



Number of Opioid¹-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intentions by City/Town, MA Residents January 2012- December 2016²

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Note To Readers: This is the first quarterly report for 2017. Please note that throughout all sections of this report there has been a change in the category of deaths that are included. Death data that were previously reported as “Unintentional/Undetermined” has been updated to include deaths of “**All Intentions**”, which means that opioid-related deaths that have been determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as the result of suicide will now be included in the totals. This will not add significantly to the death totals, however it will allow for consistency in interpretation in the data that are presented.

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City/Town	Year of Death				
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²
Abington	1	2	2	7	1
Acton	3	0	3	4	5
Acushnet	2	0	0	4	2
Adams	1	1	2	3	1
Agawam	2	3	3	5	4
Alford	0	0	0	0	0
Amesbury	1	2	1	6	7
Amherst	0	2	2	1	2
Andover	1	4	6	5	3
Aquinnah	0	0	1	1	0
Arlington	4	3	5	7	5
Ashburnham	0	0	1	1	2
Ashby	0	0	0	0	0
Ashfield	0	0	0	1	0
Ashland	1	0	1	5	4
Athol	2	2	2	2	3
Attleboro	4	13	10	10	15
Auburn	0	2	1	2	1
Avon	2	1	2	3	3
Ayer	0	1	1	1	6
Barnstable	6	8	12	13	22
Barre	1	0	0	3	0
Becket	1	0	0	0	0
Bedford	2	0	3	1	6

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Belchertown	1	3	2	2	2
Bellingham	3	1	2	3	3
Belmont	0	0	4	4	3
Berkley	2	1	2	0	5
Berlin	0	0	0	1	0
Bernardston	2	0	0	0	1
Beverly	7	5	8	12	17
Billerica	1	4	12	12	11
Blackstone	0	0	2	3	5
Blandford	0	0	0	0	0
Bolton	0	0	0	2	1
Boston	70	87	108	150	196
Bourne	5	2	5	8	8
Boxborough	0	0	0	0	1
Boxford	0	0	0	2	1
Boylston	0	0	0	2	0
Braintree	3	4	8	9	8
Brewster	1	1	1	0	3
Bridgewater	2	5	4	11	10
Brimfield	0	0	0	0	0
Brockton	9	27	26	47	42
Brookfield	0	1	2	0	1
Brookline	0	1	1	3	2
Buckland	0	1	0	1	0
Burlington	3	3	3	3	8
Cambridge	6	6	8	13	26
Canton	1	4	4	6	6
Carlisle	0	0	0	0	0
Carver	4	2	5	6	5
Charlemont	0	0	0	0	0
Charlton	1	1	1	0	3
Chatham	0	0	1	2	1
Chelmsford	1	3	3	5	5
Chelsea	2	7	7	18	13
Cheshire	0	0	0	0	1
Chester	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0
Chicopee	9	9	7	19	26
Chilmark	0	0	1	0	0
Clarksburg	1	1	0	0	0

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Clinton	4	2	4	6	5
Cohasset	0	0	3	0	2
Colrain	0	0	0	0	0
Concord	0	0	0	0	1
Conway	0	0	0	0	0
Cummington	0	0	0	0	0
Dalton	1	0	0	0	1
Danvers	5	6	4	6	4
Dartmouth	2	2	7	2	9
Dedham	2	3	4	4	10
Deerfield	0	0	0	1	0
Dennis	2	4	8	2	4
Dighton	0	1	0	0	3
Douglas	2	0	0	2	1
Dover	0	0	0	0	0
Dracut	3	6	7	8	6
Dudley	1	3	2	0	0
Dunstable	1	1	0	0	0
Duxbury	2	0	2	1	2
East Bridgewater	0	4	2	1	1
East Brookfield	0	0	0	0	0
East Longmeadow	3	5	1	3	2
Eastham	0	2	5	2	0
Easthampton	3	6	2	1	5
Easton	1	2	7	6	8
Edgartown	0	0	0	0	0
Egremont	0	0	0	0	0
Erving	0	1	0	0	0
Essex	1	0	0	1	0
Everett	10	5	29	17	22
Fairhaven	1	4	2	7	3
Fall River	23	29	37	41	62
Falmouth	4	7	8	16	15
Fitchburg	5	6	14	19	14
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Foxborough	0	1	3	0	5
Framingham	6	4	11	12	16
Franklin	2	2	4	7	5
Freetown	2	0	2	3	3
Gardner	1	4	5	6	6

