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**PRELIMINARY STATISTICAL REPORT 2012 – HEROIN RELATED DEATHS**

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office hereby releases a preliminary 2012 statistical report\*, for Medical Examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths\*\* in Cuyahoga County, with the following notations:

\*NOTE 1: Cases ruled as of March 4, 2013 for cases occurring between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012.

\*\*NOTE 2: "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 2012 (to date\*)**

161 ruled cases in Cuyahoga County. 39 ruled cases were female, 122 male.  
24.22% of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are female.  
86.34% of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are white.  
70 heroin-related deaths occurred in the City of Cleveland, or 43.48% and 72 occurred in suburban communities, or 44.72%. 19 are from out of county.

PAST YEARS	HEROIN DEATHS	DEATHS FEMALE	% FEMALE HEROIN DEATHS	% SUBURBAN HEROIN DEATHS	Age 19-29
2011	107	25	23.36%	48.60%	25.23%
2010	90	17	18.89%	45.56%	28.89%
2009	64	16	25.0%	40.63%	26.56%
2008	64	17	26.52%	43.75%	18.75%
2007	40	6	15.0%	42.5%	7.50%

Any questions regarding the statistical numbers regarding medical examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths to date for 2012 shall be referred directly to Thomas P. Gilson, M.D., Medical Examiner of Cuyahoga County. More information regarding heroin overdose deaths and prevention are available at: <http://opiatecollaborative.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Heroin-Initiative.aspx>

Annual statistical data reports from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office are available on-line at: <http://medicalexaminer.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:

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