



MA Opioid-Related EMS Incidents 2013-2017

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Enhancement of Opioid Overdose Surveillance

MATRIS, the Massachusetts Ambulance Trip Reporting Information System, is a statewide database for collecting emergency medical service (EMS) data from licensed ambulance services. It was not specifically designed to track opioid overdose incidents. DPH is currently working with all EMS providers to improve the quality and completeness of these data especially with respect to opioid overdose incidents. To more accurately identify ambulance trips that are opioid-related, several pieces of information from MATRIS are combined such as: a notation that a trip was listed as a poisoning, that there was an administration of naloxone, or that the patient admitted to drug use. In combination, this information allows DPH to more accurately count opioid overdose incidents. Data for Boston came from applying this algorithm to events identified by Boston EMS as “Narcotic Related Incidents” (NRI). Not all ambulance services have reported their most recent data at the time this report was generated, and therefore the numbers cited here may be underestimates. Counts will be updated on a quarterly basis. Beginning with the August 2017 report, incidents are only among people ages 11 and above.

Results

Since 2013, there has been an overall increasing trend in the percentage of EMS incidents that are considered opioid-related (Figure 1) and the number of all EMS incidents involving naloxone administration (Figure 2). In 2017, the greatest number of suspected opioid-related overdoses treated by EMS is among males aged 25-34, accounting for 27% of opioid-related overdose incidents with a known age and gender.

All Suspected Opioid Related Incidents: 2017 (Quarter 1)								
	11-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
Male	<7	325	1286	641	430	256	101	3039
Female	<7	212	571	296	218	145	72	1514
Total	<7	537	1857	937	648	401	173	4553

All Suspected Opioid Related Incidents: 2017 (Quarter 2)								
	11-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
Male	0	374	1396	867	573	320	82	3612
Female	0	226	708	402	258	159	71	1824
Total	0	600	2104	1269	831	479	153	5436

All Suspected Opioid Related Incidents: 2017 (Quarter 3)								
	11-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
Male	<7	452	1776	1115	730	372	124	4569
Female	<7	243	798	536	281	185	76	2119
Total	<7	695	2574	1651	1011	557	200	6688

All Suspected Opioid Related Incidents: 2017 (Quarter 4)								
	11-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
Male	<7	302	1399	788	581	299	108	3477
Female	<7	193	606	390	239	153	79	1660
Total	<7	495	2005	1178	820	452	187	5137

Figure 1: Percent of Opioid-Related Overdoses Among All EMS Incidents, MA: 2013-2017

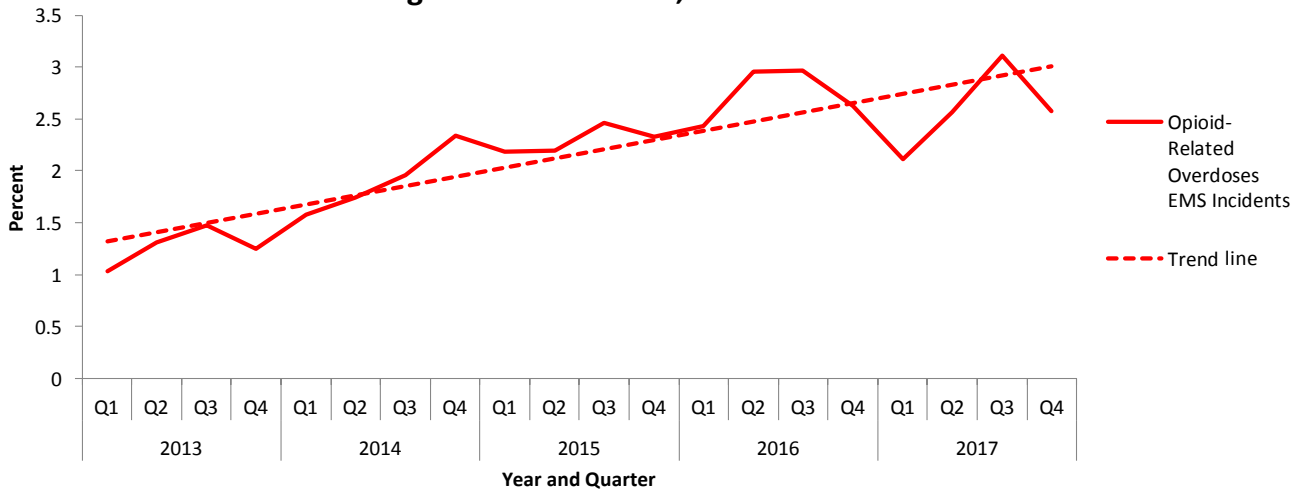
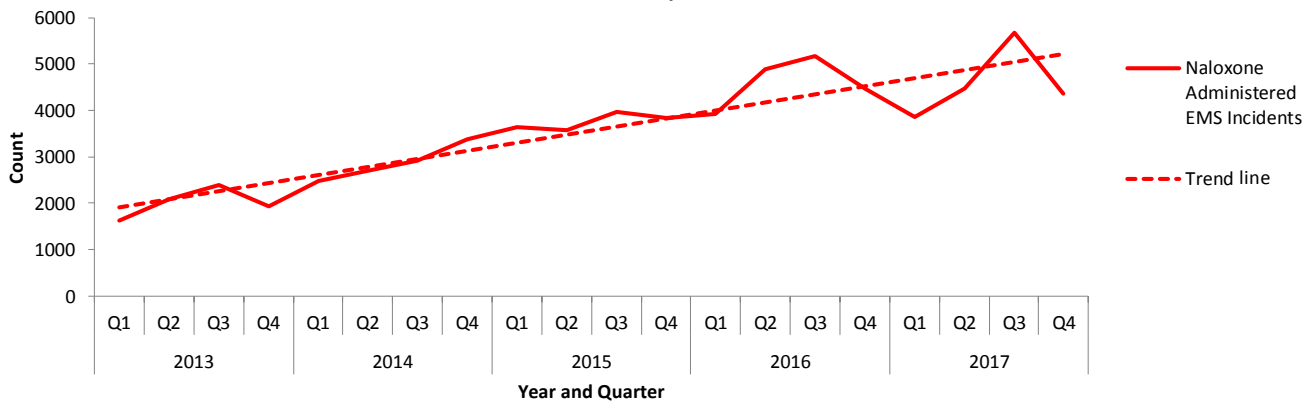


