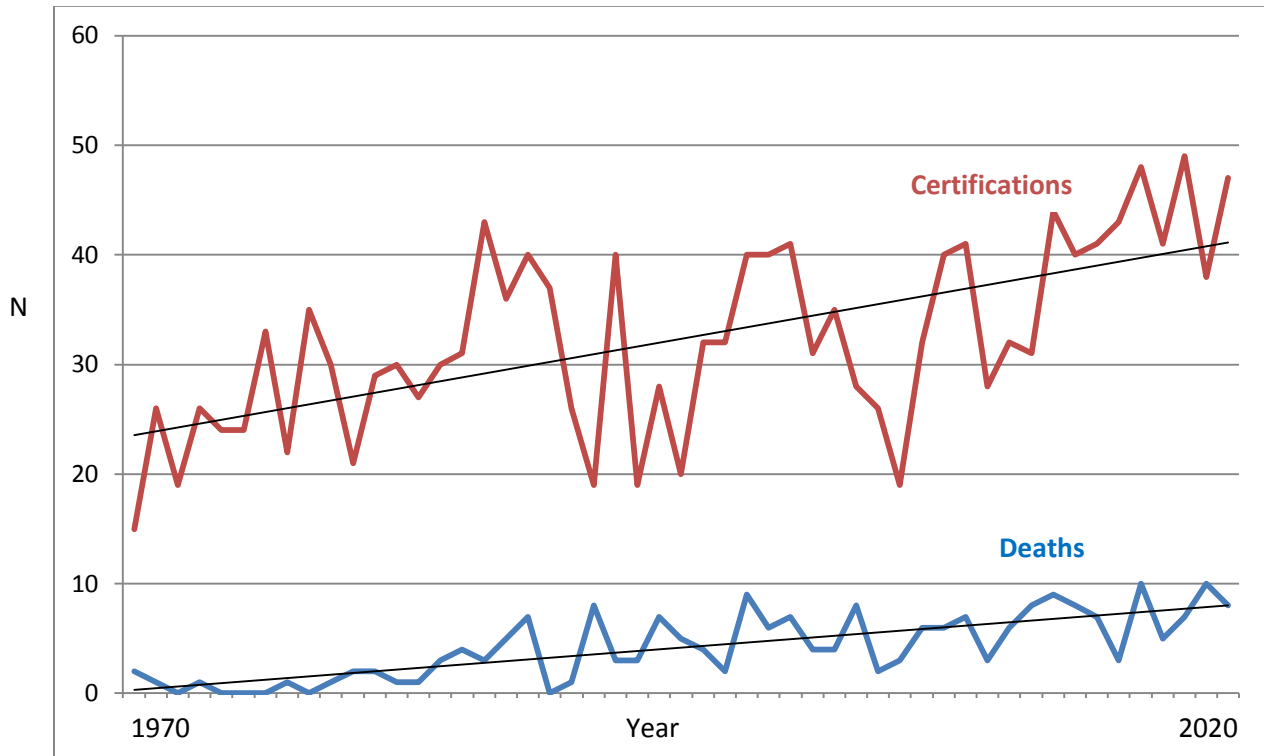


**Annual Number of Forensic Pathology Board Certifications
and Forensic Pathologist Deaths, 1970-2020**
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Notes:

“Certifications” (n = 1649) is persons board certified in forensic pathology in the period 1970-2020. The numbers are derived from data provided by the American Board of Pathology.

“Deaths” (n = 213) includes known deaths of forensic pathologists in the years 1970-2020 regardless of whether they were board certified in forensic pathology and regardless of whether they were members of NAME. Data were derived from data in NAME membership files and data reported by individuals through NAME-L postings and other periodic surveys.

The trend line for annual forensic pathologist board certifications has a slope of 0.33 and the trend line slope for annual deaths of forensic pathologists is 0.16 suggesting that rate of increase in board certified forensic pathologists is about twice the rate of increase in deaths.

In terms of the overall board certified forensic pathologist workforce, data need to be reviewed about how many board certified forensic pathologists actually practice forensic pathology, what their age distribution is, and the attrition rate due to retirement and career changes. These are topics for another day.