases but there is an increasing trend for accidents other than traffic fatalities.

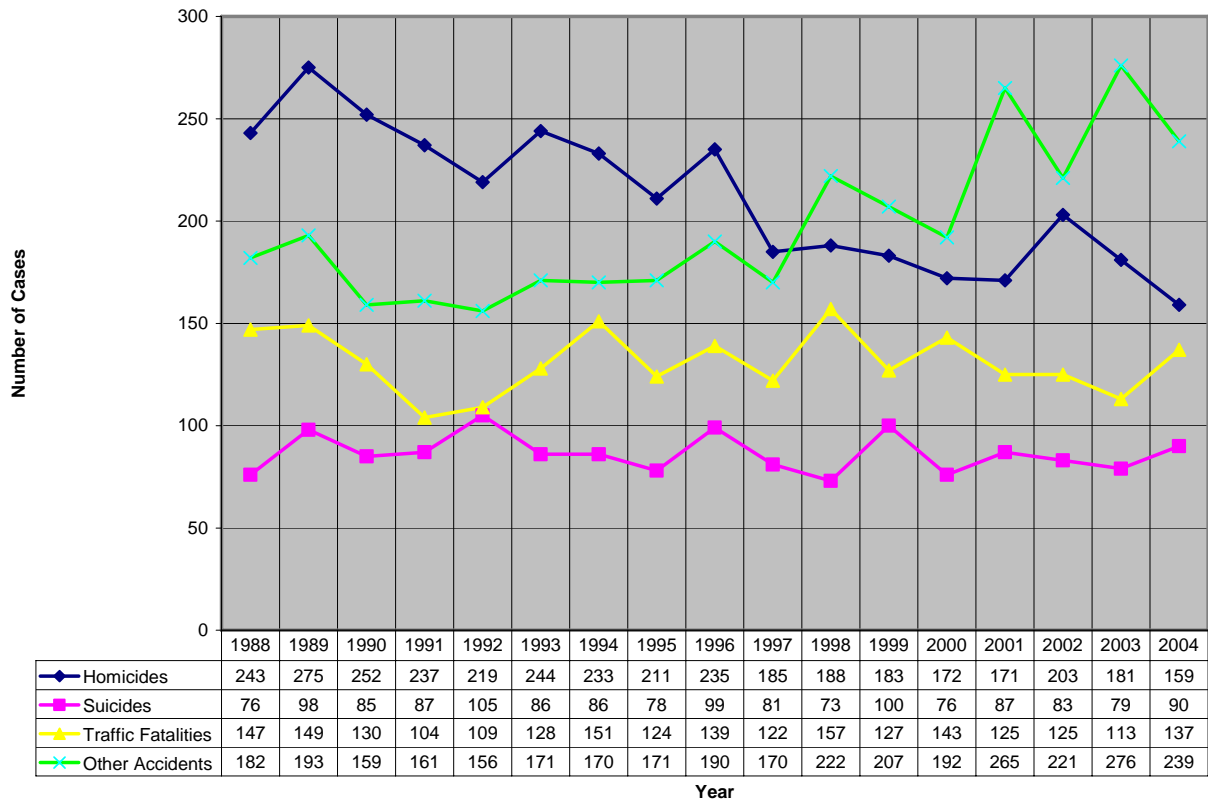


Figure 2. Number of all deaths reported by month (n=2241)

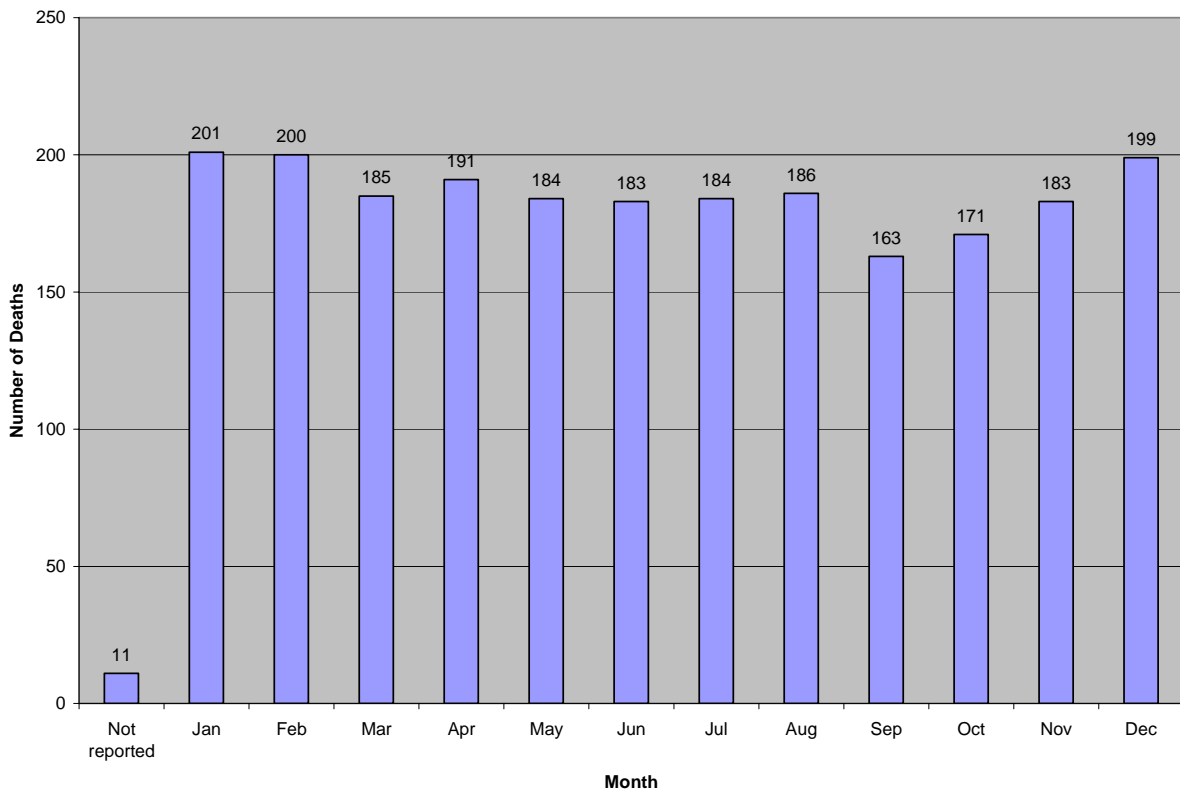


Figure 3. Number of all deaths reported by day of the week (n=2241)

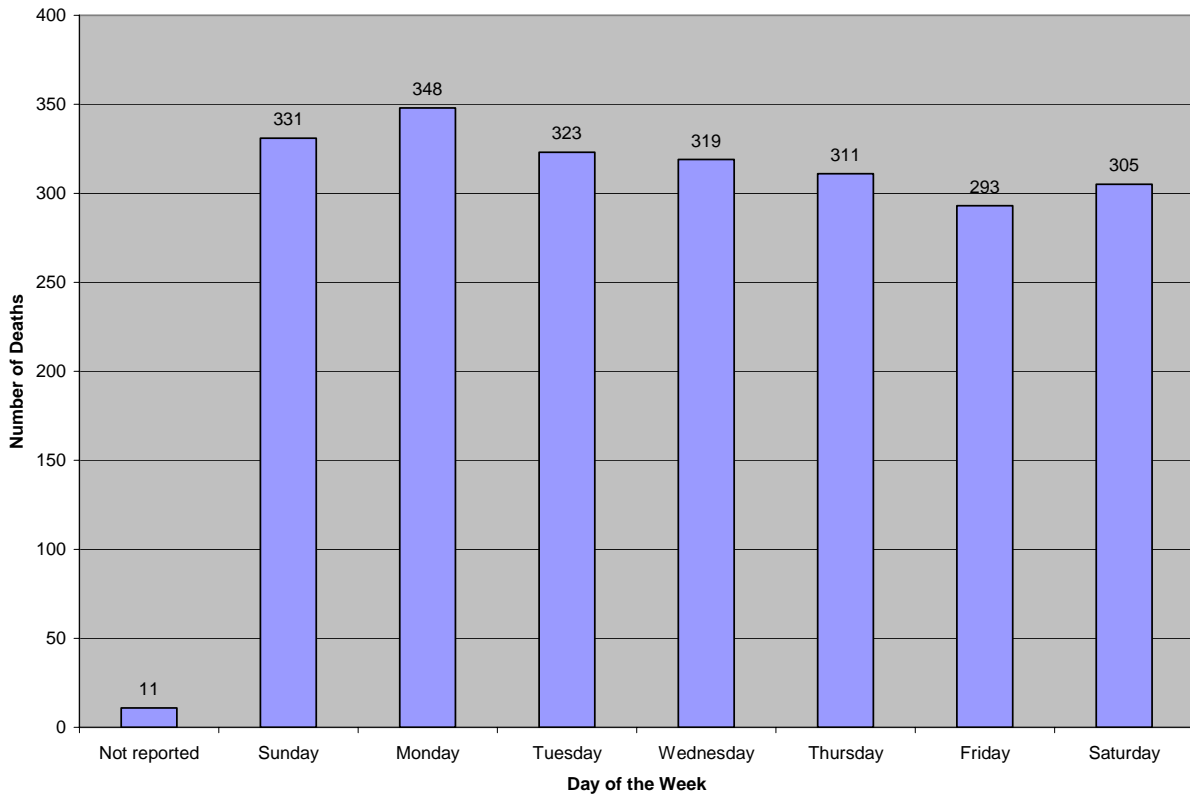


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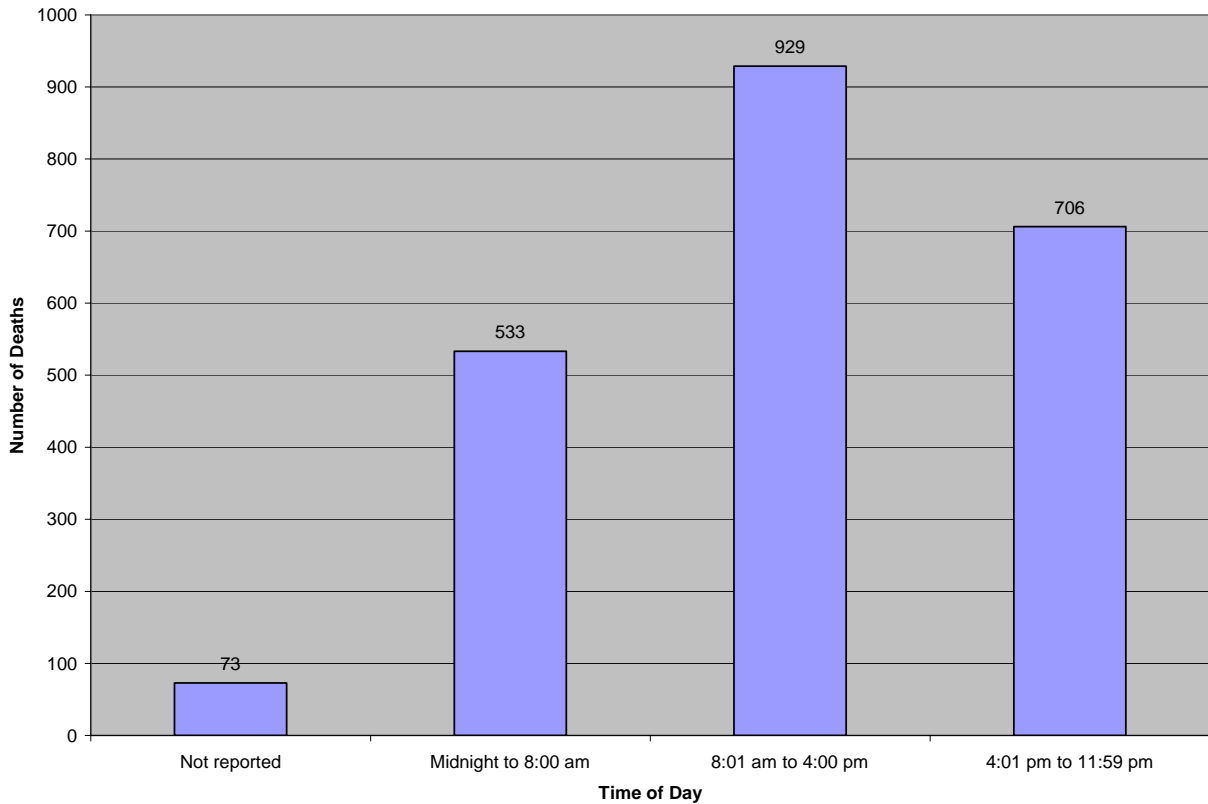


Figure 5. Number of all deaths reported by Age group (n=2241)

