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Massachusetts Department of Public Health

**Number of Confirmed Unintentional/Undetermined1 Opioid-related2 Overdose Deaths by City/Town, MA Residents January 20123- December 20154**

The table below lists the confirmed unintentional opioid overdose deaths that occurred to residents from each community in Massachusetts between 2012 and 2015. For 2014 and 2015, additional cases are still being confirmed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This report will be updated quarterly and all new confirmed cases will be included in the town by town listing below with newly confirmed cases.

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| **City/Town** | **Year of Death** | | | |
| **2012** | **2013** | **20143** | **20153** |
| Abington | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Acton | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Acushnet | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Adams | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Agawam | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Alford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amesbury | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Amherst | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Andover | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Aquinnah | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Arlington | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| Ashburnham | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ashby | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ashfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ashland | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Athol | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Attleboro | 4 | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| Auburn | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Avon | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Ayer | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Barnstable | 6 | 8 | 12 | 12 |
| Barre | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Becket | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bedford | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Belchertown | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Bellingham | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Belmont | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Berkley | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Berlin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bernardston | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Beverly | 7 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| Billerica | 1 | 4 | 12 | 12 |
| Blackstone | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Blandford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bolton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Boston | 64 | 82 | 106 | 141 |
| Bourne | 4 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Boxborough | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boxford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Boylston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Braintree | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| Brewster | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bridgewater | 2 | 5 | 4 | 11 |
| Brimfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brockton | 9 | 27 | 24 | 47 |
| Brookfield | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Brookline | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Buckland | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Burlington | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Cambridge | 5 | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Canton | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Carlisle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carver | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Charlemont | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charlton | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Chatham | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Chelmsford | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Chelsea | 2 | 7 | 7 | 18 |
| Cheshire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chester | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chesterfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chicopee | 9 | 9 | 6 | 19 |
| Chilmark | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Clarksburg | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Clinton | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Cohasset | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Colrain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Concord | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Cummington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dalton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Danvers | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Dartmouth | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Dedham | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Deerfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dennis | 2 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| Dighton | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Douglas | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Dover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dracut | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Dudley | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Dunstable | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Duxbury | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| East Bridgewater | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| East Brookfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| East Longmeadow | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Eastham | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Easthampton | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Easton | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Edgartown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Egremont | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Erving | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Essex | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Everett | 9 | 5 | 27 | 17 |
| Fairhaven | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Fall River | 22 | 28 | 34 | 38 |
| Falmouth | 4 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Fitchburg | 4 | 6 | 14 | 18 |
| Florida | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Foxborough | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Framingham | 6 | 3 | 11 | 12 |
| Franklin | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Freetown | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Gardner | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Georgetown | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Gill | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Gloucester | 1 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Goshen | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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| Gosnold | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grafton | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Granby | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Granville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Barrington | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Greenfield | 4 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Groton | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Groveland | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hadley | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Halifax | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hampden | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hancock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hanover | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hanson | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Hardwick | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Harvard | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Harwich | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Hatfield | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Haverhill | 11 | 8 | 34 | 30 |
| Hawley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Heath | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hingham | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hinsdale | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Holbrook | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Holden | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Holland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Holliston | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Holyoke | 5 | 8 | 10 | 6 |
| Hopedale | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Hopkinton | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Hubbardston | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Hudson | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Hull | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Huntington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ipswich | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Kingston | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Lakeville | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lancaster | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

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| Lanesborough | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lawrence | 6 | 9 | 25 | 25 |
| Lee | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Leicester | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Lenox | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Leominster | 4 | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| Leverett | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lexington | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Leyden | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lincoln | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Littleton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Longmeadow | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Lowell | 9 | 24 | 39 | 56 |
| Ludlow | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Lunenburg | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Lynn | 22 | 25 | 42 | 45 |
| Lynnfield | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Malden | 9 | 12 | 18 | 21 |
| Manchester | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mansfield | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Marblehead | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Marion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Marlborough | 2 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Marshfield | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Mashpee | 0 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| Mattapoisett | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Maynard | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Medfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Medford | 11 | 9 | 13 | 20 |
| Medway | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Melrose | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Mendon | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Merrimac | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Methuen | 1 | 6 | 12 | 6 |
| Middleborough | 4 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Middlefield | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Middleton | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Milford | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Millbury | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |

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| Millis | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Millville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Milton | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Monroe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monson | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Montague | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Monterey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montgomery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mount Washington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nahant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nantucket | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Natick | 0 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Needham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| New Ashford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| New Bedford | 26 | 27 | 27 | 48 |
| New Braintree | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Marlborough | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| New Salem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Newbury | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Newburyport | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Newton | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Norfolk | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| North Adams | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| North Andover | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| North Attleboro | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| North Brookfield | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| North Reading | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Northampton | 1 | 3 | 11 | 4 |
| Northborough | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northbridge | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Northfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Norton | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Norwell | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Norwood | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Oak Bluffs | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Oakham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Orange | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Orleans | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Otis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Oxford | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Palmer | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Paxton | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Peabody | 3 | 12 | 13 | 9 |
| Pelham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pembroke | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Pepperell | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Peru | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Petersham | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Phillipston | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pittsfield | 8 | 14 | 13 | 17 |
| Plainfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plainville | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Plymouth | 6 | 6 | 17 | 20 |
| Plympton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Princeton | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Provincetown | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Quincy | 25 | 26 | 38 | 41 |
| Randolph | 4 | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| Raynham | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Reading | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Rehoboth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Revere | 12 | 15 | 26 | 15 |
| Richmond | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rochester | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rockland | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 |
| Rockport | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Rowe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rowley | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Royalston | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Russell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rutland | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Salem | 5 | 6 | 12 | 13 |
| Salisbury | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Sandisfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandwich | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Saugus | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| Savoy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scituate | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 |

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| Seekonk | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Sharon | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Sheffield | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Shelburne | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Sherborn | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Shirley | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Shrewsbury | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Shutesbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Somerset | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Somerville | 5 | 8 | 14 | 19 |
| South Hadley | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Southampton | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Southborough | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southbridge | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Southwick | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Spencer | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Springfield | 22 | 22 | 20 | 41 |
| Sterling | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Stockbridge | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Stoneham | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Stoughton | 4 | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Stow | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sturbridge | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sudbury | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sunderland | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sutton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Swampscott | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Swansea | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Taunton | 14 | 13 | 19 | 14 |
| Templeton | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Tewksbury | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Tisbury | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Tolland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Topsfield | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Townsend | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Truro | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tyngsborough | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Tyringham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Upton | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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| Uxbridge | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Wakefield | 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Wales | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walpole | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Waltham | 3 | 8 | 10 | 10 |
| Ware | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Wareham | 2 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Warren | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Warwick | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Washington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Watertown | 1 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Wayland | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Webster | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Wellesley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Wellfleet | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wendell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wenham | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| West Boylston | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| West Bridgewater | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| West Brookfield | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| West Newbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Springfield | 0 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| West Stockbridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| West Tisbury | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Westborough | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Westfield | 5 | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| Westford | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Westhampton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Westminster | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Weston | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Westport | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Westwood | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Weymouth | 13 | 12 | 14 | 24 |
| Whately | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whitman | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Wilbraham | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Williamsburg | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Williamstown | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilmington | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

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| Winchendon | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Winchester | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Windsor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Winthrop | 7 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Woburn | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Worcester | 28 | 43 | 56 | 76 |
| Worthington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrentham | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Yarmouth | 3 | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| Unknown | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **Total** | **698** | **918** | **1,321** | **1,597** |

1Unintentional poisoning/overdose deaths combine unintentional and undetermined intents to account for a change in death coding that occurred in 2005. Suicides are excluded from this analysis.

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

3Please note that 2014 and 2015 death data are preliminary and subject to updates. Case reviews of deaths are evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis. A large number of death certificates have yet to be assigned final cause-of-death codes. The information presented in this report only includes confirmed cases. Data updated on 01/12/2017.

**Technical Notes**

1. Cases were defined using the International Classification of Disease (ICD-10) codes for mortality. The following codes were selected from the underlying cause of death field to identify poisonings/overdoses: X40-X49, Y10-Y19. All multiple cause of death fields were then used to identify an opioid-related death: T40.0, T40.1, T40.2, T40.3, T40.4, and T40.6.
2. This report tracks all opioid-related overdoses due to difficulties in reporting heroin-associated overdoses separately. Many deaths related to heroin are not specifically coded as such due to the fast metabolism of heroin into morphine.
3. To maintain consistency with NCHS reporting, we do not include the ICD-10 code F11.1, which may include opioid-related overdose deaths.

**Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH**