ANNUAL REPORT

CORONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

E. A. Winstanley, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 1953 - JUNE 30, 1954

September 1, 1954

Honorable Board of Supervisors,
County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954.

This report contains a statistical report and summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or epidemic during the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. WINSTANLEY, Coroner.

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County of Los Angeles, California

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1954

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DEPARTMENT OF CORONER - ANNUAL REPORT 1953-54

DATE OF REPORT: Sept. 1, 1954.

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 8539 cases for the fiscal year 1953-54, which shows an increase of 5 over the previous year. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths due to natural causes	5521
Due to traffic	777
Due to suicides	723
Due to homicides	193
Due to industrial accidents	119
Due to miscellaneous accidents	1108

Of the 777 traffic fatalities, 276 were pedestrian, 91 of which were over 65 years of age. 147 of these pedestrian deaths occurred at an intersection.

There were 501 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles, 394 of which were over 20 years of age.

18 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 11 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 193 homicides, 113 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 54 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 723 suicides, 135 were the result of despondency and 276 due to ill health.

Of the miscellaneous accidental fatalities, 601 persons were 65 years of age and over, and falls of various types accounted for 594 deaths.

3563 autopsies were performed of the 8539 cases handled by the Coroner during the year. 9353 tests were made in the toxicological laboratory and 2160 microscopic examinations in the pathological laboratory.

431 inquests were held during the year.

The Department's total expenditure during 1953-54 was $332,069.67, comprised as follows: Salaries and Wages, $282,799.47; Maintenance and Operation, $48,510.09 and Capital Outlay $760.11.

Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1953-54 were $78,075.01

REPORT OF E. A. WINSTANLEY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1953-54

JULY	1953		611	
AUGUST	1953		683	
SEPTEMBER	1953		623	
OCTOBER	1953		741	
NOVEMBER	1953		696	
DECEMBER	1953		831	
JANUARY	1954		853	
FEBRUARY	1954		698	
MARCH	1954		741	
APRIL	1954		666	
MAY	1954		685	
JUNE	1954		711	
		TOTAL	8539	8539

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MALE		5565	
FEMALE		2974	
	TOTAL	8539	8539
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES		4631	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		3908	
	TOTAL	8539	8539

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

AIRPLANE	17	
ALCOHOLISM	14	
ASPHYXIATION	3	
BURNS	100	
CRUSHING	2	
DROWNING	55	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	18	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
FALLS	594	
FIREARMS	21	
HEAD INJURIES	99	
INDUSTRIAL	119	
INFECTION	5	
MISCELLANEOUS	18	
MOTOR VEHICLES	777	
POISONING	128	
STEAM RAILWAY	11	
STRANGULATION	14	
SUFFOCATION	32	
TOTAL	2030	2030

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

ABORTIONS	11	11
HOMICIDES	193	193
NATURAL CAUSES	5521	5521
PREMATURE DEATHS	2	2
STILLBORN	39	39
SUICIDES	723	723
UNKNOWN	20	20
TOTAL	6509	8539

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1953	44	1	2	47
AUGUST	1953	59	0	1	60
SEPTEMBER	1953	63	2	0	65
OCTOBER	1953	79	3	1	83
NOVEMBER	1953	75	3	1	79
DECEMBER	1953	66	0	2	68
JANUARY	1954	67	3	1	71
FEBRUARY	1954	61	3	1	65
MARCH	1954	59	2	0	61
APRIL	1954	66	0	0	66
MAY	1954	63	0	1	64
JUNE	1954	75	1	1	77
	TOTAL	777	18	11	806

IN THE ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS

JULY	1953	13	
AUGUST	1953	19	
SEPTEMBER	1953	22	
OCTOBER	1953	24	
NOVEMBER	1953	35	
DECEMBER	1953	26	
JANUARY	1954	23	
FEBRUARY	1954	26	
MARCH	1954	22	
APRIL	1954	27	
MAY	1954	17	
JUNE	1954	22	
	TOTAL	276	276

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MALE	179	
FEMALE	97	
TOTAL	276	276

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	145	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	128	
Outside of Los Angeles County	3	
TOTAL	276	276

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

AGES

1 to 2 years	5	
2 to 5 years	13	
5 to 10 years	21	
10 to 20 years	9	
20 to 45 years	51	
45 to 65 years	86	
65 years and over	91	
TOTAL	276	276

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AT AN INTERSECTION	147	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	129	
TOTAL	276	276

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	76	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	196	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	276	276

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AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	254	
BUS & PEDESTRIAN	4	
TAXI & PEDESTRIAN	2	
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	16	
TOTAL	276	276

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

ASLEEP UNDER TRUCK	1	
BLIND	1	
BACKING	6	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	50	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	47	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	1	
DRIVERLESS AUTO STRUCK WHEEL CHAIR	1	
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	1	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	1	
FELL FROM PRECEEDING AUTO	1	
FELL IN FRONT OF TRUCK	1	
FELL UNDER TRUCK	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	5	
INTOXICATION	6	
LOST CONTROL	2	
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	3	
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	3	
PLAYING IN STREET	3	
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	1	
RAN SIGNAL	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	38	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	70	
RUNAWAY CAR	1	
RUNNING IN STREET	13	
STANDING IN STREET	1	
UNKNOWN	4	
WALKING IN STREET	10	
WHILE MOVING READY-MIX CONCRETE TRUCK	1	
TOTAL	276	276

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS		49	
FEMALE DRIVERS		11	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS		1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		21	
	TOTAL	82	82

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS		63	
FEMALE DRIVERS		11	
UNKNOWN		1	
	TOTAL	75	75

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS		100	
FEMALE DRIVERS		12	
	TOTAL	112	112
DRIVERLESS CAR		2	
UNKNOWN DRIVER		5	
	TOTAL	7	7
			276

