Department Name	Albany County Coroner's Office
Account(s)	1185

Department Function

The Albany County Coroner's Office investigates deaths that occur within the County in a non-medical setting or in which a death occurs unattended, or of a suspicious or violent nature. The Coroner's Office records fatalities and assists decedent's next of kin who are grieving or experiencing trauma as a result of the death of a loved one.

The four elected Coroners serve the citizens of Albany County and in some circumstances, families from surrounding counties and states if a death occurs within our jurisdiction. Services are provided 24-hours per day, seven days a week, year-round.

The office maintains complete and accurate records of all cases and provides reports to next-of-kin and all appropriate law enforcement and government agencies. Coroners and support staff also direct next-of-kin to the proper resources and communicate with funeral homes, in order to coordinate the transporting of decedents to and from hospital morgues for autopsies, when required.

Current Year Highlights

- All deaths are investigated by our Albany County Coroners professionally and in a timely manner.
- Our office provides next-of-kin, police agencies and government agencies with accurate information pertaining to each case. Our office treats all decedents and families, with dignity and respect.
- Our pathologists are highly educated and are recognized throughout Albany County and surrounding counties for their proficiency and professionalism.
- Our office support staff routinely tracks important data, such as overdose deaths, suicides, homicides, etc in order to provide accurate information to government agencies such as the NYS Department of Health, when requested.

Next Year Projects

- Each year, the number of deaths within the county increases, as well as expenses for services necessary to complete a thorough death investigation. Our office cannot predict the number of cases we will have year-to-year, therefore an increase in the department's budget is requested in order to maintain these services.
- Tracking overdose deaths amid the opioid crisis and continuing to submit reports to the NYS Drug Overdose Report Submission Reimbursement Program.
- Tracking all autopsies performed on incarcerated individuals and continuing to submit vouchers to each correctional facility for reimbursement.

Link to Website	

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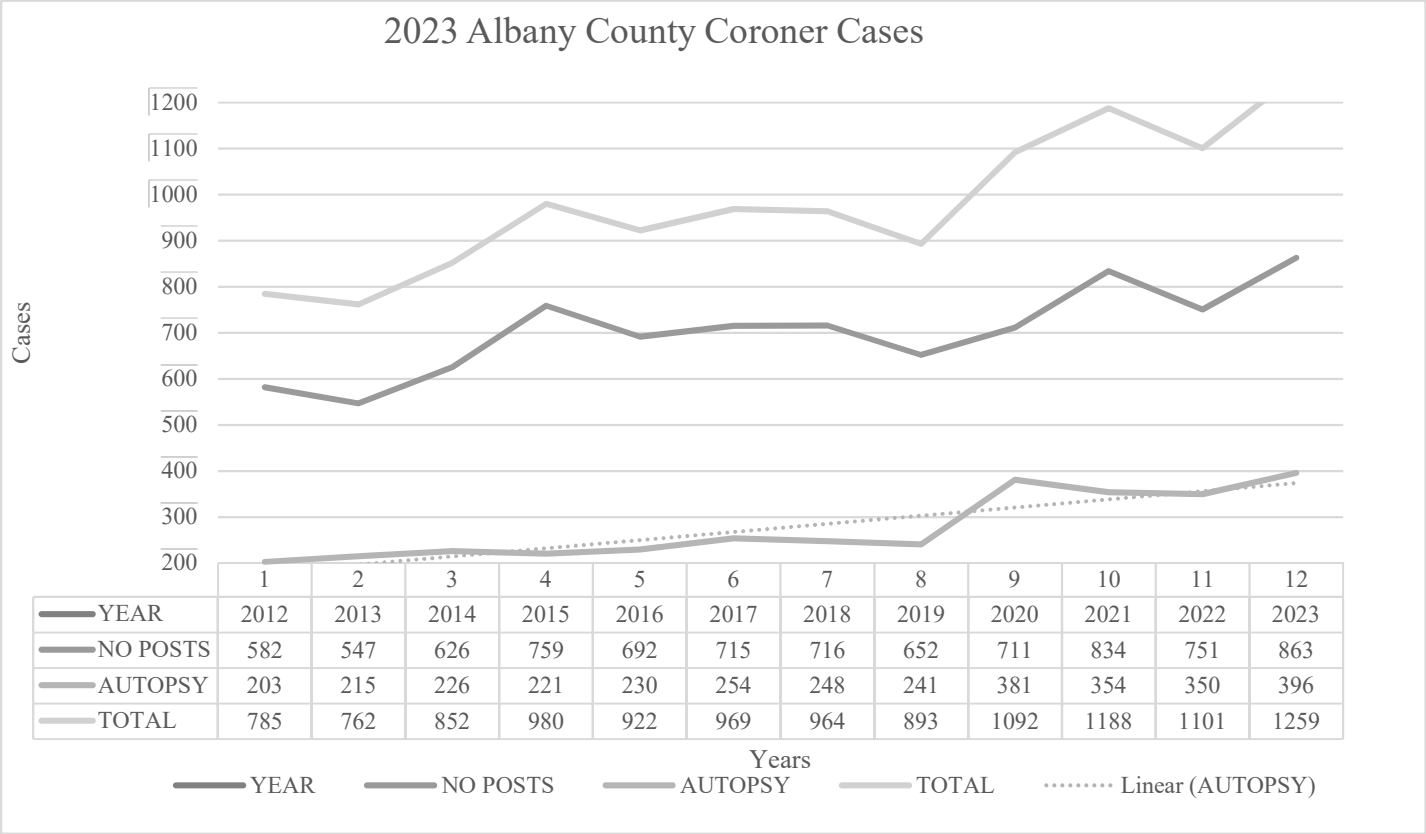
Programmatic Highlights



