**Autopsies Performed by the North Carolina Medical Examiner System, 2016 – 2017**

2016 Total Autopsies: 4,416
2017 Total Autopsies: 4,874 (↑10.4%)

40.5% of autopsies performed in 2016 were confirmed as poisonings. 43.6% of autopsies performed from January - July 2017 have been confirmed as poisonings.

2016 Confirmed Poisonings: 1,761
2017 Confirmed Poisonings: 2,084

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**Autopsies Performed by the North Carolina Medical Examiner System, 2017**

2017 Confirmed Poisonings: 2,084

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**Confirmed Poisoning Deaths in North Carolina, 2006 – 2016**

In 2016, 74.2% of poisoning deaths involved opioids, while 63.7% of poisoning deaths involved opioids in 2006.

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Confirmed Poisoning Deaths Involving Heroin in North Carolina, 2010 – 2017

Confirmed Poisoning Deaths Involving Fentanyl and/or Analogues in North Carolina, 2010 – 2017

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