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Executive summary

This bulletin presents statistics of coroners' work during the calendar year 2007, including deaths reported, post-mortems, and inquests (including those for treasure and treasure trove). These figures are used to monitor coroners' workload, throughput of cases, and percentages of post-mortems and inquests.

Main points

- Some 234,500 deaths were reported to coroners in 2007, a rise of 4,500 (2 per cent) from the 2006 figure. (*Tables 1 and 3*)
- The proportion of all registered deaths reported to coroners rose from 45.8 per cent in 2006 to an estimated 46.5 per cent in 2007, in line with the prevailing trend. (*Table 3*)
- The percentage of cases involving post-mortem examinations, as a proportion of all deaths reported to coroners, fell from 48 per cent in 2006 to 47 per cent in 2007, continuing the existing downward trend. (*Table 4*)
- Inquests were held on 30,800 deaths, representing just over 13 per cent of all deaths reported to coroners, continuing a slight upward trend. (*Table 4*)
- As in recent years, the most common verdicts returned at inquests were death by accident or misadventure (in 33 per cent of cases), deaths from natural causes (26 per cent) and suicide (11 per cent). (*Tables 2 and 5*)
- Verdicts of suicide in 2007 fell by 7 per cent compared to the previous year; there were also falls in the number of verdicts of death by accident or misadventure, open verdicts, and verdicts of death from industrial diseases. Verdicts of natural causes rose, and there was a large rise in the number of non-specific verdicts, a category which includes narrative verdicts which are a factual record of how and in what circumstances the death occurred, often used where the cause of death does not easily fit any of the short-form categories. (*Table 5*)

Introduction and important note on counting methodology

This bulletin presents statistics of deaths reported to coroners in England and Wales in 2007 in accordance with section 28 of the Coroners Act 1988. Information is provided on deaths reported to coroners, post-mortem examinations and inquests held, and verdicts returned at inquests.

Since 1995, coroners have been asked to report on those deaths notified to them which resulted in no further action being taken by them (known as “NFA cases”), that is, there was no inquest, no post-mortem, and no certificate was issued by them for registration purposes.

Prior to 1995, however, NFA cases were not reported in the annual statistics. It should be noted therefore that in Tables 3 and 4, which show figures over a number of years, figures for the total number of deaths reported to coroners since 1995 are not directly comparable to those for earlier years, as they have been counted on a different basis.

Because of differences between coroners as to how these NFA cases were reported in their figures, since 2005 all coroners have been asked to include these cases within the figures for all deaths reported that required neither an inquest nor a post-mortem, with separate figures for NFA cases only if the sex of the deceased was not known. A consistent time series for deaths reported excluding NFA cases is therefore not available.

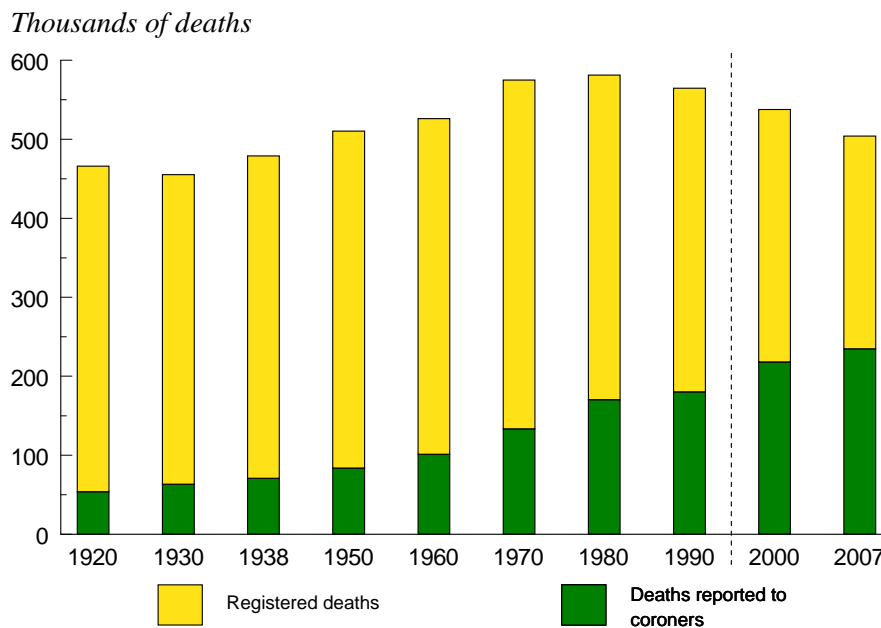
This is a re-issued version of the statistical bulletin which was originally published in May 2008. In the original version, full data for 2007 were not available for the East Sussex and Plymouth and South West Devon districts. Data were imputed for each of these jurisdictions based on figures reported in previous years. Actual data for 2007 have now been received for these two districts and their figures updated accordingly. Please see the Explanatory Notes section for a summary of their effect on the England and Wales totals, which have also been updated as a result.

This re-issued bulletin also includes a corrected figure for the number of registered deaths in England and Wales in 2007, which was published by the Office for National Statistics in July 2008. This was not available when the bulletin was originally published, and so an estimated figure was used.

Deaths reported (Tables 1, 3 and 4, Figures 1 and 2)

The number of deaths reported to coroners in 2007 rose by 4,500 (2 per cent) from the previous year, from 230,000 in 2006 to 234,500 during 2007, the highest annual total to date. The proportion of registered deaths in the calendar year 2007 that were reported to coroners in 2007 rose by a little under one percentage point from 45.8 per cent to 46.5 per cent, continuing a long-term trend. This proportion is also the highest figure recorded to date.

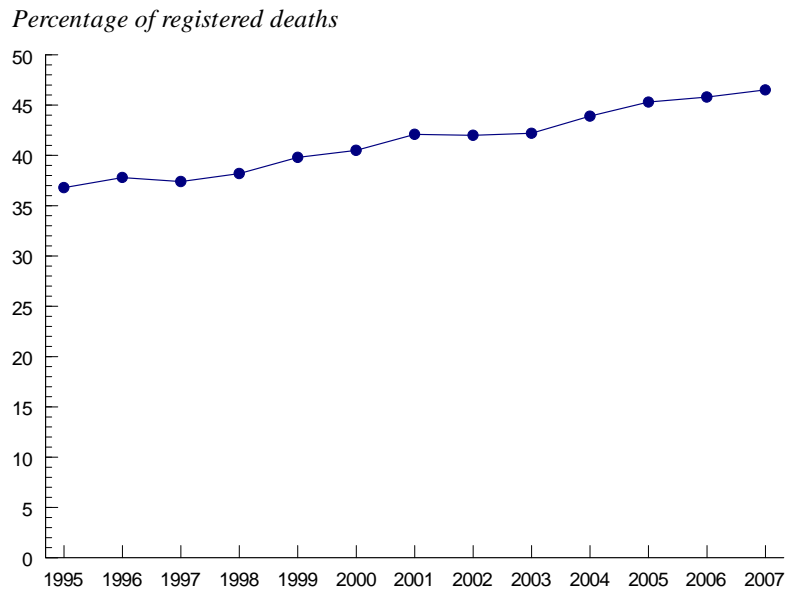
Figure 1: Registered deaths, and deaths reported to coroners, England and Wales, 1920-2007



NOTE: The figures for deaths reported to coroners in the columns to the right of the vertical dashed line include NFA cases, while those to the left exclude NFA cases (see above).

The long-term trend, as well as that of the proportion of deaths reported, is upwards. Since the Shipman murders, there has been more concern about proper process. In the longer term, this rise is probably also due in part to the growing use, over at least the last twenty years, of deputising services by general practitioners, leading to greater referrals to coroners.

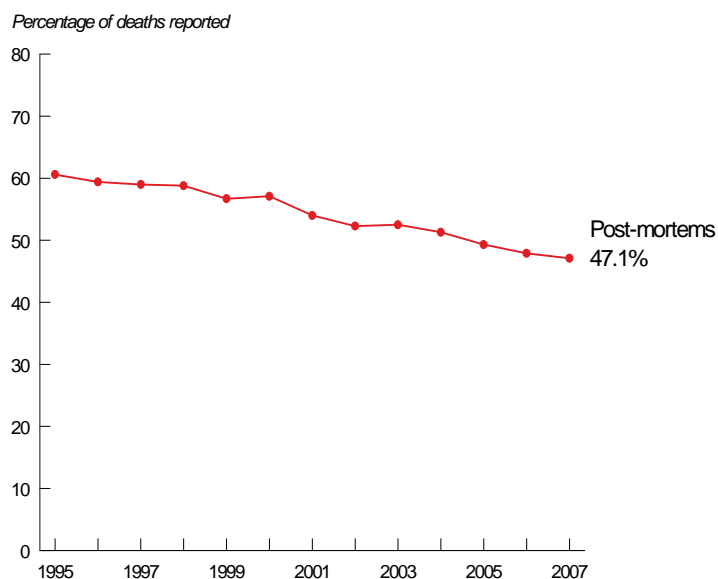
Figure 2: Deaths reported to coroners as a percentage of registered deaths, England and Wales, 1995-2007



Post-mortem examinations and inquests (Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, Figures 3a and 3b)

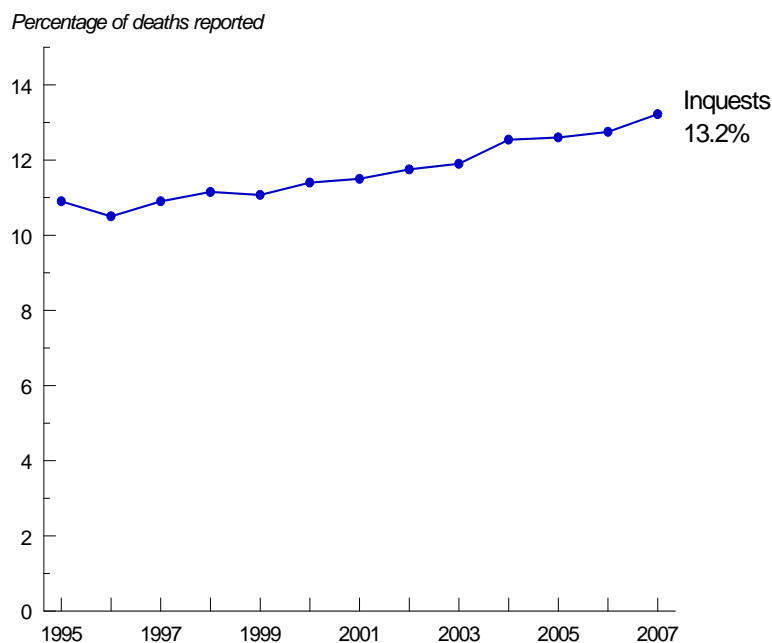
Post-mortem examinations were ordered by coroners in 47 per cent of all cases reported to them in 2007. This represented 110,400 post-mortems in total, 140 more than in 2006. The proportion of post-mortem cases fell by just under 1 percentage point from 2006, continuing the long-term downward trend, despite the slight rise in actual numbers of post-mortem examinations performed.

Figure 3a: Post-mortems as a percentage of deaths reported to coroners, England and Wales, 1995-2007



Inquests were held on 30,800 deaths reported to coroners in 2007, over 1,500 more than in 2006, and the highest number since at least 1980. Inquest cases represented just over one in eight of all the deaths reported to coroners in 2007, a slight increase on the year before.

Figure 3b: Inquests as a percentage of deaths reported to coroners, England and Wales, 1995-2007



Post-mortems in inquest cases (Table 4)

When an inquest is held a post-mortem examination has usually been conducted, and in 2007 post-mortems were conducted in 92 per cent of such cases. This compares to 93 per cent in the previous year, and continues a shallow declining trend over the past eight or nine years. Prior to the late 1990s, the holding of an inquest without a post-mortem examination was comparatively rare, accounting for around 2 per cent or less of inquest cases every year. In 2007 there were over 2,300 inquests without a post-mortem, over six times the number so reported ten years ago.

Post-mortems in non-inquest cases (Table 4)

In the majority of cases referred to coroners there is no inquest. In 2007, there were just under 82,000 non-inquest cases requiring a post-mortem, and the percentage of non-inquest cases that required a post-mortem fell to 40 per cent. This proportion has fallen steadily in recent years; in 1995 the proportion was 56 per cent. Figure 3a above refers to all cases, whether there was an inquest or not.

Cases requiring neither an inquest nor a post-mortem (Table 4)

There were also 121,800 cases reported to coroners where there was neither an inquest nor a post-mortem. This particular category of case has been increasing in recent years. Also, as a proportion of all coroners' cases, those where there was neither an inquest nor a post-mortem examination have increased from around 40 per cent or just above in the late 1990s, to 52 per cent in 2007.

Inquest verdicts (Tables 2, 5 and 6, Figures 4, 5 and 6)

Verdicts were returned at over 27,300 inquests in 2007, 200 fewer than in 2006. As in previous years the most common verdicts in 2007 were: death by accident or misadventure (8,900, 33 per cent of all verdicts), deaths from natural causes (7,000, 26 per cent), and suicide (3,000, 11 per cent)¹.

The principal rises in 2007 were for verdicts of death from natural causes, up 180 (3 per cent on the 2006 figure) to over 7,000; and non-specific verdicts, up 520 (21 per cent) to over 2,900. The last-mentioned rise is because of the increasing use of what are known as 'narrative verdicts' by some coroners (see the paragraph on trends, below). A narrative verdict is where, instead of a conventional verdict, at the end of the inquest the coroner records a factual record of how and in what circumstances the death occurred. Recent case law, including the House of Lords Middleton² judgement, may be responsible for the increasing use of narrative verdicts.

Verdicts of suicide fell by over 200 (7 per cent) from the 2006 level. There were also falls in the number of verdicts of deaths by accident or misadventure in 2007 (down 420, but a relatively small percentage fall of only 5 per cent), and in the number of open verdicts (down 140, or 6 per cent). Both of these categories have shown fluctuations year on year.

Trends (Table 5 and Figure 4)

Verdicts of death from natural causes are tending to rise. There is a long-term downward trend in the numbers of verdicts of suicide, though there are fluctuations within that trend. The numbers of open verdicts appear to fluctuate with no clearly definable upward or downward trend.

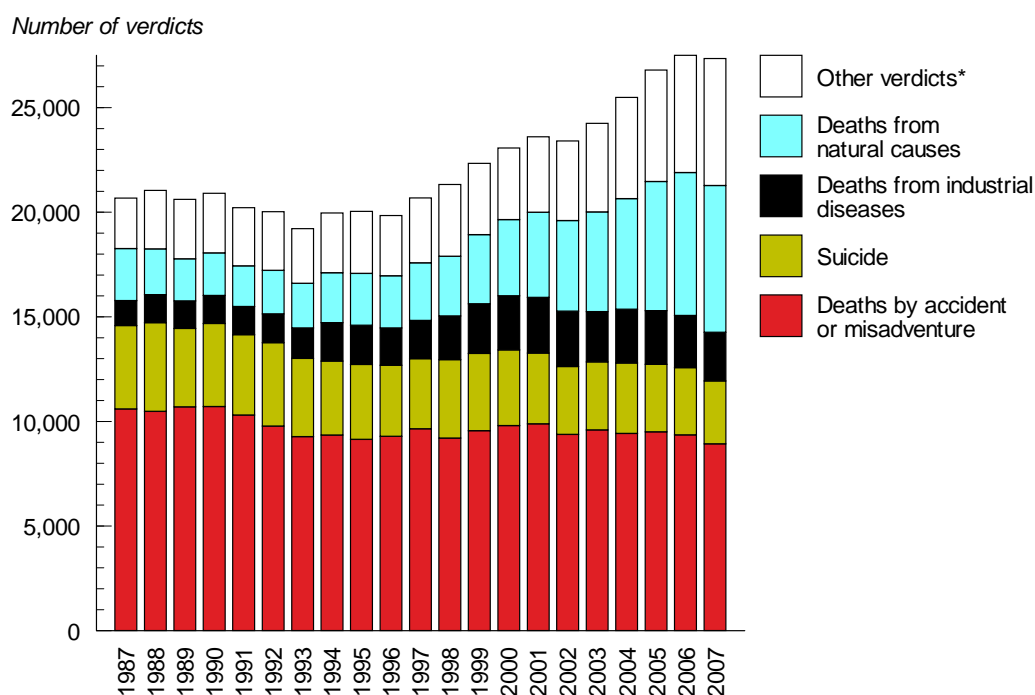
However, as a *proportion* of verdicts delivered by coroners during a calendar year, there are four main trends, two rising and two falling: verdicts of accident

¹ The number of verdicts delivered in any year is not the same as the number of inquests held. The 'number of inquests held' referred to in this bulletin may include inquests which were still in progress at the year's end, whereas the verdicts discussed in this paragraph necessarily pertain to those inquests which have been completed. Some of these inquests may have begun in a previous year.

² R v H.M. Coroner for Western Somersetshire and another *ex parte* Middleton (2004)

or misadventure are declining steadily, from 48 per cent in 1993 to 33 per cent in 2007, and suicide verdicts are declining slowly over the same period, from nearly 20 per cent fifteen years ago to around 11 per cent last year. The two rising trends are: firstly, verdicts of natural causes, which have risen from 11 per cent in 1993 to around 26 per cent in 2007; and secondly, non-specific verdicts (which include narrative verdicts, mentioned above), which formed fewer than one per cent of the total until 2001, but accounted for 11 per cent in 2007. Other types of verdict show no clear trend, or numbers are too small to identify a trend reliably.

Figure 4: Verdicts returned at inquests, England and Wales, 1987-2007



*Includes open verdicts, and non-specific verdicts, etc. (see Table 5)

Gender differences (Table 2, Figures 5 and 6)

The pattern of verdicts differs between males and females. Similar to previous years, male deaths accounted for about 69 per cent of all verdicts; but they also included 93 per cent of verdicts of death from industrial disease, 78 per cent of verdicts of suicide, and 86 per cent of verdicts of death from dependence on, or non-dependent abuse of, drugs. For females, the most common verdict was death by accident or misadventure (38 per cent of all female verdicts) followed by death from natural causes (30 per cent). These proportions were all similar to those in recent years.

Figure 5: Verdicts returned at inquests by sex, England and Wales, 2007

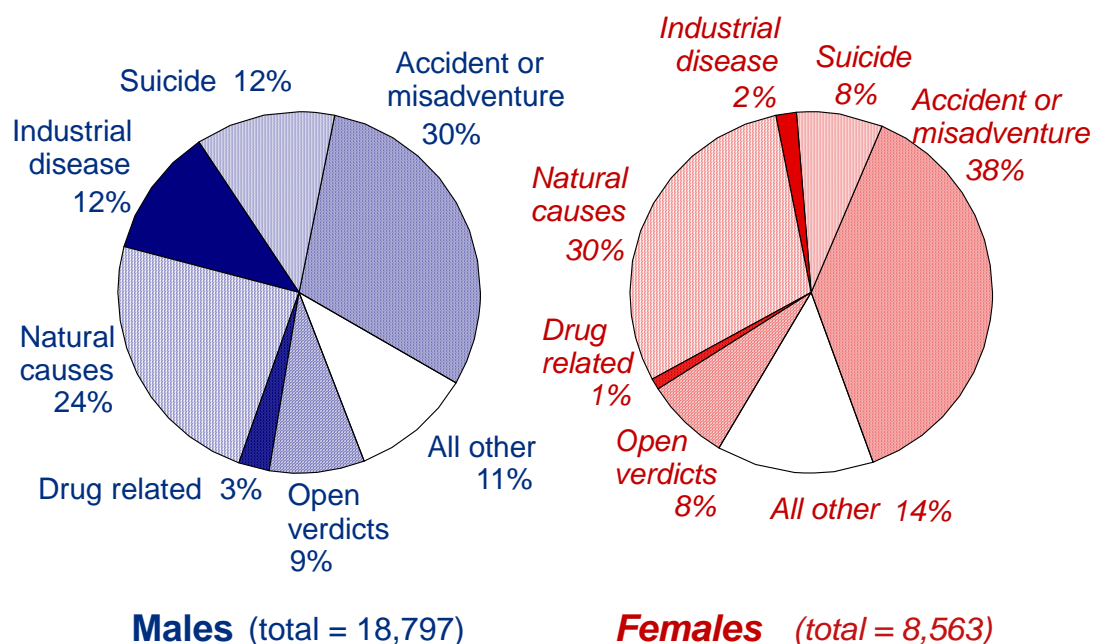
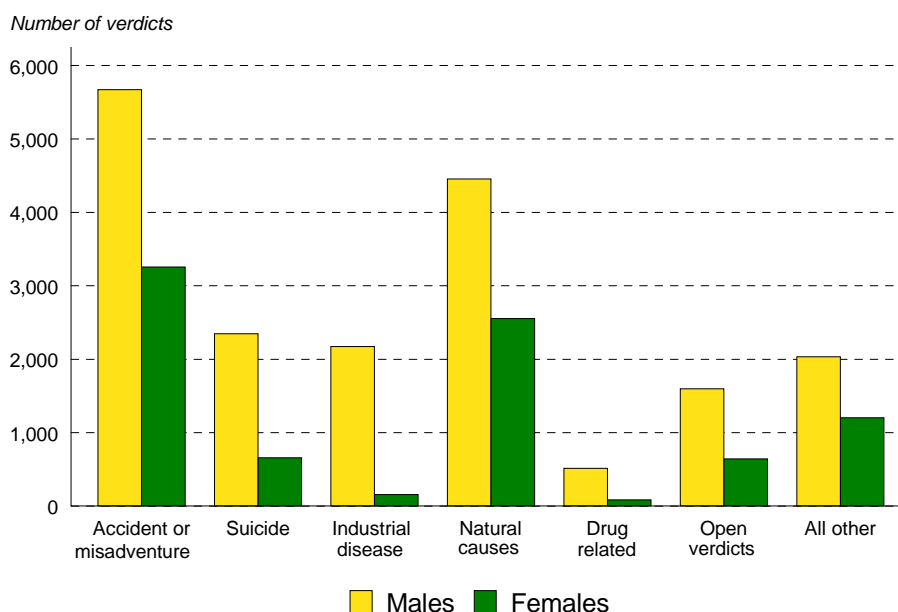


Figure 6: Number of verdicts returned at inquests, by sex, England and Wales, 2007



Juries, and adjourned inquests (Table 6)

Nearly all inquests in 2007, as in other years, were held without juries. The number of inquests held with juries in 2007 was 540 (representing just under 2 per cent of all inquests), a modest fall of 30 from 2006, and the second lowest since these particular figures were first collected around thirty years ago. Not only the numbers, but the proportions are also falling, from a peak of around 6 per cent of inquests around twenty years ago.

Around 930 inquests were adjourned by the coroner under Section 16 of the Coroners Act 1988 because criminal proceedings were pending and not resumed. This is comparable with the level generally prevailing in recent years.

Treasure and Treasure Trove (Table 6 and Figure 7)

On 24 September 1997, the Treasure Act 1996 came into force and replaced the common law of Treasure Trove in England and Wales. The 1996 Act introduced new requirements for reporting and dealing with finds. Not all finds need be the subject of an inquest. In 2007, 568 finds were reported and 273 inquests were concluded, from which a verdict declaring a find to be Treasure was returned in 229 cases. There were also 13 inquests held into Treasure Trove in 2007, relating to finds made before the current Act came into force. It is likely that a few such inquests will continue to be held for some time.

The number of finds reported has been steadily increasing in recent years; this is probably because of the increasing popularity of treasure-hunting as a hobby. The dip in reported finds in 2001 is almost certainly due to the foot-and-mouth outbreak, which severely restricted access to land during the spring of that year.

Figure 7: Finds reported to coroners and inquests held under the Treasure Act, 1997-2007

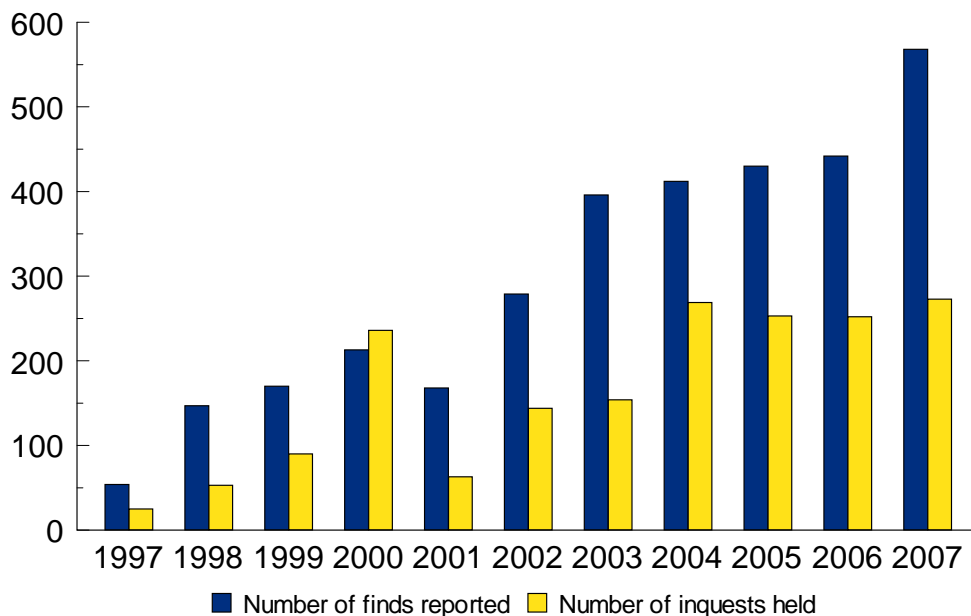


Table 1: Deaths reported to coroners, 2007

England and Wales		Number of deaths		
	Males	Females	Total	
Inquest held:				
with post-mortem	19,762	8,748	28,510	
without post-mortem	1,308	1,023	2,331	
All inquest cases	21,070	9,771	30,841	
No inquest held:				
with post-mortem	45,903	35,947	81,850	
without post-mortem (1)	57,872	63,797	121,669	
"no further action" cases where sex of deceased not known			98	
All non-inquest cases (2)	103,775	99,744	203,617	
Cases with post-mortem examination	65,665	44,695	110,360	
Cases where no post-mortem held (2)	59,180	64,820	124,098	
Total deaths reported to coroners, 2007 (2)	124,845	109,515	234,458	

(1) This row includes deaths referred to the coroner where no certificate of any kind was issued ("no further action" cases).

(2) The **total** column includes "no further action" cases which are not categorized into males and females.

Table 2: Verdicts returned at inquests, 2007

England and Wales		Number of verdicts		
Verdict	Males	Females	Total	Number per 10,000 registered deaths
Homicide, of which:				
killed unlawfully	173	84	257	5.1
killed lawfully	2	-	2	0.0
Suicide	2,348	659	3,007	59.7
Attempted or self-induced abortion	-	-	-	-
Cause of death aggravated by lack of care, or self-neglect	18	17	35	0.7
Dependence on drugs	273	51	324	6.4
Non-dependent abuse of drugs	241	35	276	5.5
Want of attention at birth	-	-	-	-
Death from industrial diseases	2,175	157	2,332	46.3
Death by accident or misadventure	5,672	3,258	8,930	177.2
Stillborn	12	9	21	0.4
Deaths from natural causes	4,456	2,555	7,011	139.1
Open verdicts	1,598	644	2,242	44.5
Disasters	-	-	-	-
All other verdicts	1,829	1,094	2,923	58.0
Total verdicts returned, 2007	18,797	8,563	27,360	542.8

Table 3: Registered deaths, deaths reported to coroners, and inquests held, 1920-2007

England and Wales

Thousands and percentages

Year	Registered deaths (thousands)	Deaths reported to coroners		Inquests held	
		Number (thousands) (1)	As a percentage of registered deaths	Number (thousands)	As a percentage of deaths reported to coroners (1)
1920	466.1	53.7	11.5%	31.5	58.6%
1930	455.4	63.2	13.9%	31.7	50.1%
1938 (2)	479.0	70.2	14.7%	31.5	44.9%
1950	510.3	83.6	16.4%	25.8	30.9%
1960	526.3	101.1	19.2%	26.3	26.0%
1970	575.2	133.4	23.2%	24.9	18.7%
1979	593.0	171.3	28.9%	23.8	13.9%
1980	581.4	170.2	29.3%	23.1	13.6%
1981	577.9	173.6	30.0%	22.9	13.2%
1982	581.9	174.3	29.9%	23.1	13.2%
1983	579.6	177.2	30.6%	22.9	12.9%
1984	566.9	174.7	30.8%	22.4	12.8%
1985	590.7	182.1	30.8%	22.5	12.3%
1986	581.2	181.3	31.2%	22.2	12.3%
1987	567.0	175.8	31.0%	22.0	12.5%
1988	571.4	178.1	31.2%	21.9	12.3%
1989	576.9	182.8	31.7%	21.7	11.9%
1990	564.8	180.1	31.9%	22.1	12.3%
1991	570.0	181.6	31.9%	21.3	11.7%
1992	558.3	179.3	32.1%	20.9	11.7%
1993	578.5	188.2	32.5%	20.4	10.8%
1994	551.8	185.0	33.5%	20.8	11.3%
1995	565.9	208.5	36.8%	22.7	10.9%
1996	563.0	212.6	37.8%	22.3	10.5%
1997	558.1	208.6	37.4%	22.7	10.9%
1998	553.4	211.4	38.2%	23.6	11.1%
1999	553.5	220.2	39.8%	24.4	11.1%
2000 (R)	537.9	218.1	40.5%	24.9	11.4%
2001 (R)	532.5	224.3	42.1%	25.8	11.5%
2002 (R)	535.4	225.0	42.0%	26.4	11.7%
2003 (R)	539.2	227.8	42.2%	27.1	11.9%
2004	514.3	225.5	43.9%	28.3	12.5%
2005	513.0	232.4	45.3%	29.3	12.6%
2006 (R)	502.6	230.0	45.8%	29.3	12.8%
2007 (3)	504.1	234.5	46.5%	30.8	13.2%

(1) 'NFA' cases are deaths notified to coroners which required neither an inquest nor a post-mortem, and where no certificate of any kind was issued. From 1995 onwards all 'NFA' cases have been included in the number of reported deaths. Prior to that, these cases were excluded. Figures for 1995 onwards are therefore not directly comparable to those for previous years.

(2) Data were not available for 1940.

(3) Figure for registered deaths in 2007 was published by the Office for National Statistics in July 2008.

(R) Some figures have been revised: see Explanatory Notes for more information.

Table 4: Deaths reported to coroners and post-mortem examinations and inquests held, 1980-2007

England and Wales Numbers and percentages

Year	Inquest held						Total inquests held	Inquests as % of all deaths reported, inc. NFA (1)
	Post-mortem examination held			No post-mortem held				
	Number	% of inquest cases	% of all deaths reported, inc. NFA (1)	Number	% of inquest cases	% of all deaths reported, inc. NFA (1)		
1980	22,963	99.5%	n/a	124	0.5%	n/a	23,087	n/a
1981	22,798	99.4%	n/a	144	0.6%	n/a	22,942	n/a
1982	22,914	99.3%	n/a	161	0.7%	n/a	23,075	n/a
1983	22,699	99.3%	n/a	153	0.7%	n/a	22,852	n/a
1984	22,266	99.4%	n/a	134	0.6%	n/a	22,400	n/a
1985	22,326	99.4%	n/a	143	0.6%	n/a	22,469	n/a
1986	22,065	99.3%	n/a	151	0.7%	n/a	22,216	n/a
1987	21,742	98.8%	n/a	255	1.2%	n/a	21,997	n/a
1988	21,545	98.2%	n/a	398	1.8%	n/a	21,943	n/a
1989	21,258	97.9%	n/a	453	2.1%	n/a	21,711	n/a
1990	21,742	98.3%	n/a	378	1.7%	n/a	22,120	n/a
1991	20,924	98.3%	n/a	369	1.7%	n/a	21,293	n/a
1992	20,498	98.0%	n/a	424	2.0%	n/a	20,922	n/a
1993	19,986	98.1%	n/a	382	1.9%	n/a	20,368	n/a
1994	20,474	98.3%	n/a	362	1.7%	n/a	20,836	n/a
1995	22,247	98.1%	10.7%	423	1.9%	0.2%	22,670	10.9%
1996	21,863	98.0%	10.3%	455	2.0%	0.2%	22,318	10.5%
1997	22,336	98.4%	10.7%	367	1.6%	0.2%	22,703	10.9%
1998	23,191	98.4%	11.0%	377	1.6%	0.2%	23,568	11.1%
1999	23,896	98.0%	10.9%	479	2.0%	0.2%	24,375	11.1%
2000 (R)	24,117	97.0%	11.1%	740	3.0%	0.3%	24,857	11.4%
2001 (R)	24,617	95.4%	11.0%	1,176	4.6%	0.5%	25,793	11.5%
2002 (R)	25,363	96.0%	11.3%	1,067	4.0%	0.5%	26,430	11.7%
2003 (R)	25,754	95.0%	11.3%	1,359	5.0%	0.6%	27,113	11.9%
2004	26,618	94.1%	11.8%	1,656	5.9%	0.7%	28,274	12.5%
2005	27,537	94.1%	11.8%	1,734	5.9%	0.7%	29,271	12.6%
2006 (R)	27,305	93.1%	11.9%	2,022	6.9%	0.9%	29,327	12.8%
2007	28,510	92.4%	12.2%	2,331	7.6%	1.0%	30,841	13.2%

Table 4: Deaths reported to coroners and post-mortem examinations and inquests held, 1980-2007 (continued)

England and Wales										
Numbers and percentages										
Year	No inquest held						Total non-inquest cases, inc. NFA	Post-mortems		Total deaths reported, inc. NFA (1)
	Post-mortem examination held			No post-mortem held				Total post-mortems held	Post-mortems as % of all deaths reported, inc. NFA (1)	
	Number	% of non-inquest cases, inc. NFA	% of all deaths reported, NFA (1)	Number, including NFA (1)	% of non-inquest cases, inc. NFA	% of all deaths reported, NFA (1)				
1980	118,503	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	141,466	n/a	n/a
1981	119,787	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	142,585	n/a	n/a
1982	119,078	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	141,992	n/a	n/a
1983	121,371	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	144,070	n/a	n/a
1984	117,711	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	139,977	n/a	n/a
1985	123,271	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	145,597	n/a	n/a
1986	120,843	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	142,908	n/a	n/a
1987	114,219	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	135,961	n/a	n/a
1988	112,953	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	134,498	n/a	n/a
1989	114,495	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	135,753	n/a	n/a
1990	110,323	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	132,065	n/a	n/a
1991	109,602	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	130,526	n/a	n/a
1992	106,475	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	126,973	n/a	n/a
1993	109,162	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	129,148	n/a	n/a
1994	104,702	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	125,176	n/a	n/a
1995	104,151	56.0%	49.9%	81,701	44.0%	39.2%	185,852	126,398	60.6%	208,522
1996	104,321	54.8%	49.1%	85,945	45.2%	40.4%	190,266	126,184	59.4%	212,584
1997	100,679	54.2%	48.3%	85,196	45.8%	40.8%	185,875	123,015	59.0%	208,578
1998	101,165	53.8%	47.8%	86,700	46.2%	41.0%	187,865	124,356	58.8%	211,433
1999	100,884	51.5%	45.8%	94,917	48.5%	43.1%	195,801	124,780	56.7%	220,176
2000 (R)	100,419	52.0%	46.0%	92,816	48.0%	42.6%	193,235	124,536	57.1%	218,092
2001 (R)	96,495	48.6%	43.0%	101,998	51.4%	45.5%	198,493	121,112	54.0%	224,286
2002 (R)	92,321	46.5%	41.0%	106,248	53.5%	47.2%	198,569	117,684	52.3%	224,999
2003 (R)	93,856	46.8%	41.2%	106,821	53.2%	46.9%	200,677	119,610	52.5%	227,790
2004	89,155	45.2%	39.5%	108,082	54.8%	47.9%	197,237	115,773	51.3%	225,511
2005	87,083	42.9%	37.5%	116,047	57.1%	49.9%	203,130	114,620	49.3%	232,401
2006 (R)	82,919	41.3%	36.1%	117,761	58.7%	51.2%	200,680	110,224	47.9%	230,007
2007	81,850	40.2%	34.9%	121,767	59.8%	51.9%	203,617	110,360	47.1%	234,458

(1) 'NFA' cases are deaths notified to coroners which required neither an inquest nor a post-mortem, and where no certificate of any kind was issued. From 1995 onwards all 'NFA' cases have been included in the number of reported deaths. Prior to that, these cases were excluded. There are therefore no directly comparable figures for the total number of reported deaths including 'NFA' cases prior to 1995.

(R) Some figures have been revised: see Notes for more information.

