

**Table 6
NUMBER OF DRUG-RELATED DEATHS BY DRUG LETHALITY AND CAUSE, 1990-1991**

Year		COCAINE		HEROIN		CANNABIS		SEDATIVE-HYPNOTICS	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1990	Number of Positive Tests	25		40		16		85	
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	5	20	27	68	0	0	9	11
	Lethal Combination	3	12	9	22	1	6	25	29
	Non-lethal Level	17	68	4	10	15	94	51	60
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	22	88	34	85	12	75	42	49
Suicide	2	8	6	15	3	19	41	48	
Unknown	1	4	0	0	1	6	2	2	
1991	Number of Positive Tests	25		35		4		82	
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	5	20	16	46	0	0	6	7
	Lethal Combination	6	24	17	48	1	25	44	54
	Non-lethal Level	14	56	2	6	3	75	32	39
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	20	80	28	80	3	75	32	39
Suicide	5	20	5	14	1	25	43	52	
Unknown	0	0	2	6	0	0	7	9	
1992	Number of Positive Tests	39		60		11		86	
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	11	28	26	43	0	0	6	7
	Lethal Combination	9	23	32	53	2	18	36	42
	Non-lethal Level	19	49	2	3	9	82	44	51
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	34	87	48	80	9	82	53	62
Suicide	3	8	6	10	10	18	28	33	
Unknown	2	5	6	10	0	0	5	5	
1993	Number of Positive Tests	30		57		7		76	
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	1	3	35	61	0	0	5	7
	Lethal Combination	2	7	21	37	0	0	25	33
	Non-lethal Level	27	90	1	2	7	100	46	60
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	22	73	47	82	7	100	40	53
Suicide	2	7	4	7	0	0	27	35	
Unknown	6	20	7	12	0	0	9	12	

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1994	Number of Positive Tests	28		67		1		79	
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	12	43	55	82	0	0	5	6
	Lethal Combination	3	11	8	12	0	0	13	17
	Non-lethal level	13	46	4	6	1	100	61	77
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	25	89	42	63	0	0	29	37
	Suicide	0	0	9	13	0	0	32	41
	Unknown	3	11	16	24	1	10	18	23
	1995	Number of Positive Tests	23		45		5		60
<i>Drug Lethality</i>									
Sole Lethal Cause		6	29	33	75	0	0	7	12
Lethal Combination		1	5	9	20	1	20	15	26
Non-lethal level		14	67	2	5	4	80	35	61
<i>Type of Death</i>									
Accidental		2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Suicide		18	78	31	69	4	80	21	35
Unknown		1	4	6	13	1	20	33	55
		4	17	8	18	0	0	6	10
1996	Number of Positive Tests	22		35		1		36	
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	6	27	28	80	0	0	2	6
	Lethal Combination	6	27	3	8	0	0	7	19
	Non-lethal level	10	45	4	11	1	100	27	75
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	20	91	28	80	1	100	15	42
	Suicide	1	5	4	11	0	0	17	47
	Unknown	1	5	3	9	0	0	4	11
	1997	Number of Positive Tests	27		38		1		51
<i>Drug Lethality</i>									
Sole Lethal Cause		7	30	27	84	N/A	-	5	14
Lethal Combination		0	0	3	9	N/A	-	6	17
Non-lethal level		16	70	2	6	N/A	-	24	69
<i>Type of Death</i>									
Accidental		22	81	25	69	0	-	17	33
Suicide		1	4	4	11	0	-	23	45
Unknown		4	15	7	19	1	100	11	22

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1998	Number of Positive Tests	27		36		3		67	
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	3	11	18	50	N/A	-	5	8
	Lethal Combination	3	11	11	31	N/A	-	16	24
	Non-lethal level	21	78	7	19	N/A	-	46	69
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	23	85	31	86	0	-	31	46
	Suicide	1	4	3	8	0	-	28	42
	Unknown	3	11	2	6	3	100	8	12
	1999	Number of Positive Tests	27		34		2		65
<i>Drug Lethality</i>									
Sole Lethal Cause		7	30	20	59	0	-	4	6
Lethal Combination		0	0	2	6	0	-	24	37
Non-lethal level		16	70	12	36	2	100	37	57
<i>Type of Death</i>									
Accidental		22	81	18	53	2	100	25	38
Suicide		1	4	2	6	0	-	20	31
Unknown		4	15	14	41	0	-	20	31
2000		Number of Positive Tests	27		36		0		39
	<i>Drug Lethality</i>								
	Sole Lethal Cause	7	30	12	33	-	-	2	5
	Lethal Combination	0	0	21	58	-	-	3	8
	Non-lethal level	16	70	3	8	-	-	34	87
	<i>Type of Death</i>								
	Accidental	22	81	23	64	-	-	17	44
	Suicide	1	4	4	11	-	-	18	46
	Unknown	4	15	9	25	-	-	4	10
	2001	Number of Positive Tests	27		25		0		43
<i>Drug Lethality</i>									
Sole Lethal Cause		7	30	13	52	-	-	1	2
Lethal Combination		0	0	11	44	-	-	12	28
Non-lethal level		16	70	1	4	-	-	30	70
<i>Type of Death</i>									
Accidental		22	81	19	76	-	-	20	47
Suicide		1	4	1	4	-	-	10	23
Unknown		4	15	5	20	-	-	13	30

Lethality analysis is available for a limited number of cases in 1997. Therefore, percentages in this section of the table are expressed as a fraction of the number of cases with lethality results. **Source: Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario**