

# DeKalb County Medical Examiner's



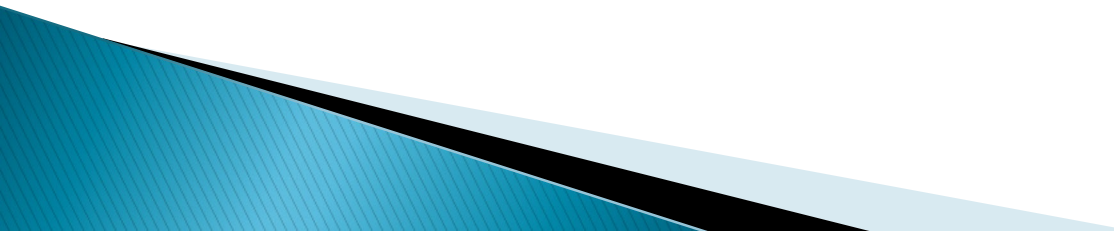
## 2016 Annual Report

Gerald T. Gowitt, MD  
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Examiner

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Director

# DEPARTMENT LOCATION

Medical Examiners Office  
Administrative and Operational Facility  
(which includes the Morgue)  
3550 Kensington Road  
Decatur, Georgia 30032



# Medical Examiners Office

## ▶ Mission Statement

DeKalb County Medical Examiners Office will provide comprehensive professional forensic death investigations and conduct exhaustive post mortem examinations within our jurisdiction, for it is not justice that we seek, but the truth in death so that justice may be served.

## Department Description

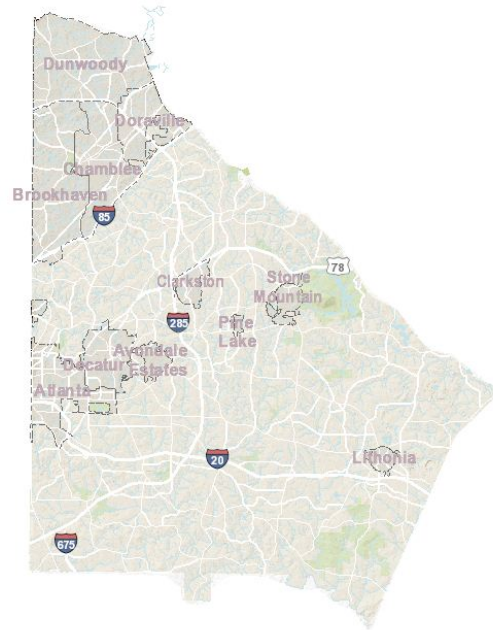
The DeKalb County Medical Examiners Office performs investigations, post mortem examination, and forensic scientific testing into deaths that are required by law to be reported under the provisions of the Georgia Death Investigation Act.

Department promotes the following DeKalb County Strategic Priorities:

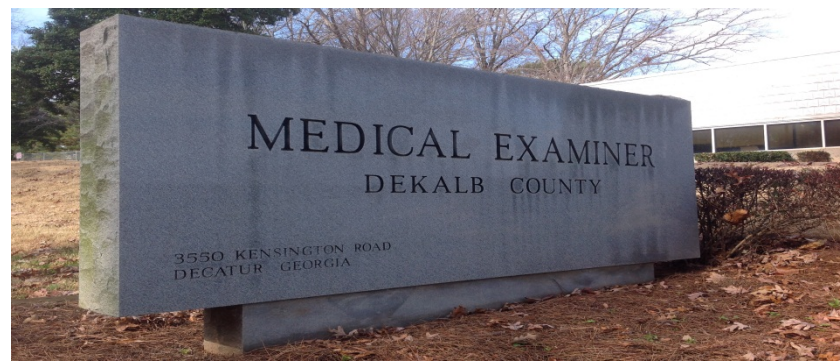
- ▶ Enhanced Public Safety
- ▶ Ensure Efficient Operations
- ▶ Invest in Employees
- ▶ Improve Internal Communication, Collaboration, and Implementation
- ▶ Promote Fiscal Integrity

# Geographical Information

- ▶ DeKalb County covers 267.58 square miles
- ▶ DeKalb County has an estimated population of about 740,321.



# Jurisdiction



- ▶ The DeKalb County Medical Examiner (DKME) serves all incorporated and unincorporated areas within DeKalb County. In 2016, these areas included the cities of Atlanta, Avondale, Brookhaven, Chamblee, Clarkston, Decatur, Doraville, Dunwoody, Lithonia, Pine Lake, Stone Mountain, Tucker, unincorporated DeKalb County and other areas served by special law enforcement agencies such as Georgia State Patrol, MARTA and post secondary educational institutions campus police/ law enforcement agencies.
- ▶ As per State Law, deaths occurring on State owned and/or State leased property are investigated by the State Medical Examiners Office.
- ▶ Under the provisions of the Georgia Death Investigation Act, DKME investigates deaths that are suspected or known to have resulted from external causes such as injury or poisoning, and deaths that are sudden, unexpected, and not explained with a reasonable degree of medical probability. Other selected types of death are also investigated such as those occurring while a person is in custody of law enforcement agencies.

# Georgia Death Investigation Act (§ 45-16-24)

- ▶ The laws describing the duties of Medical Examiners in Georgia are specified within in Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 45, Chapter 16, titled the “Georgia Death Investigations Act.” The types of death(s) required to be reported to the Medical Examiner include:
  - Violence (injury)
  - Casualty (accident)
  - Suicide
  - Suddenly when in apparent good health
  - When unattended by physician (a PCP has not been located or refuses to sign the death certificate)
  - Suspicious or unusual
  - Children under 7 if death is unexpected or unexplained
  - Executions pursuant to death penalty
  - Inmate of state hospital or state, county, or city penal institution
  - Admitted to hospital unconscious and dying within 24 hours without regaining consciousness

Decisions about autopsies are not mandated and are left to the discretion of the Medical Examiner.

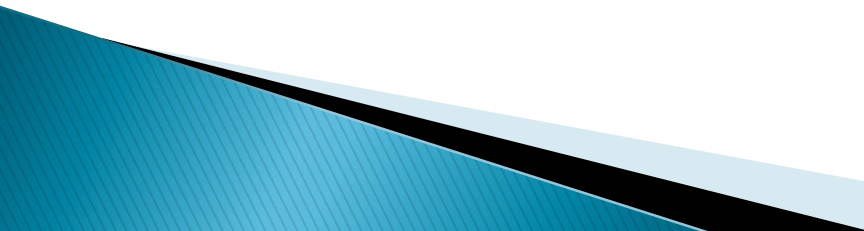
When a death is reported to DKME, the case is either **accepted** (AJ) or **declined** (DJ). If a case is accepted, it means that the Medical Examiner will be certifying the death and will sign the death certificate. A case is **declined** for one of two reasons:

- The agonal events that caused or contributed to death did not occur in DeKalb County
- The deceased was in the direct care of a physician and/or hospice care who will certify the death.

