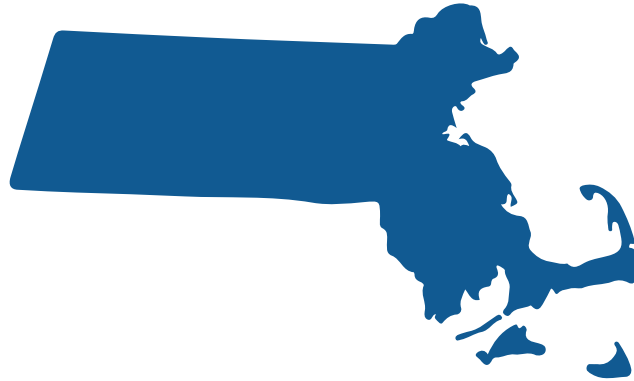


# Massachusetts Fires in 2018

## 25,504 Fires - Down 9% From 2017

45 Civilian Deaths  
 1 Fire Service Death  
 289 Civilian Injuries  
 425 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$228.9 Million in Property Damage  
 551 Reported Arsons



### Structure Fires

16,169 Fires - Down 6%  
 40 Civilian Deaths  
 1 Fire Service Death  
 236 Civilian Injuries  
 401 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$202 Million in Property Damage  
 134 Arsons Reported



### Motor Vehicle Fires

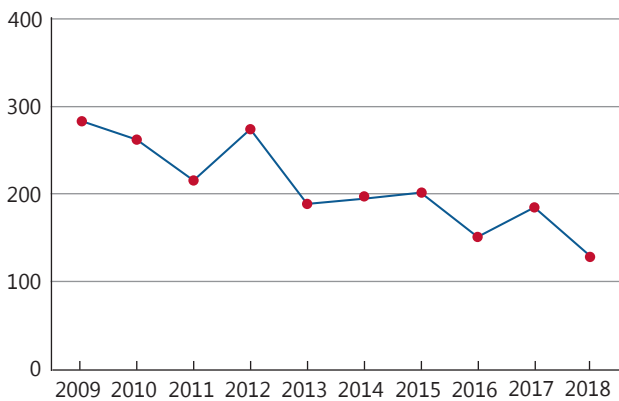
2,465 Fires - Up 3%  
 2 Civilian Deaths  
 14 Civilian Injuries  
 11 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$22.9 Million in Property Damage  
 78 Arsons Reported



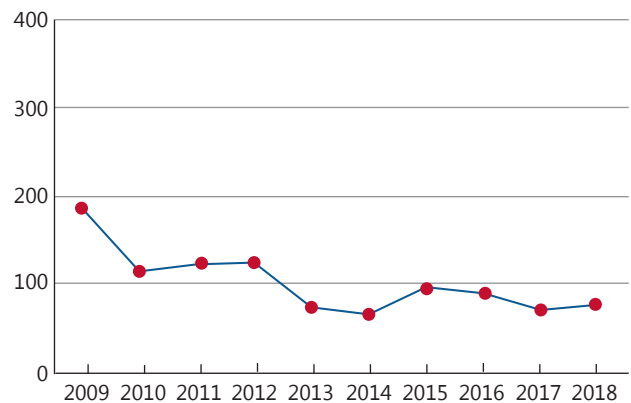
### Other Fires

6,870 Fires - Down 19%  
 3 Civilian Deaths  
 39 Civilian Injuries  
 13 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$4 Million in Property Damage  
 339 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



Structure arson decreased by 30% and motor vehicle arson increased 8% from 2017 to 2018. 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 undetermined and juvenile-set fires.

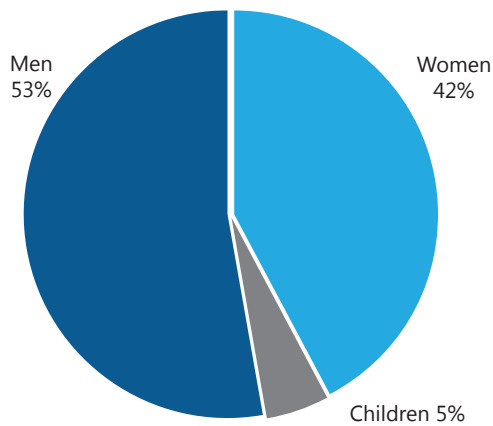


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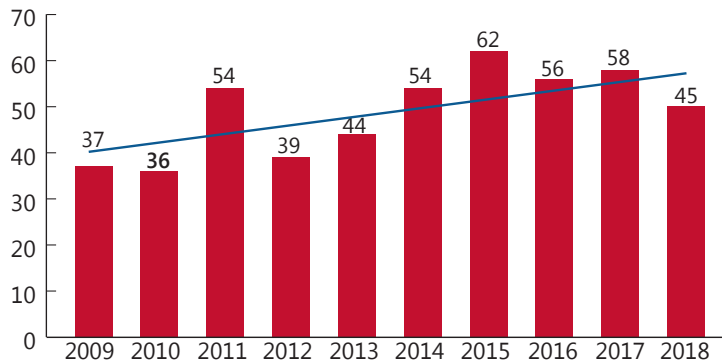
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# Massachusetts Fire Deaths in 2018

Civilian Fire Deaths

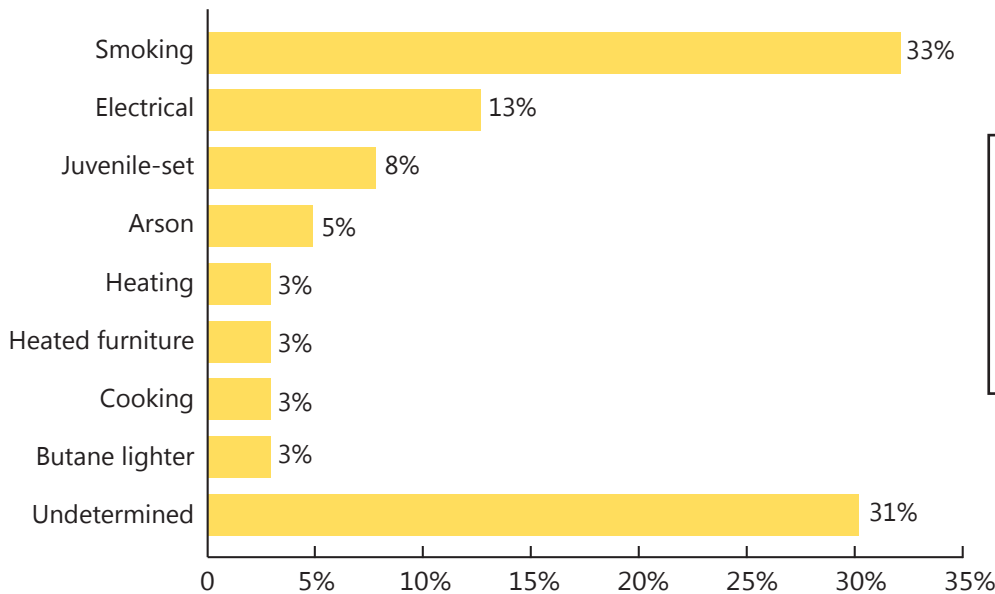


Fire Deaths by Year



- 40 fatal fires killed 45 civilians - 24 men, 19 women and 2 people under age 18.
- 1 firefighter died in a fire-related incident.
- Forty-four percent (44%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths decreased by 22% from the 58 in 2017.
- Eighty-seven percent (87%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- In 2018, smoking fires were the leading cause of residential fire deaths; smoking fires caused 13, or 33% of home fire deaths.

Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



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