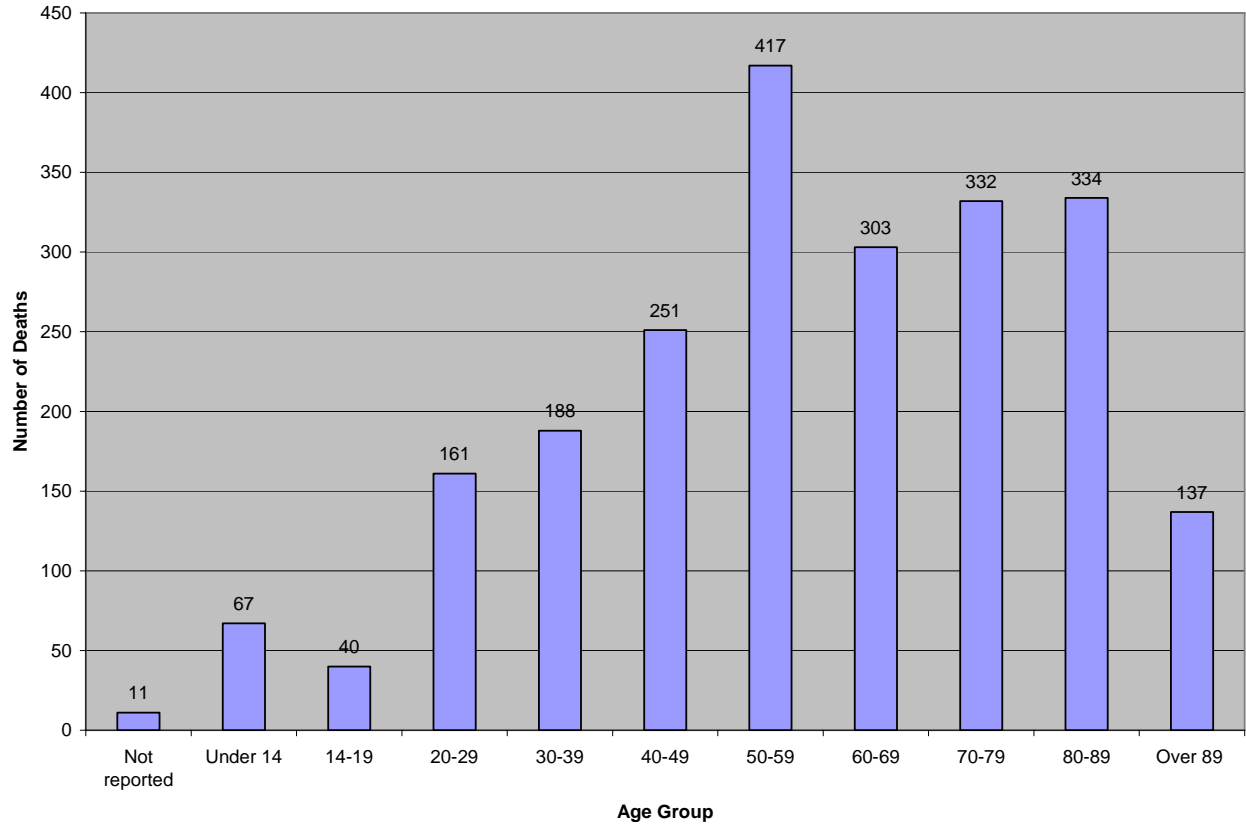


Figure 6. Number and percentage of all deaths reported by Sex (n=2241)

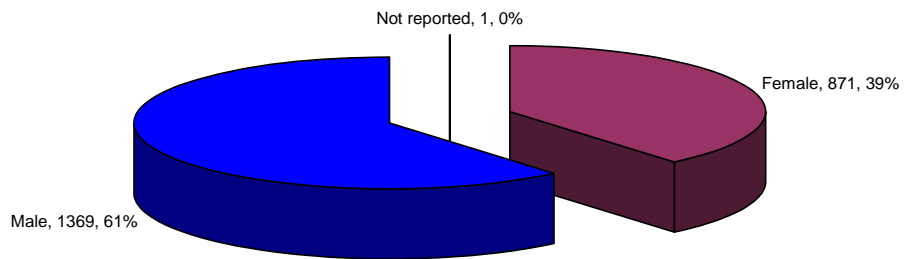


Figure 7. Number of all deaths reported by Race (n=2241)

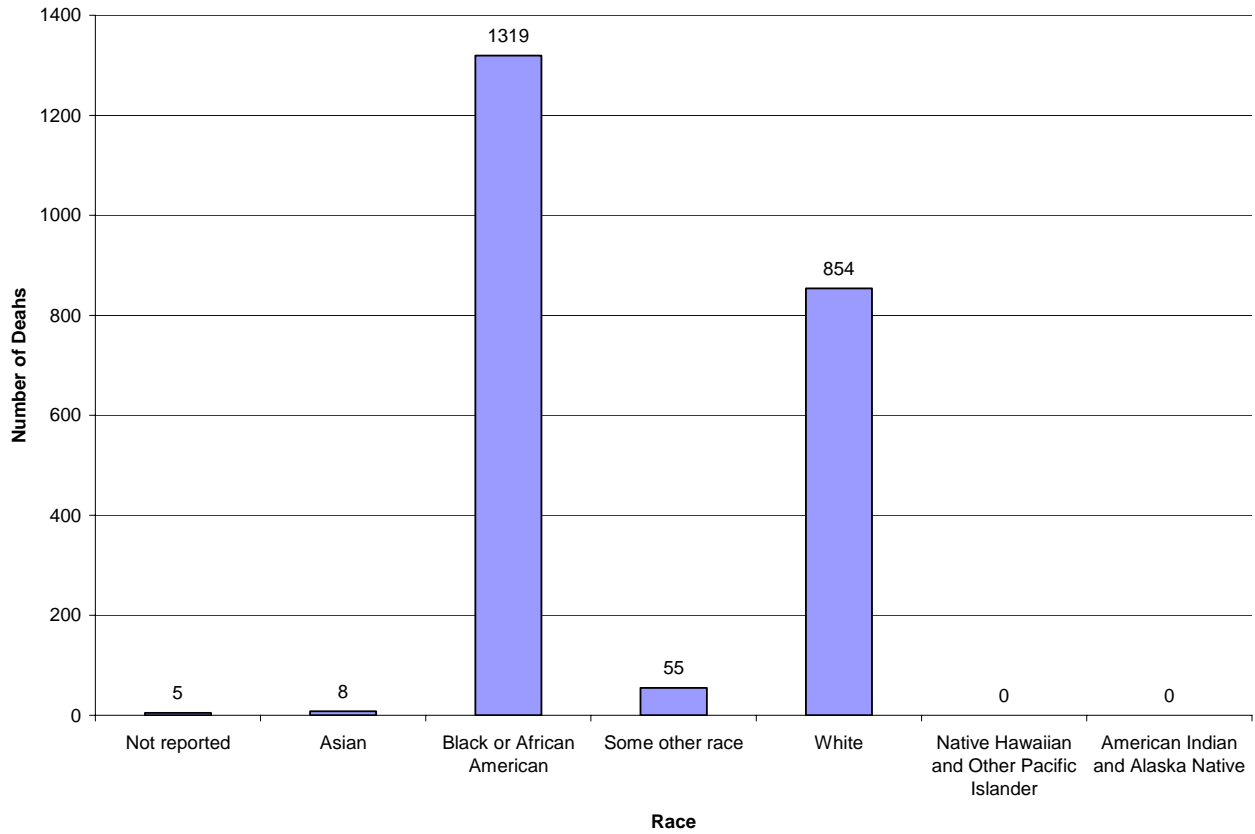


Figure 8. Number and percentage of all deaths reported by Hispanic/Latino ethnicity (n=2241)

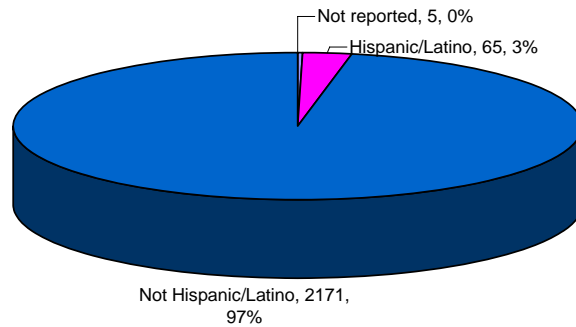


Table 3. Police Jurisdiction by Manner of death cross-tabulation for all reported deaths (n=2241)

Police Jurisdiction	MANNER							Total	Total Accepted	% Accepted
	NA/DJ	ACCIDENT	ACCIDENT (T)	HOMICIDE	NATURAL	SUICIDE	UNDETERMINED			
Alpharetta	29	3	4	1	11	5	1	54	25	46.3
Atlanta	450	140	68	120	389	44	31	1242	790	63.6
College Park	16	8	3	4	14	1	0	46	30	65.2
East Point	42	9	2	5	33	1	0	92	50	54.3
Fairburn	12	2	0	1	5	2	0	22	10	45.5
Fulton County	113	31	42	18	61	24	6	295	182	61.7
Hapeville	5	1	1	0	8	1	0	16	11	68.8
Palmetto	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	14.3
Roswell	37	14	10	5	17	8	1	92	55	59.8
Union City	10	2	1	3	8	1	1	26	16	61.5
Other*	193	30	8	2	109	3	3	349	154	44.1
All Cases =	917	237	139	159	656	90	43	2241	1324	59.1

*Includes special police jurisdictions such as Georgia State University, MARTA, Federal Bureau of Prisons, US Marshall, case reported from other counties, and cases with police jurisdiction unspecified.

SECTION III. MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT (NON-TRAFFIC)

Figure 9. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=237) for Accidental Deaths

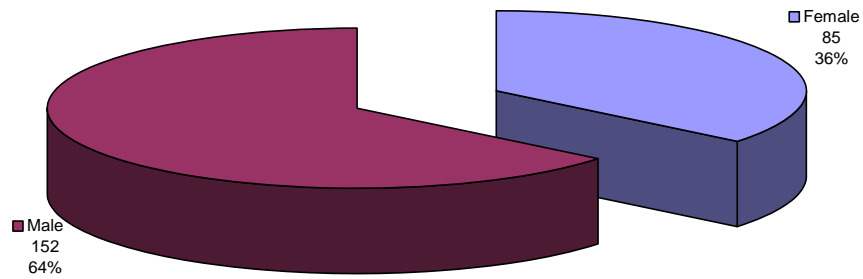


Figure 10. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=237) for Accidental Deaths

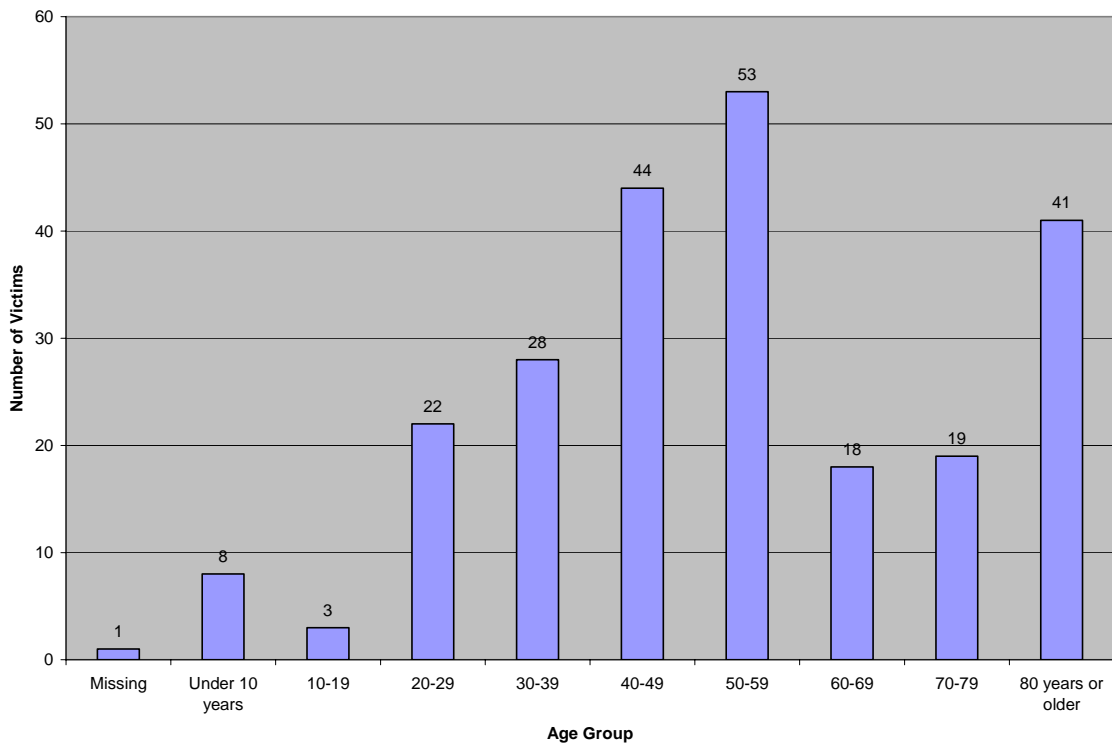


Table 4. Race by Sex Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=237) for Accidental Deaths

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black	34	68	102
White	51	78	129
Some other race	0	6	6
Total =	85	152	237

Table 5. Race by Ethnicity Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=237) for Accidental Deaths

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black	101	1	102
White	128	1	129
Some other race	0	6	6
Total =	229	8	237

Table 6. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=237) for Accidental Deaths

ZIP CODE	Number of Victims	Percent
Missing	11	4.64
30004-	5	2.09
30009-	1	0.42
30022-	4	1.67
30074-	1	0.42
30075-	5	2.09
30076-	8	3.35
30097-	1	0.42
30213-	3	1.26
30291-	2	0.84
30301-	2	0.84
30303-	7	2.93
30305-	5	2.09
30306-	8	3.35
30307-	1	0.42
30308-	10	4.18
30309-	9	3.77
30310-	12	5.02
30311-	7	2.93
30312-	15	6.28
30313-	3	1.26
30314-	15	6.28
30315-	10	4.18
30316-	2	0.84
30318-	20	8.37
30319-	2	0.84
30324-	7	2.93
30327-	2	0.84
30328-	4	1.67
30331-	7	2.93
30335-	1	0.42
30337-	7	2.93
30338-	1	0.42
30342-	9	3.77
30344-	8	3.35
30349-	11	4.60
30350-	5	2.09
30354-	5	2.09
36854-	1	0.42
Total =	237	100.00

Table 7. Number of certified deaths for each cause of death (n=237) for accidental deaths

Cause of Death	Frequency	Percent
Aircraft	2	0.84
Aorta Dissection*	1	0.42
Asphyxia-Café Coronary	4	1.67
Asphyxia-Compression	2	0.84
Asphyxia-Hanging	1	0.42
Asphyxia-Overlaying	1	0.42
Blunt Force	6	2.51
Burn-Thermal-Not Fire	2	0.84
Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD*	3	1.26
Cardiac-Hypertension*	1	0.42
Crushed-Pinned	2	0.84
Dementia-Alzheimers*	1	0.42
Drowning-Pool/Spa	4	1.67
Drowning-Tub	1	0.42
Drug Death-Poisoning	46	19.25
Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	48	20.08
Drug Death-Poisoning+Injury	3	1.26
Electrical-Lightning	1	0.42
Electrical	1	0.42
Fall- Down Steps	5	2.09
Fall-From Height	18	7.53
Fall-From moving object	1	0.42
Fall-Standing Height	60	25.10
Fall	4	1.67
Fire death	10	4.18
Hypothermia-Exogenous	4	1.67
Poisoning-CO with no fire	1	0.42
Seizure Disorder-Post-Trauma	1	0.42
Train-Commercial	3	1.26
Total =	237	100.00

*These cases involved natural disease in combination with injury. In such cases, injury is given preference and the manner of death is considered to be accident.

