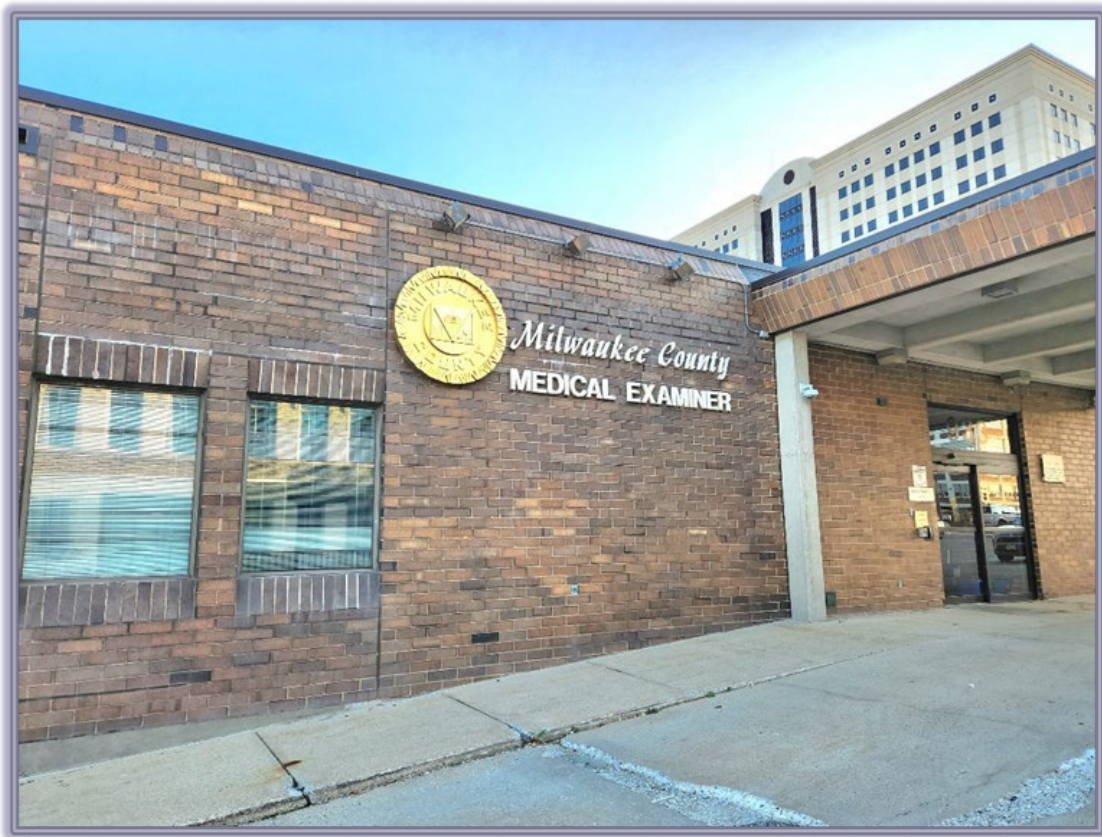


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Protecting the interests of deceased individuals, their loved ones and the community



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## **Mission Statement**

- To promote and maintain the highest professional standards in the field of death investigation;
- To provide timely, accurate and legally defensible determinations as to the cause and manner of death;
- To enhance public health and safety through reducing the incidence of preventable deaths;
- To foster public awareness of health risks and safety hazards;
- To support the advancement of professional medical and legal education; and,
- To protect the interests of deceased individuals, their loved ones, and the communities we serve.

## **The Purpose and Function of the Medical Examiner's Office**

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The purpose and function of the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office (MCMEO) is to determine the cause and manner of death in those deaths that fall under the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner's Office (as outlined in WI State Statute 979.01).

The Medical Examiner's Office staff applies their knowledge and experience in the field of death investigation, forensic pathology, and toxicology laboratory science to perform comprehensive, professional investigations, which clarify the circumstances surrounding these deaths. Through the identification, documentation and accurate interpretation of relevant forensic scientific information, the Medical Examiner's Office may provide information for use in criminal and civil litigation. This information may also serve to protect public health and safety by identifying contagious diseases; by identifying environmental hazards in the workplace, home and community; and, by tracking local mortality trends (trends in homicides, suicides, motor vehicle fatalities, drug and alcohol related deaths, etc.). As part of our investigation, we may collect evidence, obtain laboratory specimens, and make positive identification of decedents.

The MCMEO is also committed to providing services to other jurisdictions, through the performance of forensic autopsies, assistance with training and education, toxicology analyses, and consultation on medicolegal issues. It is the ultimate goal of the office to lead the way in standardizing, improving and professionalizing death investigation in the State of Wisconsin.

## Department Authority

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Section 979.01 Wisconsin Statutes requires that any person having knowledge of an unexplained, unusual, or suspicious death, or a death due to homicide, suicide, or a death following an accident, whether the injury is or is not the primary cause of death, a death without a physician in attendance within 30 days preceding death, a death in which the attending physician refuses to sign the death certificate, etc., shall report such death to the medical examiner for investigation. Investigations are conducted by the office for certifying cause and manner of death. Furthermore, if a death appears to be a result of unlawful means, it is reported to the District Attorney pursuant to §979.04 (2), as well as the appropriate local law enforcement agency, for further investigation, and possible criminal prosecution.

### Milwaukee County Reportable Deaths:

- All deaths in which there are unexplained, unusual or suspicious circumstances
- All homicides, suicides, accidents or unnatural deaths
- All deaths due to poisoning or overdose, whether homicidal, suicidal or accidental
- All deaths following accidents, whether the injury is or was not the primary cause of death
- When there is no physician or accredited practitioner, who has attended or treated the decedent within 30 days preceding death
- When the physician caring for the decedent refuses to sign the death certificate
- All deaths that occur in a hospital emergency room setting
- Maternal deaths due to abortion
- Deaths of inmates of public institutions
- Deaths of persons in custody of law enforcement officers
- Deaths that occur in association with, or as a result of diagnostic, therapeutic or anesthetic procedures
- Deaths due to neglect
- Fetus of 20 weeks or older, unattended by a physician or practitioner
- Deaths of persons in which a non-pathological fracture of a major bone has occurred within the past six months
- Deaths following traumatic head bleeds
- Deaths occurring outside of a hospital or nursing home, and not enrolled in a hospice or palliative care program under the care of a physician
- Occupational related deaths attributable entirely or in part to external work place factors
- Any death in which there is doubt as to whether it is a Medical Examiner's case should be reported and discussed with a Medical Examiner's Forensic Investigator
- Sudden and unexpected deaths occurring in infants or children under the age of 2, under circumstances not explained by a pre-existing medical problem, must be referred to the Medical Examiner

Additional investigative responsibilities described in §979.10 direct the medical examiner to view the remains and conduct an investigation into the cause and manner of all deaths in which the next-of-kin selected cremation for dispositions.

## Glossary of Terms

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Cremation	A means for the disposition of human remains after death, consisting of the application of heat to reduce the remains to ashes. A document authorizing the cremation of human remains is required under the law prior to cremation. The medical examiner/coroner for the county in which the cremation is to be performed must authorize such disposition upon review and investigation of the death.
Death certificate	A document signed by a physician, medical examiner or coroner testifying that the circumstances and cause of death as contained in the certificate are verified by the certifier. This certification process is used for legal and evidentiary purposes in matters pertaining to the estate of the decedent, as well as for public health and vital records purposes.
Drug	Medication or substance other than food used for therapeutic or other (recreational) use. A <i>therapeutic</i> drug is a medication or substance used in the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of a disease or symptom. A <i>recreational</i> drug is a substance used for its personal stimulation, euphoria or mood-altering properties (includes alcohol).
Jurisdiction	The medical examiner accepts jurisdiction on all deaths properly reported to this office under WI Statute §979, as described in the Department Authority section of this report. Not all deaths occurring in Milwaukee County are “reportable deaths” within the jurisdiction of the medical examiner.
Manner of death	The classification of circumstances surrounding the cause of death of an individual, as determined by the medical examiner and certified on the death certificate. The standard manners of death as used in death certification include: natural, accident, suicide, homicide and undetermined.
Natural	Death results solely from disease and/or the aging process, and no external cause (injury or poisoning) contributed to death.
Accident	An unintentional death resulting from an injury and/or poisoning, such deaths typically being unforeseen and not predictable as to time and place of occurrence.
Suicide	Death due to a self-inflicted act that was meant to do harm or cause one's own death.

**Glossary of Terms (Continued)**

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Homicide	Death due to volitional act of another person that is meant to cause injury, harm, fear, or death.
Undetermined	Insufficient information exists to classify the manner of death into one of the other categories (Could not be Determined)
Poison	A “toxin” is a substance that can harm an organism by other than mechanical means. “Poison” simply means “too much,” as even therapeutically useful substances can cause harm if they reach high levels.
Race	The ethnic category to which an individual is assigned for vital statistics reporting. The categories used in this report are: African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Caucasian, Eastern Indian, Hispanic, Multi-racial, and Native American.
Trauma NOS	This refers to trauma from a cause that is not otherwise specified or does not meet the definitions of other categories.

## How and Why the Medical Examiner's Office Functions

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Approximately 9,000 deaths occur in Milwaukee County annually. With a population of just over 950,000, this equates to approximately 1 percent of the population per year. Many deaths occur in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care or under the immediate care of a physician and are not unexpected. Others occur as the result of obvious non-natural events (accidents, suicides and homicides). Many of the remaining deaths are unexplained, unexpected and/or suspicious.

All deaths in the State of Wisconsin must be explained by means of a certified death certificate, a legal document which is kept on permanent file with the county and state vital records offices. This document must be filled out and signed by a medical physician caring for the deceased, or by a Medical Examiner/Coroner who has assumed legal jurisdiction over the death. Only a Medical Examiner or Coroner can certify a death as an accident, suicide or homicide because these cases must be investigated by the proper authorities.

In the State of Wisconsin, a county must establish an office to investigate unexplained and non-natural deaths. This office must be run by a Coroner (an elected official) or a Medical Examiner (an official appointed by the County Executive and/or County Board). In most counties in Wisconsin, Coroners and Medical Examiners are not required to be physicians or forensic pathologists. However, due to the population of Milwaukee County, Milwaukee County is required to have a Board-Certified Forensic Pathologist as its Medical Examiner.

As mentioned above, the criteria for assuming jurisdiction over a death is outlined in WI state statute 979.01.<sup>1</sup> This statute details that when a person becomes aware of a death occurring in Milwaukee County and it is known to be related to non-natural causes, or if it is felt to meet one of the criteria spelled out in the statute, the death must be reported to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office (MCMEO).

Upon receiving notification of a death, the death will be assigned to a medicolegal death investigator to investigate the circumstances and to determine if the death indeed falls within the authority of the office, based on state statute 979.01. If the death is determined to not fall under its authority, jurisdiction will be declined, and the certification of the death certificate will be referred to the decedent's personal physician. If no physician can be found or if the physician refuses to sign the death certificate, MCMEO will assume jurisdiction and certify the death.

If the death falls under the jurisdiction of the MCMEO, the next step will be to determine what level of investigation is necessary to determine the cause and manner of death.

Every death is evaluated individually to determine what level of investigation is needed. Some cases may be adequately investigated by obtaining medical records, performing an external

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<sup>1</sup> Wisconsin Legislature: Chapter 979

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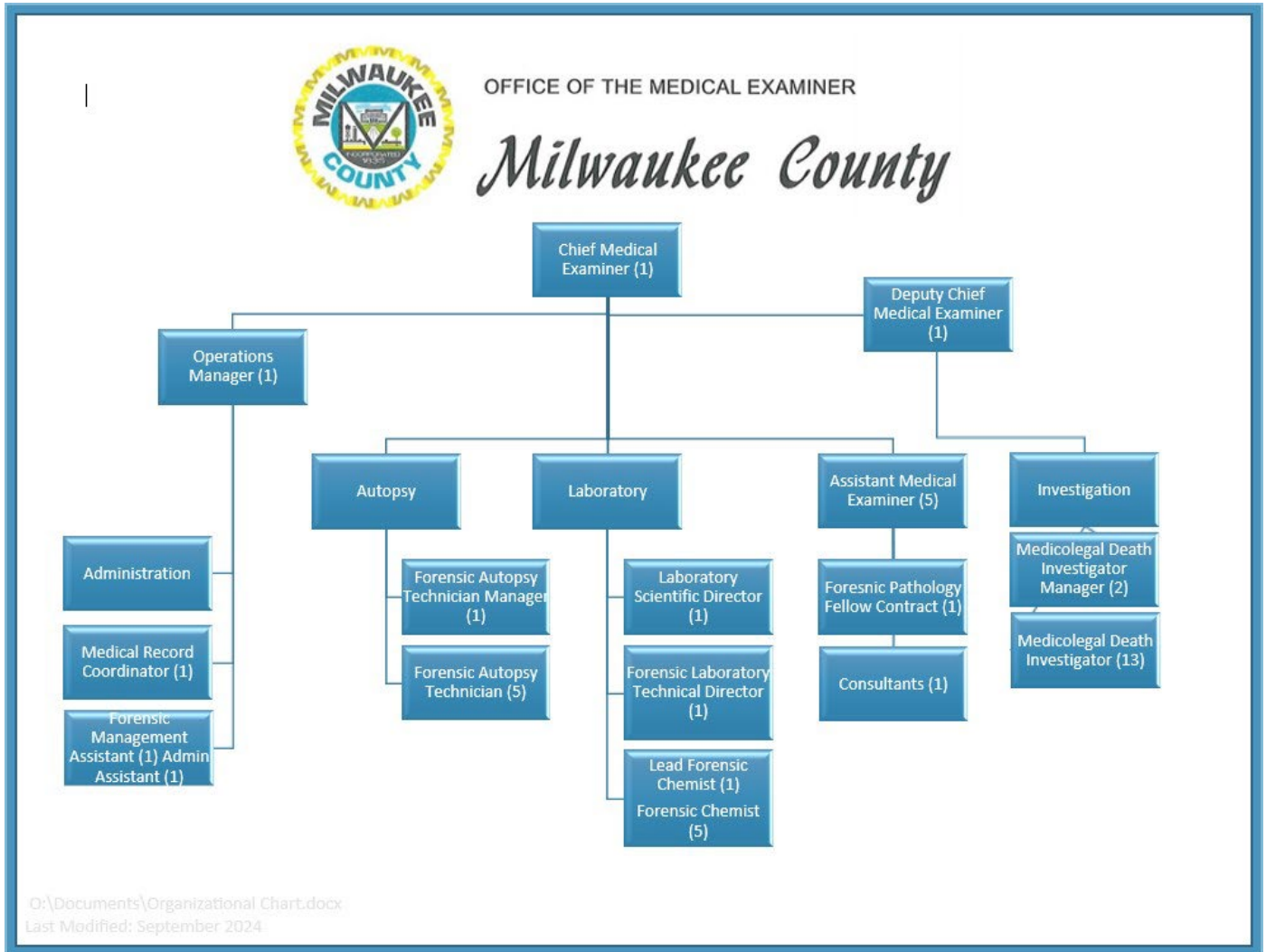
exam of the body, and speaking to physicians, family members and/or witnesses. Some cases may require a scene investigation where the medicolegal death investigator goes to the scene of the death to investigate. Some will require an autopsy and toxicology studies. Some may require additional laboratory studies, follow-up interviews, and the review of police reports and other records.

A typical case requires many hours to determine the cause and manner of death. A complex case can take weeks or months and require extensive investigation and research by the MCMEO. Specimens sent to outside laboratories for preparation and/or testing may delay the completion of a case for weeks to months.

In the end, all information collected from the investigation is utilized to determine the cause and manner of death. The office generates an investigative report on each case reported, with autopsy or external examination reports generated for every decedent examined by the forensic pathologist. Diagrams, digital photographs and other documentation are also maintained in the permanent file/database.

Often, the forensic pathologist is required to testify in court with regards to his or her findings and opinions. While most of this testimony is related to criminal cases, the pathologists occasionally testify in civil proceedings, as well.

## Medical Examiner Organizational Chart



## Jurisdiction Map – Milwaukee County

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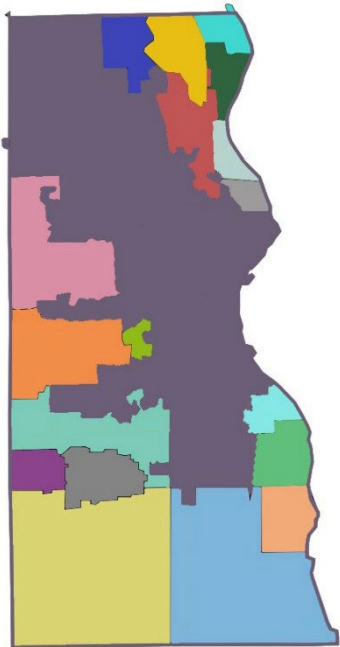
The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office has jurisdiction to investigate all sudden, unexpected or unnatural deaths in the county of Milwaukee.

**Population:**

(Estimate as of July 1, 2024)  
924,740

**Area Covered:**

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan and covering 241 square miles, Milwaukee County is a mixture of metropolitan, suburban, and rural living.



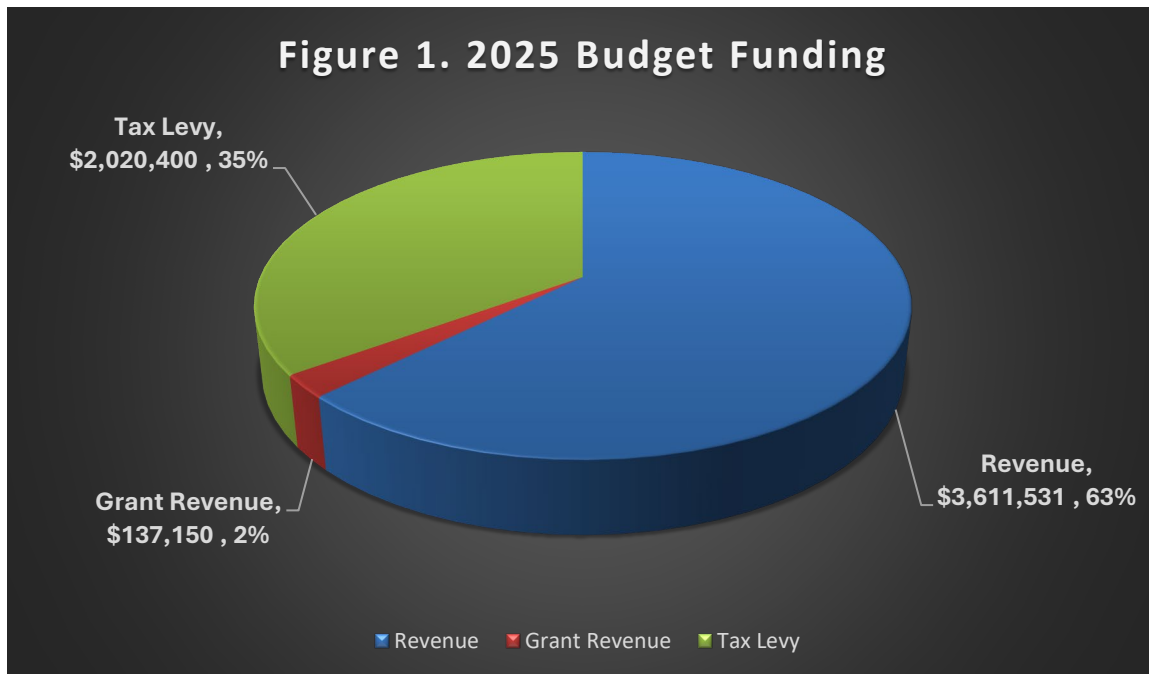
**Cities and Villages Served:**

- City of Cudahy
- City of Franklin
- City of Glendale
- City of Greenfield
- City of Milwaukee
- City of Oak Creek
- City of South Milwaukee
- City of St Francis
- City of Wauwatosa
- City of West Allis
- Village of Bayside
- Village of Brown Deer
- Village of Fox Point
- Village of Greendale
- Village of Hales Corners
- Village of River Hills
- Village of Shorewood
- Village of West Milwaukee
- Village of Whitefish Bay

## Financial Aspects of the MCMEO

The MCMEO is a county department, which utilizes tax dollars to operate. In addition to this, MCMEO generates revenue from its services thereby offsetting costs and diminishing its reliance on the tax levy. In 2025, approximately 63 percent of the total operating budget was paid for with revenue dollars.

Revenue is also generated by charging fees for cremation permits, as well as completing death certifications. Body transport is also charged at cost and covers the expense of transport for this office, which generates no net revenue. Other jurisdictions utilizing the services of the office are charged for the performance of referral autopsies, toxicology testing, and for expert witness testimony by the forensic pathologists and/or toxicologists. The office also charges a rental fee to a Wisconsin tissue procurement organization to use the autopsy suite for tissue procurement procedures, and temporary body storage.



## Accreditation and Certifications

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Our office has been continually accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) for twenty-one years. NAME is the standard for quality in death investigation for medical examiner offices. Accreditation attests that an office has a functioning governing code, adequate staff, equipment, training and a suitable physical facility and produces a forensically documented accurate, credible death investigation product. Accreditation is a rigorous process, requiring a lengthy and in-depth initial inspection by an independent Medical Examiner trained and appointed by NAME, as well as annual self-inspections and follow-up on-site inspections every four years. Less than four percent of all Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices in the country have achieved this accreditation.



All MCMEO medicolegal death investigators are required to be board certified diplomates of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) within one year of hire. ABMDI is a national, independent professional organization that was established to promote the highest standards of practice for medicolegal death investigators. The procedure to become accredited includes a rigorous four-part exam.



Our Forensic Laboratory is ISO/IEC 17025 accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). ANAB is a professional nonprofit organization that provides reliable, independent evaluations of conformity assessment bodies against recognized international, national and technical standards. Laboratory accreditation is based upon compliance with professional standards as assessed by peer review, including an on-site inspection and successful achievement in proficiency testing programs as required by the board.



**Milwaukee County Deaths in 2025**

**Table 1. Total Cases Distribution**

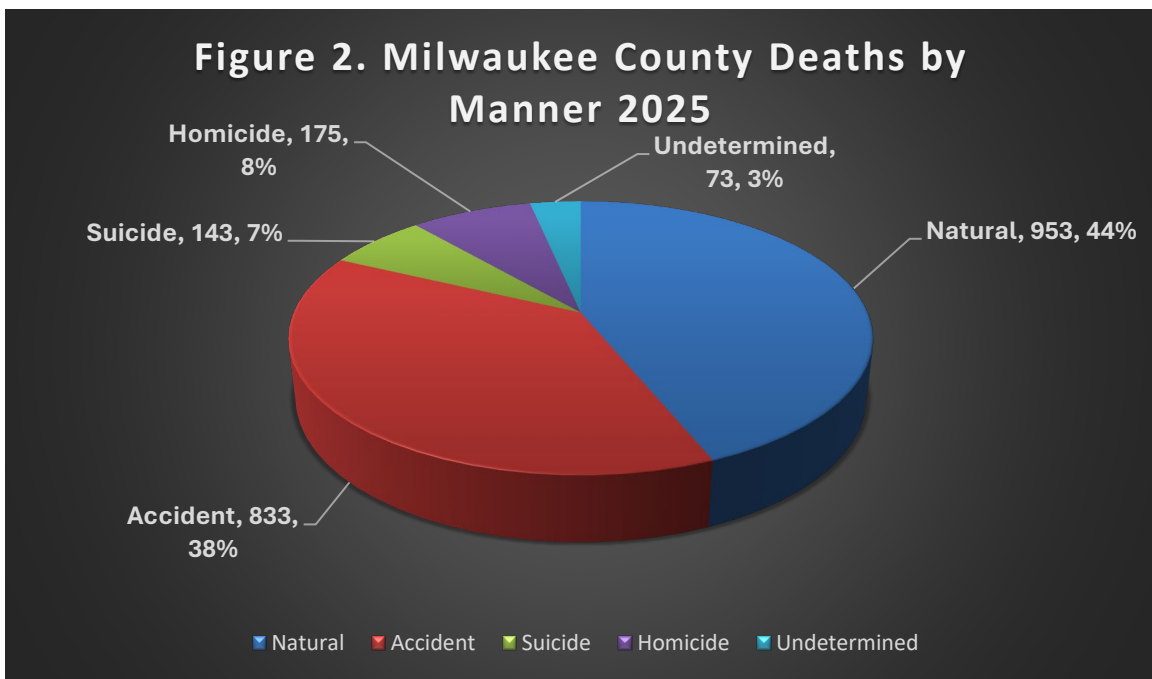
Jurisdiction	Total	Autopsy Yes	Autopsy No	% Autopsied
<b>MCMEO</b>				
Accident	833	485	348	58%
Homicide	175	174	1	99%
Natural	953	457	496	48%
Suicide	143	103	40	72%
Undetermined	73	65	8	89%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>59%</b>
External Exam			64	
External Exam w/tox			48	
<b>Consultation</b>				
Consultation Exam	443	443	0	100%
Consult External w/tox	13	0	13	0%
Consult External no tox	0	0	0	0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Jurisdiction Waived</b>	<b>831</b>		<b>831</b>	
<b>Jurisdiction Transferred</b>	<b>221</b>		<b>221</b>	
<b>Non-reportable</b>	<b>722</b>		<b>722</b>	
<b>Cremation Only</b>	<b>4,002</b>		<b>4,002</b>	
<b>Non-Human</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>27</b>	
<b>Not otherwise specified</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>Total Milwaukee Cases</b>	<b>8,472</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,928</b>			

### Milwaukee County Deaths in 2025 (By Manner of Death)

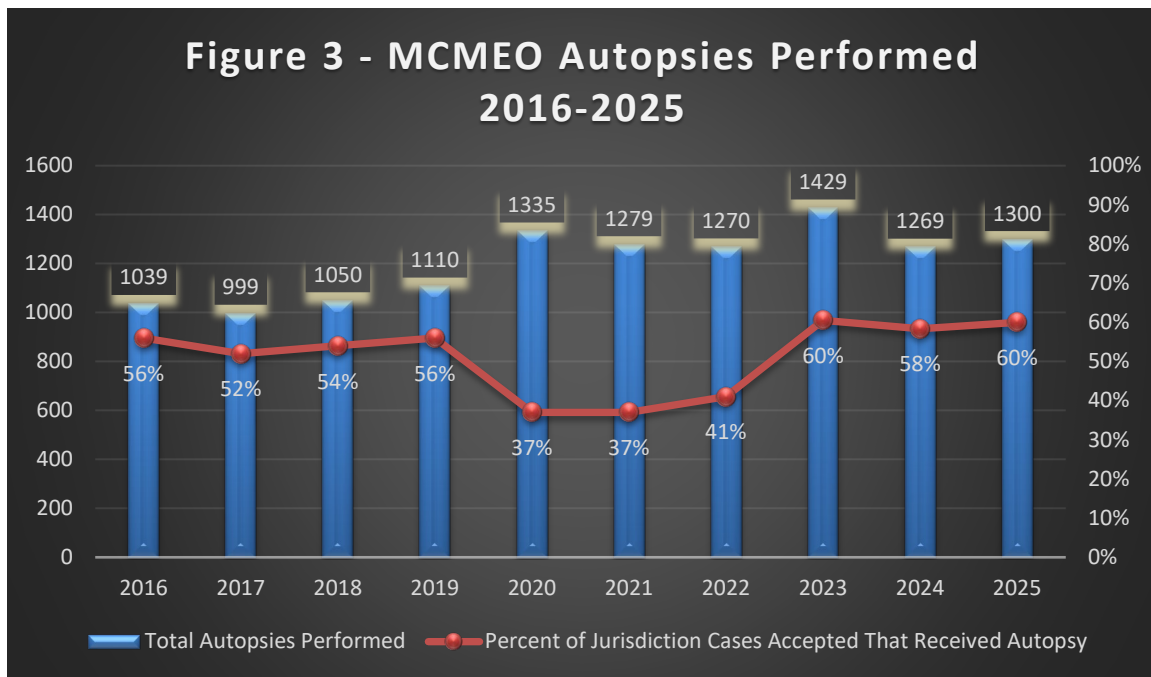
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MANNER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE (Of total cases)
Natural	953	43.7%
Accident	833	38.2%
Suicide	143	6.5%
Homicide	175	8.0%
Undetermined	73	3.3%

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Milwaukee County Deaths in 2025 (continued)



There were 8,472 deaths reported to the Milwaukee County in calendar year 2025. This data, a subset of total mortality figures, represent findings on cases that fall under the jurisdiction of Milwaukee County. Readers who need complete mortality findings are encouraged to contact the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Of the 2,177 cases where jurisdiction was accepted, 1,300 cases were autopsied (59.7%). Additionally, 112 external exams (64 external exam-only and 48 external exams with toxicology) were performed. The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s office does not perform partial autopsies or allow hospitals to perform autopsies under its jurisdiction. Autopsies were not performed in deaths where the reported circumstances, scene investigation, medical history or external examination offered information sufficient to certify the death. All homicides and most suicidal and accidental deaths underwent autopsy.

## Overview – Manner of Death - Natural

Natural deaths come under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner when they are sudden or unexpected, when the decedent has not been under the care of a health care provider, or when there are suspicious circumstances surrounding the death.

In 2025, 953 deaths were certified as natural and comprised 43.7% of all deaths investigated, compared to 913 in 2024. The most frequent cause of natural death across all age groups was cardiovascular with 581 deaths (61%). Most of these deaths occurred in the 65+ age group (337) and in men (380 males, verses 226 females).

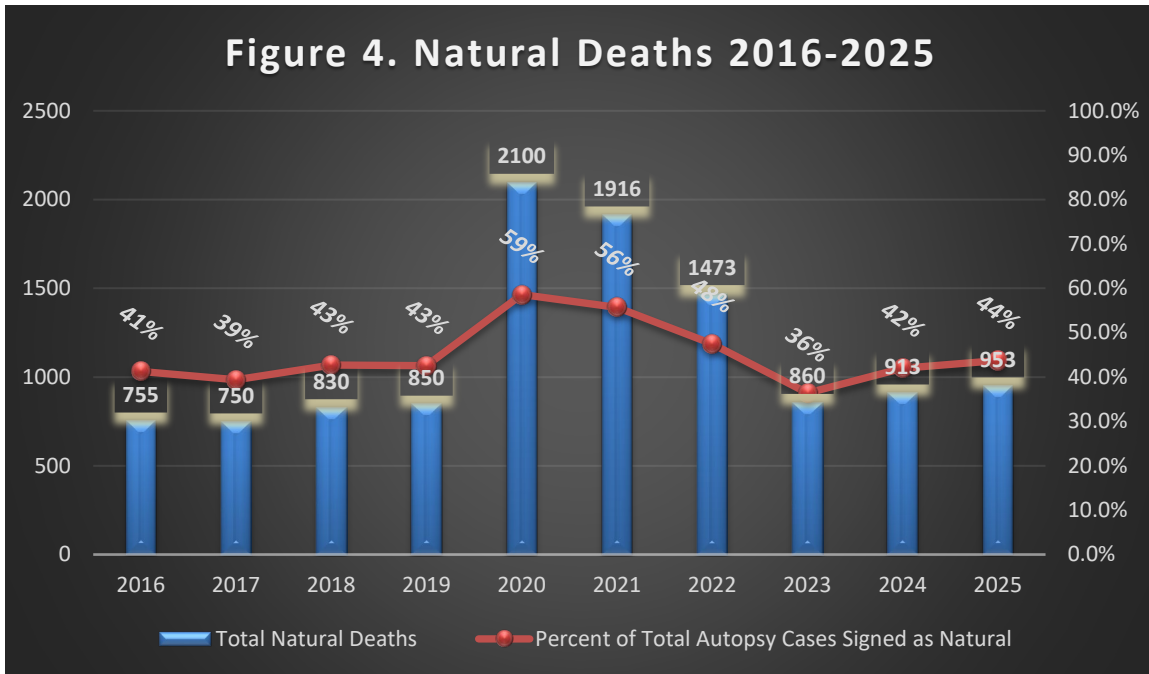


Figure 5. Natural Deaths by Race/Ethnicity 2025

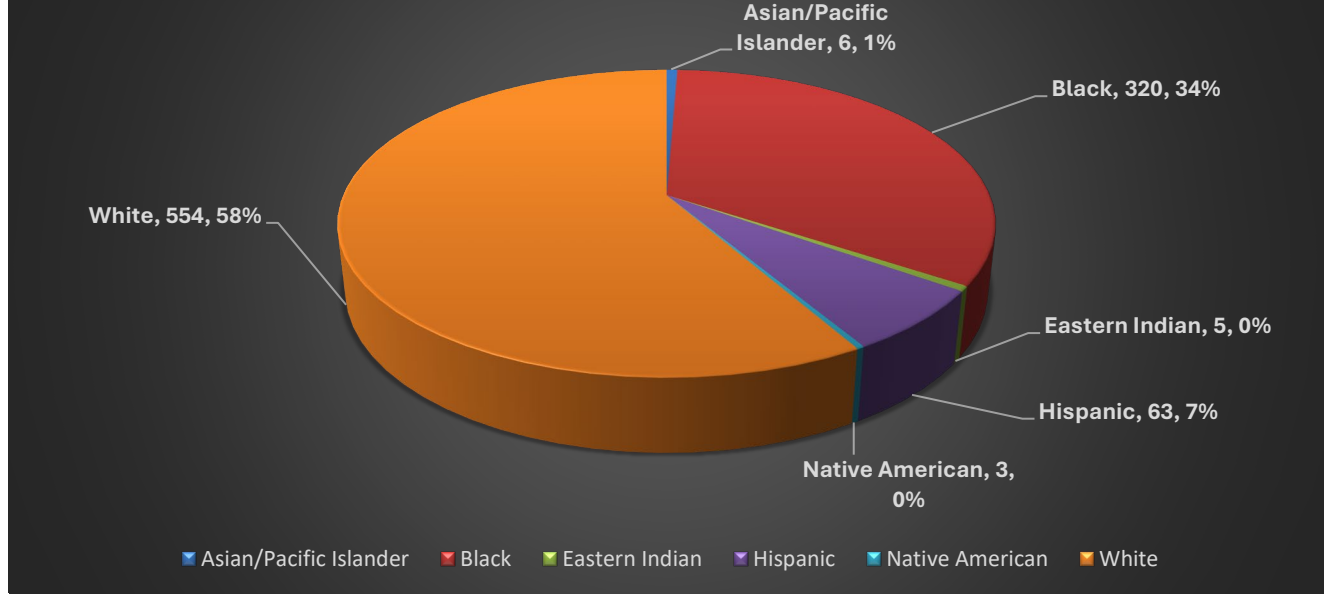
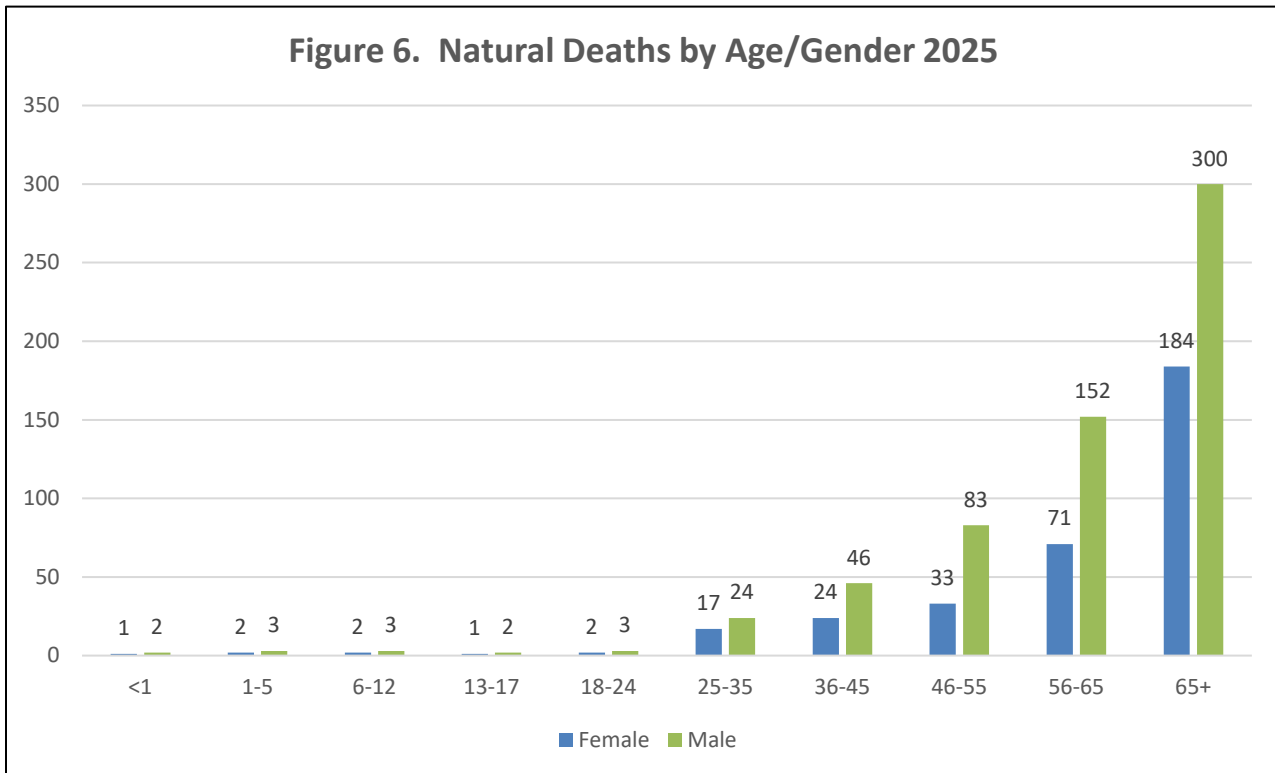


Figure 6. Natural Deaths by Age/Gender 2025



**Table 2. Natural Deaths by Cause 2025**

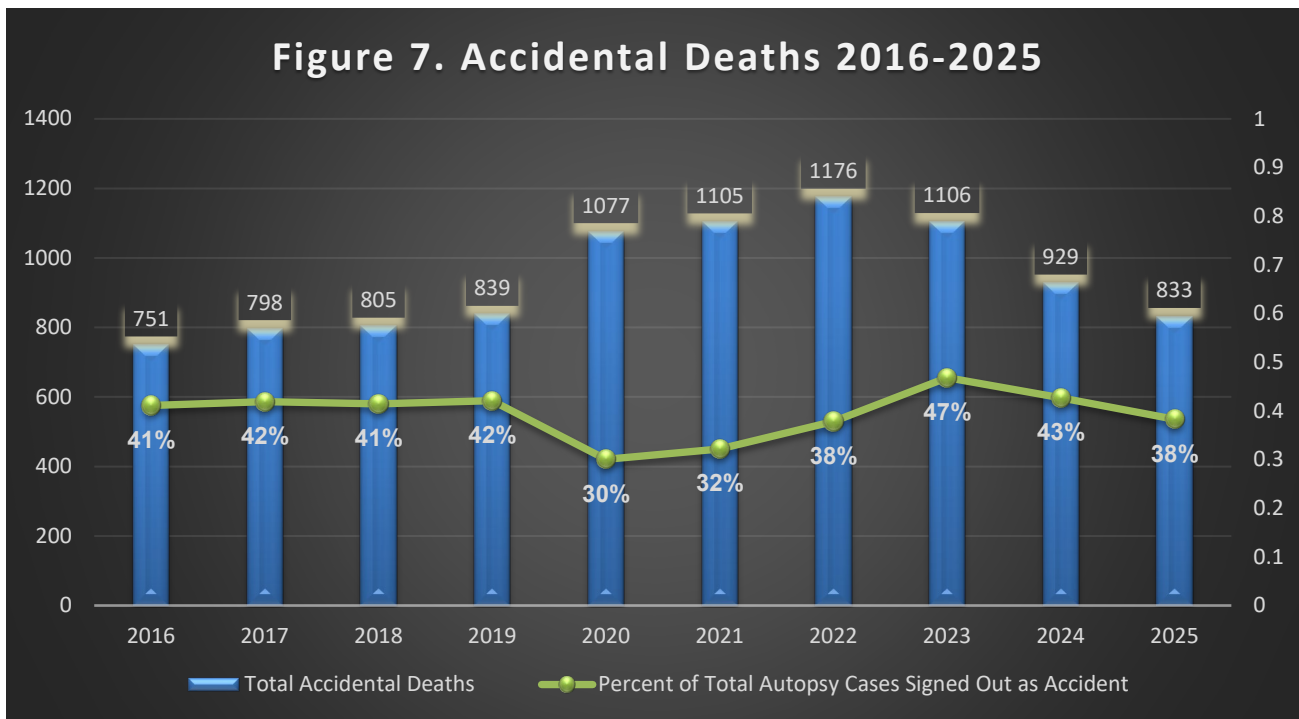
<b>Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alcohol Related	99
Autoimmune	1
Cancer	9
Cardiovascular	581
Central Nervous System	29
Congenital	4
Endocrine	36
Gastrointestinal	14
Hematologic	5
Infectious	43
Kidney Disease	11
Liver Disease	1
Metabolic/Nutritional	15
Neoplastic	21
Neurodegenerative	6
Other	8
Respiratory	46
Undetermined	1
Vascular	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>953</b>

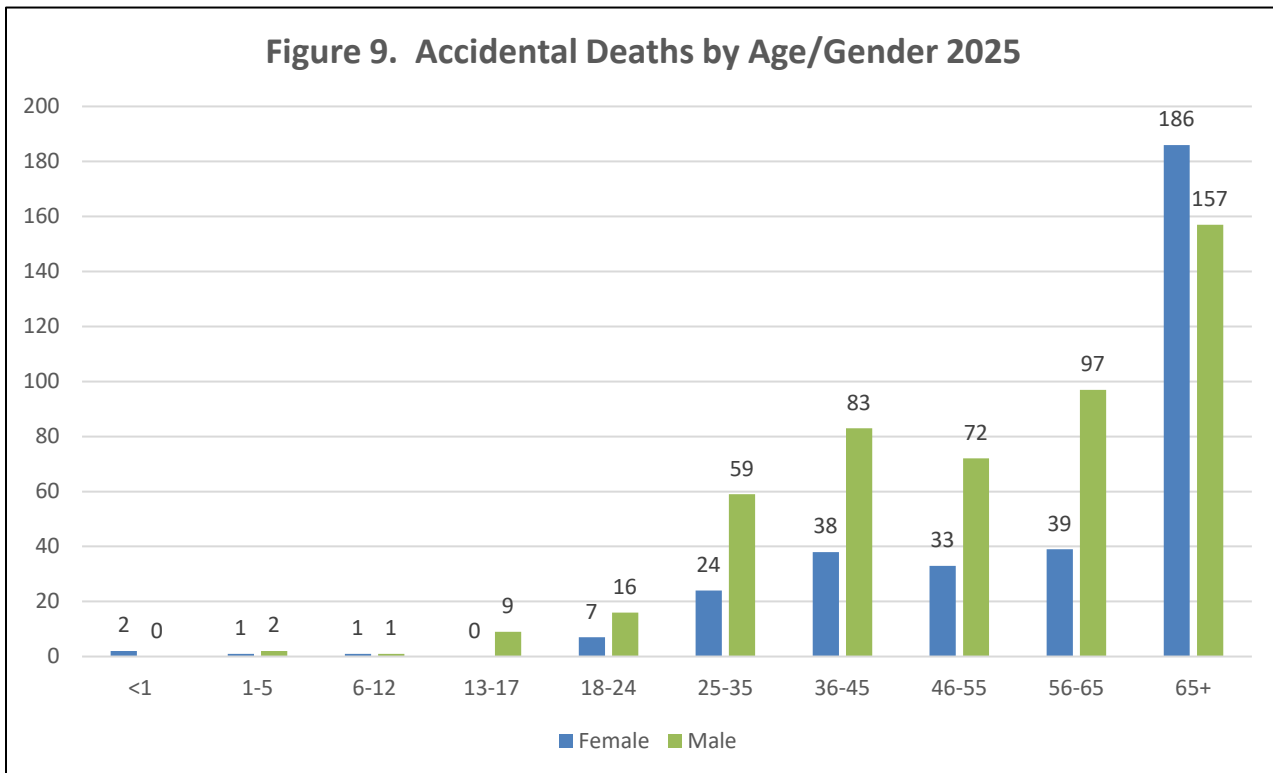
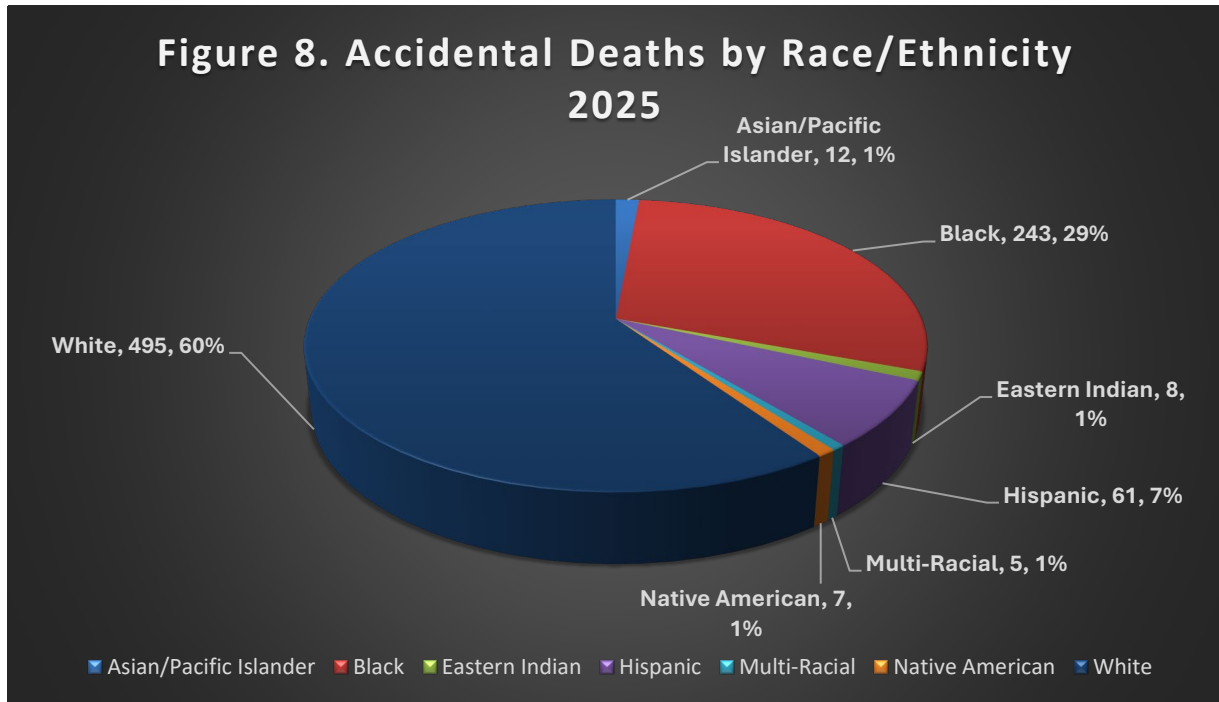
### Overview: Manner of Death - Accident

Accidental death refers to unintentional deaths resulting from interaction with a “hostile environment” such as drowning or fire.

In 2025, 833 deaths were certified as accidents and comprised 38% of all deaths investigated, compared to 929 in 2024. The two most frequent causes of accidental death across all age groups were drug-related with 359 deaths (43%) and falls with 268 (32%) deaths.

Figure 7. Accidental Deaths 2016-2025



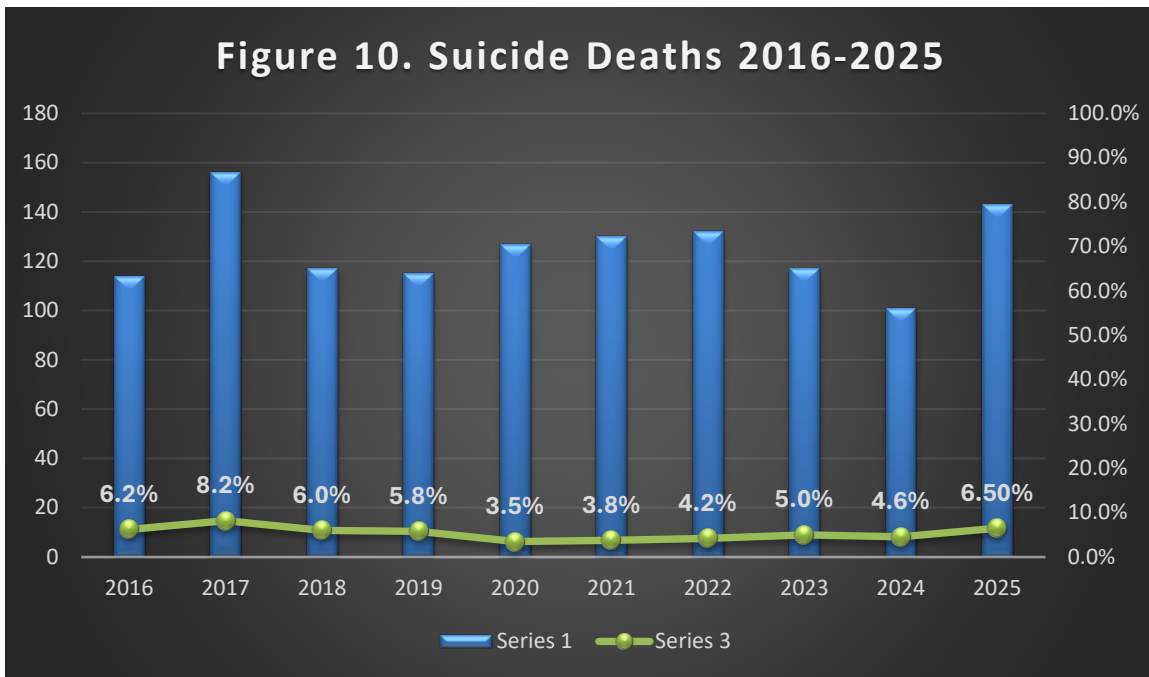


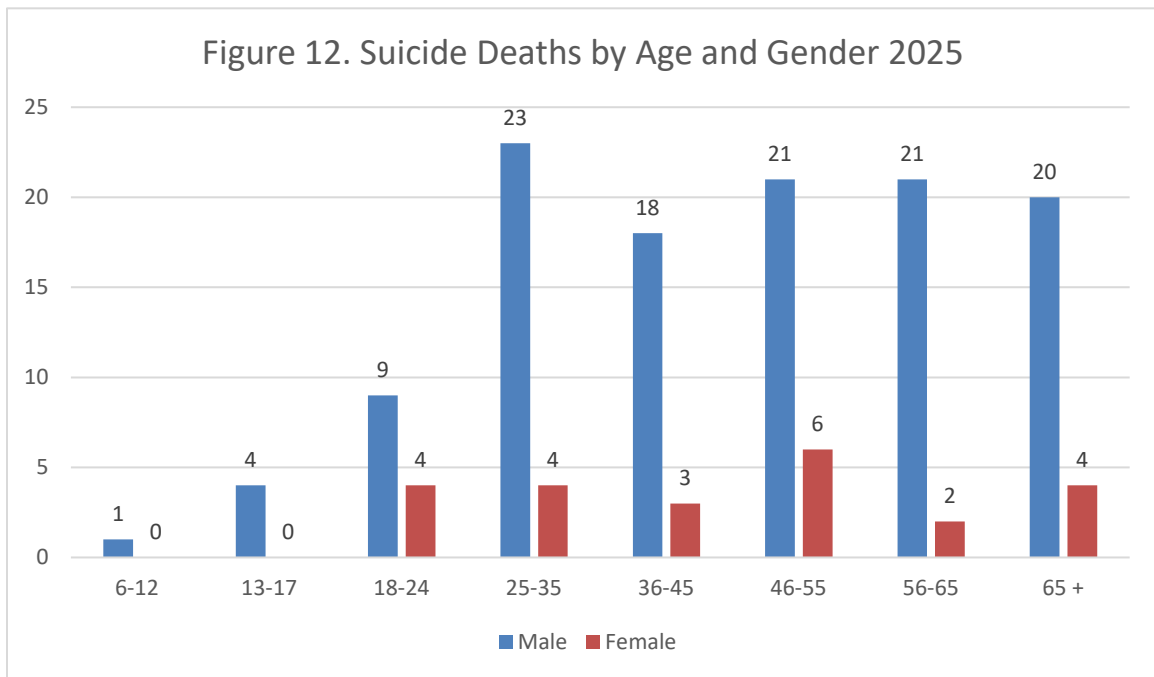
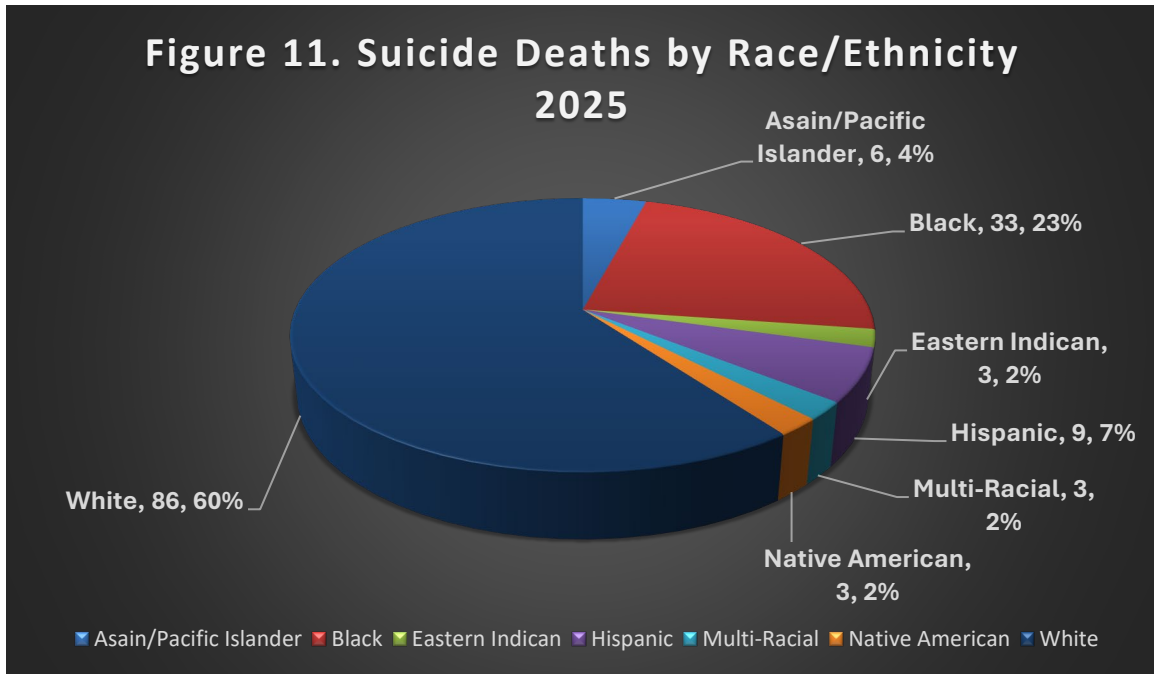
**Table 3. Accidental Deaths by Cause 2025**

Type	Total
	10
Alcohol Related	8
Asphyxia	13
Blunt Force Trauma	48
Burn	3
Carbon Monoxide (non-fire)	4
Drowning (non-boat)	8
Drug Related	387
Environmental Exposure	20
Falls	268
Fire Related Injury	6
Gunshot Injury	1
Industrial	1
Motorized Vehicle - Driver	38
Motorized Vehicle - Passenger	23
Motorized Vehicle - Pedestrian	19
Sharp Force Injury	2
Train	1
Trauma NOS	1
Undetermined	1
Water Related Incident	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>833</b>

**Overview: Manner of Death - Suicide**

Suicide is defined as the intentional taking of one’s own life. A total of 143 (6.5%) deaths were certified as suicide by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office in the year 2025. The number of cases is up from the prior years. (2024: 101 2023: 117). Gunshot injury related suicides represented 56% of all suicidal deaths and Asphyxia deaths came in second at 18%. Eighty-one percent of all suicides certified in 2025 were male.





**Table 4. Suicide deaths by Cause 2025**

Type	Total
	3
Asphyxia	26
Blunt Force Trauma	1
Carbon Monoxide (non-fire)	1
Drug Related	20
Falls	8
Gunshot Injury	80
Sharp Force Injury	3
Environmental Exposure	1
Total	143

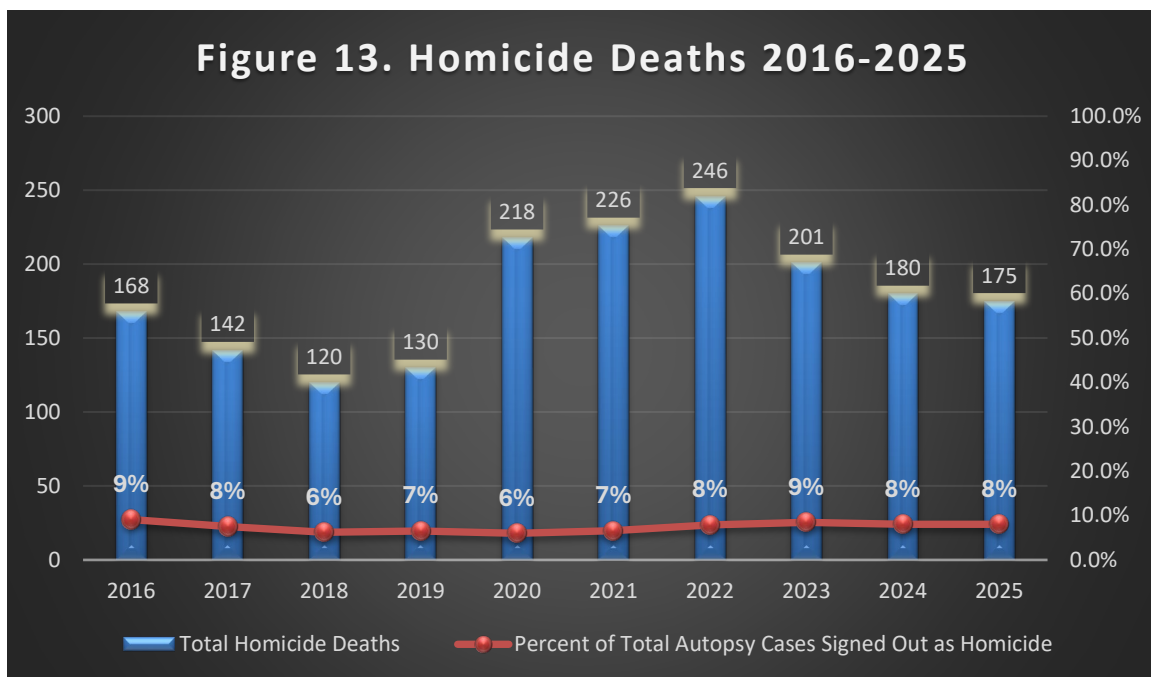
**Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 24/7: Call or text 988**

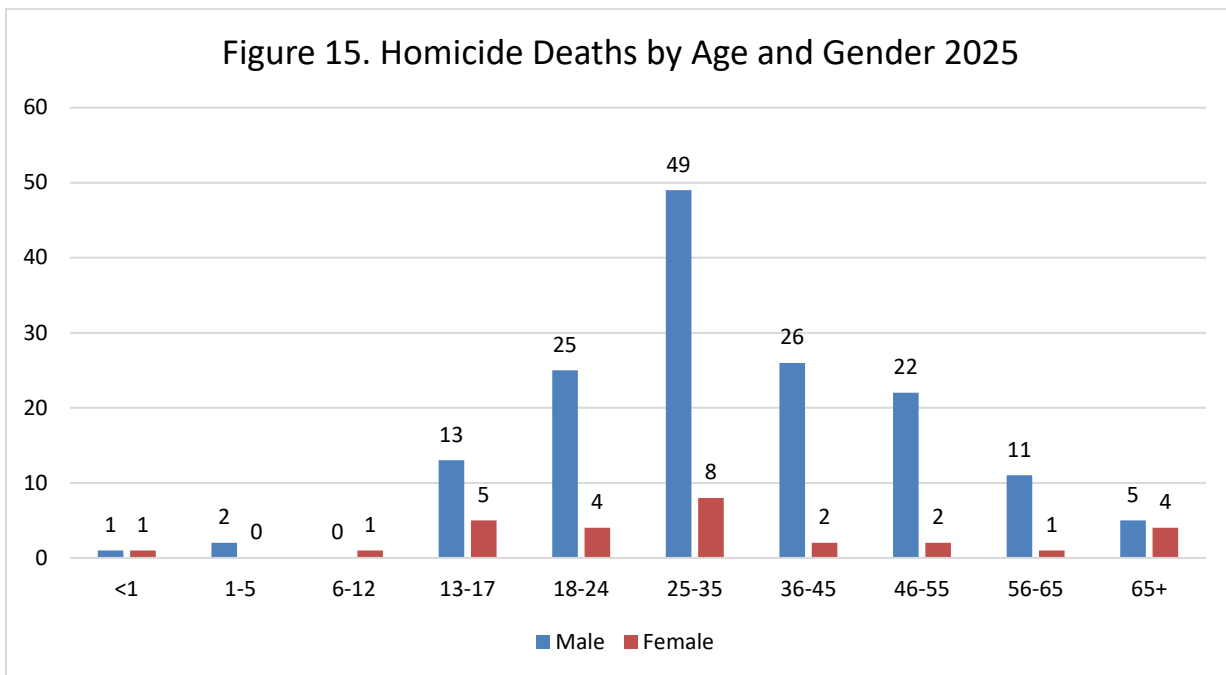
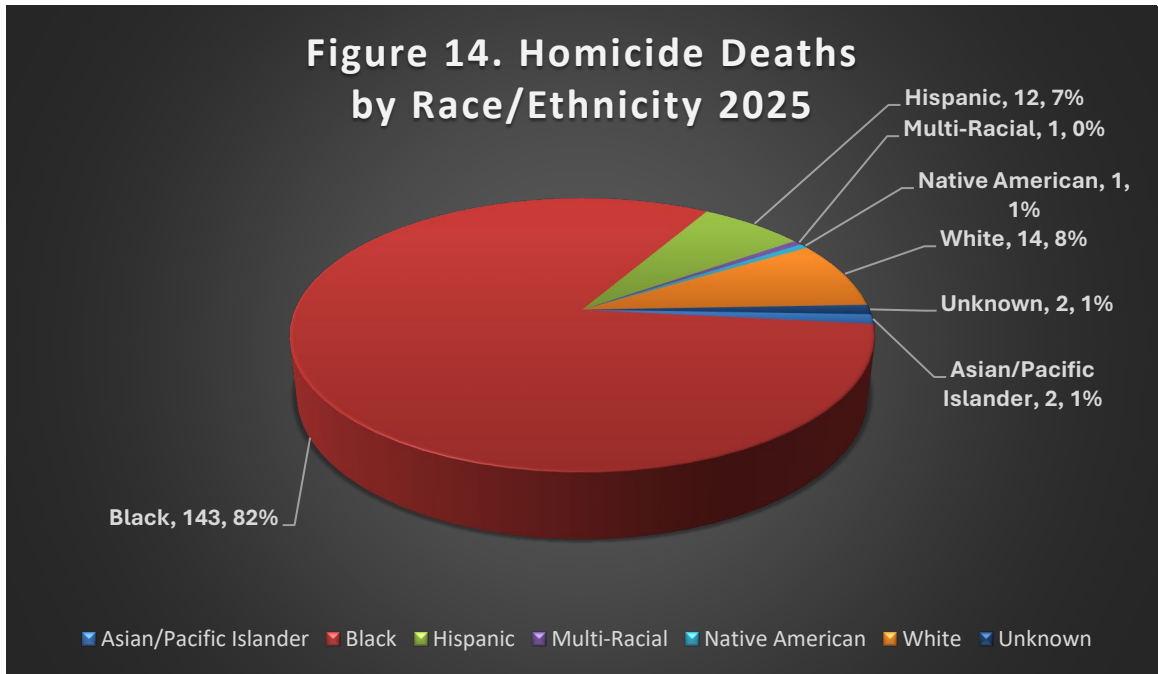
## Overview: Manner of Death - Homicide

For the purpose of this report, homicide is defined as death “at the hands of another” regardless of intent. The medical examiner determination of homicide rests solely on the medical evidence present at the time of the investigation, and is independent of the legal definition, which often includes the concept of intent.

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office had 175 cases certified as homicides which comprised approximately 8% of all deaths investigated in 2025. This is down from 2024 and 2023 wherein 180 deaths and 201, respectively, were certified as homicides.

Male gunshot injury homicides far exceeded all other combinations of categories and gender with 130 male deaths representing 74% of all homicide deaths.





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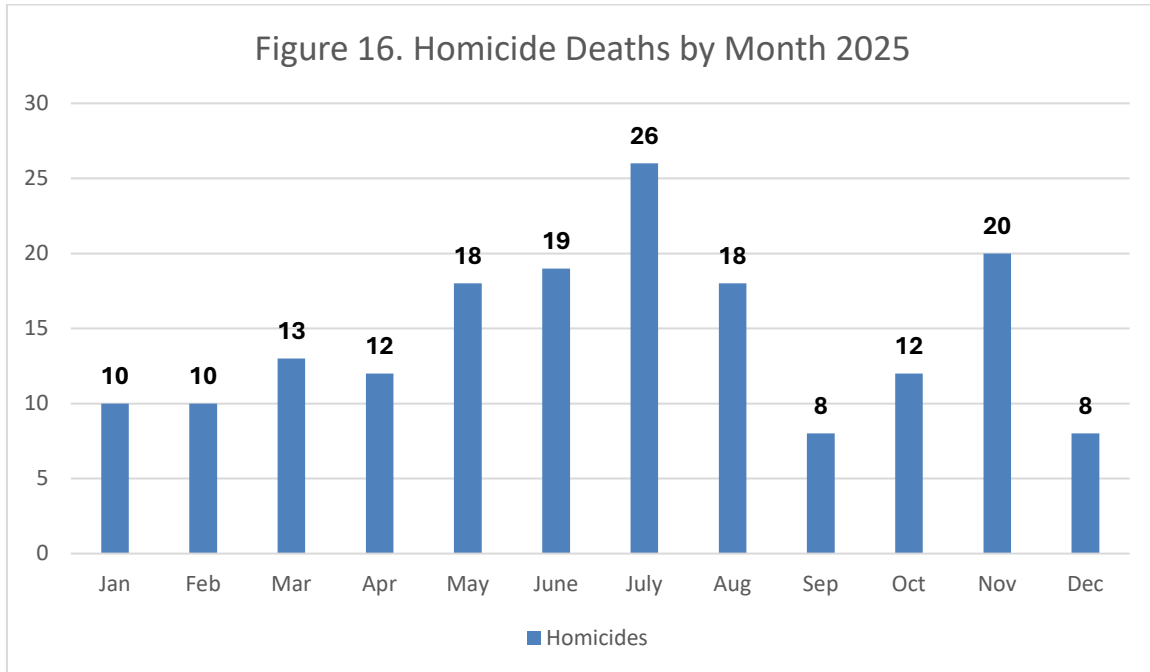
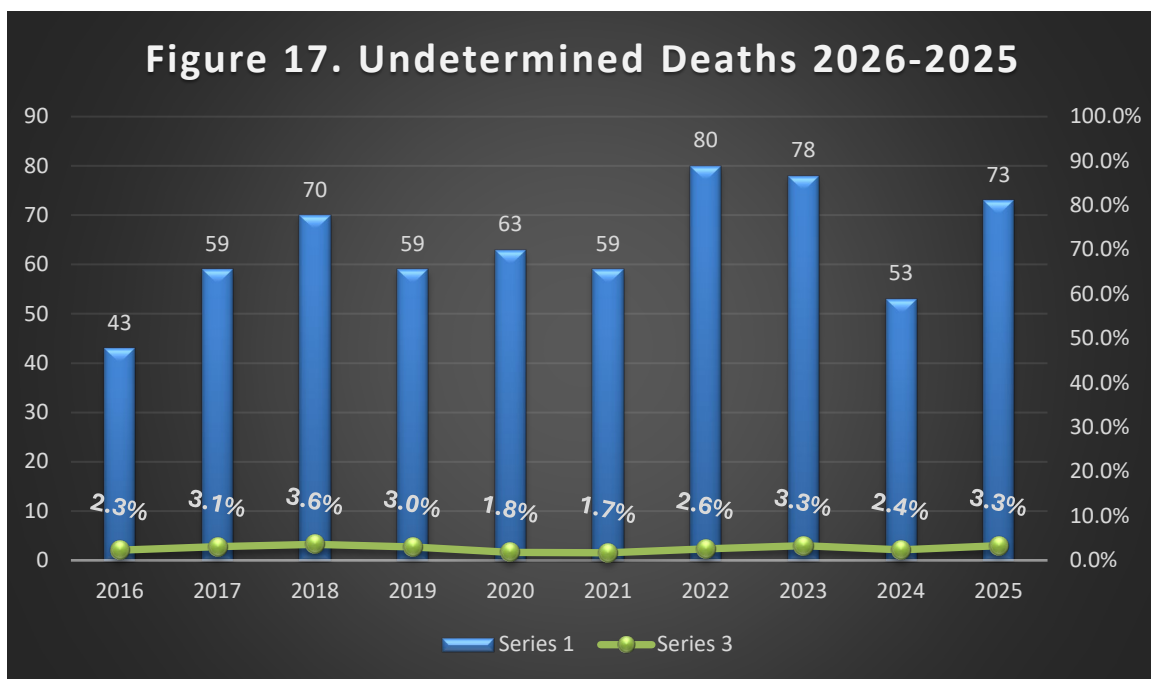


Table 5. Homicide Deaths by Cause 2025

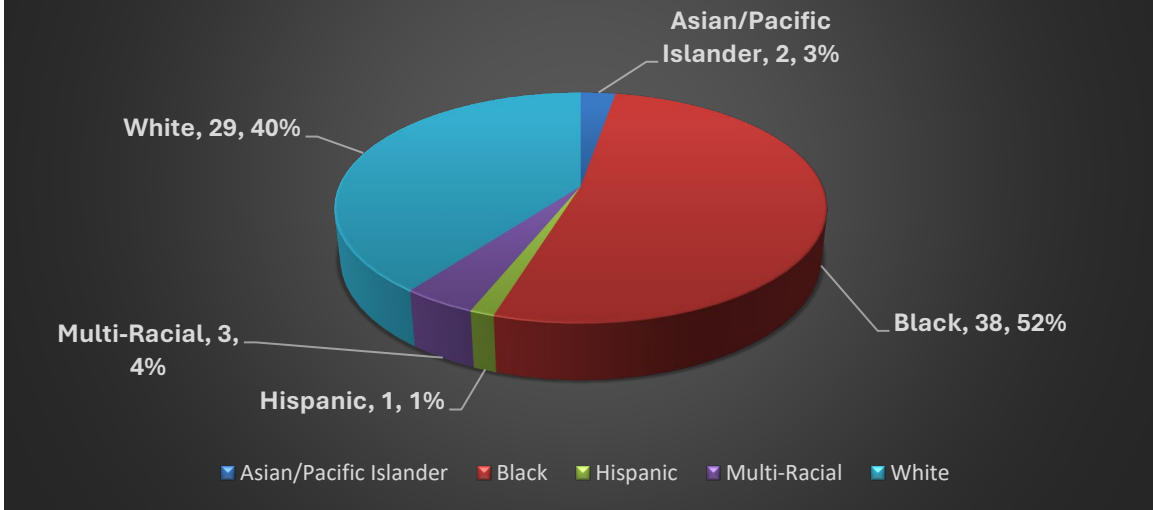
Type	Total
	1
Abuse/Neglect	2
Asphyxia	3
Blunt Force Trauma	7
Fire Related Injury	1
Gunshot Injury	153
Motorized Vehicle - Pedestrian	1
Sharp Force Injury	6
Trama NOS	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>

**Overview: Manner of Death - Undetermined**

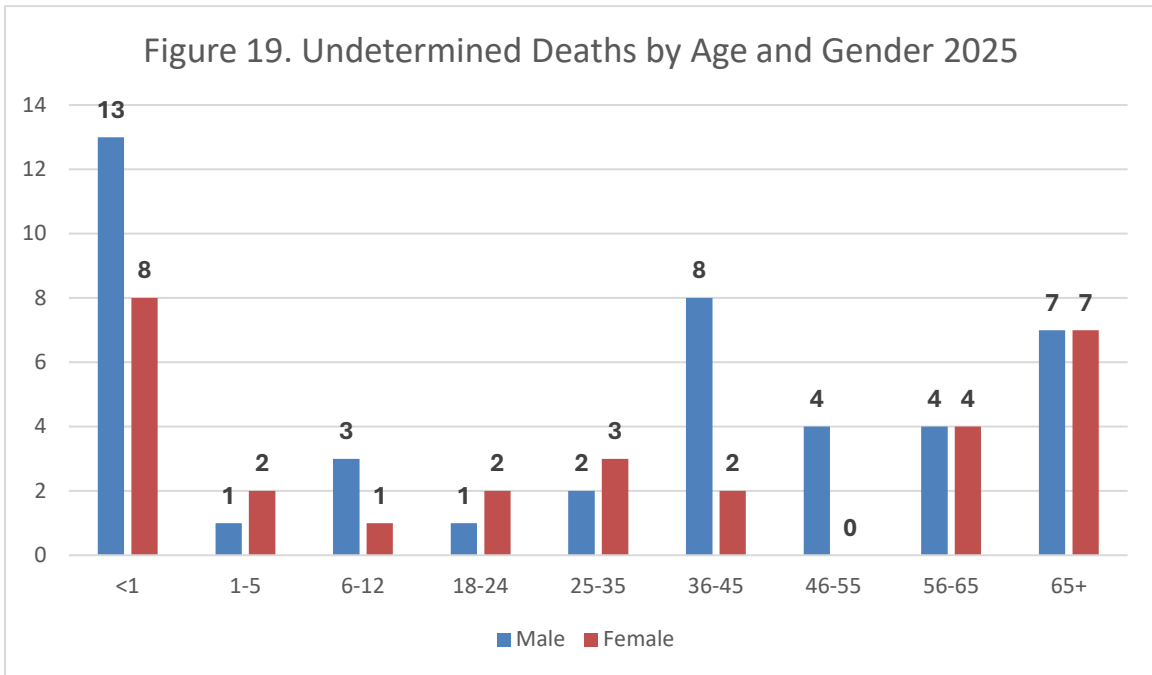
A death certified as undetermined is one in which manner cannot be determined after a full investigation. Circumstances in which the investigation may not reveal adequate findings include those in which there is a time delay between death and discovery of the body, or where there is no information as to the source or nature of the injuries or medical condition of the decedent prior to death. A death is certified as undetermined only after a complete investigation is concluded, including autopsy. Only 3.3 percent of all deaths were certified as undetermined in Milwaukee County in 2025.



**Figure 18. Undetermined Deaths Race/Ethnicity 2025**



**Figure 19. Undetermined Deaths by Age and Gender 2025**



**Table 6. Undetermined Deaths by Cause 2025**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
	2
Asphyxia	1
Blunt Force Trauma	1
Drowning (non-boat)	1
Drug Related	8
Falls	3
Fire Related Injury	6
Gunshot Injury	9
Motorized Vehicle -Driver	1
Motorized Vehicle - Passenger	1
Motorized Vehicle - Pedestrian	1
Sudden Unexplained	2
Undetermined	36
Water Related Incident	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>

## Medical Examiner Activities

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In addition to conducting death scene investigations, cremation investigations, autopsies and toxicology studies, a number of other activities are performed by medical examiner personnel as part of the death investigation process. These functions include:

- Death certification;
- Testifying at legal proceedings;
- Death notifications to next-of-kin;
- Body identification;
- Protection and legal disposition of property belonging to decedents;
- Burial arrangements for unclaimed bodies;
- Disinterment authorization; and,
- Lectures to law enforcement personnel, medical students, etc.

The statutory duties and responsibilities of the office are performed by the Medical Examiner, a licensed physician trained and board-certified in forensic pathology. Seven full-time forensic pathologists, one toxicologist, six forensic chemists, a staff of fifteen medicolegal death investigators, as well as additional clerical, autopsy, and managerial personnel support the medical examiner function. A forensic pathology fellowship program through the Medical College of Wisconsin trains one to two pathologists annually in forensic pathology through the Medical Examiner's Office.

Professional consultants in the specialized fields of forensic odontology (dentistry), forensic radiology, forensic anthropology, adult and pediatric cardiac pathology, and forensic neuropathology provide additional support. An autopsy facility and toxicology laboratory provide a secure facility for staff, visitors and evidence entrusted to our care.

The release and dissemination of medical and other information collected or retained by this office is another important activity. Autopsy reports, investigative reports and related data from individual investigations are provided to interested parties such as families, community-based health care providers, insurers, law enforcement, attorneys and others for their use. In addition, agencies such as the Drug Enforcement Administration, City of Milwaukee Health Department, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation also receive periodic information from this office to further the data analysis and reporting of deaths investigated in Milwaukee County.

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Below are other miscellaneous statistics that pertain to the activities of the Medical Examiner's Office:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>2025</b>
Scene visits by Medical Examiner Investigators	1407
Bodies transported by office or order of the office	1422
Bodies unidentified after examination	0
Organ and/or tissue donations	39
Eye donations	39
Number of exhumation permits issued	9
Examinations performed for outside jurisdictions and private parties	456
Cases with toxicology testing performed	2193



## MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE 2023-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Medical Examiner's Office adopts Milwaukee County's vision that by achieving racial equity, we will become the healthiest county in Wisconsin.

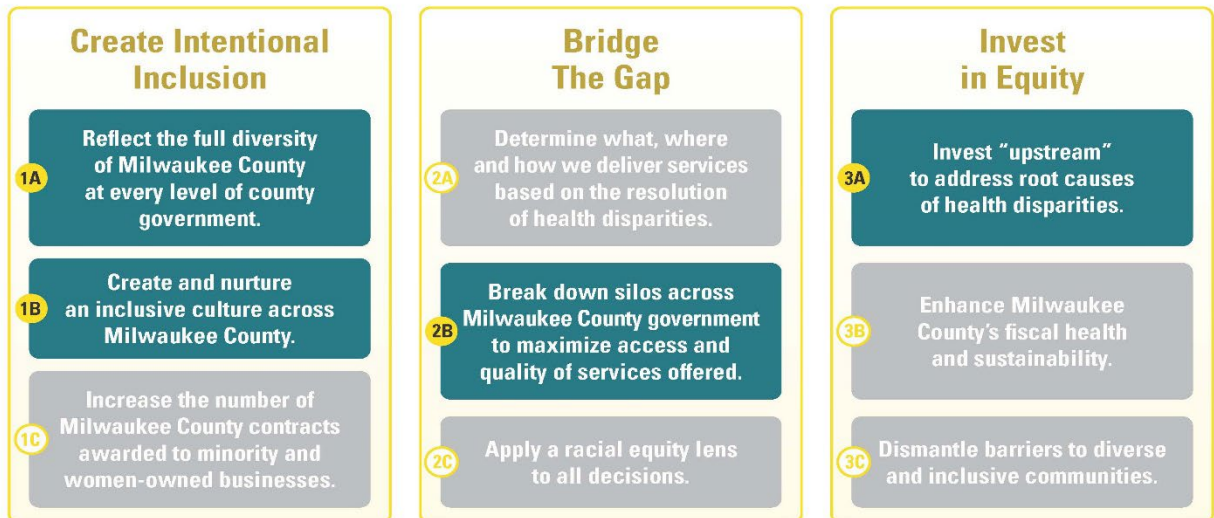
The office's mission is to "promote and maintain the highest professional standards in the field of death investigation; provide a timely, accurate, and legally defensible determination of the cause and manner of death; enhance public health and safety through reducing the incidence of preventable deaths; protect the interests of deceased individuals and their families; and serve the community."

The office's values align to those of Milwaukee County as a whole:

- **Inclusion:** We actively seek diverse perspectives when making decisions.
- **Influence:** We collectively use our power to positively impact our community.
- **Integrity:** We do the right thing even when no one is looking.

While the Medical Examiner's Office plays a role in advancing Milwaukee County's strategic plan overall, **we most directly advance the strategic goals highlighted in teal below:**

### MILWAUKEE COUNTY GOALS



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More specifically, the Medical Examiner’s Office delivers on its mission by advancing four overall goals, each of which align to one or more of Milwaukee County’s overall strategic goals. The table below shows the alignment between the office’s goals and Milwaukee County’s. It also explains how we will know when we are successful at achieving each of the 2027 goals.

Medical Examiner’s Office Focus Areas	Milwaukee County Goal Alignment	2027 Goals	We Will Know We’re Successful When:
<b>Improve Employee Well-Being</b>	1A: Diverse Workforce 1B: Inclusive Culture	Attract diverse, talented specialists to provide human-centered service to Milwaukee County and beyond.	The Medical Examiner’s Office is consistently fully staffed.
		Fully equip our team members to be successful and invest in their growth.	The Medical Examiner’s Office’s services are exemplary because we have engaged, high-performing, satisfied employees who feel valued.
<b>Break Down Medical Examiner’s Office Silos</b>	2B: Break Down Silos	Operationalize communication systems that foster collaboration across Medical Examiner’s Office service areas.	Cross-training, collective problem-solving and a cohesive team are the norm at the Medical Examiner’s Office and generate better outcomes for Milwaukee County.
<b>Drive Upstream Investments Through Data</b>	3A: Invest Upstream	Secure adequate staff and technology to provide timely, accurate data.	Medical Examiner’s Office data is used by decision-makers to address root causes of health disparities.

To learn more about Milwaukee County’s journey toward racial equity, please visit [county.milwaukee.gov/Vision](https://county.milwaukee.gov/Vision).

To learn more about the Medical Examiner’s Office, please visit [county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Medical-Examiner](https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Medical-Examiner).



## The Future: A New Medical Examiner's Office - 2026

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office will be moving to a new home in May of 2026. The Medical Examiner's Office, along with the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and Office of Emergency Management are relocating to a new 100,000 square foot facility on six acres of land in Wauwatosa's Medical Complex located near 94<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin Avenue. The neighboring community includes Children's Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin.



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