

Alpena County Medical Examiner



2022 Annual Report

MidMichigan Medical Examiner Group

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Message to the Board of Commissioners and Citizens of Alpena County

The mission of the Mid Michigan Medical Examiner Group (MMMEG) is to provide competent, quality, and compassionate service in determining the cause and manner of death in all unexpected circumstances. MMMEG serves all those who die in Alpena County, their families, and other associated agencies in the investigation of unusual and unexplained deaths.

The Medical Examiner's office continues to provide seamless cooperation with law enforcement on the most serious cases, ensuring quality investigation and case completion.

We would like to thank the Board of Commissioners and Administration of Alpena County for its continuous support in this department and the service provided.

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Types of Deaths Reportable to the Medical Examiner

The Michigan County Medical Examiner Law, Act 181, P.A. of 1953, as amended, and the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368, P.A. of 1978, as amended, mandates that specific types of death be referred to the Medical Examiner for investigation (see list below). These deaths include sudden and unexpected deaths, accidental deaths, and violent deaths. The medical examiner has the authority under these Acts to order an autopsy at any time it is deemed necessary to determine or confirm the cause and manner of death.

Deaths Reportable to the Medical Examiner:

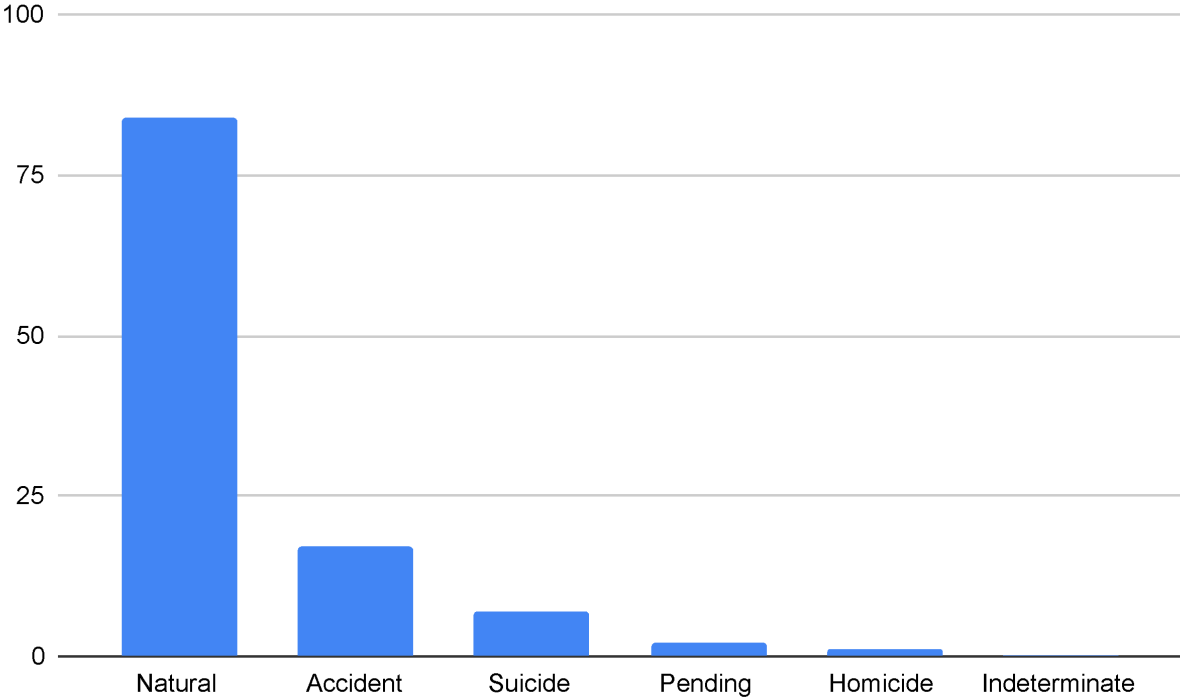
- Violent death (e.g., strangulation, gunshot, stabbing, poisoning, etc.)
- Accidental deaths (e.g., falls, drowning, motor vehicle collisions, burns, overdose, etc.)
- Death of a prisoner (e.g., deaths in any county or city jail while imprisoned or in custody).
- Suspicious Circumstances (e.g., Unidentified Bodies or events surrounding death)
- Sudden and Unexpected deaths (e.g., all deaths during a surgical procedure, in recovery, anesthesia-related, unexpected natural death, occupational-related deaths)*
- Without medical attendance within 48 hours of death:
 - In cases of chronic illness, the attending physician may sign the death certificate if s/he can be reasonably certain of the cause of death.
 - Death of a mother due to an abortion.
 - Unexpected infant deaths

The medical examiner may order an autopsy for any of the reportable deaths listed above.

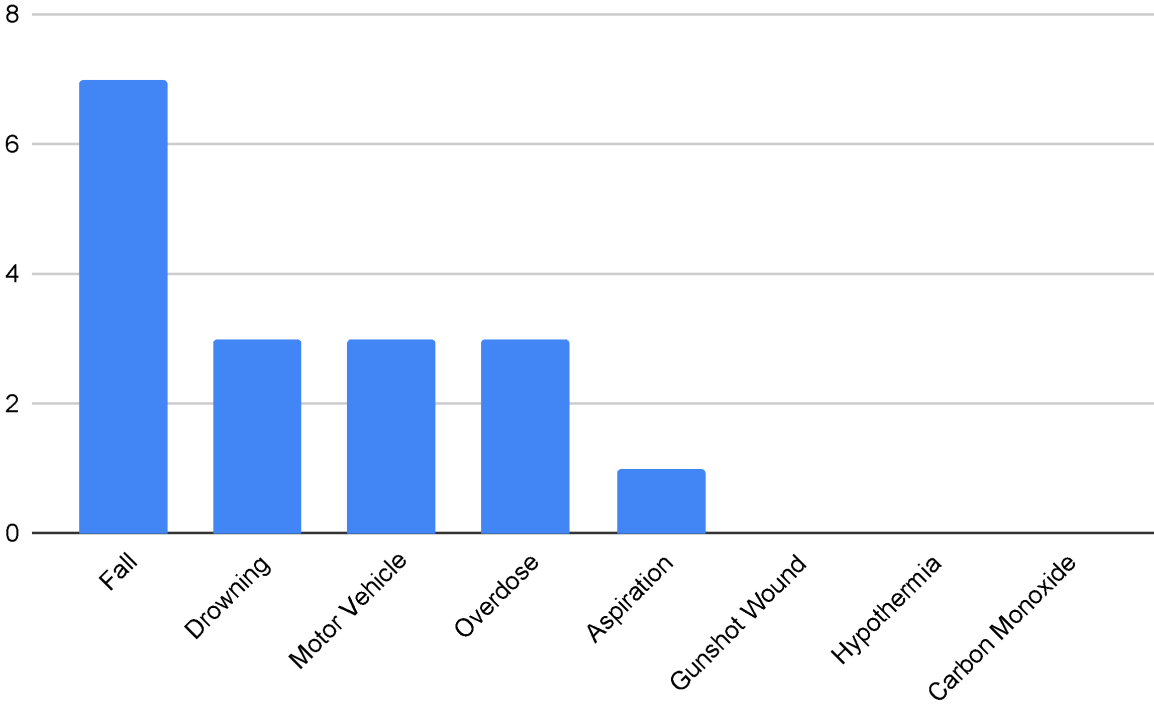
Alpena County Medical Examiner Cases

Population	28,803
Cases Reported to Medical Examiner	111
Number of deaths certified after Autopsy	6
Number of deaths certified after Toxicology	16
Cases reviewed for cremation release	328
Unclaimed Bodies	1
Unidentified Bodies	0
Exhumations	0

