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**Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents, MA Residents – Demographic Data Highlights**

This data brief highlights demographic data from confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths for all intents, from January 2018 through December 2018.

**Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents, by Gender: January 2018-December 2018**

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| Male | 1,181 |
| Female | 436 |
| **Total** | **1,617** |



**Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents Compared to All Deaths by Age: January 2018-December 2018**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **<15** | **15-24** | **25-34** | **35-44** | **45-54** | **55-64** | **65+** | **Unknown** | **Total** |
| All Deaths | 388 | 407 | 1,285 | 1,438 | 2,840 | 6,437 | 46,109 | 4 | **58,908** |
| Confirmed Opioid-RelatedOverdose Deaths, All Intents | 0 | 85 | 513 | 427 | 343 | 204 | 45 | 0 | **1,617** |



**Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents**

**Compared to All Deaths by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity: January 2018-December 2018**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **White****non-****Hispanic** | **Black****non-****Hispanic** | **Asian****non-****Hispanic** | **Hispanic** | **Other/ Unknown** | **Total** |
| All Deaths | 52,009 | 2,685 | 1,216 | 2,347 | 651 | **58,908** |
| Confirmed Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents | 1,304 | 70 | 19 | 194 | 30 | **1,617** |







# Technical Notes

* Opioids include heroin, illicitly manufactured fentanyl, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.
* 2017-2018 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 1/15/2019.
* Beginning with the May 2017 report, DPH started reporting opioid-related deaths for all intents, which includes unintentional/undetermined and suicide.

# Sources

* Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH
* Population Estimates: Small Area Population Estimates 2011-2020, version 2017, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health. Population estimates used for years following the decennial census were developed by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute (UMDI) in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health.