



Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

Annual Mortality Report

2024

Introduction

This report presents information about the deaths of individuals under DOCCS' custody, regardless of where the death occurred; thus, hospital deaths are included. Any death of an escapee or an absconder is excluded since they were not under DOCCS' custody at the time of death. Any death of a detainee (individuals from other jurisdictions who are being held temporarily in DOCCS' facilities) is included. The deaths reported for 2024 do not include any detainees; the last detainee deaths occurred in 2022 (1) and 2021 (1).

The manner of death presented corresponds to the manner of death recorded on the Department's unusual incident system. The manner of death categories include accident, homicide, natural, overdose, suicide, undetermined, and unknown. This system is updated based on information received from autopsy reports. However, this system does not record information regarding the cause of death. Pursuant to NYS County Law §671 and §674, the official cause of death for all incarcerated individual deaths is determined by the county coroner or medical examiner. County Law §677 leaves it to the county coroner and medical examiner to determine if autopsy results will be released and to whom. Therefore, the manner of death is presented in this report, not cause of death.

The Overdose category was added to the Unusual Incident system in 2020. Prior to that, overdose deaths were generally included in the Accident category. In 2024, a new category of Undetermined was added to reflect deaths where the autopsy result was undetermined or where an autopsy was not performed. Prior to 2024, undetermined deaths were included in the Unknown category. Deaths in 2024 that are categorized as Unknown have not yet received an official autopsy report.

For historical context, Table 9 presents information about manner of death for deaths between 2020 and 2024. In addition to manner of death, this report also presents demographic and legal characteristics of the individuals whose deaths are reported.

This data is preliminary and is based on data on file as of February 26, 2026. At the time of this report, not all autopsy results had been received. Therefore, although the number of deaths reported will not change, the manner of death reported may change based on the manner of death reported in official autopsy results. Updated manners of death will be reflected in the trend table in next year's report.

All rates presented are per 10,000 incarcerated individuals. Between 2020 and 2024, the mortality rate for deaths at DOCCS was 37.2 per 10,000 or 372.3 per 100,000. The mortality rate increased in 2024 following a decline in 2022 and 2023. The 2024 rate of 43.38 was slightly higher than the last high point in 2021 (42.86 per 10,000 incarcerated individuals).

Based on the most recent national figures for deaths in state prisons between 2001 and 2019, New York's mortality rate was about the same as or lower than other large states. Between 2001 and 2019, the mortality rate for deaths in New York state prisons was 250 per 100,000. This was comparable to California and Ohio (247 per 100,000) and lower than Pennsylvania (331 per 100,000), Florida (319 per 100,000) and Texas (274 per 100,000)(see <https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/mortality-state-and-federal-prisons-2001-2019-statistical-tables>).

Table 1. Correctional Facility by Manner of Death: 2024

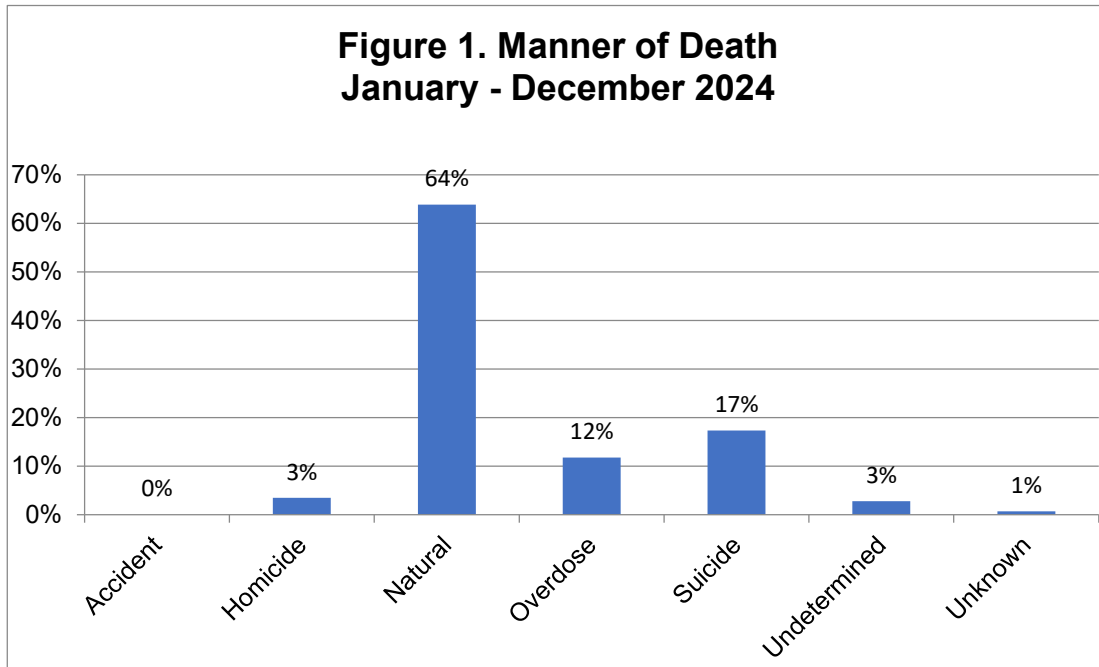
Facility	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
Maximum Security								
Attica	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	6
Auburn	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Bedford Hills	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Clinton	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	5
Coxsackie	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
Eastern	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Elmira	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	6
Five Points	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Green Haven	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	12
Shawangunk	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Sing Sing	0	0	3	1	3	0	1	8
Sullivan	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wende	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
Sub-total	0	1	25	11	16	1	1	55
Residential Rehabilitaiton Unit								
Collins RRU	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Fishkill RRU	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Upstate RRU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sub-total	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	5
Residential Mental Health Treatment Unit								
Coxsackie RMHU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Marcy RMHU	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Auburn ICP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Five Points ICP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Great Meadow ICP		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sullivan ICP	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
Sub-total	0	0	5	1	2	1	0	9
Regional Medical Unit								
Coxsackie RMU	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	12
Fishkill RMU	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Walsh RMU	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	20
Wende RMU	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Sub-total	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	42
Medium Security								
Albion	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Bare Hill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cayuga	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Collins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fishkill	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	7
Gouverneur	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Greene	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Groveland	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Marcy	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Mid-State	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Mohawk	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ulster	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Walkill	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Washington	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Woodbourne	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Wyoming	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	0	4	19	3	3	2	0	31
Minimum Security								
Queensboro Work Release	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Sub-total	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Grand Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144

