

# TIPPECANOE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

## 2021 February Monthly Report



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## MONTHLY SUMMARY

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 February 2021, **62** deaths were reported to the Tippecanoe County Coroner's Office (TCCO). TCCO accepted jurisdiction on **36** decedents for further investigation. Since the beginning of 2021, the TCCO has had **155** deaths reported to the office. Of these reported deaths, the TCCO accepted jurisdiction on **94** deaths for further investigation.

## TCCO Caseload

**Accepted Cases** - The TCCO accepted jurisdiction of 36 decedent cases, of which 21 were autopsied.

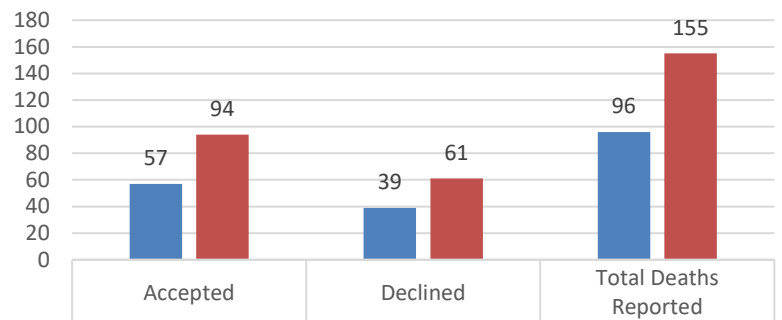
**Declined Cases** - The TCCO declined jurisdiction of 26 decedent cases.

In *January and February 2020* the TCCO had a total of 57 deaths accepted for further investigation and a total of 96 deaths reported to the TCCO.

For *January and February 2021* the TCCO had a total of **155** deaths reported and accepted jurisdiction on **94** deaths for further investigation.

## Number of Cases Reported, Accepted, and Declined

(Jan-Feb 2020 vs Jan-Feb 2021)



	Accepted	Declined	Total Deaths Reported
■ 2020 (Jan-Feb)	57	39	96
■ 2021 (Jan-Feb)	94	61	155

## Number of Cases Autopsied

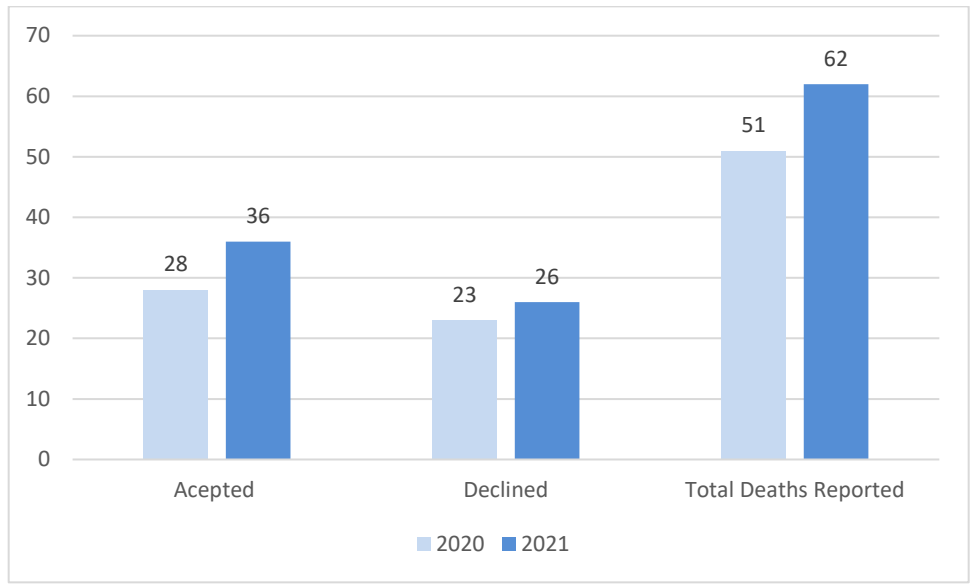
Month	Cases Investigated	Autopsies (Full, Partial & External)
January	58	25
February	36	21
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>Total</b>		

In February 2020, of the 62 deaths reported to TCCO, **36** were accepted as the jurisdiction of the TCCO. **Twenty-one** of the accepted cases were autopsied.

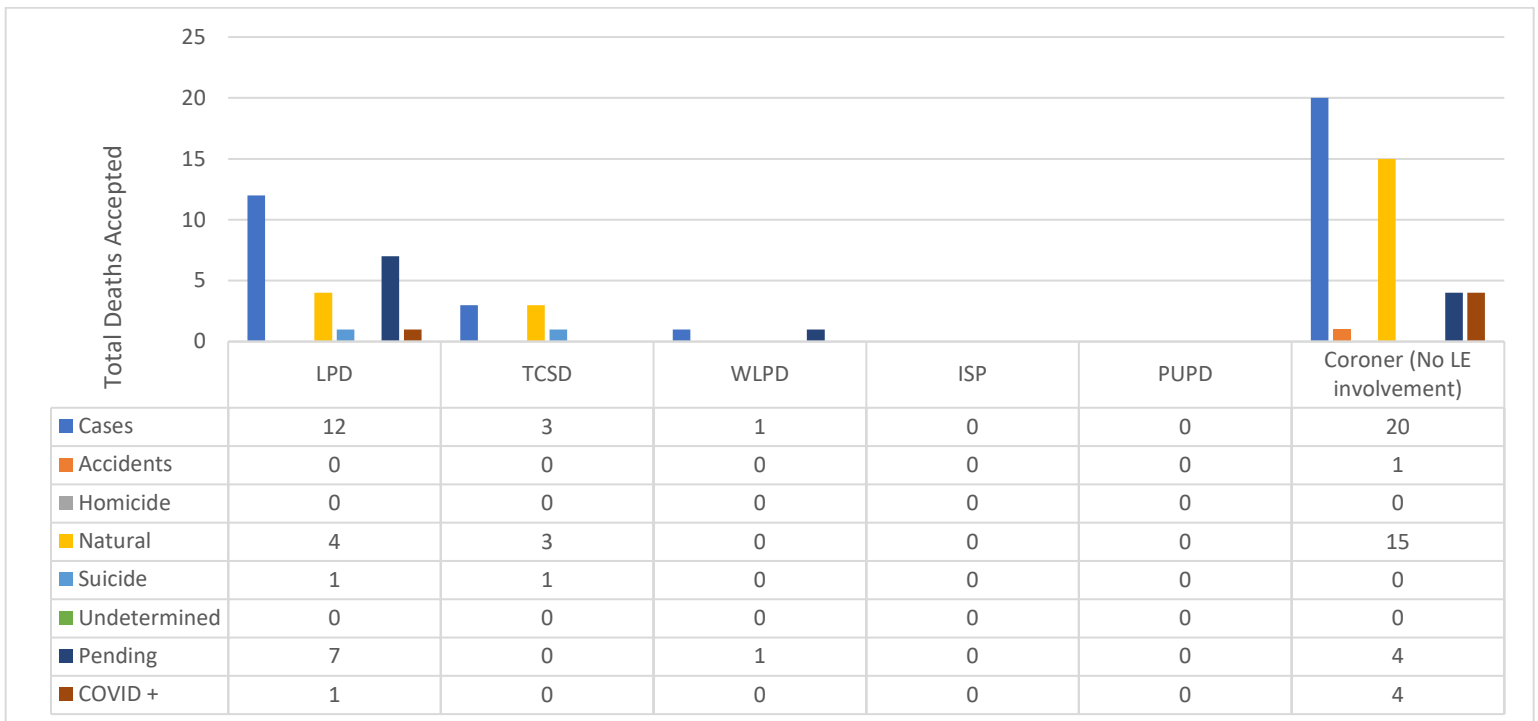
## Comparison of Deaths for February 2020 vs. 2021

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

And a **23% increase** in cases accepted for further investigation.

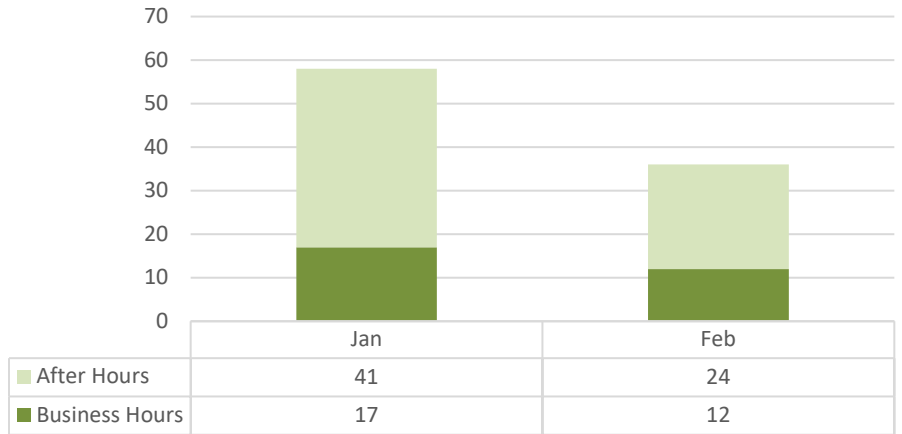


## Death Investigations by Agency (February 2021)



## 2021 Cases Accepted (January – February)

Cases Accepted for Further Investigation  
During Business Hours vs. After Business Hours



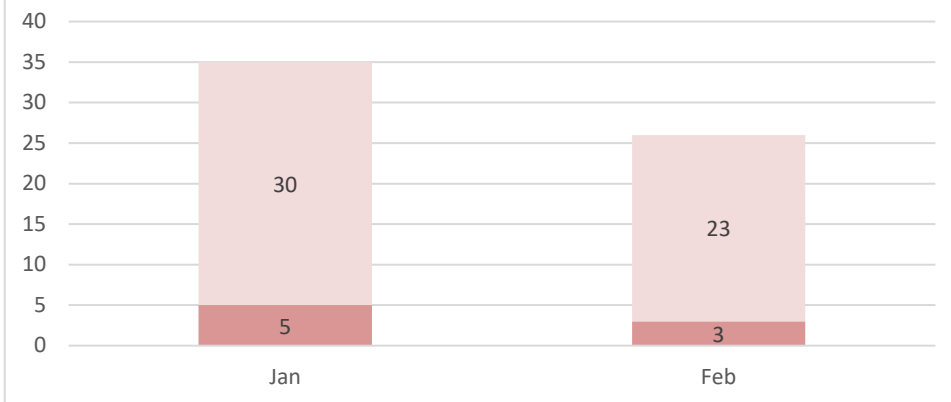
55% of the cases accepted for further investigation occur after regular business hours.

## January and February 2021 Cases Decline

Cases Declined During Business Hours

vs.

Cases Declined After Business Hours



85% of the cases declined for further investigation occur after regular business hours.

For February the Morgue Cooler was at or above capacity for 17 of the 28 days of February, 2021