

Washington County, Pennsylvania

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Report for the Coroner's Office

S. Timothy Warco

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Population Served, 2015 Estimate:	208,261
Area Served. Mi²	861
Total cases reported to the Coroner's Office	2088
View & Release Cases	937
Cremation Authorizations	936
Total Coroner's Cases	197
Total Autopsies	189
Inquests	0
Abandoned or Unclaimed	18
Unidentified	0
Natural Deaths	56
Investigated/PND	13
Accidental Deaths	91
Suicides	30
Homicides	6
Stillborn	1
SUIDS	1
Cannot Be Determined	4
Pending	0

Actual Coroner's Cases by Month

January	17	July	22
February	18	August	28
March	20	September	23
April	11	October	20
May	21	November	0
June	17	December	0

Violent or Accidental Deaths:

129

Highway Fatalities	13
Operator	13
Passenger	0
Pedestrian	0
Quad Accidents	0
Operator	0
Passenger	0
Pedestrian	0
Suicides	27
Asphyxiation	1
Carbon Monoxide	0
Drowning	2
Exanguination	1
GSW Head	17
GSW-Multi	0
GSW Trunk	0
GSW Stomach	0
Hanging	6
Huffing	0
Jumped	0
Overdose	0
Shotgun Wound	0
Homicides	6
BFT - Head	0
Drowning	0
Falls	0
Exanguination	0
GSW - Head	2
GSW-Multi	1
GSW - Trunk	2
GSW Chest	1
GSW - Stomach	0
Post-Surgical	0
Stab Wound	0
Unknown	0
Vehicular	0

Accidents	5
Asphyxiation	0
Cold Exposure	0
Drowning	3
Electrocution	0
Falls	1
Fire	0
Industrial Accident	0
Obstruction/Airway	0
Post-Surgical	0
Prior Injury	1
Smoke Inhalation	0
Tree Fall	0
<u>Deaths by Drug Overdose</u>	78
<u>Combined Drug Toxicity</u>	54
<u>Total Heroin-Related Deaths</u>	42
<u>Heroin Combined with Other Drugs</u>	35
<u>Heroin-Only Deaths</u>	7
<u>Total Fentanyl Related Deaths</u>	44
<u>Fentanyl Combined with Other Drugs</u>	34
<u>Fentanyl-Only Deaths</u>	10
<u>One Drug</u>	24
Alcohol	3
Cocaine	2
Fentanyl	10
Heroin	7
Morphine	1
Oxycodone	1
<u>Two Drugs</u>	26
Acetylfentanyl, Fentanyl	1
Alcohol, Cocaine	1
Alcohol, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Oxycodone	1
Cocaine, Fentanyl	3
Cocaine, Heroin	3
Fentanyl, Heroin	12
Fentanyl, Morphine	2
Morphine, Cocaine	1
Oxycodone, Oxymorphone	1

<u>Three Drugs</u>	19
Alcohol, Alprazolam, Heroin	1
Alcohol, Amphetamine, Heroin	1
Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Oxymorphone	1
Alcohol, Cocaine, Heroin	1
Alcohol, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Fentanyl, Heroin	2
Amphetamine, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Amphetamine, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone	1
Benzodiazepine, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone	1
Buprenorphine, Fentanyl, Morphine	1
Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin	2
Cocaine, Fentanyl, Oxycodone	1
Cocaine, Heroin, Methadone	1
Cocaine, Heroin, Oxymorphone	1
Cocaine, Hydrocodone, Oxymorphone	1
Diazepam, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone	1
Fentanyl, Heroin, Oxycodone	1

<u>Four Drugs</u>	5
Alcohol, Alprazolam, Cocaine, Hydrocodone	1
Alcohol, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin	1
Alprazolam, Fentanyl, Heroin, Hydromorphone	1
Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin, Oxycodone	1

<u>Five Drugs</u>	4
Alcohol, Alprazolam, Fentanyl, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone	1
Alcohol, Buprenorphine, Fentanyl, Heroin, Methadone	1
Alcohol, Fentanyl, Heroin, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone	1
Alprazolam, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin, Methadone	1

<u>Drug Overdoses</u>	78
Male	50
Female	28

<u>Age Breakdown</u>	
1-9	0
10-19	3
20-29	15
30-39	23
40-49	21
50-59	13
60-69	2
70-79	0

80-89	1
90-99	0

<u>Suicide</u>	30
Male	22
Female	8

Age Breakdown

1-9	0
10-19	2
20-29	2
30-39	2
40-49	5
50-59	8
60-69	5
70-79	2
80-89	4
90-99	0

<u>Highway Fatalities</u>	15
Male	10
Female	5

Age Breakdown

1-9	0
10-19	1
20-29	4
30-39	1
40-49	3
50-59	5
60-69	0
70-79	1
80-89	0
90-99	0

<u>Homicide</u>	6
Male	4
Female	2

Age Breakdown

1-9	0
10-19	1
20-29	3
30-39	0
40-49	1
50-59	1
60-69	0
70-79	0
80-89	0
90-99	0

Quad Accidents

<u>Quad Accidents</u>	0
Male	0
Female	0

Age Breakdown

1-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	0
30-39	0
40-49	0
50-59	0
60-69	0
70-79	0
80-89	0
90-99	0

YEAR	SUICIDES	HOMICIDES	HIGHWAY FATALITIES	DRUGS
1992	27	5	40	2
1993	25	5	32	3
1994	24	10	17	4
1995	20	3	17	6
1996	16	1	18	10
1997	24	5	23	6
1998	20	6	13	7
1999	22	5	29	11
2000	19	3	25	4
2001	25	3	21	9
2002	27	8	28	23
2003	14	4	26	28
2004	20	2	19	23
2005	17	5	22	20
2006	29	2	15	23
2007	18	5	23	17
2008	30	7	26	18
2009	32	6	28	12
2010	18	7	16	31
2011	30	7	27	46
2012	27	5	23	36
2013	27	6	14	58
2014	28	8	13	36
2015	39	4	21	73
2016	30	6	15	78
TOTAL	608	128	551	584

Cases investigated during the term of S. Timothy Warco, Coroner

YEAR	ACTUAL CORONER'S CASES	CASES REPORTED	INQUESTS	AUTOPSIES
1992	285	841	3	61
1993	232	816	7	64
1994	159	794	1	84
1995	163	892	1	100
1996	140	922	0	90
1997	166	933	1	97
1998	131	814	1	71
1999	162	860	0	96
2000	145	788	0	90
2001	177	1004	0	106
2002	216	1071	0	91
2003	180	958	0	92
2004	180	1038	1	117
2005	189	1164	0	114
2006	182	1245	0	108
2007	183	1333	0	109
2008	224	1455	0	136
2009	204	1466	0	120
2010	197	1597	1	111
2011	249	1708	2	150
2012	207	1762	1	135
2013	218	1835	0	157
2014	309	1678	0	160
2015	225	2018	0	216
2016	202	2088	0	197
Total	4925	31080	19	2872



The mission of the Washington County Coroner's Office is to serve the County of Washington by providing a thorough, respectful and unbiased investigation into the cause and manner of death for all individuals who come under our jurisdiction, and to serve with honesty and integrity.

The preceding report is a constantly-changing document and does not contain information about cases which are pending the results of toxicology reports, histology reports and the pathologist's final review. As such, statistics for months prior are subject to change in the future as cases are finalized and unpended.

Natural deaths or presumed natural deaths describe a case where advanced age or natural disease processes are documented or determined to be the cause of death at autopsy.

Most drug deaths within Washington County are ruled generally ruled "Accidental." As such, there may be some overlap between the drug deaths category and the accidental deaths category. When referencing these statistics, note that on page one, the total accidental deaths listed will include drug deaths. In the subsequent pages, drug deaths and accidental deaths are treated separately.

Similarly, highway fatalities are calculated with accidental deaths on page one, but are listed separate from "Violent or Accidental Deaths" in the following pages.

For the purposes of this report, "Accidental" refers only to the manner of death, and does not address causality or culpability regarding a death.