Note: Manner of death is preliminary as of February 26, 2026 and is subject to change. Deaths are categorized during unusual incident reporting and are subject to change upon receipt of an official autopsy report.

Table 2. Month of Death by Manner of Death: 2024

Month	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
JAN	0	1	11	3	1	0	0	16
FEB	0	0	8	4	1	1	0	14
MAR	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	6
APR	0	0	9	2	5	0	0	16
MAY	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	8
JUN	0	0	11	0	3	0	0	14
JUL	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	8
AUG	0	0	11	0	4	0	0	15
SEP	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
OCT	0	2	9	3	1	1	0	16
NOV	0	0	8	0	1	2	1	12
DEC	0	2	8	2	5	0	0	17
Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144

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**Table 3. Sex by Manner of Death
January - December 2024**

Incarcerated Individual Sex	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
Male	0	5	92	17	23	4	1	142
Female	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144
Rate per 10,000								
Male	0.00	1.57	28.92	5.34	7.23	1.26	0.31	44.64
Female	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.48	0.00	0.00	14.48
Total	0.00	1.51	27.72	5.12	7.53	1.21	0.30	43.38

**Table 4. Race/Ethnicity* by Manner of Death
January - December 2024**

I/ Self-Reported Race / Ethnicity	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
Black	0	4	40	8	7	2	0	61
White	0	1	28	6	10	2	1	48
Hispanic	0	0	20	2	8	0	0	30
Native American	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144
Rate per 10,000								
Black	0.00	2.45	24.50	4.90	4.29	1.22	0.00	37.36
White	0.00	1.32	36.97	7.92	13.20	2.64	1.32	63.38
Hispanic	0.00	0.00	25.42	2.54	10.17	0.00	0.00	38.12
Native American	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.43
Asian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	48.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.41
Total	0.00	1.51	27.72	5.12	7.53	1.21	0.30	43.38

*Hispanic ethnicity is prioritized over race in this table. Regardless of race, individuals reporting a Hispanic ethnicity are reported as Hispanic.