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HIT AND RUN CASES 30

HAD BEEN DRINKING:

PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H. B. D.) 48

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1953	31	
AUGUST	1953	40	
SEPTEMBER	1953	41	
OCTOBER	1953	55	
NOVEMBER	1953	40	
DECEMBER	1953	40	
JANUARY	1954	44	
FEBRUARY	1954	35	
MARCH	1954	37	
APRIL	1954	39	
MAY	1954	46	
JUNE	1954	53	
	TOTAL	501	501

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MALE	368	
FEMALE	133	
TOTAL	501	501

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	159	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	322	
Outside of Los Angeles County	20	
TOTAL	501	501

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

Less than 1 year	5	
1 to 2 years	4	
2 to 5 years	12	
5 to 10 years	19	
10 to 20 years	67	
20 to 45 years	231	
45 to 65 years	115	
65 years and over	48	
TOTAL	501	501

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At an Intersection	229	
Not at an Intersection	270	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	501	501

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	228	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	272	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	501	501

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE

AUTO & ABUTMENT	3
AUTO & AMBULANCE	1
AUTO & AUTO	176
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	4
AUTO, AUTO & BUS	2
AUTO, AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	1
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	5
AUTO & BICYCLE	7
AUTO & BRIDGE	4
AUTO & BUS	8
AUTO & BUILDING	5
AUTO & CONCRETE WALL	1
AUTO & CONCRETE WEIR	1
AUTO & CURB	3
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	13
AUTO & LOADING RAMP	1
AUTO & FENCE	2
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	15
AUTO & MOTOR SCOOTER	1
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	7
AUTO & PARKED GRADER	1
AUTO & PARKED TRAILER	1
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK	5
AUTO & POLE	22
AUTO & POST	2
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	15
AUTO & TREE	17
AUTO & TRICYCLE	2
AUTO & TRUCK	37
AUTO & TRUCK-TRAILER	29
AUTO & WALL	2
BUS & BICYCLE	1
BUS & TRUCK	2
MOTORCYCLE & BUILDING	1
MOTORCYCLE & POLE	2
MOTORCYCLE & TREE	1
MOTORCYCLE & TRUCK-TRAILER	1
MOTORSCOOTER & POLE	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

COLLISION:

TRUCK & BICYCLE	4	
TRUCK & CONCRETE WALL	1	
TRUCK & JEEP	1	
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	2	
TRUCK & STEAM RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & TREE	2	
TRUCK & TRUCK	4	
TRUCK & TRUCK-TRAILER	1	
TRUCK & TRICYCLE	1	
TOTAL	419	419

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO HIT BY TREE	1	
AUTO OFF HIGHWAY	4	
AUTO OVER CLIFF	8	
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT	6	
AUTO OVERTURNED	36	
FALL FROM VEHICLE	15	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	8	
SUDDEN STOP	1	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	2	
THROWN AGAINST AUTO TOP	1	
TOTAL	82	82
		501

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES

COLLISION:

BACKING	1	
CHILD RODE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	1	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	10	
DRIVER ASLEEP	17	
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	29	
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1	
EMOTIONAL STRESS	1	
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	10	
FORCED OFF ROAD	1	
ILL HEALTH	1	
ILLEGAL PARKING	2	
ILLEGAL "U" TURN	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	13	
INTOXICATION	9	
LOST CONTROL	48	
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	10	
PASSING ON HILL	1	
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE	1	
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	21	
RAN SIGNAL	44	
REAR END COLLISION	28	
RECKLESS DRIVING	72	
RIDING BICYCLE WITHOUT LIGHTS	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	81	
RODE BICYCLE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	2	
SKIDDING	5	
UNKNOWN	5	
VISION OBSCURED	1	
WEATHER CONDITIONS	2	
TOTAL	419	419

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION:

AVOIDING COLLISION	1	
BARRIERS IN CONSTRUCTION ZONE	1	
CHILD OPENED DOOR	3	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	3	
DOOR FLEW OPEN	1	
DRIVER ASLEEP	1	
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1	
EVADING ARREST	1	
HIT DIP IN ROADWAY	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	7	
INTOXICATION	2	
LOST CONTROL	28	
LOST FOOTING	1	
PASSENGER INTERFERED WITH DRIVER	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	17	
SHIFTING LOAD	1	
SKIDDING	3	
SUDDEN STOP	2	
TIRE BLEW OUT	1	
TRUCK IGNITED FROM VAPOR FUMES	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
VICTIM OPENED DOOR	1	
WHILE CHECKING CARBURETOR	1	
TOTAL	82	82
		501

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		105	
FEMALE DRIVERS		9	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS		2	
	TOTAL	116	116
NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		70	
FEMALE DRIVERS		8	
	TOTAL	78	78
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:			
MALE DRIVERS		275	
FEMALE DRIVERS		29	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		3	
	TOTAL	307	307
			501

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HIT AND RUN CASES	1

HAD BEEN DRINKING:

DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H. B. D.)	122

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1953		1	
AUGUST	1953		0	
SEPTEMBER	1953		2	
OCTOBER	1953		3	
NOVEMBER	1953		3	
DECEMBER	1953		0	
JANUARY	1954		3	
FEBRUARY	1954		3	
MARCH	1954		2	
APRIL	1954		0	
MAY	1954		0	
JUNE	1954		1	
		TOTAL	18	18

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MALE		14	
FEMALE		4	
	TOTAL	18	18

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In the City of LOS ANGELES		12	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City		6	
	TOTAL	18	18

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

10 to 20 years	1	
20 to 45 years	2	
45 to 65 years	8	
65 years and over	7	
TOTAL	18	18

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	1	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	17	
TOTAL	18	18

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CAUSES

CROSSING AGAINST SIGNAL	1	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	1	
CROSSING STREET WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	5	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	4	
CRUSHED BETWEEN TWO BOX CARS	1	
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	1	
RAN SIGNAL	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	1	
STREET CAR RAN SIGNAL	1	
WALKED INTO SIDE OF TRAIN	1	
TOTAL	18	18

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1953	2	
AUGUST	1953	1	
SEPTEMBER	1953	0	
OCTOBER	1953	1	
NOVEMBER	1953	1	
DECEMBER	1953	2	
JANUARY	1954	1	
FEBRUARY	1954	1	
MARCH	1954	0	
APRIL	1954	0	
MAY	1954	1	
JUNE	1954	1	
	TOTAL	11	11

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MALE	11	11

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In the City of Los Angeles	4	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	7	
TOTAL	11	11

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AGES

2 to 5 years	1	
10 to 20 years	2	
20 to 45 years	2	
45 to 65 years	6	
TOTAL	11	11

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

NATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	3	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	2	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	6	
TOTAL	11	11

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CAUSES

CHILD PLAYING ON TRACKS	1	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
CROSSING TRACKS WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
FALL UNDER FREIGHT TRAIN	1	
FALL UNDER WHEELS	1	
FALL BETWEEN CARS WHILE SWITCHING	1	
FELL UNDER TRAIN WHILE STEALING RIDE	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	1	
LYING ON TRACKS	1	
TOWER OPERATOR THREW SWITCH OVERTURNING WORK CAR	1	
WALKING ON TRACKS	1	
TOTAL	11	11

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLES	547	230	777
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	13	5	18
STEAM RAILWAY	11	0	11
TOTAL	571	235	806

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1953	8	
AUGUST	1953	10	
SEPTEMBER	1953	15	
OCTOBER	1953	11	
NOVEMBER	1953	5	
DECEMBER	1953	13	
JANUARY	1954	11	
FEBRUARY	1954	10	
MARCH	1954	9	
APRIL	1954	7	
MAY	1954	14	
JUNE	1954	6	
	TOTAL	119	119

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MALE	115	
FEMALE	4	
TOTAL	119	119

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	43	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	59	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	13	
UNKNOWN	4	
TOTAL	119	119

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10 to 20 years	2	
20 to 45 years	50	
45 to 65 years	50	
65 YEARS AND OVER	17	
TOTAL	119	119

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

NATURE

BODILY INJURY	32	
BURNS	13	
CRUSHING	6	
DROWNING	4	
ELECTROCUTION	13	
FALLS	4	
HEAD INJURY	26	
INFECTION	20	
POISONING	1	
TOTAL	119	119

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

BODILY INJURY:

CAUGHT BETWEEN ROOFING ROLLERS	1	
CAVE-IN OF DITCH	2	
CAVE-IN OF FIRE WALL	1	
CRUSHED BY FALLING BRICK WALL	1	
EXPLOSION OF ACETYLENE TORCH	1	
EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION PLANT	1	
FALL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL FROM OIL DERRICK	1	
FALL FROM POLE	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	2	
FALL INTO MIXER	2	
FELL BETWEEN BALES OF COTTON	1	
FELL FROM STANDING TRUCK WHILE UNLOADING LINEN	1	
FELL INTO TURNING SHAFT	1	
LOAD OF DOORS FELL OFF TRUCK	1	
PACKING CASE FELL ON VICTIM	1	
RAN OVER BY LUMBER CARRIER	1	
SKIP LOADER FELL INTO DITCH	1	
SLIPPED IN FRONT OF EARTH MOVER	1	
STEEL RACK COLLAPSED	1	
STRUCK BY BALE OF PAPER	1	
STRUCK BY CRANE	1	
STRUCK BY LEAD OBJECT FROM RESURFACING MACHINE	1	
STRUCK BY NAIL DRIVEN BY PNEUMATIC DRILL	1	
STRUCK BY OIL WELL CASING	1	
STRUCK BY PLANK STUCK IN RIP SAW	1	
STRUCK BY WOOD THROWN FROM SHAPING MACHINE	1	
STRUCK BY VALVE UNDER PRESSURE ON COMPRESSOR	1	
TOTAL	32	32

BURNS:

CHEMICAL EXPLOSION	1	
CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC CURRENT	1	
EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION PLANT	3	
EXPLOSION OF FUEL TANK WHILE WELDING	2	
EXPLOSION OF MAGNESIUM PLANT	2	
EXPLOSION OF OIL TRUCK	1	
FLASH EXPLOSION AT PLATING PLANT	1	
GASOLINE EXPLOSION	1	
LANTERN EXPLODED	1	
TOTAL	13	13

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

CRUSHING:

ATTEMPTING TO COUPLE TWO TRAILERS	1	
AUTO SLIPPED OFF JACK	1	
BOOM OF CRANE FELL ON VICTIM	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN CAB & TRACK OF DRAGLINE	1	
FALL FROM ROOF	1	
FELL UNDER TRACTOR	1	
TOTAL	6	6

DROWNING:

FALL FROM SCAFFOLD WHILE PAINTING SHIP	1	
FELL FROM BROKEN SCAFFOLD INTO OCEAN	1	
SEIZURE WHILE WATERING LAWN	1	
STRUCK BY DREDGE BUCKET	1	
TOTAL	4	4

ELECTROCUTION:

CABLE IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	2	
CONTACT WITH DEFECTIVE ELECTRIC CORD	1	
CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	4	
CONTACTED CHARGED METAL	1	
CRANE IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	3	
DUMP TRUCK SEVERED HIGH TENSION LINE	2	
TOTAL	13	13

FALLS:

FRENCH JACK COLLAPSED	1	
FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
SLIPPED & LOST BALANCE ON OIL DERRICK	1	
TRIPPED & FELL FROM BOX CAR	1	
TOTAL	4	4

HEAD INJURY:

BECAME ILL AND FELL TO FLOOR	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRAILER & PLATFORM	1
CAVE-IN OF SEWER	1
CRUSHED BY FALLING ROLL OF PAPER	1
DISCHARGE OF PLANE EJECTOR SEAT	1
EXPLOSION OF PRESSURE TANK	1
FALL FROM BUILDING	1
FALL FROM LADDER	3
FELL INTO HOLD OF SHIP	1
FELL THROUGH HOLE IN ROOM	1

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURY: (Continued)

FALL FROM ROOF	3	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	2	
KNOCKED TO GROUND BY HEAVY MACHINERY	1	
OIL DERRICK COLLAPSED	1	
OIL DERRICK TOOL CAME LOOSE	1	
STRUCK BY DREDGE BUCKET	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING GARAGE DOOR	1	
STRUCK BY LOADED LIFT	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	2	
WHILE MOVING HEAVY MACHINERY	1	
TOTAL	26	26

INFECTION:

SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST	6	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST AS STONE CUTTER	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN COAL MINES	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN FOUNDRY	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN MINES	5	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN QUARRIES	2	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST IN SOAP FACTORY	1	
SILICOSIS - UNKNOWN	1	
SILICOSIS - WORKED IN FACTORY	1	
TETANUS - CUT HAND ON BUZZ SAW	1	
TOTAL	20	20

POISONING:

Lead - WHILE WORKING AS A PAINTER	1	
TOTAL	1	1
		119

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1953	74	
AUGUST	1953	80	
SEPTEMBER	1953	86	
OCTOBER	1953	82	
NOVEMBER	1953	104	
DECEMBER	1953	115	
JANUARY	1954	107	
FEBRUARY	1954	85	
MARCH	1954	102	
APRIL	1954	88	
MAY	1954	84	
JUNE	1954	101	
	TOTAL	1108	1108

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MALE	558	
FEMALE	550	
TOTAL	1108	1108

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	554	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	536	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	8	
LOCATION UNKNOWN	20	
	1108	1108

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	43	
1 to 2 years	21	
2 to 5 years	32	
5 to 10 years	20	
10 to 20 years	30	
20 to 45 years	146	
45 to 65 years	213	
65 years and over	601	
Unknown	2	
TOTAL	1108	1108

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NATURE

ALCOHOLISM	14	
ASPHYXIATION	3	
BURNS	100	
CRUSHING	2	
DROWNING	55	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
FALLS	594	
FIREARMS	20	
HEAD INJURIES	100	
INFECTIONS	5	
MISCELLANEOUS	18	
POISONING	128	
STRANGULATION	13	
SUFFOCATION	33	
UNKNOWN	20	
TOTAL	1108	1108

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ALCOHOLISM:

OVERDOSE	14	
TOTAL	14	14

ASPHYXIATION:

Fumes - INHALATION OF, IN TANK CAR	2	
ILLUMINATING GAS - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	3	3

BURNS:

BONFIRE - BURNING WEEDS	1
BONFIRE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE	2
BONFIRE - FELL INTO FIRE BURNING TRASH	1
BUCKET OF GASOLINE IGNITED BY WATER HEATER	1
CIGARETTE - CLOTHING AFIRE	3
CIGARETTE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING	3
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED	11
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM CIGARETTE LIGHTER	2
CLOTHING AFIRE - FROM INCINERATOR	2
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	25
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE	2
EXPLOSION OF ANTI FREEZE IN BONFIRE	1
EXPLOSION OF BLOW TORCH	1
GAS EXPLOSION	4
GAS EXPLOSION - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
GAS HEATER EXPLOSION	1
GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED	1
GRASS SKIRT AFIRE	1
HEATING PAD TOO HOT	1
MATCHES - CLOTHING AFIRE	1
MATCHES - PLAYING WITH MATCHES	4
SCALDS - BURNED IN BATH TUB	2
SCALDS - CHILD FELL IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - CHILD PULLED HOT COFFEE FROM TABLE	1
SCALDS - CHILD PULLED PAN OF WATER FROM STOVE	1
SCALDS - CHILD TURNED ON HOT WATER IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - FELL INTO BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - IN SHOWER ALL NIGHT	1
SCALDS - UPSET BOILING WATER ON SELF	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

BURNS: (CONTINUED)

STOVE - BUTANE GAS STOVE EXPLODED	4	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED BY ELECTRIC HEATER	1	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS HEATER	10	
STOVE - FELL ON HEATER	4	
STOVE - GAS HEATER EXPLODED	1	
STOVE - EXPLOSION OF BUTANE TANK	1	
TOTAL	100	100

CRUSHING:

JUMPED OR FELL FROM BUILDING - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
JUMPED OR FELL FROM FIRE ESCAPE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	2	2

DROWNING:

BOAT SANK	1
CAR IN LAKE	1
CAUGHT IN RIP TIDE	1
CHILD FELL INTO BUCKET OF WATER	1
CHILD FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	7
CHILD UNATTENDED IN BATH TUB	3
CHILD WANDERED FROM HOME	1
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE IN BATH TUB	2
EXHAUSTION WHILE SWIMMING	1
FALL FROM BOAT	1
FALL FROM DOCK	1
FALL FROM SHIP	1
FALL FROM UNRAILED WALK	1
FALL FROM SKIFF	1
FATHER FELL ASLEEP WHILE BATHING CHILD	1
FELL INTO BATH TUB	3
FELL INTO FISH POND	2
FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	4
FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

DROWNING: (CONTINUED)