A case is **accepted** if:

- It meets the criteria specified in the Georgia Death Investigation Act (§ 45-16-25), and
  - The agonal events that caused and/or contributed to death occurred in DeKalb County, or
  - If the place of incident or onset of fatal events is unknown, the death occurred or the dead body was found in DeKalb County

# Medical and Social History

- ▶ The medical and social history of a person can be directly linked to a cause of death. If there is no medical history, meaning the person was in apparent good health, without injury, then an autopsy will most likely be conducted.
  - ▶ When a person indulges in risky behavior such as illegal and legal drug abuse then an autopsy will be conducted. Alcoholics will be considered for autopsy as well.
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# Some Common Medical Histories that Do Not Require Autopsy

- ▶ ASCVD
- ▶ CHF
- ▶ Pacemaker
- ▶ HCVD/HBP
- ▶ Diabetes
- ▶ Obesity
- ▶ Terminal Disease
- ▶ Atherosclerotic Cardio Vascular Disease.
- ▶ Congestive Heart Failure
- ▶ Hypertension/High Blood Pressure.
- ▶ 100+ LBS  
Overweight
- ▶ HIV/Aids, Cancers, Renal Disease

# No Medical History That Require Autopsy

- ▶ Infants with no known illness or disease.
- ▶ Children with no known illness or disease.
- ▶ Adults with no known or known illness or disease.
- ▶ Homicide
- ▶ Suicide
- ▶ Accidental
- ▶ Natural
- ▶ SIDS/SUIDS
- ▶ No cold, fever, or flu like symptoms.
- ▶ Adult with controlled diabetes, asthma, HCVD/HBP.
- ▶ Murder
- ▶ Car accidents, work accidents, accidents at the home.
- ▶ Sometimes when requested by family.

The Medical Examiner (a forensic pathologist) generally uses one of four approaches to certify a death (to obtain information to complete the death certificate):

- **Sign-out.** The death certified after reviewing medical records and interview statements. This generally occurs after a physician certifies a death noting some injury, trauma, and/or toxicity was exhibited.
- **View.** A cursory examination is performed to further evaluate the case and rule out trauma or the need for further in-depth examination. A few simple case notes may be prepared.
- **External examination.** Formal external examination with a dictated report of the examination, usually including toxicology or chemistry tests as well.
- **Autopsy.** Complete postmortem examination with a dictated report.
- A **limited dissection** (partial autopsy) is sometimes performed if:
  - –there is expressed objection to autopsy or significant health or safety risks exist for staff, and,
  - –a complete autopsy need not be performed.

There are basic general "rules" for classifying manner of death:

- ▶ **Natural** deaths are due to a natural disease process, infection, virus, and/or the aging process.
- ▶ **Accidental** death occurs when an injury or poisoning causes death and there is little or no evidence that the injury or poisoning occurred with intent to harm or cause death. In essence, the fatal outcome was unintentional.
- ▶ **Suicide** results from an injury or poisoning as a result of an intentional self-inflicted act committed to do self harm or cause the death of one's self.
- ▶ **Homicide** occurs when death results from a volitional act committed by another person to cause fear, harm, or death. Intent to cause death is a common element but is not required for classification as homicide (more below). It is to be emphasized that the classification of homicide for the purposes of death certification is a "neutral" term and neither indicates nor implies *criminal* intent, which remains a determination within the province of legal processes.
- ▶ **Undetermined** or "could not be determined" is a classification used when the information pointing to one manner of death is no more compelling than one or more other competing manners of death, based on all available information.

In general, when death involves a combination of natural processes and external factors, such as injury or poisoning, preference is given to the non-natural manner of death.



## General Response

When a death is reported to DKME, the case is assigned a sequential case number.

Basic information is obtained on all cases reported. Medical Examiners Investigators, in consultation with the Medical Examiner as needed, make decisions about whether the case should be accepted or declined, if death scene investigation is required, and whether or not the body needs to be transported to the DeKalb County Medical Examiner's Forensic Science Center.

The Medical Examiner then makes decisions about the type of examination to be conducted and the extent of additional testing to be performed.

- ▶ For further information about Medical Examiners and death investigation, please see the website of the National Association of Medical Examiners at

[www.TheNAME.org](http://www.TheNAME.org)



**National Association of Medical Examiners**

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# DKME Budget and Staff

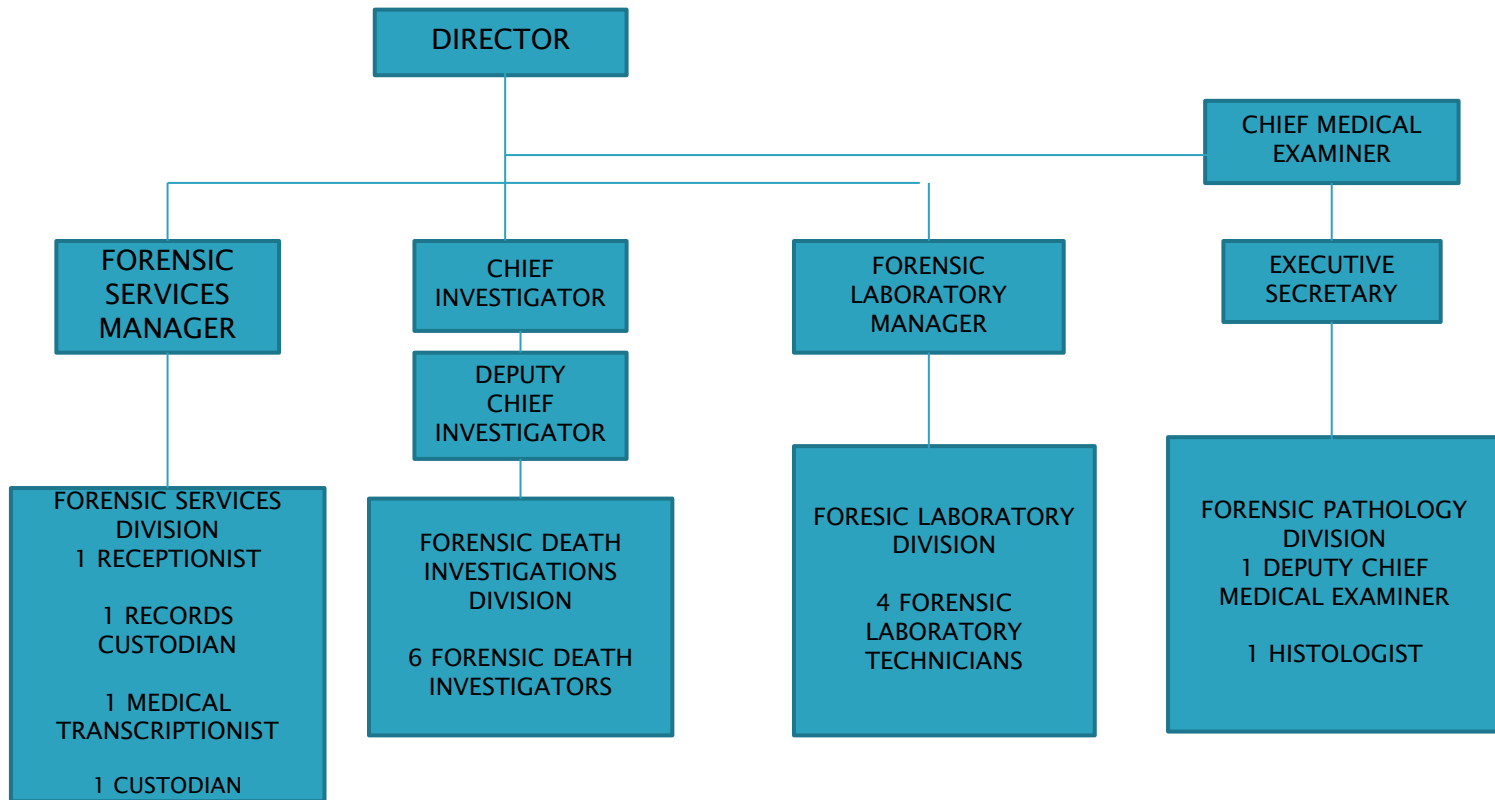
The 2016 operating budget was \$2.5 million.

