

Mortality Reviews

Analysis of deaths of individuals receiving
residential supports from the
Developmental Disabilities Administration
of Washington State

2013

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Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Regional Process:

All deaths of DDA clients are reported to the Regions.

- The Regional Quality Assurance Manager requests additional information from all residential agencies, adult family homes, children's licensed facilities and nursing agencies serving children receiving Medically Intensive Children's Program services.
- The Region/RHC then further reviews each death of a client receiving residential services for circumstances/cause of death; whether policies and procedures were followed; whether proper clinical and medical practices were observed, etc.
- Unexplained or unusual deaths are carefully considered and reviewed. Families and legal representatives (guardians) are encouraged to seek an autopsy in these cases.

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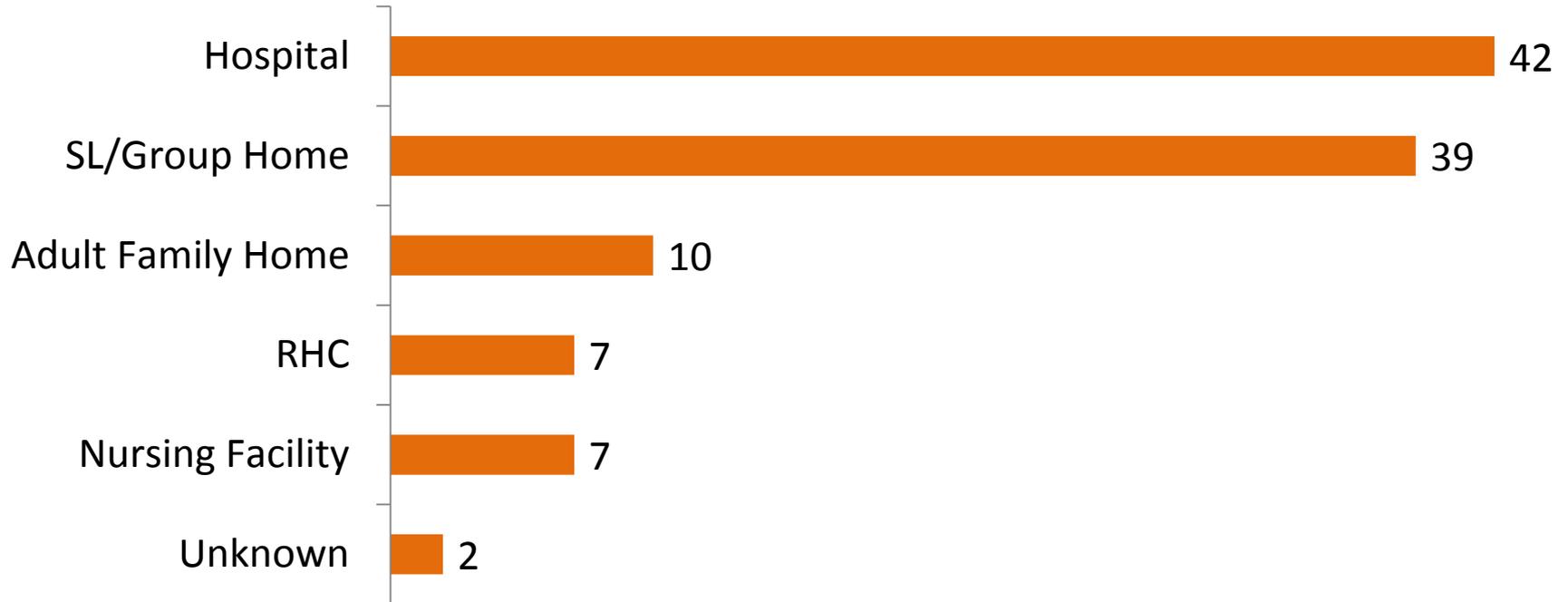
DDA Central Office Process:

All results must be subsequently forwarded to the DDA Office of Quality Programs and Stakeholder Involvement for Central Office Mortality Review Team (MRT) action. The MRT includes administrative, medical, investigatory and other professional personnel who:

- Review 100% of mortality review reports from the Regions and RHCs;
- Review data from the Incident Reporting system, the CARE database and other sources to identify any trends or patterns that need addressing; and
- Make reports and recommendations to DDA management concerning needed training, policy or procedural changes.