INTOXICATION	1	
IN SWIMMING POOL	1	
UNABLE TO SWIM	3	
UNDERTOW WHILE SWIMMING	1	
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
UNKNOWN	10	
WHILE SKIN DIVING	1	
TOTAL	55	55

ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACT WITH WET HEATING PAD	1	
CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
PLUGGED IN VACUUM CLEANER WHILE WET	1	
TOTAL	3	3

FALLS:

AGAINST CHEST OF DRAWERS	1
AGAINST WINDOW SILL	1
BY PREGNANT MOTHER	1
DOWN PRECIPICE - OLD AGE	1
DOWN STAIRS - CHILD LOST BALANCE	1
DOWN STAIRS - ILL HEALTH	1
DOWN STAIRS - INTOXICATION	5
DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE	20
DOWN STAIRS - TRIPPED	2
DOWN STAIRS - UNKNOWN	2
FROM BED - ILL HEALTH	17
FROM BED - OLD AGE	25
FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION	1
FROM BUILDING - LOST BALANCE	1
FROM BUILDING - OLD AGE	3
FROM BUILDING - UNDET. ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
FROM CHAIR - ILL HEALTH	2
FROM BUILDING - WHILE PLAYING	1
FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE	4
FROM CHAIR - PUSHED	1
FROM CHAIR - UNKNOWN	2

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (CONTINUED)

FROM CLIFF - CHASING DOG	1
FROM CLIFF - SLIPPED	1
FROM COUCH - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM FIRE ESCAPE - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM HORSE - HORSE STEPPED IN HOLE	1
FROM LADDER - OLD AGE	1
FROM PORCH - BROKEN RAILING	1
FROM PORCH - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM PORCH - OLD AGE	6
FROM STOOL - OLD AGE	1
FROM STRETCHER - OLD AGE	1
FROM TREE - BROKEN LIMB	1
FROM WALL - BLIND	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - ILL HEALTH	1
IN BATH TUB - ILL HEALTH	1
IN BATH TUB - OLD AGE	1
IN SHOWER - SLIPPED	1
ON STEPS - OLD AGE	1
TO DRIVEWAY - OLD AGE	1
TO FLOOR - BLIND	1
TO FLOOR - CHAIR TIPPED OVER	1
TO FLOOR - EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	6
TO FLOOR - ILLNESS	34
TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	2
TO FLOOR - LEANED AGAINST UNLOCKED DOOR	1
TO FLOOR - LOST BALANCE	2
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	354
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED	2
TO FLOOR - TURNED ANKLE	1
TO FLOOR - UNKNOWN	2
TO GROUND - ILL HEALTH	7
TO GROUND - INTOXICATION	2
TO GROUND - OLD AGE	25
TO GROUND - TRIPPED	2
TO GROUND - UNKNOWN	1
TO GROUND - WHILE SKIING	1
TO SIDEWALK - ILL HEALTH	1
TO SIDEWALK - IMPAIRED EYE SIGHT	1
TO SIDEWALK - INTOXICATION	4
TO SIDEWALK - OLD AGE	6
TO SIDEWALK - SLIPPED	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (CONTINUED)

TO STREET - ILL HEALTH	3	
TO STREET - INTOXICATION	1	
TO STREET - OLD AGE	9	
TO STREET - STRUCK BY CAR DOOR	1	
TO STREET - WHILE PLAYING	1	
TO STREET - UNKNOWN	2	
TO STREET - WHILE ALIGHTING FROM BUS	1	
TO STREET - WHILE MOVING ICE BOX	1	
TOTAL	594	594

FIREARMS:

CARELESS HANDLING	7	
DISCHARGED GUN WHILE CLEANING	1	
PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE	1	
PLAYING WITH GUN	6	
SHOT WHILE HUNTING	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3	
TOTAL	20	20

HEAD INJURIES:

AT BIRTH	1
BABY DROPPED BY SISTER	1
CHILD DROPPED BY MOTHER	1
CHILD FELL FROM DRESSER TO FLOOR	1
CHILD FELL FROM BED	1
CHILD FELL ON LEAD PENCIL	1
CONVULSIONS	1
DURING STREET FIGHT	1
FALL AGAINST BED POST	1
FALL AGAINST DRAINBOARD	1
FALL DOWNSTAIRS	14
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
FALL FROM BATHINETTE	1
FALL FROM BED	4
FALL FROM BICYCLE	1
FALL FROM CHAIR	2

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURIES: (CONTINUED)

FALL FROM CLIFF	5	
FALL FROM DIVAN	2	
FALL FROM FIRE ESCAPE	1	
FALL FROM HORSE	2	
FALL FROM LADDER	3	
FALL FROM PORCH	1	
FALL FROM ROOF	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
FALL FROM WHEEL CHAIR	1	
FALL FROM WINDOW	3	
FALL INTO DRY SWIMMING POOL	1	
FALL TO FLOOR	12	
FALL TO GROUND	2	
FALL TO PAVEMENT	1	
FALL TO SIDEWALK	7	
FALL TO STREET	4	
FALL WHILE ALIGHTING FROM BUS	1	
FELL AND STRUCK HEAD	1	
FELL OR JUMPED FROM BRIDGE - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1	
FELL OR JUMPED FROM BUILDING - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	2	
FELL WHILE INTOXICATED	3	
RAN OVER BY TRACTOR	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING MANTLE	1	
STRUCK HEAD PLAYING VOLLEY BALL	1	
STRUCK ON HEAD DURING HUNTING TRIP	1	
WATER HEATER FELL ON CHILD'S HEAD	1	
UNKNOWN -	6	
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE	1	
TOTAL	100	100

INFECTIONS:

TETANUS - CUT HAND	1	
TETANUS - POST OPERATIVE FOR CHILDBIRTH	1	
TETANUS - STEPPED ON NAIL	1	
TETANUS - UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	5	5