Table 5: Verdicts returned at inquests, 1993-2007

England and Wales														Number of verdicts	
Verdict	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Homicide, of which:															
killed unlawfully	143	162	217	169	165	142	167	178	192	177	182	206	248	223	257
killed lawfully	1	4	6	1	2	3	2	4	2	6	1	5	4	2	2
Suicide	3,740	3,537	3,579	3,399	3,355	3,756	3,693	3,626	3,389	3,242	3,255	3,368	3,235	3,220	3,007
Attempted or self-induced abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cause of death aggravated by lack of care, or self-neglect	53	58	35	59	59	47	44	33	43	46	50	51	27	30	35
Dependence on drugs	108	124	139	156	177	258	289	323	309	294	248	280	299	328	324
Non-dependent abuse of drugs	84	131	162	199	220	237	284	282	313	260	254	269	261	268	276
Want of attention at birth	6	6	9	5	4	5	1	4	6	1	4	3	2	3	-
Death from industrial diseases	1,460	1,839	1,878	1,784	1,836	2,091	2,373	2,591	2,661	2,653	2,403	2,571	2,567	2,496	2,332
Death by accident or misadventure	9,273	9,347	9,142	9,286	9,646	9,199	9,558	9,796	9,882	9,379	9,594	9,420	9,498	9,353	8,930
Stillborn	5	1	8	6	6	12	4	4	8	3	10	11	10	12	21
Deaths from natural causes	2,138	2,388	2,483	2,498	2,756	2,852	3,306	3,642	4,068	4,334	4,766	5,296	6,175	6,828	7,011
Open verdicts	2,112	2,221	2,257	2,151	2,319	2,571	2,509	2,449	2,519	2,445	2,619	2,600	2,531	2,378	2,242
Disasters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-
All other verdicts	105	162	136	142	154	160	119	156	225	583	873	1,412	1,952	2,406	2,923
Total verdicts returned	19,228	19,980	20,051	19,855	20,699	21,333	22,349	23,088	23,617	23,423	24,259	25,494	26,814	27,547	27,360

Table 6: Inquests held, by type of inquest, 1980-2007

England and Wales													Number of inquests		
Year	Inquests held						Treasure and treasure trove				Inquests held by order of the High Court	Inquisitions quashed or amended by the High Court	Exhumations ordered by the coroner		
	Verdicts / adjournments		Juries			Total inquests held	Inquests held on treasure trove (R)	Treasure Act 1996							
	Verdicts returned	Inquests adjourned and not resumed	Without juries	With juries	% with juries			Number of finds reported	Number of inquests concluded	Verdicts of treasure returned					
1980	22,435	727	22,274	888	3.8%	23,162	57	..	..	..	2	0	6
1981	22,092	762	21,923	931	4.1%	22,854	59	..	..	..	-	0	2
1982	22,328	791	22,184	935	4.0%	23,119	51	..	..	..	1	1	1
1983	22,147	723	21,855	1,015	4.4%	22,870	38	..	..	..	1	2	4
1984	21,698	717	21,403	1,012	4.5%	22,415	48	..	..	..	2	3	2
1985	21,733	761	21,325	1,169	5.2%	22,494	46	..	..	..	-	1	4
1986	21,470	780	21,123	1,127	5.1%	22,250	29	..	..	..	1	6	1
1987	21,002	816	20,458	1,360	6.2%	21,818	46	..	..	..	2	4	8
1988	21,056	895	20,620	1,331	6.1%	21,951	44	..	..	..	2	3	12
1989	20,629	1,028	20,546	1,111	5.1%	21,657	54	..	..	..	3	1	4
1990	20,916	1,070	20,703	1,283	5.8%	21,986	63	..	..	..	2	2	3
1991	20,229	1,009	20,220	1,018	4.8%	21,238	60	..	..	..	6	2	5
1992	20,030	872	19,980	922	4.4%	20,902	38	..	..	..	1	2	2
1993	19,228	899	19,076	1,051	5.2%	20,127	40	..	..	..	-	3	5
1994	19,980	837	19,935	878	4.2%	20,813 (1)	59	..	..	..	-	6	4
1995	20,051	899	20,093	857	4.1%	20,950	66	..	..	..	50 (2)	2	4
1996	19,855	892	19,844	903	4.4%	20,747	45	..	..	..	7	1	3
1997	20,699	849	20,774	774	3.6%	21,548	35	54	25	6	3	2	1		
1998	21,333	843	21,141	1,035	4.7%	22,176	20	147	53	42	2	0	5		
1999	22,349	772	22,298	823	3.6%	23,121	8	170	90	86	-	2	2		
2000	23,088	979	23,243	824	3.4%	24,067	4	213	236	123	1	1	7		
2001	23,617	899	23,757	759	3.1%	24,516	5	168	63	65	3	2	5		
2002	23,423	1,123	23,859	687	2.8%	24,546	3	279	144	133	2	1	3		
2003	24,259	908	24,531	636	2.5%	25,167	6	396	154	140	1	4	1		
2004	25,494	943	25,869	568	2.1%	26,437	16	412	269	191	1	1	2		
2005	26,814	1,008	27,302	520	1.9%	27,822	7	430	253	228	3	1	3		
2006	27,547	956	27,934	569	2.0%	28,503	12	442	252	217	2	2	2		
2007	27,360	926	27,747	539	1.9%	28,286	13	568	273	229	1	1	4		

(1) Includes 4 inquests in 1994 for which information about juries is not known.

(2) Includes 48 inquests arising from the Marchioness pleasure boat disaster.

(R) The figures for treasure trove inquests in recent years have been revised; see Explanatory Notes for more information.

Table 7: Inquests and post-mortems, by jurisdiction, 2007

County / unitary authority or district	Deaths where there was no inquest				Deaths where an inquest was held				Total deaths reported, inc. NFA
	No post-mortem, inc. NFA	Post-mortem held	Total non-inquest cases, inc. NFA	Non-inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	No post-mortem	Post-mortem held	Total inquest cases	Inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	
The Queen's Household	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	n/a	0
ENGLAND									
NORTH EAST									
DURHAM									
Darlington and South Durham	379	518	897	85%	1	159	160	15%	1,057
North Durham	341	551	892	75%	1	297	298	25%	1,190
HARTLEPOOL	306	226	532	90%	0	58	58	10%	590
NORTHUMBERLAND									
North Northumberland	305	306	611	85%	7	105	112	15%	723
South Northumberland	88	252	340	73%	16	111	127	27%	467
TEESSIDE	1,458	788	2,246	88%	0	313	313	12%	2,559
TYNE AND WEAR									
Gateshead and South Tyneside	1,147	612	1,759	90%	5	188	193	10%	1,952
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,092	530	1,622	82%	17	331	348	18%	1,970
North Tyneside	188	386	574	72%	49	172	221	28%	795
Sunderland	1,036	285	1,321	80%	23	316	339	20%	1,660
NORTH WEST									
CHESHIRE	2,209	1,766	3,975	85%	27	677	704	15%	4,679
CUMBRIA									
South and East Cumbria	403	504	907	86%	0	149	149	14%	1,056
North and West Cumbria	483	383	866	82%	0	194	194	18%	1,060
GREATER MANCHESTER									
Manchester city	1,290	1,116	2,406	79%	55	588	643	21%	3,049
Manchester North	1,546	686	2,232	87%	123	223	346	13%	2,578
Manchester South	1,330	1,367	2,697	84%	118	402	520	16%	3,217
Manchester West	2,215	1,272	3,487	85%	27	574	601	15%	4,088
LANCASHIRE									
Blackburn, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley	1,159	491	1,650	87%	14	233	247	13%	1,897
Blackpool / Fylde	869	775	1,644	92%	2	136	138	8%	1,782
East Lancashire	392	366	758	83%	4	146	150	17%	908
Preston and West Lancashire	1,016	1,403	2,419	83%	19	477	496	17%	2,915
MERSEYSIDE									
Sefton, Knowsley and St. Helens	1,725	736	2,461	91%	37	205	242	9%	2,703
Liverpool	1,715	630	2,345	82%	159	354	513	18%	2,858
Wirral	1,071	431	1,502	84%	3	283	286	16%	1,788

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County / unitary authority or district	Deaths where there was no inquest				Deaths where an inquest was held				Total deaths reported, inc. NFA
	No post-mortem, inc. NFA	Post-mortem held	Total non-inquest cases, inc. NFA	Non-inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	No post-mortem	Post-mortem held	Total inquest cases	Inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER									
EAST RIDING and HULL	1,959	817	2,776	92%	5	240	245	8%	3,021
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE and GRIMSBY	970	295	1,265	90%	0	137	137	10%	1,402
YORK CITY	558	360	918	91%	2	88	90	9%	1,008
North Yorkshire Eastern District	514	511	1,025	87%	1	149	150	13%	1,175
North Yorkshire Western District	624	352	976	89%	9	111	120	11%	1,096
South Yorkshire Eastern District	1,058	1,330	2,388	88%	12	322	334	12%	2,722
South Yorkshire Western District	2,075	1,113	3,188	88%	3	434	437	12%	3,625
West Yorkshire Eastern District	1,805	1,380	3,185	86%	15	524	539	14%	3,724
West Yorkshire Western District	1,735	1,333	3,068	86%	14	471	485	14%	3,553
EAST MIDLANDS									
DERBYSHIRE									
Derby and South Derbyshire	1,566	863	2,429	90%	2	282	284	10%	2,713
North Derbyshire	1,362	363	1,725	85%	51	256	307	15%	2,032
LEICESTERSHIRE									
Leicester City and South Leicestershire	1,908	774	2,682	80%	166	497	663	20%	3,345
Rutland and North Leicestershire	309	336	645	78%	11	175	186	22%	831
LINCOLNSHIRE									
Boston and Spalding	578	337	915	92%	0	76	76	8%	991
West Lincolnshire	1,133	360	1,493	92%	0	125	125	8%	1,618
Spilsby and Louth	229	227	456	88%	2	62	64	12%	520
Stamford	86	70	156	86%	2	24	26	14%	182
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	1,297	950	2,247	89%	17	261	278	11%	2,525
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	4,338	1,184	5,522	92%	19	435	454	8%	5,976
WEST MIDLANDS									
HEREFORDSHIRE									
Herefordshire	495	298	793	89%	6	91	97	11%	890
SHROPSHIRE									
Mid and North Shropshire	416	379	795	88%	4	103	107	12%	902
South Shropshire	67	113	180	87%	0	27	27	13%	207
STAFFORDSHIRE									
Staffordshire South	1,655	575	2,230	85%	43	339	382	15%	2,612
Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire	2,143	1,167	3,310	87%	15	480	495	13%	3,805
TELFORD and WREKIN	341	336	677	90%	0	73	73	10%	750
WARWICKSHIRE	1,050	633	1,683	89%	0	213	213	11%	1,896
WEST MIDLANDS									
Birmingham and Solihull	2,179	1,176	3,355	76%	483	599	1,082	24%	4,437
Black Country	2,092	898	2,990	89%	43	318	361	11%	3,351
Coventry	1,304	330	1,634	90%	5	167	172	10%	1,806
Wolverhampton	723	306	1,029	86%	11	158	169	14%	1,198
WORCESTERSHIRE	1,335	687	2,022	88%	34	230	264	12%	2,286

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County / unitary authority or district	Deaths where there was no inquest				Deaths where an inquest was held				Total deaths reported, inc. NFA
	No post-mortem, inc. NFA	Post-mortem held	Total non-inquest cases, inc. NFA	Non-inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	No post-mortem	Post-mortem held	Total inquest cases	Inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	
EAST OF ENGLAND									
BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON	1,249	569	1,818	90%	28	171	199	10%	2,017
CAMBRIDGESHIRE									
North and East Cambridgeshire	123	208	331	82%	2	70	72	18%	403
South and West Cambridgeshire	1,070	618	1,688	89%	30	179	209	11%	1,897
ESSEX and THURROCK	2,125	2,063	4,188	89%	9	515	524	11%	4,712
HERTFORDSHIRE	1,619	1,277	2,896	87%	24	406	430	13%	3,326
NORFOLK									
Great Yarmouth	388	268	656	92%	2	57	59	8%	715
Greater Norfolk	1,092	1,309	2,401	85%	75	362	437	15%	2,838
PETERBOROUGH	570	284	854	88%	5	117	122	13%	976
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA	906	564	1,470	93%	9	108	117	7%	1,587
SUFFOLK	1,220	1,119	2,339	89%	28	272	300	11%	2,639
LONDON									
City of London	72	33	105	83%	3	19	22	17%	127
East London	2,216	1,478	3,694	90%	6	392	398	10%	4,092
Inner North London	1,831	917	2,748	85%	43	437	480	15%	3,228
Inner South London	1,406	1,707	3,113	84%	15	557	572	16%	3,685
Inner West London	1,375	857	2,232	83%	47	405	452	17%	2,684
North London	3,109	1,290	4,399	90%	43	435	478	10%	4,877
South London	1,964	1,522	3,486	92%	21	297	318	8%	3,804
West London	2,093	1,361	3,454	82%	22	738	760	18%	4,214
SOUTH EAST									
BERKSHIRE (former county)	1,300	928	2,228	87%	14	315	329	13%	2,557
BRIGHTON AND HOVE	728	517	1,245	86%	10	190	200	14%	1,445
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	602	585	1,187	88%	9	154	163	12%	1,350
EAST SUSSEX	924	1,117	2,041	88%	0	280	280	12%	2,321
HAMPSHIRE									
Central Hampshire	694	385	1,079	83%	1	215	216	17%	1,295
North East Hampshire	508	489	997	89%	0	117	117	11%	1,114
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	1,223	1,001	2,224	87%	0	333	333	13%	2,557
Southampton and New Forest	1,238	663	1,901	91%	1	193	194	9%	2,095
ISLE OF WIGHT	264	336	600	89%	0	73	73	11%	673
KENT									
Central and South East Kent	427	864	1,291	89%	0	167	167	11%	1,458
Mid Kent and Medway	1,098	1,180	2,278	91%	8	205	213	9%	2,491
North East Kent	639	1,103	1,742	88%	5	237	242	12%	1,984
North West Kent	796	783	1,579	89%	6	198	204	11%	1,783
MILTON KEYNES	181	402	583	82%	21	105	126	18%	709

