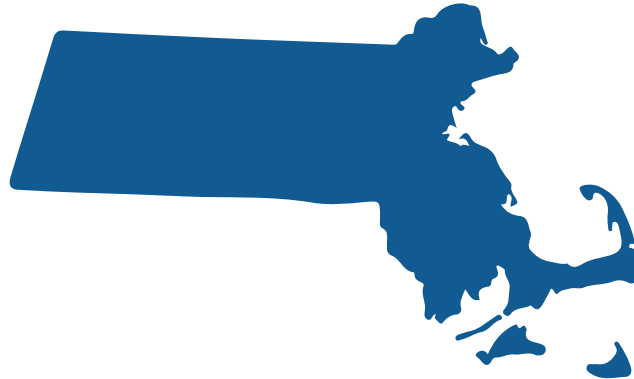


# Massachusetts Fires in 2020

## 29,461 Fires - Up 16% From 2019

44 Civilian Deaths  
 0 Fire Service Deaths  
 245 Civilian Injuries  
 594 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$266 Million in Property Damage  
 854 Reported Arsons



### Structure Fires

15,873 Fires - Down 2%  
 37 Civilian Deaths  
 0 Fire Service Deaths  
 219 Civilian Injuries  
 528 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$240.6 Million in Property Damage  
 181 Arsons Reported



### Motor Vehicle Fires

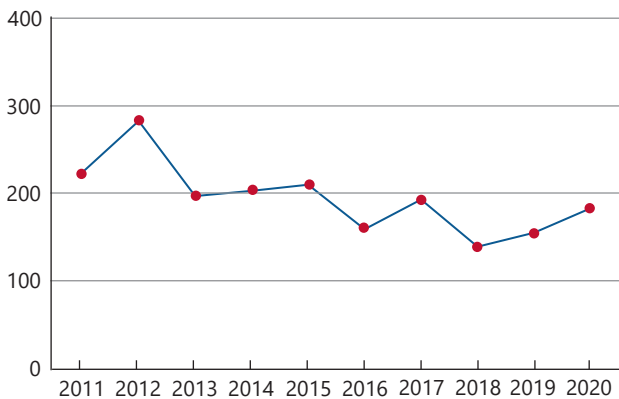
2,208 Fires - Down 7%  
 4 Civilian Deaths  
 8 Civilian Injuries  
 22 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$20.6 Million in Property Damage  
 64 Arsons Reported



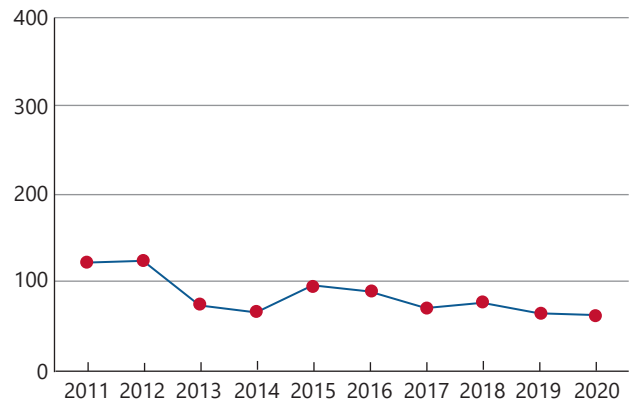
### Other Fires

11,380 Fires - Up 69%  
 3 Civilian Deaths  
 18 Civilian Injuries  
 44 Fire Service Injuries  
 \$4.7 Million in Property Damage  
 609 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



Structure arson increased by 18% and motor vehicle arson decreased 3% from 2019 to 2020. Since 1986, motor vehicle arson has fallen 98.7%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional and age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes undetermined and youth-set fires.



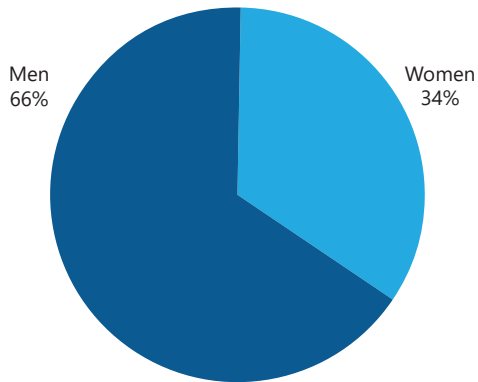
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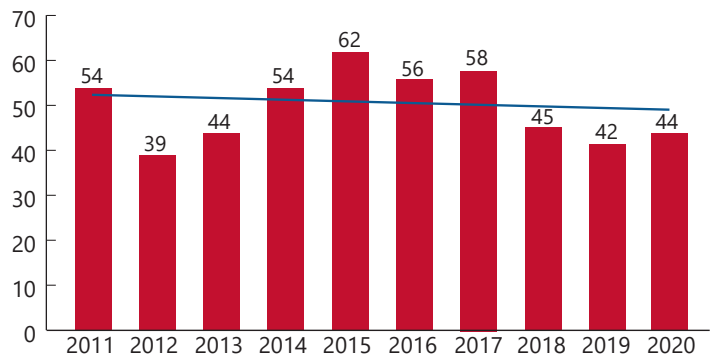
# Massachusetts Fire Deaths in 2020

## Civilian Fire Deaths

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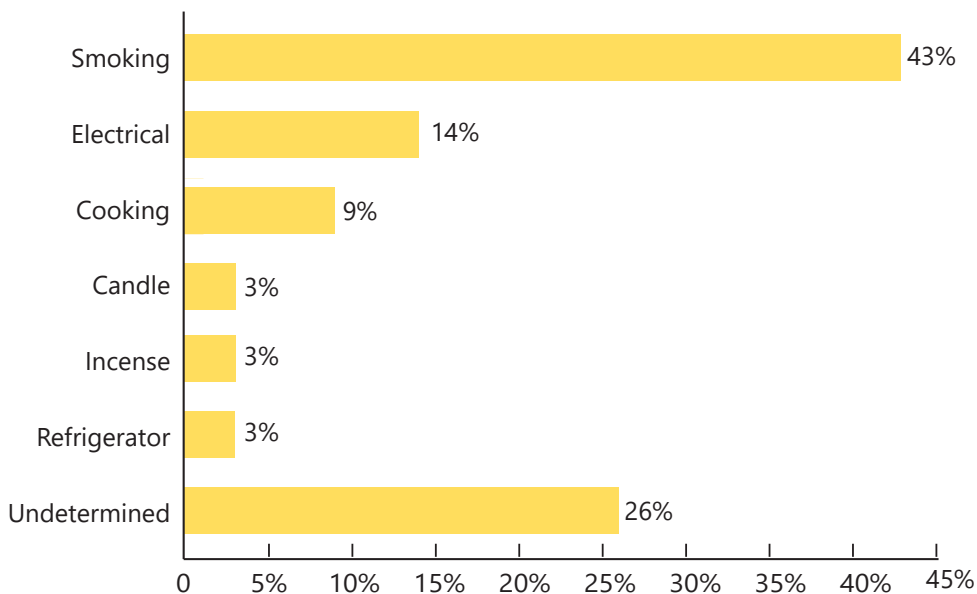


## Fire Deaths by Year



- 42 fatal fires killed 44 civilians - 29 men and 15 women.
- **There were no child fire deaths in 2020.**
- No firefighters died in fire-related incidents.
- Forty-one percent (41%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths increased by 5% from the 42 in 2019.
- Eighty percent (80%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- In 2020, smoking fires were the leading cause of residential fire deaths; smoking fires caused 15, or 43% of home fire deaths.
- One civilian died in an explosion.

## Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



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



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