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS:

BODILY INJURY - BED COLLAPSED	1	
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM BUILDING	2	
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM TREE	1	
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO FLOOR	1	
BODILY INJURY - JUMPED OR FELL FROM BUILDING, UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
BODILY INJURY - LEG CAUGHT IN BED	1	
BODILY INJURY - ROOF COLLAPSED	1	
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK BY FALLING TREE	1	
BODILY INJURY - UNKNOWN	2	
DISLOCATED VERTEBRAE - STRUCK BY SWING	1	
FRACTURED FOOT - OLD AGE	1	
KICKED BY PATIENT	1	
MALPRACTICE - MISMATCHED BLOOD TRANSFUSION	1	
PLAYING FOOTBALL	1	
THROAT INJURY - SWALLOWED DENTAL PLATE	1	
TRANSIENT EXPOSED TO WEATHER	1	
TOTAL	18	18

POISONING:

ALCOHOL AND PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	1	
ALCOHOL AND PHENOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
ARSENIC - CHILD ATE ANT PASTE	1	
ARSENIC - DRANK BY MISTAKE	1	
ARSENIC - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
BARBITURATES AND ETHANOL - OVERDOSE	3	
BARBITURATES - OVERDOSE	10	
BARBITURATES - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	24	
BROMIDES - OVERDOSE	1	
CAMPHORATED OIL - DRANK IN ERROR	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - ASLEEP IN AUTO WITH MOTOR RUNNING	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO AND GARAGE AFIRE	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO RUNNING IN CLOSED GARAGE UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
CARBON MONOXIDE - BED AFIRE, GAS HEATER	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - BOX CAR ON FIRE	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING: (CONTINUED)

CARBON MONOXIDE - BUTANE HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	25
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED TRAILER	2
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS WATER HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE	5
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION OF AUTO EXHAUST IN CLOSED GARAGE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - SOFA IGNITED BY CIGARETTE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - TRAILER ON FIRE	1
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK IN ERROR	2
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - INHALATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER FLUID	1
CHLORAL HYDRATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDAL	1
ETHYL ALCOHOL AND PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	1
FOOD - ATE BAD FOOD	1
FORMALDEHYDE - DRANK WHILE INTOXICATED	1
FUMES - ELECTRIC HEATER TOO CLOSE TO WOODWORK	1
GERMICIDE - DRANK WHILE INTOXICATED	1
HEROIN - OVERDOSE	5
LYE - DRANK BY MISTAKE	1
METHYL SALICYLATE - DRANK OIL OF WINTERGREEN IN ERROR	1
MORPHINE AND ETHANOL - OVERDOSE	1
MORPHINE AND CODEINE - OVERDOSE	1
MORPHINE - OVERDOSE	4
NEMBUTAL - ILL HEALTH	1
NICOTINE - DRANK INSECTICIDE BY MISTAKE	1
OIL OF CEDAR LEAF - ATTEMPTED ABORTION	1
OIL OF WINTERGREEN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDAL	1
PARALDEHYDE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
PENTOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	3
PENTOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	4

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING: (CONTINUED)

PHENOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE	2	
PHENOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
SECONAL - OVERDOSE	1	
SODIUM SALICYLATE - FED PILLS BY SISTER	1	
STRYCHNINE - CHILD ATE CATHARTIC PILLS	1	
VENOM - BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE	1	
TOTAL	128	128

STRANGULATION:

CAUGHT NECK IN FENCE	1	
CHILD CAUGHT HEAD IN CRIB	1	
CHILD CAUGHT IN HIGH CHAIR	2	
CHILD CAUGHT ON VENETIAN BLIND CORD	1	
CHILD HUNG SELF WITH BELT WHILE AT PLAY	1	
CHILD WEDGED BETWEEN CRIB AND WALL	1	
CLEFT PALATE	1	
HEAD CAUGHT BETWEEN BED SLATS	1	
NECK CAUGHT ON WIRE	1	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3	
TOTAL	13	13

SUFFOCATION:

ASPIRATION OF FOOD PARTICLES	2	
ASPIRATION OF FOREIGN BODY	1	
ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS	12	
ASPIRATION OF PEANUT	2	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	4	
BETWEEN PARENTS IN BED	1	
INHALATION OF SMOKE - HOUSE AFIRE	1	
SMOKING IN BED	1	
SMOTHERED IN BED CLOTHES	6	
SUNFLOWER SEED LODGED IN THROAT	1	
SWALLOWED RATTLE	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	33	33

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

UNKNOWN:

UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION	2	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND CHEMICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED DUE TO DECOMPOSITION	6	
UNDETERMINED DUE TO ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION	5	
UNDETERMINED - PRESUMABLY EXPOSURE AND NEGLECT	1	
UNDETERMINED - SKELETON ONLY	1	
UNKNOWN - BAG OF BONES	1	
UNKNOWN HOW INJURY OCCURRED	1	
UNKNOWN - SKELETON OF BURNED BONES	1	
TOTAL	20	20
		1108

SUICIDES

JULY	1953		61	
AUGUST	1953		59	
SEPTEMBER	1953		67	
OCTOBER	1953		68	
NOVEMBER	1953		55	
DECEMBER	1953		59	
JANUARY	1954		65	
FEBRUARY	1954		54	
MARCH	1954		62	
APRIL	1954		45	
MAY	1954		57	
JUNE	1954		71	
		TOTAL	723	723

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MALE	495	
FEMALE	228	
TOTAL	723	723

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	344	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	377	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	723	723

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10 to 20 years	19	
20 to 45 years	272	
45 to 65 years	286	
65 YEARS AND OVER	146	
TOTAL	723	723

