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Deaths of inmates in local jails

By cause of death, 2000-2007

	Jail inmate deaths								
	Total	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	8,110	905	946	973	1,004	1,029	1,051	1,099	1,103
Cause of death									
Illness	3,878	459	429	459	459	484	466	555	567
AIDS	410	58	59	50	54	52	40	54	43
Suicide	2,363	289	314	314	296	300	286	279	285
Drug/alcohol intoxication	567	37	59	55	89	77	84	87	79
Accident	229	25	35	35	28	32	24	32	18
Homicide	172	17	20	18	15	24	22	36	20
Other/unknown	491	20	30	42	63	60	129	56	91

Note: These data are from the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program, which was launched by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in 2000 to implement the Deaths in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-297). The U.S. Census Bureau collects the jail deaths data for BJS. Jails were instructed to report the death of any inmate in their custody, even if the inmate was held for other jurisdictions such as the State department of corrections, another State or county, or the Federal Government. Jails also were instructed to include the death of any inmate sent outside the jail facility for medical, mental health or substance abuse treatment services, or for work-release programs. Deaths

that occurred while an inmate was in transit to or from the jail facility were included. Deaths of jail inmates who were released on temporary furloughs or who had escaped the jail facility were excluded. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2007*, pp. 15, 16; Appendix Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/mj07.pdf> [July 7, 2010]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.