



ANNUAL REPORT 2012

**LAFOURCHE PARISH CORONER'S
OFFICE**

DR. JOHN C. KING, CORONER



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Through our actions we represent those who can no longer represent themselves. Provide quality services as required by law or mandated by the public in order to enhance the health, safety, and general well being of the citizens and guests of Lafourche Parish.

To assume jurisdiction over persons who come to their death suddenly, or where the death is caused by unnatural or unlawful means ensuring that decedents and their survivors are treated with the highest levels of dignity and respect.

Ensure that investigations are carried out in an expeditious and professional manner, and maintaining the highest level of sensitivity and compassion to the surviving loved ones during their time of grief.

Work in partnership with other organizations toward the reduction of preventable deaths. Provide educational presentations and continually serve as a resource to the public regarding the field of medicolegal death investigation.

INTRODUCTION

Dear Lafourche Taxpayers,

As your elected Coroner for Lafourche Parish I am pleased to present our 2012 Annual Report.

In late 2008 I was appointed and elected as Parish Coroner of the Parish of Lafourche and reelected in 2012.

During the past 4 years, I have modernized the Coroner's Office with the assistance of The Parish President, Administrator, our Councilmen, Sheriff Craig Webre and District Attorney Cam Morvant II.

We are proud of our many accomplishments to serve our Parish of Lafourche.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Kindest regards,

Dr. John C. King, Coroner

COST IMPROVEMENTS

Autopsy costs are improving with the continued medicolegal death investigations and performing more cases in Lafourche.

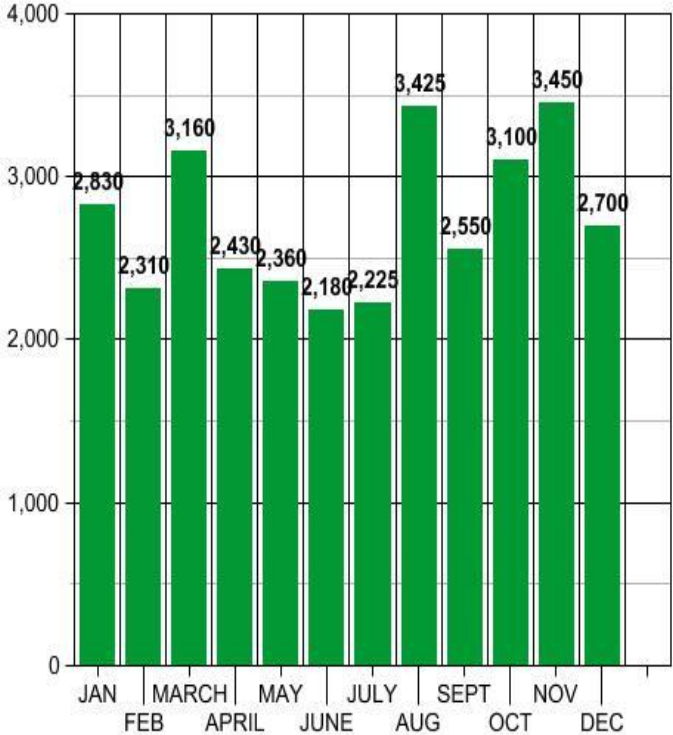
Estimated autopsy cases for 2012 was predicted to be 86 and we performed 84.

We received a donation from the Lafourche Ambulance District of an ambulance that was converted to a Forensic Crime Scene Unit.