SUICIDES

NATURE

BURNING	4	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO EXHAUST	117	
CARBON MONOXIDE - BURNING ILLUM. GAS	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - CHEMICALS	1	
CUTTING	18	
DROVE INTO SIDE OF BOX CAR	1	
DROWNING	12	
ILLUMINATING GAS	12	
SHOOTING	219	
STOPPED AUTO IN FRONT OF TRAIN	1	
STRANGULATION	111	
TOTAL	497	497

JUMPING:

FROM BRIDGE	8	
FROM BUILDING	21	
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	5	
IN FRONT OF VEHICLE	1	
TOTAL	35	35

POISONING:

AKROBARBITAL	1	
ALKALI	1	
AMMONIA	1	
AMOBARBITAL	3	
ANT PASTE	12	
ARSENIC	5	
BARBITURATES	75	
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	1	
CHLOROFORM	1	
CODEINE	1	
CYANIDE	8	
LYE	4	
LYSOL	1	
MERCURY	1	
NEMBUTAL	8	
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	2	
PENTOBARBITAL	21	
PHENOBARBITAL	13	
PHENOL	1	
PHOSPHORUS	4	
RUBBING ALCOHOL	1	
SALICYLATE	2	
SECOBARBITAL	12	
SHELL " D. D. "	1	
STRYCHNINE	5	
TUINAL	5	
VERONAL	1	
TOTAL	191	191
		723

SUICIDES

CAUSES

AFTER ATTEMPTED MURDER	1	
AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	19	
AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND	2	
AFTER DEATH OF WIFE	5	
ALCOHOLIC	4	
DESPONDENCY	135	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF MOTHER	2	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF SON	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	27	
EVADING ARREST	1	
EXCESSIVE DRINKING	1	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	5	
FEAR OF ARREST	2	
FEAR OF PROSECUTION FOR RAPE	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	20	
HARASSED BY NARCOTIC PEDDLER	1	
HUSBAND LEFT HOME	1	
ILL HEALTH	276	
LOVE AFFAIR	3	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	43	
MENTAL CONDITION	9	
MENTAL ILLNESS	14	
ON TRIAL FOR RAPE	1	
QUARREL	1	
TIRED OF LIFE	3	
UNKNOWN	145	
TOTAL	723	723

HOMICIDES

JULY	1953	22	
AUGUST	1953	17	
SEPTEMBER	1953	18	
OCTOBER	1953	19	
NOVEMBER	1953	8	
DECEMBER	1953	18	
JANUARY	1954	12	
FEBRUARY	1954	15	
MARCH	1954	17	
APRIL	1954	9	
MAY	1954	24	
JUNE	1954	14	
	TOTAL	193	193

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MALE	136	
FEMALE	57	
TOTAL	193	193

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	116	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	74	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	193	193

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LESS THAN ONE YEAR	1	
1 to 2 years	2	
2 to 5 years	2	
5 to 10 years	1	
10 to 20 years	14	
20 to 45 years	113	
45 to 65 years	50	
65 YEARS AND OVER	10	
TOTAL	193	193

HOMICIDES

NATURE

BEATEN		2	
BEATEN & KICKED		1	
DROWNING		1	
FIGHTING		7	
POISONING		3	
PUSHED OR KICKED DOWNSTAIRS		1	
SHOOTING		104	
STABBING		38	
STRANGULATION		11	
STRUCK WITH FIST		4	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT		19	
SUFFOCATION		1	
THROWN OR PUSHED DOWN STAIRS		1	
	TOTAL	193	193

EXCUSABLE		3	
JUSTIFIABLE		33	
UNJUSTIFIABLE		157	
	TOTAL	193	193

BY A KNOWN PERSON		104	
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON		30	
BY DAUGHTER		1	
BY FATHER		6	
BY HUSBAND		25	
BY MOTHER		1	
BY OFFICER		16	
BY SON		1	
BY WIFE		9	
	TOTAL	193	193

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

JUSTIFIABLE:

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY		2	
ATTEMPTED RAPE		1	
ATTEMPTING FORCIBLE ENTRY		1	
DURING ALTERCATION		3	
DURING HOLDUP		6	
DURING ROBBERY		2	
EVADING ARREST		6	
FORCING ENTRY INTO HOME		1	
QUARREL		2	
RESISTING ARREST		6	
SELF DEFENSE		3	
	TOTAL	33	33

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

ALCOHOLISM		1	
ATTEMPTED RAPE		1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES		11	
DURING ALTERCATION		51	
DURING HOLDUP		4	
DURING ROBBERY		6	
FELL INTO OPEN CISTERN		1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES		3	
GANG FIGHT		3	
GIVEN WRONG PILLS BY NURSE		1	
INNOCENT BYSTANDER		1	
INTOXICATION		1	
LOVERS' QUARREL		1	
JEALOUSY		8	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES		11	
MENTAL CONDITION		4	
OVERDOSE OF PHENOBARBITAL		1	
QUARREL		9	
RAPE		2	
REVENGE		5	
UNKNOWN		31	
UNWANTED BABY		1	
	TOTAL	157	157

EXCUSABLE:

DURING ALTERCATION		1	
INNOCENT BYSTANDER		1	
RESULT OF QUARREL		1	
	TOTAL	3	3
			193

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL - BY KNOWN PERSON	2	
CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED UNDETERMINED	1	
SELF INDUCED	8	
TOTAL	11	11

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	6	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOST ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	4	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	11	11

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MARRIED	8	
SINGLE	3	
TOTAL	11	11

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20 to 45 YEARS	11	
TOTAL	11	11

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1953		0	
AUGUST	1953		2	
SEPTEMBER	1953		1	
OCTOBER	1953		0	
NOVEMBER	1953		0	
DECEMBER	1953		0	
JANUARY	1954		10	
FEBRUARY	1954		1	
MARCH	1954		1	
APRIL	1954		1	
MAY	1954		0	
JUNE	1954		1	
		TOTAL	17	17

