



WORK-RELATED STRESS AMONG MDI PROFESSIONALS: A NATIONAL SURVEY



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Medicolegal Death Investigator (MDI) professionals experience high levels of work-related stress, but relatively little is known about the impacts and the kinds of supports and resources needed. This survey aimed to increase awareness of routine exposure to work-related stress and trauma in this workforce, assess the impacts on MDI professionals' health and wellness, and inform future initiatives to reduce and alleviate work-related stress. Nearly 1,000 MDIs responded to this survey.

RTI International partnered with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) and the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IAC&ME) to develop this survey to ensure its inclusivity and responsiveness to the MDI community.



3 of the top 5 job specific stressors were related to dealing with family members of the decedent.



Nearly half of respondents reported the lack of understanding from political stakeholders or community leaders about their work as being stressful.



Respondents reported fatigue as the top operational stressor related to the nature of the job.



MDI professionals reported staff shortages as the top stressor internal to their employing organization.



Over half of respondents reported working more than 24 hours in a row to complete work assignments as a major stressor.

In the coming months, RTI and our partners at ABMDI and IACME will be sharing additional survey findings and recommendations for agencies and MDI professionals. Visit our website to stay informed of future publications, conference presentations, podcasts, and more:
<https://forensicrti.org/understanding-work-related-stress-mdi-professionals/>.

