

TIPPECANOE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

2021 Monthly REPORT



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Annual Report covers data that resulted from the 384 reported deaths that were investigated in Tippecanoe County during the calendar year (CY) 2020. The report also presents key agency accomplishments and other agency information, such as investigation criteria description, department functions, organ/tissue donation participation, educational endeavors, and community involvement. The TCCO intends for the information in the report to be useful to community leaders and the public at large. The data presented within this report represents deaths occurring within Tippecanoe County, for which the TCCO has jurisdiction. The data does not represent ALL deaths of Tippecanoe County residents. The decedent's place of residence or location of injury may be outside of the county.

Our Values:

INTEGRITY. The TCCO shows integrity through an office culture founded on pride and peer accountability, where members will maintain the highest ethical standards.

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE. TCCO employees are committed to building an effective team to serve the local community as an advocate for the deceased and their families in times of need and sorrow. Our employees are committed to providing law enforcement professionals with the tools needed to prosecute offenders and protect the community.

EXCELLENCE. The TCCO is a proud, professional organization emphasizing continuous personal and professional education, training, improvement, and growth.

The office of the Tippecanoe County Coroner has a dual role: Public Safety and Public Health

As a Public Safety Agency, the TCCO conducts death investigations in an independent manner and without bias. TCCO investigators, forensic and medicolegal, work with the law enforcement agency to gather information useful to the circumstances of the death. The TCCO investigators also ensure legal positive identification and notification of legal next-of-kin occur as quickly as possible.

As a Public Health Agency, the TCCO provides information on the state of health of Tippecanoe County residents and alert appropriate agencies of deaths that may present an immediate threat to its population. The TCCO conducts epidemiological research and partners with multiple agencies to detect, investigate, and notify novel illnesses and predict trends to better support at-risk populations.

MONTHLY OVERVIEW OF CASES REPORTED AND INVESTIGATED

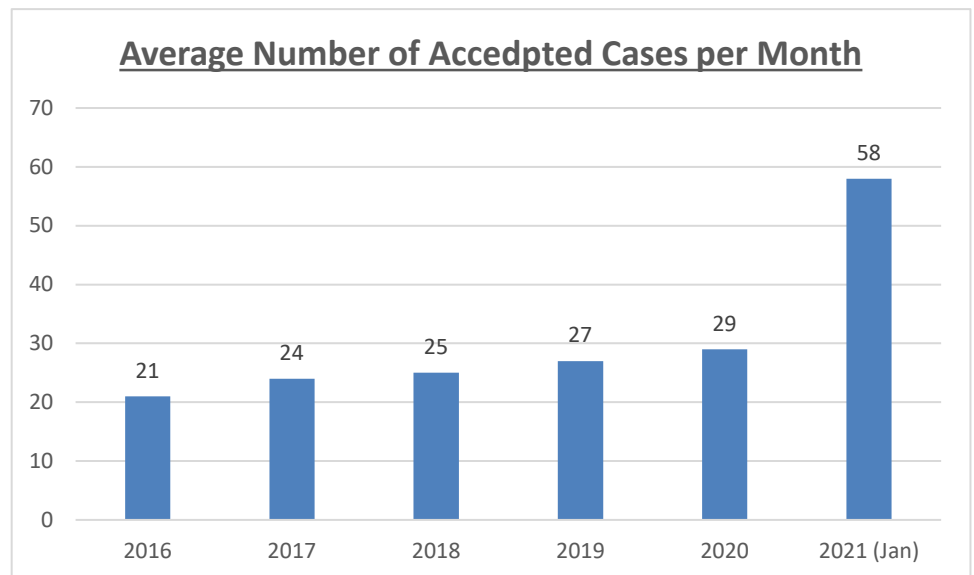
In January 2021, **93** deaths were reported to the Tippecanoe County Coroner's Office (TCCO). TCCO accepted jurisdiction on **58** decedents for further investigation. This is an increase of **200%** over January 2020.

TCCO Caseload

Accepted Cases - The TCCO accepted jurisdiction of 58 decedent cases, of which 25 were autopsied.

Declined Cases - The TCCO declined jurisdiction of 35 decedent cases.

In January 2020 the TCCO had a total of 29 cases accepted for further investigation. January 2021 had a total of **58** accepted cases which is a **200% increase** over the same period in 2020.



Number of Cases Autopsied

Month	Cases Investigated	Autopsies (Full, Partial & External)
January	58	25
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total		

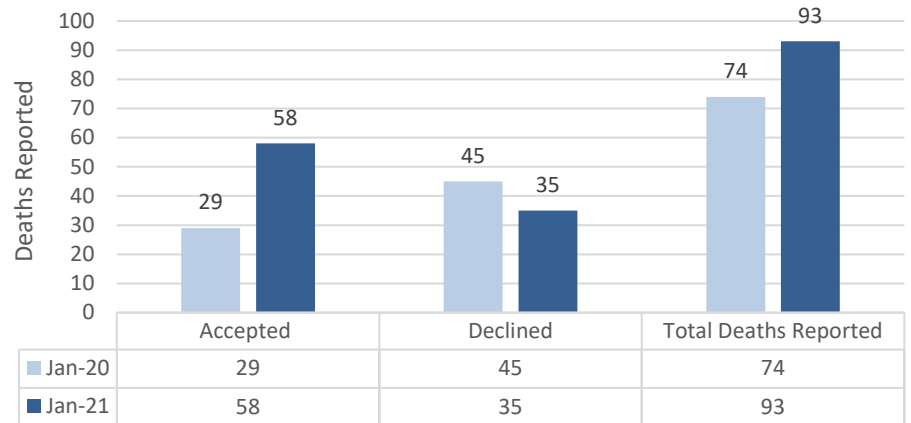
Of the 93 deaths reported to TCCO, **58** were accepted as the jurisdiction of the TCCO. **Twenty-five** of the accepted cases were autopsied, which is consistent with past averaged cases autopsied.

There is a **21 %** increase of total deaths reported to TCCO from 2020 to 2021.

And a **200%** increase in cases accepted for further investigation.

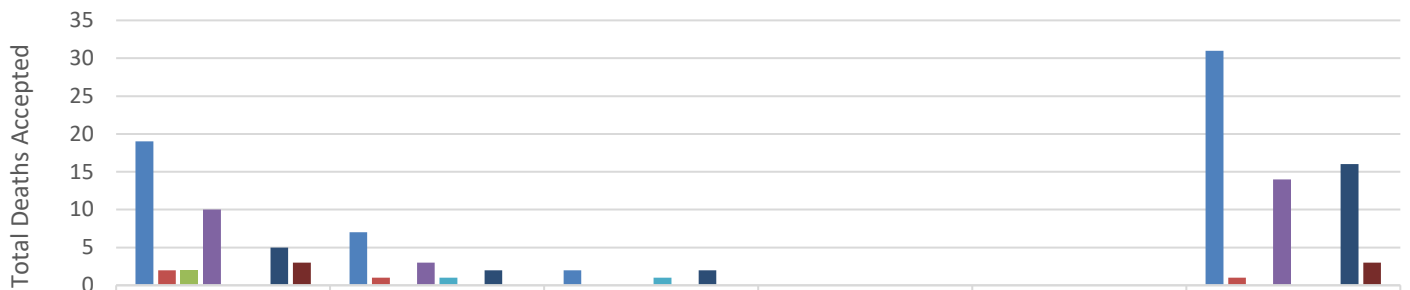
Deaths Reported by Month

(2020 compared to 2021)



