

**Office of the Coroner  
County of Portage, Ohio  
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Statistical Annual Report - 2019**

There were **255 deaths reported** to the coroner. Of those reported, **132** cases were **eventually referred to an attending physician** because they did not meet the definition of a coroner case. Of those **132** death referrals, **16** required **on-the-scene investigation** before a determination could be rendered. **One Hundred Twenty-three (123)** cases became coroner cases as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.

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|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cases             | 123         | <u>Busiest month</u>    | October 17 cases      |
| Ave. age          | 49.2        | <u>Slowest month</u>    | March 5 cases         |
| Youngest decedent | 0 Full Term |                         |                       |
| Oldest decedent   | 94          | <u>Averaged Approx.</u> | 10.25 cases per month |

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|-------------------|----|---|--------|
| Number of males   | 87 | <b>112 decedents were residents of county</b> | ( 91%) |
| Number of females | 36 | <b>11 decedents lived outside of county</b>   | (9%)   |

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|-----------------------------|-----|--|
| Number of Caucasians        | 118 | The <u>average age</u> of decedents went down by 2 years.          |
| Number of African-Americans | 5   |  |
| Number of Asian Americans   | 0   | <b>**Cases with "substance levels" of alcohol/drugs ( 51 ) 42%</b> |

**Largest age group affiliation, ( 40-49 ) = 23 cases**  
**Second largest group of cases, (50-59) = 20 cases**  
**The combined age group of 43 cases represented 35% of cases.**

**Three coroner cases of a child age 2 and under.**

**Cases:** First six months 49 cases  
Last six months 74 cases

**Suicides:** = 20 males, 4 females

Gun = 14  
Hanging = 5  
Toxicity = 2  
Knife = 1  
Blunt Force = 2

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|---------------|----|-------|
| Natural       | 44 | 36%*  |
| Accidents     | 50 | 41%   |
| Suicides      | 24 | 20%   |
| Homicides     | 3  | 2%    |
| Undertermined | 1  | 1%    |
| Pending Cases | 0  | 0%    |
|               |    | 100%* |

**Age Group Affiliation**

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 0-12 = 4   | 50-59 = 20 |
| 13-19 = 2  | 60-69 = 18 |
| 20-29 = 16 | 70-79 = 12 |
| 30-39 = 19 | 80-89 = 7  |
| 40-49 = 23 | 90-99 = 2  |

**Autopsies = 41**

**34% of cases**

Contracted Summit County Medical Examiner - 0

Contracted Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner - 41

**Accidental Drug Overdoses (Toxicities) = 33**

**Completed Suicide Overdoses = 2**

**Pronouncement of Death**

23% at Portage Medical Center (29)

15% in Kent (18)

10% in Ravenna (12)

8% in Brimfield (9)

7% in Streetsboro (8)

4% in Aurora (5)

4% in Ravenna Township

4% in Deerfield

25 % other Political Subdivisions

100%