The DKME staff consists of 24 employees:

- 1 Director
- 2 Full Time Medical Examiners
- 2 Investigative Supervisors (Chief and Deputy Chief)
- 6 Medical Examiner Investigators
- 1 Administrative Supervisor (Forensic Services Manager)
- 5 Administrative support staff
- 1 Forensic Laboratory Manager
- 5 forensic technicians and morgue support staff
- 1 facility support staff.



# Organizational chart



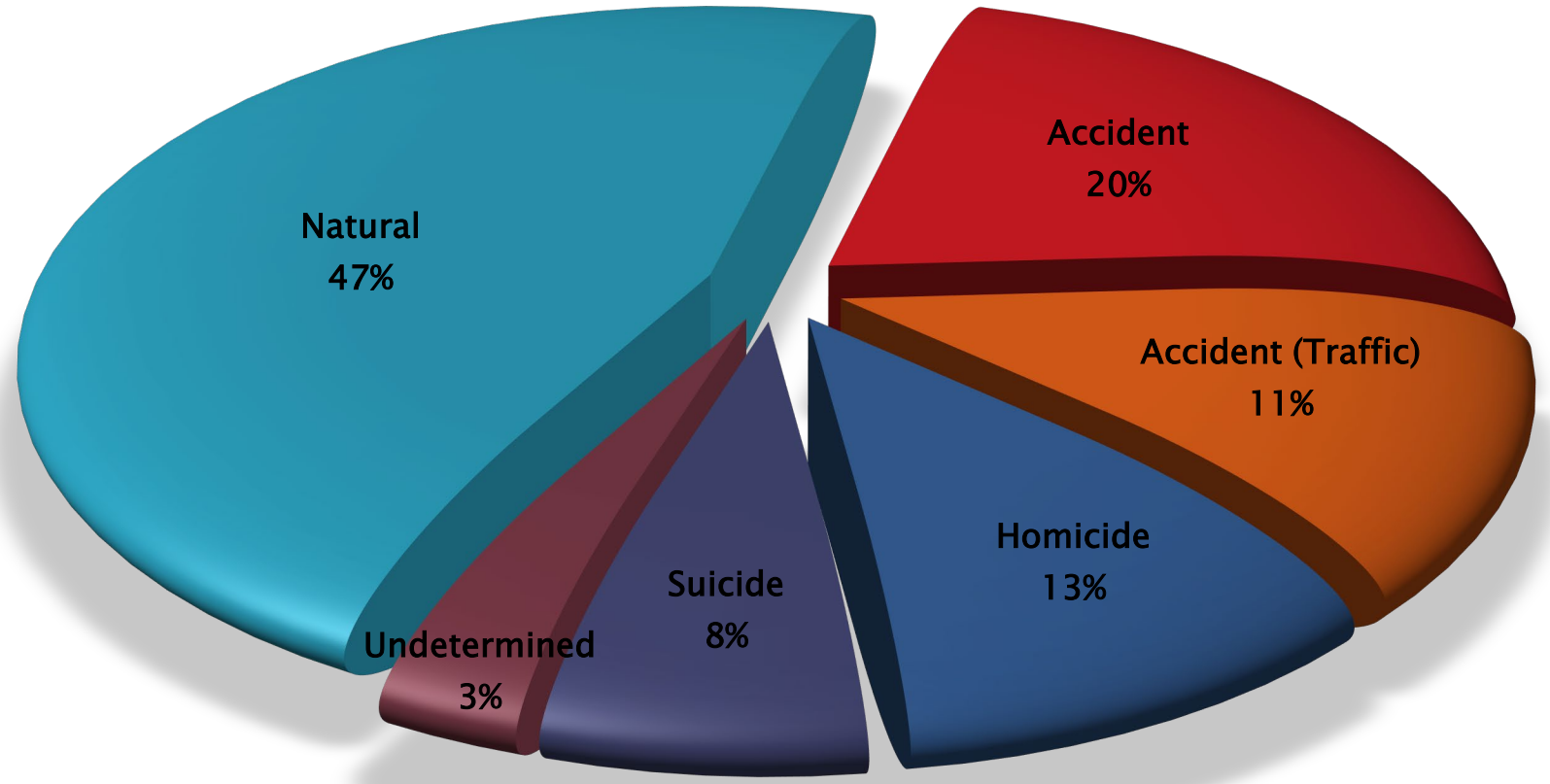
# All Reported Cases in 2016

There were 1727 unique deaths reported to the office.

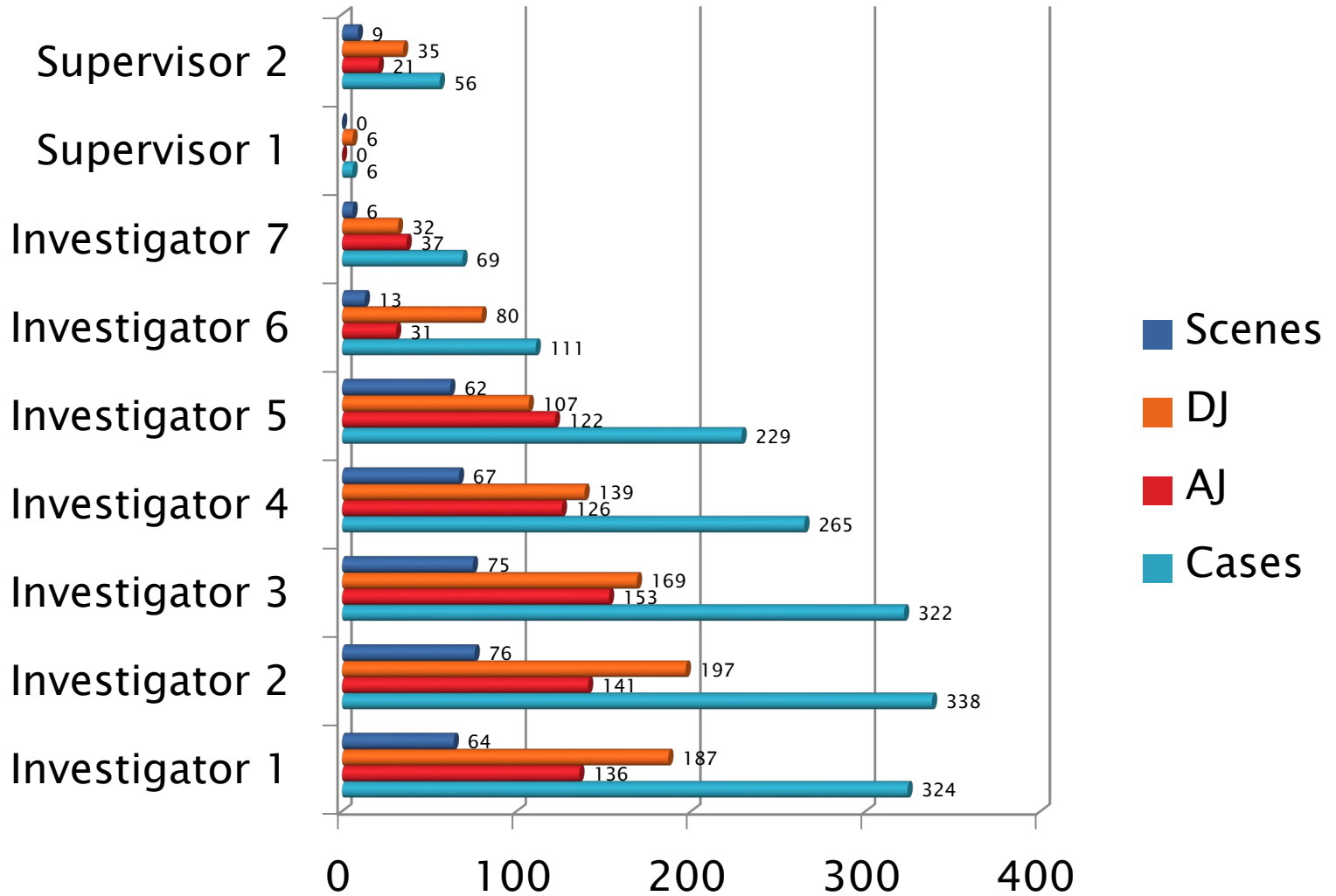
| <u>Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Manner of Death</u>            | <u>Frequency</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Accepted (AJ)       | ACCIDENT (Not Traffic Fatalities) | 150              |
|                     | ACCIDENT (Traffic Fatalities)     | 84               |
|                     | HOMICIDE                          | 102              |
|                     | NATURAL                           | 361              |
|                     | SUICIDE                           | 58               |
|                     | UNDETERMINED                      | 25               |
|                     | Cases still open from 2016        | 10               |
|                     | Total of Accepted Cases =         | 768              |
| Declined (DJ)       |                                   | 949              |
| AJ                  |                                   | 768              |
| TOTAL               |                                   | 1727             |

# Manners of Death

2016



# Investigator/Supervisor Case Load in 2016



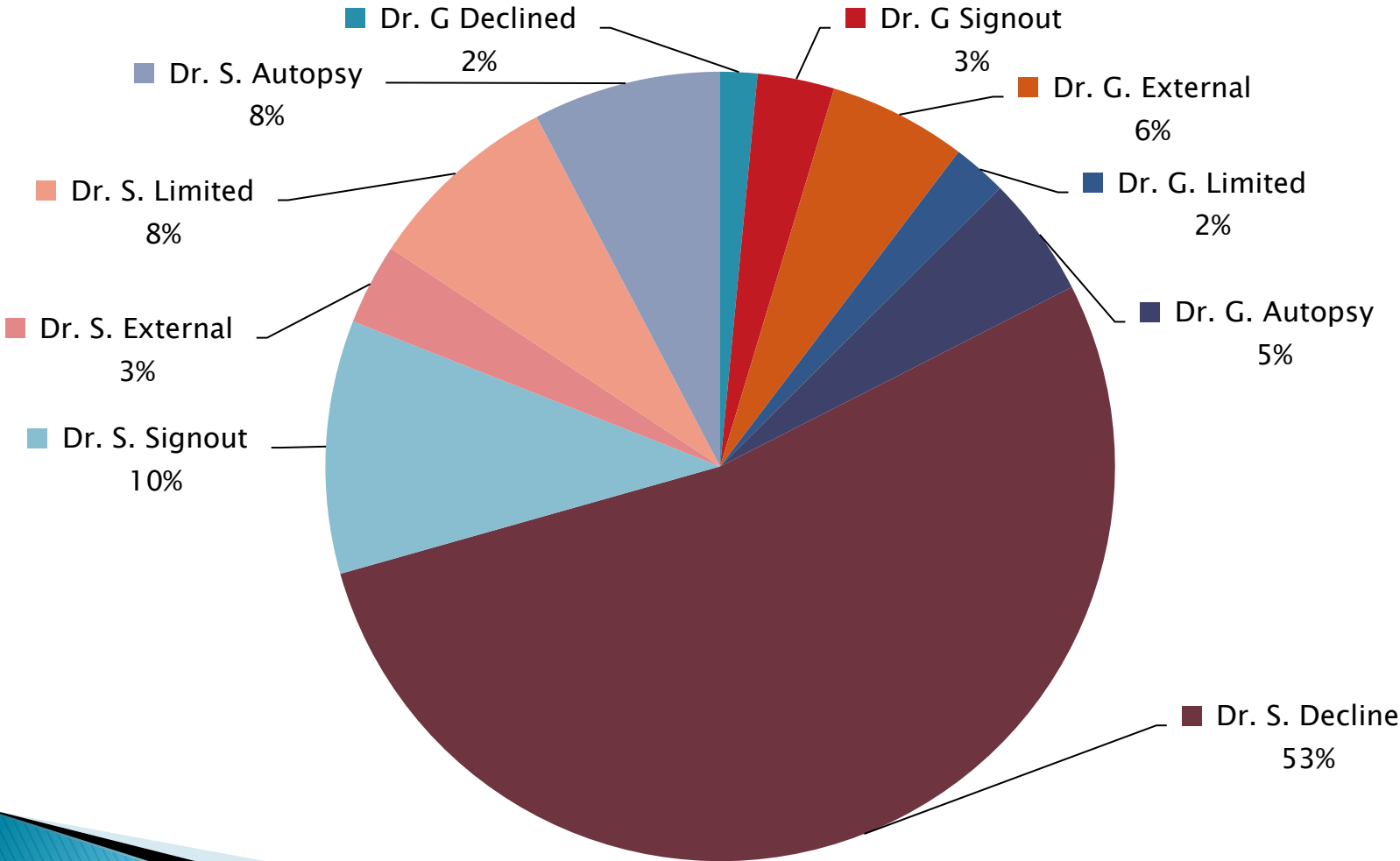
# Procedures on Accepted Cases

| MANNER           | PROCEDURE  |                       |                    |            | Total      |
|------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
|                  | Autopsy    | External PM Exam/View | Limited Dissection | Sign-out   |            |
| ACCIDENT         | 45         | 21                    | 36                 | 49         | <b>151</b> |
| TRAFFIC ACCIDENT | 4          | 42                    | 27                 | 11         | <b>84</b>  |
| HOMICIDE         | 102        | 0                     | 0                  | 0          | <b>102</b> |
| NATURAL          | 38         | 55                    | 99                 | 162        | <b>354</b> |
| SUICIDE          | 8          | 35                    | 12                 | 3          | <b>58</b>  |
| UNDETERMINED     | 20         | 1                     | 0                  | 4          | <b>25</b>  |
| (Pending Cases)  | 0          | 0                     | 0                  | 5          | 5          |
| <b>Total =</b>   | <b>217</b> | <b>154</b>            | <b>174</b>         | <b>234</b> | <b>779</b> |

