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**DRAFT CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER  
STATISTICAL REPORT 2011 – HEROIN RELATED DEATHS**

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office hereby releases a draft 2011 statistical report, for Medical Examiner-ruled heroin-related death in Cuyahoga County, with the following notations:

**\*NOTE:** Heroin-related deaths means that heroin or the proper combination of metabolites were present and were a direct or supporting cause of the ruled death.

**Medical Examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths\* for 2011 (to date)**  
107 ruled cases in Cuyahoga County. 25 ruled cases were female, 82 male.  
**THIS REPRESENTS A 189% INCREASE SINCE 2007.**

**23.36%** of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are female, a **316% INCREASE SINCE 2007.**

**82.8%** of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are white.  
56 heroin-related deaths occurred in the City of Cleveland, or **52.3%**.  
1 occurred in an unknown location and 50 occurred in suburban communities, or **46.7%. SUBURBAN INCIDENCE HAS RISEN 285% SINCE 2007.**

PAST YEARS	HEROIN DEATHS	DEATHS FEMALE	SUBURBAN INCIDENCES	% FEMALE HEROIN DEATHS	% SUBURBAN HEROIN DEATHS
2010	91	16	42	17.6%	46.01%
2009	63	22	24	25.4%	38.10%
2008	61	16	30	26.2%	49.2%
2007	37	6	13	16.2%	35.5%

Any questions regarding the statistical numbers regarding medical examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths for 2011 shall be referred directly to Thomas P. Gilson, M.D., Medical Examiner of Cuyahoga County.

Annual statistical data reports from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office are available on-line at: <http://coroner.cuyahogacounty.us/>. Members of the media who wish additional medical examiner's statistical reports, must make such requests pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 313.10 to: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, 11001 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106 Or via email: [hshannon@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:hshannon@cuyahogacounty.us)