**Appendix: State death system characteristics, United States, 1999-2015**

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| State | Death investigation system  | State ME? | Year revised death certificate |
| Alabama | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2016 |
| Alaska | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2014 |
| Arizona | County/District ME | No | 2010 |
| Arkansas | County/District Coroner | Yes | 2008 |
| California | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2003 |
| Colorado | County/District Coroner | No | 2015 |
| Connecticut | Mixture of ME and Coroner | Yes | 2005 |
| Delaware | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2007 |
| D.C. | Centralized State ME | No | 2005 |
| Florida | County/District ME | No | 2005 |
| Georgia | Mixture of ME and Coroner | Yes | 2008 |
| Hawaii | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2014 |
| Idaho | County/District Coroner | No | 2003 |
| Illinois | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2008 |
| Indiana | County/District Coroner | No | 2008 |
| Iowa | County/District ME | Yes | 2011 |
| Kansas | County/District Coroner | No | 2005 |
| Kentucky | County/District Coroner | Yes | 2010 |
| Louisiana | County/District Coroner | No | 2012 |
| Maine | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2015 |
| Maryland | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2015 |
| Massachusetts | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2014 |
| Michigan | County/District ME | No | 2004 |
| Minnesota | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2011 |
| Mississippi | Mixture of ME and Coroner | Yes | 2012 |
| Missouri | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2003 |
| Montana | County/District Coroner | Yes | 2005 |
| Nebraska | County/District Coroner | No | 2005 |
| Nevada | County/District Coroner | No | 2008 |
| New Hampshire | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2004 |
| New Jersey | County/District ME | Yes | 2004 |
| New Mexico | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2006 |
| New York | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2003 |
| North Carolina | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2014 |
| North Dakota | County/District Coroner | Yes | 2008 |
| Ohio | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2007 |
| Oklahoma | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2004 |
| Oregon | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2006 |
| Pennsylvania | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2012 |
| Rhode Island | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2006 |
| South Carolina | County/District Coroner | No | 2005 |
| South Dakota | County/District Coroner | No | 2004 |
| Tennessee | County/District ME | Yes | 2012 |
| Texas | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2006 |
| Utah | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2005 |
| Vermont | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2008 |
| Virginia | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2014 |
| Washington | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2004 |
| West Virginia | Centralized State ME | Yes | 2016 |
| Wisconsin | Mixture of ME and Coroner | No | 2013 |
| Wyoming | County/District Coroner | No | 2004 |

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