Death Investigations by Agency

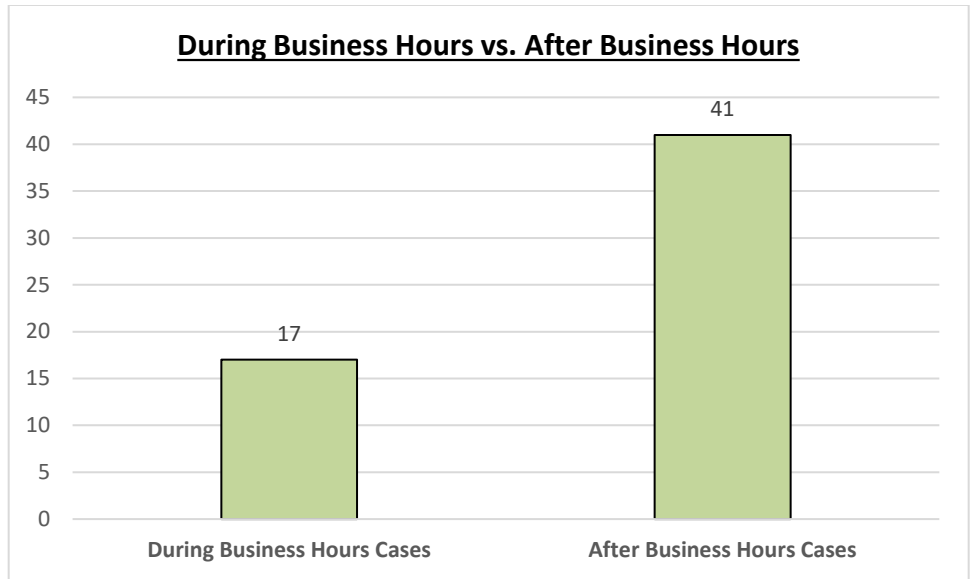
(January 2020)



	LPD	TCSD	WLPD	ISP	PUPD	Coroner (No LE involvement)
Cases	19	7	2	0	0	31
Accidents	2	1	0	0	0	1
Homicide	2	0	0	0	0	0
Natural	10	3	0	0	0	14
Suicide	0	1	1	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending	5	2	2	0	0	16
COVID +	3	0	0	0	0	3

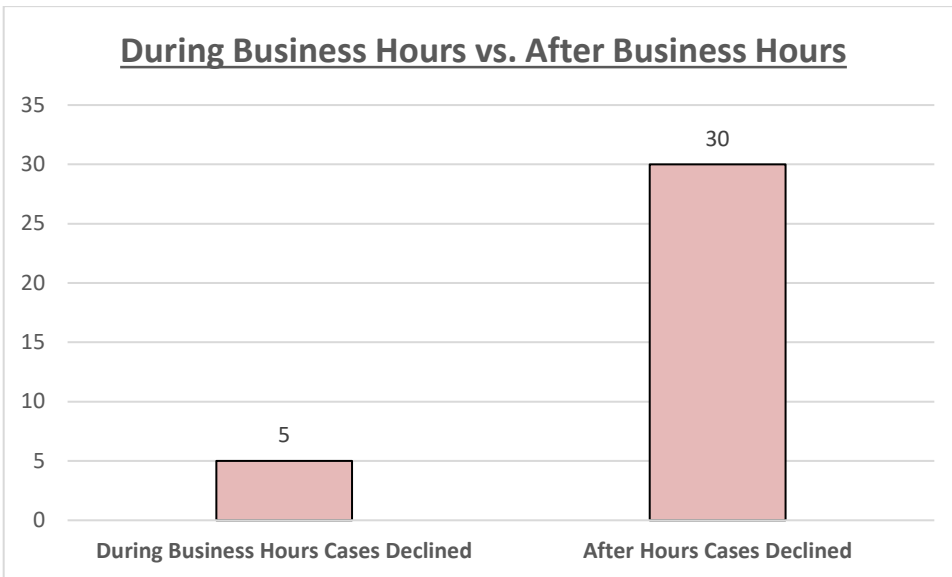
January 2021 Cases Accepted

59% of the cases accepted for further investigation occur after regular business hours.



January 2021 Cases Decline

84% of the cases declined for further investigation occur after regular business hours.



For January the Morgue Cooler was at or above Capacity for 28 of the 31 days of January, 2021