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MALE	13	
FEMALE	4	
TOTAL	17	17

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	1	
In the County of LOS ANGELES O/S Los Angeles City	15	
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	17	17

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Occupant of house	8	
Pedestrian	1	
Pilot	7	
Unknown	1	
TOTAL	17	17

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Accidental	16	
Industrial	1	
TOTAL	17	17

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

(CONTINUED)

AGES

LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1	
1 to 2 years	1	
10 to 20 years	2	
20 to 45 years	9	
45 to 65 years	3	
65 YEARS AND OVER	1	
TOTAL	17	17

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TYPE OF PLANE

COMMERCIAL	1	
PLEASURE	7	
ARMY JET	9	
TOTAL	17	17

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CAUSES

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	1	
LOST CONTROL	2	
MECHANICAL FAILURE	1	
WEATHER CONDITIONS	8	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	17	17

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L. A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM	TOTALS
JULY	1953	17	14	31
AUGUST	1953	28	17	45
SEPTEMBER	1953	15	17	32
OCTOBER	1953	25	34	59
NOVEMBER	1953	19	18	37
DECEMBER	1953	24	19	43
JANUARY	1954	18	18	36
FEBRUARY	1954	18	15	33
MARCH	1954	18	13	31
APRIL	1954	17	15	32
MAY	1954	21	5	26
JUNE	1954	13	13	26
	TOTAL	233	198	431

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A.CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY	1953	95	127	12	234
AUGUST	1953	110	132	12	254
SEPTEMBER	1953	88	164	12	264
OCTOBER	1953	130	173	7	310
NOVEMBER	1953	106	188	12	306
DECEMBER	1953	133	201	12	346
JANUARY	1954	133	204	11	348
FEBRUARY	1954	122	188	6	316
MARCH	1954	107	200	5	312
APRIL	1954	102	157	12	271
MAY	1954	117	175	12	304
JUNE	1954	109	174	15	298
	TOTAL	1352	2083	128	3563
INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES					4976
				TOTAL	8539

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	138
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	133
BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	40
EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE	31
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED	342
BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED	2793
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3135
BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	333
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3468
CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY	5071
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1953 to JUNE 30, 1954	8539

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	13590
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	66794
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	21482
TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	327
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	20
TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	413
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	413
TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1609
PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	11269
VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	3563
VERDICTS OF JURIES	413
JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	3017
WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	2155
ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	141
CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	448
SUBPOENAS SERVED ON MEDICAL STAFF	505

CASE LOAD COMPARISON

TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953	8534
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1953-1954	8539
INCREASE	5

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR TESTS 2459

TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED

	Chemicals Tested	Tests
Acetone	4	22
Alcohol (only)	2125	5201
Alcohol (with other tests)	220	504
Amphetamine	1	1
Arsenic	19	73
Barbiturates (only)	185	1224
Barbiturates (with other tests)	22	176
Benzoic acid	1	1
Boron	1	1
Bromides	3	3
Carbon Monoxide	2	2
Carbon Tetrachloride	2	6
Chlorides (drowning)	3	6
Chloral	5	6
Chloroform	1	1
Codeine	3	85
Creatinine	2	2
Cyanide	11	19
D. D. Mixture (fumigant	1	2
Diphenylhydantoin	3	7
Dormison	1	1
Fluoride	1	1
Heroin	2	15
Iodine	1	1
Isopraponal	1	10
Lead	3	12
Lysol	1	1
Magnesium (drowning)	1	2
Mercury	6	10
Meperidine	1	25
Metals	1	1
Methanol	4	22
Methapyrilene	1	25
Methylbromide	1	5
Morphine	7	405
Narcotics	18	925
Nicotine	3	8

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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	CHEMICALS TESTED	TESTS
Oil Cedar, Pine	2	8
Opiates	4	260
Opium	1	100
Para-aminobenzoic acid	1	5
Paraldehyde	10	11
Parathion	1	5
Phenol	1	1
Phosphorus	2	3
Privine (proprietary)	1	10
Quinine	1	10
Radio-activity	1	10
Salicylates	10	20
Silica	16	32
Specific gravity	1	1
Strychnine	4	64
Water (tap)	1	1
Zinc	1	1
TOTAL	2725	9353

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	1015
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	2160
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	116
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	213
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED	19
NUMBER OF NEURO-PATHOLOGY BRAIN STUDIES	112
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED	825
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH PRINTS MADE AND PROCESSED	1042

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive case is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	POSITIVE TESTS	NEGATIVE TESTS
AUTO-COLLISION and NON-COLLISION	160	221
	42.0%	58.0%
AUTO-PEDESTRIAN	55	109
	33.5%	66.5%
HOMICIDES	90	97
	48.1%	51.9%
SUICIDES	180	388
	31.7%	68.3%

EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1953-54

SALARIES AND WAGES		$282,799.47
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION		48,510.09
CAPITAL OUTLAY		760.11
	TOTAL	$332,069.67

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REVENUES COLLECTED

FISCAL YEAR 1953-54

SALARY FUND:			
	EMBALMING FEES	$70,725.00	
	SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	6,413.83	
	SHERIFF'S FEES	3.70	
	TOTAL	$77,142.53	77,142.53
GENERAL FUND:			
	WITNESS FEES	$219.04	
	REFUND OF TRANSPORTATION	676.78	
	REFUND OF CREMATION FEE	30.00	
	SALE OF OLD DESK	1.04	
	SALE OF WASTE PAPER	4.44	
	UNIDENTIFIED CASH	1.18	
	TOTAL	$932.48	932.48
			$78,075.01