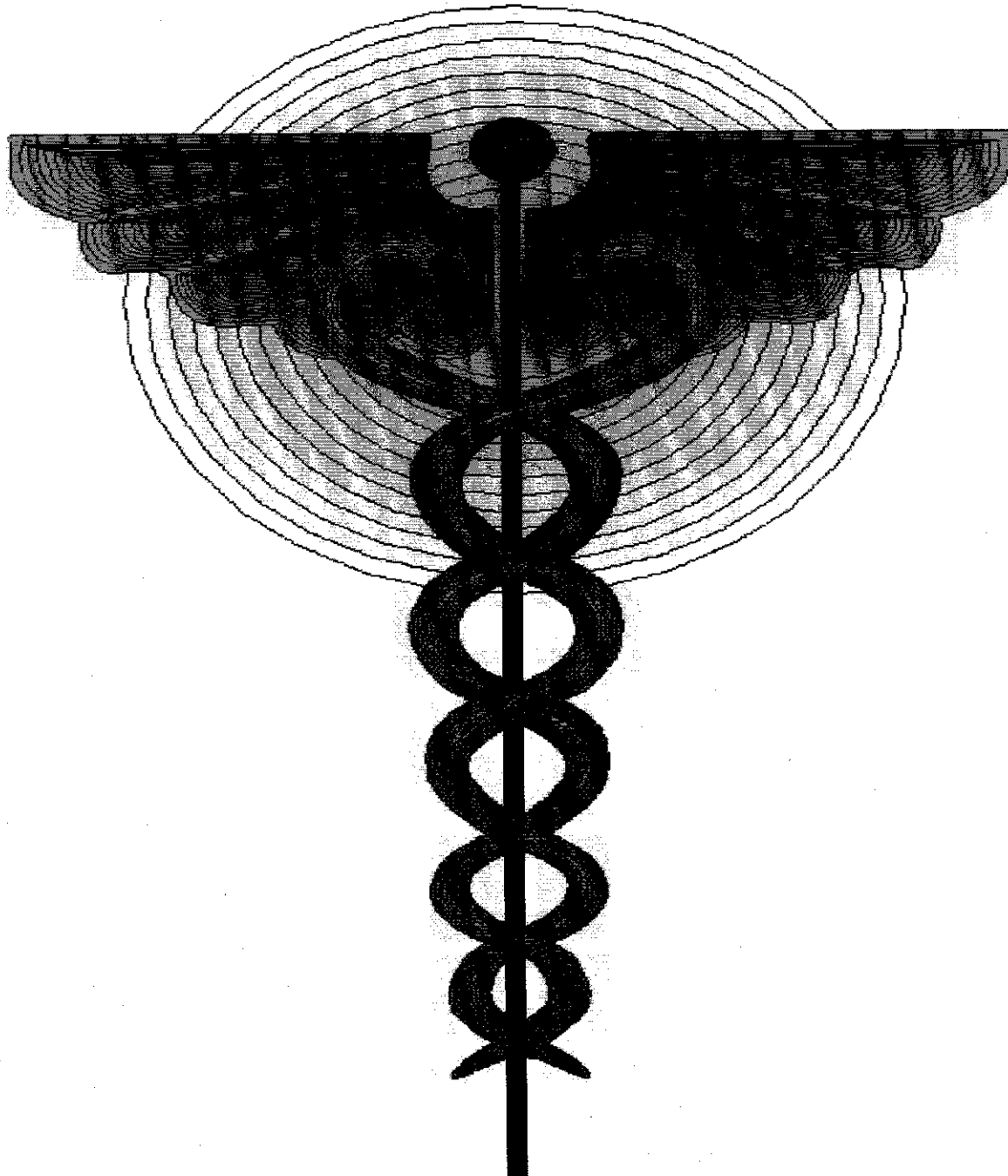


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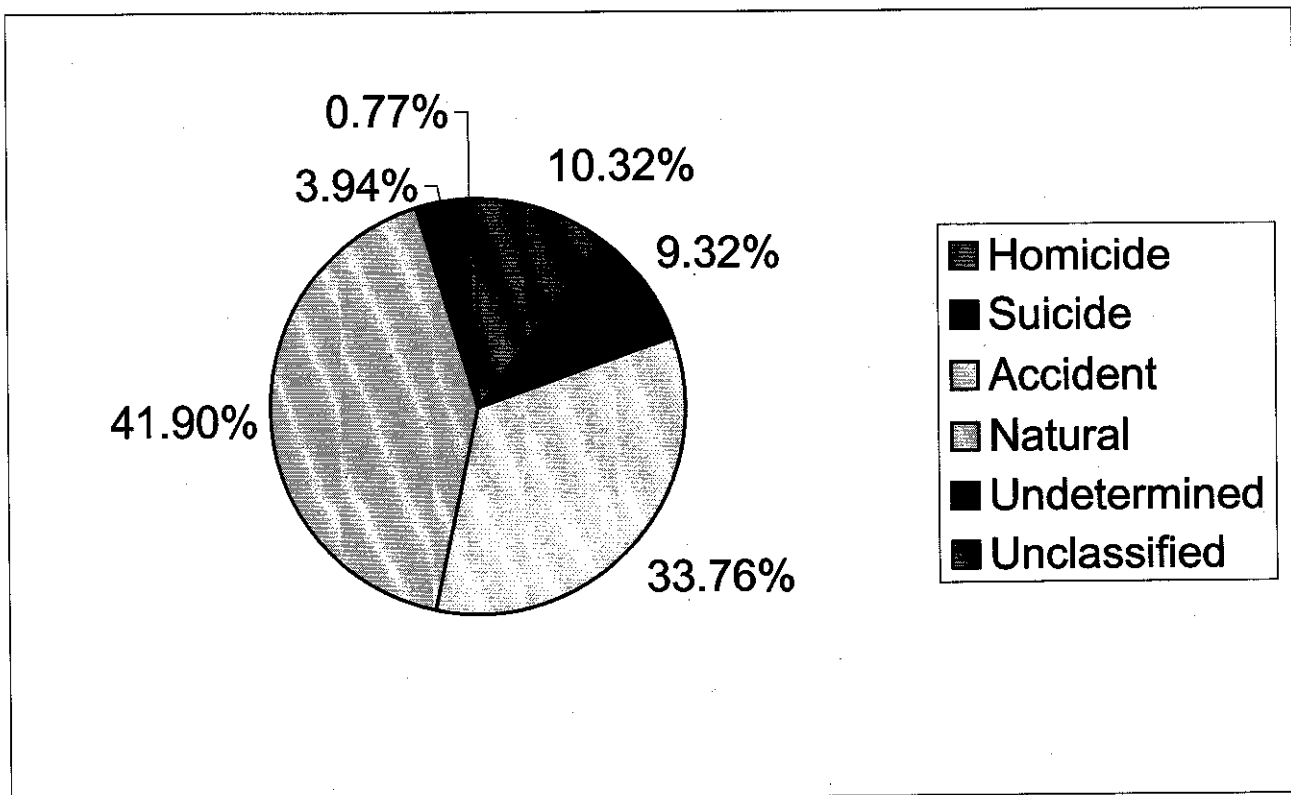
Annual Report 2003

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Total Number of Cases Investigated	7607	8322	8444
Cases Accepted	1972	2142	2210
Autopsies	1315	1355	1427
Complete Autopsies	1213	1251	1317
Partial Autopsies	102	104	110
Inspections	599	721	711
Death Certificates Only	58	66	72
Storage/Voided Cases	161	142	175
Cremation Certificates Issued	1994	2565	2910
Scene Investigations	376	420	422
Toxicology Tests Performed	38047	43352	51103

2003 Summary of Medical Examiner Cases

	<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>Number Autopsied</u>	<u>Percentage Autopsied</u>
Homicide	228	227	99.56%
Suicide	206	158	76.70%
Accident	746	513	68.77%
Natural	926	438	47.30%
Undetermined	87	80	91.95%
Unclassified	17	10	58.82%
Total	2210	1426	64.52%

Total Cases By Manner



Manner of Death

Bexar County Cases

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Homicide	135	155	162
Suicide	146	149	152
Accident	485	597	615
Natural	781	885	863
Undetermined	48	49	60
Unclassified	7	8	16
Total	1602	1843	1868

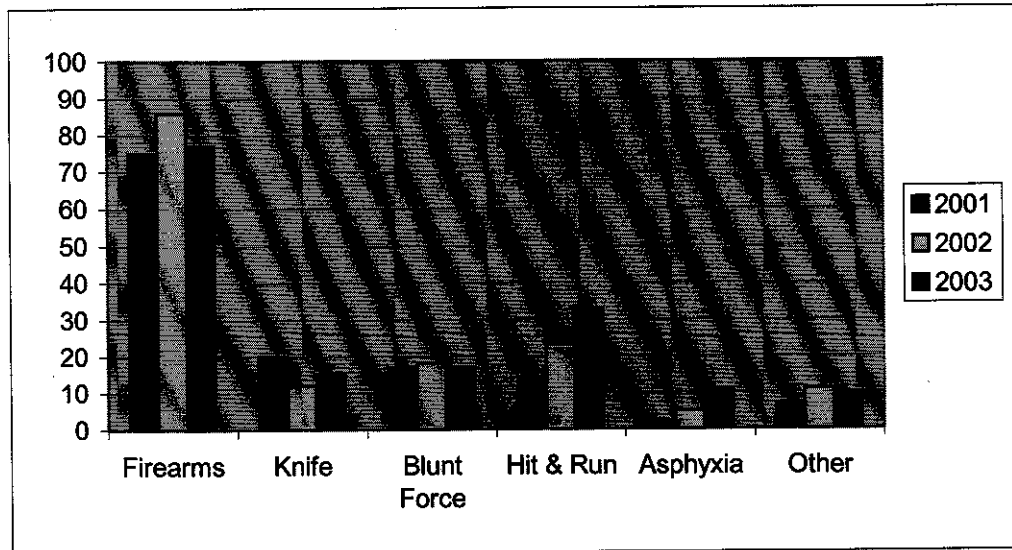
Contract Cases

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Homicide	46	40	65
Suicide	43	35	54
Accident	160	126	121
Natural	91	73	74
Undetermined	30	25	27
Unclassified	0	0	1
Total	370	299	342

Homicides by Method

Bexar County

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Firearms	75	86	77
Knife	20	12	15
Blunt Force	17	18	17
Hit & Run	14	23	33
Asphyxia	2	5	11
Other	7	11	9
Total	135	155	162



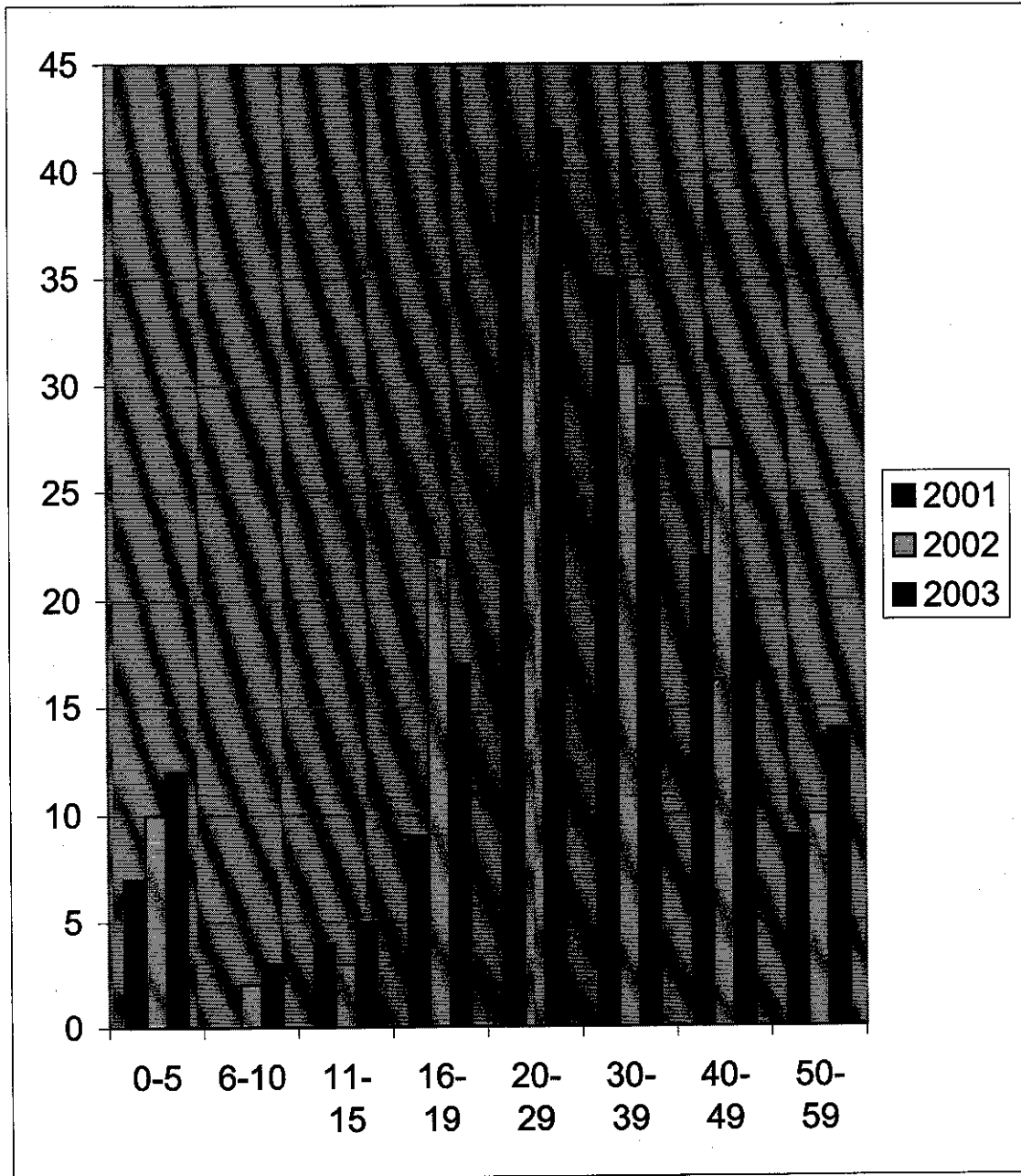
Homicides by Age, Race, Sex

Bexar County

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
0-5	7	10	12
6-10	0	2	3
11-15	4	3	5
16-19	9	22	17
20-29	41	38	42
30-39	35	31	29
40-49	22	27	20
50-59	9	10	14
60-69	4	6	8
70-79	3	1	8
80-89	1	3	3
90-99	0	0	0
Unk	0	2	1
Total	135	155	162

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
W/M	90	103	105
W/F	20	27	40
B/M	15	14	12
B/F	8	8	3
O/M	1	1	1
O/F	1	2	1
Total	135	155	162

Homicides by Age



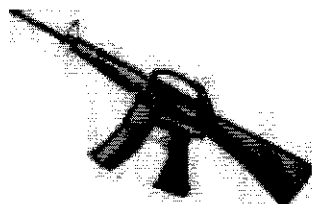
Drugs and Alcohol in Homicide Victims

Bexar County

Alcohols/Drugs Analysis	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
No Tests Performed	3	3	17
Negative for Drugs & Alcohol	57	52	60
Positive for Alcohol	31	33	37
Drugs Only	31	42	26
Drugs & Alcohol	13	25	22
Total	135	155	162

Alcohol Levels	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<.05	11	12	15
.05-.099	11	13	11
.10-.199	17	21	19
.20-.299	4	7	10
+.30	1	5	4
Total	44	58	59

Homicides by Firearms




Bexar County



Type of Weapon	<u>2001*</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003*</u>
Handgun	61	34	54
Centerfire Rifle	9	4	7
Rimfire Rifle	2	1	3
Shotgun	3	2	3
Unknown	0	44	14
Other	7	1	0
Total	82	86	81