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Georgetown	0	1	2	2	1
Gill	0	0	2	0	0
Gloucester	2	6	6	10	9
Goshen	0	0	1	0	0
Gosnold	0	0	0	0	0
Grafton	0	3	2	2	1
Granby	0	2	2	2	1
Granville	0	0	0	0	0
Great Barrington	1	0	1	0	1
Greenfield	4	5	3	8	6
Groton	0	1	0	1	0
Groveland	0	1	1	0	1
Hadley	0	0	1	0	1
Halifax	1	5	0	1	2
Hamilton	0	1	1	0	3
Hampden	0	0	2	0	1
Hancock	0	0	0	0	1
Hanover	1	1	1	1	5
Hanson	1	1	0	8	2
Hardwick	0	0	0	2	1
Harvard	0	1	0	0	0
Harwich	2	2	1	4	3
Hatfield	0	3	1	1	1
Haverhill	13	8	35	30	36
Hawley	0	0	0	0	0
Heath	0	0	0	0	0
Hingham	2	1	0	0	1
Hinsdale	0	0	2	1	2
Holbrook	1	4	4	4	7
Holden	1	0	5	4	4
Holland	0	0	0	1	0
Holliston	0	1	0	3	1
Holyoke	5	8	10	6	8
Hopedale	0	0	4	0	1
Hopkinton	1	0	3	3	0
Hubbardston	0	0	2	2	1
Hudson	2	1	1	6	2
Hull	2	0	3	3	5
Huntington	0	0	0	0	0
Ipswich	3	1	4	3	3

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Kingston	0	0	2	1	1
Lakeville	0	1	1	0	1
Lancaster	2	0	1	2	0
Lanesborough	0	0	0	1	1
Lawrence	6	10	25	25	46
Lee	0	0	2	2	1
Leicester	0	2	1	2	2
Lenox	0	1	0	0	0
Leominster	4	6	10	7	9
Leverett	0	0	0	0	0
Lexington	1	1	2	3	2
Leyden	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton	0	0	0	0	2
Longmeadow	2	3	0	0	3
Lowell	9	25	39	59	63
Ludlow	1	2	2	4	6
Lunenburg	1	3	2	2	1
Lynn	23	25	42	45	47
Lynnfield	0	0	2	2	2
Malden	9	12	18	21	12
Manchester	0	0	0	0	2
Mansfield	0	4	2	3	5
Marblehead	3	2	0	1	4
Marion	0	0	0	1	1
Marlborough	3	3	9	8	4
Marshfield	5	4	6	3	10
Mashpee	0	5	3	10	7
Mattapoisett	0	0	0	2	2
Maynard	2	0	2	3	0
Medfield	0	0	0	0	1
Medford	12	9	14	20	16
Medway	0	1	0	1	3
Melrose	1	5	4	2	8
Mendon	0	2	0	1	0
Merrimac	0	1	0	2	1
Methuen	1	6	13	6	13
Middleborough	4	6	5	12	11
Middlefield	1	0	0	0	0
Middleton	0	0	2	4	2

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Milford	5	2	4	3	9
Millbury	1	2	4	3	4
Millis	0	1	1	1	3
Millville	0	0	0	1	0
Milton	1	0	4	1	5
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0
Monson	1	2	0	0	1
Montague	0	0	1	1	3
Monterey	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	0	0	0	0	1
Mount Washington	0	0	0	0	0
Nahant	0	0	0	1	2
Nantucket	0	1	1	1	2
Natick	1	3	7	4	3
Needham	0	0	0	1	1
New Ashford	0	0	0	1	0
New Bedford	26	29	28	49	55
New Braintree	0	0	0	0	0
New Marlborough	0	0	1	0	0
New Salem	0	0	0	1	0
Newbury	0	1	1	2	1
Newburyport	2	2	5	3	3
Newton	5	2	6	7	17
Norfolk	1	0	1	1	4
North Adams	4	1	5	5	6
North Andover	2	1	3	3	3
North Attleboro	5	5	6	8	5
North Brookfield	2	0	1	0	2
North Reading	0	1	2	1	2
Northampton	2	4	11	4	8
Northborough	1	0	0	0	1
Northbridge	2	1	1	4	1
Northfield	0	0	0	1	0
Norton	4	4	5	1	6
Norwell	1	1	3	3	1
Norwood	2	2	5	6	6
Oak Bluffs	0	1	1	3	1
Oakham	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	2	2	2	3	1
Orleans	0	1	0	0	2

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Otis	0	0	0	0	1
Oxford	3	1	5	3	4
Palmer	2	1	1	2	4
Paxton	2	1	1	1	0
Peabody	3	12	14	11	9
Pelham	0	0	0	0	0
Pembroke	4	1	5	4	8
Pepperell	3	1	3	3	1
Peru	0	0	0	0	0
Petersham	0	1	0	0	0
Phillipston	1	0	0	0	0
Pittsfield	9	15	14	18	17
Plainfield	0	0	0	0	0
Plainville	2	1	4	0	2
Plymouth	6	6	17	21	22
Plympton	0	0	0	1	1
Princeton	1	1	1	1	1
Provincetown	0	0	1	0	0
Quincy	25	26	38	44	42
Randolph	4	5	7	12	11
Raynham	1	2	5	4	1
Reading	1	1	4	4	4
Rehoboth	0	0	0	2	0
Revere	12	15	27	16	26
Richmond	0	1	0	0	0
Rochester	0	0	1	0	0
Rockland	2	3	6	10	18
Rockport	2	1	2	3	1
Rowe	0	0	0	0	0
Rowley	1	2	0	0	0
Royalston	0	2	0	0	1
Russell	0	0	0	0	0
Rutland	1	0	2	0	2
Salem	5	7	13	13	19
Salisbury	3	1	4	5	11
Sandisfield	0	0	0	0	0
Sandwich	1	2	3	2	4
Saugus	9	7	9	6	13
Savoy	0	0	0	0	0
Scituate	1	2	5	4	3

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Seekonk	0	0	1	2	1
Sharon	2	3	3	1	1
Sheffield	0	0	1	0	0
Shelburne	0	0	2	1	1
Sherborn	0	0	1	1	1
Shirley	1	0	3	1	0
Shrewsbury	0	6	1	2	6
Shutesbury	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset	2	1	2	4	5
Somerville	5	11	15	20	21
South Hadley	1	4	0	2	3
Southampton	0	1	0	1	2
Southborough	0	0	0	0	1
Southbridge	2	2	3	6	7
Southwick	1	0	2	1	2
Spencer	0	1	3	8	3
Springfield	26	22	21	41	41
Sterling	1	1	0	0	1
Stockbridge	0	1	0	0	0
Stoneham	2	2	5	6	8
Stoughton	5	7	10	10	11
Stow	0	0	0	1	1
Sturbridge	0	1	1	1	1
Sudbury	1	0	0	0	0
Sunderland	0	1	0	0	1
Sutton	0	0	0	1	0
Swampscott	0	4	3	2	4
Swansea	4	4	5	0	1
Taunton	14	13	19	16	30
Templeton	1	1	2	2	4
Tewksbury	2	1	7	8	10
Tisbury	0	0	1	3	1
Tolland	0	0	0	0	0
Topsfield	1	1	1	0	1
Townsend	1	4	2	1	2
Truro	0	0	0	0	1
Tyngsborough	2	1	1	5	1
Tyringham	0	0	0	1	0
Upton	1	1	0	0	2
Uxbridge	3	3	1	4	0

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	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²
Wakefield	1	8	5	6	9
Wales	0	0	0	0	0
Walpole	1	3	1	4	6
Waltham	4	9	10	10	15
Ware	3	4	4	2	9
Wareham	2	9	10	9	15
Warren	1	1	2	2	0
Warwick	0	0	0	1	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0
Watertown	1	7	3	9	10
Wayland	1	0	1	1	2
Webster	5	3	4	6	5
Wellesley	0	0	0	2	1
Wellfleet	0	1	1	0	0
Wendell	0	0	0	0	0
Wenham	0	1	1	1	0
West Boylston	1	1	3	0	1
West Bridgewater	3	2	4	0	2
West Brookfield	0	1	2	0	1
West Newbury	0	0	0	0	0
West Springfield	1	7	6	6	9
West Stockbridge	0	0	0	1	0
West Tisbury	0	0	1	0	1
Westborough	0	0	1	3	3
Westfield	5	7	8	8	16
Westford	0	0	2	0	3
Westhampton	0	0	0	0	0
Westminster	0	0	1	0	0
Weston	1	1	1	0	0
Westport	2	2	4	2	4
Westwood	0	0	2	2	5
Weymouth	13	13	14	25	38
Whately	0	0	0	0	0
Whitman	4	3	2	6	1
Wilbraham	1	0	1	2	1
Williamsburg	0	1	0	0	0
Williamstown	0	1	1	0	1
Wilmington	2	3	4	8	4
Winchendon	3	1	2	2	1
Winchester	0	0	4	1	2

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Windsor	0	0	0	0	0
Winthrop	7	2	3	7	5
Woburn	7	6	5	6	15
Worcester	29	43	56	77	56
Worthington	0	0	0	0	0
Wrentham	1	0	1	2	4
Yarmouth	3	8	6	9	7
Unknown	1	0	1	0	0
Total	742	961	1361	1651	1933

¹Opioids include heroin, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.

²Please note that 2015-2016 death data are preliminary and subject to updates. Case reviews of deaths are evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis. A large number of death certificates have yet to be assigned final cause-of-death codes. The information presented in this report only includes confirmed cases. Data updated on 04/06/2017.

Technical Notes

1. Cases were defined using the International Classification of Disease (ICD-10) codes for mortality. The following codes were selected from the underlying cause of death field to identify poisonings/overdoses: X40-X49, X60-X69, X85-X90, Y10-Y19, and Y35.2. All multiple cause of death fields were then used to identify an opioid-related death: T40.0, T40.1, T40.2, T40.3, T40.4, and T40.6.
2. This report tracks all opioid-related overdoses due to difficulties in reporting heroin-associated overdoses separately. Many deaths related to heroin are not specifically coded as such due to the fast metabolism of heroin into morphine.
3. To maintain consistency with NCHS reporting, we do not include the ICD-10 code F11.1, which may include opioid-related overdose deaths.

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH