

Massachusetts Fires in 2017

27,895 Fires - Down 13% From 2016

56 Civilian Deaths
 2 Fire Service Deaths
 269 Civilian Injuries
 434 Fire Service Injuries
 \$390.4 Million in Property Damage
 671 Reported Arsons



Structure Fires

17,098 Fires - Down less than 1%
 49 Civilian Deaths
 2 Fire Service Deaths
 210 Civilian Injuries
 382 Fire Service Injuries
 \$364.7 Million in Property Damage
 187 Arsons Reported



Motor Vehicle Fires

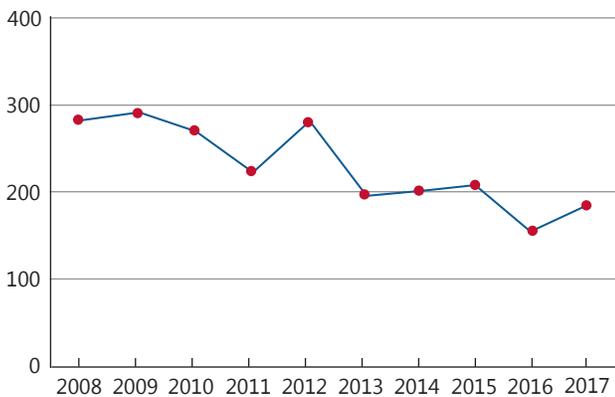
2,367 Fires - Down 1%
 7 Civilian Deaths
 19 Civilian Injuries
 19 Fire Service Injuries
 \$21.2 Million in Property Damage
 68 Arsons Reported



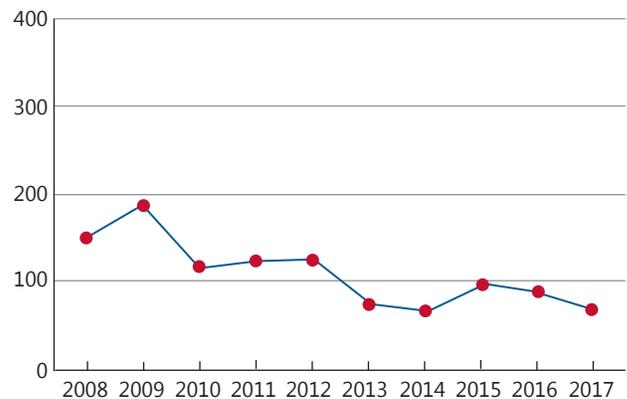
Other Fires

8,430 Fires - Down 34%
 0 Civilian Deaths
 40 Civilian Injuries
 33 Fire Service Injuries
 \$4.6 Million in Property Damage
 416 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



Structure arson increased by 19% and motor vehicle arson decreased 25% from 2016 to 2017. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 98.7%. 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 undetermined and juvenile-set fires.

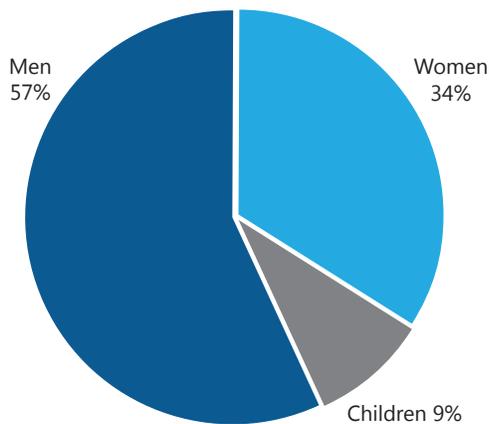


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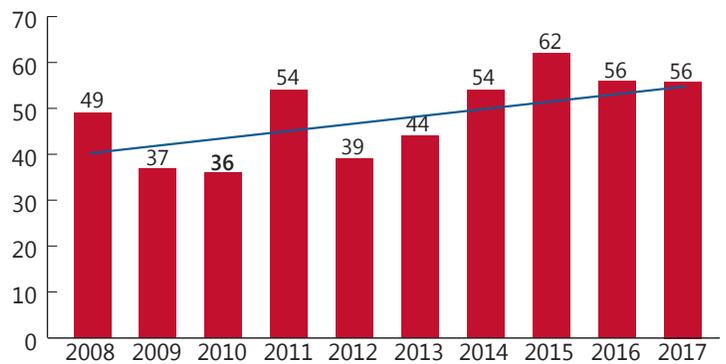
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Massachusetts Fire Deaths in 2017

Civilian Fire Deaths

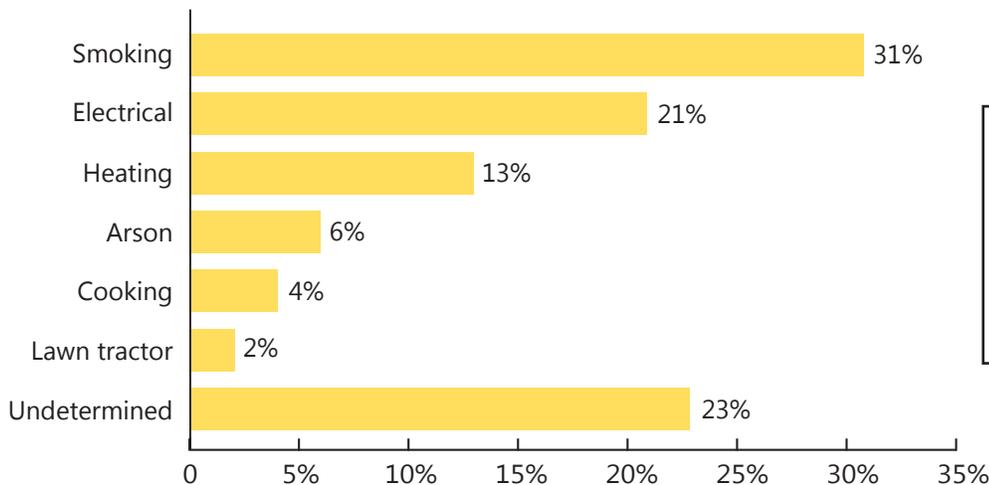


Fire Deaths by Year



- 43 fatal fires killed 56 civilians - 32 men, 19 women and five people under age 18.
- 2 firefighters died in fire-related incidents.
- Forty-one percent (41%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths remained the same with 56 deaths reported in both 2016 and 2017.
- Eighty-six percent (86%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- In 2017, smoking fires were the leading cause of residential fire deaths; smoking fires caused 15, or 31% 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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