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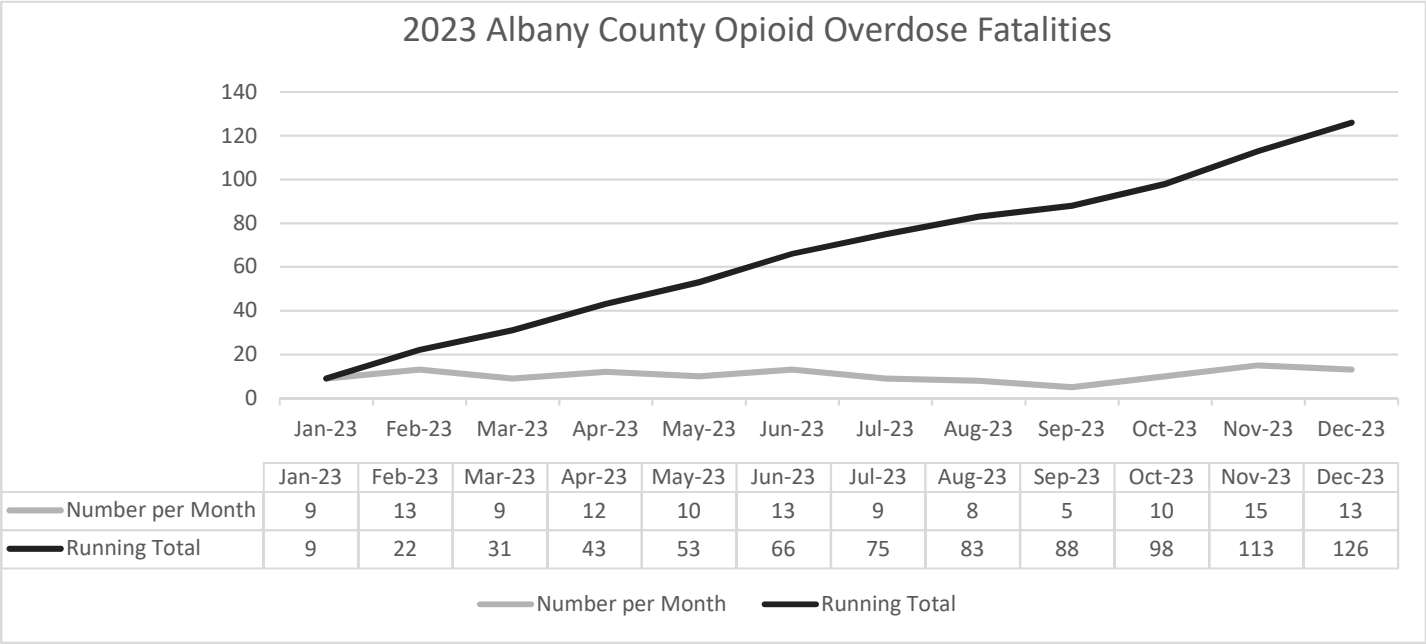
YEAR	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
NO POSTS	582	547	626	759	692	715	716	652	711	834	751	863
AUTOPSY	203	215	226	221	230	254	248	241	381	354	350	396
TOTAL	785	762	852	980	922	969	964	893	1092	1188	1101	1259



	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23
Number per Month	9	13	9	12	10	13	9	8	5	10	15	13
Running Total	9	22	31	43	53	66	75	83	88	98	113	126

The Albany County Coroner has seen a 40% increase in cases over the last 10 years.

Link to Website	https://www.albanycounty.com/Home/Components/BusinessDirectory/BusinessDirectory/20/23