Figure 11. Circumstances for non-traffic accidental deaths, certified deaths (n=237) for Accidental Deaths

Incident	AGE	RACE	SEX	Cause	Place Injured	How injury occurred
2	67	W	F	Aircraft	Business	passenger in small aircraft crash
1	72	W	M	Aircraft	Business	pilot in small aircraft crash
3	49	B	F	Aorta Dissection	Apartment	Use of controlled drug in the presence of natural disease
4	100	W	F	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Assisted living home	Chest wall injury during Heimlich maneuver while choking on food
6	83	W	F	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Nursing Home	Aspiration of food while eating
5	86	B	M	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Nursing Home	Aspirated food while eating. Food obstructed both mainstem bronchi.
7	72	W	F	Asphyxia-Café Coronary	Restaurant	Choked on food while eating
8	54	W	M	Asphyxia-Compression	Construction site	Operator of bulldozer trapped when bulldozer fell from truck ramp during loading.
9	76	B	F	Asphyxia-Compression	house	Head entrapped in bed rail
10	52	W	M	Asphyxia-Hanging	Own residence	Accidentally hanged self with ropes during autoerotic activity.
11	0.2	B	F	Asphyxia-Overlaying	Home	Overlaying by an adult while bed sharing
12	49	W	M	Blunt Force	Another's residence	Injured while operating backhoe which fell down embankment.
13	28	W	M	Blunt Force	Cell phone tower	Fell from height
14	23	W	M	Blunt Force	City street	Found unresponsive.....with laceration on back of head
15	51	W	M	Blunt Force	Construction site	Worker felling trees Struck by falling tree branch
16	47	W	M	Blunt Force	Own Backyard	Cutting down tree in backyard/Tree fell/Striking subject
17	28	B	M	Blunt Force	Place of business	Jumped off truck and broke ankle. Developed thromboembolism during ankle surgery.
18	42	B	M	Burn-Thermal-Not Fire	another's residence	gas explosion
19	40	B	M	Burn-Thermal-Not Fire	Vacant apartment	Gas explosion
20	57	W	M	Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD	home	ingested ethanol
21	43	B	F	Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD	roadway	used illicit substance
22	59	B	M	Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD	Temporary Habitat	Use of illicit drugs
23	47	B	F	Cardiac-Hypertension	Residence	Use of Illicit Drug
24	46	O	M	Crushed-Pinned	Business	Metal beam fell on chest
25	23	O	M	Crushed-Pinned	Found in garbage	Crushed by garbage compacting equipment
26	87	W	F	Dementia-Alzheimers	Own residence	Fell while ambulating at home.
27	2	W	F	Drowning-Pool/Spa	Another's residence	Found unresponsive in pool
28	6	B	F	Drowning-Pool/Spa	another's residence	drowned in a swimming pool
29	33	W	F	Drowning-Pool/Spa	Home swimming pool	Found face down in a swimming pool approx. 31 years ago. Survived in vegetetative state
30	16	B	M	Drowning-Pool/Spa	swimming pool	Drowned in swimming pool
31	1	W	F	Drowning-Tub	Own residence	Found prone in bathtub with immersion of face in water.
32	56	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's Apartment	Use of Narcotic and Illicit Drug.
33	47	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's home	Used illicit substances
37	24	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's Residence	Use of illicit drug
36	28	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's Residence	Smoked Crack Cocaine
35	36	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's residence	Ingested controlled substances.
34	56	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's Residence	Illicit substance abuse combined with ethanol use.
38	23	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Another's yard	Used illicit substance
39	26	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Apartment	Use of controlled drugs
40	38	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	City street	Used controlled drug.....found unresponsive on street

41	40	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Grant Park	Combined use of ethanol and illicit drug
45	22	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Evidence of parenteral drug use w/ zolpidem
42	27	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Ingested multiple controlled drugs including MDMA, methadone, cocaine, & hydrocodone
44	31	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used illicit substance
49	43	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	home	ingested cocaine
50	46	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used multiple prescription drugs
51	46	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Smoked crack cocaine
47	49	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Ingested excessive oxycodone
43	50	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used oxycodone and other opiate drug(s) Recent cocaine use
46	54	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used illicit substances
48	56	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Consumed alcohol and prescription drugs
52	57	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Home	Used excessive opiate medication
54	25	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel	Used multiple prescription and non-prescription drugs
58	28	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel	Used cocaine, amphetamine, and opiate(s).
55	33	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel	Parenteral use of controlled substance
53	35	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel	Delayed death after likely ingestion of drug(s).
59	37	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	hotel	used opiates and cocaine
56	38	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel	Used illicit substances
57	50	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Hotel	Used illicit substances
60	39	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	On/Near Roadway	Use of illicit drug
65	19	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Use of illicit drugs
67	29	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used controlled substance.
61	30	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Illicit and prescription drug use, combined with ethanol use
63	39	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own residence	Consumed excessive amount of ethanol.
66	46	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own Residence	Used multiple controlled substances.
62	55	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own residence	Consumed ethanol and prescription medication.
64	59	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Own residence	Used multiple opiate medications.
68	60	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Parking lot	Used ethanol and opiates
69	30	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Possibly a Nightclub	Methamphetamine use, possibly at nightclub. Was left in hospital emergency room.
70	22	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	residence	used amphetamines
71	42	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	residence	used illicit substance
72	46	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Street	Complications of use of controlled drug and concomitant use of restraint and taser.
73	42	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Temporary habitat	Inadvertent toxicity of prescription medications
74	58	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Under bridge	Ingested ethanol.
75	40	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Under building	Used illicit substances
76		B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning	Vacant Building	Illicit substance use. Found dead. Probably had been dead for weeks.
77	21	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning	Wooded Area	Use of Illicit Drug and pursuit on foot.
79	50	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's home	Used illicit substance
78	54	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's home	Smoked crack cocaine
83	28	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's residence	Used illicit substance.
81	35	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's residence	Used cocaine which aggravated underlying hypertensive heart disease.
82	35	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's Residence	Illicit drug use
80	48	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Another's residence	Used cocaine which aggravated hypertensive heart disease.
86	27	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Apartment	Excessive consumption of ethanol.

84	45	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Apartment	Ingested prescription medication.
85	52	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Apartment	Used controlled drug.
87	41	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Boarding house	Use of controlled drug aggravating natural disease processes.
88	59	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Day Shelter	Recent cocaine intoxication.Aggravated underlying disease.
89	52	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Found at home	Probable intravenous drug use.
90	38	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Found in vehicle	Used methamphetamine. Possibly crystal meth.Found unresponsive in vehicle.
91	1	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Found-side of street	Natural disease process aggravated by use of controlled drug
95	21	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Controlled substance abuse
98	28	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	home	ingested illegal substance
96	46	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Used cocaine and prescription drugs
93	50	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Pre-existing natural disease aggravated by use of controlled drug
97	55	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Use of controlled drug
92	57	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Applied two fentanyl patches to skin of amputation stump
94	58	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Person with heart disease Used illicit substance
99	67	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Home	Used illicit substance
100	46	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Homeless shelter	Used illicit substance
101	74	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	hospital	ingested medication (sertraline)
102	48	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	hotel	used controlled substance
103	40	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Motel	Use of controlled substance in the presence of natural disease
106	36	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	On/Near Roadway	Used cocaine which caused rhabdomyolysis.
104	39	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	On/Near Roadway	Used cocaine which aggravated preexisting cardiovascular disease.
105	55	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	On/Near Roadway	Used cocaine which aggravated underlying hypertensive cardiovascular disease.
111	31	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Ingested prescription medication.
117	41	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Used illicit substance.
107	42	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Consumed ethanol and used codeine,hydrocodone, and heroin.
113	42	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Used cocaine.
108	44	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Had hemorrhage in brain related to illicit cocaine use.
118	45	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Inadvertent toxicity of opiate
115	49	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Used illicit substance.
110	51	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Severe hypertension aggravated by recent cocaine use
109	52	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Had pneumonia and used hydrocodone and/or morphine.
116	54	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own Residence	Use of Illicit Drug
114	66	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Used opiate and cocaine.
112	68	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Own residence	Used illicit substance.
121	40	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	ingested multiple medications
122	56	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Residence	Use of illicit drug.

119	63	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	consumed alcoholic beverages
120	65	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	residence	ingested isopropyl alcohol
123	52	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Rooming house	Ingested controlled drug and ethanol
124	48	B	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	Store	used substance
125	51	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	temporary habitat	used cocaine
126	41	W	F	Drug Death-Poisoning+Injury	Hot tub at home	Used cocaine. Drowned in a "hot tub."
127	37	W	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Injury	park pond	found in pond in park with elevated levels of amphetamine and methamphetamine
128	59	B	M	Drug Death-Poisoning+Injury	van parked/business	In a position difficult to breath while intoxicated
129	28	B	M	Electrical	House Crawl Space	Was working in crawl space.Contacted energized wire.
130	34	W	M	Electrical-Lightning	Single family home	Working outside, struck by lightning
131	91	W	M	Fall	Home	Fall from unknown height
133	63	W	M	Fall	Residence	Unrestrained fall onto Head
132	65	W	M	Fall	residence	Fall from low height. Circumstances of fall not known
134	53	B	M	Fall	Wooded area	Fell off truck.....run over by "hay shooter"
136	33	B	M	Fall- Down Steps	Home	Fall down stairs
135	57	B	M	Fall- Down Steps	home	fall down stairs
137	50	W	F	Fall- Down Steps	Own Residence	Unrestrained fall down flight of stairs.
139	43	W	M	Fall- Down Steps	residence	fell down stairs
138	60	W	F	Fall- Down Steps	Residence	Fell down stair way inside residence
140	57	B	M	Fall-From Height	Another's residence	50 foot fall from tree while trimming limbs
141	31	W	M	Fall-From Height	Athletic Stadium	Climbed railing at athletic stadium/Attempted jump to other side/Fell approx 30-40 feet
142	57	W	M	Fall-From Height	Business Office	Approx. 6' fall from ladder after contacting electrical wires
143	62	W	M	Fall-From Height	church	fell from ladder 10 feet
145	26	O	M	Fall-From Height	Construction Site	Fell thirty feet from Scissor Lift
144	30	O	M	Fall-From Height	construction site	fell aproximately 30 feet
146	59	W	M	Fall-From Height	construction site	fell from ladder
147	65	O	M	Fall-From Height	Freeway overpass	Fell from under bridge to street levelApproximately 30 feet
148	47	W	M	Fall-From Height	Health Care Facility	Fell while climbing down sheet to exit building from 2nd floor window.
149	55	B	M	Fall-From Height	Hospital	Fell from six floor stairwell
150	19	O	M	Fall-From Height	Industrial Park	Working on roof. Fell off edge.Landed on concrete 33 feet below.
151	53	B	M	Fall-From Height	Out doors	Fell approximately 30 feet out of basket of cherry picker lift.
152	38	W	M	Fall-From Height	Outside	Fell from scaffolding at 15 feet higher than ground level
153	47	W	M	Fall-From Height	parking lot	fall from 6 foot wall onto concrete
154	53	W	M	Fall-From Height	Public Park	Fell from rock wall. Impact caused rupture of the right ventricle of the heart.
155	23	W	F	Fall-From Height	residence	jumped from window evading arrest and fell aproximately 40 feet while intoxicated
156	52	B	M	Fall-From Height	residence	fell off balcony (30 ft)
157	69	W	M	Fall-From Height	Warehouse	Fell approximately 12 feet from ladder while changing light bulb
158	79	W	M	Fall-From moving object	Home	Fall while getting off of exercise bike.
159	64	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	Apartment	Fall while walking
160	84	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Assisted Living Cntr	Recent fall while ambulating. .Found on floor on 2/12/04 after ambulating.
161	83	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	At Home	Multiple natural disease processes complicated by multiple falls
162	51	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Business office	Fall on bottom step

163	80	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	Clinic	Fell from standing height
164	75	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Golf course	Fell from ground level into concrete culvert
165	56	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	government property	fell near not moving escalator in train station and hit right side of head
167	50	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	health care facility	fell at nursing home
166	91	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Health care facility	Fell from seated position. Fractured right hip.
172	34	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Reportedly tripped over shoes
189	53	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Ground level fall in bathroom
179	71	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
184	73	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
176	75	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
182	75	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	fall from standing height
187	77	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	fall from standing height
190	77	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height injuring head
188	79	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
175	81	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fall from standing height
168	82	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fall from standing height associated with cerebral infarct.
183	83	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Probable falls from standing height.
171	85	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
185	86	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	home	Fell from standing height while walking
174	87	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
180	90	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fall from standing height
169	91	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height, hip fracture. Second fall after surgical repair
173	93	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from chair
170	94	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height while ambulating with walker
177	94	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fall from standing height.
181	95	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height
186	95	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Home	Fell from standing height while ambulating
178	97	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	home	fall at home
191	73	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	hospice care center	fell to floor while being transferred from wheel chair to standard chair
192	80	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Hospital	Fell from standing height while ambulating independently
193	70	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Hotel room	Fell from standing height while lifting/moving suitcase
198	86	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Nursing Home	Unrestrained Fall
195	88	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Nursing Home	Tripped while walking and fell from standing height
196	91	B	M	Fall-Standing Height	Nursing home	Fell to ground, fractured right hip
194	94	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	Nursing Home	Pulmonary embolism with fall/collapse.Fractured femur when she collapsed.
197	97	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	nursing home	fall from standing/sitting height
199	49	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Outside	Fell from standing height
200	93	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Outside home	Fell from standing height
201	96	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Own apartment	Falls from standing height
202	69	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Consumed ethanol, fell from a standing height, and struck head.
204	71	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Fell from standing height to floor.
206	75	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Slipped from patient transporter device
203	88	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Own residence	Fall from standing height while ambulating with walker
205	89	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Fell at home while ambulating.
207	91	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Own Residence	Unrestrained Fall
208	87	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Parking lot	Fall while attempting to enter motor vehicle
209	90	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Personal Care Home	Fall from standing height while ambulating.