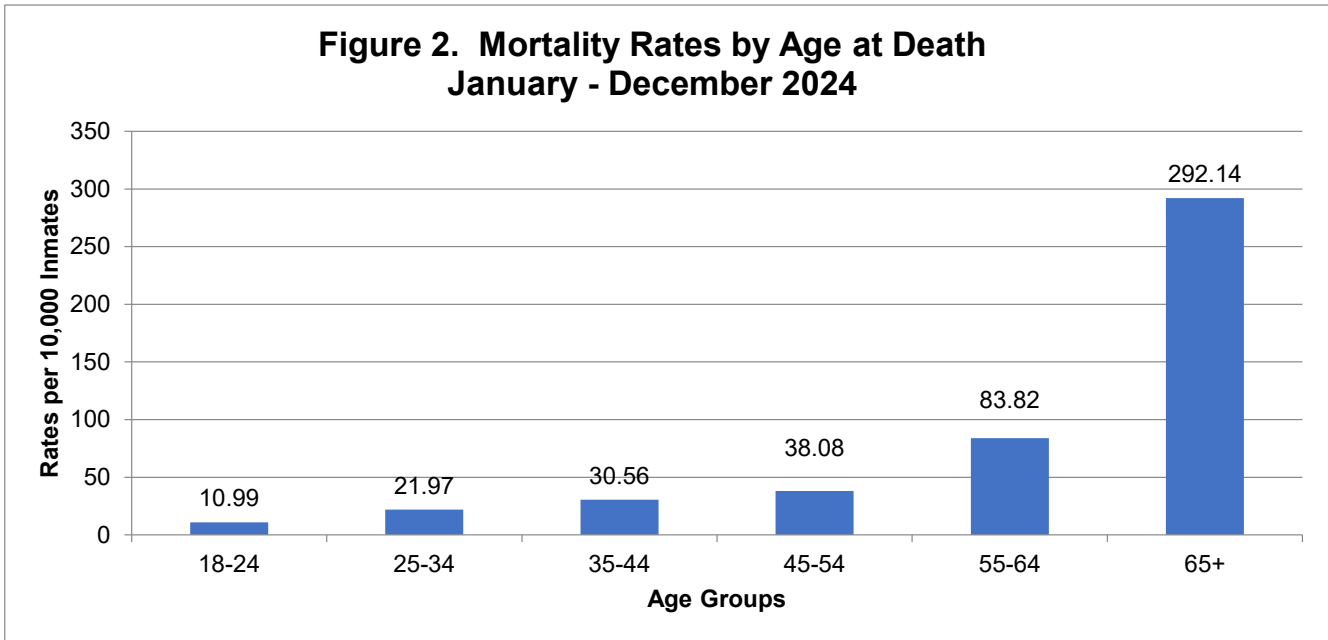
Table 5. Time Served by Manner of Death: 2024

Time Since Latest Admission	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
Less than 1 Year	0	1	11	4	6	1	0	23
1-3 Years	0	1	23	3	10	1	0	38
4-7 Years	0	3	14	7	3	1	0	28
8-12 Years	0	0	12	2	2	1	1	18
13-20 Years	0	0	16	1	3	0	0	20
Over 20 Years	0	0	16	0	1	0	0	17
Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144

**Table 6. Age at Death by Manner of Death
January - December 2024**

Age at Death	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
18-24	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
25-34	0	1	5	4	9	3	0	22
35-44	0	4	9	6	10	1	0	30
45-54	0	0	18	2	2	0	0	22
55-64	0	0	23	5	2	0	0	30
65+	0	0	36	0	0	0	1	37
Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144
Rate per 10,000								
18-24	0.00	0.00	3.66	0.00	7.33	0.00	0.00	10.99
25-34	0.00	1.00	4.99	3.99	8.99	3.00	0.00	21.97
35-44	0.00	4.07	9.17	6.11	10.19	1.02	0.00	30.56
45-54	0.00	0.00	31.16	3.46	3.46	0.00	0.00	38.08
55-64	0.00	0.00	64.26	13.97	5.59	0.00	0.00	83.82
65+	0.00	0.00	284.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.90	292.14
Total	0.00	1.51	27.72	5.12	7.53	1.21	0.30	43.38
Average Age at Death								
Age	-	38	60	45	37	34	65	53

**Figure 2. Mortality Rates by Age at Death
January - December 2024**



**Table 7. Medical Level by Manner of Death
January - December 2024**

Medical Level	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
Level I ¹	0	1	58	2	3	0	0	64
Level II	0	3	25	5	7	3	1	44
Level III	0	1	9	10	13	1	0	34
Unassigned	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144
Rate per 10,000								
Level I	0.00	8.01	464.53	16.02	24.03	0.00	0.00	512.58
Level II	0.00	2.27	18.88	3.78	5.29	2.27	0.76	33.22
Level III	0.00	0.54	4.87	5.41	7.04	0.54	0.00	18.40
Unassigned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.89	0.00	0.00	88.89
Total	0.00	1.51	27.72	5.12	7.53	1.21	0.30	43.38

¹Medical Level 1 represents the highest level of medical needs.