*More than one weapon was used in some cases in 2001 and 2003

Caliber of Handguns	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
.38/.357 	8	4	11
.22	9	9	4
.25	3	0	7
.32	2	1	0
.40	15	5	15
.45 ACP	0	4	3
.380 ACP	3	3	5
9mm	19	8	7
Other	2	0	2
Total	61	34	54

Child Homicides

Bexar County

Ages 0 - 5

Method	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Blunt Force	6	8	5
Asphyxia	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle	0	0	3
Other	0	1	2
Total	7	10	12

Race/Sex	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
W/M	4	6	8
W/F	3	4	4
B/M	0	0	0
B/F	0	0	0
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	7	10	12

Sudden Death Infant Syndrome

Race/Sex	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
W/M	5	12	8
W/F	5	6	4
B/M	1	1	4
B/F	1	0	1
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	12	19	17

Suicides by Method, Age, Race, Sex

Bexar County

Method	<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>		<u>2003</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Firearms	70	18	69	8	66	11
Drugs/Chemicals	9	9	14	17	11	15
Hanging	25	6	20	7	29	2
Carbon Monoxide	3	0	0	1	3	2
Knife	0	0	5	0	3	1
Other	4	2	7	1	6	3
Total	111	35	115	34	118	34
	146		149		152	

Age	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<15	3	2	1
15-19	8	13	18
20-29	28	25	22
30-39	36	26	26
40-49	28	32	41
50-59	19	17	21
60-69	6	10	11
70-79	7	18	9
80-89	8	2	2
90-99	3	3	1
Unk	0	1	0
Total	146	149	152

Race/Sex	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
W/M	103	111	111
W/F	31	31	30
B/M	7	3	5
B/F	1	2	1
O/M	1	1	2
O/F	3	1	3
Unk	0		
Total	146	149	152

Drugs and Alcohol in Suicide Victims

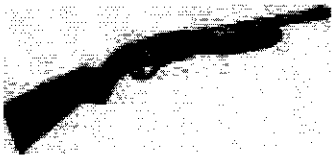
Bexar County

Alcohols/Drugs Analysis	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
No Tests Performed	3	4	9
Negative for Drugs & Alcohol	38	40	45
Positive for Alcohol	34	30	21
Drugs Only	46	54	50
Drugs & Alcohol	23	21	27
Total	144	149	152


Alcohol Levels	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<.05	10	7	9
.05-.099	13	7	8
.10-.199	23	23	20
.20-.299	10	12	8
+.30	1	2	3
Total	57	51	48

Suicides by Firearms

Bexar County



Type of Weapon	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Handgun	64	56	53
Centerfire Rifle	4	2	3
Rimfire Rifle	5	2	4
Shotgun	6	12	6
Unknown	9	5	10
Other	0	0	1
Total	88	77	77

Caliber of Handguns	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
.38/.357 	28	21	23
.22	12	9	8
.25	4	3	3
.32	5	1	3
.40	3	8	3
.45 ACP	0	4	3
.380 ACP	2	2	5
9mm	8	7	5
Other	2	1	
Total	64	56	53

Teenage Suicides

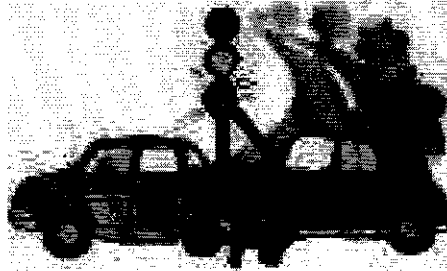
Bexar County

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Firearms	5	9	10
Hanging	6	4	6
Drugs	0	1	2
Other	0	1	1
Total	11	15	19

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
W/M	9	10	14
W/F	0	3	4
B/M	2	1	1
B/F	0	1	0
O/M	0	0	0
O/F	0	0	0
Total	11	15	19

Motor Vehicle Operators

Bexar County



Alcohol/Drugs Analysis	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
No Tests Performed	1	2	2
Negative for Drugs& Alcohol	20	27	26
Positive for Alcohol	18	24	25
Drugs Only	4	17	15
Drugs & Alcohol	4	18	6
Total	47	88	74

Alcohol Levels	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<.05	2	3	1
.05-.099	3	5	5
.10-.199	7	17	14
.20-.299	10	15	10
+.30	0	2	1
Total	22	42	31

Seatbelt Use	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Yes	23	28	26
No	20	35	30
Unknown	4	25	18
Total	47	88	74

Pedestrians

Bexar County








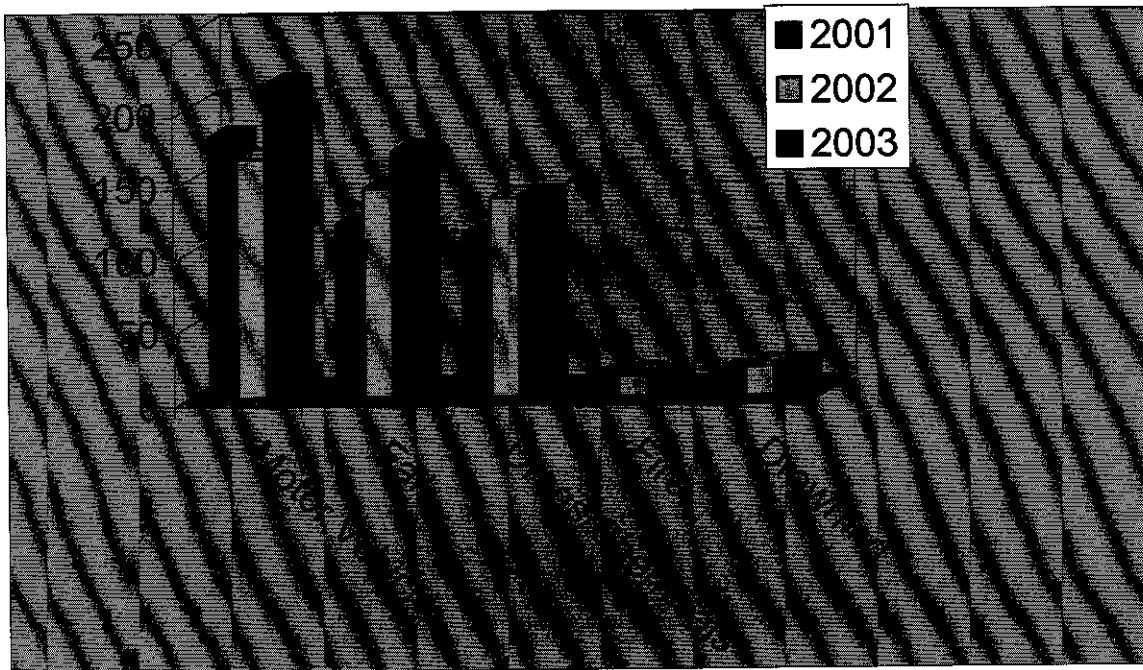
Alcohol/Drugs Analysis	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
No Tests Performed	1	1	2
No Alcohol	11	25	16
<.05	2	1	0
.05-.099	0	0	2
.10-.199	7	8	4
.20-.299	5	4	4
.30+	0	4	2
Total	26	43	30

Age	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
0-5	0	0	1
6-10	0	0	1
11-15	1	2	0
16-19	1	2	2
20-29	4	5	9
30-39	4	7	4
40-49	6	9	6
50-59	3	8	2
60-69	3	6	3
70-79	2	2	1
80-89	2	1	1
Unk	0	1	0
Total	26	43	30

Accidental Deaths

Bexar County

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Motor Vehicle 	180	165	216
Fall 	119	144	170
Drugs/Chemicals 	112	137	138
Fire 	12	14	13
Drowning 	16	20	20
Other	46	117	58
Total	485	597	615



Deaths due to Drugs/Toxic Substances

Bexar County

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Heroin	46	52	51
Cocaine	25	29	37
Heroin/Cocaine	9	16	18
Narcotics	3	24	16
Tricyclic Anti-Depressants	6	10	2
Propoxyphene	2	5	3
Mixed Drugs	24	18	21
Ethyl Alcohol	2	2	2
Carbon Monoxide	2	4	5
Other	23	20	32
Total	142	180	187