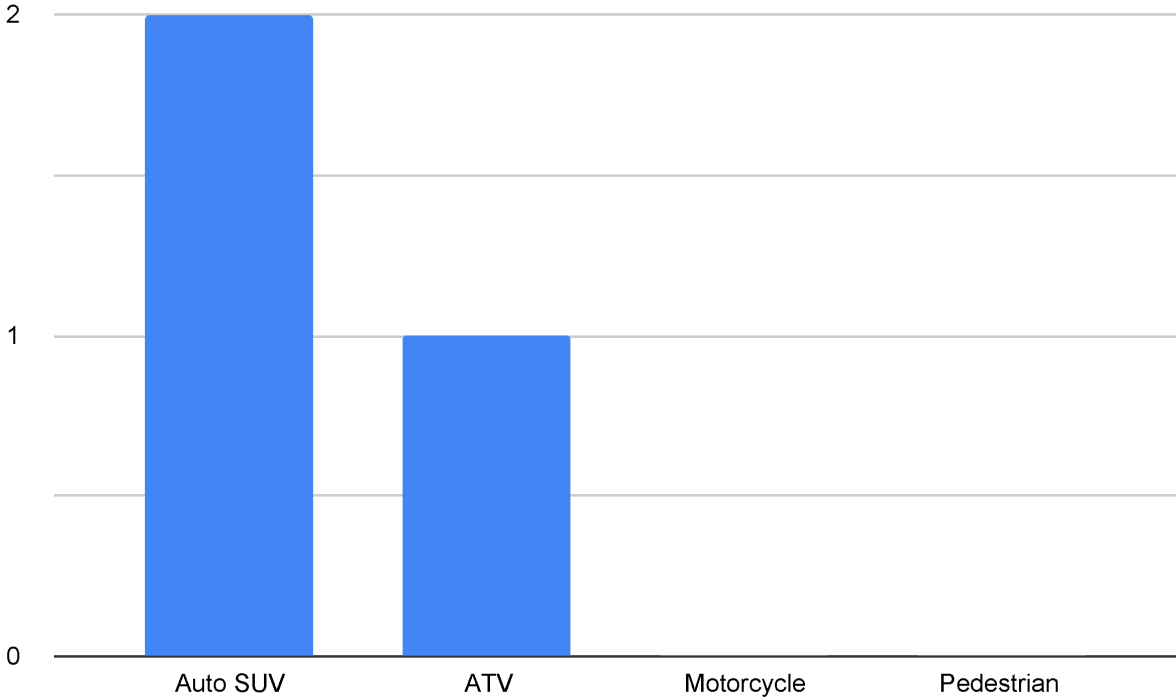
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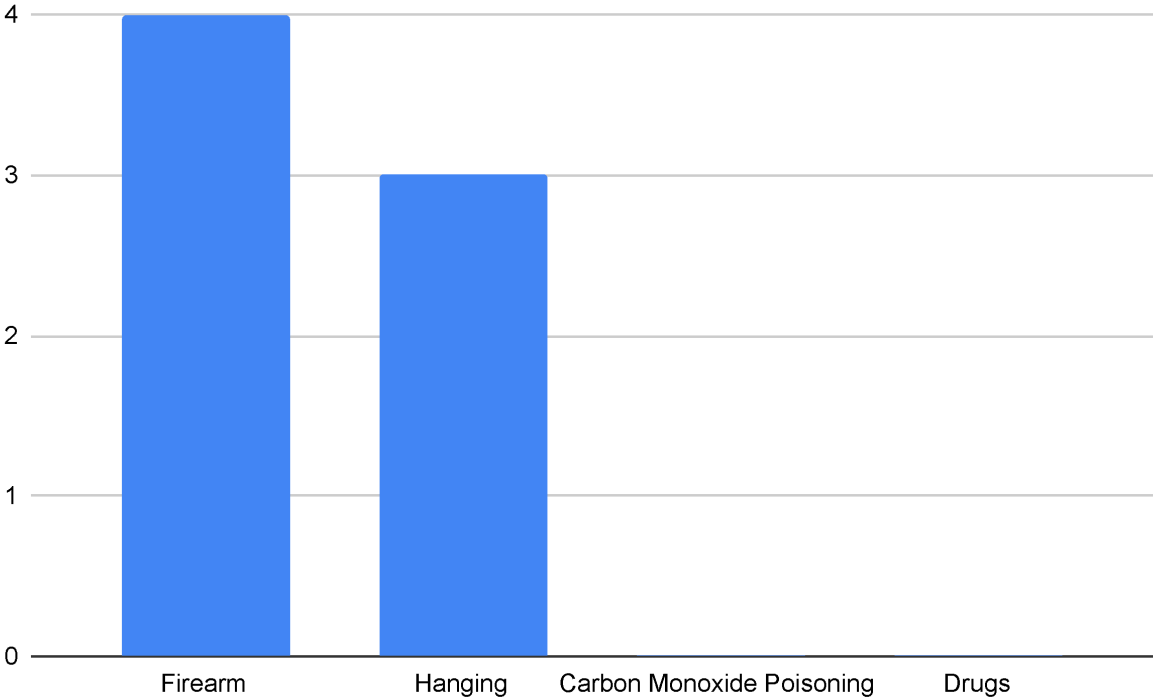
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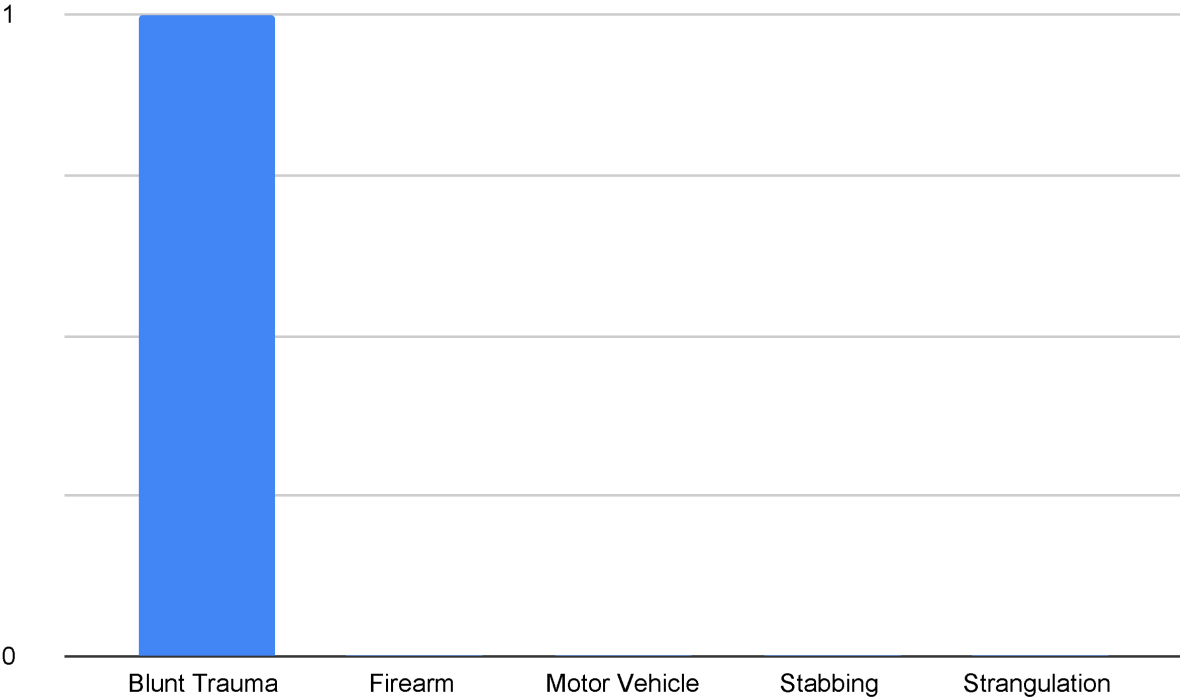
Accidental Death-Motor Vehicle Crashes



