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INMATE MORTALITY REPORT:

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Executive Summary

- A total of 657 inmate deaths occurred during the four year period from 2003-2006. Causes of death included 56 AIDS-related illnesses, 528 natural causes, 5 homicides, 49 suicides, 7 accidents and 12 other causes (see Figure 1A, page 2).
- Yearly deaths from AIDS-related illnesses during the 2003-2006 study period ranged from 9 to 19 compared to 257 in 1995 (see Figure 1B, page 4).
- The annual inmate death rate for 2003 – 2006 was 26 deaths per 10,000 inmates. The death rate among male inmates, at 26 per 10,000 inmates, was higher than among female inmates, at 16 per 10,000 inmates (see Table 2, page 7).
- Inmates aged 55 and over had the largest number of deaths N=236 (36% of all deaths between 2003 and 2006) and the highest rate at 194 deaths per 100,000 inmates (see Table 3, page 9).
- Persons committed from New York City accounted for 57% of the inmate population and 58% of the inmate deaths (see Figure 5, page 12).
- Commitment offenses for deceased inmates were similar to those of the under custody population during the four-year study period. For example, 57% of the under custody population and 64% of decedents had been committed for violent felony offenses (see Figure 6, page 14).
- Over the period 2003-2006, African-American inmates who were 55 years of age and older experienced the highest average mortality rate from all causes of death among prison population subgroups, specified by age and race/ethnic status (235 deaths per 10,000 inmates of population, see Table 7, page 17).
- The yearly death rate from AIDS-related illnesses ranged from 3.0 deaths per 10,000 inmates in 2005 to 1.4 in 2006 (see Table 8, page 19).

INTRODUCTION

This report examines the 657 inmate deaths that occurred in the Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) inmate population from 2003 through 2006. The number of inmate deaths decreased from 200 in 2003 to 154 in 2004, increased to 172 in 2005 and then decreased to 131 in 2006.

Inmate deaths are initially reported by correctional facility personnel to the Department's Communication Control Center located in Albany through the Unusual Incident Reporting system. Later, medical staff at facilities submit detailed reports to the DOCS Division of Health Services that outline circumstances surrounding the inmate's death, detail medical procedures used, and establish preliminary cause of death. Cause of death and contributing factors are determined when the final autopsy reports are completed and sent to Health Services. All data for cause of death are based upon reports verified by Health Services.

All deaths of inmates legally under the custody of DOCS are reflected in this report. Deaths included are 650 inmates in DOCS facilities; three inmates out to court who were residing in local jails; and four inmates on approved temporary release. Deaths not included are escapees; absconders; and parolees at the Willard Drug Treatment Campus that is jointly administered by the Division of Parole and DOCS.

Information maintained by the Division of Health Services, Unusual Incident Reports, and demographic information contained in Department computer files were used to provide the statistics contained in this report.

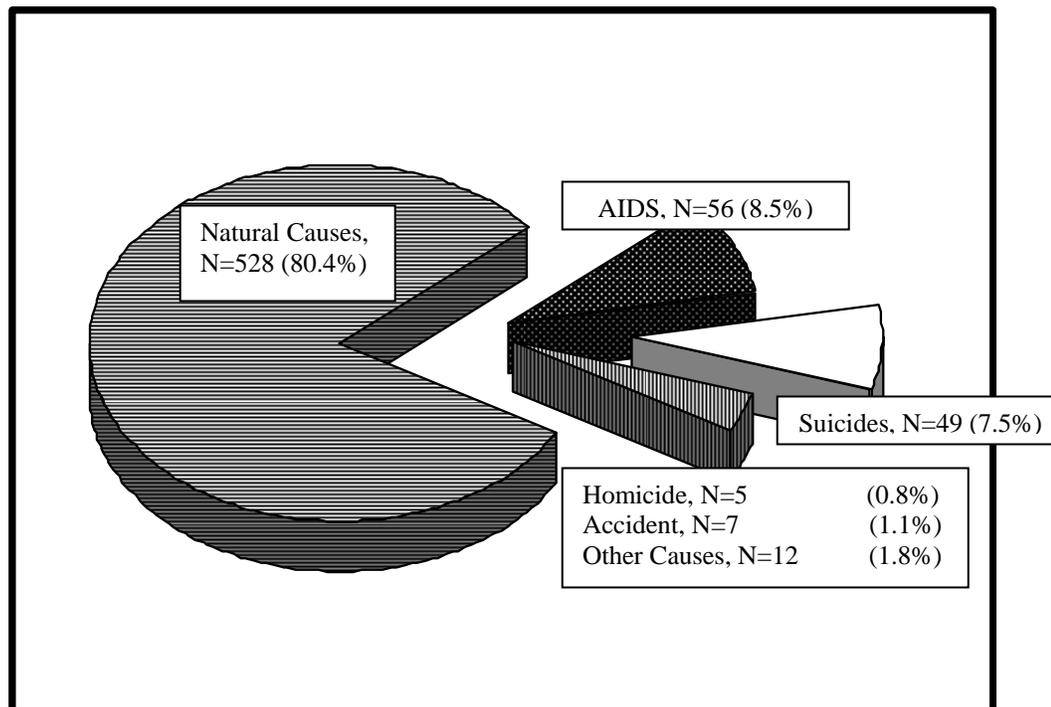
SECTION ONE

CAUSE OF DEATH

Cause of death is divided into six categories: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), natural causes, homicide, suicide, accident, and other causes. The most common cause of death from 2003 through 2006 was natural causes such as heart attack, cancer (not AIDS-related), or cirrhosis of the liver. There were 528 deaths by natural causes during the study period, followed by 56 AIDS-related deaths; 5 homicides; 49 suicides; 7 deaths were the result of accidents; and 12 deaths were due to other causes.

Figure 1A
Causes of Death
2003 – 2006

Total Number of Deaths = 657



Homicide

Five inmates died of homicide between 2003 and 2006. Three of the five homicides occurred within facilities. One of the three inmates died as a result of stab or slash wounds inflicted by other inmates, while the other two deaths occurred as a result of beatings inflicted by other inmates. Two of the homicide victims died in the community when they were on temporary release; both by gunshot wounds. Homicide victims were on average 31 years old (see Table 1, page 5). Two of the homicide victims had been committed for violent felony offenses, and three for drug offenses (see Table 6, page 15).

Suicide

Forty-nine inmates committed suicide during the 2003 – 2006 period.¹ One of the 49 suicides occurred while the inmate was in a local jail for court proceedings. The average age for inmate suicide victims was 40 years old (see Table 1, page 5). The method of death was hanging in 96% or 47 of the cases. The remaining two inmates died of self-administered cuts. Among inmates who committed suicide, 82% were convicted of a violent felony, 6% were convicted of other coercive crimes, 2% were convicted of a drug felony, and 10% were convicted of property and other crimes (see Table 6, page 15).

Accident/Other Causes

Seven inmates died in accidents during the 2003 – 2006 period. Twelve inmates died of accidental drug overdose and are categorized as Other Causes. Of the 19 cases of death due to either accident or other causes, one was an inmate who was in the community on temporary release.

Natural Causes

Between 2003 and 2006, 528 inmates died of natural causes. Inmates who died of natural causes were, on average, 53 years old at the time of death (see Table 1, page 5). The death rate from natural causes over the 2003-2006 period was 21.4 deaths per 10,000 inmates of population.

AIDS

Fifty-six inmates died as a result of AIDS during the period 2003 – 2006. The average age at death for AIDS-related deaths was 45 years old.

Death Rates

The use of mortality rates allows for comparison of the number of deaths among subgroups of the inmate population. This is especially useful for comparisons over time or for comparisons among subgroups that differ in their proportion of the total under custody population. Mortality rates reported for any subgroup reflect the number of deaths per 10,000 inmates of the subgroup population.

The reader is urged to use caution in making comparisons across subgroups when the number of deaths is low for any particular year. Mortality rates between individual subgroups may vary considerably when making year-to-year comparisons. These differences may be due to chance occurrences within calendar year measurement periods instead of statistically significant events measured across the four-year period of the study.

¹ For additional information on deaths due to suicide see "Inmate Suicide Report 1997-2003", NY DOCS, Albany, NY 12226 (2004).

