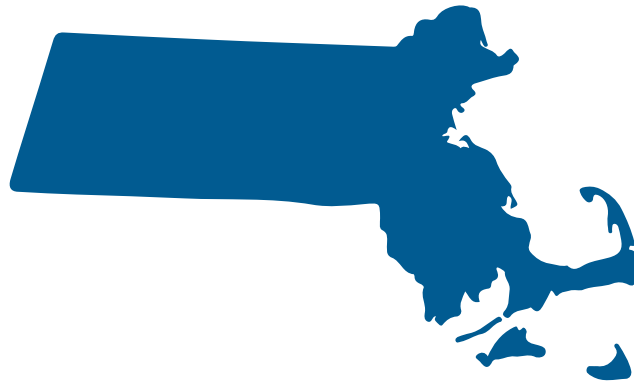


# Massachusetts Fires in 2016

## 31,889 Fires - Up 1% From 2015

56 Civilian Deaths  
 295 Civilian Injuries  
 483 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$258.6 Million in Property Damage  
 742 Reported Arsons



### Structure Fires

16,955 Fires - Down 1%  
 47 Civilian Deaths  
 258 Civilian Injuries  
 417 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$234.6 Million in Property Damage  
 151 Arsons Reported



### Motor Vehicle Fires

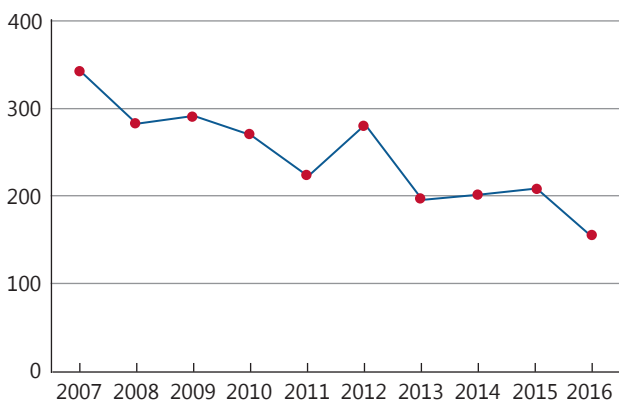
2,357 Fires - Down 11%  
 9 Civilian Deaths  
 13 Civilian Injuries  
 16 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$18.2 Million in Property Damage  
 88 Arsons Reported



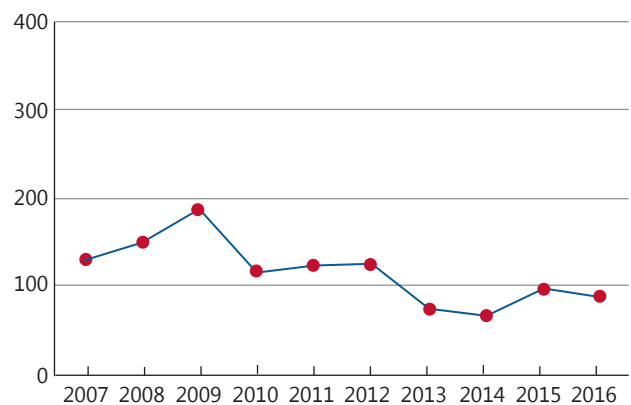
### Other Fires

12,577 Fires - Up 6%  
 0 Civilian Deaths  
 24 Civilian Injuries  
 50 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$5.8 Million in Property Damage  
 503 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



Structure arson decreased by 27% and motor vehicle arson decreased 10% from 2015 to 2016. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 98.3%. 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.

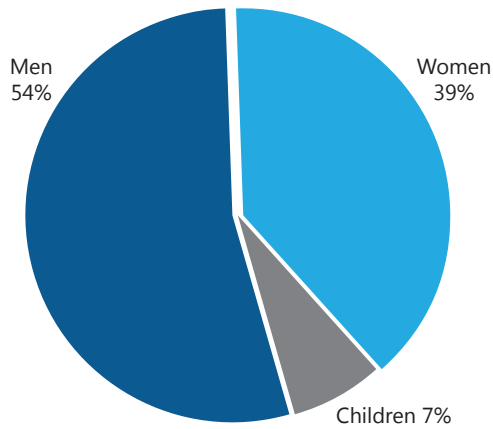


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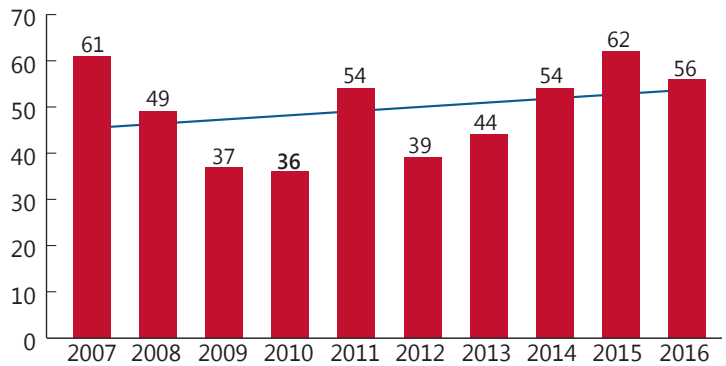
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# Massachusetts Fire Deaths in 2016

Civilian Fire Deaths

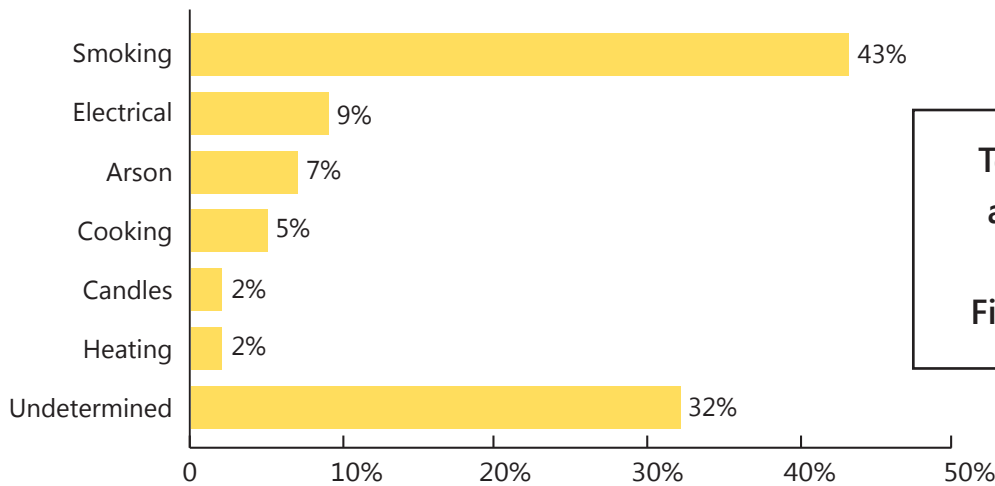


Fire Deaths by Year



- 45 fatal fires killed 56 civilians - 30 men, 22 women and four people under age 18.
- No firefighters died in fire-related incidents.
- Twenty-nine percent (29%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths decreased by 10% from the 62 deaths reported in 2015.
- Over three-quarters (79%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- In 2016, smoking fires were the leading cause of residential fire deaths; smoking fires caused 19, or 43% of home fire deaths.

Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



**Test your smoke alarm and plan your escape! Fire doesn't wait!**



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