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TO: THE LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE  
FROM: CORONER JENNIFER BANEK  
DATE: JANUARY 19, 2023  
RE: CORONER'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Coroner's Monthly Report of Investigations conducted for the month of NOVEMBER 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>:

Non-Coroner's Cases <sup>(2)</sup>	453
Coroner's Case: <sup>(3)</sup>	53
<b>Total Death Investigations:</b>	<b>506</b>

*Total death investigations for November 2021:467*

- Of the total Coroner's Cases for November 2022 (53), the Manner of Death (or suspected Manner of Death) is outlined in the following pages.
- Of the 53 Coroner's Cases a total of 48 had further forensic examination (Autopsy) conducted by the Lake County Coroner's Forensic Pathologist, Eimad Zakariya, M.D., in conjunction with the Lake County Coroner's Autopsy Technician and Deputy Coroner Investigators.
- The Lake County Coroner's Office Toxicology Laboratory conducted 43 toxicology tests and, as a result, 38 samples were sent to an outside laboratory for further quantitative/qualitative or expanded testing.
  - In addition, the Lake County Coroner's Office Toxicology Laboratory conducted 148 toxicology tests for various outside agencies including the Lake County Jail and Probation Services.
- The Lake County Coroner's Office Issued 329 Permits for Cremation to area funeral homes in November 2022.
- Coroner Office Investigators completed and closed 90.57% of November Cases within 60 days of the date of the case. As of November 30, 2022, case closure rates within 60 days are 82.54% for the calendar year.
  - Case closure statistics outlined on following pages.

(1) As forensic reports such as Autopsy Reports, Toxicology Reports and other investigative agency reports may take 4 – 8 weeks for completion, Coroner Banek is presenting statistical data that is more complete than the previous months data.

(2) Non-Coroner's Cases:

Cases reported to the Office of Coroner where Minimal Investigation is needed; primarily consisting of review of medical history, medical records, and discussion with health care providers involved in the case.

(3) Coroner's Cases

Thorough investigation as to the cause of death, with subsequent Case Conference to determine the manner of death (i.e., homicide, suicide, accidental, or undetermined). Where required and mandated by Illinois Statute by type of death, select cases may be sent to an Inquest by Jury.



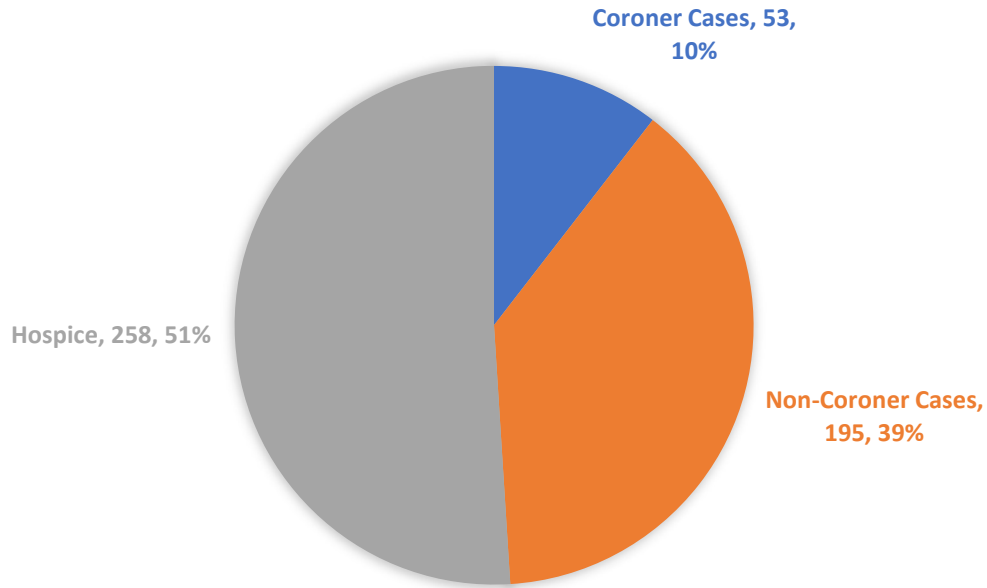
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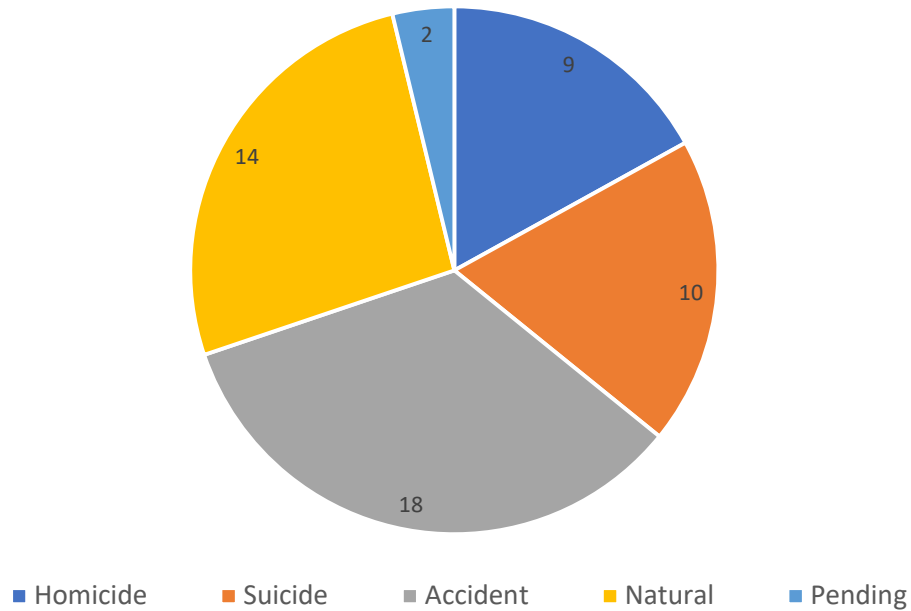
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### NOVEMBER 2022 OVERALL CASES