210	79	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Physician's office	Fell from standing height
214	56	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Residence	Unrestrained Fall
213	69	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	Residence	Fall while walking
212	84	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	residence	ground level fall at home
211	85	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	residence	fell from standing height
215	31	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Roadside	Probable Unrestrained Fall from Standing Height
217	88	B	F	Fall-Standing Height	Unknown	Fall from standing height while ambulating
216	92	W	F	Fall-Standing Height	Unknown	Multiple falls from standing heights
218	82	W	M	Fall-Standing Height	voting booth	fell backwards from standing height
219	5	B	M	Fire death	Home	Residential Fire
220	64	B	F	Fire death	Home	Accidental house fire.
221	56	W	F	Fire death	house	house fire
223	9	B	M	Fire death	Own Residence	Accidental house fire.
222	59	B	F	Fire death	Own residence	Inhaled products of combustion produced during a house fire.
225	9	B	M	Fire death	residence	asphyxiation and burned in house fire
224	49	B	F	Fire death	residence	asphyxiation in house fire
226	45	W	M	Fire death	Street	Automobile he was in caught fire.
227	53	B	F	Fire death	Temporary habitat	Inhaled smoke and soot from housefire
228	34	B	F	Fire death	Vacant Building	Accidental structure fire
229	43	W	M	Hypothermia-Exogenous	On/Near Roadway	Prolonged Exposure to Near Freezing Outdoor Temperatures.
230	64	B	M	Hypothermia-Exogenous	Outside home	Inadequately clothed for extended period in cold weather
231	52	B	F	Hypothermia-Exogenous	parking lot	stayed outdoors on cold night while moderately intoxicated
232	40	W	M	Hypothermia-Exogenous	Sidewalk	Exposure to low environmental temperature
233	72	B	M	Poisoning-CO with no fire	Own residence	Inhaled products of combustion from furnace
234	57	B	M	Seizure Disorder-Post-Trauma	Street	Sanitation worker Struck in head by garbage can
235	51	B	M	Train-Commercial	railroad	struck by train while sitting on tracks
236	43	B	M	Train-Commercial	Railroad track	Pedestrian on train tracks Struck by oncoming train
237	39	W	M	Train-Commercial	train tracks	struck by train while crossing tracks

SECTION IV. MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT (TRAFFIC)

Figure 12. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=139) for Traffic Accidents

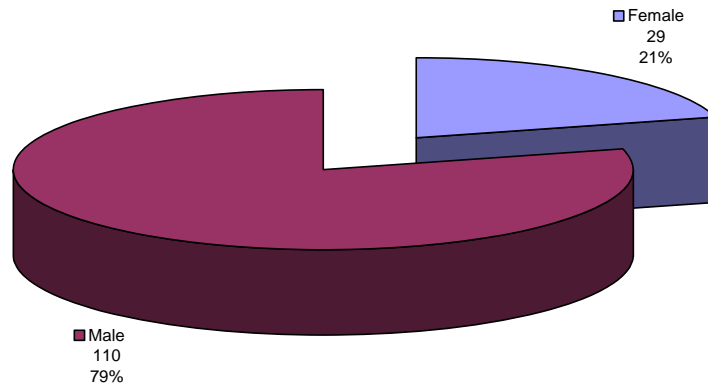


Figure 13. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=139) for Traffic Accidents

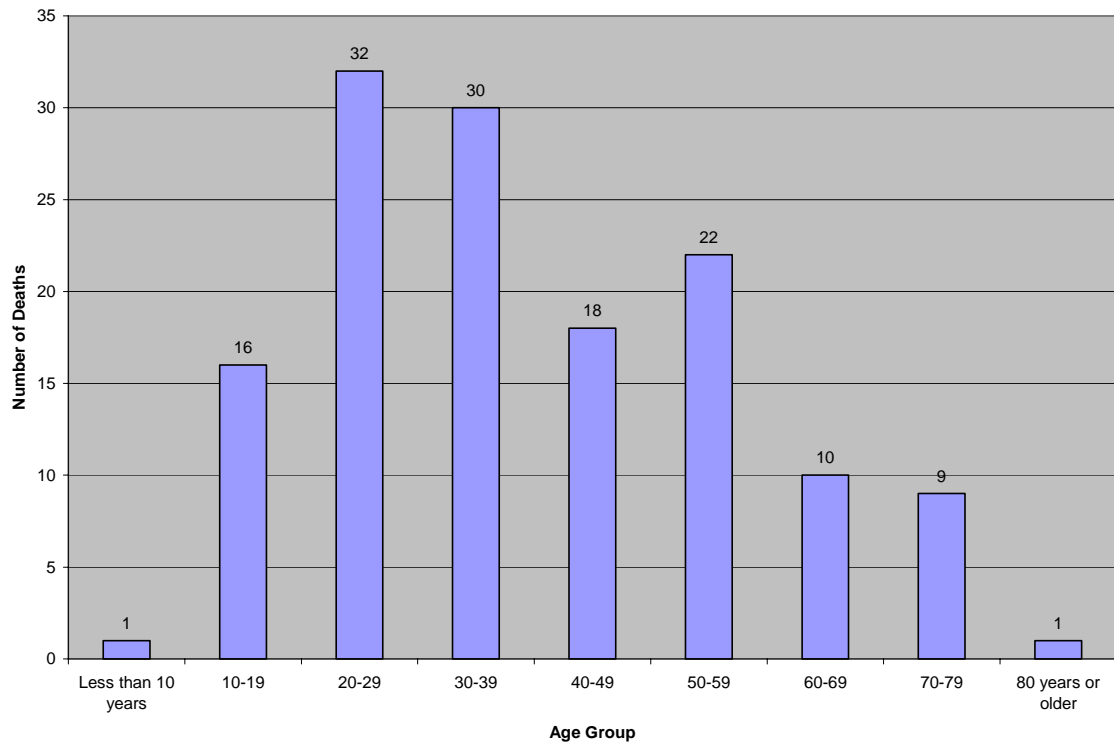


Table 8. Race by Sex Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=139) for Traffic Accidents

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
White	13	47	60
Black	14	53	67
Asian Pacific	1	0	1
Some other race	1	10	11
Total =	29	110	139

Table 9. Race by Ethnicity Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=137) for Traffic Accidents

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	YES	NO	
Asian Pacific	1	0	1
Black	67	0	67
White	60	0	60
Some other race	0	11	11
Total =	128	11	139

Table 10. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=139) for Traffic Accidents

Zip Code	Number of Victims	Percent
Not reported	19	12.41
28904-	1	0.73
30004-	7	5.11
30009-	1	0.73
30022-	3	2.19
30042-	1	0.73
30075-	6	4.38
30076-	3	2.19
30092-	1	0.73
30213-	3	2.19
30268-	1	0.73
30291-	1	0.73
30303-	1	0.73
30305-	2	1.46
30306-	2	1.46
30308-	3	2.19
30309-	4	2.92
30310-	8	5.84
30311-	5	3.65
30312-	7	5.11
30313-	1	0.73
30314-	4	2.92
30315-	9	6.57
30318-	5	3.65
30324-	1	0.73
30326-	1	0.73
30327-	4	2.92
30328-	2	1.46
30331-	5	3.65
30336-	3	2.19
30337-	2	1.46
30339-	1	0.73
30342-	4	2.92
30344-	1	0.73
30349-	9	6.57
30350-	2	1.46
30354-	4	2.92
35801-	1	0.73
37604-	1	0.73
Total =	139	100.00

Table 11. Number of certified deaths for each Case Code (n=139) for Traffic Accidents

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
MVA-Bicyclist	4	2.92
MVA-Driver	67	48.91
MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	11	8.03
MVA-MotorcyclistRider	5	3.65
MVA-Occupant	27	18.98
MVA-Pedestrian	20	13.87
MVA-Rider-ATV	1	0.73
MVA-ScooterDriver	1	0.73
MVA-Status Unknown	1	0.73
MVA-Unknown	1	0.73
MVA-Unknown Status	1	0.73
Total =	139	100.00

Table 12. Circumstances for road traffic fatalities in 2004, certified deaths (n=139) for Traffic Accidents

Incident	AGE	RACE	SEX	Category	Zip	PLACE	Address/Location
1	42	W	M	MVA-Bicyclist	30022-	County Road	Buice Rd. at the Atlanta Fulton Water Treatment Plant
2	50	W	F	MVA-Bicyclist	30092-	On/Near County Road	4055 Spalding Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30092
3	14	B	M	MVA-Bicyclist	30318-	On/Near Roadway	2222 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW, Atlanta, GA 30318
4	43	B	F	MVA-Bicyclist	30315-	roadway	Grant St. At Kendrick Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA, 30315
5	37	O	M	MVA-Driver	30075-	2-Lane County Road	Arnold Mill & Holly Road, Roswell GA 30075
6	69	B	M	MVA-Driver	30310-	4 Lane Road/Street	1991 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30310
7	45	B	M	MVA-Driver		4 Lane Roadway	Camp Creek Parkway at Old Fairburn Rd.
8	22	W	M	MVA-Driver	30004-	Body of Water	Hopewell Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004
9	54	B	M	MVA-Driver	30315-	City street	Jonesboro Road and Cleveland Ave. SE, Atlanta, Ga.
10	62	W	M	MVA-Driver	30309-	City Street	Peachtree Rd. & Peachtree Valley Rd Atlanta, GA 30309
11	30	O	M	MVA-Driver	30336-	County road	Martin Luther King Dr. SW & Rayloc Dr SW Atlanta
12	47	B	M	MVA-Driver		County Road	Oakely Ind. Blvd Between Union City & Fairburn, GA
13	30	B	M	MVA-Driver	30309-	Freeway	I-85N at I75S HOV lane, Atlanta, GA 30309
14	47	B	F	MVA-Driver	30310-	Freeway	I-75/85 North, Atlanta, GA 30310
15	57	W	M	MVA-Driver		Freeway	I-285 at Riverside Dr., Atlanta, GA 30328
16	39	B	M	MVA-Driver	30310-	Freeway off ramp	Joseph E. Lowery Bl. At I-20, Atlanta, GA 30310
17	66	B	M	MVA-Driver	30312-	Highway	I-20 at Boulevard, Atlanta 30312
18	68	W	M	MVA-Driver		Highway	I-75 Northbound near 17th Street
19	30	W	F	MVA-Driver	30342-	interstate highway	I-285 East at Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA
20	72	W	M	MVA-Driver		Interstate Highway	I-20 and near I-285, Atlanta, GA
21	46	W	M	MVA-Driver	30327-	Interstate system	I-75 South bound lane near Howell Mill Road 30327
22	17	W	M	MVA-Driver	30327-	On/Near Roadway	5650 Glen Errol Rd. Atlanta, GA 30327
23	23	O	M	MVA-Driver	30075-	ON/NEAR ROADWAY	880 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA. 30075

24	23	W	M	MVA-Driver	30268-	On/Near Roadway	10960 Hutcheson Ferry Rd. Palmetto, GA 30268
25	24	O	M	MVA-Driver	30022-	On/near roadway	Holcomb Bridge Rd/Champions Green Pkwy, Roswell, GA
26	25	O	M	MVA-Driver		ON/NEAR ROADWAY	500 block of Harbor Pointe Pkwy., Atlanta, GA
27	26	W	M	MVA-Driver	30004-	On/Near Roadway	Abbotts Bridge Rd. Alpharetta, GA
28	37	B	F	MVA-Driver	30318-	On/Near Roadway	I-20W @ I-285 Atlanta, GA 30318
29	39	B	M	MVA-Driver	30354-	On/Near Roadway	Jonesboro Rd @ I285 Atlanta, GA 30354
30	49	W	M	MVA-Driver	30075-	On/Near Roadway	King Road @ Brookfield Parkway Roswell GA 30075
31	51	B	M	MVA-Driver	30315-	On/Near Roadway	I-75/I-85 North, south of Langford Parkway, Atlanta, GA
32	56	W	M	MVA-Driver	30337-	On/Near Roadway	Camp Creek Parkway College Park, GA 30337
33	59	W	M	MVA-Driver	30350-	On/Near Roadway	Colquitt and Calerveras, Atl, GA., 30350
34	68	B	F	MVA-Driver	30331-	On/Near Roadway	Camp Creek Pkwy,Campbellton Rd,Unioncorp. F.C.,GA 30331
35	14	W	M	MVA-Driver	28904-	Road	State Road 175, Clay County, NC 28904
36	15	B	M	MVA-Driver	35801-	Road	Hwy 67 and Eva Rd., Valhermoso Springs, AL 35801
37	16	W	M	MVA-Driver	30076-	Road	Old Alabama Rd. @ Old Alabama Conn., Roswell, GA 30076
38	23	B	F	MVA-Driver	30349-	Road	South Fulton Pkwy and Stonewall-Tell Rd., Atlanta, GA
39	28	W	M	MVA-Driver	30004-	Road	Haynes Bridge Rd. and North Point Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA
40	56	B	M	MVA-Driver	30315-	Road	Jonesboro Rd. @ Lakewood Ave., Atlanta, GA 30315
41	67	W	M	MVA-Driver	30350-	Road	Roswell Rd. at Sugar Mill Rd., Roswell, GA 30350
42	16	W	M	MVA-Driver	30075-	Roadway	1140 Oakhaven Drive, Roswell, GA. 30075
43	16	W	M	MVA-Driver	30342-	Roadway	Roswell Road and Belle Isle, Atlanta, GA
44	23	B	M	MVA-Driver	30314-	ROADWAY	Martin L. King, Jr., Dr, at Vine St, SW, Atlanta
45	32	B	M	MVA-Driver	30076-	Roadway	2300 Holcomb Bridge Rd., Roswell, GA 30076
46	39	W	M	MVA-Driver	30311-	roadway	Alison Court SW at DeLowe Drive SW, Atlanta, GA
47	41	B	M	MVA-Driver	30213-	Roadway	Campbellton Fbn Rd at S. Fulton Pkwy, Union City, GA
48	55	W	M	MVA-Driver	30318-	roadway	890 Chattahoochee Ave. Atl., Ga. 30318
49	72	W	F	MVA-Driver	30305-	Roadway	Near 2800 Piedmont Rd., Atlanta, GA 30305
50	79	W	M	MVA-Driver	30328-	roadway	Abernathy and Barfield Road, Atlanta GA
51	20	O	M	MVA-Driver	30331-	State Highway	MLK Drive at One National Dr, Atlanta 30331
52	24	W	M	MVA-Driver	30004-	State Highway	GA 400 Nothbound-North of Windward Pkwy, GA 30004
53	26	B	M	MVA-Driver	30315-	State Highway	75/85 Southbound 30315
54	32	W	M	MVA-Driver	30342-	State Highway	GA 400 S/B, north of Holcomb Bridge 30342
55	37	AP	F	MVA-Driver	30042-	State highway	400 South Bound between Northridge and Marta 30042 GA 400 Highway @ Old Milton Parkway Over Pass 30009
56	43	W	M	MVA-Driver	30009-	State highway	
57	43	W	F	MVA-Driver	30004-	State Highway	New Providence Rd.& Gates Mill Way, Alpharetta 30004
58	20	O	M	MVA-Driver	30311-	Street	2194 Marietta Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30311
59	20	W	M	MVA-Driver	30309-	Street	Spring St. and 10th St., Atlanta, GA
60	23	O	F	MVA-Driver	30349-	Street	Buffington Rd. and Roosevelt Hwy., Fulton Co., GA 30349
61	23	W	M	MVA-Driver	30305-	Street	Peachtree Battle/Howell Mill Rds, Atlanta, Ga., 30305
62	24	B	M	MVA-Driver	30308-	Street	Piedmont Rd. @ Martina St., Atlanta, GA 30308
63	24	O	M	MVA-Driver	30076-	Street	Houze Rd. and Whitehall Way, Roswell, GA 30076
64	25	B	M	MVA-Driver	30354-	Street	3236 Jonesboro Rd. SE, Atlanta, GA 30354
65	27	B	M	MVA-Driver	30311-	Street	2026 Cascade Rd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30311
66	31	B	M	MVA-Driver	30311-	Street	Maxwell Rd SW and Campbellton Rd SW
67	51	B	M	MVA-Driver	30354-	Street	Browns Mill Rd. and Fairlane Dr. Atlanta, GA 30354
68	51	W	F	MVA-Driver	30315-	Street	507 Atlanta Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

69	55	B	F	MVA-Driver	30311-	Street	3126 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30311
70	70	B	F	MVA-Driver	30331-	Street	Adamsville Dr. & Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA
71	74	B	M	MVA-Driver	30314-	Street	Chickamauga Ave. and MLK Dr., Atlanta, GA 30314
72	38	B	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30315-	Freeway ramp	166 Westbound from I75/85 Northbound 30315
73	49	W	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30312-	Highway ramp	Freedom Parkway West, ramp to I-75/85 Southbound 30312
74	25	W	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver		Interstate Highway	285 S/B at I-20 East Bound, Atlanta GA
75	52	W	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30331-	Lakewood @ Hwy 166	Lakewood Ave @ Hwy 166 Atlanta, GA
76	28	B	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30318-	On Roadway	1800 James Jackson Parkway, Atlanta, GA, 30318
77	36	B	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30349-	On/Near Roadway	6765 Kimberly Mill Rd, College Park, Ga., 30349
78	30	O	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30022-	Roadway	9700 Medlock Crossing Pkwy., Alpharetta, GA.
79	30	W	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	37604-	roadway	Dry Creek Road, Johnson City, Tennessee, 37604
80	32	B	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30324-	Roadway	GA.400 South, 1/4 mile North of Sidney Marcus 30324
81	33	W	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30310-	roadway	Metropolitan Pkwy. And University Ave.,Atlanta, GA
82	37	B	M	MVA-MotorcyclistDriver	30331-	Street	Wallace & Campbellton Rd., Atlanta, GA
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84	31	W	M	MVA-MotorcyclistRider	30306-	City street	Ponce de Leon Ave NE & Barnett St. NE Atlanta 30306
85	47	W	M	MVA-MotorcyclistRider	30315-	City street	Metropolitan Pkwy at Avery Rd, Atlanta, GA
86	41	W	F	MVA-MotorcyclistRider	30312-	Interstate ramp	Freedom Parkway West, ramp to I-75/85 Southbound 30312
87	37	B	M	MVA-MotorcyclistRider	30310-	roadway	Joseph Lowery Blvd. and White St. SW, Atlanta, GA
88	28	W	M	MVA-Occupant	30004-	Body of Water	Hopewell Rd, Alpharetta 30004
89	15	B	F	MVA-Occupant	30344-	Freeway	I-285 near Washington Rd & Camp Cr.Pkwy. East Point GA
90	18	B	F	MVA-Occupant	30310-	Freeway	I-75/85 North, Atlanta, GA 30310
91	2	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30336-	Fulton Ind Blvd	Fulton Ind Blvd @Great Southwest Pkwy, Atlanta GA 30336
92	30	B	M	MVA-Occupant		Fulton Ind Blvd	Fulton Ind Blvd and Great Southwest Parkway, Atl 30336
93	15	W	M	MVA-Occupant	30342-	On/Near City Street	Roswell Rd. @ Belle Isle Rd. Atlanta, GA 30342
94	20	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30313-	On/Near City Street	Marietta Street, N. W./Over North Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.
95	14	W	F	MVA-Occupant	30327-	On/Near Roadway	5650 Glen Errol Rd, Atlanta, GA 30327
96	60	W	F	MVA-Occupant	30327-	On/Near Roadway	I75S, 1/2 Mile North of Howell Mill Rd
97	16	W	F	MVA-Occupant	30349-	Road	Woods near 4141 Old Fairburn Road, College Park, GA
98	19	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30075-	Road	Holcomb Bridge Rd. and Dogwood Rd., Roswell, GA 30075
99	22	O	M	MVA-Occupant	30328-	Road	7320 Roswell Rd., Sandy Springs, GA 30328
100	17	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30213-	roadway	White Mill Rd at Hwy 92, Union City, GA, 30213
101	21	W	M	MVA-Occupant	30339-	Roadway	1154 West Paces Ferry Rd. Atlanta, GA 30339
102	22	W	M	MVA-Occupant	30349-	roadway	Interstate 85 N/B at Old National Highway 30349
103	23	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30349-	Roadway	5895 Feldwood Rd, Atlanta GA
104	37	B	M	MVA-Occupant		roadway	I-285 and Roswell Road
105	47	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30291-	roadway	Interstate 85 Northbound, north of Hwy. 138 30291
106	83	B	M	MVA-Occupant		roadway	Montego Bay, Jamaica
107	20	W	M	MVA-Occupant	30004-	State Highway	GA 400 Northbound-North of Windward Pkwy, GA 30004
108	11	B	F	MVA-Occupant	30213-	Street	South Fulton Pkwy. & Hwy 92, Fairburn, GA 30213
109	17	B	M	MVA-Occupant		Street	295 The Prado, Atlanta, GA 30309
110	21	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30309-	Street	Marietta St. and North Ave., Atlanta, GA 30309

111	56	B	M	MVA-Occupant		Street	Dekalb County, GA
112	60	B	M	MVA-Occupant	30336-	Street	4220 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30336
113	78	W	M	MVA-Occupant		Street	Bolton Rd. @ Parrot Avenue, Atlanta, GA
114	40	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30308-	City Street	Spring St. @ 75/85N Atlanta, GA 30308
115	44	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian		City Street	Delmar Lane near I 285 bridge, Atlanta, GA
116	33	B	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30312-	Interstate Highway	I-20 West near Spring street exit ramp, Atlanta
117	44	W	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30315-	Interstate Highway	Interstate 75/85 on-ramp near Metropolitan Ave 30315
118	40	W	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30312-	On/Near Roadway	Memorial Drive @ Berian Ave, Atlanta 30312
119	51	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30312-	On/Near Roadway	Glenn St @ McDaniel St Atlanta, GA 30312
120	56	W	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30354-	On/near roadway	Central Ave.Bridge over I-75 in Atlanta, Ga
121	56	W	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30075-	On/near roadway	Marietta Hwy and Coleman Rd., Roswell, GA 30075
122	55	W	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30310-	Parking lot	340 Henry Ford Place, Hapeville, GA 30310
123	64	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30318-	Parking Lot	1910 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Atlanta, GA
124	32	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian		Street	Sylvan Place @ Langston Ave., Atlanta, GA
125	34	W	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30326-	Street	3368 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, GA.,
126	39	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30308-	Street	338 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308
127	39	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30337-	Street	5350 Old National Hwy, College Park, Ga.,
128	56	W	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30303-	Street	Baker St. @ Courtland Ave., Atlanta, GA 30303
129	71	B	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30349-	Street	5470 Old National Hwy, College Park, GA 30349
130	73	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30349-	Street	5470 Old National Hwy., College Park, GA 30349
131	75	B	F	MVA-Pedestrian	30312-	Street	680 Lee Street, Atlanta, Ga. 30312
132	53	B	M	MVA-Pedestrian	30314-		
133	26	W	M	MVA-Rider-ATV		rural woods	rural woods in Laural Hill, Fla.
134	34	W	M	MVA-ScooterDriver	30306-	Street	Lenox Rd. and Woodburn Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306
135	54	B	F	MVA-Status Unknown	30349-	On/Near Roadway.	3525 Flat Shoals Rd., College Park, GA 30349
136	56	W	M	MVA-Unknown		Freeway	I-75/85 at Brookwood Interchange, Atlanta, GA
137	50	B	M	MVA-Unknown Status	30314-	Interstate highway	Interstate 20 near Panola Road Presumably a passenger in remote accident when victim was a small child
138	39	B	M	MVA-Occupant		Unknown	
139	67	W	F	MVA-Pedestrian		Intersection	

SECTION V. MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE

Figure 14. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=159) for Homicides

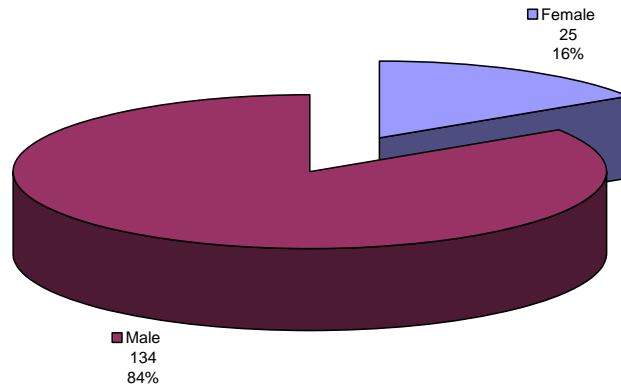


Figure 15. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=159) for Homicides

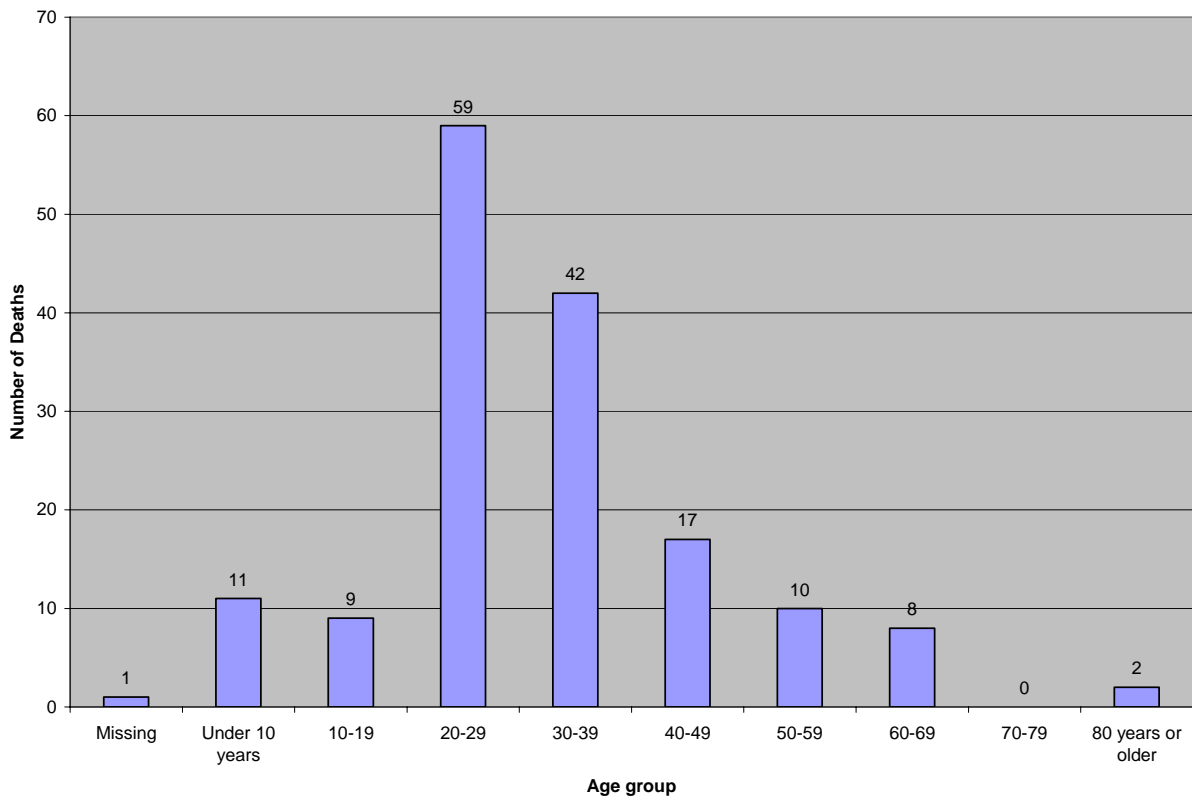


Table 13. Race by Sex Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=159) for Homicides

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black	22	103	125
White	1	14	15
Some other races	2	16	18
Missing	0	1	1
Total =	25	134	159

Table 14. Race by Ethnicity Cross-Tabulation of certified deaths (n=159) for Homicides

RACE	HISPANIC			Total
	NO	YES	Missing	
Black	123	2	0	125
White	14	1	0	15
Some other races	0	18	0	18
Missing	0	0	1	1
Total =	137	21	1	159

Table 15. Number of certified deaths for each Zip code (Incident) (n=159)

Zip Code	Number of Victims	Percent
Not reported	4	2.52
30004-	2	1.26
30005-	1	0.63
30030-	1	0.63
30075-	1	0.63
30076-	4	2.52
30213-	1	0.63
30291-	3	1.89
30303-	1	0.63
30305-	4	2.52
30307-	1	0.63
30308-	2	1.26
30309-	4	2.52
30310-	18	11.32
30311-	8	5.03
30312-	16	10.06
30313-	1	0.63
30314-	14	8.81
30315-	21	13.21
30316-	2	1.26
30318-	18	11.32
30324-	3	1.89
30327-	1	0.63
30328-	1	0.63
30331-	3	1.89
30336-	3	1.89
30337-	3	1.89
30342-	4	2.52
30344-	5	3.14
30349-	5	3.14
30350-	1	0.63
30354-	3	1.89
Total =	159	100.00

Table 16. Number of certified deaths for each cause of homicide death investigated in 2004 (n=159)

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Asphyxia-Strangulation	3	1.89
Asphyxia	1	0.63
Blunt Force	21	13.21
Fire death	1	0.63
Gun-Handgun	16	10.06
Gun-Intervention	1	0.63
Gun-Pistol	27	16.98
Gun-Revolver	2	1.26
Gun-Rifle	2	1.26
Gun-Shotgun	3	1.89
Gun, not otherwise specified	65	40.88
Malnourishment-Neglect	1	0.63
MVA-Pedestrian	1	0.63
Penetrating Injury NOS	1	0.63
Pregnancy-Complication	2	1.26
Sharp Instrument-Knife	2	1.26
Sharp Instrument	9	5.66
Undetermined	1	0.63
Total	159	100.00

SECTION VI: MANNER OF DEATH: SUICIDE

Figure 16. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=90) for Suicides

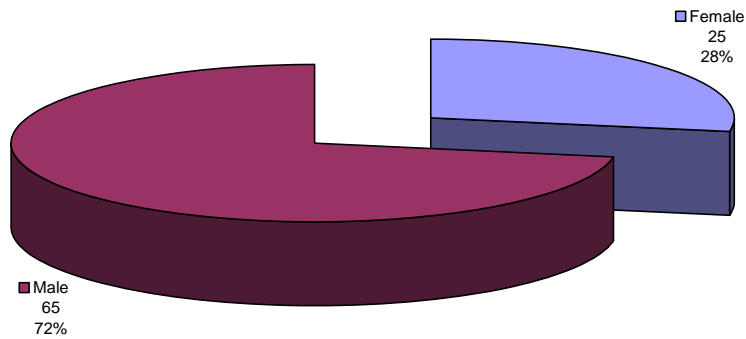


Figure 17. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=90) for Suicides

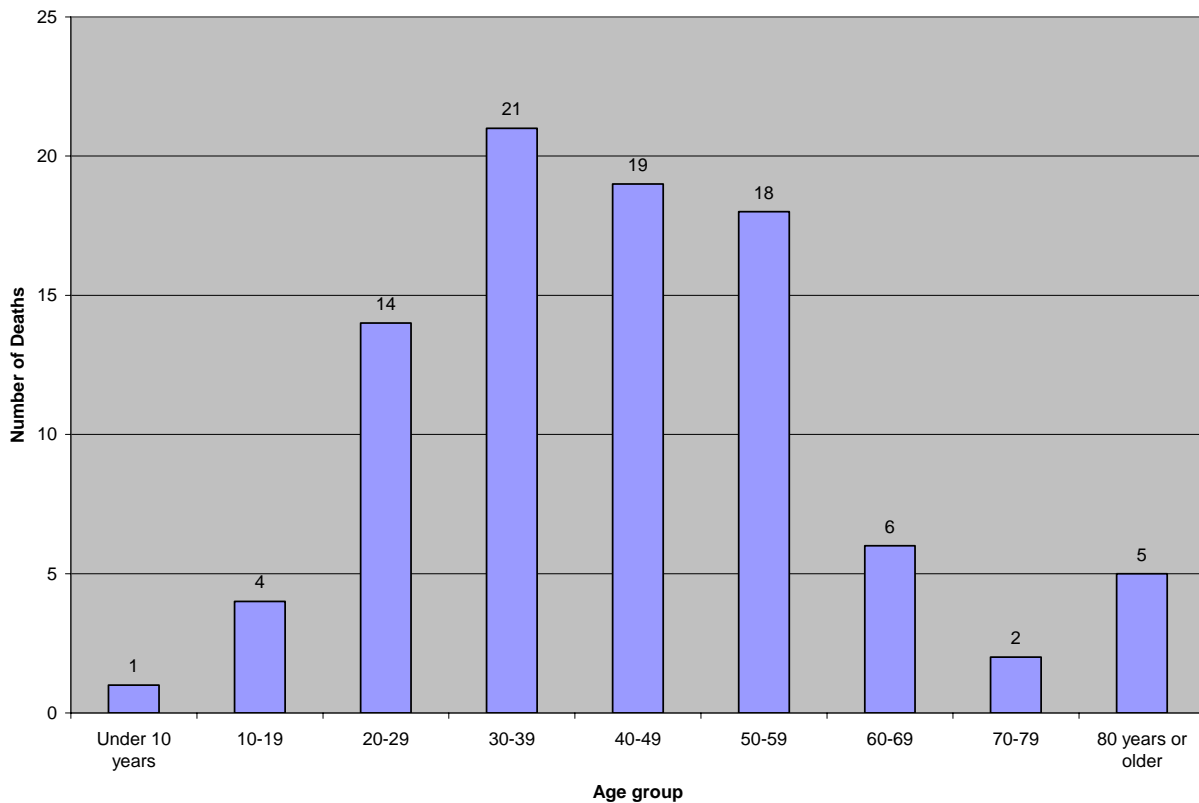


Table 17. Race by Sex cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=90) for Suicides

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black	9	16	25
White	16	46	62
Asian	0	2	2
Some other race	0	1	1
Total =	25	65	90

Table 18. Race by Ethnicity cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=90) for Suicides

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black	25	0	25
White	61	1	62
Asian	2	0	2
Some other race	0	1	1
Total =	88	2	90

Table 19. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=90) for Suicides

Zip Code	Frequency	Percent
Not reported	4	4.44
29935-	1	1.11
30004-	4	4.44
30005-	2	2.22
30022-	2	2.22
30075-	5	5.56
30076-	3	3.33
30097-	1	1.11
30202-	1	1.11
30213-	2	2.22
30268-	1	1.11
30291-	1	1.11
30303-	1	1.11
30305-	3	3.33
30306-	3	3.33
30308-	3	3.33
30309-	4	4.44
30310-	4	4.44
30311-	2	2.22
30312-	1	1.11
30314-	1	1.11
30315-	2	2.22
30318-	8	8.89
30319-	1	1.11
30324-	4	4.44
30326-	1	1.11
30327-	2	2.22
30328-	6	6.67
30331-	3	3.33
30332-	1	1.11
30336-	1	1.11
30337-	1	1.11
30342-	5	5.56
30342-1825	1	1.11
30344-	1	1.11
30349-	2	2.22
30350-	1	1.11
30354-	1	1.11
Total =	90	100.00

Table 20. Number of certified deaths for each method of suicide (n=90) for Suicides

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Asphyxia-Hanging	19	21.11
Asphyxia-Suffocation	1	1.11
Asphyxia	1	1.11
Drowning-Pond	1	1.11
Drug Death-Poisoning	9	10.00
Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	3	3.33
Drug Death-Poisoning+Injury	1	1.11
Fire death	1	1.11
Gun-Handgun	9	10.00
Gun-Pistol	4	4.44
Gun-Revolver	12	13.33
Gun-Rifle	1	1.11
Gun-Shotgun	9	10.00
Gun, not otherwise specified	1	1.11
Jump from Height	9	10.00
MVA-Driver	1	1.11
Poisoning-CO with no fire	1	1.11
Poisoning-No drug	1	1.11
Poisoning-Not Drug or CO	1	1.11
Sharp Instrument-Knife	3	3.33
Sharp Instrument	1	1.11
Terminal illness, removed tubes	1	1.11
Total =	90	100.00

SECTION VII. MANNER OF DEATH: UNDETERMINED

Figure 18. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=43) for manner Undetermined

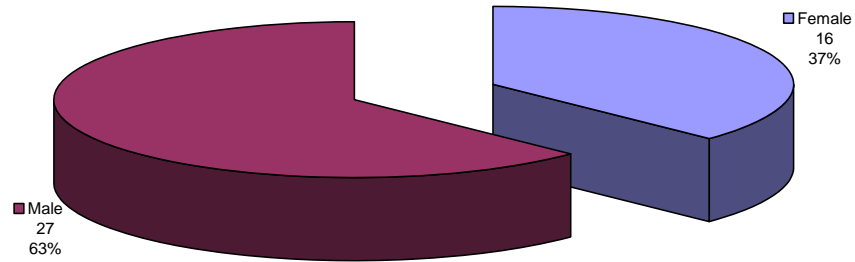


Figure 19. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=43) for manner Undetermined

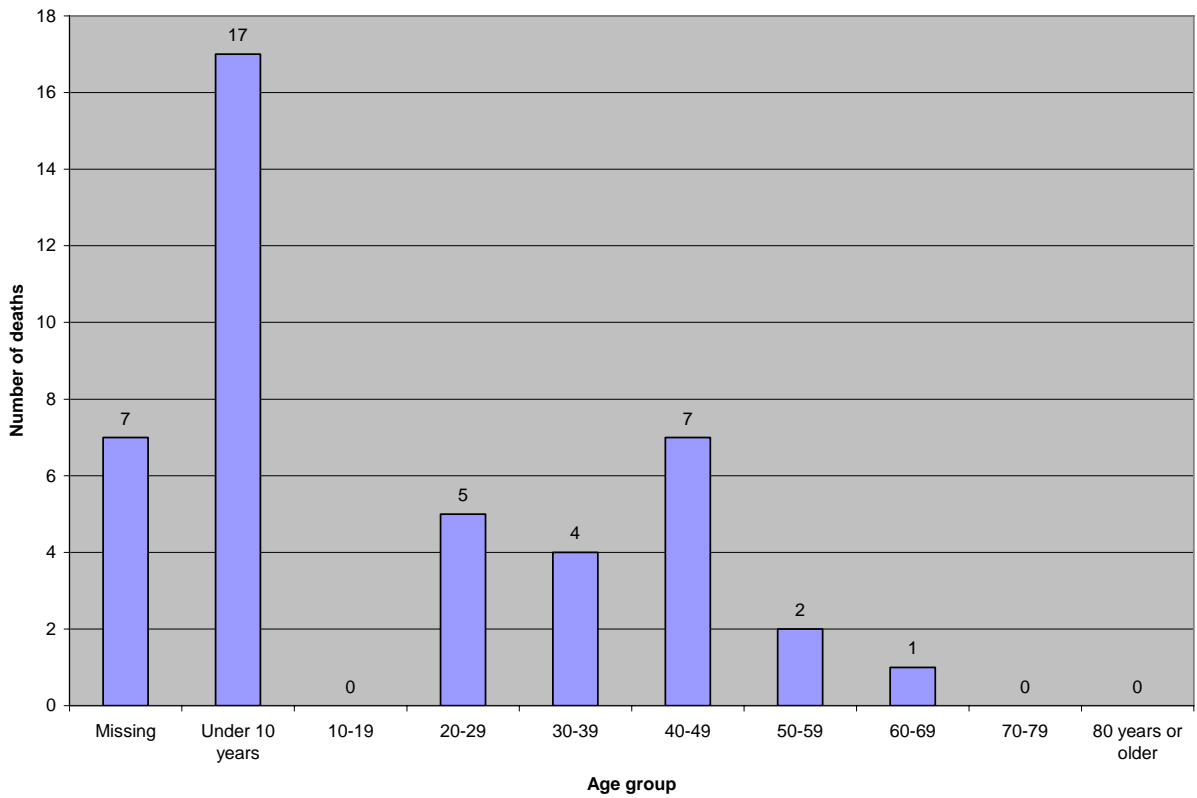


Table 21. Race by Sex cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=43) for manner Undetermined

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black	10	22	32
White	6	4	10
Some other race	0	1	1
Total =	16	27	43

Table 22. Race by Ethnicity cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=43) for manner Undetermined

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black	32	0	32
White	10	0	10
Some other race	0	1	1
Total =	42	1	43

Table 23. Number of certified deaths for each Zip Code (Incident) (n=43) for manner Undetermined

Zip Code	Frequency	Percent
Missing	1	2.33
30004-	1	2.33
30022-	2	4.65
30076-	1	2.33
30291-	1	2.33
30306-	1	2.33
30307-	1	2.33
30308-	1	2.33
30309-	1	2.33
30310-	2	4.65
30311-	4	9.30
30312-	2	4.65
30314-	3	6.98
30315-	2	4.65
30316-	2	4.65
30318-	8	18.60
30324-	1	2.33
30327-	1	2.33
30328-	1	2.33
30331-	5	11.63
30334-	1	2.33
30342-	1	2.33
Total =	43	100.00

Table 24. Number of certified deaths for each case code (n=43) for manner Undetermined

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Asphyxia-Hanging	1	2.33
Asphyxia-Strangulation	1	2.33
Brain hemorrhage- unclear	1	2.33
Drug Death-Adverse Effect	1	2.33
Drug Death-Poisoning	1	2.33
Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	2	4.65
Fall-From Height	1	2.33
Gun-Revolver	1	2.33
Gun, not otherwise specified	2	4.65
MVA-Pedestrian	1	2.33
Poisoning-Not Drug or CO	1	2.33
Seizure Disorder-Post-Trauma	1	2.33
SIDSOID-Both*	3	6.98
SIDSOID-Classic*	3	6.98
SIDSOID-Disease*	2	4.65
SIDSOID-Not SIDS*	1	2.33
SIDSOID-Stressor*	7	16.28
Stillbirth	2	4.65
Undetermined	11	25.58
Total =	43	100.00

*It is office policy in SIDS-like cases to certify the manner of death as undetermined rather than natural unless another manner of death is identified. “Stressor” indicates some risk factor was present such as soft bedding. “Disease” means that disease was present but significance in causing death is unknown. “Both” means that disease and a stressor were present. “Classic” means that neither disease nor a stressor was identified. “Not SIDS” means that the circumstances were not consistent with SIDS but a specific cause of death was not determined.

