

**Death Investigations
Types of System
By States***

Number of states with coroner only	10
Number of states with medical examiner only	23
Number of states with mixed (coroners and medical examiners)	18
Number of states with a Chief Medical Examiner	5
Number of states with a State Medical Examiner and District or County Medical Examiner	5
Number of states where coroner is elected by county	21

*Includes District of Columbia

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I. Medical Examiner Systems (22)

A. State medical Examiner (19)

Alaska	Massachusetts	Tennessee
Connecticut	New Hampshire	Utah
Delaware	New Jersey	Vermont
District of Columbia	New Mexico	Virginia
Iowa	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Maine	Oregon	
Maryland	Rhode Island	

B. District Medical Examiners (1)

Florida

C. County Medical Examiners (2)

Arizona Michigan

II. Mixed Medical Examiner and Coroner Systems (18)

A. State medical examiner and county coroners/medical examiners (7)

Alabama Kentucky North Carolina

Arkansas Mississippi

Georgia Montana

B. County medical examiners/coroners (11)

California Missouri Texas

Hawaii New York Washington

Illinois Ohio* Wisconsin

Minnesota Pennsylvania

*Ohio has 1 county medical examiner system (Summit County)

III. Coroner Systems (11)

A. District Coroners (2)

Kansas Nevada

B. County Coroners (9)

Colorado Louisiana South Carolina

Idaho Nebraska South Dakota

Indiana North Dakota Wyoming