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**CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER  
PRELIMINARY MID-YEAR STATISTICAL REPORT 2012 – HEROIN  
RELATED DEATHS**

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

**\*NOTE 1:** Cases ruled as of September 24, 2012 for cases occurring between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 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\* -June 30, 2012)**

79 ruled cases in Cuyahoga County. 22 ruled cases were female, 57 male.  
27.85% of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are female.  
77.22% of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are white.  
36 heroin-related deaths occurred in the City of Cleveland, or 45.57% and  
37 occurred in suburban communities, or 46.84%. 6 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 preliminary draft 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.

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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