# Procedure Totals for Each Medical Examiner

| <b>Medical Examiner</b>      | <b>Number of Cases</b> | <b>Procedure</b>          |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Geoffrey P. Smith, MD</b> | <b>178</b>             | <b>Sign-out</b>           |
| <b>Geoffrey P. Smith, MD</b> | <b>137</b>             | <b>Limited Dissection</b> |
| <b>Geoffrey P. Smith, MD</b> | <b>57</b>              | <b>External PM Exam</b>   |
| <b>Geoffrey P. Smith, MD</b> | <b>911</b>             | <b>Confirm DJ</b>         |
| <b>Geoffrey P. Smith, MD</b> | <b>132</b>             | <b>Autopsy</b>            |
| <b>Gerald T. Gowitt, MD</b>  | <b>54</b>              | <b>Sign-out</b>           |
| <b>Gerald T. Gowitt, MD</b>  | <b>38</b>              | <b>Limited Dissection</b> |
| <b>Gerald T. Gowitt, MD</b>  | <b>97</b>              | <b>External PM Exam</b>   |
| <b>Gerald T. Gowitt, MD</b>  | <b>26</b>              | <b>Confirm DJ</b>         |
| <b>Gerald T. Gowitt, MD</b>  | <b>85</b>              | <b>Autopsy</b>            |

# Pathologist Procedures



# Turnaround Times

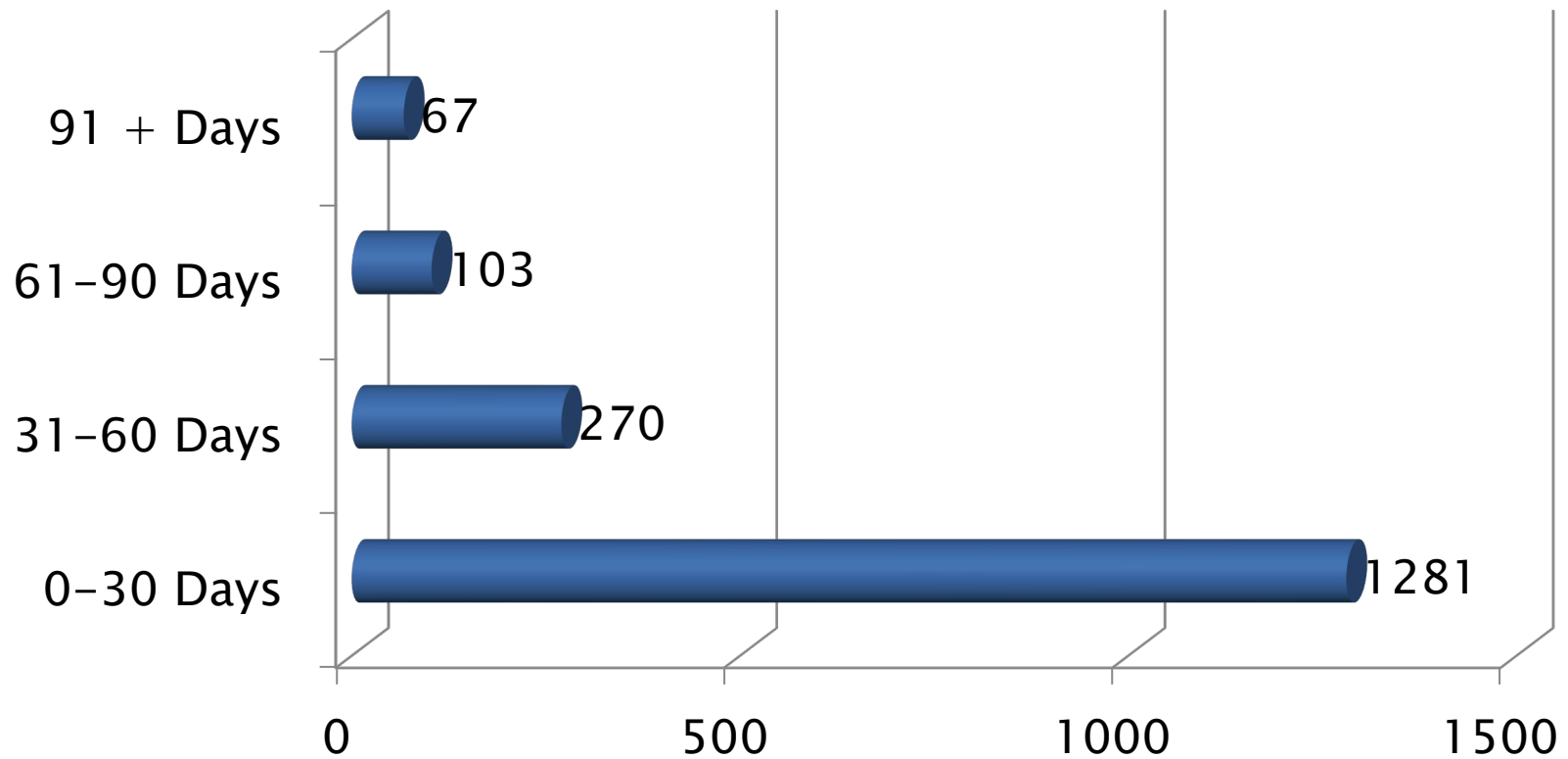
| Case Completion Times |                 |               |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Case Completion Times | Number of Cases | Percent       |
| 0-30 days             | 1281            | 74.43%        |
| 31-60 days            | 270             | 15.68%        |
| 61-90 days            | 103             | 5.98%         |
| 91 days and over      | 67              | 3.89%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>1721</b>     | <b>99.65%</b> |

Includes cases declined, which a Medical Examiner reviews to confirm jurisdiction.