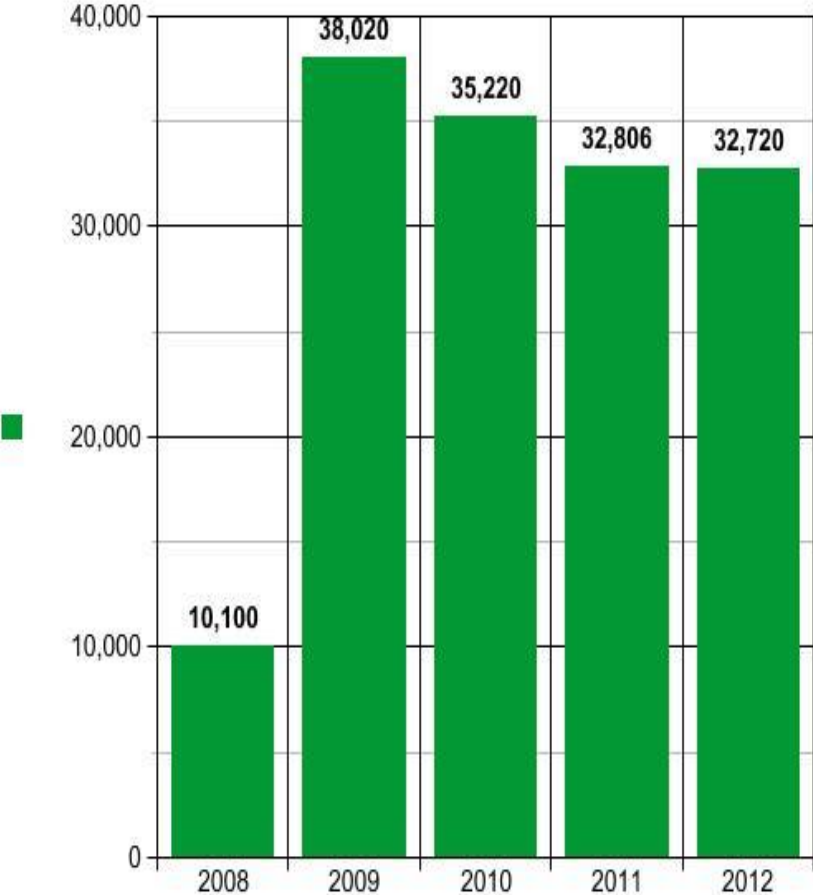
Revenues have improved and expected to be higher for 2013

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REVENUE GROWTH

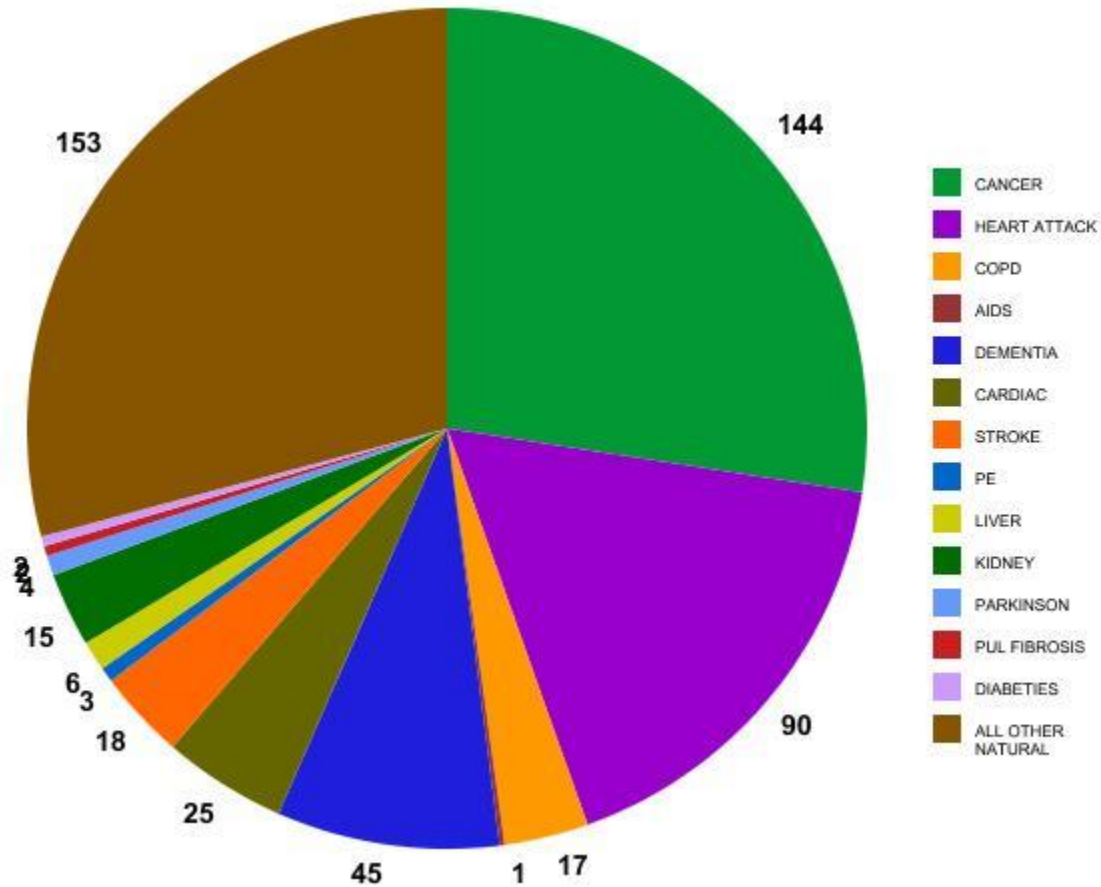


MANNER OF DEATH

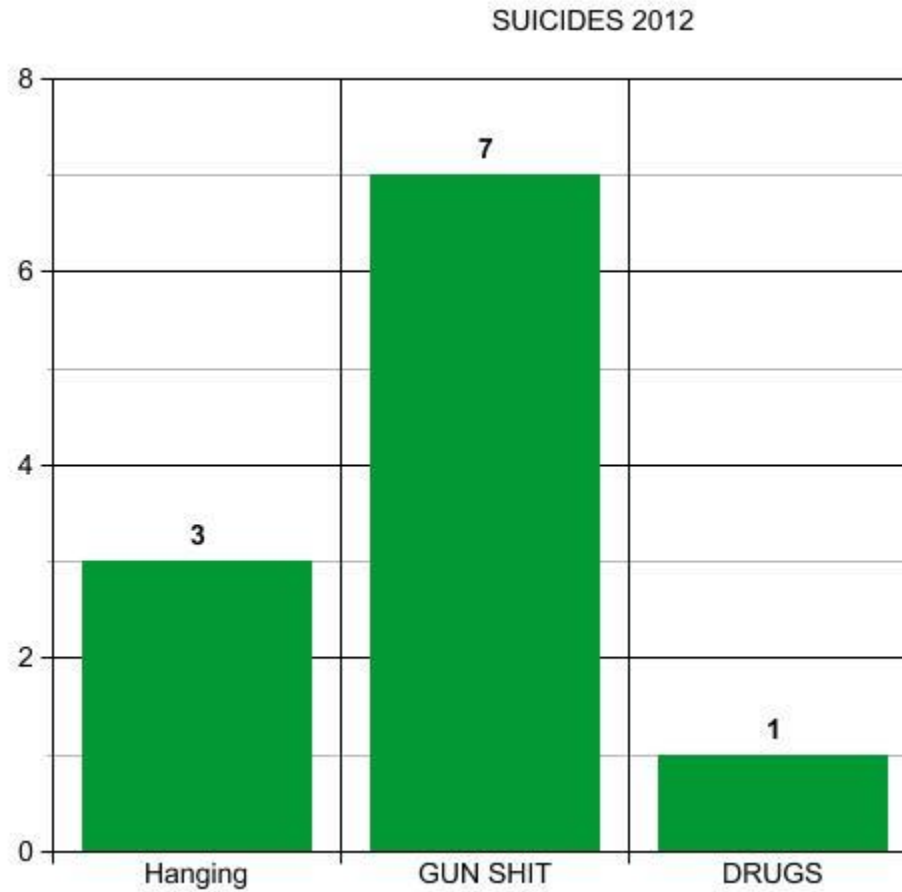
- **MANNERS OF DEATH**
- **All Coroner Reports determine the manner of each death. All deaths investigated by the Lafourche Parish Coroner's Office are classified in one of five distinct categories:**
- **NATURAL covers all deaths primarily resulting from a disease of the body and not resulting from injuries or abnormal environmental factors.**
- **ACCIDENTAL covers all accidental deaths including motor vehicle incidents where there is no obvious intent to cause death. This classification includes any death resulting from an action or actions by a person which results in the unintentional death to him/herself or any death to any person that results from the intervention of a non-human agency.**
- **SUICIDE refers to any death from a self inflicted injury where there is apparent intent to cause death.**
- **HOMICIDE includes any death resulting from injuries caused directly or indirectly by the actions of another person. (with the exception of unintentional motor vehicle accidents). Homicide is a neutral term that does not imply fault or blame.**
- **UNDETERMINED is any death which cannot be classified in any of the other categories. The actual cause of death may or may not be known in these cases. An example of an undetermined death would be a drug overdose where it is unclear in one of the other existing categories before considering a classification of undetermined.**