Table 8. Commitment Crime by Manner of Death: 2024

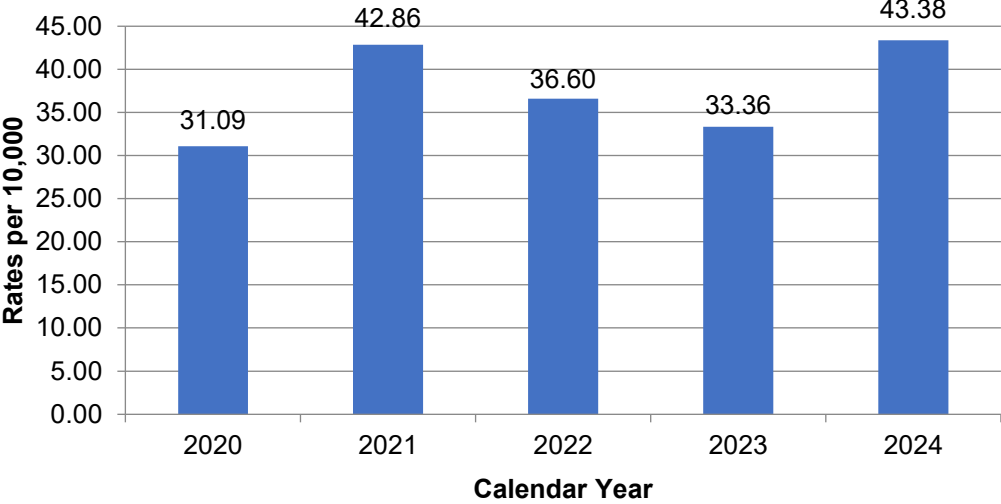
Commitment Crime	Manner of Death							Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Overdose	Suicide	Undetermined	Unknown	
Violent Felony								
Murder	0	0	25	1	3	2	0	31
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
Manslt 1st,Agg 2nd	0	0	4	2	3	0	0	9
Rape 1ST	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	6
Robbery 1st	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	7
Robbery 2nd	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Assault 1st	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	7
Assault 2nd	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Burglary 1st	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	7
Burglary 2nd	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	6
Arson 1st,2nd	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sodomy 1st	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Sex Ab 1st,Agg 2nd	0	0	9	2	2	0	0	13
Weapons Offenses	0	1	6	0	2	0	0	9
Other VFO Sex Off	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	8
Sub-total	0	2	78	13	18	3	1	115
Other Coercive								
Robbery 3rd	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Att Assault 2nd	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
Other Weapons	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Other Coercive	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Sub-total	0	1	6	1	3	0	0	11
Drug Offenses								
Drug Offenses	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	6
Sub-total	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	6
Property & Other								
Burglary 3rd	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	4
Grand Larceny	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Stolen Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Drive Intoxicated	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Contempt 1st	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
All Other Felonies	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Sub-total	0	1	5	2	3	1	0	12
Total	0	5	92	17	25	4	1	144

Table 9. Manner of Death, Average Age and Death Rate per 10,000 by Year: 2020 - 2024

Manner	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Count						
Accident	8	13	5	0	0	26
Homicide	2	1	2	1	5	11
Natural	93	97	73	73	92	428
Overdose	1	4	13	15	17	50
Suicide	12	16	18	12	25	83
Undetermined	.	.	.	.	4	4
Unknown	6	6	2	6	1	21
Total	122	137	113	107	144	623
Percentage						
Accident	7%	9%	4%	0%	0%	4%
Homicide	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Natural	76%	71%	65%	68%	64%	69%
Overdose	1%	3%	12%	14%	12%	8%
Suicide	10%	12%	16%	11%	17%	13%
Undetermined	.	.	.	.	3%	1%
Unknown	5%	4%	2%	6%	1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average Age						
Accident	49.0	47.4	46.0	.	.	47.5
Homicide	37.0	44.0	30.0	26.0	38.4	35.1
Natural	59.3	62.8	60.6	61.4	59.7	60.8
Overdose	66.0	45.8	44.5	43.8	44.7	49.0
Suicide	46.8	42.7	42.2	40.6	36.9	41.8
Undetermined	.	.	.	.	34.0	34.0
Unknown	42.0	54.5	47.0	49.3	65.0	51.6
Total	50.0	49.5	45.1	44.2	46.5	47.1
Rate per 10,000						
Accident	2.04	4.07	1.62	0.00	0.00	1.55
Homicide	0.51	0.31	0.65	0.31	1.51	0.66
Natural	23.70	30.35	23.65	22.76	27.72	25.58
Overdose	0.25	1.25	4.21	4.68	5.12	2.99
Suicide	3.06	5.01	5.83	3.74	7.53	4.96
Undetermined	1.21	0.24
Unknown	1.53	1.88	0.65	1.87	0.30	1.25
Total	31.09	42.86	36.60	33.36	43.38	37.23

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**Figure 3. Mortality Rates per 10,000:
2020 - 2024**



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