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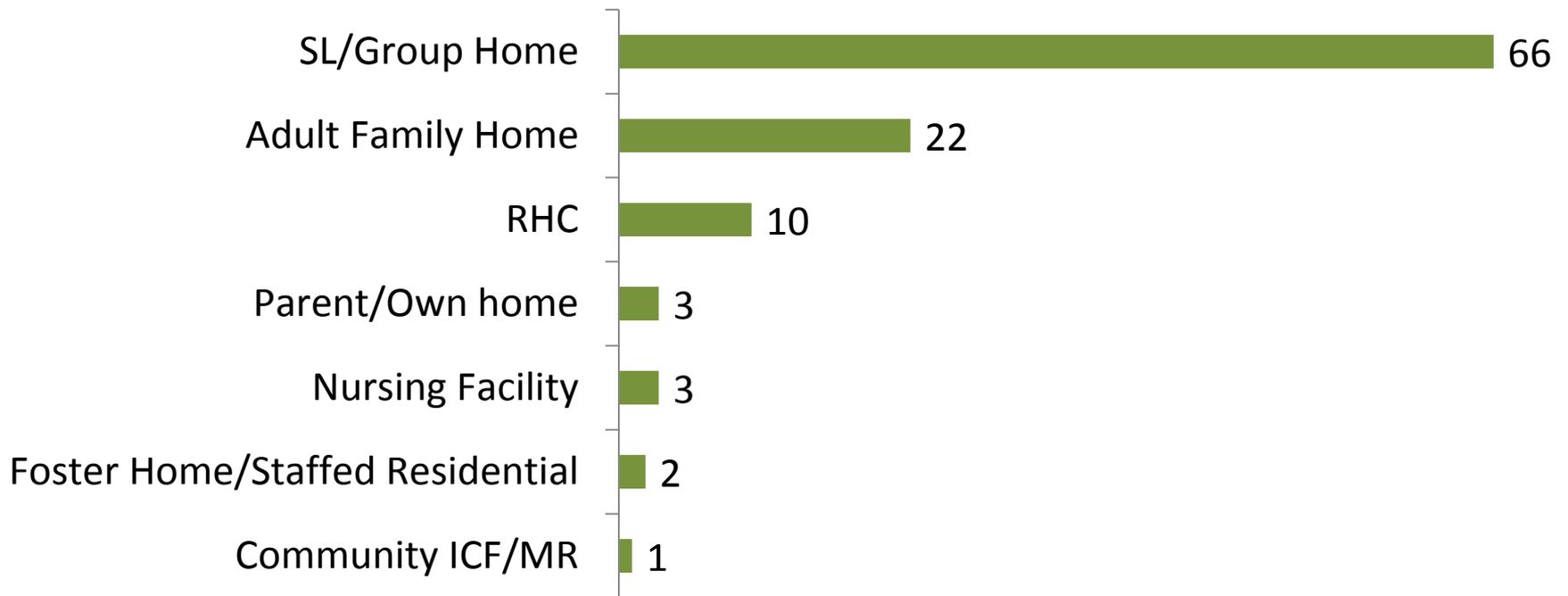
Place of death



