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Coroner

HISTORICAL COMPARITIVE DATA				
	2018	2017	2002	1992
Total Deaths Investigated	4974	4967	3352	2243
Deaths Returned to Medical Professional	4461	4568	2840	1721
<b>MANNER OF DEATHS</b>				
Natural Deaths Investigated	220	160	314	365
Accidental Deaths	188	161	129	89
Homicides	32	25	14	17
Suicide Deaths	68	62	43	40
Undetermined Deaths	3	11	12	11
<b>CAUSE OF DEATHS</b>				
Drowning Deaths	14	3	5	5
Drug Related Deaths	98	85	49	11
Fire Deaths	1	4	8	7
Firearm Related Deaths	39	36	n/a	n/a
Baby Deaths (0-2yo)	6	9	n/a	n/a
Vehicular Deaths	45	55	46	49
<b>OFFICE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Inquests Conducted	3	1	179	157
Autopsies	364	280	187	171
Cremation Permits Issued	2964	2884	1365	937



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# 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

## LCCO OFFICE ACTIVITIES

DEATH CALLS REPORTED TO LCCO:									
TOTAL DEATH REPORTS		RELEASED TO MEDICAL		ACCEPTED CORONER CASES					
4974		4461		513					
DEATH CALLS- CORONER CASES									
TOTAL SCENE RESPONSES		TOTAL REMOVALS		TOTAL AUTOPSIES		LCCO SIGNED DC			
347		419		363		150			
MANNER OF DEATH (Coroner Cases)									
HOMICIDE	SUICIDE	ACCIDENT		NATURAL	UNDETERMINED		PENDING CASES		
33	68	178		220	3		11		
CORONER CASE CAUSES OF DEATH									
NEUROLOGIC	CARDIAC	KIDNEY		PULMONARY	LIVER		CANCER	GASTRO	OTHER CAUSES
7	129	3		18	16		10	10	27
ASPHYXIA DEATHS	DROWNING DEATHS	DRUG-ALCOHL/POISON		FIRE RELATED DEATHS	FIREARM RELATED DEATHS	INJURIES DUE TO A FALL		VEHICULAR RELATED DEATHS	OTHER CAUSES
38	14	98		1	39		36	45	11
TOXICOLOGY REPORT STATUS-									
CORONER CASES- TOXICOLOGY TESTING		URINE DROP TOXICOLOGY TESTING (Non-Coroner Cases)		TOTAL NUMBER OF TESTS RUN FOR URINE DROP TOXICOLOGY TESTING (Non – Coroner Cases)					
393		3069		5205					
AUTOPSY CASES									
FULL (Signed by Pathologist)		EXTERNAL (Medical Record Review Signed by Pathologist)		LIMITED (Signed by Pathologist)		TOXICOLOGY ONLY		NONE	External Exams by Deputy
319		35		9		42		108	94
DEMOGRAPHICS									
AGE	1-5	6-10	11-17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65+	Pending ID	
	4	2	9	39	106	207	144	1	
RACE	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN	OTHER	Pending ID				
	430	64	13	5	1				
GENDER	FEMALE	MALE	Pending ID						
	149	363	1						

## **Unclaimed Bodies – 2018 Statistical Breakdown**

The Lake County Coroner's Office made the removal of 28 decedents from Nursing Homes, Hospital and Residence that either had no family, were UNCLAIMED by family or family did not have a Funeral Home at time of death. This is only an increase of 1 from 2017. 6 of the 28 cases were UNCLAIMED Veterans an increase of 100% from 2017. There was a 71.4% increase in State Public Aid cases and County Cremations from 2017. The number of non-coroner case removals of unclaimed bodies from nursing homes and hospitals increased by 200% from 2017 and the number of non-coroner case removals from residence decreased by 77.3 %. The Lake County Coroner's Office staff was able to work with 11 families to provide disposition with an average of 60-90 days of storage in the county morgue. There is 1 UNIDENTIFIED body which is pending FBI DNA Analysis.

SEX	
<i>Female</i>	3
<i>Male</i>	25

<b>VETERAN</b>	6
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RACE	
<i>Asian</i>	
<i>Black</i>	6
<i>Hispanic</i>	1
<i>White</i>	21

TYPE OF INVESTIGATION	
<i>Coroner Case</i>	11
<i>Primary Care Physician</i>	17

<b>AUTOPSIES</b>	9
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MANNER OF DEATH	
<i>Natural</i>	20
<i>Pending</i>	3
<i>Accident</i>	3
<i>Homicide</i>	2

MONTH OF OCCUURENCE	
January	3
February	3
March	-
April	3
May	3
June	2
July	-
August	1
September	3
October	3
November	1
December	6

RESIDENCE CITY			
Beach Park	1	Libertyville	2
Barrington	1	Mundelein	1
Cook County	2	North Chicago	1
Fox Lake	1	Riverwoods	1
Gages Lake	1	Round Lake Beach	1
Highland Park	2	Wadsworth	1
Lake Bluff	1	Waukegan	12

REMOVALS		CORONER DISPOSITION COST	
<b>Non -Coroner Cases</b>		<b>County Cremation</b>	4
<i>Hospital</i>	3	<b>State Public Aid</b>	8
<i>Nursing Home</i>	9	<b>Veteran Burial</b>	5
<i>Residence</i>	5		

DISPOSITION STATUS		DISPOSITION TIME FRAME	15-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-120 Days	+121 Days
<i>No Family</i>	11			1	4	2	4
<i>Family Abandoned Body</i>	5			1	1	2	1
<i>Family Claimed Body</i>	11		1	2	2	4	2
<i>Public Administrator Case</i>	1			1			
<b>UNIDENTIFIED</b>	1						1

Age Range	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81+
				1	2	6	9	8	2