Trend in Death Rates due to AIDS

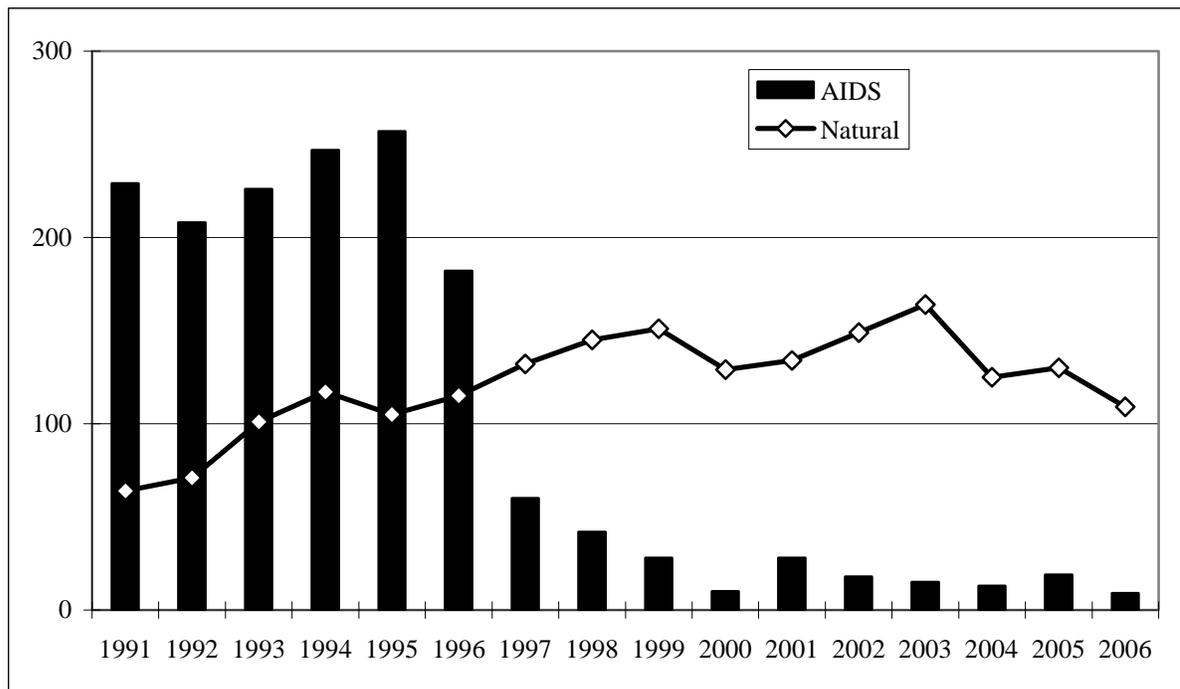
As can be seen in Figure 1B below, inmate deaths from AIDS declined substantially in the period 1997 through 2006 when compared with the period 1991 through 1996. In 1995, AIDS-related deaths peaked within DOCS at 257. In 2000, AIDS-related deaths dropped to 10; a reduction of 96% from the high point in 1995.

The death rate from AIDS averaged 2 deaths per 10,000 inmates per year during the period from 2003 to 2006. The highest death rate was in 2005 (3.0 deaths per 10,000 inmates) and lowest in 2006 (1.4 deaths per 10,000 inmates).

Trend in Death Rates due to Natural Causes

From 1995 to 1999, when AIDS deaths were declining, deaths due to natural causes among the inmate population were increasing. Since 2003, however, the number of deaths due to natural causes has decreased. This decrease is seen in both a drop in the number of inmates as well as a drop in the death rate.

Figure 1B
Change in Deaths 1991 - 2006
Comparison of AIDS – Related Deaths and Deaths from Natural Causes



**Table 1
Cause of Death, Average Age, and Death Rate by Year**

Cause of Death	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total
Count					
Homicide	2	2	1	0	5
Suicide	14	8	19	8	49
Accident	1	1	0	5	7
Other Causes	4	5	3	0	12
Natural Causes	164	125	130	109	528
AIDS	15	13	19	9	56
Total	200	154	172	131	657
Percentage					
Homicide	1.0%	1.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.8%
Suicide	7.0%	5.2%	11.0%	6.1%	7.5%
Accident	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%	3.8%	1.1%
Other Causes	2.0%	3.2%	1.7%	0.0%	1.8%
Natural Causes	82.0%	81.2%	75.6%	83.2%	80.4%
AIDS	7.5%	8.4%	11.0%	6.9%	8.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average Age					
Homicide	36.1	25.0	33.8	.	31.2
Suicide	42.0	35.2	40.6	41.1	40.2
Accident	42.4	69.9	.	49.0	51.0
Other Causes	34.1	41.1	42.9	.	39.2
Natural Causes	53.7	52.9	52.4	53.2	53.1
AIDS	44.2	48.0	43.7	43.2	44.8
Total	51.5	51.0	49.9	51.6	51.0
Death Rate*					
Homicide	0.30	0.31	0.16	0.00	0.19
Suicide	2.12	1.24	3.00	1.26	1.90
Accident	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.79	0.27
Other Causes	0.61	0.77	0.47	0.00	0.47
Natural Causes	24.83	19.33	20.52	17.21	20.51
AIDS	2.27	2.01	3.00	1.42	2.18
Total	30.28	23.82	27.15	20.69	25.53

* Deaths per 10,000 inmates under custody.

SECTION TWO

GENDER OF DECEDENTS

The under custody inmate population during the four-year study period of 2003 through 2006 consisted of 96% men and 4% women. These percentages were almost the same for the decedent population, 97% male (N=638) and 3% female (N=19).

The specific causes of death within each gender group were similar: AIDS, 8% of male decedents versus 11% of female decedents; natural causes, 81% of men compared with 74% of women; and all other causes (homicide, suicide, accident, and other causes), 11% of men compared with 16% of women (see Figure 2).

A review of Figure 2 reveals the percentage differences between male and female inmates who died and the cause of death. Table 2 on the next page shows the cause of death, death rate and average age by gender. Table 11 in the Appendix (page 24) shows the average daily population by gender and year.

Figure 2
Gender and Cause of Death
2003 – 2006

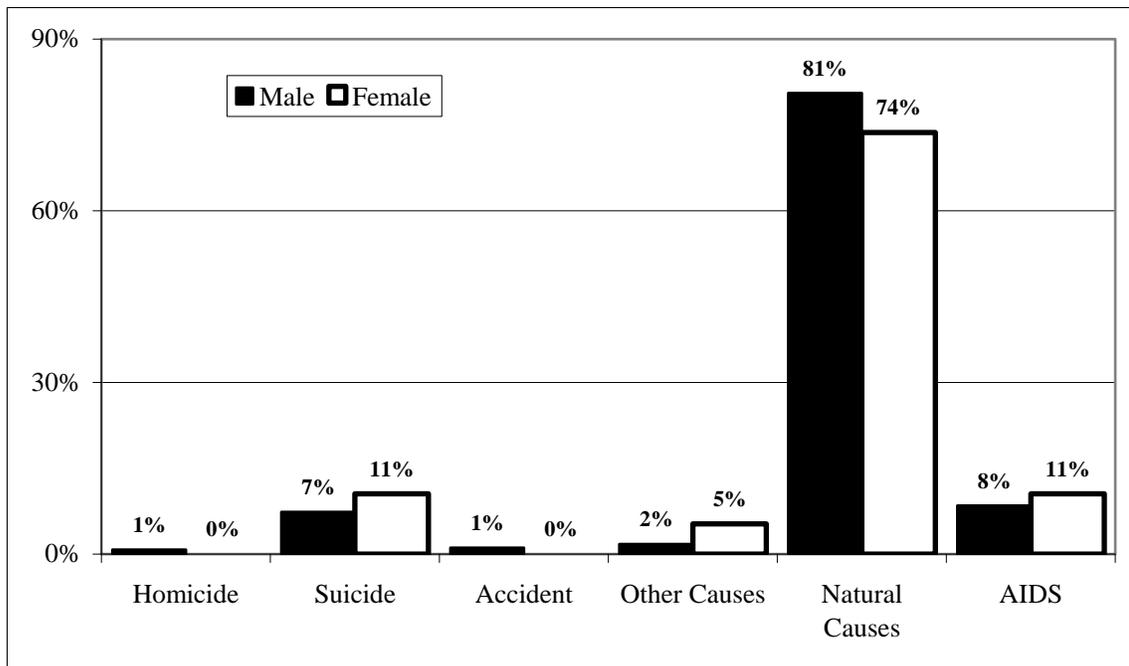


Table 2
Cause of Death, Average Age, Death Rate by Gender
2003 – 2006

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Count			
Homicide	5	0	5
Suicide	47	2	49
Accident	7	0	7
Other Causes	11	1	12
Natural Causes	514	14	528
AIDS	54	2	56
Total	638	19	657
Percent by Cause			
Homicide	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Suicide	95.9%	4.1%	100.0%
Accident	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Other Causes	91.7%	8.3%	100.0%
Natural Causes	97.3%	2.7%	100.0%
AIDS	96.4%	3.6%	100.0%
Total	97.1%	2.9%	100.0%
Percent in Gender			
Homicide	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%
Suicide	7.4%	10.5%	7.5%
Accident	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%
Other Causes	1.7%	5.3%	1.8%
Natural Causes	80.6%	73.7%	80.4%
AIDS	8.5%	10.5%	8.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average Age			
Homicide	31.2	.	31.2
Suicide	40.5	32.6	40.2
Accident	51.0	.	51.0
Other Causes	38.4	48.5	39.2
Natural Causes	53.3	46.0	53.1
AIDS	44.8	43.7	44.8
Total	51.2	44.5	51.0
Death Rate			
Homicide	0.20	0.00	0.19
Suicide	1.91	1.74	1.90
Accident	0.28	0.00	0.27
Other Causes	0.45	0.87	0.47
Natural Causes	20.91	12.15	20.51
AIDS	2.20	1.74	2.18
Total	25.95	16.49	25.53