# Turnaround Times

## Cases



# Police Jurisdiction for Reports of Death

| Police Jurisdiction       | ACCIDENT | ACCIDENT (Traffic) | HOMICIDE | SUICIDE | UNDETERMINED | NATURAL DEATHS |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| Atlanta PD                | 4        | 1                  | 2        | 1       | 0            | 21             |
| Avondale PD               | 0        | 0                  | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0              |
| Brookhaven PD             | 6        | 0                  | 3        | 5       | 1            | 9              |
| Chamblee PD               | 7        | 2                  | 5        | 2       | 3            | 10             |
| Clarkston PD              | 3        | 0                  | 0        | 0       | 0            | 6              |
| Decatur PD                | 1        | 0                  | 1        | 3       | 0            | 5              |
| DeKalb County Fire        | 2        | 0                  | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0              |
| DeKalb County PD          | 67       | 65                 | 90       | 43      | 15           | 156            |
| DeKalb County SO          | 0        | 0                  | 0        | 2       | 0            | 0              |
| Doraville PD              | 2        | 3                  | 0        | 1       | 0            | 7              |
| Dunwoody PD               | 5        | 1                  | 0        | 1       | 0            | 7              |
| Lithonia PD               | 0        | 1                  | 0        | 0       | 0            | 1              |
| Stone Mountain PD         | 0        | 0                  | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0              |
| *Other Reporting Agencies | 1        | 10                 | 0        | 0       | 0            | 4              |

**\*Includes other police jurisdictions such as GSP, MARTA, School Campus Police, other states, or nearby counties.**

|              | <=10     | 11-20     | 21-30     | 31-40     | 41-50     | 51-60    | 61-70    | 71+      | Age Unknown | Total      |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|
| AF           | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0          |
| AM           | 0        | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 2          |
| BF           | 2        | 3         | 1         | 4         | 1         | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 13         |
| BM           | 3        | 19        | 20        | 15        | 10        | 5        | 1        | 2        | 0           | 75         |
| HF           | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 2          |
| HM           | 0        | 0         | 4         | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1           | 6          |
| WF           | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0          |
| WM           | 0        | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 4          |
| Other        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b>    | <b>102</b> |

# Homicides

| Cause                  | Number Of Deaths |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Asphyxia-Strangulation | 5                |
| Asphyxia-Suffocation   | 1                |
| Blunt Force            | 6                |
| Gun                    | 55               |
| Gun-Assault            | 2                |
| Gun-Handgun            | 15               |
| Gun-Pistol             | 5                |
| Gun-Revolver           | 1                |
| Gun-Rifle              | 4                |
| Gun-Shotgun            | 2                |
| Malnourishment-Neglect | 1                |
| Sharp Instrument       | 3                |
| Sharp Instrument-Knife | 2                |

|              | <=10     | 11-20    | 21-30     | 31-40     | 41-50    | 51-60     | 61-70    | 71+      | Age Unknown | Total     |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| AF           | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0         |
| AM           | 0        | 1        | 1         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 4         |
| BF           | 0        | 1        | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0         | 1        | 0        | 0           | 5         |
| BM           | 0        | 1        | 7         | 3         | 3        | 2         | 2        | 0        | 0           | 18        |
| HF           | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0         |
| HM           | 0        | 1        | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 4         |
| WF           | 0        | 1        | 2         | 1         | 2        | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 8         |
| WM           | 0        | 0        | 3         | 4         | 3        | 7         | 2        | 0        | 0           | 19        |
| Other        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b> |             | <b>58</b> |

| Cause                | Number of Deaths |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Asphyxia-Hanging     | 21               |
| Drug Death-Poisoning | 5                |
| Gun                  | 6                |
| Gun-Handgun          | 15               |
| Gun-Pistol           | 8                |
| Gun-Revolver         | 1                |
| Gun-Rifle            | 2                |

# Suicides

|              | <=10     | 11-20    | 21-30     | 31-40     | 41-50     | 51-60     | 61-70    | 71+      | Age Unknown | Total     |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| AF           | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0         |
| AM           | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 1         |
| BF           | 0        | 2        | 0         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 3        | 1        | 1           | 14        |
| BM           | 1        | 3        | 13        | 12        | 6         | 7         | 5        | 0        | 0           | 47        |
| HF           | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 2         |
| HM           | 0        | 0        | 3         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 4         |
| WF           | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0        | 1        | 0           | 4         |
| WM           | 0        | 2        | 0         | 2         | 3         | 2         | 1        | 3        | 0           | 12        |
| Other        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b>    | <b>84</b> |

| Cause                  | Number of Deaths |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Blunt Force            | 2                |
| MARTA-Train            | 1                |
| MVA-Driver             | 30               |
| MVA-MotorcyclistDriver | 10               |
| MVA-Occupant           | 8                |
| MVA-Pedestrian         | 33               |

# Motor Vehicle Accidents

|              | <=10     | 11-20    | 21-30     | 31-40     | 41-50     | 51-60     | 61-70     | 71+       | Age Unknown | Total      |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| AF           | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0           | 1          |
| AM           | 0        | 0        | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0           | 3          |
| BF           | 0        | 0        | 2         | 5         | 2         | 4         | 2         | 5         | 0           | 20         |
| BM           | 0        | 0        | 5         | 5         | 8         | 4         | 6         | 7         | 0           | 35         |
| HF           | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          |
| HM           | 1        | 0        | 1         | 0         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0           | 8          |
| WF           | 0        | 0        | 4         | 3         | 1         | 6         | 4         | 15        | 0           | 33         |
| WM           | 1        | 2        | 9         | 10        | 5         | 4         | 2         | 17        | 0           | 50         |
| Other        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>47</b> |             | <b>150</b> |

# Accidents (Non-Traffic Related)

| Cause                     | Number of Deaths |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Aircraft                  | 1                |
| Asphyxia-Café Coronary    | 2                |
| Asphyxia-Hanging          | 1                |
| Blunt Force               | 7                |
| Cardiac                   | 1                |
| Drowning                  | 2                |
| Drug Death-Poisoning      | 75               |
| Drug Death-Poisoning+Dis  | 2                |
| Electrical                | 1                |
| Fall                      | 1                |
| Fall- Down Steps          | 5                |
| Fall-From Height          | 7                |
| Fall-From moving object   | 1                |
| Falls                     | 1                |
| Fall-Standing Height      | 29               |
| Fire death                | 7                |
| Gun-Pistol                | 1                |
| Hypothermia-Exogenous     | 4                |
| MVA-Occupant              | 1                |
| Poisoning-CO with no fire | 1                |

## 2016 Drug Deaths by Jurisdiction



DeKalb County Medical Examiner Office

## Atlanta Police Department

|                     |                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Total Deaths</b> |                  | 4             |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Gender</b>       |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b> | <b>Opioids</b>           | <b>Percentage</b> |  |
|                     | Male             | 4             | Cocaine              | 0.00%             | Tramadol                 | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | Female           | 0             | Heroin               | 50.00%            | Fentanyl                 | 25.00%            |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             | Methamphetamine      | 0.00%             | Hydrocodone              | 0.00%             |  |
| <b>Race</b>         |                  | <b>Totals</b> | Marijuana            | 0%                | Methadone                | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | White            | 4             | PCP                  | 0%                | Oxycodone                | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | African American | 0             |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
|                     | Hispanic         | 0             |                      |                   | Other Prescription Drugs | 25%               |  |
|                     | Asian            | 0             |                      |                   | Other                    | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Median Age</b>   |                  | 34            |                      |                   | Combined with Alcohol    | 25%               |  |

