

# 2008

## Injury Deaths to Massachusetts Children Ages 1-14 Years

Injuries are the leading cause of death in Massachusetts for children between the ages of 1-14 years. In 2008, there were **32** injury deaths to children ages 1-14, a rate of **2.9** deaths for every 100,000 children. Suffocation and transportation-related were the leading causes of injury death for this age group.

| INJURY CAUSE                         | INJURY INTENT |             |            |              |               | Total Count | Percent of Total Count | Crude Rate per 100,000 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                      | Unintentional | Intentional |            | Undetermined | Other & Legal |             |                        |                        |
|                                      |               | Suicide     | Homicide   |              |               |             |                        |                        |
| Cut/pierce                           | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 0           | 0.0                    | 0.0                    |
| Drowning/submersion                  | 4             | 0           | 0          | 0            |               | 4           | 12.5                   | --                     |
| Fall                                 | 1             | 0           | 0          | 0            |               | 1           | 3.1                    | --                     |
| Fire/burn                            | 2             | 0           | 2          | 0            |               | 4           | 12.5                   | --                     |
| Firearms                             | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 0           | 0.0                    | 0.0                    |
| Machinery                            | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | 0.0                    |
| Natural/environmental                | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | 0.0                    |
| Overexertion                         | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | 0.0                    |
| Poisoning                            | 1             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 1           | 3.1                    | --                     |
| Struck by, against                   | 1             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 1           | 3.1                    | --                     |
| Suffocation/hanging                  | 5             | 3           | 0          | 2            |               | 10          | 31.3                   | 0.9                    |
| Transport Injuries:                  | 9             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 9           | 28.1                   | 0.8                    |
| <i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i> | 5             |             |            |              |               | 5           | 15.6                   | 0.5                    |
| <i>Occupant</i>                      | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | --                     |
| <i>Motorcyclist</i>                  | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | --                     |
| <i>Pedal cyclist</i>                 | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | --                     |
| <i>Pedestrian</i>                    | 3             |             |            |              |               | 3           | 9.4                    | --                     |
| <i>Other person</i>                  | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | --                     |
| <i>Unspecified person</i>            | 2             |             |            |              |               | 2           | 6.3                    | --                     |
| <i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>          | 0             |             |            |              |               | 0           | 0.0                    | --                     |
| <i>Pedestrian, other</i>             | 2             |             |            |              |               | 2           | 6.3                    | --                     |
| <i>Other land transport</i>          | 1             |             |            |              |               | 1           | 3.1                    | --                     |
| <i>Other transport</i>               | 1             |             |            |              |               | 1           | 3.1                    | --                     |
| Other specified & classifiable       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 0           | 0.0                    | 0.0                    |
| Other specified, not classifiable    | 1             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 1           | 3.1                    | --                     |
| Unspecified                          | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0            | 0             | 0           | 0.0                    | 0.0                    |
| Adverse Effects                      |               |             |            |              |               | 1           | 3.1                    | --                     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                        | <b>24</b>     | <b>3</b>    | <b>2</b>   | <b>2</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>32</b>   | <b>100.0</b>           | <b>2.9</b>             |
| <i>Injury Death Rate by Intent</i>   | <i>2.2</i>    | <i>0.3</i>  | <i>0.2</i> | <i>0.2</i>   | <i>0.0</i>    | <i>n/a</i>  | <i>n/a</i>             | <i>n/a</i>             |

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

—Rates are per 100,000 residents. Rates provided here are age-specific. Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five, and those based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

—Categories and groupings are based on a modified version of the CDC's "Recommended framework of E-code groupings for presenting injury mortality and morbidity data." This framework does not provide for intentionality for certain cause categories as indicated by gray shading. Injury subcategories are italicized.

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