SECTION VIII. MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL

Figure 20. Number and percentage of certified deaths by Sex (n=656) for Natural Deaths

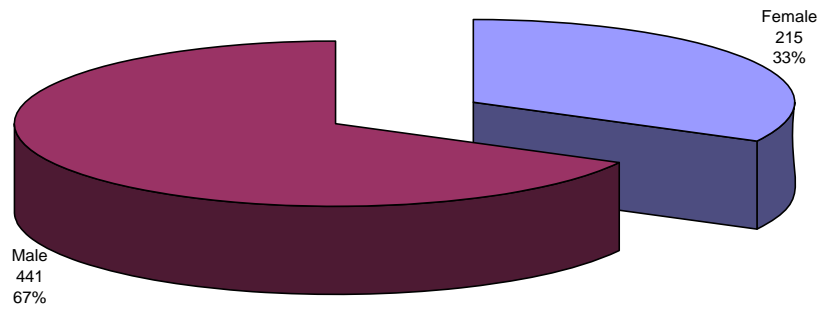


Figure 21. Number of certified deaths by Age group (n=656) for Natural Deaths

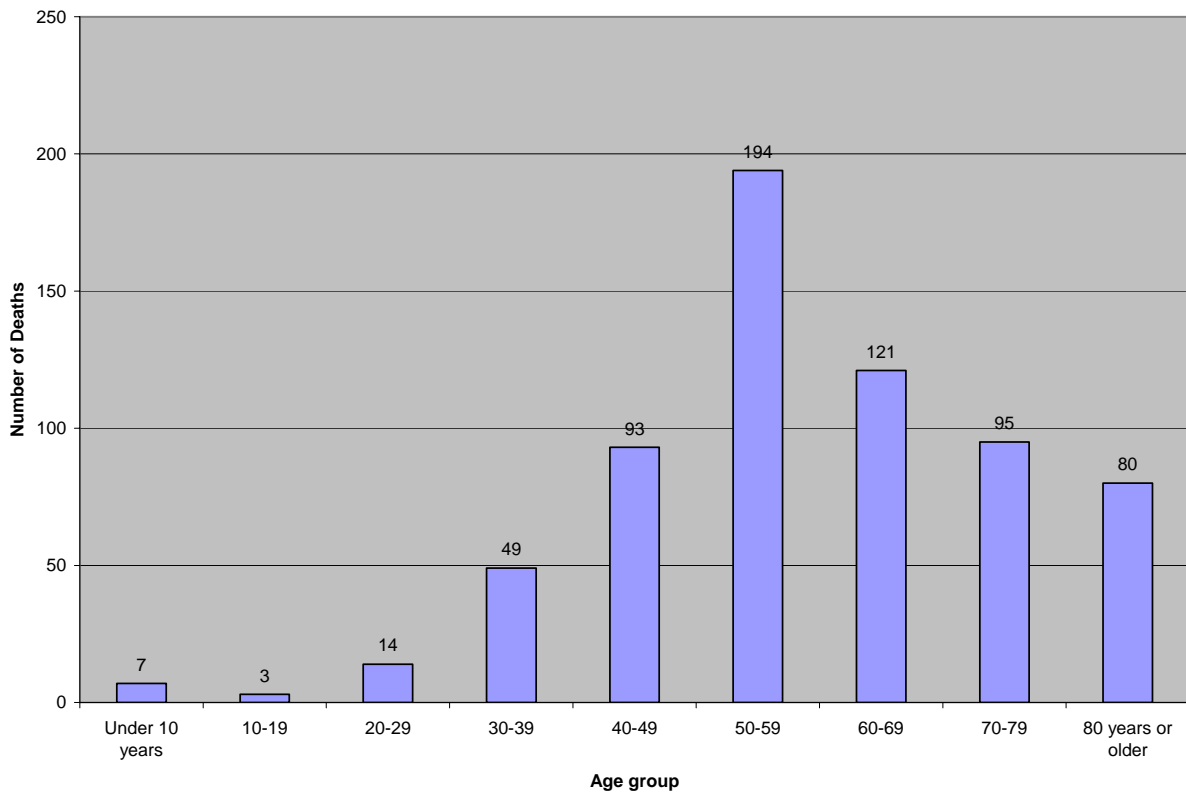


Table 25. Race by Sex cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=656) for Natural Deaths

RACE	SEX		Total
	Female	Male	
Black	163	303	466
White	50	133	183
Asian	0	4	4
Some other race	2	1	3
Total =	215	441	656

Table 26. Race by Ethnicity cross-tabulation of certified deaths (n=656) for Natural Deaths

RACE	HISPANIC		Total
	NO	YES	
Black	466	0	466
White	183	0	183
Asian	4	0	4
Some other race	0	3	3
Total =	653	3	656

Table 27. Number of certified deaths for each Zip code (Incident) (n=656) for Natural Deaths

Zip Code	Number of deaths	Percent
Not reported	16	2.44
30004-	15	2.29
30005-	3	0.46
30021-	1	0.15
30022-	8	1.22
30075-	13	1.98
30076-	10	1.52
30083-	1	0.15
30096-	1	0.15
30097-	2	0.30
30135-	1	0.15
30213-	7	1.07
30268-	1	0.15
30291-	12	1.83
30301-	1	0.15
30303-	16	2.44
30304-	1	0.15
30305-	9	1.37
30306-	6	0.91
30307-	2	0.30
30308-	23	3.51
30309-	19	2.90
30309-3635	1	0.15
30310-	44	6.71
30311-	43	6.55
30312-	37	5.64
30313-	5	0.76
30314-	38	5.79
30315-	54	8.23
30316-	8	1.22
30318-	83	12.65
30318-3368	1	0.15
30319-	2	0.30
30324-	8	1.22
30326-	1	0.15
30327-	5	0.76
30328-	6	0.91
30330-	1	0.15
30331-	36	5.49
30334-	4	0.61
30336-	8	1.22
30337-	8	1.22
30342-	7	1.07
30344-	36	5.49
30349-	20	3.05
30350-	8	1.22
30354-	22	3.35
30368-	1	0.15
31318-7645	1	0.15
Total =	656	100.00

Table 28. Number of certified deaths for each cause of natural death investigated in 2004 (n=656)

Case Code	Frequency	Percent
Aneurysm	1	0.15
Aneurysm Rupture	5	0.76
Aorta Dissection	2	0.30
Cardiac-Anomaly	2	0.30
Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD	195	29.73
Cardiac-Cardiomyopathy	12	1.83
Cardiac-Hypertension	130	19.82
Cardiac-Infarct NOS	1	0.15
Cardiac-Valvular	4	0.61
Cardiac	42	6.40
Connective Tissue Disorder	2	0.30
Dementia-Alzheimers	5	0.76
Diabetes-IDDM	3	0.46
Diabetes-Ketoacidosis	11	1.68
Diabetes	5	0.76
Drug-Death-Chronic Abuse	41	6.25
Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	4	0.61
Fall-Standing Height	1	0.15
GI Tract Disease	4	0.61
Hematologic Disorder	1	0.15
Hepatobiliary Disease	6	0.91
Heritable-Genetic-Congenital	9	1.37
Infection-Genitourinary	2	0.30
Infection-HIV-AIDS	13	1.98
Infection-Lung	11	1.68
Infection-Nervous System	1	0.15
Infection-TB	1	0.15
Infection	5	0.76
Lupus	1	0.15
Neoplasm	24	3.66
Nervous System- Stroke	5	0.76
Nervous System-Hemorrhage	3	0.46
Nervous System	5	0.76
Nonspecific Natural	45	6.86
Pancreatitis	2	0.30
Pathologic Fracture	1	0.15
Pulmonary-Asthma	6	0.91
Pulmonary-COPD	5	0.76
Renal Disease	10	1.52
Sarcoidosis	2	0.30
Seizure Disorder-Idiopathic	4	0.61
Seizure Disorder	7	1.07
SIDS/IOID-Not SIDS	1	0.15
Skeletal Disorder	2	0.30
Stillbirth	1	0.15
Thromboemboli	8	1.22
Treatment Complication	3	0.46
Undetermined	2	0.30
Total =	656	100.00

SECTION IX: Special Topics

Table 29: Deaths Among the Homeless

Deaths among the homeless, manner and cause code by sex and race, 2004 (n=52)

MANNER	Cause Code	Female		Total Female	Male		Total Male	All Cases
		B	W	All Races	B	W	All Races	All Races
ACCIDENT	Drug Death-Poisoning	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	1	0	1	2	0	1	3
	Fall-From Height	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
	Fire death	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Hypothermia-Exogenous	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
	Train-Commercial	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
	Total =	2	2	4	8	2	10	14
ACCIDENT (T)	MVA-Pedestrian	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
	Total =	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
HOMICIDE	Blunt Force	1	0	1	1	1	2	3
	Gun, not otherwise specified	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
	Gun-Pistol	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Total =	2	0	2	3	1	4	6
NATURAL	Cardiac, NOS	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Cardiac-ASCVD-IHD	1	0	1	3	1	4	5
	Cardiac-Hypertension	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
	Diabetes-Ketoacidosis	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Drug Death-Poisoning+Disease	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
	Drug-Death-Chronic Abuse	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
	Infection, NOS	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
	Infection-Genitourinary	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Infection-Lung	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
	Nonspecific Natural	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
	Pulmonary-Asthma	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Thromboemboli	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Total =	2	0	2	19	3	22	24
SUICIDE	Asphyxia-Hanging	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Jump from Height	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Total =	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
UNDETERMINED	Seizure Disorder-Post-Trauma	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	Undetermined	0	0	0	3	0	3	3
	Total =	0	0	0	4	0	4	4

Table 30: Deaths Among Persons of Old Age

Deaths among persons of old age: manner of death by sex and race, >= 75 years old, 2004 (n=186)

Manner	Age Group	Female				Total Female	Male				Total Male	All Cases
		B	W	A/P	O	All Races	B	W	A/P	O	All Races	All Races
Accident*	75-79	2	3	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	5	10
	80-84	0	5	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	5	10
	85-89	1	4	0	0	5	2	5	0	0	7	12
	90-94	2	6	0	0	8	1	4	0	0	5	13
	95-99	1	3	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	5
	100-104	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total =	6	22	0	0	28	7	16	0	0	23	51
Accident (T)	75-79	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3
(MVA)	80-84	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
	85-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	4
Homicide	75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	80-84	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	85-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Natural	75-79	17	4	0	0	21	14	8	0	0	22	43
	80-84	10	7	0	0	17	11	3	1	0	15	32
	85-89	11	3	0	1	15	7	6	0	0	13	28
	90-94	8	0	0	0	8	3	1	0	0	4	12
	95-99	4	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	2	7
	100-104	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total =	50	16	0	1	67	37	18	1	0	56	123
Suicide	75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	80-84	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
	85-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	6
Undetermined	75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	80-84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	85-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total =	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* 45 of the 51 Accidental Deaths involved a fall, usually while ambulating

Table 31: Deaths Among Children

Deaths among children by age group, cause & manner of death, 15 years old and younger, 2004 (n=53)

Age Group (years)	CaseCode	MANNER	Number of cases
< 1 year	Asphyxia-Overlaying	ACCIDENT	1
	Blunt Force	HOMICIDE	1
	Heritable-Genetic-Congenital	NATURAL	2
	Infection	NATURAL	1
	Malnourishment-Neglect	HOMICIDE	1
	Pregnancy-Complication	HOMICIDE	2
	SIDS/D-Disese+Stressor	UNDETERMINED	3
	SIDS/D-Classic	UNDETERMINED	3
	SIDS/D-Disese	UNDETERMINED	2
	SIDS/D-Not SIDS	NATURAL	1
	SIDS/D-Not SIDS	UNDETERMINED	1
	SIDS/D-Stressor	UNDETERMINED	7
	Stillbirth	NATURAL	1
	Total =	26	
1-5	Blunt Force	HOMICIDE	2
	Drowning-Pool/Spa	ACCIDENT	1
	Drowning-Tub	ACCIDENT	1
	Fire death	ACCIDENT	1
	Gun-Handgun	HOMICIDE	1
	Gun-Pistol	HOMICIDE	2
	Heritable-Genetic-Congenital	NATURAL	2
	MVA-Occupant	ACCIDENT (T)	1
		Total =	11
6-9	Asphyxia-Hanging	UNDETERMINED	1
	Asphyxia-Strangulation	HOMICIDE	1
	Drowning-Pool/Spa	ACCIDENT	1
	Fire death	ACCIDENT	2
	Gun-Handgun	HOMICIDE	1
	Total =	6	
10-15	Asphyxia-Hanging	SUICIDE	1
	Gun, not otherwise specified	HOMICIDE	1
	Heritable-Genetic-Congenital	NATURAL	1
	MVA-Bicyclist	ACCIDENT (T)	1
	MVA-Driver	ACCIDENT (T)	2
	MVA-Occupant	ACCIDENT (T)	4
	Total =	10	

Table 32: Deaths Caused by Drugs and Poisons

Deaths caused by drugs and poisons among accident and suicide deaths, 2004 (n=114)