SECTION THREE

AGE OF DECEDENTS

A comparison of age of decedents and the under custody population for the four-year study period is displayed in Figure 3. The population is divided into five age groups. There are proportionately fewer deaths in the younger age groups. The 16-24 age group comprised 17% of the under custody population but only 2% of the decedents. The 55+ category comprised 5% of DOCS inmates, but accounted for 36% of deaths (see Figure 3 below).

The largest number of deaths occurred in the 55+ age group (N=236) (see Table 3). Within the 55+ age group, 223 of 236 deaths or 94% were due to natural causes. For all age groups, except the 16–24 year olds, deaths due to natural causes was the most frequent cause of death.

By age group, the largest number of AIDS-related deaths (29) and suicides (27) occurred in the 35-44 age group. There were 5 homicides during the study period, 3 were in the 25-34 age group. For the 16-24 age group suicides and natural causes were the most common cause of death, each with 3 (37%) out of 8 total deaths.

Figure 3
Age of Inmates
Decedents vs. Under Custody Inmates
2003 - 2006

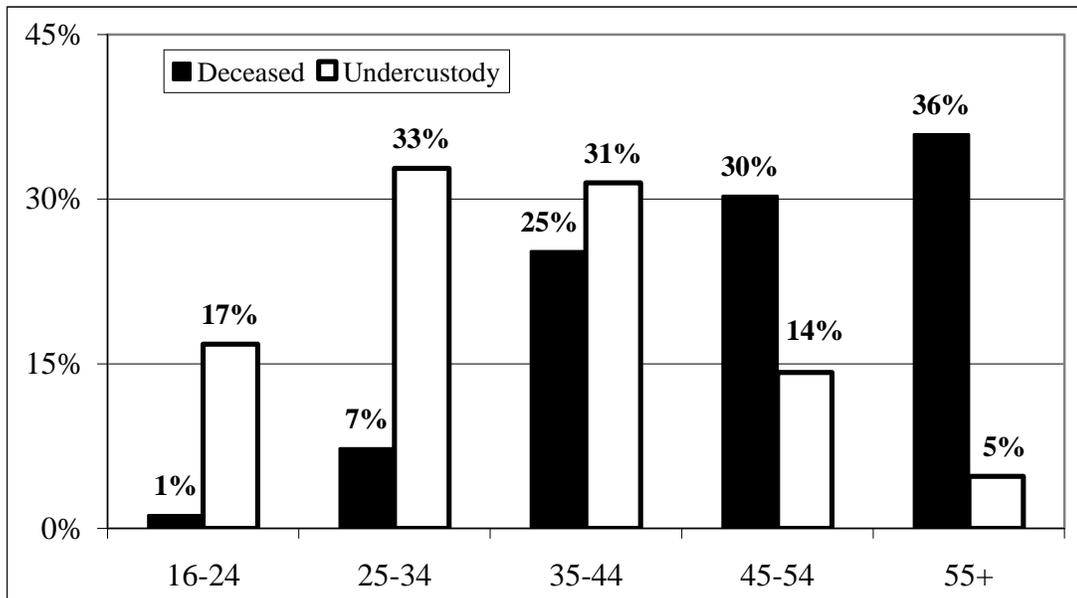


Table 3
Age and Cause of Death by Year of Death
2003 – 2006

Age and Cause of Death	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total			Sub-Total
					Count	Percent	Rate	Percent by Age Group
16-24								
Homicide	0	1	0	0	1	0.2%	0.23	12.5%
Suicide	1	1	1	0	3	0.5%	0.70	37.5%
Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Other Causes	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.23	12.5%
Natural Causes	1	1	1	0	3	0.5%	0.70	37.5%
AIDS	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Total	3	3	2	0	8	1.2%	1.86	100.0%
25-34								
Homicide	1	1	1	0	3	0.5%	0.36	6.3%
Suicide	3	2	4	1	10	1.5%	1.19	20.8%
Accident	0	0	0	2	2	0.3%	0.24	4.2%
Other Causes	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%	0.24	4.2%
Natural Causes	9	6	9	3	27	4.1%	3.21	56.3%
AIDS	0	1	2	1	4	0.6%	0.48	8.3%
Total	15	10	16	7	48	7.3%	5.70	100.0%
35-44								
Homicide	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.12	0.6%
Suicide	5	5	12	5	27	4.1%	3.34	16.3%
Accident	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.12	0.6%
Other Causes	0	4	1	0	5	0.8%	0.62	3.0%
Natural Causes	27	27	27	22	103	15.7%	12.76	62.0%
AIDS	9	4	11	5	29	4.4%	3.59	17.5%
Total	43	40	51	32	166	25.3%	20.56	100.0%
45-54								
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Suicide	4	0	0	1	5	0.8%	1.37	2.5%
Accident	0	0	0	1	1	0.2%	0.27	0.5%
Other Causes	1	1	2	0	4	0.6%	1.10	2.0%
Natural Causes	52	40	42	38	172	26.2%	47.20	86.4%
AIDS	5	5	5	2	17	2.6%	4.66	8.5%
Total	62	46	49	42	199	30.3%	54.61	100.0%
55+								
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Suicide	1	0	2	1	4	0.6%	3.29	1.7%
Accident	0	1	0	2	3	0.5%	2.47	1.3%
Other Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Natural Causes	75	51	51	46	223	33.9%	183.33	94.5%
AIDS	1	3	1	1	6	0.9%	4.93	2.5%
Total	77	55	54	50	236	35.9%	194.01	100.0%
Total								
Homicide	2	2	1	0	5	0.8%	0.19	0.8%
Suicide	14	8	19	8	49	7.5%	1.90	7.5%
Accident	1	1	0	5	7	1.1%	0.27	1.1%
Other Causes	4	5	3	0	12	1.8%	0.47	1.8%
Natural Causes	164	125	130	109	528	80.4%	20.51	80.4%
AIDS	15	13	19	9	56	8.5%	2.18	8.5%
Grand Total	200	154	172	131	657	100.0%	25.53	100.0%

SECTION FOUR

RACE/ETHNIC STATUS

For purposes of this report, the Department of Correctional Services under custody inmates are categorized into four primary race/ethnic groups: White, African-American, Hispanic, and Other (which includes Native-American and Asian). Inmates who did not indicate their race/ethnic status or where data was missing are designated as unknown.

Figure 4 compares the race/ethnic distribution of the inmate under custody population with that of deceased inmates for the years 2003 through 2006. The graph shows that the percentage of deceased inmates classified as White (28%) was greater than the percentage of White inmates in the under custody population (18%). A smaller percentage of African-American inmates died (42%) when compared to their proportion in the inmate population (50%). The proportion of decedents who were Hispanic (27%) was almost the same as their overall representation in the under custody population (30%).

AIDS related deaths accounted for a larger percentage of deaths among African-American inmates (12%) when compared with White inmates (3%) or Hispanic inmates (9%) (see Table 4).

Suicides accounted for a larger percentage of deaths among White inmates (11%) when compared with Hispanic inmates (8%) or African-American inmates (4%) (see Table 4).

Figure 4
Race/Ethnicity of Inmates
Decedents vs. Under Custody Inmates
2003 – 2006

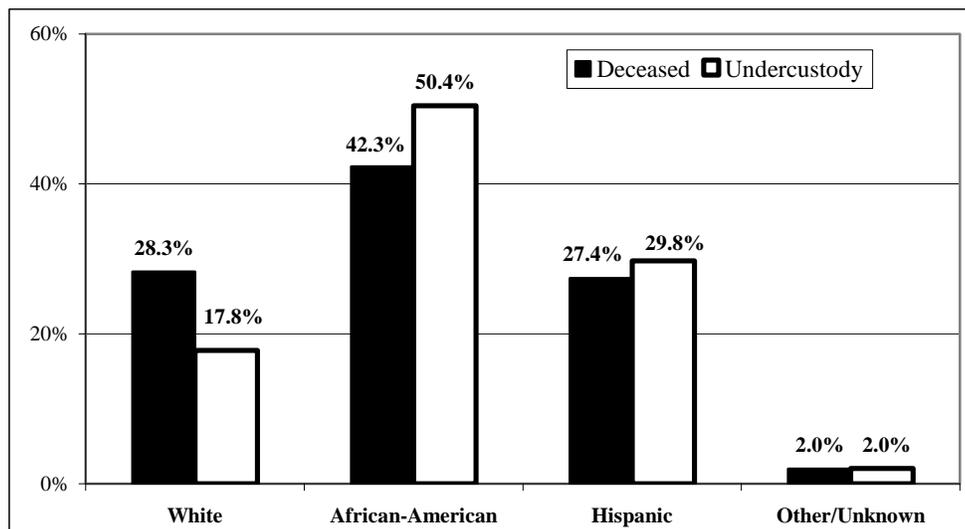


Table 4
Race/Ethnicity and Cause of Death by Year of Death
2003 – 2006

Age and Cause of Death	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total			Sub-Total Percent by Age Group
					Count	Percent	Rate	
White								
Homicide	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.21	0.5%
Suicide	5	2	11	3	21	3.2%	4.32	11.3%
Accident	1	1	0	3	5	0.8%	1.03	2.7%
Other Cause	2	3	1	0	6	0.9%	1.23	3.2%
Natural Cause	44	36	38	29	147	22.4%	30.23	79.0%
AIDS	2	1	2	1	6	0.9%	1.23	3.2%
Total	55	43	52	36	186	28.3%	38.25	100.0%
African-American								
Homicide	0	2	1	0	3	0.5%	0.23	1.1%
Suicide	3	4	4	0	11	1.7%	0.85	4.0%
Accident	0	0	0	2	2	0.3%	0.15	0.7%
Other Cause	1	1	0	0	2	0.3%	0.15	0.7%
Natural Cause	65	54	61	47	227	34.6%	17.54	81.7%
AIDS	9	11	7	6	33	5.0%	2.55	11.9%
Total	78	72	73	55	278	42.3%	21.48	100.0%
Hispanic								
Homicide	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.14	0.6%
Suicide	5	2	3	4	14	2.1%	1.92	7.8%
Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Other Cause	1	0	2	0	3	0.5%	0.41	1.7%
Natural Cause	54	32	28	31	145	22.1%	19.85	80.6%
AIDS	4	1	10	2	17	2.6%	2.33	9.4%
Total	65	35	43	37	180	27.4%	24.64	100.0%
Other								
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Suicide	0	0	1	1	2	0.3%	4.77	25.0%
Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Other Cause	0	1	0	0	1	0.2%	2.39	12.5%
Natural Cause	1	1	1	2	5	0.8%	11.94	62.5%
AIDS	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Total	1	2	2	3	8	1.2%	19.10	100.0%
Unknown								
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Suicide	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	8.19	20.0%
Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Other Cause	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Natural Cause	0	2	2	0	4	0.6%	32.78	80.0%
AIDS	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Total	1	2	2	0	5	0.8%	40.97	100.0%
Total								
Homicide	2	2	1	0	5	0.8%	0.19	0.8%
Suicide	14	8	19	8	49	7.5%	1.90	7.5%
Accident	1	1	0	5	7	1.1%	0.27	1.1%
Other Cause	4	5	3	0	12	1.8%	0.47	1.8%
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Grand Total	200	154	172	131	657	100.0%	25.53	100.0%

SECTION FIVE

REGION OF COMMITMENT

New York State counties are aggregated into four groups according to region of the state. The New York City region consists of the five counties of the Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond. Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester counties make up the Suburban New York Region. The Upstate Urban region is composed of counties that have a population center of 50,000 or more residents and includes: Albany, Broome, Erie, Monroe, Oneida, Onondaga, Niagara, Rensselaer, and Schenectady. The Upstate Other region contains the remaining counties of the state.

Figure 5 compares the region of commitment of the under custody population with the region of commitment for the deceased inmates during the four-year study period. The number of deceased inmates from each region of the state is similar to the percent of under custody inmates from each region.

Examining the distribution of deaths by cause of death does show some differences by region of commitment. Of the total deaths, 58% are inmates from New York City, but 71% of AIDS deaths are inmates from New York City. This compares with Upstate Urban with 19% of total deaths, but only 11% of AIDS deaths and Upstate Other with 13% of all inmate deaths, but only 5% of AIDS deaths. While inmates from Upstate Other made up 13% of total deaths, they made up 18% of suicide deaths (see Table 5).

Figure 5
Region of Commitment
2003 - 2006

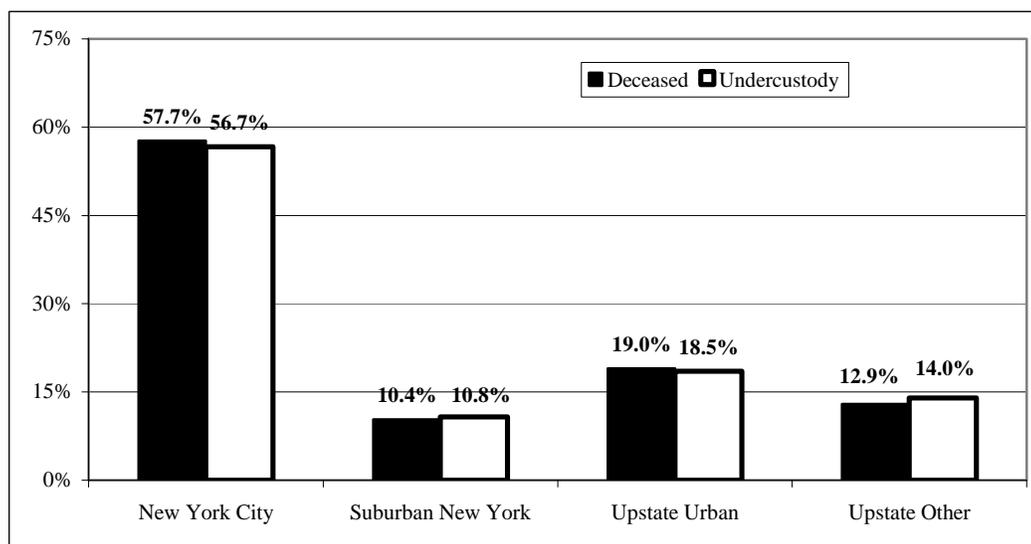


Table 5
Region of Commitment by Cause of Death
2003 – 2006

Cause of Death	New York City	Suburban New York	Upstate Urban	Upstate Other	Total
Count					
Homicide	3	1	0	1	5
Suicide	24	4	12	9	49
Accident	1	1	2	3	7
Other Causes	7	3	1	1	12
Natural Causes	304	52	104	68	528
AIDS	40	7	6	3	56
Total	379	68	125	85	657
Percent in Region					
Homicide	0.8%	1.5%	0.0%	1.2%	0.8%
Suicide	6.3%	5.9%	9.6%	10.6%	7.5%
Accident	0.3%	1.5%	1.6%	3.5%	1.1%
Other Causes	1.8%	4.4%	0.8%	1.2%	1.8%
Natural Causes	80.2%	76.5%	83.2%	80.0%	80.4%
AIDS	10.6%	10.3%	4.8%	3.5%	8.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent by Cause					
Homicide	60.0%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	100.0%
Suicide	49.0%	8.2%	24.5%	18.4%	100.0%
Accident	14.3%	14.3%	28.6%	42.9%	100.0%
Other Causes	58.3%	25.0%	8.3%	8.3%	100.0%
Natural Causes	57.6%	9.8%	19.7%	12.9%	100.0%
AIDS	71.4%	12.5%	10.7%	5.4%	100.0%
Total	57.7%	10.4%	19.0%	12.9%	100.0%

SECTION SIX

COMMITMENT OFFENSE

This section examines commitment offense and cause of death for decedents and the under custody population for 2003-2006. The total number of felony criminal offenses has been reduced to four general categories: violent felonies, other coercive offenses, drug offenses, and property or other offenses. Figure 6 compares the commitment offenses of inmates who died to the commitment offenses of the under custody population during the 2003 – 2006 time period. The graph reveals that inmates sentenced for a violent felony were more likely to die while in custody.