Table 7: Inquests and post-mortems, by jurisdiction, 2007 (continued)

County / unitary authority or district	Deaths where there was no inquest				Deaths where an inquest was held				Total deaths reported, inc. NFA
	No post-mortem, inc. NFA	Post-mortem held	Total non-inquest cases, inc. NFA	Non-inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	No post-mortem	Post-mortem held	Total inquest cases	Inquest cases as % of deaths reported, inc. NFA	
OXFORDSHIRE	1,065	594	1,659	84%	3	304	307	16%	1,966
SURREY	2,341	1,733	4,074	92%	25	342	367	8%	4,441
WEST SUSSEX	1,349	1,433	2,782	88%	40	342	382	12%	3,164
SOUTH WEST									
AVON (former county)	2,564	1,779	4,343	87%	0	645	645	13%	4,988
CORNWALL	916	1,378	2,294	86%	0	363	363	14%	2,657
DEVON									
Exeter and Greater Devon	1,735	870	2,605	87%	3	381	384	13%	2,989
Plymouth and South West Devon	1,121	800	1,921	88%	1	260	261	12%	2,182
Torbay and South Devon	996	572	1,568	91%	0	150	150	9%	1,718
DORSET									
Bournemouth, Poole and Eastern Dorset	1,431	704	2,135	92%	12	172	184	8%	2,319
Western Dorset	595	377	972	94%	1	64	65	6%	1,037
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	760	915	1,675	81%	2	399	401	19%	2,076
ISLES OF SCILLY (1)	2	3	5	*	0	3	3	*	8
SOMERSET									
Eastern Somerset	433	506	939	87%	1	135	136	13%	1,075
Western Somerset	824	399	1,223	89%	15	130	145	11%	1,368
WILTSHIRE and SWINDON	1,100	804	1,904	83%	24	359	383	17%	2,287
WALES									
Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys	1,553	887	2,440	90%	7	268	275	10%	2,715
Cardiff and Vale Of Glamorgan	749	519	1,268	74%	9	439	448	26%	1,716
Carmarthenshire	441	264	705	89%	0	84	84	11%	789
Central North Wales	756	647	1,403	84%	0	275	275	16%	1,678
Ceredigion	61	164	225	87%	0	35	35	13%	260
Gwent	1,542	772	2,314	94%	5	137	142	6%	2,456
Neath and Port Talbot	238	187	425	82%	2	89	91	18%	516
North East Wales	465	415	880	80%	0	225	225	20%	1,105
North West Wales	550	377	927	86%	2	149	151	14%	1,078
Pembrokeshire	389	147	536	87%	8	71	79	13%	615
Powys	126	146	272	81%	1	64	65	19%	337
City and County of Swansea	948	428	1,376	90%	1	148	149	10%	1,525
ENGLAND and WALES	121,767	81,850	203,617	87%	2,331	28,510	30,841	13%	234,458

NOTE: NFA cases are those where a death notified to a coroner required no inquest, no post-mortem, and where no certificate of any kind was issued.

(1) Percentages are not shown, due to a low volume of caseload.

Table 8: Verdicts returned, by jurisdiction, 2007

County / unitary authority or district	Homicide, killed unlawfully and killed lawfully			Suicide			Lack of care or self-neglect			Dependence on drugs			Non-dependent abuse of drugs			Death from industrial diseases		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
The Queen's Household	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENGLAND																		
NORTH EAST																		
DURHAM																		
Darlington and South Durham	-	1	1	11	3	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	
North Durham	-	-	-	13	2	15	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	29	2	31
HARTLEPOOL	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	17	1	18
NORTHUMBERLAND																		
North Northumberland	1	-	1	11	6	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	15	-	15
South Northumberland	-	1	1	8	3	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	9	-	9
TEESSIDE	-	-	-	35	6	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	2	30
TYNE AND WEAR																		
Gateshead and South Tyneside	1	1	2	10	3	13	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	-	-	10	2	12
Newcastle upon Tyne	2	-	2	15	4	19	-	-	-	9	-	9	1	-	1	26	1	27
North Tyneside	-	-	-	10	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	1	19
Sunderland	-	-	-	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	45	8	53
NORTH WEST																		
CHESHIRE																		
Cheshire	1	-	1	48	8	56	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	53	2	55
CUMBRIA																		
South and East Cumbria	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	12
North and West Cumbria	1	-	1	16	4	20	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	9	1	10
GREATER MANCHESTER																		
Manchester city	3	1	4	24	2	26	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	-	4	13	-	13
Manchester North	2	-	2	27	1	28	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	-	4	15	-	15
Manchester South	3	3	6	22	13	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	24
Manchester West	13	3	16	49	11	60	-	-	-	9	1	10	7	-	7	38	5	43
LANCASHIRE																		
Blackburn, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley	-	7	7	23	10	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8
Blackpool / Fylde	1	-	1	19	2	21	-	-	-	15	3	18	-	-	-	11	1	12
East Lancashire	-	-	-	10	5	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
Preston and West Lancashire	2	-	2	46	11	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	2	20
MERSEYSIDE																		
Sefton, Knowsley and St Helens	2	5	7	23	5	28	-	-	-	8	2	10	3	1	4	9	1	10
Liverpool	4	1	5	28	4	32	-	2	2	11	3	14	7	-	7	26	2	28
Wirral	-	-	-	16	6	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	23	1	24
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER																		
EAST RIDING and HULL																		
East Riding	3	-	3	22	7	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	1	13
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE and GRIMSBY																		
North Lincolnshire	-	-	-	12	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	7	-	7
YORK CITY																		
York City	2	-	2	4	3	7	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	6
North Yorkshire																		
North Yorkshire Eastern District	-	-	-	16	6	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	10
North Yorkshire Western District	2	2	4	12	6	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
South Yorkshire Eastern District	1	1	2	34	10	44	-	-	-	4	2	6	4	1	5	53	3	56
South Yorkshire Western District	-	-	-	38	8	46	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	79	5	84
West Yorkshire Eastern District	-	3	3	60	10	70	-	-	-	9	1	10	8	-	8	76	7	83
West Yorkshire Western District	2	2	4	55	18	73	-	-	-	12	2	14	17	2	19	34	6	40
EAST MIDLANDS																		
DERBYSHIRE																		
Derby and South Derbyshire	-	1	1	17	13	30	1	-	1	5	1	6	3	1	4	24	-	24
North Derbyshire	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	1	60

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LEICESTERSHIRE																		
Leicester City and South Leicestershire	-	-	-	25	5	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	1	33
Rutland and North Leicestershire	-	2	2	12	4	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
LINCOLNSHIRE																		
Boston and Spalding	-	-	-	10	1	11	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-
West Lincolnshire	-	-	-	19	7	26	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	2	3	4	-	4
Spilsby and Louth	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	1	1	2
Stamford	-	-	-	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE																		
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	-	-	-	33	8	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	2	13
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE																		
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	2	-	2	57	14	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	56	-	56
WEST MIDLANDS																		
HEREFORDSHIRE																		
HEREFORDSHIRE	3	-	3	9	5	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	11
SHROPSHIRE																		
Mid and North Shropshire	1	-	1	14	4	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8
South Shropshire	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STAFFORDSHIRE																		
Staffordshire South	1	-	1	20	10	30	-	-	-	5	1	6	2	-	2	36	1	37
Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire	-	-	-	22	5	27	-	-	-	7	1	8	3	-	3	55	1	56
TELFORD and WREKIN																		
TELFORD and WREKIN	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	4	-	4
WARWICKSHIRE																		
WARWICKSHIRE	1	-	1	26	6	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	1	18
WEST MIDLANDS																		
Birmingham and Solihull	2	-	2	17	9	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	3	35
Black Country	3	-	3	32	1	33	-	-	-	7	1	8	2	-	2	23	-	23
Coventry	1	-	1	16	1	17	-	1	1	2	-	2	3	-	3	12	1	13
Wolverhampton	1	-	1	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	9
WORCESTERSHIRE																		
WORCESTERSHIRE	-	-	-	27	6	33	-	-	-	10	2	12	5	-	5	14	-	14
EAST OF ENGLAND																		
BEDFORDSHIRE and LUTON																		
BEDFORDSHIRE and LUTON	1	1	2	34	7	41	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	1	19	1	20
CAMBRIDGESHIRE																		
North and East Cambridgeshire	-	-	-	12	3	15	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	1	-	1
South and West Cambridgeshire	-	-	-	20	13	33	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	11	1	12
ESSEX and THURROCK																		
ESSEX and THURROCK	1	1	2	42	17	59	-	1	1	5	-	5	-	-	-	78	8	86
HERTFORDSHIRE																		
HERTFORDSHIRE	1	2	3	49	8	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	26
NORFOLK																		
Great Yarmouth	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	12
Greater Norfolk	1	-	1	33	13	46	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	6	45
PETERBOROUGH																		
PETERBOROUGH	1	-	1	9	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	7
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA																		
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA	1	2	3	7	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
SUFFOLK																		
SUFFOLK	-	-	-	32	11	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	19
LONDON																		
City of London	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
East London	1	2	3	24	5	29	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	32	3	35
Inner North London	16	5	21	36	15	51	3	1	4	19	6	25	10	1	11	16	4	20
Inner South London	8	3	11	35	7	42	-	-	-	-	1	1	28	4	32	28	9	37
Inner West London	3	2	5	28	11	39	-	1	1	7	3	10	15	1	16	6	2	8
North London	7	4	11	27	12	39	-	-	-	10	2	12	4	-	4	14	-	14
South London	1	1	2	23	8	31	-	-	-	1	1	2	5	-	5	25	2	27
West London	-	-	-	45	17	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	11	16	1	17
SOUTH EAST																		
BERKSHIRE (former county)																		
BERKSHIRE (former county)	1	-	1	13	3	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
BRIGHTON and HOVE																		
BRIGHTON and HOVE	1	-	1	19	12	31	2	-	2	2	-	2	10	4	14	7	2	9
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE																		
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	1	1	2	18	7	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4

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	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
EAST SUSSEX	1	2	3	32	11	43	-	-	-	9	-	9	4	-	4	13	-	13
HAMPSHIRE	-	-	-	17	9	26	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	1	38
Central Hampshire	-	-	-	12	4	16	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	12
North East Hampshire	-	-	-	29	2	31	1	1	2	4	-	4	1	-	1	24	2	26
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	2	-	2	16	6	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	2	31
Southampton and New Forest	1	-	1	5	2	7	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	3	13	-	13
ISLE OF WIGHT	-	-	-	14	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	9	-	9
KENT	1	2	3	28	4	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	5	41
Central and South East Kent	-	-	-	17	6	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	16
Mid Kent and Medway	-	-	-	27	8	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	2	22
North East Kent	-	-	-	18	4	22	1	2	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	4
North West Kent	34	3	37	29	6	35	-	1	1	1	-	1	3	-	3	24	3	27
MILTON KEYNES	2	1	3	32	11	43	4	1	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	34	4	38
OXFORDSHIRE	-	-	-	28	12	40	-	-	-	2	-	2	5	2	7	27	2	29
SURREY	-	-	-	47	19	66	-	1	1	23	3	26	1	-	1	40	2	42
WEST SUSSEX	2	1	3	23	5	28	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	22	2	24
SOUTH WEST	-	-	-	27	12	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	5	22	23	2	25
AVON (former county)	1	-	1	13	3	16	-	-	-	6	3	9	14	3	17	57	-	57
CORNWALL	-	-	-	14	6	20	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	8	-	8
DEVON	1	-	1	26	6	32	-	-	-	12	-	12	2	-	2	9	1	10
Exeter and Greater Devon	-	1	1	13	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	6
Plymouth and South West Devon	1	2	3	16	7	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	12
Torbay and South Devon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DORSET	1	-	1	11	2	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Bournemouth, Poole and Eastern Dorset	-	-	-	18	8	26	-	-	-	3	-	3	2	-	2	13	1	14
Western Dorset	7	1	8	32	4	36	2	-	2	5	-	5	-	-	-	22	4	26
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	-	-	-	28	5	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	54
ISLES OF SCILLY	-	-	-	41	5	46	1	-	1	19	5	24	-	-	-	20	1	21
SOMERSET	-	-	-	13	3	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Eastern Somerset	-	-	-	15	3	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5
Western Somerset	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON	5	2	7	25	8	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	12
WALES	-	1	1	12	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2
Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys	-	1	1	16	6	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	11
Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan	-	-	-	11	3	14	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	12	-	12
Carmarthenshire	-	-	-	8	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	4
Central North Wales	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ceredigion	-	-	-	19	4	23	-	-	-	6	2	8	-	-	-	5	-	5
Gwent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neath and Port Talbot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North East Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pembrokeshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powys	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
City and County of Swansea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENGLAND and WALES	175	84	259	2,348	659	3,007	18	17	35	273	51	324	241	35	276	2,175	157	2,332

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The Queen's Household	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENGLAND															
NORTH EAST															
DURHAM															
Darlington and South Durham	22	10	32	23	10	33	2	2	4	1	1	2	69	27	96
North Durham	19	14	33	66	25	91	12	3	15	5	3	8	146	49	195
HARTLEPOOL	6	3	9	8	4	12	5	2	7	1	2	3	44	13	57
NORTHUMBERLAND															
North Northumberland	21	12	33	29	22	51	5	1	6	3	3	6	91	44	135
South Northumberland	15	18	33	19	20	39	5	3	8	3	3	6	60	48	108
TEESSIDE	84	57	141	50	21	71	17	5	22	1	2	3	215	93	308
TYNE AND WEAR															
Gateshead and South Tyneside	39	21	60	30	19	49	12	1	13	5	3	8	110	51	161
Newcastle upon Tyne	31	27	58	60	37	97	6	3	9	26	26	52	176	98	274
North Tyneside	33	40	73	43	23	66	5	1	6	9	10	19	118	77	195
Sunderland	23	9	32	109	63	172	11	2	13	5	1	6	200	84	284
NORTH WEST															
CHESHIRE															
105	69	174	149	85	234	28	12	40	27	11	38	414	187	601	
CUMBRIA															
South and East Cumbria	37	15	52	28	15	43	6	2	8	34	21	55	120	54	174
North and West Cumbria	28	12	40	26	18	44	12	9	21	1	2	3	94	46	140
GREATER MANCHESTER															
Manchester city	118	72	190	103	52	155	13	12	25	19	12	31	298	152	450
Manchester North	42	22	64	57	94	151	9	5	14	36	16	52	193	139	332
Manchester South	103	94	197	75	65	140	31	10	41	5	2	7	263	187	450
Manchester West	112	83	195	46	28	74	35	10	45	42	40	82	351	181	532
LANCASHIRE															
Blackburn, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley	34	18	52	60	20	80	6	-	6	17	29	46	148	84	232
Blackpool / Fylde	28	27	55	8	7	15	7	-	7	9	6	15	98	46	144
East Lancashire	38	37	75	30	17	47	8	-	8	2	1	3	95	60	155
Preston and West Lancashire	68	58	126	74	43	117	15	6	21	56	33	89	279	153	432
MERSEYSIDE															
Sefton, Knowsley and St Helens	48	30	78	40	33	73	9	1	10	5	1	6	147	79	226
Liverpool	65	45	110	121	74	195	3	1	4	46	38	84	311	170	481
Wirral	28	22	50	111	22	133	22	11	33	13	8	21	215	72	287
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER															
EAST RIDING and HULL															
50	13	63	11	7	18	36	9	45	28	14	42	162	51	213	
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE and GRIMSBY															
29	16	45	14	6	20	8	2	10	14	3	17	85	28	113	
YORK CITY															
10	10	20	11	12	23	5	-	5	5	3	8	43	29	72	
North Yorkshire Eastern District	38	26	64	14	9	23	6	1	7	5	2	7	88	45	133
North Yorkshire Western District	35	20	55	11	3	14	6	2	8	6	2	8	79	35	114
South Yorkshire Eastern District	63	26	89	33	15	48	10	3	13	32	19	51	234	80	314
South Yorkshire Western District	69	29	98	64	35	99	29	12	41	47	31	78	327	121	448
West Yorkshire Eastern District	115	36	151	69	38	107	19	13	32	18	16	34	374	124	498
West Yorkshire Western District	103	52	155	44	30	74	10	9	19	3	3	6	280	124	404
EAST MIDLANDS															
DERBYSHIRE															
Derby and South Derbyshire	54	30	84	28	15	43	16	4	20	32	6	38	180	71	251
North Derbyshire	3	-	3	75	37	112	1	1	2	80	22	102	221	61	282

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LEICESTERSHIRE															
Leicester City and South Leicestershire	155	166	321	87	41	128	18	7	25	3	2	5	320	222	542
Rutland and North Leicestershire	29	13	42	33	11	44	1	1	2	1	-	1	79	31	110
LINCOLNSHIRE															
Boston and Spalding	21	11	32	5	5	10	3	1	4	1	3	4	44	21	65
West Lincolnshire	26	11	37	13	5	18	4	1	5	6	3	9	75	30	105
Spilsby and Louth	18	6	24	2	3	5	7	2	9	-	2	2	33	16	49
Stamford	6	5	11	4	7	11	1	1	2	-	-	-	15	16	31
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	100	27	127	18	9	27	11	3	14	9	3	12	182	52	234
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	101	55	156	48	21	69	32	13	45	6	5	11	303	108	411
WEST MIDLANDS															
HEREFORDSHIRE	29	13	42	5	5	10	1	1	2	1	1	2	57	27	84
SHROPSHIRE															
Mid and North Shropshire	28	21	49	3	5	8	4	2	6	6	3	9	64	35	99
South Shropshire	10	4	14	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	1	14	6	20
STAFFORDSHIRE															
Staffordshire South	93	61	154	27	14	41	9	7	16	7	-	7	200	94	294
Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire	81	59	140	35	23	58	18	4	22	67	58	125	288	151	439
TELFORD and WREKIN	15	9	24	5	3	8	-	2	2	15	7	22	47	21	68
WARWICKSHIRE	85	31	116	12	15	27	10	5	15	3	2	5	154	60	214
WEST MIDLANDS															
Birmingham and Solihull	95	58	153	150	69	219	24	12	36	287	207	494	607	358	965
Black Country	54	20	74	69	41	110	17	8	25	19	7	26	226	78	304
Coventry	46	29	75	55	26	81	4	2	6	2	3	5	141	63	204
Wolverhampton	13	6	19	25	12	37	9	3	12	9	9	18	67	36	103
WORCESTERSHIRE	55	42	97	46	22	68	20	5	25	8	2	10	185	79	264
EAST OF ENGLAND															
BEDFORDSHIRE and LUTON	54	24	78	25	13	38	6	2	8	5	5	10	146	54	200
CAMBRIDGESHIRE															
North and East Cambridgeshire	13	7	20	5	5	10	1	1	2	1	-	1	36	16	52
South and West Cambridgeshire	62	19	81	44	27	71	9	2	11	5	4	9	153	66	219
ESSEX and THURROCK	112	41	153	63	33	96	31	24	55	6	5	11	338	130	468
HERTFORDSHIRE	88	46	134	63	43	106	9	3	12	21	8	29	257	110	367
NORFOLK															
Great Yarmouth	11	3	14	5	5	10	4	-	4	-	-	-	32	9	41
Greater Norfolk	96	44	140	63	41	104	10	5	15	9	5	14	252	114	366
PETERBOROUGH	28	14	42	15	13	28	9	2	11	2	1	3	70	32	102
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA	21	11	32	3	2	5	25	7	32	17	8	25	80	32	112
SUFFOLK	59	27	86	23	21	44	30	9	39	26	19	45	189	87	276
LONDON															
City of London	4	1	5	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	14	2	16
East London	76	31	107	46	30	76	41	22	63	18	10	28	239	104	343
Inner North London	66	31	97	83	40	123	105	39	144	28	12	40	382	154	536
Inner South London	74	45	119	92	44	136	58	16	74	28	21	49	351	150	501
Inner West London	87	69	156	62	42	104	21	14	35	25	12	37	254	157	411
North London	89	35	124	50	24	74	67	23	90	15	12	27	283	112	395
South London	61	32	93	29	14	43	40	27	67	10	11	21	195	96	291
West London	65	34	99	53	35	88	32	15	47	48	26	74	267	131	398
SOUTH EAST															
BERKSHIRE (former county)	59	31	90	26	13	39	15	7	22	43	18	61	160	73	233
BRIGHTON and HOVE	36	37	73	13	13	26	19	8	27	10	5	15	119	81	200
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	58	15	73	17	7	24	15	7	22	4	1	5	117	38	155

Table 8: Verdicts returned, by jurisdiction, 2007 (continued)

County / unitary authority or district	Death by accident or misadventure			Deaths from natural causes			Open verdicts			All other verdicts (1)			Total, all verdicts		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
EAST SUSSEX	56	32	88	47	21	68	15	6	21	8	7	15	185	79	264
HAMPSHIRE															
Central Hampshire	24	13	37	53	16	69	12	2	14	-	-	-	144	41	185
North East Hampshire	28	10	38	22	10	32	8	-	8	4	-	4	85	26	111
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	49	25	74	79	34	113	3	2	5	6	12	18	196	78	274
Southampton and New Forest	38	22	60	31	21	52	2	5	7	3	2	5	121	58	179
ISLE OF WIGHT	14	14	28	10	6	16	8	1	9	1	1	2	55	25	80
KENT															
Central and South East Kent	34	22	56	14	9	23	17	7	24	11	8	19	101	47	148
Mid Kent and Medway	35	19	54	34	15	49	11	2	13	18	4	22	163	51	214
North East Kent	55	43	98	35	19	54	16	7	23	7	4	11	146	79	225
North West Kent	46	23	69	20	17	37	22	11	33	-	1	1	135	62	197
MILTON KEYNES	27	25	52	17	12	29	8	-	8	7	4	11	82	49	131
OXFORDSHIRE	78	37	115	35	21	56	13	8	21	53	13	66	270	92	362
SURREY	79	36	115	62	31	93	32	16	48	6	2	8	252	102	354
WEST SUSSEX	81	41	122	26	17	43	10	2	12	23	15	38	202	91	293
SOUTH WEST															
AVON (former county)	122	39	161	142	82	224	23	8	31	11	4	15	417	163	580
CORNWALL	66	45	111	57	43	100	49	16	65	31	13	44	252	126	378
DEVON															
Exeter and Greater Devon	85	56	141	40	29	69	3	2	5	2	-	2	197	106	303
Plymouth and South West Devon	38	30	68	85	34	119	9	6	15	10	11	21	233	90	323
Torbay and South Devon	24	17	41	7	2	9	7	3	10	5	4	9	66	32	98
DORSET															
Bournemouth, Poole and Eastern Dorset	30	15	45	17	6	23	8	5	13	13	8	21	118	41	159
Western Dorset	24	12	36	1	2	3	17	4	21	-	1	1	60	22	82
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	110	43	153	67	30	97	18	8	26	8	4	12	231	95	326
ISLES OF SCILLY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOMERSET															
Eastern Somerset	27	13	40	18	16	34	6	2	8	3	5	8	69	38	107
Western Somerset	21	16	37	18	16	34	5	4	9	10	1	11	90	46	136
WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON	61	23	84	35	33	68	11	4	15	28	6	34	203	75	278
WALES															
Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys	63	53	116	53	39	92	15	7	22	12	1	13	225	105	330
Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan	67	30	97	129	59	188	19	8	27	88	46	134	385	155	540
Carmarthenshire	23	10	33	9	3	12	5	3	8	-	1	1	56	20	76
Central North Wales	55	50	105	31	15	46	14	5	19	18	6	24	137	80	217
Ceredigion	8	3	11	5	5	10	1	1	2	-	-	-	19	10	29
Gwent	49	20	69	3	1	4	2	3	5	2	4	6	98	38	136
Neath and Port Talbot	7	9	16	7	5	12	7	3	10	1	1	2	38	20	58
North East Wales	57	58	115	15	12	27	9	3	12	16	7	23	124	87	211
North West Wales	34	11	45	21	13	34	6	-	6	12	6	18	98	34	132
Pembrokeshire	23	9	32	9	9	18	1	1	2	-	-	-	45	22	67
Powys	15	6	21	2	6	8	1	1	2	4	2	6	26	17	43
City and County of Swansea	24	11	35	35	19	54	13	7	20	8	3	11	110	46	156
ENGLAND and WALES	5,672	3,258	8,930	4,456	2,555	7,011	1,598	644	2,242	1,841	1,103	2,944	18,797	8,563	27,360

(1) All other verdicts include those categories for which separate columns are not shown in this table.

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The Queen's Household	0	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
ENGLAND											
NORTH EAST											
DURHAM											
Darlington and South Durham	1,057	677	64%	160	15%	1,064	700	126	-0.7%	-1.7%	3.3%
North Durham	1,190	848	71%	298	25%	1,201	819	244	-0.9%	3.1%	4.7%
HARTLEPOOL	590	284	48%	58	10%	619	326	73	-4.7%	-4.5%	-2.0%
NORTHUMBERLAND											
North Northumberland	723	411	57%	112	15%	677	433	147	6.8%	-7.1%	-6.2%
South Northumberland	467	363	78%	127	27%	433	308	117	7.9%	6.6%	0.2%
TEESSIDE	2,559	1,101	43%	313	12%	2,566	1,121	345	-0.3%	-0.7%	-1.2%
TYNE AND WEAR											
Gateshead and South Tyneside	1,952	800	41%	193	10%	1,922	747	181	1.6%	2.1%	0.5%
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,970	861	44%	348	18%	2,012	946	356	-2.1%	-3.3%	0.0%
North Tyneside	795	558	70%	221	28%	749	503	208	6.1%	3.0%	0.0%
Sunderland	1,660	601	36%	339	20%	1,700	635	346	-2.4%	-1.1%	0.1%
NORTH WEST											
CHESHIRE											
4,679	2,443	52%	704	15%	4,720	2,435	584	-0.9%	0.6%	2.7%	
CUMBRIA											
South and East Cumbria (1)	1,056	653	62%	149	14%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North and West Cumbria (1)	1,060	577	54%	194	18%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
GREATER MANCHESTER											
Manchester city	3,049	1,704	56%	643	21%	2,618	1,623	562	16.5%	-6.1%	-0.4%
Manchester North	2,578	909	35%	346	13%	2,541	990	334	1.5%	-3.7%	0.3%
Manchester South	3,217	1,769	55%	520	16%	3,231	1,889	558	-0.4%	-3.5%	-1.1%
Manchester West	4,088	1,846	45%	601	15%	3,638	1,673	466	12.4%	-0.8%	1.9%
LANCASHIRE											
Blackburn, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley	1,897	724	38%	247	13%	1,735	711	216	9.3%	-2.8%	0.6%
Blackpool / Fylde	1,782	911	51%	138	8%	1,623	853	144	9.8%	-1.4%	-1.1%
East Lancashire	908	512	56%	150	17%	1,035	565	156	-12.3%	1.8%	1.4%
Preston and West Lancashire	2,915	1,880	64%	496	17%	2,854	1,699	415	2.1%	5.0%	2.5%
MERSEYSIDE											
Sefton, Knowsley and St. Helens	2,703	941	35%	242	9%	2,667	942	249	1.3%	-0.5%	-0.4%
Liverpool	2,858	984	34%	513	18%	2,883	1,044	477	-0.9%	-1.8%	1.4%
Wirral	1,788	714	40%	286	16%	1,731	731	318	3.3%	-2.3%	-2.4%

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YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER											
EAST RIDING and HULL	3,021	1,057	35%	245	8%	2,946	1,114	261	2.5%	-2.8%	-0.7%
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE and GRIMSBY	1,402	432	31%	137	10%	1,304	410	118	7.5%	-0.6%	0.7%
YORK CITY	1,008	448	44%	90	9%	974	450	74	3.5%	-1.8%	1.3%
North Yorkshire Eastern District	1,175	660	56%	150	13%	1,126	665	105	4.4%	-2.9%	3.4%
North Yorkshire Western District	1,096	463	42%	120	11%	995	469	120	10.2%	-4.9%	-1.1%
South Yorkshire Eastern District	2,722	1,652	61%	334	12%	2,574	1,631	348	5.7%	-2.7%	-1.2%
South Yorkshire Western District	3,625	1,547	43%	437	12%	3,660	1,547	442	-1.0%	0.4%	0.0%
West Yorkshire Eastern District	3,724	1,904	51%	539	14%	3,759	1,927	523	-0.9%	-0.1%	0.6%
West Yorkshire Western District	3,553	1,804	51%	485	14%	3,520	1,735	450	0.9%	1.5%	0.9%
EAST MIDLANDS											
DERBYSHIRE											
Derby and South Derbyshire	2,713	1,145	42%	284	10%	2,745	1,146	216	-1.2%	0.5%	2.6%
North Derbyshire	2,032	619	30%	307	15%	2,036	609	287	-0.2%	0.6%	1.0%
LEICESTERSHIRE											
Leicester City and South Leicestershire	3,345	1,271	38%	663	20%	3,506	1,221	646	-4.6%	3.2%	1.4%
Rutland and North Leicestershire	831	511	61%	186	22%	898	486	201	-7.5%	7.4%	0.0%
LINCOLNSHIRE											
Boston and Spalding	991	413	42%	76	8%	885	332	62	12.0%	4.2%	0.7%
West Lincolnshire	1,618	485	30%	125	8%	1,620	485	136	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.7%
Spilsby and Louth	520	289	56%	64	12%	516	264	62	0.8%	4.4%	0.3%
Stamford	182	94	52%	26	14%	145	72	17	25.5%	2.0%	2.6%
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	2,525	1,211	48%	278	11%	2,592	1,150	271	-2.6%	3.6%	0.6%
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	5,976	1,619	27%	454	8%	5,978	1,479	439	0.0%	2.4%	0.3%
WEST MIDLANDS											
HEREFORDSHIRE											
890	389	44%	97	11%	824	386	78	8.0%	-3.1%	1.4%	
SHROPSHIRE											
Mid and North Shropshire	902	482	53%	107	12%	848	482	92	6.4%	-3.4%	1.0%
South Shropshire	207	140	68%	27	13%	240	169	27	-13.8%	-2.8%	1.8%
STAFFORDSHIRE											
Staffordshire South	2,612	914	35%	382	15%	2,454	924	359	6.4%	-2.7%	0.0%
Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire	3,805	1,647	43%	495	13%	3,660	1,556	477	4.0%	0.8%	0.0%
TELFORD and WREKIN	750	409	55%	73	10%	766	423	89	-2.1%	-0.7%	-1.9%
WARWICKSHIRE	1,896	846	45%	213	11%	1,971	963	225	-3.8%	-4.2%	-0.2%
WEST MIDLANDS											
Birmingham and Solihull	4,437	1,775	40%	1,082	24%	4,665	1,839	991	-4.9%	0.6%	3.1%
Black Country	3,351	1,216	36%	361	11%	3,378	1,236	342	-0.8%	-0.3%	0.6%
Coventry	1,806	497	28%	172	10%	1,710	579	197	5.6%	-6.3%	-2.0%
Wolverhampton	1,198	464	39%	169	14%	1,217	495	164	-1.6%	-1.9%	0.6%
WORCESTERSHIRE	2,286	917	40%	264	12%	2,269	924	263	0.7%	-0.6%	0.0%

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EAST OF ENGLAND											
BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON	2,017	740	37%	199	10%	2,073	806	187	-2.7%	-2.2%	0.8%
CAMBRIDGESHIRE											
North and East Cambridgeshire	403	278	69%	72	18%	391	286	73	3.1%	-4.2%	-0.8%
South and West Cambridgeshire	1,897	797	42%	209	11%	1,865	801	220	1.7%	-0.9%	-0.8%
ESSEX and THURROCK	4,712	2,578	55%	524	11%	4,310	2,323	482	9.3%	0.8%	-0.1%
HERTFORDSHIRE	3,326	1,683	51%	430	13%	3,340	1,639	353	-0.4%	1.5%	2.4%
NORFOLK											
Great Yarmouth	715	325	45%	59	8%	638	292	41	12.1%	-0.3%	1.8%
Greater Norfolk (2)	2,838	1,671	59%	437	15%	2,486	1,512	326	14.2%	-1.9%	2.3%
PETERBOROUGH	976	401	41%	122	13%	1,074	380	101	-9.1%	5.7%	3.1%
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA	1,587	672	42%	117	7%	1,536	664	89	3.3%	-0.9%	1.6%
SUFFOLK	2,639	1,391	53%	300	11%	2,568	1,419	261	2.8%	-2.5%	1.2%
LONDON											
City of London	127	52	41%	22	17%	134	48	15	-5.2%	5.1%	6.1%
East London	4,092	1,870	46%	398	10%	4,194	1,991	415	-2.4%	-1.8%	-0.2%
Inner North London	3,228	1,354	42%	480	15%	3,404	1,445	513	-5.2%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Inner South London	3,685	2,264	61%	572	16%	3,693	2,417	522	-0.2%	-4.0%	1.4%
Inner West London	2,684	1,262	47%	452	17%	2,589	1,219	429	3.7%	-0.1%	0.3%
North London	4,877	1,725	35%	478	10%	4,543	1,685	469	7.4%	-1.7%	-0.5%
South London	3,804	1,819	48%	318	8%	3,827	1,922	329	-0.6%	-2.4%	-0.2%
West London	4,214	2,099	50%	760	18%	4,131	1,907	660	2.0%	3.6%	2.1%
SOUTH EAST											
BERKSHIRE (former county)	2,557	1,243	49%	329	13%	2,618	1,257	273	-2.3%	0.6%	2.4%
BRIGHTON AND HOVE	1,445	707	49%	200	14%	1,523	769	200	-5.1%	-1.6%	0.7%
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	1,350	739	55%	163	12%	1,393	823	153	-3.1%	-4.3%	1.1%
EAST SUSSEX	2,321	1,397	60%	280	12%	2,438	1,496	302	-4.8%	-1.2%	-0.3%
HAMPSHIRE											
Central Hampshire	1,295	600	46%	216	17%	1,197	560	205	8.2%	-0.5%	-0.4%
North East Hampshire	1,114	606	54%	117	11%	981	544	110	13.6%	-1.1%	-0.7%
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	2,557	1,334	52%	333	13%	2,586	1,275	319	-1.1%	2.9%	0.7%
Southampton and New Forest	2,095	856	41%	194	9%	2,042	859	193	2.6%	-1.2%	-0.2%
ISLE OF WIGHT	673	409	61%	73	11%	743	433	73	-9.4%	2.5%	1.0%
KENT											
Central and South East Kent	1,458	1,031	71%	167	11%	1,333	942	175	9.4%	0.0%	-1.7%
Mid Kent and Medway	2,491	1,385	56%	213	9%	2,599	1,510	231	-4.2%	-2.5%	-0.3%
North East Kent	1,984	1,340	68%	242	12%	1,880	1,430	206	5.5%	-8.5%	1.2%
North West Kent	1,783	981	55%	204	11%	1,679	955	190	6.2%	-1.9%	0.1%
MILTON KEYNES	709	507	72%	126	18%	659	447	99	7.6%	3.7%	2.7%

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OXFORDSHIRE	1,966	898	46%	307	16%	2,118	1,002	394	-7.2%	-1.6%	-3.0%
SURREY	4,441	2,075	47%	367	8%	4,055	2,057	362	9.5%	-4.0%	-0.7%
WEST SUSSEX	3,164	1,775	56%	382	12%	3,022	1,681	304	4.7%	0.5%	2.0%
SOUTH WEST											
AVON (former county)	4,988	2,424	49%	645	13%	4,652	2,439	699	7.2%	-3.8%	-2.1%
CORNWALL	2,657	1,741	66%	363	14%	2,495	1,758	363	6.5%	-4.9%	-0.9%
DEVON											
Exeter and Greater Devon	2,989	1,251	42%	384	13%	2,903	1,155	367	3.0%	2.1%	0.2%
Plymouth and South West Devon	2,182	1,060	49%	261	12%	2,144	1,165	388	1.8%	-5.8%	-6.1%
Torbay and South Devon	1,718	722	42%	150	9%	1,657	731	152	3.7%	-2.1%	-0.4%
DORSET											
Bournemouth, Poole and Eastern Dorset	2,319	876	38%	184	8%	2,161	823	158	7.3%	-0.3%	0.6%
Western Dorset	1,037	441	43%	65	6%	1,035	473	76	0.2%	-3.2%	-1.1%
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	2,076	1,314	63%	401	19%	2,134	1,249	327	-2.7%	4.8%	4.0%
ISLES OF SCILLY (3)	8	6	*	3	*	2	2	1	*	*	*
SOMERSET											
Eastern Somerset	1,075	641	60%	136	13%	1,005	633	103	7.0%	-3.4%	2.4%
Western Somerset	1,368	529	39%	145	11%	1,350	533	140	1.3%	-0.8%	0.2%
WILTSHIRE and SWINDON	2,287	1,163	51%	383	17%	2,103	1,075	270	8.7%	-0.3%	3.9%
WALES											
Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys	2,715	1,155	43%	275	10%	2,554	1,157	257	6.3%	-2.8%	0.1%
Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan	1,716	958	56%	448	26%	1,689	969	386	1.6%	-1.5%	3.3%
Carmarthenshire	789	348	44%	84	11%	775	351	89	1.8%	-1.2%	-0.8%
Central North Wales	1,678	922	55%	275	16%	1,668	873	253	0.6%	2.6%	1.2%
Ceredigion	260	199	77%	35	13%	292	212	34	-11.0%	3.9%	1.8%
Gwent	2,456	909	37%	142	6%	2,408	756	157	2.0%	5.6%	-0.7%
Neath and Port Talbot	516	276	53%	91	18%	487	310	71	6.0%	-10.2%	3.1%
North East Wales	1,105	640	58%	225	20%	1,244	739	253	-11.2%	-1.5%	0.0%
North West Wales	1,078	526	49%	151	14%	1,044	537	132	3.3%	-2.6%	1.4%
Pembrokeshire	615	218	35%	79	13%	500	196	59	23.0%	-3.8%	1.0%
Powys	337	210	62%	65	19%	329	232	70	2.4%	-8.2%	-2.0%
City and County of Swansea	1,525	576	38%	149	10%	1,453	602	149	5.0%	-3.7%	-0.5%
ENGLAND and WALES	234,458	110,360	47%	30,841	13%	230,007	110,224	29,327	1.9%	-0.9%	0.4%

NOTE: NFA cases are deaths notified to coroners which required neither an inquest nor a post-mortem, and where no certificate of any kind was issued.

