

Number of Opioid¹-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents by City/Town, MA Residents: 2012-2016²

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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City/Town Abington	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Abington	1	2	2	6	2		
Acton	3	0	3	4	6		
Acushnet	2	0	0	4	3		
Adams	1	1	2	3	1		
Agawam	2	3	3	5	4		
Alford	0	0	0	0	0		
Amesbury	1	2	1	6	8		
Amherst	0	2	2	1	2		
Andover	1	4	6	5	3		
Aquinnah	0	0	1	1	0		
Arlington	4	3	5	7	6		
Ashburnham	0	0	1	1	2		
Ashby	0	0	0	0	0		
Ashfield	0	0	0	1	0		
Ashland	1	0	1	5	4		
Athol	2	2	2	3	3		
Attleboro	4	13	10	10	18		
Auburn	0	2	1	3	1		
Avon	2	1	2	3	3		
Ayer	0	1	1	1	7		
Barnstable	6	8	12	13	23		
Barre	1	0	0	3	0		
Becket	1	0	0	0	0		
Bedford	2	0	3	1	6		
Belchertown	1	3	2	2	2		
Bellingham	3	1	2	3	5		
Belmont	0	0	4	4	4		
Berkley	2	1	2	0	5		
Berlin	0	0	0	1	0		
Bernardston	2	0	0	0	1		
Beverly	7	5	8	13	18		

City/Town	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Billerica	1	4	12	12	15		
Blackstone	0	0	2	3	7		
Blandford	0	0	0	0	0		
Bolton	0	0	0	2	1		
Boston	70	87	108	151	207		
Bourne	5	2	5	8	9		
Boxborough	0	0	0	0	1		
Boxford	0	0	0	2	1		
Boylston	0	0	0	2	0		
Braintree	3	4	8	9	9		
Brewster	1	1	1	0	3		
Bridgewater	2	5	4	11	10		
Brimfield	0	0	0	0	0		
Brockton	9	27	26	48	44		
Brookfield	0	1	2	0	1		
Brookline	0	1	1	3	2		
Buckland	0	1	0	1	0		
Burlington	3	3	3	3	8		
Cambridge	6	6	8	13	26		
Canton	1	4	4	7	6		
Carlisle	0	0	0	0	0		
Carver	4	2	5	6	8		
Charlemont	0	0	0	0	0		
Charlton	1	1	1	0	3		
Chatham	0	0	1	2	1		
Chelmsford	1	3	3	5	7		
Chelsea	2	7	7	18	13		
Cheshire	0	0	0	0	1		
Chester	0	0	0	0	0		
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0		
Chicopee	9	9	7	20	26		
Chilmark	0	0	1	0	0		
Clarksburg	1	1	0	0	0		
Clinton	4	2	4	6	7		
Cohasset	0	0	3	0	2		
Colrain	0	0	0	0	0		
Concord	0	0	0	0	1		
Conway	0	0	0	0	0		
Cummington	0	0	0	0	0		

City/Town Dalton	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Dalton	1	0	0	0	1		
Danvers	5	6	5	6	4		
Dartmouth	2	2	7	2	9		
Dedham	2	3	4	4	12		
Deerfield	0	0	0	1	0		
Dennis	2	4	8	2	6		
Dighton	0	1	0	0	3		
Douglas	2	0	0	2	1		
Dover	0	0	0	0	0		
Dracut	3	6	7	8	6		
Dudley	1	3	2	0	0		
Dunstable	1	1	0	0	0		
Duxbury	2	0	2	1	3		
East Bridgewater	0	4	2	1	1		
East Brookfield	0	0	0	0	0		
East Longmeadow	3	5	1	3	2		
Eastham	0	2	5	2	0		
Easthampton	3	6	2	1	5		
Easton	1	2	7	6	9		
Edgartown	0	0	0	0	0		
Egremont	0	0	0	0	0		
Erving	0	1	0	0	0		
Essex	1	0	0	1	0		
Everett	10	5	28	17	23		
Fairhaven	1	4	2	7	3		
Fall River	23	29	38	42	63		
Falmouth	4	7	8	16	15		
Fitchburg	5	6	14	19	18		
Florida	0	0	0	0	0		
Foxborough	0	1	3	0	7		
Framingham	6	4	11	12	18		
Franklin	2	2	4	7	7		
Freetown	2	0	2	3	3		
Gardner	1	4	6	6	9		
Georgetown	0	1	2	2	1		
Gill	0	0	2	0	0		
Gloucester	2	6	6	11	9		
Goshen	0	0	1	0	0		
Gosnold	0	0	0	0	0		

City/Town Grafton	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Grafton	0	3	2	2	1		
Granby	0	2	2	2	1		
Granville	0	0	0	0	0		
Great Barrington	1	0	1	0	1		
Greenfield	4	5	3	8	7		
Groton	0	1	0	1	0		
Groveland	0	1	1	0	1		
Hadley	0	0	1	0	2		
Halifax	1	5	0	1	2		
Hamilton	0	1	1	0	3		
Hampden	0	0	2	0	1		
Hancock	0	0	0	0	1		
Hanover	1	1	1	1	6		
Hanson	1	1	0	8	2		
Hardwick	0	0	0	2	1		
Harvard	0	1	0	0	0		
Harwich	2	2	1	4	3		
Hatfield	0	3	1	1	1		
Haverhill	13	8	35	31	38		
Hawley	0	0	0	0	0		
Heath	0	0	0	0	0		
Hingham	2	1	0	0	1		
Hinsdale	0	0	2	1	2		
Holbrook	1	4	4	4	7		
Holden	1	0	5	4	4		
Holland	0	0	0	1	0		
Holliston	0	1	0	3	1		
Holyoke	5	8	10	7	11		
Hopedale	0	0	4	0	1		
Hopkinton	1	0	3	4	0		
Hubbardston	0	0	2	2	1		
Hudson	2	1	1	6	2		
Hull	2	0	3	4	5		
Huntington	0	0	0	0	0		
Ipswich	3	1	4	3	3		
Kingston	0	0	2	1	1		
Lakeville	0	1	1	0	1		
Lancaster	2	0	1	2	1		
Lanesborough	0	0	0	1	1		

City/Town Lawrence	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Lawrence	6	10	25	26	46		
Lee	0	0	2	2	1		
Leicester	0	2	1	2	2		
Lenox	0	1	0	0	0		
Leominster	4	6	10	7	11		
Leverett	0	0	0	0	0		
Lexington	1	1	2	3	2		
Leyden	0	0	0	0	0		
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	1		
Littleton	0	0	0	0	2		
Longmeadow	2	3	0	0	3		
Lowell	9	25	39	61	69		
Ludlow	1	2	2	4	6		
Lunenburg	1	3	2	2	1		
Lynn	23	25	42	45	49		
Lynnfield	0	0	2	2	2		
Malden	9	12	18	21	15		
Manchester	0	0	0	0	2		
Mansfield	0	4	2	3	8		
Marblehead	3	2	0	1	4		
Marion	0	0	0	1	1		
Marlborough	3	3	9	8	4		
Marshfield	5	4	6	3	10		
Mashpee	0	5	3	10	8		
Mattapoisett	0	0	0	2	2		
Maynard	2	0	2	3	0		
Medfield	0	0	0	0	1		
Medford	12	9	14	20	17		
Medway	0	1	0	1	3		
Melrose	1	5	4	2	8		
Mendon	0	2	0	1	0		
Merrimac	0	1	0	2	1		
Methuen	1	6	13	7	14		
Middleborough	4	6	5	12	11		
Middlefield	1	0	0	0	0		
Middleton	0	0	2	4	2		
Milford	5	2	4	3	10		
Millbury	1	2	4	4	4		
Millis	0	1	1	1	4		

City/Taxxa	Year of Death						
City/Town	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Millville	0	0	0	1	0		
Milton	1	0	4	1	6		
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0		
Monson	1	2	0	0	3		
Montague	0	0	1	1	3		
Monterey	0	0	0	0	0		
Montgomery	0	0	0	0	1		
Mount Washington	0	0	0	0	0		
Nahant	0	0	0	1	2		
Nantucket	0	1	1	1	2		
Natick	1	3	7	4	3		
Needham	0	0	0	1	1		
New Ashford	0	0	0	1	0		
New Bedford	26	29	28	49	57		
New Braintree	0	0	0	0	0		
New Marlborough	0	0	1	0	0		
New Salem	0	0	0	1	0		
Newbury	0	1	1	2	1		
Newburyport	2	2	5	3	4		
Newton	5	2	6	7	18		
Norfolk	1	0	1	1	4		
North Adams	4	1	5	5	6		
North Andover	2	1	3	3	3		
North Attleboro	5	5	6	8	8		
North Brookfield	2	0	1	0	3		
North Reading	0	1	2	1	2		
Northampton	2	4	11	4	8		
Northborough	1	0	0	0	2		
Northbridge	2	1	1	4	2		
Northfield	0	0	0	1	0		
Norton	4	4	5	1	8		
Norwell	1	1	3	3	1		
Norwood	2	2	5	7	6		
Oak Bluffs	0	1	1	3	1		
Oakham	0	0	0	0	0		
Orange	2	2	2	3	1		
Orleans	0	1	0	0	2		
Otis	0	0	0	0	1		
Oxford	3	1	5	4	7		

