

**Office of the Coroner  
County of Portage, Ohio  
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Statistical Annual Report - 2020**

There were **298 deaths reported** to the coroner. Of those reported, **145 cases were eventually referred to an attending physician** because they did not meet the definition of a coroner case. Of those death referrals, **9 required on-the-scene investigation** before a determination could be rendered. **One Hundred 153 (153) cases became coroner cases as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.**

Cases	153	<b>Busiest months</b> June / July 17 cases (each.)
Average age	50.2	<b>Slowest month</b> April 6 cases
Youngest decedent	12	
Oldest decedent	94	<b>Averaged Approx.</b> 13 cases per month

Number of males	97	<b>Decedents who were residents of county</b> (135)
Number of females	56	Decedents lived outside of county (18)

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Number of Caucasians	145	44 Drug Toxicity Deaths
Number of African-Americans	6	
Number of Asian Americans	2	52 Cases with "substance levels" of alcohol/drugs

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**Largest age group affiliation, ( 61-69 ) = 32 cases**  
**Second largest group of cases, (50-59) = 30 cases**  
**The combined age group of 62 cases represented 41% of cases.**

**No coroner cases of a child age 2 and under.**

**Cases:** First six months 69 cases  
Last six months 84 cases

**Suicides:** = 22 males, 4 females

Gun = 15  
Hanging = 8  
Toxicity = 2  
Blunt Force = 2

Natural	63	40%*
Accidents	62	40%
Suicides	24	19%
Homicides	3	1%
Undertermined	1	0%
Pending Cases	0	0%
		100%*

**Age Group Affiliation**

0-12 = 1	50-59 = 30
13-19 = 6	60-69 = 32
20-29 = 18	70-79 = 13
30-39 = 24	80-89 = 7
40-49 = 20	90-99 = 2

**Pronouncement of Death**

16% in Ravenna (24)  
13% at Portage Medical Center (19)  
12% in Kent (17)  
9% in Streetsboro (13)  
9% in Ravenna Township (13)  
41% Other Political Subdiviisions (67)

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100%

**Accidental Drug Overdoses (Toxicities) = 44**  
**Completed Suicide Overdoses = 2**

**Five localities** accounted for 86 cases.  
(59% of cases)