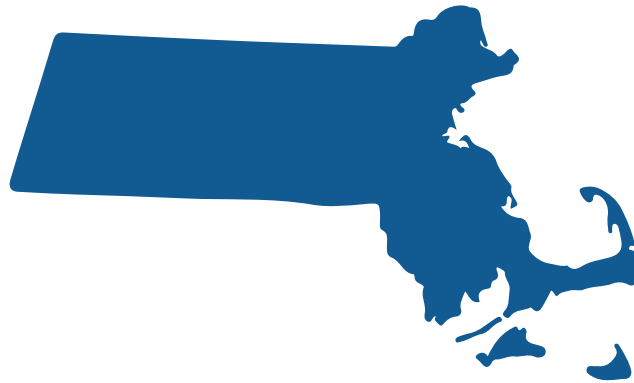


# Massachusetts Fires in 2015

## 31,302 Fires - Up 7% From 2014

62 Civilian Deaths  
 293 Civilian Injuries  
 465 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$258 Million in Property Damage  
 783 Reported Arsons



### Structure Fires

16,993 Fires - Down 3%  
 51 Civilian Deaths  
 241 Civilian Injuries  
 380 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$226 Million in Property Damage  
 200 Arsons Reported



### Motor Vehicle Fires

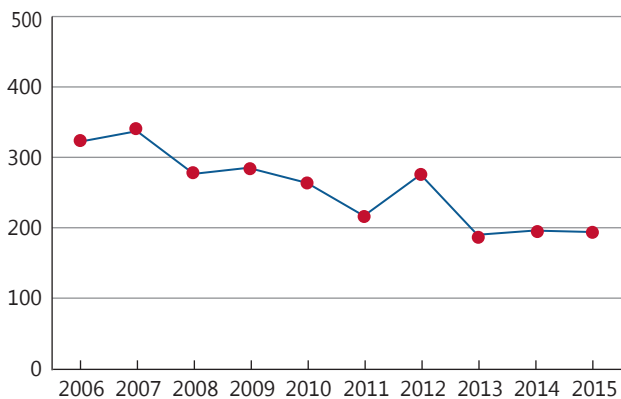
2,591 Fires - Up 3%  
 7 Civilian Deaths  
 11 Civilian Injuries  
 41 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$23 Million in Property Damage  
 95 Arsons Reported



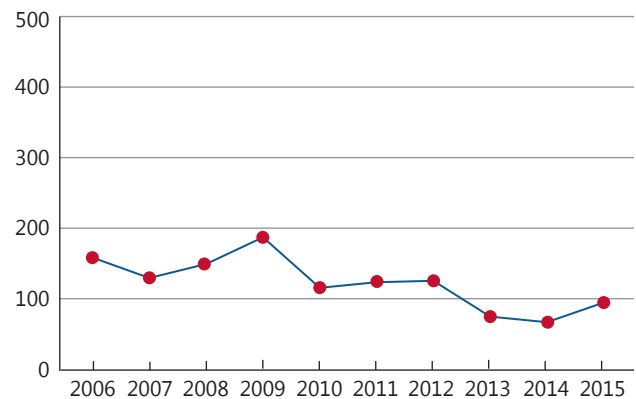
### Other Fires

11,728 Fires - Up 28%  
 4 Civilian Deaths  
 41 Civilian Injuries  
 44 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$7 Million in Property Damage  
 489 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



Structure arson remained the same and motor vehicle arson increased 42% from 2014 to 2015. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 98.5%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional & age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes many "suspicious" and juvenile-set fires.

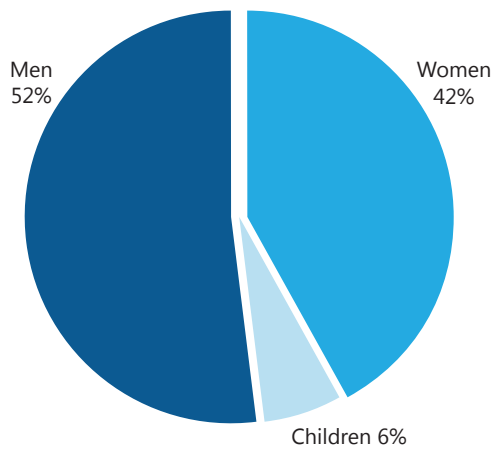


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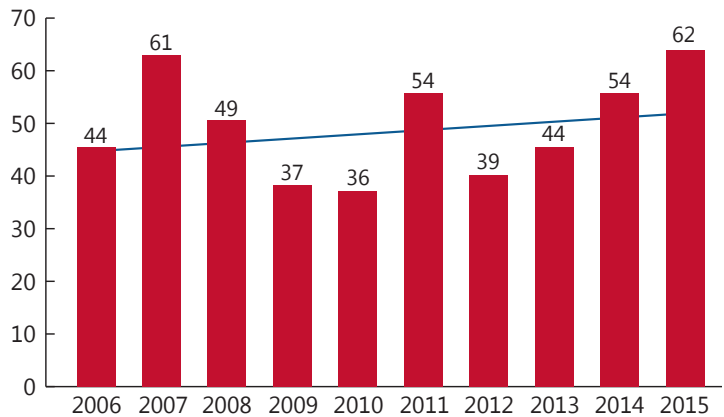
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# Massachusetts Fire Deaths in 2015

Civilian Fire Deaths

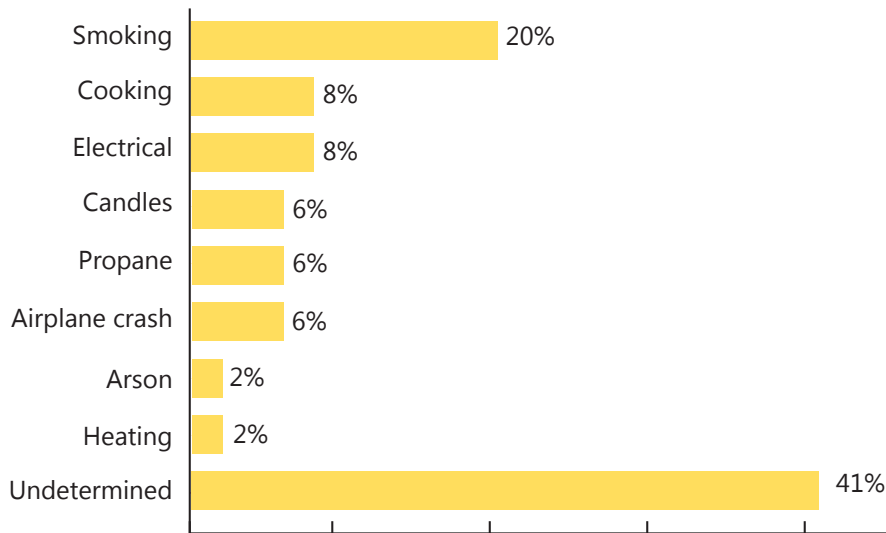


Fire Deaths by Year



- 50 fatal fires killed 62 civilians - 32 men, 26 women and four people under age 18.
- No firefighters died in fire-related incidents.
- Thirty-four percent (34%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths increased by 15% from the 54 deaths reported in 2014.
- Over three-quarters (79%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- In 2015, smoking fires were the leading cause of residential fire deaths; smoking fires caused ten, or 20% of home fire deaths.

## Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



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