### NOVEMBER 2022 CORONER CASES

This data includes Suspected Manner of Death in Cases still pending finalization.



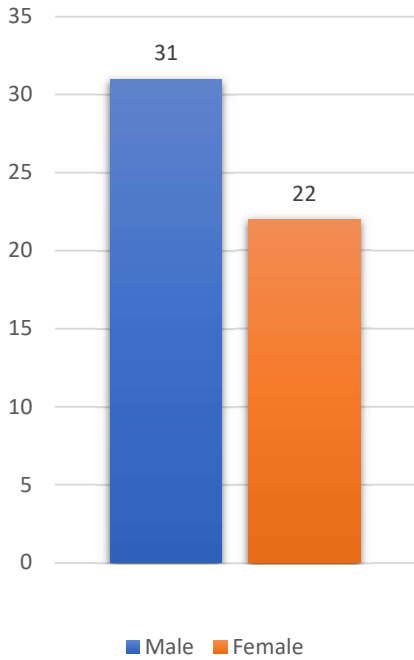


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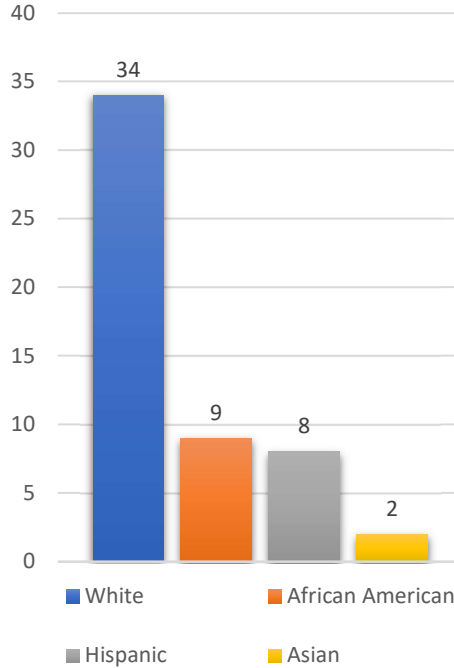
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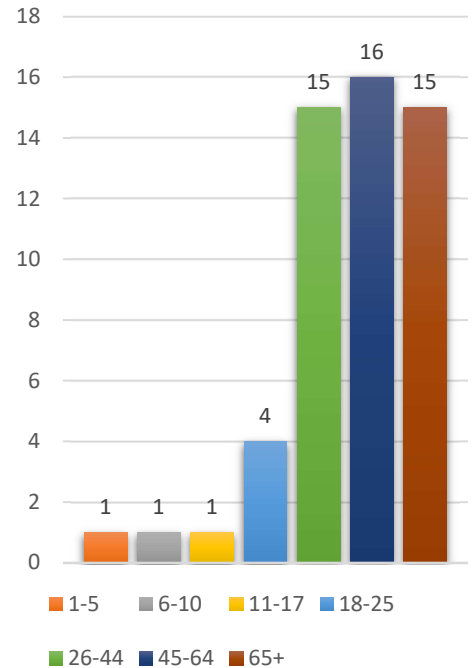
**Coroner Cases/Gender**



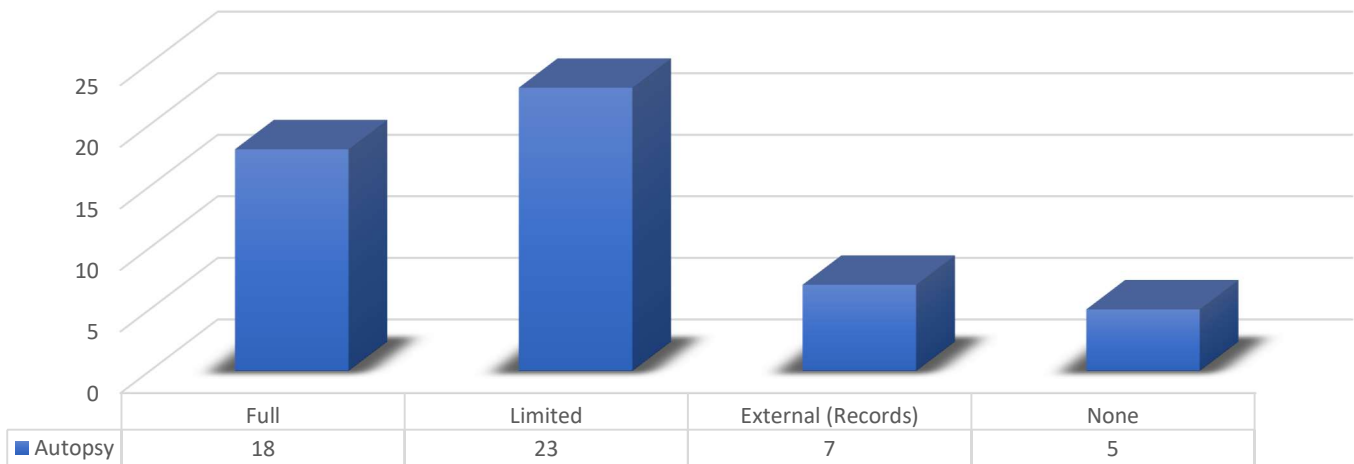
**Coroner Cases/Race**



**Coroner Cases/Age**



### Autopsies November 2022



**Autopsy Types:** **Full** – A complete external and internal examination is completed by the Forensic Pathologist with a written report.  
**Limited** – A Complete external, and in some cases limited internal examination, is completed by the Forensic Pathologist with a written report.  
**External** – No Physical examination is completed however medical records from an external agency (hospital, nursing facility or physician) are reviewed by the Forensic Pathologist with a written report.  
**None** – No physical examination or medical record review is necessary. Most of these cases are signed by the deceased's physician however family or physician information is not available at the time of death warranting a response from the Coroner's Office.



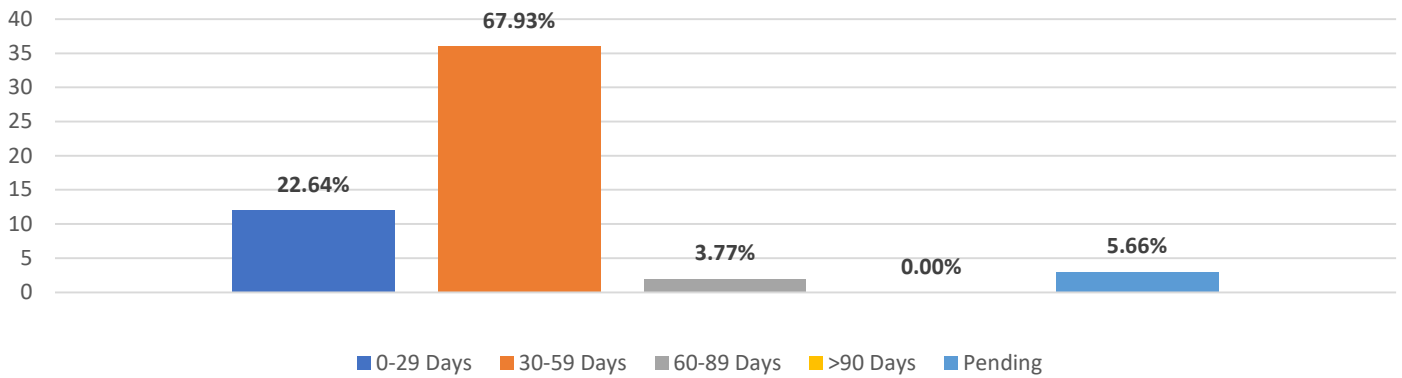
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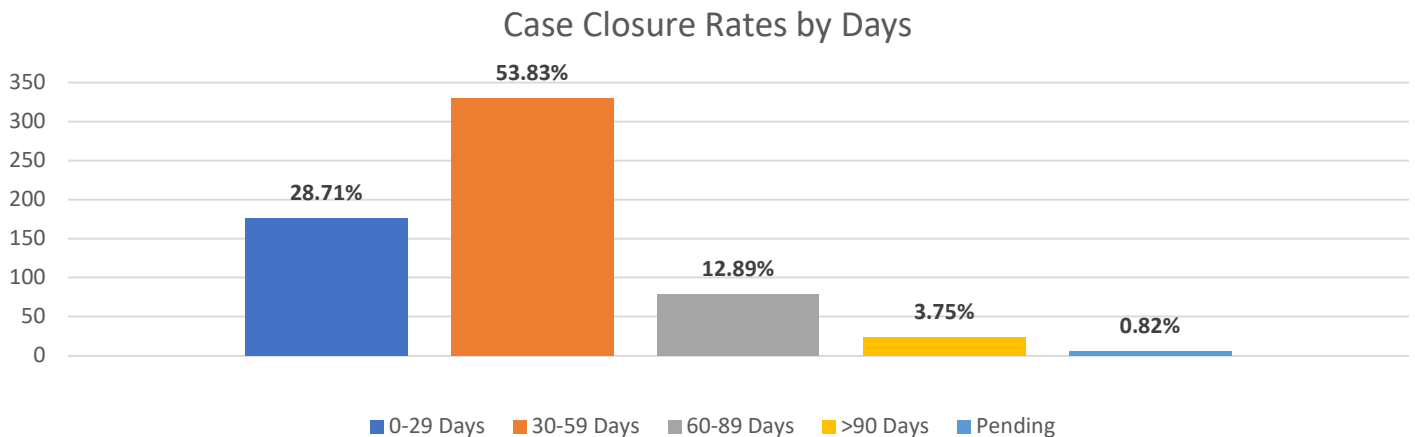
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## Case Closure Status

