

Fremont County Coroner
2023 Mid-Year Summary (as of 07/01/23)

- A. **TOTALS:** There have been 159 recorded deaths for Fremont County for the first half of 2023:
1. 47.7% were Coroner Cases (76).
 2. 2023, compared to 2022, the case load has increased by one (76 compared to 75 in 2022).
- B. **CASES:** So far for the 1st half of 2023, the total of cases “non-natural” in manner (accident, homicide, suicide, undetermined) is 38% of the total coroner cases (a significant increase from 28% in 2022 at this time). Of those:
1. The number of **accidental** deaths is 23, eight more than the first half of 2022.
 2. The number of deaths by **suicide** is 3, two less than the first half of 2022.
 3. The number of deaths by **homicide** is 2, one more than the first half of 2022.
- C. **Motor-vehicle/Traffic deaths:** There have been 8 vehicular deaths so far in 2023, two more than the first half of 2022 (6).
1. Two of the 8 are drug/alcohol related (2 cases are pending toxicology).
 2. One pedestrian death, One ATV/UTV
- D. **NOTES:**
1. There have been 2 Search and Recovery events involving the coroner’s office (1 Lander, 1 Riverton). Charges related to those recoveries are pending and may be covered by other State entities.
- E. **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL:**
1. Drugs and Alcohol related deaths in the first half of 2023 account for 27% of all Coroner cases (slightly lower than in 2022), and 44% of the non-natural deaths (lower than that of 2022).
 2. Drugs and/or alcohol were confirmed in both homicides, 1 of 3 suicides, and confirmed in 10 of 23 accidental deaths.
 3. Alcohol remains the number one drug in related deaths (11). Methamphetamine is #2 (10) and Cannabis is #3 (3). Fentanyl was present in 2 deaths, the same as prescription opioids (Oxycodone, Morphine). Please note that there are 6 cases pending toxicology which may change these totals. In some instances, a combination of alcohol/drugs were present.
- F. **AUTOPSY:**
1. 15 Out-of-county autopsies have been completed.
 2. 5 Out-of-county autopsies were rejected due to inability to complete at our current facility
 3. All but 3 have been paid for by their respective county