NATURAL CASES 2012

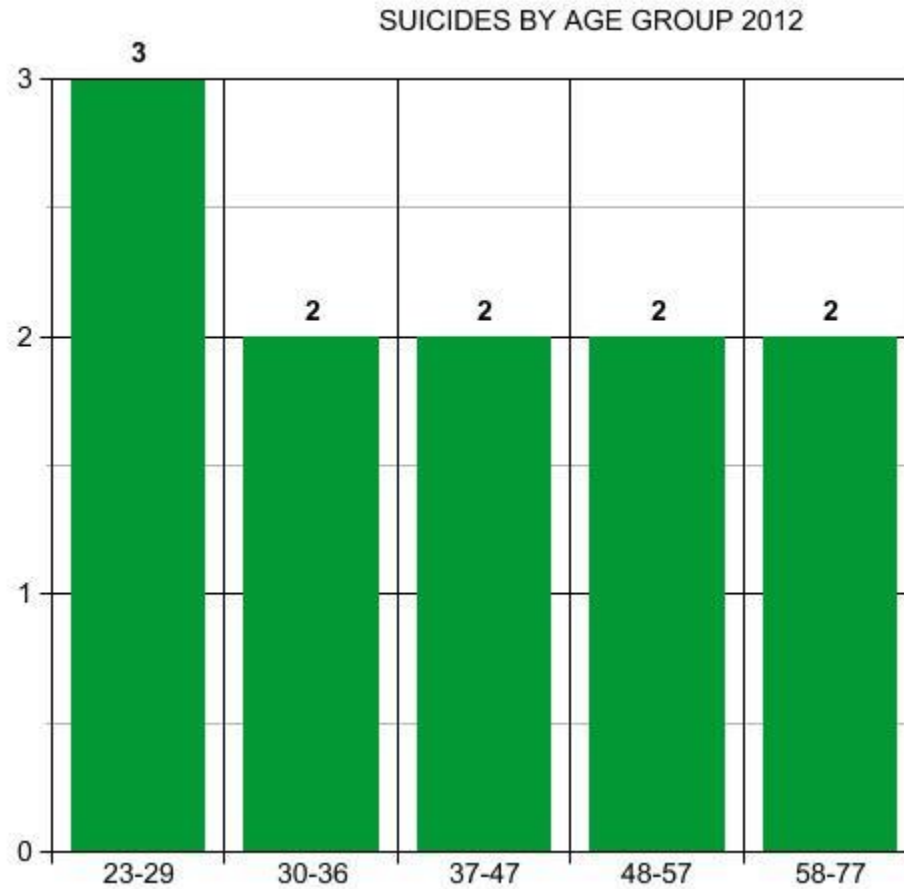
525 CASES



SUICIDE CASES 2012

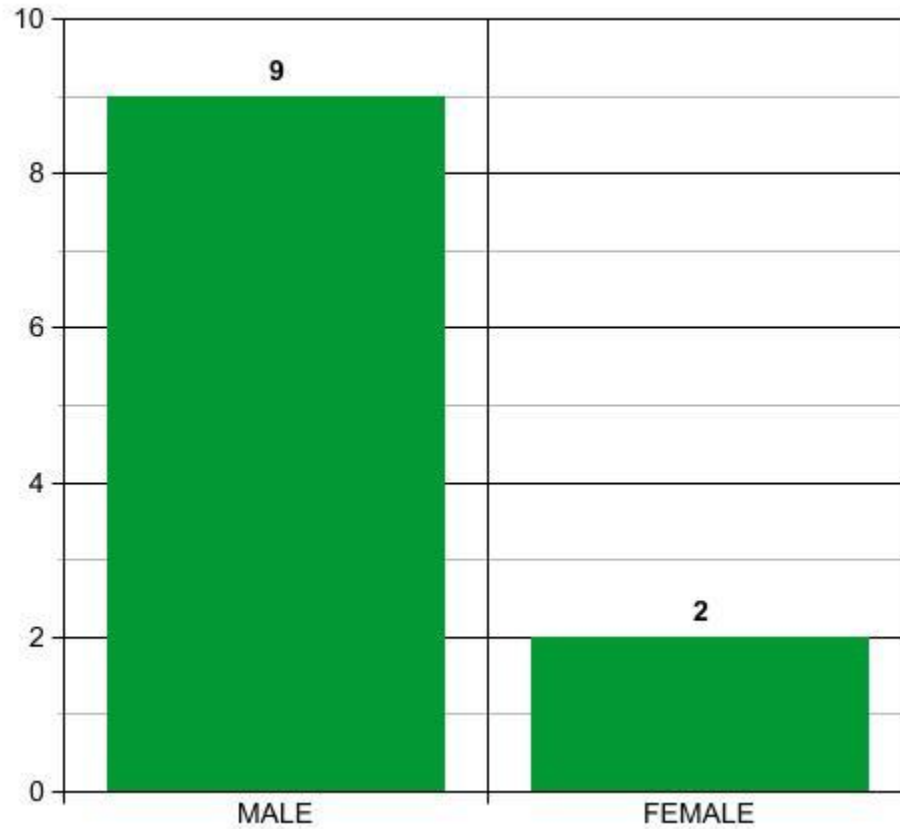


SUICIDE BY AGE



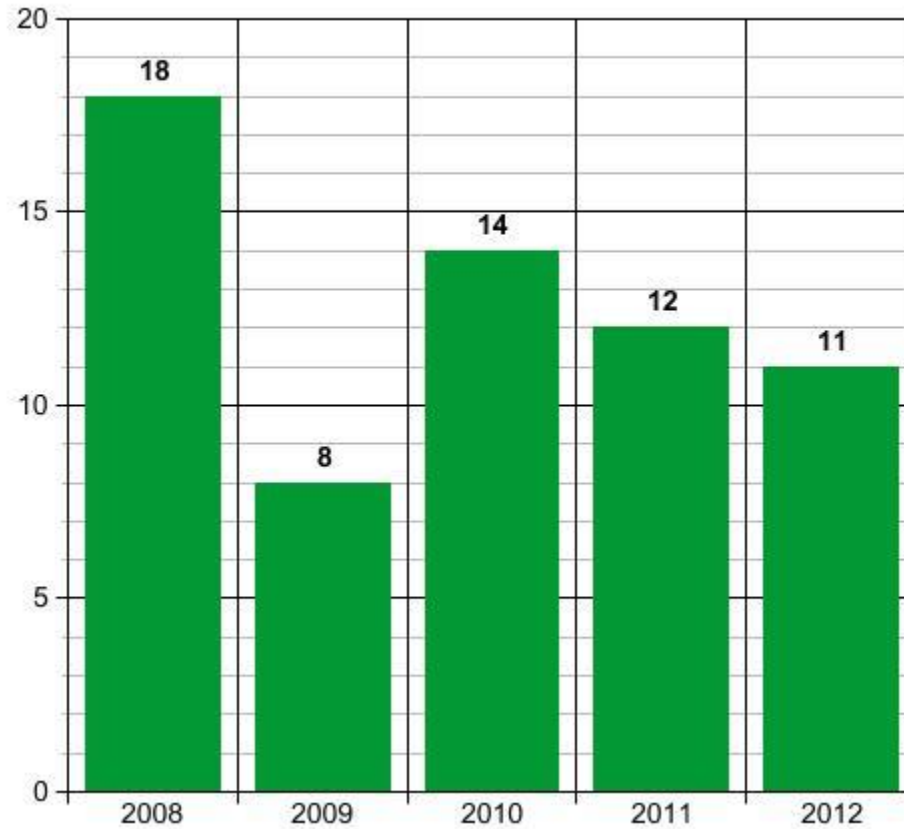
SUICIDE BY GENDER

SUICIDES BY SEX 2012

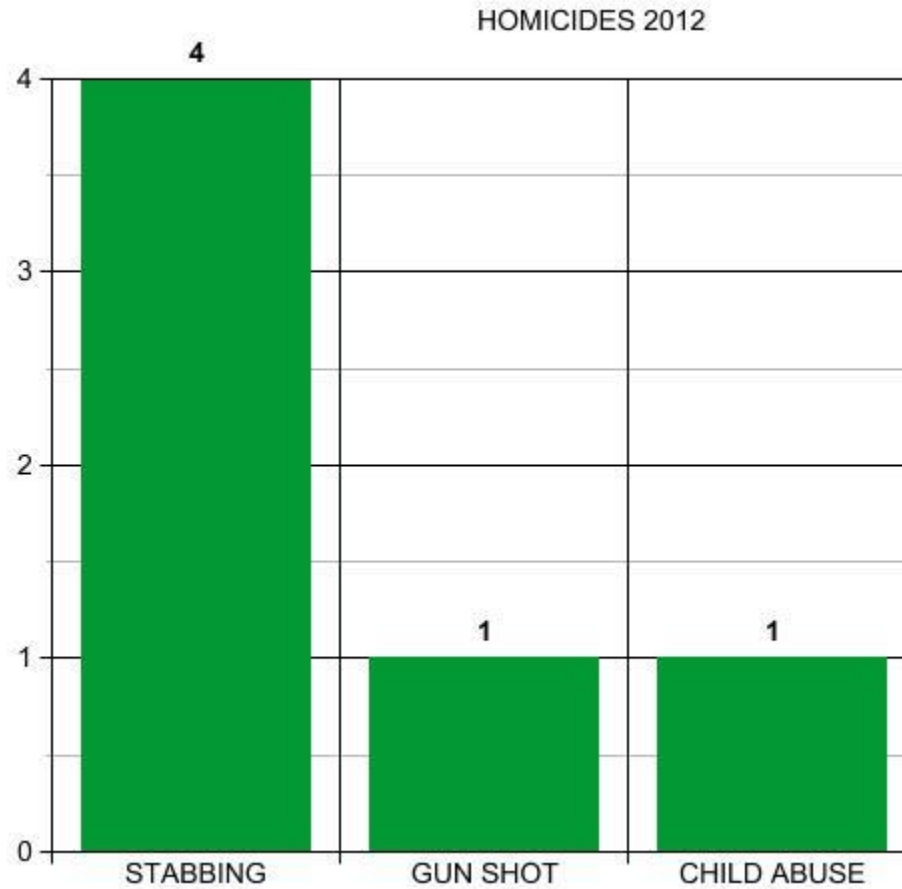