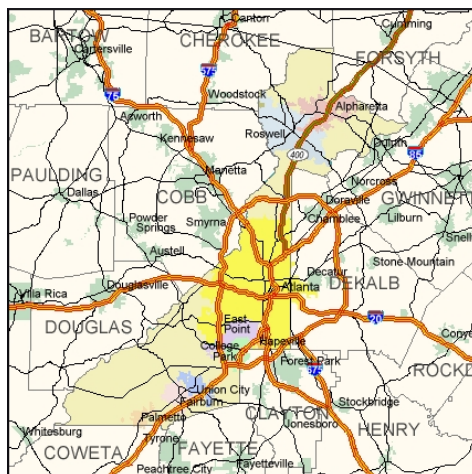
Manner of death	Drugs Involved	Number of deaths
Accident	Alprazolam, cocaine, and hydrocodone	1
	Amphetamine	1
	Carbon Monoxide	1
	Cocaine	42
	Cocaine and Codeine	1
	Cocaine and Ethanol	2
	Cocaine and Heroin	1
	Cocaine and Methadone	1
	Cocaine and Opiate	6
	Cocaine and Oxycodone	1
	Cocaine, amphetamine, and morphine	1
	Cocaine, opiates, oxycodone	1
	Cocaine, Trazodone, and Ethanol	1
	Ethanol	5
	Ethanol and carisoprodol	1
	Fentanyl	1
	Hydrocodone	1
	Hydrocodone and Alprazolam	1
	Isopropyl alcohol	1
	Methadone	1
	Methadone, ethanol, and alprazolam	1
	Methadone, trazodone, oxycodone, and meprobamate	1
	Methamphetamine	4
	Methamphetamine and amphetamine	1
	Mixed drug	3
	Morphine, diazepam, and alprazolam	1
	Opiate	6
	Opiate, cocaine, and benzodiazepine drugs	1
	Opiates and benzodiazepines	1
	Opiates and Ethanol	2
	Oxycodone	3
	Sertraline	1
	Unspecified	2
	Total =	98
Suicide	Benzodiazepine and Ethanol	1
	Carbon Monoxide	1
	Citalopram and bupropion	1
	Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) and Ethanol	1
	Ethanol and Zolpidem	1
	Ethylene glycol	2
	Hydrocodone and Diphenhydramine	1
	Mixed drug	2
	Nitrobenzene	1
	Olanzapine and Mirtazapine	1
	Oxycodone	1
	Paroxetine	1
	Salicylate	1
	Trazodone, oxycodone, mirtazapine, paroxetine, and benzodiazepines	1
	Total =	16

Summary, Trends, and Emerging Issues

A brief summary of basic operational data for 2004 is as follows:

• Total case reports received	2254
• Non-human cases	13
• Total human deaths reported	2241
• Cased declined, natural death with certifier, or other county	917
• Cases accepted for full investigation and certification	1324
• Natural deaths	656
• Homicides	159
• Suicides	90
• Accidents (excluding traffic fatalities)	237
• Road-traffic related Accidental Deaths	139
• Undetermined manner of death	43
• On-scene death investigations	883
• Bodies transported to the office	1361
• Cases certified without bodily examination by MD	140
• External examination (Views + External Exams) by MD	310
• Complete autopsies by MD	874
• Partial (Limited) Autopsies by MD	0
• Bodies examined by investigator, not MD	128
• Total bodies examined by MD or investigator	1312
• Certified death but autopsy performed at hospital	4
• Cases submitted to GBI for toxicology	1047
• Bodies remaining unidentified as of 2/2006	9
• Unclaimed bodies/remains	21
• County burials on year 2004 cases	13
• Exhumations	0
• Organ and tissue donations	30

By the end of 2004, the Fulton County population had grown to about 782,858 which is the highest population in many years. Despite that, the number of homicides (159) and the homicide rate are the lowest in several decades. Consistent with past years, most homicides (73%) involve guns. The number and rate of suicide has remained more constant although other studies show in increasing rate in young people including minorities. Prior to the 1990s, suicides were committed with guns in about 65% of cases and by hanging or jumping in about 15% of cases, while in 2004, only 40% involved guns and 31% involved hanging or jumping. Most accidental deaths in the elderly are due to falls while ambulating or from other low places such as beds or chairs. Nearly one-half of accidental deaths that are not related to traffic accidents result from intoxications with prescribed drugs, illicit drugs, or poisons.

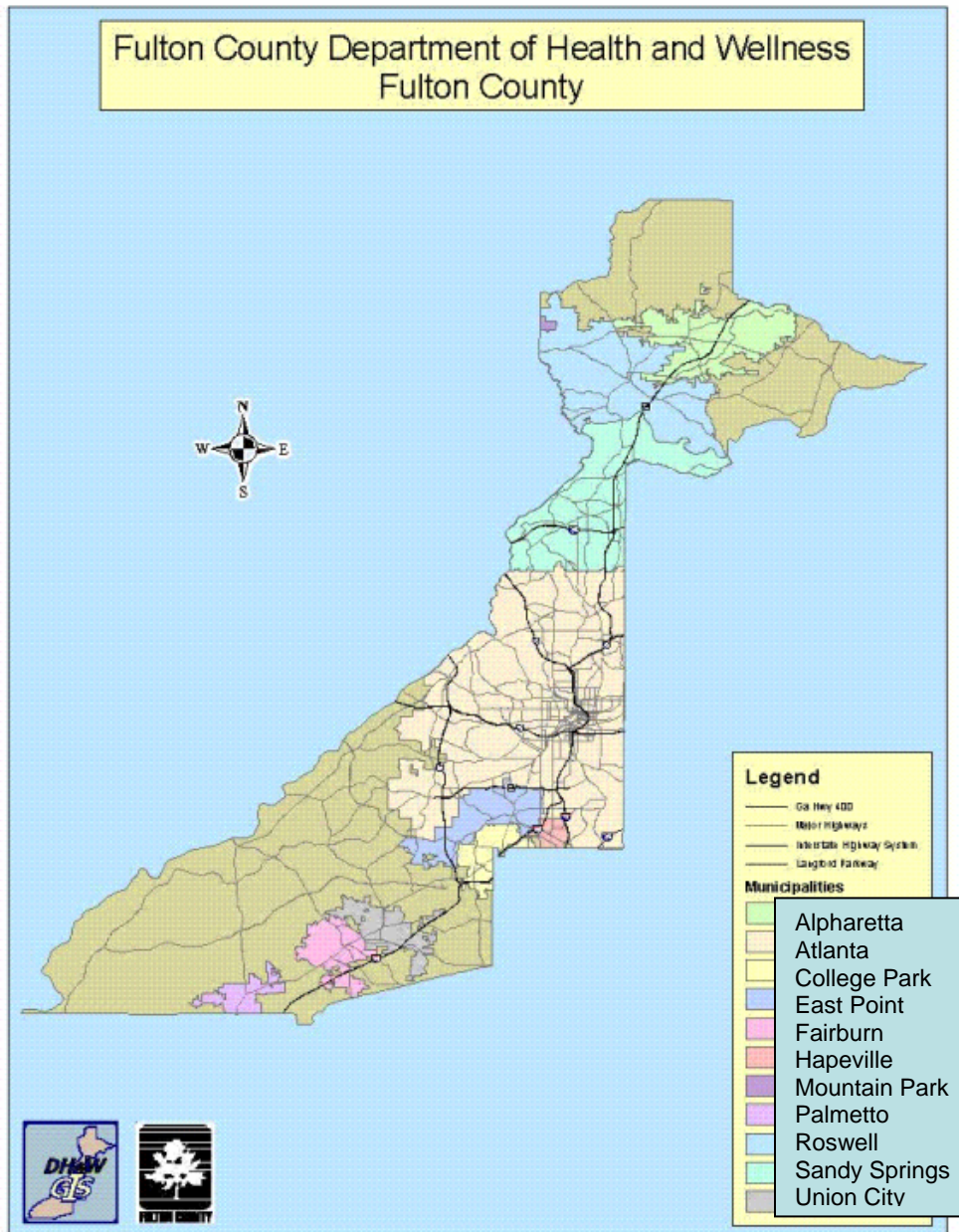


SECTION X: Appendices

APPENDIX A

Map of Fulton County

(Source: Department of Health & Wellness, Fulton County Department of Health)



APPENDIX B

Fulton County Demographic Characteristics: 2004

Fulton County, Georgia

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004

Data Set: **2004 American Community Survey**

Demographic - Sex and Age, Race, Relationship, Household by Type

Social - Education, Marital Status, Fertility, Grandparents...

Economic - Income, Employment, Occupation, Commuting to Work...

Housing - Occupancy and Structure, Housing Value and Costs, Utilities...

Narrative - Text profile with graphs for easy analysis...

NOTE. Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Lower Bound</u>	<u>Upper Bound</u>
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
SEX AND AGE			
Male	382,286	379,318	385,254
Female	400,572	397,604	403,540
Under 5 years	61,534	58,959	64,109
5 to 9 years	59,445	52,215	66,675
10 to 14 years	56,098	49,318	62,878
15 to 19 years	45,564	41,664	49,464
20 to 24 years	45,463	41,435	49,491
25 to 34 years	134,849	129,667	140,031
35 to 44 years	134,925	130,891	138,959
45 to 54 years	114,066	111,165	116,967
55 to 59 years	44,934	40,499	49,369
60 to 64 years	28,295	23,976	32,614
65 to 74 years	32,149	31,263	33,035
75 to 84 years	18,487	16,851	20,123
85 years and over	7,049	5,031	9,067
Median age (years)	34.2	33.9	34.5
18 years and over	576,956	576,438	577,474
21 years and over	555,578	551,055	560,101
62 years and over	73,681	70,718	76,644
65 years and over	57,685	56,443	58,927
18 years and over	576,956	576,438	577,474
Male	277,008	275,972	278,044
Female	299,948	298,754	301,142
65 years and over	57,685	56,443	58,927
Male	22,601	22,088	23,114
Female	35,084	33,939	36,229
RACE			
One race	774,026	770,787	777,265
Two or more races	8,832	5,593	12,071
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
One race	774,026	770,787	777,265
White	392,072	380,869	403,275
Black or African American	331,060	326,739	335,381
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,591	1,032	2,150
Cherokee tribal grouping	N	N	N
Chippewa tribal grouping	N	N	N

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Navajo tribal grouping	N	N	N
Sioux tribal grouping	N	N	N
Asian	29,844	28,192	31,496
Asian Indian	10,632	5,987	15,277
Chinese, except Taiwanese	5,777	2,364	9,190
Filipino	935	0	2,463
Japanese	2,204	668	3,740
Korean	7,692	2,867	12,517
Vietnamese	2,036	681	3,391
Other Asian	568	0	1,285
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	187	0	504
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N
Guamanian or Chamorro	N	N	N
Samoan	N	N	N
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N
Some other race	19,272	7,746	30,798
Two or more races	8,832	5,593	12,071
White and Black or African American	1,199	100	2,298
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	748	189	1,307
White and Asian	2,104	452	3,756
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native	1,131	123	2,139
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races:			
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
White	397,551	386,500	408,602
Black or African American	336,066	332,269	339,863
American Indian and Alaska Native	4,130	2,959	5,301
Asian	32,776	31,517	34,035
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N
Some other race	21,640	9,925	33,355
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE			
Total population	782,858	*****	*****
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	56,968	*****	*****
Mexican	40,340	33,248	47,432
Puerto Rican	3,226	625	5,827
Cuban	1,995	68	3,922
Other Hispanic or Latino	11,407	6,086	16,728
Not Hispanic or Latino	725,890	*****	*****
White alone	353,990	352,676	355,304
Black or African American alone	329,297	325,219	333,375
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	1,591	1,032	2,150
Asian alone	29,844	28,192	31,496
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	187	0	504
Some other race alone	3,123	0	6,750
Two or more races:	7,858	4,818	10,898
Two races including Some other race	1,188	0	3,120
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	6,670	4,131	9,209
RELATIONSHIP			
Household population	782,858	*****	*****
Householder	345,065	335,850	354,280
Spouse	127,843	120,655	135,031
Child	223,651	216,018	231,284
Other relatives	45,186	35,964	54,408
Nonrelatives	41,113	32,957	49,269
Unmarried partner	14,432	10,279	18,585
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE			
Total households	337,463	329,578	345,348

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Lower Bound</u>	<u>Upper Bound</u>
Family households (families)	190,621	182,502	198,740
With own children under 18 years	99,458	91,387	107,529
Married-couple families	122,192	114,080	130,304
With own children under 18 years	57,984	51,646	64,322
Female householder, no husband present	52,259	46,151	58,367
With own children under 18 years	35,179	29,709	40,649
Nonfamily households	146,842	137,059	156,625
Householder living alone	124,295	115,095	133,495
65 years and over	21,460	17,743	25,177
Households with one or more people under 18 years	109,683	101,515	117,851
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	47,706	44,048	51,364
Average household size	2.32	2.27	2.37
Average family size	3.12	3.02	3.22
General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Lower Bound</u>	<u>Upper Bound</u>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a confidence interval. The interval shown here is a 90 percent confidence interval. The stated range can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the lower and upper bounds contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- The number of householders does not necessarily equal the number of households because of differences in the weighting schemes for the population and occupied housing units.
- For more information on understanding race and Hispanic origin data, please see the Census 2000 Brief entitled, [Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin](#), issued March 2001. (pdf format)

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '*' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '**' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that no sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the lower and upper bounds. A statistical test is not appropriate.
3. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that no sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
4. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
6. An '***' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
7. An '*****' entry in the lower and upper bound columns indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
8. An 'N' entry in the estimate, lower bound, and upper bound columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

APPENDIX C FCME VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT



The Fulton County Government Vision, Mission, and Values are:

Vision: People, Families, Neighborhoods

Mission: To serve, protect, and govern in concert with local municipalities.

Values: People, customer service, ethics, innovation, resource management, equal opportunity.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner Mission is:

To serve the citizens of Fulton County, the public, and the justice system, and to foster public health, safety, and well-being by conducting death investigation in accordance with the law and professional standards.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner Vision is:

Guiding Philosophy: Death Investigation uses knowledge, experience, skill, and technology, and when performed with intellectual honesty, fosters truth, justice, health, and safety.

Purpose: We strive to safeguard personal liberty and public well-being.

Goals: Relying upon knowledge, experience, skill, professionalism, technology, and evidentiary principles, we will conduct death investigation that is above reproach and worthy of the public trust. Judges, attorneys, and juries will understand our work and testimony and will use it to find the truth. Our work will assist in bringing the culpable to appropriate and expedient justice; in vindicating the wrongly accused; in advancing knowledge; and in safeguarding the public. The public will be informed and educated through our work. The courts, media, and public will understand and appreciate the value of our work. Every person affected by our work will know that it is done with integrity and that outcomes based on our work will be fair, just, and appropriate.