Table 6 provides information on the cause of death of inmates according to specific types of offenses. For example, 142 inmates sentenced for murder died while in custody during the years 2003-2006. Of these, 121 died of natural causes, 6 from AIDS, 11 from suicide, 1 from homicide, 1 from accident, and 2 from other causes.

Figure 6
Crime of Commitment
Decedents vs. Under Custody Inmates
2003 - 2006

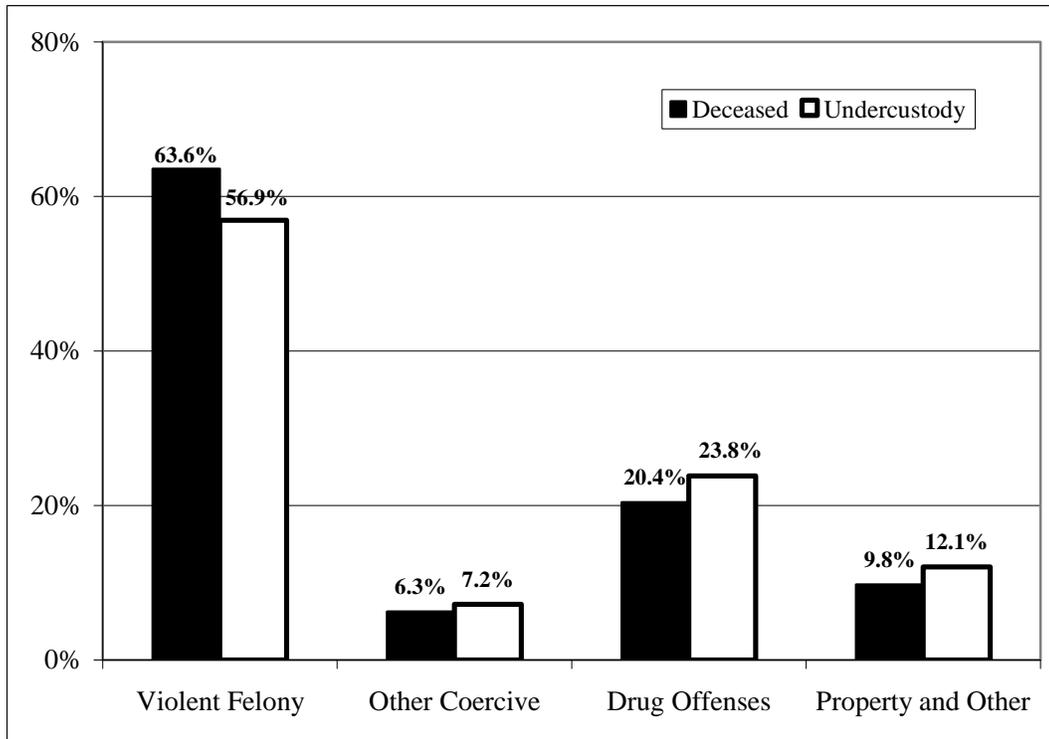


Table 6
Commitment Offense by Cause of Death
2003 – 2006

Category and Crime	Homicide	Suicide	Accident	Other Causes	Natural Causes	AIDS	Total
Violent Felony							
Murder	1	11	1	2	121	6	142
Attempted Murder	0	2	0	0	16	1	19
Manslaughter 1st	0	3	0	0	26	3	32
Rape 1st	0	5	0	0	30	3	38
Robbery 1st	0	5	0	4	30	8	47
Robbery 2nd	0	2	0	0	16	1	19
Assault 1st	0	2	0	0	13	1	16
Assault 2nd	0	2	0	1	6	3	12
Burglary 1st	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Burglary 2nd	0	4	0	0	19	3	26
Arson 1st,2nd	0	1	0	1	2	1	5
Sodomy 1st	0	1	1	0	18	2	22
Sex ab 1st,ag.2	1	1	1	0	13	0	16
Weapons Offenses	0	1	0	1	6	2	10
Kidnapping 1st,2nd	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
Other Violent	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	2	40	3	10	328	34	417
Percent of VFO	0.5%	9.6%	0.7%	2.4%	78.7%	8.2%	100.0%
Percent of Total	40.0%	81.6%	42.9%	83.3%	62.1%	60.7%	63.5%
Other Coercive							
Manslaughter 2nd	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Robbery 3rd	0	1	0	0	3	0	4
Attempted Assault 2nd	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Conspiracy 2,3,4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Other weapons	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Other Sex Offenses	0	2	0	0	17	0	19
Other Coercive	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	0	3	0	1	36	1	41
Percent of Coercive	0.0%	7.3%	0.0%	2.4%	87.8%	2.4%	100.0%
Percent of Total	0.0%	6.1%	0.0%	8.3%	6.8%	1.8%	6.2%
Drug Offenses							
Drug Offenses	3	1	4	0	109	17	134
Percent of Drug	2.2%	0.7%	3.0%	0.0%	81.3%	12.7%	100.0%
Percent of Total	60.0%	2.0%	57.1%	0.0%	20.6%	30.4%	20.4%
Property and Other							
Burglary 3rd	0	1	0	0	17	1	19
Grand Larceny	0	2	0	0	12	2	16
Forgery	0	1	0	1	4	1	7
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Drive Intoxicated	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Contempt 1st	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
All Other felonies	0	1	0	0	7	0	8
Total	0	5	0	1	55	4	65
Percent of Property	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%	1.5%	84.6%	6.2%	100.0%
Percent of Total	0.0%	10.2%	0.0%	8.3%	10.4%	7.1%	9.9%
Grand Total	5	49	7	12	528	56	657
Row Percent	0.8%	7.5%	1.1%	1.8%	80.4%	8.5%	100.0%
Column Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

SECTION SEVEN

MORTALITY RATES

A. All Causes of Death

The death rate for the four year period 2003 - 2006 averaged 25.5 deaths per 10,000 inmates, with a range from 20.7 in 2006 to 30.3 in 2003. Calendar year 2006 had the fewest deaths and the lowest death rate amongst the years used in the study (see Table 7).

The reader is urged to use caution in making comparisons across subgroups when the number of deaths is low for any particular year. Mortality rates between individual subgroups may vary considerably when making year-to-year comparisons. These differences may be due to chance occurrences within calendar year measurement periods instead of statistically significant events measured across the four-year period of the study.

Examining deaths by race/ethnic status shows that White inmates died at a higher rate (38 deaths per 10,000 inmates) than either African-American inmates (21 deaths per 10,000 inmates) or Hispanic inmates (25 deaths per 10,000 inmates)(see table 7).

Death rates by age show that as inmates got older their chance of dying in prison increased. Inmates aged 16-24 had the lowest death rate (2 per 10,000). Inmates aged 55 and over had the highest rate (194 per 10,000 inmates)(see Table 7). Older inmates have been increasing as a percentage of the under custody population (see table 12 in the appendix).

Figure 7
Mortality Rates for All Causes of Death
2003 – 2006 by Age Group

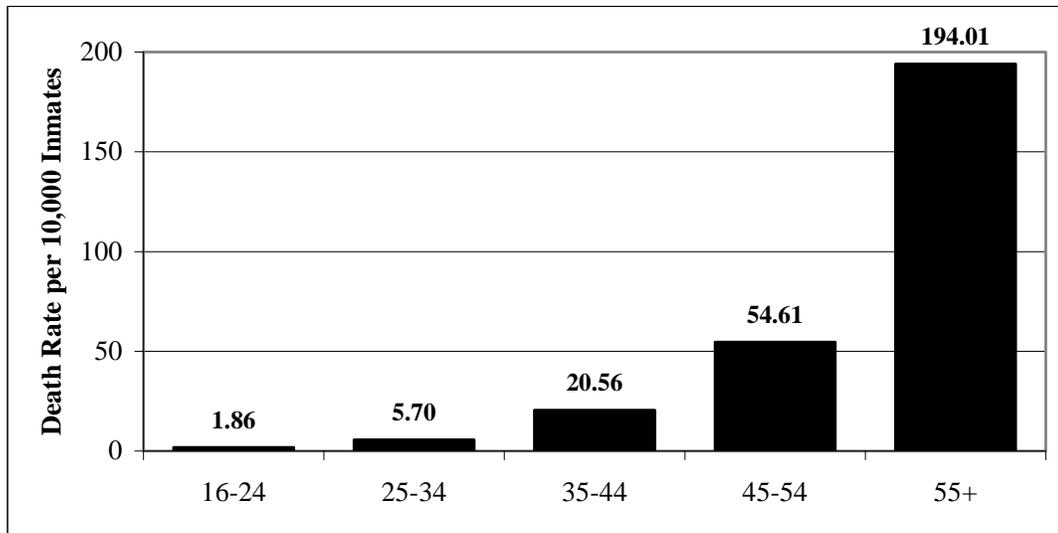


Table 7
Age and Ethnicity of Inmates by Year of Death
Number and Mortality Rates of All Causes of Death, 2003 – 2006

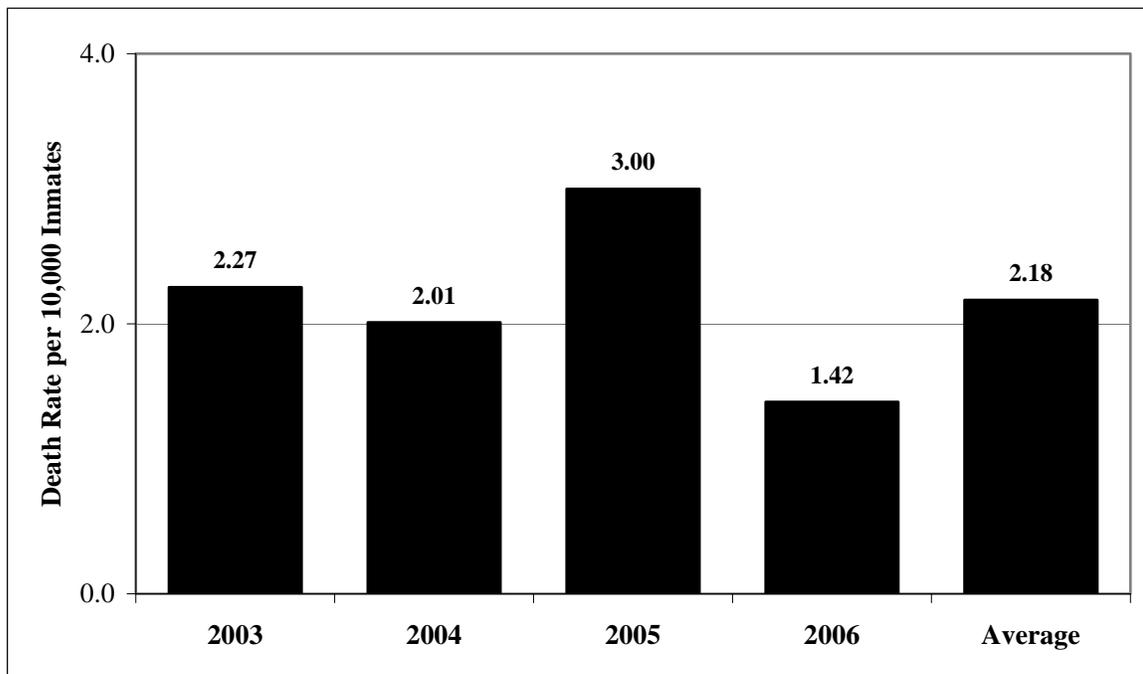
Age at Death and Race/Ethnicity	2003		2004		2005		2006		Total	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
16-24										
White	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
African-American	2	3.26	1	1.67	1	1.74	0	0.00	4	1.58
Hispanic	1	3.08	2	6.75	1	3.74	0	0.00	4	3.07
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
25-34										
White	5	15.57	2	6.26	3	9.45	1	3.08	11	8.35
African-American	5	4.43	7	6.44	8	7.52	3	2.84	23	4.95
Hispanic	4	5.60	0	0.00	3	4.79	2	3.43	9	3.07
Other	1	24.88	0	0.00	1	25.15	1	27.43	3	18.12
Unknown	0	0.00	1	99.01	1	123.08	0	0.00	2	50.13
35-44										
White	7	18.07	7	18.24	14	36.09	10	25.16	38	24.23
African-American	20	18.75	19	18.60	17	17.17	10	10.15	66	15.27
Hispanic	15	24.34	13	21.99	20	36.20	11	20.66	59	23.85
Other	0	0.00	1	32.26	0	0.00	1	32.89	2	17.08
Unknown	1	85.47	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.77
45-54										
White	15	77.44	11	52.58	13	58.25	7	28.85	46	60.41
African-American	23	58.26	23	55.50	23	51.58	24	49.35	93	60.25
Hispanic	24	100.13	12	48.78	12	50.03	11	44.86	59	62.39
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	75.00	0	0.00	1	24.51
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
55+										
White	28	275.32	23	215.56	22	197.13	18	153.03	91	230.67
African-American	28	278.61	22	202.76	24	205.85	18	140.80	92	235.29
Hispanic	21	289.66	8	110.04	7	91.81	13	161.88	49	176.39
Other	0	0.00	1	200.00	0	0.00	1	184.62	2	121.95
Unknown	0	0.00	1	1,428.57	1	1,714.29	0	0.00	2	500.00
Age Subtotal										
16-24	3	2.63	3	2.73	2	1.92	0	0.00	8	1.86
25-34	15	6.76	10	4.68	16	7.78	7	3.49	48	5.70
35-44	43	20.36	40	19.63	51	25.90	32	16.37	166	20.56
45-54	62	73.56	46	51.97	49	52.94	42	42.39	199	54.61
55+	77	274.71	55	187.33	54	174.03	50	150.50	236	194.01
Race/Ethnic Subtotal										
White	55	46.61	43	35.92	52	42.64	36	28.45	186	38.25
African-American	78	23.61	72	22.30	73	22.88	55	17.08	278	21.48
Hispanic	65	33.03	35	18.58	43	24.40	37	21.89	180	24.64
Other	1	9.74	2	18.35	2	18.65	3	30.02	8	19.10
Unknown	1	24.63	2	65.15	2	80.86	0	0.00	5	40.97
Grand Total	200	30.28	154	23.82	172	27.15	131	20.69	657	25.53

B. Mortality Rates and AIDS-Related Deaths

Deaths related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) comprised 8.5% of inmate deaths during the 2003 – 2006 time period. The average death rate for AIDS during the report time period was 2.2 deaths per 10,000 inmates per year (see Table 8 and Figure 8). AIDS-related illnesses were the second largest category for cause of death in the inmate population for the 2003 – 2006 time period. This is a major change from the 1991-1995 period when AIDS-related deaths accounted for 65% of total inmate deaths² (see Figure 1B, page 4).

Figure 8 shows the mortality rate of AIDS-related deaths for the four-year study period. The year 2005 had the highest mortality rate during the four-year study (3.0 deaths per 10,000 inmates under custody), and the year 2006 the lowest rate (1.4 deaths per 10,000 inmates under custody). More than half of the AIDS deaths were inmates aged 35 to 44 years old.

Figure 8
Mortality Rates for AIDS-Related Deaths
2003 – 2006



² For additional information on deaths from 1991-1995 see "Inmate Mortality Report 1991-1995" NY DOCS Albany, NY 12226 (1996).

Table 8
Age and Ethnicity of Inmates by Year of Death
Number and Mortality Rates of AIDS-Related Deaths, 2003 – 2006

Age at Death and Race/Ethnicity	2003		2004		2005		2006		Total	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
16-24										
White	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
African-American	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Hispanic	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
25-34										
White	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	3.15	0	0.00	1	0.76
African-American	0	0.00	1	0.92	1	0.94	1	0.95	3	0.65
Hispanic	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
35-44										
White	1	2.58	1	2.61	1	2.58	1	2.52	4	2.55
African-American	6	5.63	3	2.94	2	2.02	2	2.03	13	3.01
Hispanic	2	3.25	0	0.00	8	14.48	2	3.76	12	4.85
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
45-54										
White	1	5.16	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.31
African-American	2	5.07	4	9.65	3	6.73	2	4.11	11	7.13
Hispanic	2	8.34	1	4.07	2	8.34	0	0.00	5	5.29
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
55+										
White	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
African-American	1	9.95	3	27.65	1	8.58	1	7.82	6	15.35
Hispanic	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Age Subtotal										
16-24	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
25-34	0	0.00	1	0.47	2	0.97	1	0.50	4	0.48
35-44	9	4.26	4	1.96	11	5.59	5	2.56	29	3.59
45-54	5	5.93	5	5.65	5	5.40	2	2.02	17	4.66
55+	1	3.57	3	10.22	1	3.22	1	3.01	6	4.93
Race/Ethnic Subtotal										
White	2	1.69	1	0.84	2	1.64	1	0.79	6	1.23
African-American	9	2.72	11	3.41	7	2.19	6	1.86	33	2.55
Hispanic	4	2.03	1	0.53	10	5.67	2	1.18	17	2.33
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Grand Total	15	2.27	13	2.01	19	3.00	9	1.42	56	2.18

C. Mortality Rates and Non AIDS-Related Deaths

Death from causes other than AIDS includes homicide, suicide, accident, and natural causes. As illustrated in Table 9, total deaths in this category ranged from 122 in 2006 to 185 in 2003. The annual death rate for non-AIDS related causes was 23 deaths per 10,000 inmates for the 2003 – 2006 time span. The death rate for non AIDS-related deaths was highest in 2003 (28 deaths per 10,000 inmates) and the lowest in 2006 (19 deaths per 10,000 inmates).

