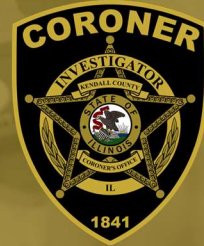


# 2025 Annual Report



**OFFICE OF THE KENDALL COUNTY CORONER**  
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**379**

2024 Total Deaths  
(1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025)

**439**

2025 Total Deaths  
(1/1/25 - 12/31/25)

**↑16%**  
Increase vs. 2024

2024 Total Allowed Budget: **\$222,984**  
2024 Actual Spent: **\$207,304**

2025 Total Allowed Budget: **\$298,704**  
2025 Actual Spent: **\$286,405**

## Types of Deaths Reportable to the Coroner

The Illinois Coroner Act (55 ILCS 5/3-3 et seq.) requires that certain deaths be reported to and investigated by the Coroner. These include, but are not limited to, sudden and unexpected deaths, accidental deaths, and deaths resulting from violence. Under this statute, the Coroner is authorized to order an autopsy whenever it is necessary to determine or confirm the cause and manner of death.

In addition to deaths specifically mandated by statute, all deaths occurring within the county must be reported to the Coroner's Office to ensure that any case requiring investigation is properly identified and addressed.

## Why is the Coroner involved, and what does the Coroner's Office do?

Illinois law requires the Coroner's Office to investigate deaths that are sudden, violent, or suspicious in nature. In addition, any death occurring outside of a hospital setting must be reported to the Coroner's Office.

The Coroner's primary responsibility is to determine whether a death resulted from foul play. In making this determination, investigators may use a range of investigative methods, including interviews with family members and treating physicians, scene examination and photography, and physical examination of the decedent. In many cases, these investigative steps provide sufficient information to complete the investigation. When appropriate, the primary physician may be permitted to certify the death certificate.

## Community Involvement

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The Coroner's Office continued our popular Community Support & Harm Reduction Program through the use of State Opioid Response Grant funds. As a service to our citizens, this program offers **7 prescription medication drop boxes, 1 medical sharps drop-off location, free Narcan nasal spray devices, and free medical sharps waste containers.** We also accept unused/unexpired diabetic supplies for donation year-round through our partnership with Insulin for Life and host drive-through takeback events every April and October through our partnership with the DEA.

This year, the Coroner's Office was able to destroy or donate over **810 pounds of medications and diabetic supplies** and dispose of over **500 pounds of medical sharps**, ensuring that these items no longer pose a hazard to the public.

To learn more about our community programs, visit <https://takeback.kendallcoroner.org> or scan the QR code.

## Deaths by Manner & Cause

MANNER	Total: 439
Natural	396
Accident	22
Suicide	16
Homicide	2
Undetermined	2

### Deaths by Cause Category

ACCIDENT	Total: 22
Overdose	3
Falls/Injuries	11
Motor Vehicle Collision	5
Choking	1
Other Traumatic Injury	2
SUICIDE	Total: 16
Gunshot Wound	10
Hanging / Ligature	2
Overdose	1
Carbon Monoxide Toxicity	2
Pedestrian vs. Train	1
HOMICIDE	Total: 2
Gunshot Wound	1
Sharp Force Injuries	1

UNDETERMINED	Total: 2
Drowning	1
Other / Undetermined	1

NATURAL	Total: 396
Cardiac (Natural)	115
Neurological	100
Kidney / Renal	14
Pulmonary	25
Liver / Hepatic	10
Gastrointestinal	2
Cancer / Neoplasm	112
Other	18

## Organ & Tissue Donations

Organ & Tissue Donations	
Reported / All Calls	37
Tissue Referrals	18
Tissue Approaches	13
Tissue Donations	4

## Cremation Permits

Cremation Permits	
Permits Issued	308

## Coroner's Office Staff

**Jacque Purcell**  
Coroner

**Kristin Escobar Alvarenga**  
Forensic Pathologist

**Levi Gotte**  
Chief Deputy Coroner

**Cherie McCarron**  
Forensic Services Manager

**Jessica Gotte**  
Senior Deputy Coroner / Investigator

**William Sutton**  
Deputy Coroner / Investigator

**Terry Fenoglio**  
Deputy Coroner / Investigator

**Larry Simmons**  
Deputy Coroner / Investigator

**Jennifer Johnson**  
Administrative Assistant

**Cristie Fry**  
Coroner's Assistant

**Kendra Puga**  
Coroner's Assistant

**Allen Grobe**  
Transporter

**William Bergland**  
Transporter

The motto of the Kendall County Coroner's Office is "*carorum ad curam*", which is translated as "to take care of loved ones". This motto is the guiding principle by which we operate, and our staff is dedicated to supporting our citizens in any way that we can.

Our office is always available by calling (630) 553-4200.