



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

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	2012 ³	2013 ³	2014 ⁴	2015 ⁴
Abington	1	2	2	7
Acton	2	0	3	3
Acushnet	2	0	0	3
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
Arlington	4	3	5	7
Ashburnham	0	0	1	1
Ashby	0	0	0	0
Ashfield	0	0	0	1
Ashland	1	0	1	3
Athol	2	2	2	2
Attleboro	4	11	10	9
Auburn	0	2	1	2
Avon	2	1	2	3
Ayer	0	1	1	1
Barnstable	6	8	12	11
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	3	4
Berkley	2	1	1	0
Berlin	0	0	0	1
Bernardston	2	0	0	0
Beverly	7	4	8	11

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Billerica	1	4	12	11
Blackstone	0	0	2	1
Blandford	0	0	0	0
Bolton	0	0	0	2
Boston	64	82	105	136
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	10
Brimfield	0	0	0	0
Brockton	9	27	24	44
Brookfield	0	1	2	0
Brookline	0	1	1	3
Buckland	0	1	0	1
Burlington	3	3	3	3
Cambridge	5	5	8	11
Canton	1	4	3	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	4
Chelsea	2	7	5	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	6	1
Dedham	2	3	4	4
Deerfield	0	0	0	1
Dennis	2	3	7	2
Dighton	0	1	0	0
Douglas	2	0	0	2
Dover	0	0	0	0
Dracut	3	6	6	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	5
Edgartown	0	0	0	0
Egremont	0	0	0	0
Erving	0	1	0	0
Essex	1	0	0	1
Everett	9	5	27	16
Fairhaven	1	4	1	6
Fall River	22	28	34	36
Falmouth	4	6	7	13
Fitchburg	4	6	12	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
Aquinnah	0	0	1	1
Georgetown	0	1	2	2
Gill	0	0	2	0

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Gloucester	1	5	5	10
Goshen	0	0	1	0
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	6
Hardwick	0	0	0	2
Harvard	0	1	0	0
Harwich	2	2	1	4
Hatfield	0	2	0	1
Haverhill	11	8	34	28
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

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Kingston	0	0	2	1
Lakeville	0	1	1	0
Lancaster	2	0	1	2
Lanesborough	0	0	0	1
Lawrence	6	9	24	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	52
Ludlow	1	2	2	4
Lunenburg	1	3	2	2
Lynn	22	25	42	43
Lynnfield	0	0	1	2
Malden	9	12	18	20
Manchester	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	0	4	2	2
Marblehead	2	2	0	1
Marion	0	0	0	1
Marlborough	2	2	8	7
Marshfield	4	4	6	3
Mashpee	0	5	2	9
Mattapoissett	0	0	0	2
Maynard	2	0	2	3
Medfield	0	0	0	0
Medford	11	9	13	16
Medway	0	1	0	0
Melrose	1	4	4	1
Mendon	0	2	0	1
Merrimac	0	1	0	2
Methuen	1	6	11	6
Middleborough	4	5	5	10

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Middlefield	1	0	0	0
Middleton	0	0	2	4
Milford	4	2	4	3
Millbury	1	2	4	3
Millis	0	1	1	1
Millville	0	0	0	0
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	4	1
Norwell	1	1	3	3
Norwood	2	1	4	6

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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
Oxford	3	1	5	3
Palmer	2	1	1	2
Paxton	2	1	1	1
Peabody	3	12	12	9
Pelham	0	0	0	0
Pembroke	4	1	5	4
Pepperell	3	1	3	2
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	2	0
Plymouth	6	6	17	20
Plympton	0	0	0	1
Princeton	1	1	1	1
Provincetown	0	0	1	0
Quincy	25	26	37	38
Randolph	4	5	7	12
Raynham	1	2	4	4
Reading	1	1	3	4
Rehoboth	0	0	0	1
Revere	12	15	25	14
Richmond	0	1	0	0
Rochester	0	0	1	0
Rockland	1	3	5	9
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

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Salisbury	3	1	4	6
Sandisfield	0	0	0	0
Sandwich	1	2	3	2
Saugus	9	7	8	4
Savoy	0	0	0	0
Scituate	1	1	5	4
Seekonk	0	0	1	0
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	3
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	2	8
Springfield	22	22	20	40
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	18	14
Templeton	1	1	2	2
Tewksbury	2	1	7	8
Tisbury	0	0	1	2

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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
Uxbridge	3	2	1	4
Wakefield	1	7	5	6
Wales	0	0	0	0
Walpole	1	2	1	3
Waltham	3	8	9	9
Ware	3	4	4	2
Wareham	2	9	8	8
Warren	1	1	2	2
Warwick	0	0	0	0
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	5	6
West Stockbridge	0	0	0	1
West Tisbury	0	0	1	0
Westborough	0	0	1	3
Westfield	5	7	6	7
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

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Westwood	0	0	2	2
Weymouth	13	12	14	24
Whately	0	0	0	0
Whitman	4	3	2	4
Wilbraham	1	0	1	1
Williamsburg	0	1	0	0
Williamstown	0	1	1	0
Wilmington	2	3	4	8
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	55	74
Worthington	0	0	0	0
Wrentham	1	0	1	2
Yarmouth	3	7	6	9
Unknown	1	0	1	1
Total	698	918	1294	1531

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 2012-2013 have been updated after a review of cases that did not receive an official cause of death at the time the files were closed.

⁴Please 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 06/30/2016.

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