Examining deaths by race/ethnic status shows that White inmates die of causes other than AIDS at a higher rate (37 deaths per 10,000 inmates) than either Hispanic inmates (22 deaths per 10,000 inmates) or African-American inmates (19 deaths per 10,000 inmates).

Figure 9
Mortality Rates for non-AIDS Related Deaths
2003 – 2006

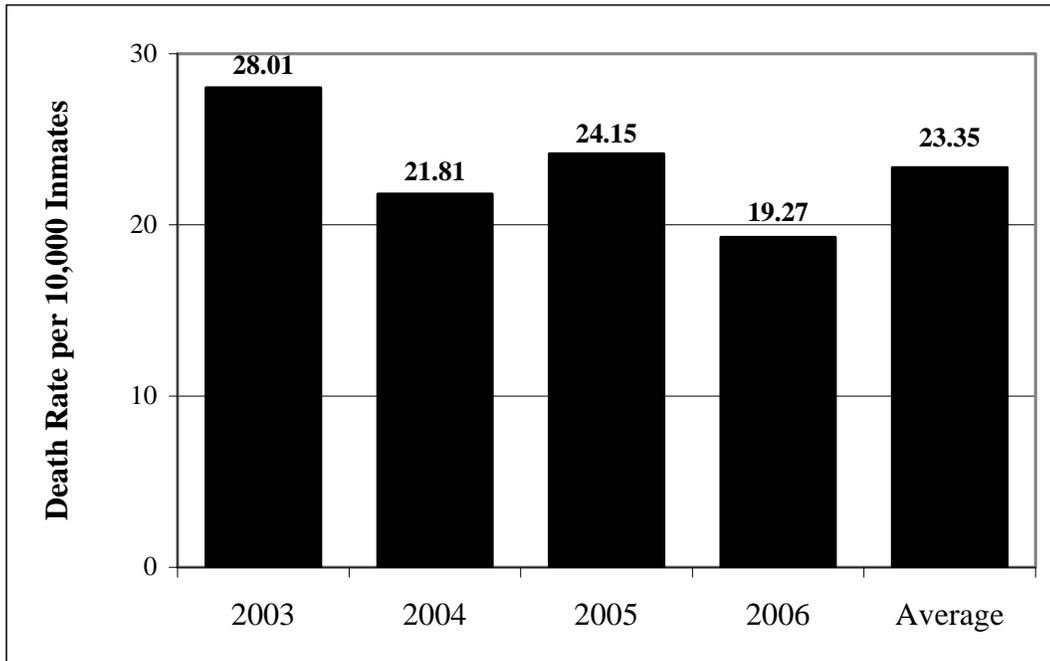


Table 9
Age and Ethnicity of Inmates by Year of Death
Number and Mortality rates of non-AIDS Related Deaths, 2003 – 2006

Age at Death and Race/Ethnicity	2003		2004		2005		2006		Total	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
16-24										
White	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
African-American	2	3.26	1	1.67	1	1.74	0	0.00	4	1.58
Hispanic	1	3.08	2	6.75	1	3.74	0	0.00	4	3.07
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
25-34										
White	5	15.57	2	6.26	2	6.30	1	3.08	10	7.59
African-American	5	4.43	6	5.52	7	6.58	2	1.90	20	4.31
Hispanic	4	5.60	0	0.00	3	4.79	2	3.43	9	3.07
Other	1	24.88	0	0.00	1	25.15	1	27.43	3	18.12
Unknown	0	0.00	1	99.01	1	123.08	0	0.00	2	50.13
35-44										
White	6	15.49	6	15.63	13	33.51	9	22.65	34	21.68
African-American	14	13.13	16	15.66	15	15.15	8	8.12	53	12.26
Hispanic	13	21.10	13	21.99	12	21.72	9	16.90	47	19.00
Other	0	0.00	1	32.26	0	0.00	1	32.89	2	17.08
Unknown	1	85.47	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.77
45-54										
White	14	72.28	11	52.58	13	58.25	7	28.85	45	59.09
African-American	21	53.19	19	45.85	20	44.85	22	45.24	82	53.13
Hispanic	22	91.78	11	44.72	10	41.69	11	44.86	54	57.11
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	75.00	0	0.00	1	24.51
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
55+										
White	28	275.32	23	215.56	22	197.13	18	153.03	91	230.67
African-American	27	268.66	19	175.12	23	197.27	17	132.98	86	219.95
Hispanic	21	289.66	8	110.04	7	91.81	13	161.88	49	176.39
Other	0	0.00	1	200.00	0	0.00	1	184.62	2	121.95
Unknown	0	0.00	1	1,428.57	1	1,714.29	0	0.00	2	500.00
Age Subtotal										
16-24	3	2.63	3	2.73	2	1.92	0	0.00	8	1.86
25-34	15	6.76	9	4.22	14	6.81	6	2.99	44	5.23
35-44	34	16.10	36	17.67	40	20.31	27	13.82	137	16.97
45-54	57	67.63	41	46.32	44	47.54	40	40.37	182	49.94
55+	76	271.14	52	177.11	53	170.81	49	147.49	230	189.08
Race/Ethnic Subtotal										
White	53	44.91	42	35.08	50	41.00	35	27.66	180	37.02
African-American	69	20.89	61	18.89	66	20.69	49	15.22	245	18.93
Hispanic	61	31.00	34	18.05	33	18.73	35	20.70	163	22.32
Other	1	9.74	2	18.35	2	18.65	3	30.02	8	19.10
Unknown	1	24.63	2	65.15	2	80.86	0	0.00	5	40.97
Grand Total	185	28.01	141	21.81	153	24.15	122	19.27	601	23.35

D. Mortality Rates and Suicide Deaths in DOCS Facilities

This section on suicide deaths only includes the 48 deaths in DOCS facilities. One suicide that occurred in 2005 in Federal custody is not included in this section. The other sections of this report include deaths of inmates who are out to court or on temporary release.

Suicide deaths were 7% of inmate deaths during the 2003 – 2006 time period. The average death rate for suicide during the report time period was 1.9 deaths per 10,000 inmates per year (see Table 10 and Figure 10). Suicide deaths were the third largest category for cause of death in the inmate population for the 2003 – 2006 time period.

Figure 10 shows the mortality rate of suicide deaths for the four-year study period. The year 2005 had the highest mortality rate during the four-year study (2.8 deaths per 10,000 inmates under custody), and both 2004 and 2006 had virtually the same low rate (1.2 deaths per 10,000 inmates under custody). By age groups, the 35-44 age group had the most suicide related deaths with 27 or 56% of the total.

Figure 10
Mortality Rates for Suicide Related Deaths in DOCS Facilities
2003 – 2006

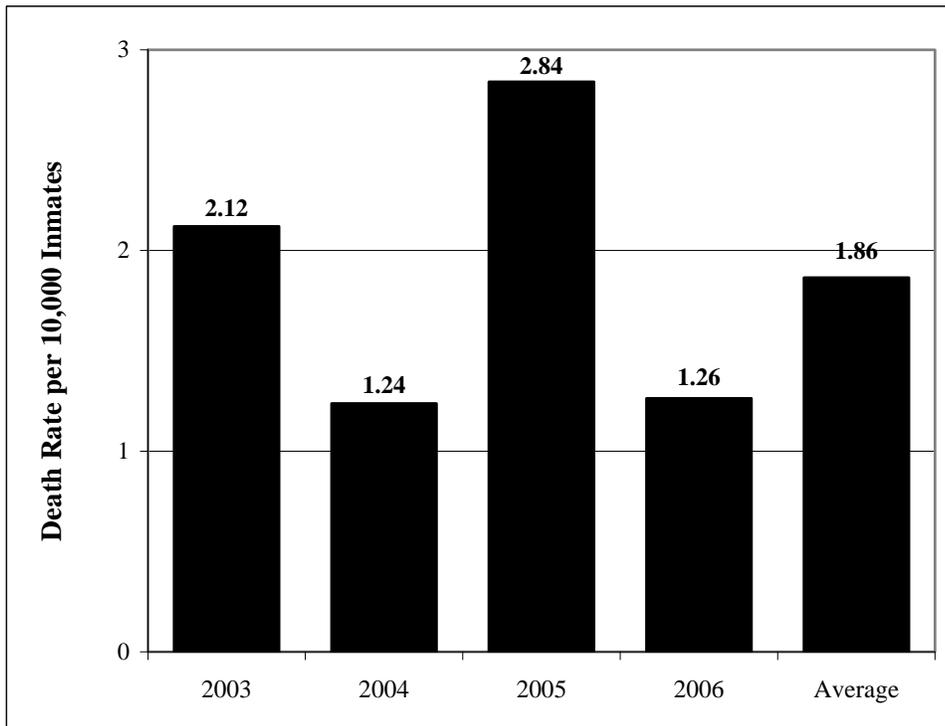


Table 10
Age and Ethnicity of Inmates by Year of Death
Number and Mortality Rates of Suicide in DOCS Facilities, 2003 – 2006³