### Coroner's Case Closure Rate November 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022:



### Coroner's Case Closure Rate January 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022





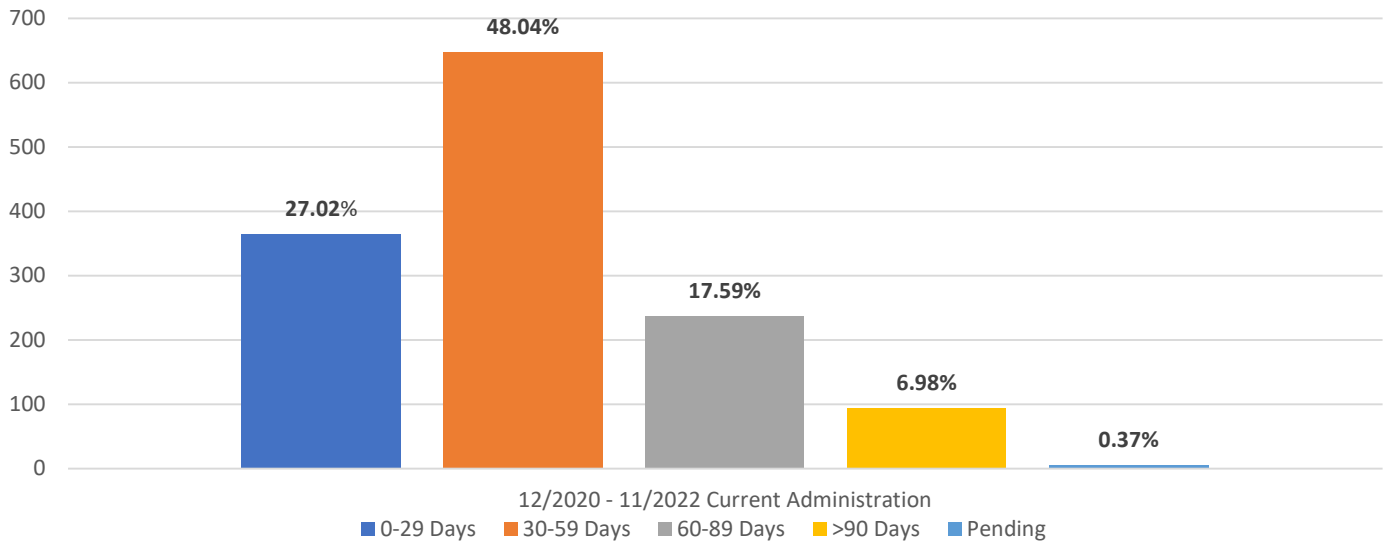
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**Coroner's Case Closure Rate December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2022:**

Case Closure Rates by Days



Case Closure <60 days by FY

