



Santa Cruz County Coroner - Annual Data Sheet

Data Point	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Inquiry/Reportable Deaths	74	42	43	40	35	28	29	43	24	31	33	53	475
Coroner Cases	28	31	25	25	26	24	24	27	20	20	17	26	293
Total Number of Deaths Reported	102	73	68	65	61	52	53	70	44	51	50	78	767
Full Autopsies	18	21	18	17	17	15	20	18	15	14	11	19	203
Partial Autopsies	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
External Examinations	13	6	8	8	10	6	5	10	4	6	7	5	88
Homicide Deaths	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Accidental Deaths	13	7	12	7	12	7	15	9	5	8	8	11	114
MVA Deaths	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	0	2	20
Natural Deaths	7	14	8	13	8	12	6	10	6	6	5	12	107
Suicide Deaths	6	7	1	2	3	3	1	6	4	2	3	0	38
Undetermined Deaths	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	8
Unidentified Remains	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Toxicology Cases	21	28	16	20	22	21	19	24	20	16	11	24	242
Organ & Tissue Donations	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	10
Pathologist Reports	38	5	34	12	25	28	21	28	23	26	23	14	277
Scene Investigations	32	29	21	24	20	21	18	24	22	20	17	21	269
Bodies Transported by Coroner	37	30	26	28	29	25	25	31	25	23	23	27	329
Bodies Transported by Other	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	13
Indigent Remains	6	5	2	6	5	0	2	3	0	0	2	4	35
Unclaimed Remains	2	2	2	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	15
Outside Jurisdiction Autopsies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital Autopsies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exhumations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The County of Santa Cruz is a county on the Pacific coast of the State of California with a population of 272,000 residents. The county is 445 square miles and includes both urban, beach and rural communities.

The Santa Cruz County Coroner's Office serves the entirety of the county, including the four incorporated cities (Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Scotts Valley, and Capitola). The Coroner's office is a part of the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office and operates under both state and county laws.

It is the goal of the Santa Cruz County Coroner's Office to provide factual and compassionate medicolegal death investigations in a timely manner. The objective of the office is to determine cause and manner of death in those cases accepted by the office for investigation and review. The Coroner's Office understands the need to provide accurate and timely service to the community and the families of the deceased.