Suicide by Means

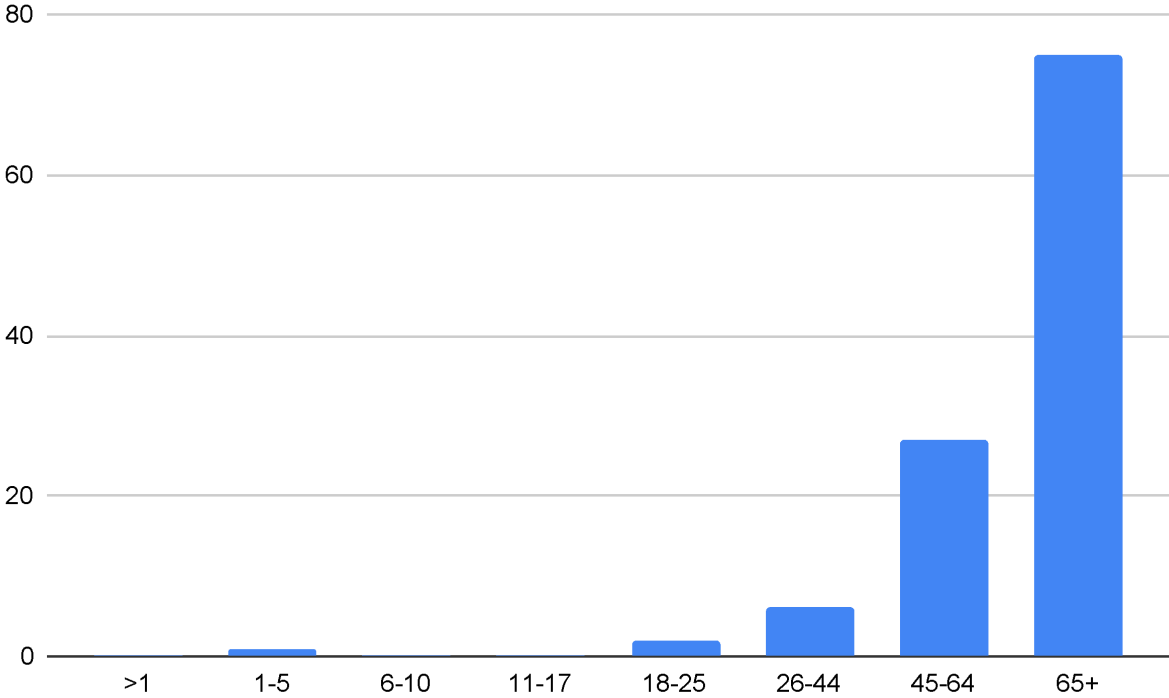


Homicide Deaths



Homicide Details-July 22nd-2 year old-White-Female

Cases by Age Group



Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donations

Alpena County "5"
Successful Qualifiers for
Donation in 2022

ONE organ & tissue donor can **SAVE 8 LIVES** and **RESTORE** health to over **75** others

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