Age at Death and Race/Ethnicity	2003		2004		2005		2006		Total	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
16-24										
White	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
African-American	1	1.63	0	0.00	1	1.74	0	0.00	2	3.40
Hispanic	0	0.00	1	3.37	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	3.51
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
25-34										
White	1	3.11	1	3.13	1	3.15	0	0.00	3	9.35
African-American	1	0.89	1	0.92	1	0.94	1	0.95	4	3.69
Hispanic	1	1.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.54
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.15	1	27.43	2	50.60
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
35-44										
White	1	2.58	1	2.61	9	23.20	3	7.55	14	35.98
African-American	1	0.94	3	2.94	1	1.01	0	0.00	5	4.92
Hispanic	2	3.25	1	1.69	2	3.62	2	3.76	7	12.21
Other	1	33.56	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	32.81
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
45-54										
White	3	15.49	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	13.81
African-American	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Hispanic	1	4.17	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	4.08	2	8.24
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
55+										
White	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	8.96	0	0.00	1	9.14
African-American	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	8.58	0	0.00	1	8.82
Hispanic	1	13.79	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	13.26
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Age Subtotal										
16-24	1	0.88	1	0.91	1	0.96	0	0.00	3	0.70
25-34	3	1.35	2	0.94	3	1.46	2	1.00	10	1.19
35-44	5	2.37	5	2.45	12	6.09	5	2.56	27	3.34
45-54	4	4.75	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.01	5	1.37
55+	1	3.57	0	0.00	2	6.45	0	0.00	3	2.47
Race/Ethnic Subtotal										
White	5	4.24	2	1.67	11	9.02	3	2.37	21	4.32
African-American	3	0.91	4	1.24	4	1.25	1	0.31	12	0.93
Hispanic	5	2.54	2	1.06	2	1.13	3	1.77	12	1.64
Other	1	9.74	0	0.00	1	9.32	1	10.01	3	7.16
Unknown	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Grand Total	14	2.12	8	1.24	18	2.84	8	1.26	48	1.86

³ There was one suicide in 2005 by an inmate who was out to court in the Federal court system in 2005 that is not included in this table.

APPENDIX

Average Daily Population And Average Population by Age and Race/Ethnic Status

The average population for the total population is based on a daily count of inmates under DOCS custody.

**Table 11
Total Average Daily Population by Gender**

Gender	2003 Total Population	2004 Total Population	2005 Total Population	2006 Total Population	2003-2006 Average Population	Percent
Average Daily Population	66,050	64,659	63,357	63,318	64,346	100.0%
Male Average Daily	63,095	61,773	60,535	60,457	61,465	95.5%
Female Average Daily	2,955	2,886	2,822	2,861	2,881	4.5%

The age and race/ethnic status average populations are based upon a twelve point average with one day sampled from each month.

**Table 12
Population Sub-Group Totals
By Race/Ethnic Status and Age**

Sub Group	2003 Total	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006 Total	2003-2006 Average
Race/Ethnic Status					
White	11,801	11,971	12,195	12,656	12,156
African-American	33,037	32,286	31,899	32,202	32,356
Hispanic	19,680	18,837	17,622	16,905	18,261
Other	1,027	1,090	1,073	999	1,047
Unknown	406	307	247	260	305
Grand Total Race/Ethnic	65,951	64,491	63,035	63,022	64,125
White	17.9%	18.6%	19.3%	20.1%	19.0%
African-American	50.1%	50.1%	50.6%	51.1%	50.5%
Hispanic	29.8%	29.2%	28.0%	26.8%	28.5%
Other	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%
Unknown	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Grand Total Race/Ethnic	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Age					
16-24	11,422	10,974	10,433	10,191	10,755
25-34	22,181	21,352	20,553	20,059	21,036
35-44	21,117	20,377	19,692	19,543	20,182
45-54	8,428	8,852	9,255	9,908	9,111
55+	2,803	2,936	3,103	3,322	3,041
Grand Total Age	65,951	64,491	63,035	63,022	64,125
16-24	17.3%	17.0%	16.6%	16.2%	16.8%
25-34	33.6%	33.1%	32.6%	31.8%	32.8%
35-44	32.0%	31.6%	31.2%	31.0%	31.5%
45-54	12.8%	13.7%	14.7%	15.7%	14.2%
55+	4.3%	4.6%	4.9%	5.3%	4.7%
Grand Total Age	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The average for age and race/ethnic status subgroups is based upon a twelve point average with one day sampled from each month.

Table 13
Sub-Group Population by Age and Race/Ethnic Status

Race/Ethnic by Age	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Total Population	Percent of Age						
16-24	1,762	15.4%	1,780	16.2%	1,793	17.2%	1,830	18.0%
White	6,127	53.6%	5,974	54.4%	5,740	55.0%	5,658	55.5%
African-American	3,247	28.4%	2,965	27.0%	2,670	25.6%	2,499	24.5%
Hispanic	181	1.6%	193	1.8%	182	1.7%	144	1.4%
Other	105	0.9%	62	0.6%	48	0.5%	61	0.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
25-34	3,211	14.5%	3,194	15.0%	3,175	15.4%	3,249	16.2%
White	11,291	50.9%	10,868	50.9%	10,633	51.7%	10,547	52.6%
African-American	7,149	32.2%	6,772	31.7%	6,266	30.5%	5,827	29.0%
Hispanic	402	1.8%	417	2.0%	398	1.9%	365	1.8%
Other	128	0.6%	101	0.5%	81	0.4%	71	0.4%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
35-44	3,874	18.3%	3,838	18.8%	3,879	19.7%	3,974	20.3%
White	10,666	50.5%	10,215	50.1%	9,901	50.3%	9,856	50.4%
African-American	6,162	29.2%	5,913	29.0%	5,525	28.1%	5,325	27.2%
Hispanic	298	1.4%	310	1.5%	307	1.6%	304	1.6%
Other	117	0.6%	101	0.5%	80	0.4%	84	0.4%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
45-54	1,937	23.0%	2,092	23.6%	2,232	10.9%	2,426	12.1%
White	3,948	46.8%	4,144	46.8%	4,459	21.7%	4,863	24.2%
African-American	2,397	28.4%	2,460	27.8%	2,398	11.7%	2,452	12.2%
Hispanic	102	1.2%	120	1.4%	133	0.6%	133	0.7%
Other	44	0.5%	36	0.4%	33	0.2%	34	0.2%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
55+	1,017	36.3%	1,067	36.3%	1,116	5.7%	1,176	6.0%
White	1,005	35.9%	1,085	37.0%	1,166	5.9%	1,278	6.5%
African-American	725	25.9%	727	24.8%	762	3.9%	803	4.1%
Hispanic	44	1.6%	50	1.7%	53	0.3%	54	0.3%
Other	12	0.4%	7	0.2%	6	0.0%	10	0.1%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Table 14
Cause of Death by Race/Ethnicity and Average Age, 2003-2006

Cause of Death	White		African-American		Hispanic		Other		Unknown		Total	
	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg
Homicide	1	41.0	3	27.9	1	31.3	0		0		5	31.2
Suicide	21	41.7	11	35.7	14	39.8	2	49.8	1	44.5	49	40.2
Accident	5	55.6	2	39.6	0		0		0		7	51.0
Other Causes	6	38.3	2	49.7	3	35.0	1	36.3	0		12	39.2
Natural Causes	147	58.3	227	51.6	145	50.6	5	44.7	4	47.9	528	53.1
AIDS	6	41.2	33	46.3	17	43.0	0		0		56	44.8
Total	186	55.1	278	50.0	180	48.7	8	44.9	5	47.2	657	51.0

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