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Deaths in Custody Statistics (up to 23 November 2015)

Table 4: Number of Deaths in Custody by Apparent Natural/ Unnatural Causes, by Aboriginality and Gender

Year / Cause of death	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1980/1981				2		2	2	0	2
DEATH				2		2	2	0	2
1981/1982	2	1	3	2		2	4	1	5
DEATH	2	1	3	2		2	4	1	5
1982/1983	1		1	3		3	4	0	4
DEATH	1		1	3		3	4	0	4
1983/1984	1		1	1		1	2	0	2
DEATH	1		1	1		1	2	0	2
1984/1985	3		3	2		2	5	0	5
DEATH	3		3	2		2	5	0	5
1985/1986	1		1				1	0	1
DEATH	1		1				1	0	1
1986/1987	1		1	2		2	3	0	3
DEATH	1		1	2		2	3	0	3
1987/1988	1		1	2		2	3	0	3
DEATH				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	1		1	2	0	2
1988/1989	1		1	4		4	5	0	5
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1	3		3	4	0	4
1989/1990				3		3	3	0	3
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				2		2	2	0	2
1990/1991	1		1	5		5	6	0	6
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	2		2	3	0	3
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - ACCIDENTAL				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				2		2	2	0	2

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Year / Cause of death	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1991/1992	1		1	3		3	4	0	4
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1	2		2	3	0	3
1992/1993				6		6	6	0	6
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				5		5	5	0	5
1993/1994	2		2				2	0	2
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1				1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - HOMICIDE	1		1				1	0	1
1994/1995				6		6	6	0	6
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - HOMICIDE				1		1	1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				4		4	4	0	4
1995/1996	2		2	4		4	6	0	6
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	2		2	3	0	3
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1	2		2	3	0	3
1996/1997	2		2	7		7	9	0	9
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1				1	0	1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - ACCIDENTAL				2		2	2	0	2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1	5		5	6	0	6
1997/1998	4		4	11	1	12	15	1	16
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	2		2	1	1	2	3	1	4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	2		2	10		10	12	0	12
1998/1999				5	1	6	5	1	6
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				2		2	2	0	2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				3	1	4	3	1	4
1999/2000	6		6	9		9	15	0	15
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	3		3	2		2	5	0	5
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	3		3	7		7	10	0	10

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2000/2001	3		3	6		6	9		9
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	2		2	3		3
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - ACCIDENTAL				1		1	1		1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	2		2	2		2	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - UNKNOWN				1		1	1		1
2001/2002	1	1	2	7	1	8	8	2	10
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	3		3	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE		1	1	2	1	3	2	2	4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - UNKNOWN				1		1	1		1
DEATH - UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER NATURAL/UNNATURAL				1		1	1		1
2002/2003	4		4	4		4	8		8
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	1		1	2		2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	2		2	3		3	5		5
DEATH - UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER NATURAL/UNNATURAL	1		1				1		1
2003/2004				4		4	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				3		3	3		3
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				1		1	1		1
2004/2005	3		3	4		4	7		7
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	2		2	2		2	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				2		2	2		2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - UNKNOWN	1		1				1		1
2005/2006	1		1	5		5	6		6
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	3		3	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				2		2	2		2
2006/2007	2		2	1		1	3		3
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	1		1	2		2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1				1		1

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2007/2008	4		4	4		4	8		8
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	3		3	1		1	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				2		2	2		2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - UNKNOWN	1		1	1		1	2		2
2008/2009	3		3	1		1	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	2		2				2		2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				1		1	1		1
DEATH - UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER NATURAL/UNNATURAL	1		1				1		1
2009/2010	4		4	4		4	8		8
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	3		3				3		3
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1	4		4	5		5
2010/2011	1	1	2	3		3	4	1	5
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL		1	1	3		3	3	1	4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1				1		1
2011/2012	2		2	5		5	7		7
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	2		2	5		5	7		7
2012/2013	2		2	8		8	10		10
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	7		7	8		8
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1				1		1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - UNKNOWN				1		1	1		1
2013/2014	1		1	6		6	7		7
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	3		3	4		4
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE				2		2	2		2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - UNKNOWN				1		1	1		1
2014/2015	1		1	2	1	3	3	1	4
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL				1		1	1		1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	1		1	1	1	2	2	1	3

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Year / Cause of death	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2015/2016 YTD	3		3	3		3	6		6
DEATH - APPARENT NATURAL	1		1	1		1	2		2
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - ACCIDENTAL				1		1	1		1
DEATH - APPARENT UNNATURAL - SUICIDE	2		2	1		1	3		3
Grand Total since July 1980	64	3	67	144	4	148	208	7	215

Notes:

- Includes deaths that occurred while in the custody of the Department or one of the private operators contracted by the Department.
- Excludes deaths that occurred following release from Corrective Services custody (i.e. while in the community).
- A breakdown is provided by gender and Aboriginality for each financial year. A further breakdown by cause of death is also provided, however this information is unavailable for years prior to 1988.