City/Town Palmer	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Palmer	2	1	1	2	4		
Paxton	2	1	1	1	0		
Peabody	3	12	14	11	11		
Pelham	0	0	0	0	0		
Pembroke	4	1	5	4	8		
Pepperell	3	1	3	3	1		
Peru	0	0	0	0	0		
Petersham	0	1	0	0	0		
Phillipston	1	0	0	0	0		
Pittsfield	9	15	14	18	18		
Plainfield	0	0	0	0	0		
Plainville	2	1	4	0	3		
Plymouth	6	6	17	21	23		
Plympton	0	0	0	1	2		
Princeton	1	1	1	1	1		
Provincetown	0	0	1	0	0		
Quincy	25	26	39	45	46		
Randolph	4	5	7	12	11		
Raynham	1	2	5	4	2		
Reading	1	1	4	4	4		
Rehoboth	0	0	0	2	0		
Revere	12	15	28	16	26		
Richmond	0	1	0	0	0		
Rochester	0	0	1	0	0		
Rockland	2	3	6	10	21		
Rockport	2	1	2	3	1		
Rowe	0	0	0	0	0		
Rowley	1	2	0	0	0		
Royalston	0	2	0	0	1		
Russell	0	0	0	0	0		
Rutland	1	0	2	0	2		
Salem	5	7	13	13	19		
Salisbury	3	1	4	5	12		
Sandisfield	0	0	0	0	0		
Sandwich	1	2	3	2	5		
Saugus	9	7	9	9	13		
Savoy	0	0	0	0	0		
Scituate	1	2	5	4	3		
Seekonk	0	0	1	3	4		

City/Town Sharon	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Sharon	2	3	3	1	1		
Sheffield	0	0	1	0	0		
Shelburne	0	0	2	1	1		
Sherborn	0	0	1	1	1		
Shirley	1	0	3	1	0		
Shrewsbury	0	6	1	2	7		
Shutesbury	0	0	0	0	0		
Somerset	2	1	2	4	5		
Somerville	5	11	15	21	22		
South Hadley	1	4	0	2	4		
Southampton	0	1	0	1	2		
Southborough	0	0	0	0	1		
Southbridge	2	2	3	6	7		
Southwick	1	0	2	1	2		
Spencer	0	1	3	10	3		
Springfield	26	22	21	41	41		
Sterling	1	1	0	0	2		
Stockbridge	0	1	0	0	0		
Stoneham	2	2	5	6	8		
Stoughton	5	7	10	11	12		
Stow	0	0	0	1	1		
Sturbridge	0	1	1	1	2		
Sudbury	1	0	0	0	0		
Sunderland	0	1	0	0	1		
Sutton	0	0	0	1	0		
Swampscott	0	4	3	2	4		
Swansea	4	4	5	0	1		
Taunton	14	13	19	17	30		
Templeton	1	1	2	2	4		
Tewksbury	2	1	7	8	13		
Tisbury	0	0	1	3	1		
Tolland	0	0	0	0	0		
Topsfield	1	1	1	0	1		
Townsend	1	4	2	1	2		
Truro	0	0	0	0	1		
Tyngsborough	2	1	1	5	1		
Tyringham	0	0	0	1	0		
Upton	1	1	0	0	2		
Uxbridge	3	3	1	4	0		

City/Town Wakefield	Year of Death						
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²		
Wakefield	1	8	5	6	9		
Wales	0	0	0	0	0		
Walpole	1	3	1	4	7		
Waltham	4	9	9	11	16		
Ware	3	4	4	2	9		
Wareham	2	9	10	9	16		
Warren	1	1	2	2	0		
Warwick	0	0	0	1	0		
Washington	0	0	0	0	0		
Watertown	1	7	3	10	10		
Wayland	1	0	1	1	2		
Webster	5	3	4	6	5		
Wellesley	0	0	0	2	1		
Wellfleet	0	1	1	0	0		
Wendell	0	0	0	0	0		
Wenham	0	1	1	1	0		
West Boylston	1	1	3	0	1		
West Bridgewater	3	2	4	0	3		
West Brookfield	0	1	2	0	1		
West Newbury	0	0	0	0	0		
West Springfield	1	7	6	6	10		
West Stockbridge	0	0	0	1	0		
West Tisbury	0	0	1	0	1		
Westborough	0	0	1	3	4		
Westfield	5	7	8	8	16		
Westford	0	0	2	0	3		
Westhampton	0	0	0	0	0		
Westminster	0	0	1	0	0		
Weston	1	1	1	0	0		
Westport	2	2	4	2	4		
Westwood	0	0	2	2	5		
Weymouth	13	13	14	25	40		
Whately	0	0	0	0	0		
Whitman	4	3	2	6	1		
Wilbraham	1	0	1	2	1		
Williamsburg	0	1	0	0	0		
Williamstown	0	1	1	0	1		
Wilmington	2	3	4	8	4		
Winchendon	3	1	2	2	1		

City/Town	Year of Death					
	2012	2013	2014	2015 ²	2016 ²	
Winchester	0	0	4	1	3	
Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	
Winthrop	7	2	3	7	5	
Woburn	7	6	5	6	17	
Worcester	29	43	56	81	64	
Worthington	0	0	0	0	0	
Wrentham	1	0	1	2	5	
Yarmouth	3	8	6	9	7	
Unknown	1	0	1	1	1	
Total	742	961	1364	1687	2094	

¹Opioids include heroin, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.

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, X60-X69, X85-X90, Y10-Y19, and Y35.2. 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, DPH does not include the ICD-10 code F11.1, which may include opioid-related overdose deaths.
- 4. Beginning with the May 2017 report, DPH started reporting opioid-related deaths for all intents, which includes unintentional/undetermined and suicide.

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH

²Please note that 2015-2016 death data are preliminary and subject to updates. Case reviews of deaths are evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis. A large number of 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 10/12/2017.