(1) Due to a reorganization of Cumbria jurisdictions during 2007, comparable figures for 2006 are not available.

(2) King's Lynn, and Norwich and Central Norfolk districts were amalgamated into a single Greater Norfolk district in 2007. Figures shown for 2006 are for the two previous districts combined.

(3) Percentages not shown because of the low volume of caseload.

DEATHS REPORTED TO CORONERS January to December 2007

COUNTY: _____

DISTRICT: _____

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SECTION A: DEATHS REPORTED TO CORONER IN 2007									
	With post mortem			Without post mortem			TOTAL		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
(i) Deaths reported to the coroner which, after investigation, resulted (or will result) in the issue of a certificate but no inquest									
(ii) Deaths reported to coroners on which inquests are to be or were opened (even if not concluded)									
TOTAL (i)+(ii)									(A)
(iii) Number of cases transferred out of district under Section 14 of the Coroners Act 1988 (not to be included above)									
(iv) Deaths reported or referred to the coroner requiring neither inquest nor the issue of any certificate MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE "NO INQUEST NO POST MORTEM" box above, along with cases where certificates were issued. <u>For cases where sex of deceased not known, please append a note to the form indicating the number of such cases, or write in the margin.</u>									

SECTION B: VERDICTS RETURNED AT INQUESTS IN 2007 (including inquests with juries)			
	Numbers of verdicts (not treasure inquests)		
	Male	Female	TOTAL
Killed unlawfully			
Killed lawfully			
Suicide			
Attempted or self-induced abortion			
Cause of death aggravated by lack of care, or self-neglect			
Dependence on drugs			
Non-dependant abuse of drugs			
Want of attention at birth			
Deaths from industrial diseases			
Deaths by accident or misadventure			
Stillborn			
Deaths from natural causes			
Open verdicts			
Disasters (where inquest resumed after adjournment under S.17A of Coroners Act 1988)			
All other verdicts (including narrative verdicts) (1)			(1)
TOTAL [All verdicts]			(B)

SECTION C: INQUESTS ADJOURNED under Sections 16 and 17A of the Coroners Act 1988 which it has been decided NOT TO RESUME DURING 2007				
	Subsection under which adjournment occurs			
	Section 16(1)(a)	Section 16(1)(b)	Section 17A	TOTAL
Murder				
Manslaughter				
Infanticide				
Charges of causing death contrary to RTA 1988				
Aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring suicide				
Other criminal charges			(1)	
Disaster inquiry				
TOTAL [All charges]				(C)

SECTION D: INQUESTS, INQUISITIONS AND EXHUMATIONS IN 2007		
	With juries	Without juries
Number of inquests (not treasure)		
of which: Inquests held by order of the High Court		
Inquests quashed or amended by the High Court		
Number of inquests on treasure trove		
CASES DEALT WITH UNDER THE TREASURE ACT 1996:		
Number of cases reported		
Number of inquests concluded		
of which: Number of verdicts of treasure		
Number of exhumations ordered by the Coroner		

(1) Please give details on a separate sheet of paper

Explanatory notes

1. This is a National Statistics publication produced by the Ministry of Justice. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.
2. The data analysed in this publication are based on annual returns from H.M. Coroners. Coroners are required under the provisions of Section 28 of the Coroners Act 1988 to furnish to the Secretary of State returns in relation to inquests held and deaths inquired into by him (or her) in such form and containing such particulars as the Secretary of State may direct. Thanks are due to coroners and their staff for their work in preparing these returns.

Symbols and conventions

The following symbols have been used throughout the tables in this bulletin:

n/a	= Not applicable
-	= Nil
..	= Not available
(R)	= Revised data

Definitions

The following brief definitions are intended as a guide to the meaning of terms in this bulletin concerning coroners and their work; more detailed definitions will be found in the Coroners Act 1988 and the Treasure Act 1996.

Coroner; deaths reported

In England and Wales, all violent and unnatural deaths, sudden deaths of unknown cause, and all deaths of persons in custody, are reported to coroners. Coroners are appointed by local authorities; they must be barristers, solicitors or registered medical practitioners and must have at least five years' standing in the relevant profession. The relevant legislation and guidance is contained within the Coroners Act 1988 and the Coroners Rules 1984 (as amended).

Non-inquest cases

The coroner's investigation is concluded most often without an inquest being held. The coroner will have satisfied himself or herself, by means of a post-mortem examination or other investigation, on the physical cause of death, and that the death was not one on which he or she is required by law to hold an inquest.

Post mortem examinations

A coroner may request that a post-mortem examination be conducted, whether or not an inquest is held, particularly if the cause of death is not clear. In many cases a post-mortem examination is conducted in order to determine whether or not an inquest is necessary. Other post-mortem examinations are held which are not ordered by the coroner. Details of these are collected by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). See the further information section below for details of how to obtain statistics on this and other related topics.

Inquests

A coroner must hold an inquest if the body of a person ('the deceased') lies within his or her district* and if he or she has reasonable cause to suspect that the deceased:

- (a) died a violent or unnatural death;
- (b) died a sudden death the cause of which is unknown; or
- (c) died in prison or in such place or in such circumstances as to require an inquest under any other Act.

[*The cause of death does not have to have arisen within the coroner's district.]

The holding of an inquest requires the coroner to determine:

- (a) who the deceased was;
- (b) how, when and where the deceased came by his or her death, and any further particulars necessary to enable the death to be registered.

Verdicts are returned in nearly all coroners' inquests. The exceptions are those inquests adjourned by the coroner which he or she later decides not to resume, and are mainly inquests into deaths by unlawful killing and deaths by dangerous driving or careless driving when under the influence of alcohol or drugs, in which court proceedings have been instituted. This avoids the need for two tribunals to consider the same evidence. A "narrative verdict" is where the coroner makes a brief and factual statement at the conclusion of the inquest but does not return one of the suggested short-form verdicts.

Juries

Nearly all inquests are held by a coroner sitting alone, without a jury. A jury must be summoned where the death occurred:

- (a) in prison, or in such a place or such circumstances as to require an inquest under another Act;
- (b) in police custody, or resulted from an injury caused by a police officer in the purported execution of his or her duty;
- (c) where there are certain statutory reporting obligations under the Health and Safety Act 1974 or any other Act, and in certain other circumstances, especially where there may be a continuing or recurring danger to the public.

Treasure and treasure trove

In addition to inquiring into certain deaths, coroners also have jurisdiction to inquire into any treasure which is found in their districts and to establish who were the finders. With the commencement of the Treasure Act 1996 on 24 September 1997 inquests into finds which previously might have been declared treasure trove are supplemented by those now conducted to determine whether finds made on or after that date are treasure.

Registered deaths

All deaths in England and Wales must be registered with the Registrar of Births and Deaths. The term 'registered deaths' in this bulletin refers to deaths registered within a specific time period (in this case, calendar years).

Statistics on registered deaths in England and Wales are published by the ONS. No figure was available for the number of registered deaths in 2007 at the time this bulletin was originally published. Based on population projections published by the ONS in October 2007, an estimate of 498,900 was derived. Figures published by the ONS in July 2008 gave an actual figure of 504,100 registered deaths in England and Wales in 2007. As a result, the number of deaths reported to coroners in 2007 as a proportion of the total number of registered deaths has been revised from 47.0 per cent to 46.5 per cent.

Revised data for 2007 in this re-issued bulletin

At the time this bulletin was originally published, full data for 2007 were not available for the East Sussex and Plymouth and South West Devon districts. Data were imputed for each of these jurisdictions based on figures reported in previous years. Actual data for 2007 have now been received for these two districts and are presented in the tables of this re-issued bulletin. The table below summarises the changes to some of the England and Wales totals as a result.

	Total deaths reported to coroners including 'NFA' cases, 2007	Deaths reported where an inquest was held, 2007	Deaths reported where a post-mortem took place, 2007	Total inquest verdicts returned, 2007
Total, England and Wales				
Previous	234,504	30,979	110,506	27,446
Amended	234,458	30,841	110,360	27,360

Revisions to statistics for previous years

Several tables in this bulletin incorporate revisions to previous annual statistics. These are described below.

The number of deaths reported to the coroner in the Newcastle upon Tyne district in the years 2000 to 2003 inclusive have been revised. Figures published in previous bulletins included between 1400 and 1800 'No Further

Action' (NFA) cases per year. These figures erroneously included a large number of non-NFA cases, and the number of NFA cases in each year should in fact have been about 250. The table below summarises the effects of these revisions on the total number of deaths reported for the Newcastle upon Tyne district and for England and Wales as a whole. Figures for deaths reported where inquests were opened and post-mortem examinations were held are unaffected.

Total deaths reported to coroners including 'NFA' cases				
	2000	2001	2002	2003
Newcastle upon Tyne				
Previous	3,181	3,223	3,440	3,097
Amended	1,931	1,873	1,890	1,897
Total, England and Wales				
Previous	219,342	225,636	226,549	228,990
Amended	218,092	224,286	224,999	227,790

The number of deaths reported to the coroner for Gateshead and South Tyneside in 2006 has also been revised. Some 406 NFA cases were missing from the total, which therefore under-recorded the total number of deaths reported. The total number of deaths reported to the coroner in that year has been revised from 1,516 to 1,922. The total number of deaths reported to all coroners in England and Wales in 2006 has been revised from 229,601 to 230,007 as a result. Figures for deaths reported where inquests were opened and post-mortem examinations were held are unaffected.

Previous figures showed that the number of Treasure Trove inquests (as distinct from Treasure Act 1996 inquests) was relatively small – at most a few dozen cases per year. However, a review of data for recent years has found that in fact the figures have been over-reported. Some inquests into treasure in recent years were mistakenly reported both as Treasure Act inquests and Treasure Trove inquests, when in fact they came purely under the auspices of the new Act. The number of Treasure Trove inquests has therefore been revised downwards as a result. Figures for finds and inquests under the Treasure Act 1996 are not affected. Revisions have been made back to 1998.

Further notes

Prior to 1 June 2005, policy responsibility for H.M. Coroners lay with the Home Office, but on that date it passed to the Department for Constitutional Affairs as part of machinery of government changes following the 2005 general election. Responsibility now lies with the Ministry of Justice, which was created on 9 May 2007.

Further information on deaths occurring annually in England and Wales is published by the Office for National Statistics in their Mortality Statistics

series (DH1, DH2, etc.); these may be downloaded from their website at www.statistics.gov.uk.

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Prior to the transfer of responsibility, the Home Office published statistical bulletins based on coroners' annual returns, since 1980. The last four bulletins published in the Home Office Statistical Bulletin series were as follows: for year 2003, bulletin 9/04; for 2002, bulletin 6/03; for 2001, bulletin 3/02; and for year 2000, bulletin 7/01. These may be found at: www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pubsstatistical.html.

Contact points for further information

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