



Health and Social Services
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Applicant c/o
Access and Privacy Officer
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 21-237

Decision

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched the Vital Statistics Unit and has identified records responsive to Access Request 21-237. The final response on the information is as follows:

Access Granted in Part

The Department of Health and Social Services has granted access in part to the information relating to the request noted below:

Health Vital Statistics - I am looking to ascertain the number of deaths in Whitehorse, compared to an aggregated rural communities figure, by year. And, I would like the number of both 'natural' and 'unnatural' deaths in both areas, by year. For example, 2018 - total number of deaths xxx. total deaths in Whitehorse xxx. total deaths in rural Yukon xxx. THEN Yukon deaths - natural vs unnatural and Natural deaths in Whitehorse vs unnatural deaths in Whitehorse, THEN natural deaths in rural Yukon vs unnatural deaths. I would like these for the three years 2018, 2019 and 2020. If it is easier using a fiscal year date, that is fine too. Please note whether information includes or excludes non-Yukon residents. Please contact me if you need more information.

Timeframe: 01 January 2018 - 01 January 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Death counts will be in 3 categories: natural, unnatural and undetermined.

2. I would like the location based on where the person usually resides, rather than location of death.

3. If there is a way to include Yukon people who have been medivaced out and then die, based on their community of residence, that would be helpful.

Certain types of information have been redacted pursuant to the following sections of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

- 70(1) third party personal information

It is not possible to provide statistics on the number of individuals who have died after being medevacked out of territory, as this is not information stored in our vital statistics system.

Pursuant to section 66 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act you may contact Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner with a complaint in respect to this response. Section 66 states:

An applicant may, in respect of the head of a responsive public body's response to their access request under section 64, make a complaint to the commissioner by filing the complaint in accordance with section 90.

Should you wish to do so, please refer your written complaint within 30 business days to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1G3
E-mail: intake@yukonombudsman.ca
Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

There is no charge to the applicant.

Contact Person in Department

If the applicant has any questions, please contact Valerie Neufeld, Designated Access Officer for Department of Health and Social Services at 867-332-0583 or Valerie.Neufeld@yukon.ca.



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Enclosure (2)

All Yukon Residents Deaths	2018	2019	2020
Natural	150	207	212
Undetermined	42	31	†
Unnatural	35	23	†
Total	227	261	256

Deaths by Usual Residence	2018	2019	2020
Non-Yukon Residents			
Natural	†	‡	‡
Undetermined	0	‡	‡
Unnatural	‡	5	‡
Non-Yukon Residents Subtotal	11	10	6
Rural Yukon Residents			
Natural	42	53	72
Undetermined	11	5	†
Unnatural	8	8	‡
Rural Yukon Residents Subtotal	61	66	80
Whitehorse Residents			
Natural	108	154	140
Undetermined	31	26	21
Unnatural	27	15	15
Whitehorse Residents Subtotal	166	195	176
Total	238	271	262

Notes: Counts are based off of the information from the Registration of Death as input into Yukon's vital statistics system. Fields referenced are City from the Deceased's Usual Residence and Manor of Death.

To ensure privacy of individuals, cells with counts of 1 to 4 are suppressed. These are represented by a ‡ in the table. To ensure privacy of individuals, In cases where totals are provided, if numbers contributing to the total are suppressed in such a way that they might be reverse-engineered from the total and the other values, an additional number will be suppressed. These values are represented by a † in the table.