SUICIDE TREND

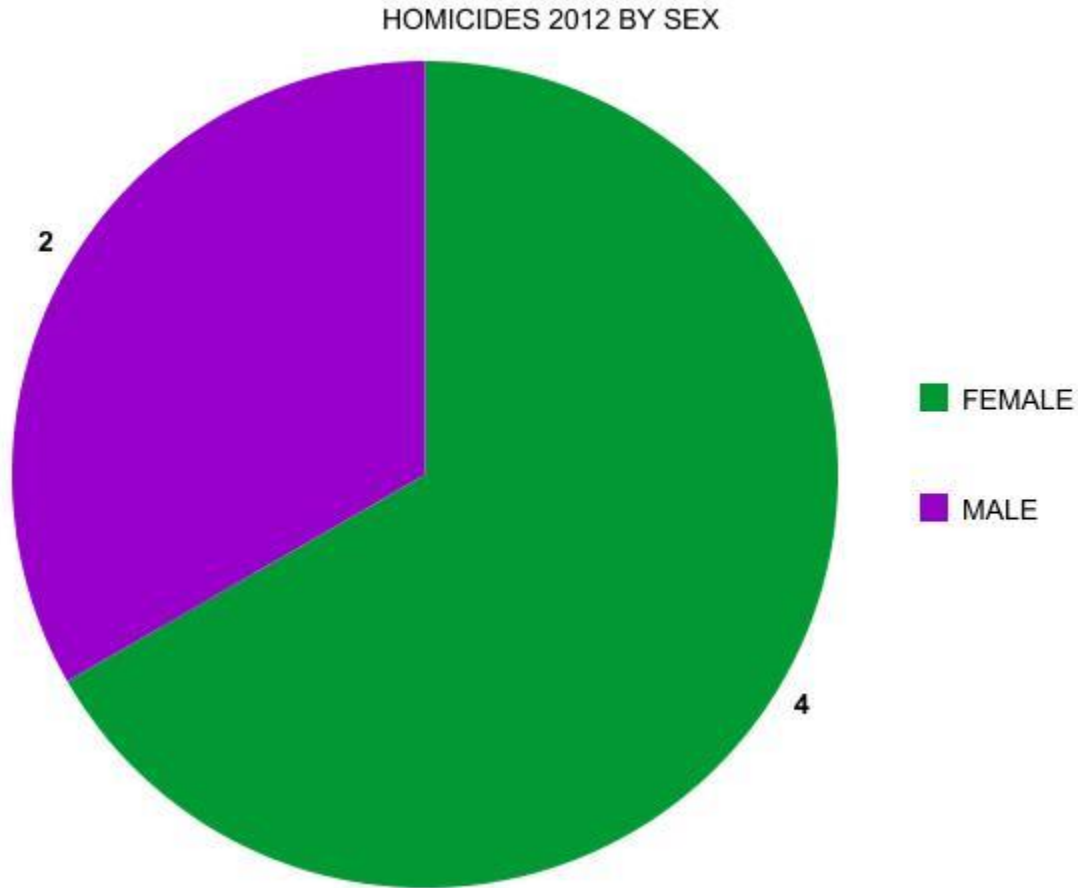
SUICIDES COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS



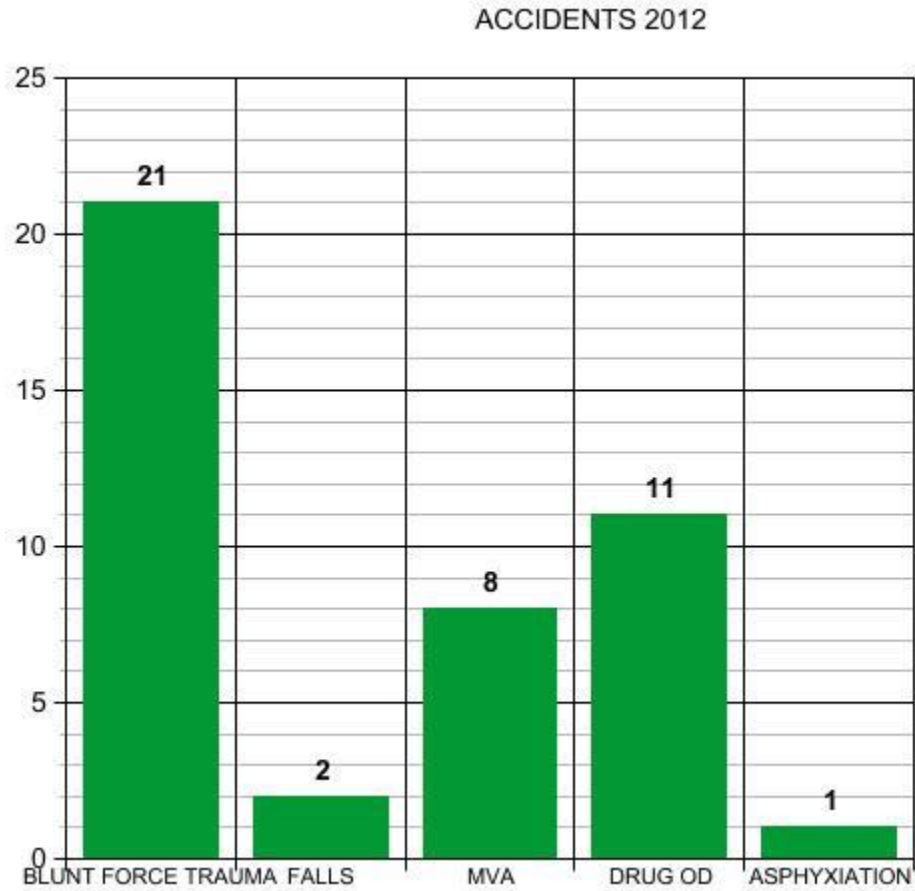
HOMICIDES 2012



HOMICIDES BY GENDER



ACCIDENTS 2012



SOUTHERN EYE BANK



LOUISIANA ORGAN PROCUREMENT AGENCY



Louisiana

The Louisiana Organ and
Tissue Donor Registry

33 referrals

8-tissue donors enhancing 560 lives

2-Organ donors saving 6 lives

Tissue:

31-potential tissue donors

8-family declines for tissue

8-donors

15-Shutdowns because of medical/social history

Organ:

3-potential

2-brain death, (6 organs recovered)

1-DCD (donation after cardiac death)

**No recovery potential did not cardiac arrest
in required time.**

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