

## MOVAC – Braxton County Excess Death Analysis

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Based on population numbers provided by [West Virginia Demographics](#), Braxton County is the forty-first largest county in the state with 12,162 total residents. MOVAC has performed numerous detailed analyses on Wood County excess death. Via that analysis, we confirmed that 2021 saw the highest levels of death experienced in recent history. Based on that analysis and the publication of the 2021 vital statistics by the WV DHHR, we are finally able to provide an analysis of this excess death phenomenon for each county in West Virginia.

As you can see from the two tables below, Braxton County’s experience with excess death in 2020 and 2021 is well within historical ranges. It appears that Braxton County has avoided much of the excess death experienced by the rest of the state:

Year	Total WV Death	Percent Change
2011	21,870	
2012	21,651	-1.00%
2013	21,846	0.90%
2014	22,164	1.46%
2015	22,643	2.16%
2016	22,721	0.34%
2017	23,290	2.50%
2018	23,462	0.74%
2019	23,291	-0.73%
<b>2020</b>	<b>26,108</b>	<b>12.09%</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>29,402</b>	<b>26.24%</b>

Year	Total Braxton County Death	Percent Change
2011	166	
2012	194	16.87%
2013	174	-10.31%
2014	186	6.90%
2015	177	-4.84%
2016	179	1.13%
2017	178	-0.56%
2018	198	11.24%
2019	180	-9.09%
<b>2020</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>-4.44%</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>8.33%</b>

Data source - [https://dhhr.wv.gov/HSC/SS/Vital Statistics/Pages/Vital Statistics.aspx](https://dhhr.wv.gov/HSC/SS/Vital%20Statistics/Pages/Vital%20Statistics.aspx)

**Note –** While each of the other years in the tables above are compared to the prior year, 2021 is compared to the pre-pandemic year of 2019. It makes no sense to compare 2021 to an already pandemic-effected elevated death total in 2020.

If you have concerns regarding the excess death experienced elsewhere throughout the state, please contact your state representatives and ask for investigations.

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