

Bay County's Medical Examiner investigates the cause and manner of sudden and unexpected, accidental, violent and suspicious deaths in Bay County. Bay County Medical Examiner, Dr. Howard Hurt, D.O., provides a very important service by identifying the cause of these types of deaths. This information is helpful in planning efforts to prevent early deaths and improve the community's health.

| Autopsied Deaths | | | |
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| Dr. Howard Hurt, Medical Examiner | | | |
| AGE | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| 0-10 yrs. | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 11-20 yrs. | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| 21-30 yrs. | 6 | 14 | 8 |
| 31-40 yrs. | 14 | 16 | 18 |
| 41-50 yrs. | 22 | 20 | 16 |
| 51-60 yrs. | 16 | 25 | 25 |
| 61-70 yrs. | 10 | 16 | 16 |
| 71+ | 13 | 7 | 3 |
| Total | 88 | 107 | 87 |
| Gender | | | |
| Male | 57 | 78 | 61 |
| Female | 31 | 29 | 26 |
| Cause of Death | | | |
| Blunt Force Trauma - Total | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto Accident • Industrial • Falls | 6 (1 motor cycle) (1 pedestrian/auto) | 9 (3 motor cycle) | 5 |
| Liver Disease | 19 | 8 | 3 |
| Homicide | 2 | 1 | - |
| Hanging | 1 | 4 (1 Not Autopsied) | - |
| Cardiovascular | 42 | 39 | 51 |
| Drug Overdose | 18 | 25 | 27 |
| Gunshot | 5 | 6 (5 Not Autopsied) | 3 |
| Drowning | 1 | 1 | - |
| Pulmonary Embolism | - | 4 | 4 |
| Cancer | - | - | 1 |
| Hypothermia | - | - | 2 |
| Manner of Death | | | |
| Accidental | 21 | 26 (6 Not Autopsied) | 10 |
| Homicide | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Indeterminate | 20 | 25 (1 Not Autopsied) | 22 |
| Natural | 39 | 54 | 45 |
| Suicide | 6 | 12 (4 Not Autopsied) | 15 |
| Alcohol/Drug Involved | | | |
| Alcohol | 15 | 11 | 3 |
| Cocaine | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Hydrocodone | 4 | 6 | - |
| Methadone | 4 | 5 | - |
| Morphine | 7 | 3 | - |
| Oxycodone | 2 | 0 | - |
| Fentanyl/Carfentanyl | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| Morphine/Heroin | - | 4 | 12 |
| Cannabinoids | - | - | 3 |