



Data Brief: Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related² Overdose Deaths Among Massachusetts Residents – Demographic Data Highlights

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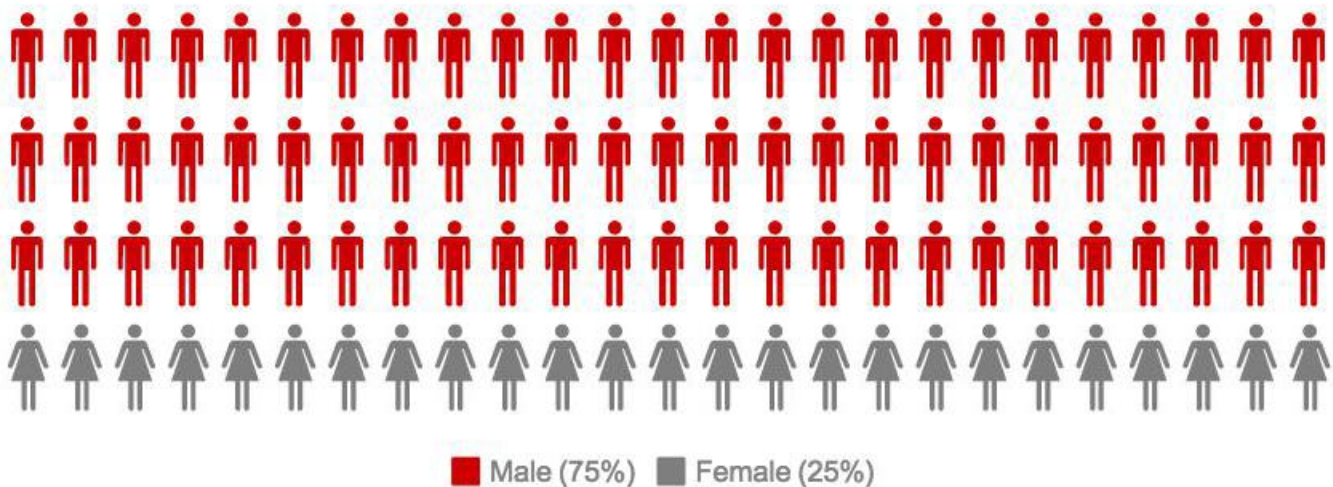
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This data brief highlights demographic data from confirmed overdose deaths from January 2016 to September 2016.

Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related Deaths by Gender: January 2016-September 2016

Unintentional/Undetermined Opioid Deaths by Gender: January 2016-September 2016	
Male	751
Female	254
Total	1,005

Unintentional Opioids Deaths by Gender



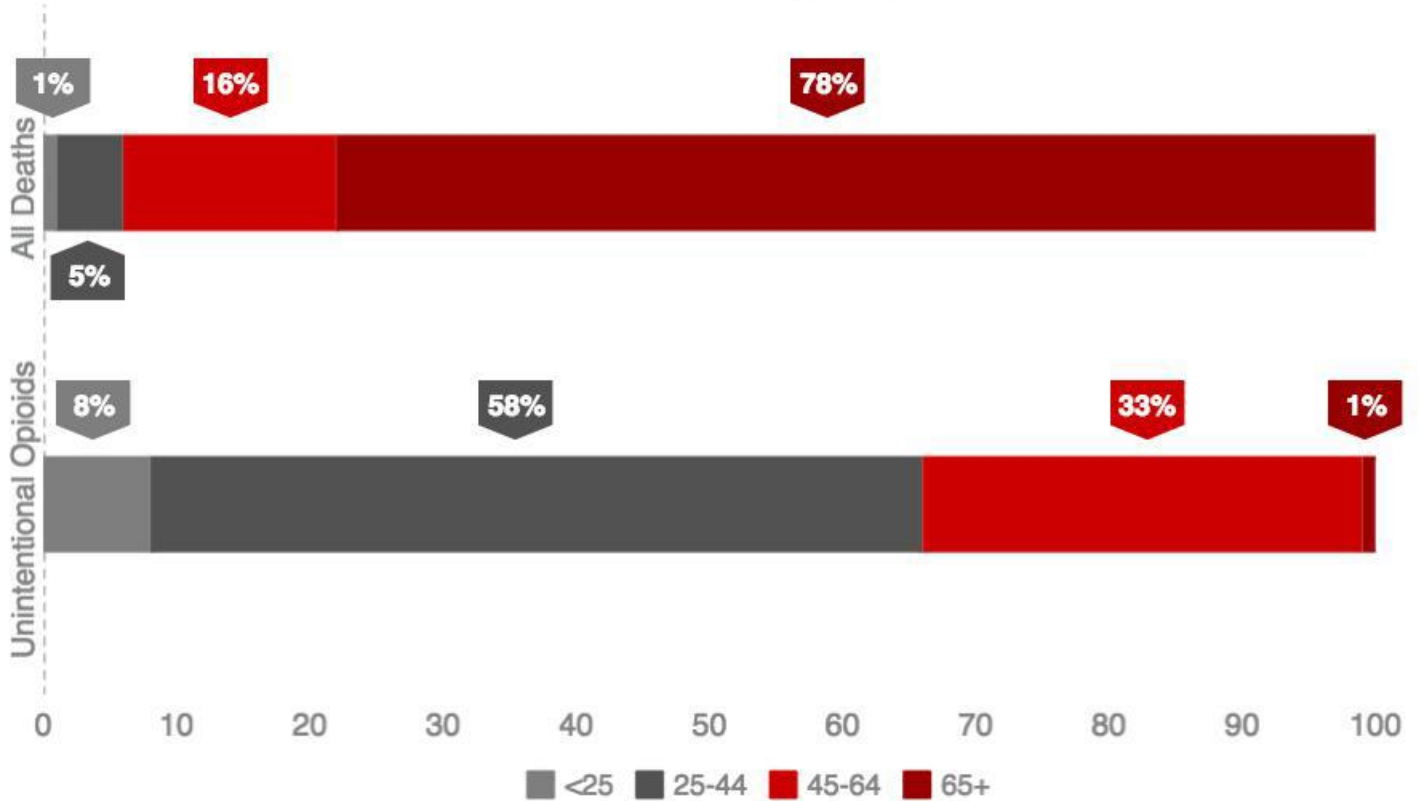
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² Opioids include heroin, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.

Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related Deaths Compared to All Deaths by Age: January 2016-September 2016

	Deaths by Age: January 2016-September 2016								
	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Unknown	Total
All Deaths	269	335	874	1,036	2,279	4,431	31,855	9	41,088
Confirmed Unintentional / Undetermined ¹ Opioid Deaths	0	81	333	246	221	116	7	1	1,005

Deaths by Age

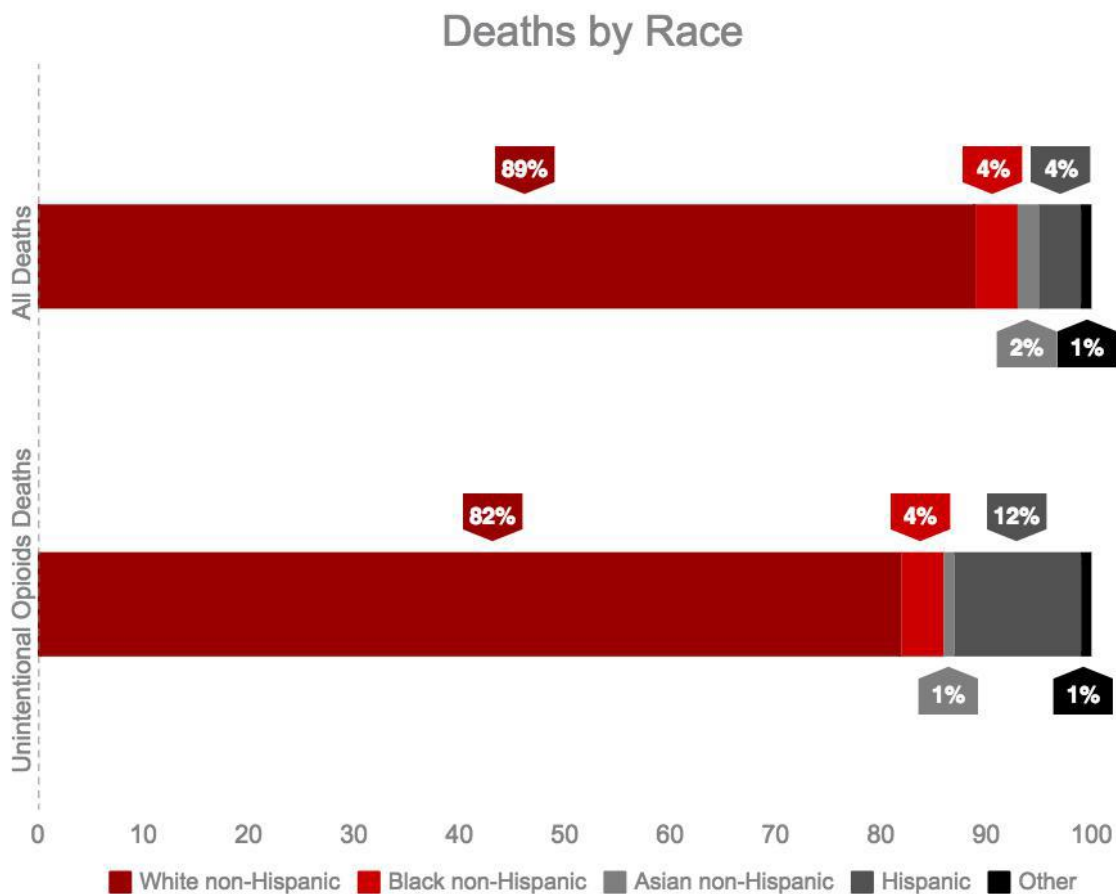


Note: Due to rounding, percentages under "All Deaths" do not add up to 100%.

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Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined¹ Opioid-related Deaths Compared to All Deaths by Race: January 2016-September 2016

	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Asian non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Other/Unknown	Total
All Deaths	36,634	1,785	719	1,511	439	41,088
Unintentional/Undetermined ¹ Opioid Deaths	826	39	8	119	13	1,005



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Technical Notes

2016 death data are preliminary and subject to updates. Case reviews of deaths are evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis. A large number of deaths have yet to be assigned final cause-of-death codes. The information presented in this report only includes confirmed cases. Data updated on 09/30/2016.

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH