

# CORONER OF WAYNE COUNTY

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2022

## 619 TOTAL CASES REFERRED TO CORONER

DEATHS INVESTIGATED FOR IRREVERSIBLE DISPOSITION (CREMATION/DONATION)	391
DEATHS INVESTIGATED AND CERTIFIED BY CORONER	70
DEATHS INVESTIGATED BY CORONER AND RELEASED TO ATTENDING MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR CERTIFICATION	157
PERMISSION GIVEN TO VITAL RECORDS FOR CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN	1
POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS	23

SUMMARY TO FOLLOW:

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**2022 DEATHS INVESTIGATED & CERTIFIED BY THE CORONER**

**41 NATURAL**

Acute Cardiopulmonary Failure due to Chronic Ischemic Heart Disease due to Chronic Kidney Disease due to Diabetes Mellitus	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Diabetes Mellitus Type II due to Hypertension	1
Acute Pneumonia	1
Aortic Stenosis due to Coronary Artery Disease due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease due to Obesity	1
Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	2
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	3
Cardiac Arrest due to Hypoxia due to Asthma	1
Cardiac Dysrhythmia	1
Cardiorespiratory Arrest due to Coronary Artery Disease due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease due to Hypercholesterolemia	1
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease due to Emphysema due to Tobacco Use	1
Complications of Mediastinal Mass	1
Covid-19	1
Failure to Thrive due to Dementia due to Advanced Age	1
Failure to Thrive due to Neurocognitive Disorder	1
Hemorrhagic & Hypovolemic Shock due to Chest Wall Hematoma due to Cardiac Arrest due to Anoxic Brain Injury	1
Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	1
Malignant Neoplasm of the Lung	1
Metastatic Cancer due to Malignant Neoplasm of Lung	1
Metastatic Kidney Cancer	1
Metastatic Squamous Cell Carcinoma	1

Multiorgan Failure due to Septic Shock due to Acute Renal Failure due to Alcohol Abuse	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Congestive Heart Failure	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Hypertension due to Diabetes Mellitus due to Sleep Apnea	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Tobacco Use	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency	2
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Atrial Fibrillation due to Alcohol Dependence	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Diabetes Mellitus	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Diabetes Mellitus Type II due to Medical Non-Compliance	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Diabetes Mellitus Type II due to Morbid Obesity due to Medical Non-Compliance	1
Probable Pulmonary Embolism	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Chronic Liver Disease	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Coronary Artery Disease	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Hypertension due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Peripheral Arterial Disease due to Hypertension	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Probable Covid	1
Type II Diabetes Mellitus due to Alcohol Abuse due to Medical Non-Compliance	1

## 20 ACCIDENT

Asphyxia due to Blunt Force Trauma due to Tree Cutting Accident	1
Asphyxia due to Hanging	1
Asphyxia due to Mechanical Compression due to All Terrain Vehicle Accident	1
Blunt Force Head Injuries due to Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Blunt Force Injuries due to Aviation Crash	1
Blunt Force Injuries due to Motorcycle Accident	1
Blunt Force Injuries due to Motor Vehicle Collision	1
Bupropion Toxicity	1
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning due to Vehicle Fire due to Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl and Gabapentin	1
Combined Toxic Effects of Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Acetyl Fentanyl, Lorazepam, and Duloxetine	1
Epidural Hematoma due to Odontoid Fracture due to Fall	1
Fentanyl Toxicity	1

Fentanyl and Methamphetamine Toxicity	1
Intracerebral Hemorrhage due to Traumatic Fall	1
Mixed Drug Intoxication Complicating Acute Pneumonia and Acute Esophageal Necrosis	1
Mixed Drug Toxicity (Including Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, MDMA)	1
Multiple Blunt Force Trauma due to Motor Vehicle Collision	1
Pharmacologic Effects of Diphenhydramine and Sertraline Complicated by Multifactorial Cardiovascular Disease	1
Pharmacologic Effects of Fluoxetine, Diphenhydramine, Dextromethorphan, and Ethanol	1

**9 SUICIDE**

Asphyxia due to Hanging	2
Gunshot Wound to the Abdomen	1
Gunshot Wound to the Chest	1
Gunshot Wound to the Head	5

**HOMICIDE**

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**PENDING**

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December 31, 2022

**2022 Annual COVID DEATH REPORT**

SUBJECT: COVID-19 CORONER UPDATE

The following represents deaths which have occurred in Wayne County of individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 and died as a result of the virus in 2022. This data includes ONLY deaths that were reported to and investigated by this office. This data does not include "probable," "suspected," or "negative" cases. While the Department of Health compiles death data based on county of residence, this office compiles data based on deaths occurring within our geographical county jurisdiction.

COVID-19 Wayne County Coroner Death Data (COVID-19 DEATHS OCCURRING IN WAYNE COUNTY)					
Date of Death	Age	Gender	Race	Wayne County Location of Death	County of Residence
Jan. 1, 2022	57	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Jan. 9, 2022	62	Male	White	Hospital	Wayne
Jan. 9, 2022	63	Female	White	Hospital	Pike
Jan. 9, 2022	74	Male	White	Residence, Lebanon Twp.	Wayne
Jan. 10, 2022	73	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Jan. 12, 2022	84	Male	White	Hospital	Wayne
Jan. 13, 2022	67	Male	White	Hospital	Wayne
Jan. 13, 2022	82	Male	White	Hospital	Wayne
Jan. 14, 2022	61	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Jan. 23, 2022	58	Male	White	Hospital	Lackawanna
Jan. 28, 2022	99	Male	White	Hospital	Lackawanna
Jan. 30, 2022	95	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Jan. 31, 2022	70	Female	Black	Hospital	Wayne
Feb. 02, 2022	94	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Feb. 11, 2022	87	Male	White	Hospital	Wayne
Feb. 12, 2022	71	Female	White	Hospital	Pike
Feb. 16, 2022	82	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Mar. 16, 2022	55	Male	White	Hospital	Wayne
Mar. 16, 2022	92	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Mar. 17, 2022	72	Male	White	Hospital	Lackawanna
Apr. 14, 2022	49	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Apr. 24, 2022	83	Male	White	Hospital	Wayne
May 24, 2022	78	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
June 27, 2022	80	Male	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Sept. 09, 2022	78	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Sept. 11, 2022	92	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Sept. 19, 2022	87	Male	White	Hospital	Pike
Sept. 27, 2022	82	Male	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Sept. 29, 2022	80	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Oct. 06, 2022	96	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Oct. 13, 2022	95	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Oct. 25, 2022	71	Female	White	Residence, Honesdale Borough	Wayne
Oct. 27, 2022	86	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne
Nov. 21, 2022	97	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Dec. 01, 2022	83	Female	White	Hospital	Wayne
Dec. 20, 2022	74	Female	White	Nursing Home	Wayne

Annual Total: 36 Cases

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**While the Coroner's annual report is a statistical review of the year's activities, it is important to keep in perspective the fact that these numbers are not just statistics. Each number represents an individual whose death may well have touched the lives of many other county residents. The goals and responsibilities of this office include maintaining the dignity of the deceased, providing complete and factual information to the families in a prompt and courteous manner, and making every effort to respect the privacy of the survivors. The information contained in this report is not intended to identify individuals, but rather to inform the public of our activities during the past year.**