Total 2013 reviews = 107

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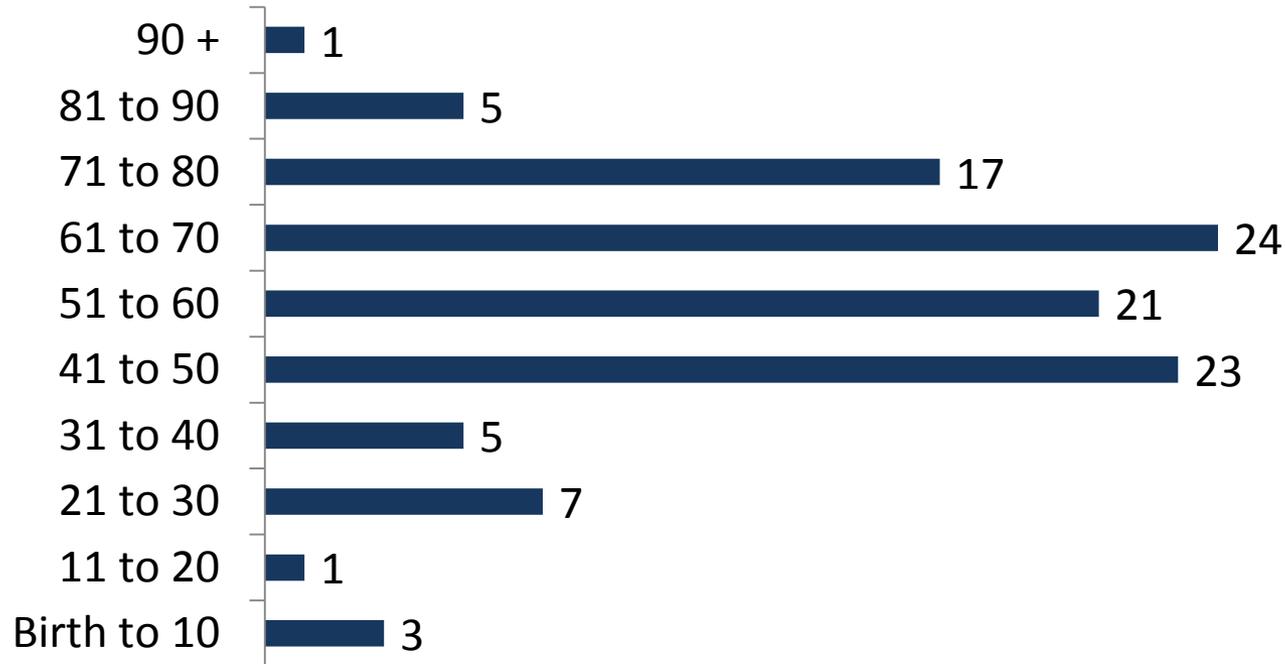
Residence at time of death



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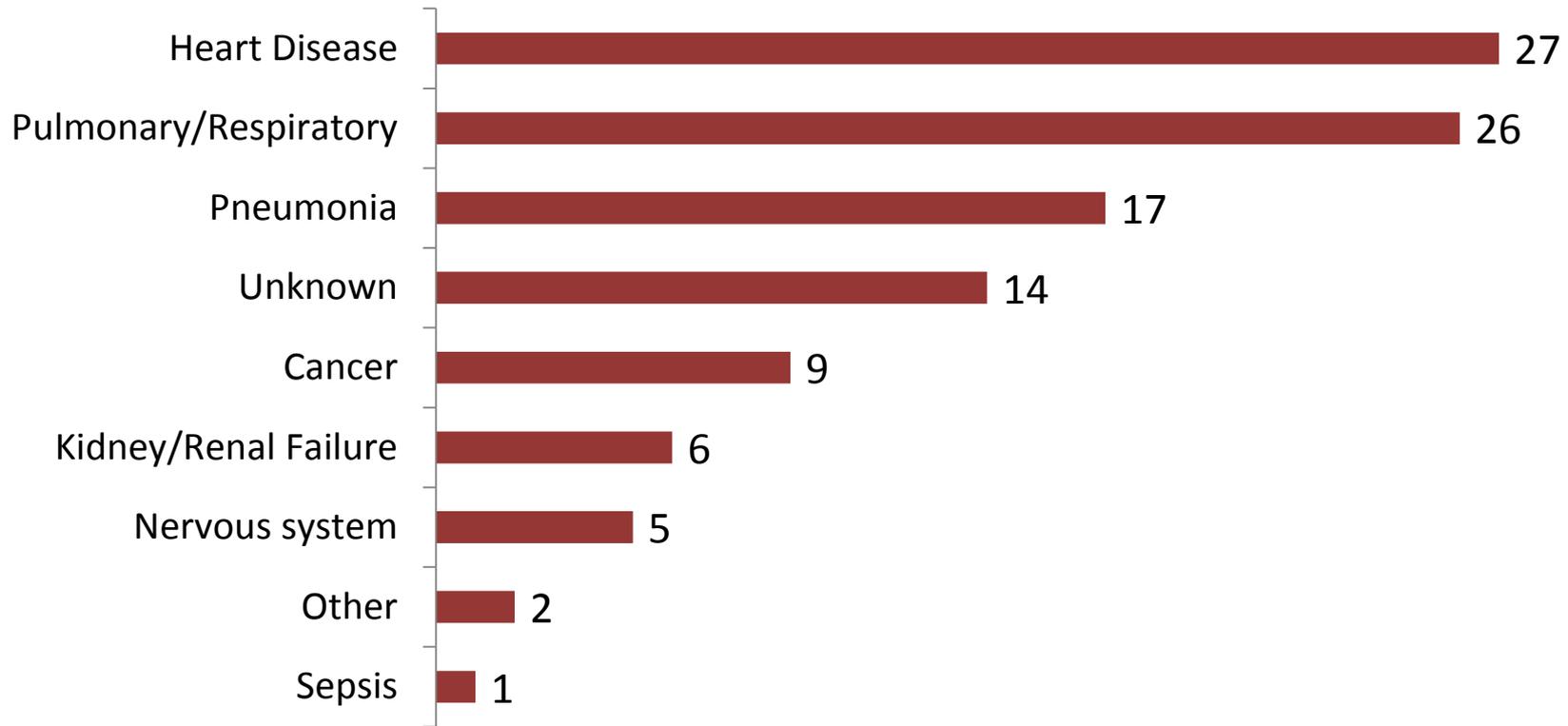
Age at time of death



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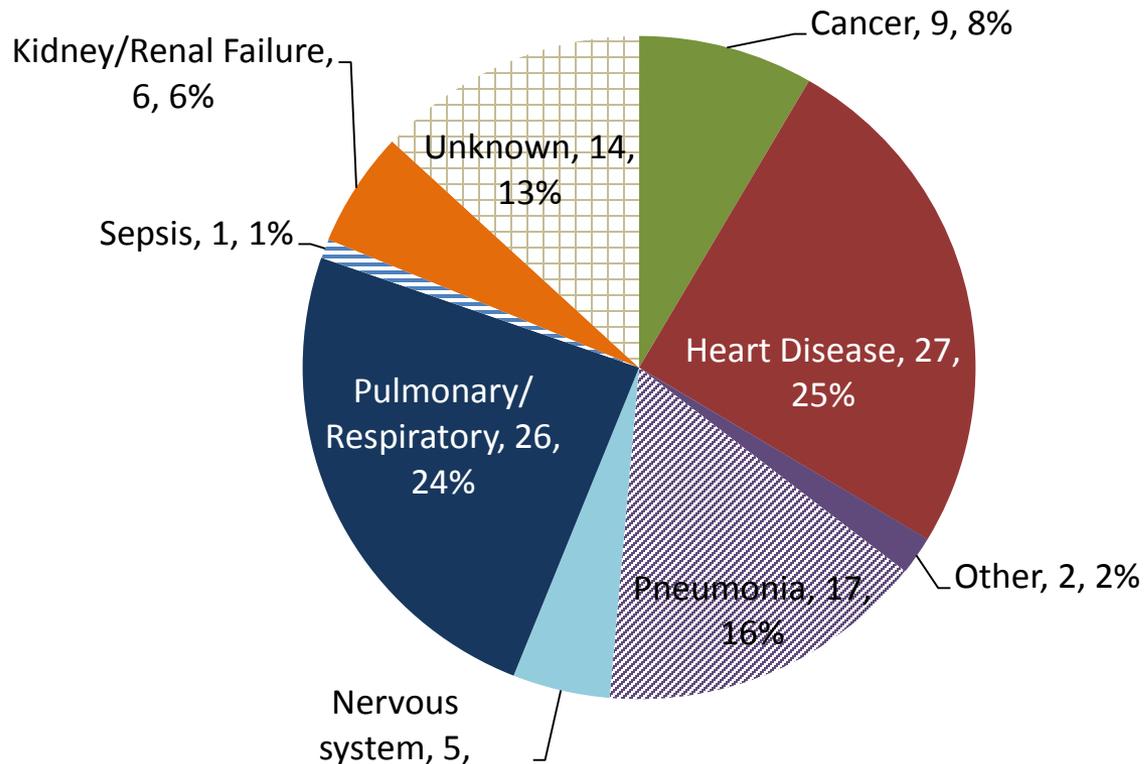
Primary cause of death



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Primary cause of death, percent and number of reviews

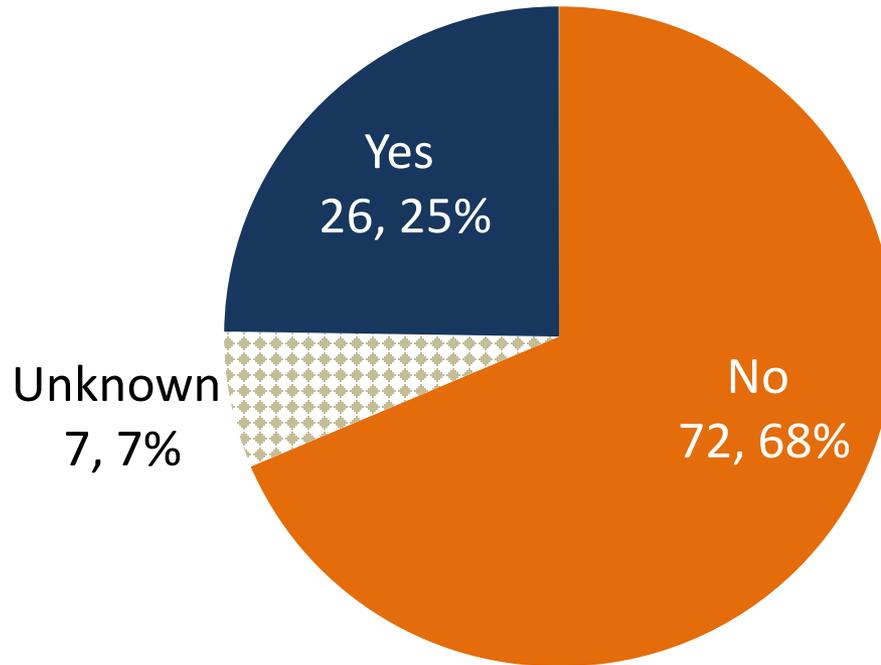


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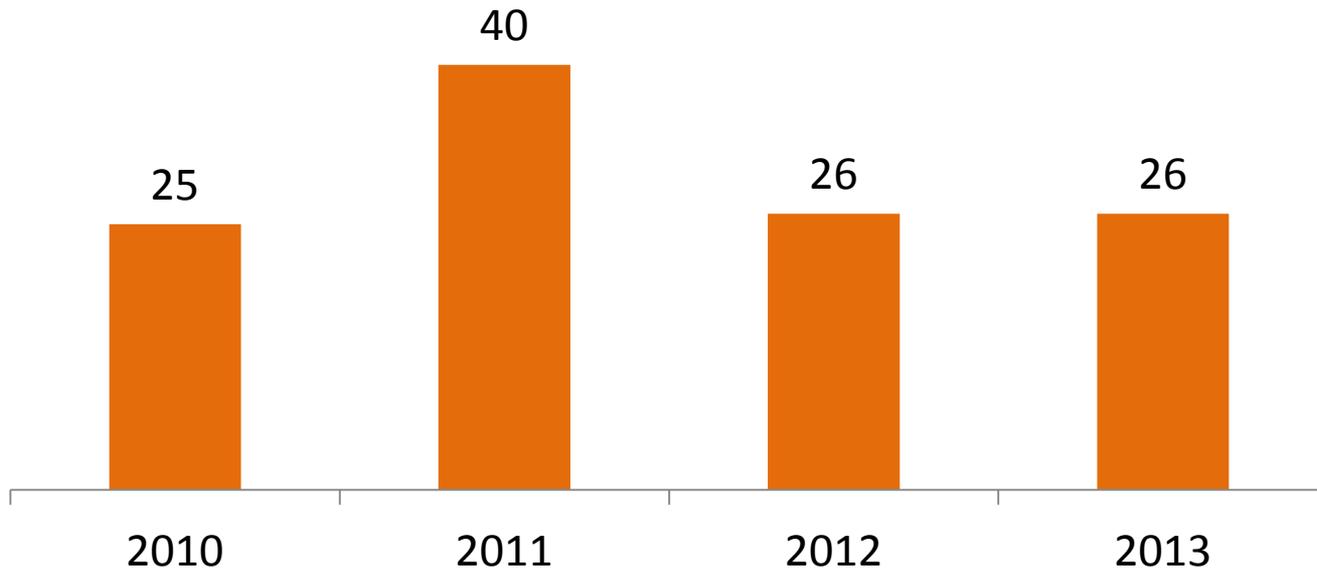
Aspiration Pneumonia involved



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Aspiration pneumonia deaths involved deaths by year



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- Most deaths occurred in a hospital and second was Supported Living/Group home home.
- 64% of the deaths reviewed were individuals between the ages of 41 and 70.
- 26 deaths had aspiration pneumonia involvement which is the same number as last year. This number has decreased dramatically from 2011's 40.
- The top three primary causes of death reviewed were, heart disease at 25%, pulmonary/respiratory at 24% and pneumonia at 16%.

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