## Brookhaven Police Department

|                     |                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Total Deaths</b> |                  | 6             |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Gender</b>       |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b> | <b>Opioids</b>           | <b>Percentage</b> |  |
|                     | Male             | 3             | Cocaine              | 16.66%            | Tramadol                 | 33.33%            |  |
|                     | Female           | 3             | Heroin               | 16.66%            | Fentanyl                 | 16.66%            |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             | Methamphetamine      | 16.66%            | Hydrocodone              | 0.00%             |  |
| <b>Race</b>         |                  | <b>Totals</b> | Marijuana            | 0%                | Methadone                | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | White            | 6             | PCP                  | 0%                | Oxycodone                | 16.66%            |  |
|                     | African American | 0             |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
|                     | Hispanic         | 0             |                      |                   | Other Prescription Drugs | 33%               |  |
|                     | Asian            | 0             |                      |                   | Other                    | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |                      |                   |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Median Age</b>   |                  | 43            |                      |                   | Combined with Alcohol    | 33%               |  |



## Chamblee Police Department

|                     |                  |               |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Deaths</b> |                  | 5             |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
| <b>Gender</b>       |                  | <b>Totals</b> |  | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b> | <b>Opioids</b>                  | <b>Percentage</b> |
|                     | Male             | 3             |  | Cocaine              | 0.00%             | Morphine                        | 20.00%            |
|                     | Female           | 2             |  | Heroin               | 0.00%             | Fentanyl                        | 20.00%            |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |  | Methamphetamine      | 40.00%            | Hydrocodone                     | 20.00%            |
| <b>Race</b>         |                  | <b>Totals</b> |  | Marijuana            | 0%                | Methadone                       | 20.00%            |
|                     | White            | 3             |  | PCP                  | 0%                | Oxycodone                       | 20.00%            |
|                     | African American | 1             |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
|                     | Hispanic         | 1             |  |                      |                   | <b>Other Prescription Drugs</b> | 20%               |
|                     | Asian            | 0             |  |                      |                   | <b>Other</b>                    | 0.00%             |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
| <b>Median Age</b>   |                  | 45            |  |                      |                   | <b>Combined with Alcohol</b>    | 0%                |

## Clarkston Police Department

|                     |                  |               |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Deaths</b> |                  | 1             |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
| <b>Gender</b>       |                  | <b>Totals</b> |  | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b> | <b>Opioids</b>                  | <b>Percentage</b> |
|                     | Male             | 1             |  | Cocaine              | 0.00%             | Morphine                        | 0.00%             |
|                     | Female           | 0             |  | Heroin               | 100.00%           | Fentanyl                        | 0.00%             |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |  | Methamphetamine      | 0.00%             | Hydrocodone                     | 0.00%             |
| <b>Race</b>         |                  | <b>Totals</b> |  | Marijuana            | 0%                | Methadone                       | 0.00%             |
|                     | White            | 0             |  | PCP                  | 0%                | Oxycodone                       | 0.00%             |
|                     | African American | 0             |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
|                     | Hispanic         | 0             |  |                      |                   | <b>Other Prescription Drugs</b> | 0%                |
|                     | Asian            | 1             |  |                      |                   | <b>Other</b>                    | 0.00%             |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |  |                      |                   |                                 |                   |
| <b>Median Age</b>   |                  | 21            |  |                      |                   | <b>Combined with Alcohol</b>    | 100%              |

## DeKalb County Police Department

|                     |                  |               |                      |                              |                          |                   |  |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Total Deaths</b> |                  | 65            |                      |                              |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Gender</b>       |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b>            | <b>Opioids</b>           | <b>Percentage</b> |  |
|                     | Male             | 44            | Cocaine              | 33.84%                       | Morphine                 | 4.61%             |  |
|                     | Female           | 21            | Heroin               | 27.69%                       | Fentanyl                 | 10.76%            |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             | Methamphetamine      | 15.38%                       | Hydrocodone              | 7.69%             |  |
| <b>Race</b>         |                  | <b>Totals</b> | Marijuana            | 0%                           | Methadone                | 3.07%             |  |
|                     | White            | 33            | PCP                  | 0%                           | Oxycodone                | 16.92%            |  |
|                     | African American | 30            |                      |                              | U-47700                  | 1.53%             |  |
|                     | Hispanic         | 2             |                      |                              | Other Prescription Drugs | 37%               |  |
|                     | Asian            | 0             |                      |                              | Other                    | 1.53%             |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |                      |                              |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Median Age</b>   |                  | 42            |                      | <b>Combined with Alcohol</b> |                          | 20%               |  |

## Doraville Police Department

|                     |                  |               |                      |                              |                          |                   |  |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Total Deaths</b> |                  | 1             |                      |                              |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Gender</b>       |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b>            | <b>Opioids</b>           | <b>Percentage</b> |  |
|                     | Male             | 1             | Cocaine              | 0.00%                        | Morphine                 | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | Female           | 0             | Heroin               | 0.00%                        | Fentanyl                 | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             | Methamphetamine      | 100.00%                      | Hydrocodone              | 0.00%             |  |
| <b>Race</b>         |                  | <b>Totals</b> | Marijuana            | 0%                           | Methadone                | 100.00%           |  |
|                     | White            | 1             | PCP                  | 0%                           | Oxycodone                | 100.00%           |  |
|                     | African American | 0             |                      |                              |                          |                   |  |
|                     | Hispanic         | 0             |                      |                              | Other Prescription Drugs | 0%                |  |
|                     | Asian            | 0             |                      |                              | Other                    | 0.00%             |  |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |                      |                              |                          |                   |  |
| <b>Median Age</b>   |                  | 50            |                      | <b>Combined with Alcohol</b> |                          | 100%              |  |

| <b>Dunwoody Police Department</b> |                  |               |                      |                   |                                     |                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Deaths</b>               |                  | 3             |                      |                   |                                     |                   |
| <b>Gender</b>                     |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b> | <b>Opioids</b>                      | <b>Percentage</b> |
|                                   | Male             | 2             | Cocaine              | 33.33%            | Morphine                            | 0.00%             |
|                                   | Female           | 1             | Heroin               | 0.00%             | Fentanyl                            | 100.00%           |
|                                   | Unknown          | 0             | Methamphetamine      | 0.00%             | Hydrocodone                         | 0.00%             |
| <b>Race</b>                       |                  | <b>Totals</b> | Marijuana            | 0%                | Methadone                           | 0.00%             |
|                                   | White            | 3             | PCP                  | 0%                | Oxycodone                           | 0.00%             |
|                                   | African American | 0             |                      |                   | U-47700                             | 33.33%            |
|                                   | Hispanic         | 0             |                      |                   | <b>Other Prescription Drugs</b> 33% |                   |
|                                   | Asian            | 0             |                      |                   | <b>Other</b>                        | %                 |
|                                   | Unknown          | 0             |                      |                   |                                     |                   |
| <b>Median Age</b>                 |                  | 33            |                      |                   | <b>Combined with Alcohol</b> 0%     |                   |

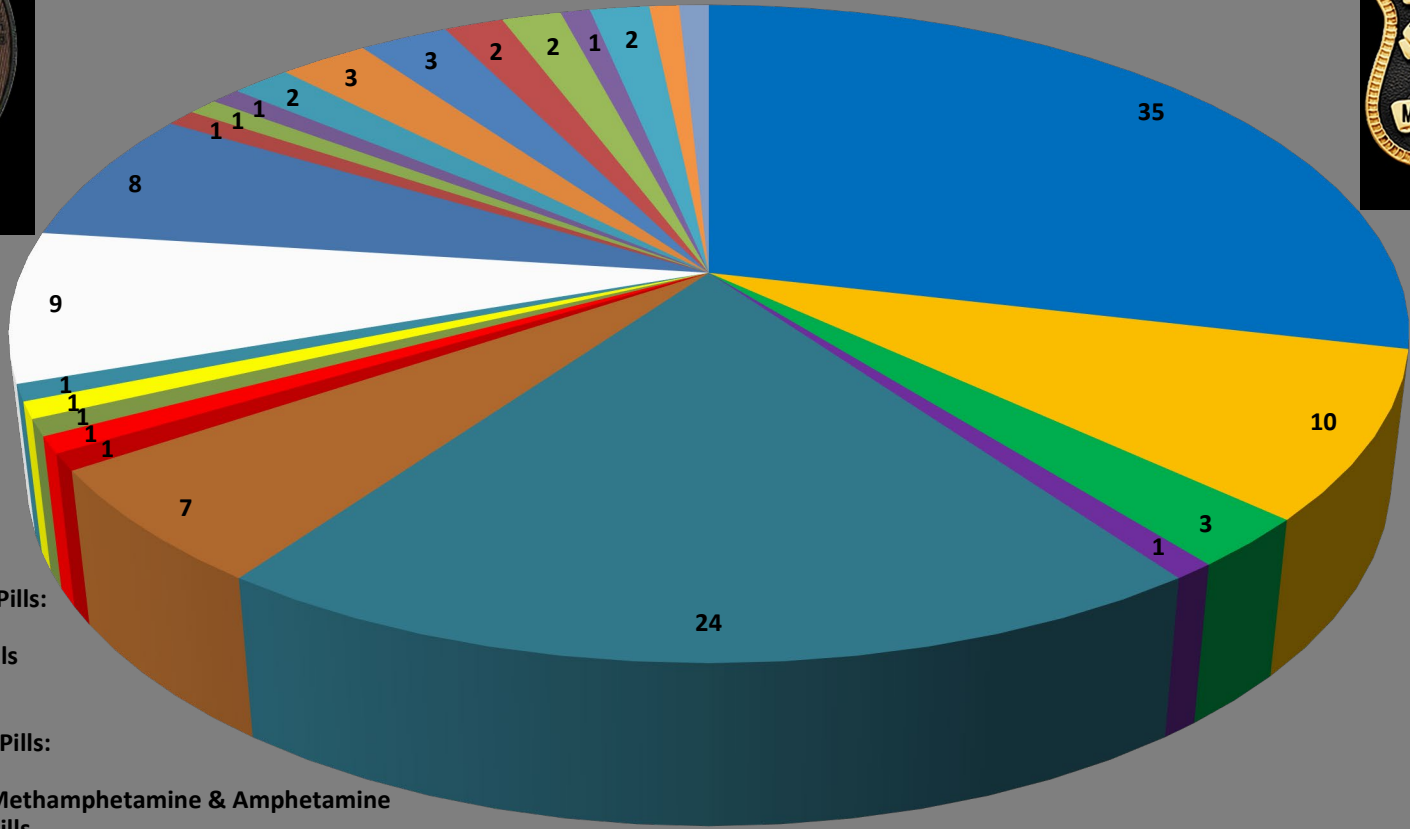
| <b>Pine Lake Police Department</b> |                  |               |                      |                   |                                      |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Deaths</b>                |                  | 1             |                      |                   |                                      |                   |
| <b>Gender</b>                      |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Illicit Drugs</b> | <b>Percentage</b> | <b>Opioids</b>                       | <b>Percentage</b> |
|                                    | Male             | 1             | Cocaine              | 0.00%             | Morphine                             | 0.00%             |
|                                    | Female           | 0             | Heroin               | 0.00%             | Fentanyl                             | 0.00%             |
|                                    | Unknown          | 0             | Methamphetamine      | 0.00%             | Hydrocodone                          | 0.00%             |
| <b>Race</b>                        |                  | <b>Totals</b> | Marijuana            | 0%                | Methadone                            | 0.00%             |
|                                    | White            | 1             | PCP                  | 0%                | Oxycodone                            | 0.00%             |
|                                    | African American | 0             |                      |                   | <b>Other Prescription Drugs</b> 100% |                   |
|                                    | Hispanic         | 0             |                      |                   | <b>Other</b>                         | 0.00%             |
|                                    | Asian            | 0             |                      |                   |                                      |                   |
|                                    | Unknown          | 0             |                      |                   |                                      |                   |
| <b>Median Age</b>                  |                  | 28            |                      |                   | <b>Combined with Alcohol</b> 0%      |                   |

# DeKalb County Medical Examiner

|                     |                  |               |                        |                   |                                 |                   |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Deaths</b> |                  | <b>87</b>     |                        |                   |                                 |                   |
| <b>Gender</b>       |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Illicit Drugs</b>   | <b>Percentage</b> | <b>Opioids</b>                  | <b>Percentage</b> |
|                     | Male             | 58            |                        | Cocaine<br>26.43% | Morphine<br>3.44%               |                   |
|                     | Female           | 29            |                        | Heroin<br>25.28%  | Fentanyl<br>13.79%              |                   |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             | <b>Methamphetamine</b> | 14.94%            | Hydrocodone<br>6.89%            |                   |
| <b>Race</b>         |                  | <b>Totals</b> | <b>Marijuana</b>       | 0%                | <b>Methadone</b>                | 4.59%             |
|                     | White            | 52            | <b>PCP</b>             | 0%                | <b>Oxycodone</b>                | 13.79%            |
|                     | African American | 31            |                        |                   | <b>Tramadol</b>                 | 2.29%             |
|                     | Hispanic         | 3             |                        |                   | <b>U-47700</b>                  | 2.29%             |
|                     | Asian            | 1             |                        |                   | <b>Other Prescription Drugs</b> | 44.82%            |
|                     | Unknown          | 0             |                        |                   | <b>Other</b>                    | 1.14%             |
| <b>Median Age</b>   |                  | <b>41</b>     |                        |                   | <b>Combined with Alcohol</b>    | 19.54%            |

**DeKalb County Total: 87 Year to Date**

# 2016 Drug Related Deaths



- Alcohol:
- Alcohol & Prescription Pills:
- Alcohol & Cocaine:
- Alcohol & Cocaine & Pills
- Prescription Pills:
- Cocaine
- Cocaine & Prescription Pills:
- Cocaine & Fentanyl
- Cocaine & Fentanyl & Methamphetamine & Amphetamine
- Cocaine & Fentanyl & Pills
- Cocaine & Methamphetamine
- Heroin:
- Heroin & Cocaine
- Heroin & Alcohol
- Heroin & Prescription Pills:
- Heroin & Alcohol & Pills:
- Heroin & Methamphetamine & Pills:
- Methamphetamine:
- Methamphetamine & Prescription Pills
- Fentanyl:
- Fentanyl & U-47700
- Fentanyl & Methamphetamine & Pills
- Fentanyl & Pills & Alcohol
- Fentanyl & Methamphetamine & Pills & Alcohol
- Other/ Unk:

**Total 2016  
Deaths: 122**

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