Figure 2: Count of All EMS Incidents Involving Naloxone Administration, MA: 2013-2017



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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Abington	12	9	12	9	42	14	9	10	12	45
Acton	<7	<7	<7	<7	21	<7	7	<7	<7	19
Acushnet	†	<7	<7	<7	12	7	7	<7	<7	25
Adams	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	10	19
Agawam	18	8	16	12	54	9	10	13	11	43
Alford	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Amesbury	16	24	13	16	69	11	15	14	12	52
Amherst	8	<7	<7	<7	20	8	<7	8	*	29
Andover	<7	<7	11	12	32	7	11	12	14	44
Aquinnah	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Arlington	18	16	16	8	58	11	14	19	23	67
Ashburnham	<7	<7	<7	†	9	<7	<7	†	†	<7
Ashby	<7	†	<7	<7	8	†	<7	<7	<7	12
Ashfield	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Ashland	<7	*	7	8	25	<7	9	7	<7	26
Athol	<7	*	9	16	38	*	15	12	<7	37
Attleboro	21	39	38	40	138	36	31	46	31	144
Auburn	<7	<7	11	7	27	<7	11	7	<7	30
Avon	<7	<7	<7	7	20	<7	<7	<7	†	7
Ayer	<7	<7	<7	7	18	<7	<7	<7	†	7
Barnstable	44	54	62	59	219	63	48	89	44	244
Barre	†	<7	<7	<7	8	<7	<7	<7	<7	13
Becket	†	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7
Bedford	<7	8	9	<7	28	<7	8	8	<7	23
Belchertown	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	7	<7	<7	21
Bellingham	7	11	11	13	42	11	14	<7	*	40
Belmont	10	11	*	<7	33	<7	<7	12	7	27
Berkley	<7	<7	<7	<7	11	<7	<7	<7	<7	9
Berlin	<7	<7	†	<7	7	<7	†	<7	†	<7
Bernardston	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Beverly	24	31	24	31	110	25	35	23	23	106
Billerica	19	12	30	13	74	20	15	42	20	97
Blackstone	<7	<7	<7	<7	7	<7	9	12	*	30
Blandford	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Bolton	<7	<7	<7	<7	7	†	†	<7	†	<7
Boston	423	674	706	434	2237	433	635	891	687	2646

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Bourne	18	28	32	12	90	15	30	17	12	74
Boxborough	<7	<7	<7	7	18	†	<7	<7	<7	7
Boxford	†	<7	<7	<7	7	<7	<7	†	†	<7
Boylston	†	<7	<7	<7	9	†	†	<7	†	<7
Braintree	23	33	28	43	127	25	35	39	16	115
Brewster	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	7	<7	<7	12
Bridgewater	<7	<7	†	<7	9	<7	<7	<7	<7	8
Brimfield	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Brockton	191	261	256	180	888	186	164	253	91	694
Brookfield	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	7
Brookline	9	*	<7	11	33	12	18	10	13	53
Buckland	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Burlington	<7	<7	14	11	33	9	13	21	15	58
Cambridge	93	162	128	94	477	81	92	107	73	353
Canton	<7	13	*	10	34	7	7	9	14	37
Carlisle	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	<7
Carver	13	12	15	13	53	11	12	11	9	43
Charlemont	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Charlton	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	11
Chatham	<7	<7	<7	<7	7	<7	<7	<7	<7	9
Chelmsford	19	17	11	10	57	19	12	13	12	56
Chelsea	59	73	84	42	258	49	83	91	43	266
Cheshire	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	†	<7
Chester	†	<7	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	†	<7
Chesterfield	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	<7
Chicopee	78	61	49	54	242	46	59	66	76	247
Chilmark	<7	†	<7	†	<7	†	†	†	<7	<7
Clarksburg	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Clinton	<7	13	*	28	55	<7	*	14	17	49
Cohasset	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	9
Colrain	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Concord	<7	7	<7	<7	18	<7	<7	<7	<7	9
Conway	<7	†	†	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Cummington	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	<7
Dalton	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	<7	†	<7	†	<7
Danvers	30	45	39	22	136	30	41	36	35	142

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Dartmouth	18	25	25	24	92	19	27	*	<7	66
Dedham	13	26	*	<7	57	16	15	21	15	67
Deerfield	<7	<7	†	†	<7	†	<7	†	<7	7
Dennis	<7	<7	9	*	18	11	11	20	14	56
Dighton	<7	<7	†	†	7	<7	<7	†	†	<7
Douglas	<7	<7	†	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Dover	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	<7
Dracut	16	10	22	14	62	11	17	26	13	67
Dudley	†	<7	9	*	19	<7	7	<7	7	23
Dunstable	†	†	<7	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7
Duxbury	<7	<7	<7	<7	19	<7	<7	<7	<7	10
East Bridgewater	<7	15	9	*	37	<7	<7	<7	9	24
East Brookfield	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	†	†	†	†
East Longmeadow	<7	8	<7	9	23	7	<7	<7	<7	19
Eastham	<7	<7	<7	<7	9	<7	<7	<7	†	8
Easthampton	7	7	7	7	28	<7	<7	10	<7	23
Easton	<7	<7	<7	†	9	<7	<7	7	13	23
Edgartown	<7	<7	<7	<7	7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7
Egremont	†	†	<7	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Erving	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	†	<7	<7
Essex	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7
Everett	36	57	49	41	183	39	43	49	39	170
Fairhaven	26	24	19	15	84	11	13	11	12	47
Fall River	151	156	299	228	834	195	169	246	245	855
Falmouth	23	55	46	45	169	40	48	28	30	146
Fitchburg	70	80	113	90	353	75	80	105	81	341
Florida	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Foxborough	<7	<7	12	16	34	11	7	9	7	34
Framingham	32	60	66	55	213	44	34	48	54	180
Franklin	<7	17	16	<7	44	16	15	*	<7	46
Freetown	<7	<7	7	8	24	<7	<7	<7	<7	11
Gardner	14	28	24	12	78	22	13	20	13	68
Georgetown	<7	<7	<7	<7	11	<7	<7	†	<7	7
Gill	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Gloucester	39	33	29	15	116	17	27	32	30	106

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Goshen	†	†	<7	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Gosnold	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Grafton	<7	<7	<7	<7	15	<7	7	10	<7	25
Granby	<7	<7	<7	<7	9	<7	†	<7	8	13
Granville	<7	†	†	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Great Barrington	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	<7	<7	<7	<7	10
Greenfield	10	8	23	9	50	11	15	20	7	53
Groton	<7	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	†	†	<7
Groveland	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7
Hadley	7	<7	<7	<7	19	<7	<7	7	<7	15
Halifax	10	22	<7	*	45	<7	<7	7	11	25
Hamilton	<7	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7
Hampden	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7
Hancock	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	<7
Hanover	<7	<7	<7	<7	18	<7	<7	<7	<7	17
Hanson	8	<7	9	<7	28	<7	9	<7	<7	21
Hardwick	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	†	†	<7
Harvard	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	†	<7	<7
Harwich	<7	7	<7	<7	19	11	<7	11	*	36
Hatfield	<7	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	<7
Haverhill	92	90	77	105	364	87	85	121	77	370
Hawley	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Heath	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	<7	<7
Hingham	<7	<7	<7	14	25	<7	<7	<7	<7	15
Hinsdale	†	<7	†	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Holbrook	16	17	21	18	72	17	18	*	<7	54
Holden	<7	<7	<7	<7	13	<7	<7	<7	<7	11
Holland	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	<7
Holliston	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	14
Holyoke	79	86	62	74	301	55	49	65	57	226
Hopedale	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	7
Hopkinton	<7	<7	<7	†	10	<7	<7	<7	<7	13
Hubbardston	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	7
Hudson	11	*	13	<7	36	<7	<7	7	9	24
Hull	11	<7	<7	†	18	<7	<7	<7	†	8
Huntington	†	†	<7	†	<7	†	†	<7	†	<7

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Ipswich	7	<7	<7	<7	22	8	7	<7	<7	22
Kingston	<7	<7	<7	9	20	<7	<7	9	<7	24
Lakeville	<7	*	31	14	56	21	15	22	14	72
Lancaster	<7	<7	<7	<7	8	†	<7	<7	<7	<7
Lanesborough	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	<7
Lawrence	197	100	171	180	648	150	178	242	208	778
Lee	<7	<7	<7	<7	7	<7	<7	<7	<7	11
Leicester	<7	<7	<7	10	25	9	<7	<7	<7	25
Lenox	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	16
Leominster	50	67	113	63	293	68	56	70	56	250
Leverett	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	†	<7
Lexington	<7	<7	8	<7	16	<7	<7	<7	<7	16
Leyden	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Lincoln	<7	†	<7	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	8
Littleton	<7	<7	<7	<7	15	<7	<7	<7	<7	9
Longmeadow	<7	<7	<7	<7	13	<7	<7	<7	<7	10
Lowell	193	187	216	241	837	269	309	322	237	1137
Ludlow	*	14	<7	13	44	10	<7	13	*	39
Lunenburg	<7	7	9	<7	23	<7	†	<7	<7	<7
Lynn	97	113	137	123	470	117	147	172	150	586
Lynnfield	<7	<7	<7	<7	9	<7	<7	<7	<7	11
Malden	37	61	62	42	202	31	55	76	42	204
Manchester	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7
Mansfield	<7	9	10	<7	28	*	9	<7	17	39
Marblehead	<7	*	15	8	36	9	<7	<7	10	28
Marion	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	9
Marlborough	21	13	19	13	66	<7	*	16	17	44
Marshfield	8	16	12	7	43	8	7	12	16	43
Mashpee	<7	12	17	*	42	16	8	†	10	34
Mattapoisett	<7	7	<7	<7	13	<7	<7	<7	<7	15
Maynard	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	9	9	<7	<7	23
Medfield	<7	<7	<7	<7	8	<7	<7	<7	<7	9
Medford	41	42	34	21	138	14	24	27	27	92
Medway	<7	<7	<7	8	19	*	8	17	<7	35
Melrose	16	17	17	9	59	*	<7	15	7	33
Mendon	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	7

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Merrimac	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	7	<7	15
Methuen	47	53	62	51	213	29	49	60	55	193
Middleborough	*	20	<7	†	35	<7	<7	<7	<7	8
Middlefield	†	†	<7	†	<7	†	<7	†	†	<7
Middleton	<7	<7	<7	†	12	<7	<7	<7	7	19
Milford	<7	14	23	*	56	13	24	12	16	65
Millbury	7	19	17	8	51	8	12	10	14	44
Millis	<7	<7	<7	8	18	<7	<7	<7	<7	15
Millville	<7	<7	†	<7	7	†	†	<7	<7	<7
Milton	7	12	9	8	36	*	9	9	<7	32
Monroe	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Monson	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	<7	<7	<7	<7	14
Montague	*	10	8	<7	29	<7	<7	8	<7	23
Monterey	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Montgomery	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Mount Washington	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Nahant	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	<7
Nantucket	<7	<7	9	<7	18	<7	<7	<7	<7	10
Natick	<7	9	*	10	33	*	<7	8	9	30
Needham	<7	<7	<7	<7	15	<7	†	<7	<7	7
New Ashford	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
New Bedford	116	153	221	216	706	118	199	229	128	674
New Braintree	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	†	†	<7
New Marlborough	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	<7
New Salem	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	<7
Newbury	<7	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7
Newburyport	<7	9	<7	11	24	<7	<7	8	<7	16
Newton	11	13	15	16	55	17	16	15	17	65
Norfolk	7	<7	<7	<7	18	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7
North Adams	11	27	23	14	75	9	9	17	13	48
North Andover	12	11	19	15	57	18	12	18	24	72
North Attleboro	13	21	18	16	68	11	25	21	22	79
North Brookfield	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	†	†	<7	<7
North Reading	<7	<7	9	<7	21	<7	9	<7	<7	17

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Northborough	7	<7	10	<7	24	<7	<7	<7	<7	12
Northbridge	<7	7	7	<7	22	<7	<7	9	<7	25
Northfield	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7
Norton	†	*	<7	11	26	9	<7	8	<7	23
Norwell	<7	7	<7	<7	19	<7	7	<7	†	14
Norwood	<7	†	<7	11	18	13	13	15	12	53
Oak Bluffs	<7	<7	<7	<7	14	<7	†	<7	<7	<7
Oakham	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	<7	†	<7
Orange	<7	<7	<7	7	11	8	<7	<7	<7	18
Orleans	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	9
Otis	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	<7
Oxford	<7	10	22	<7	40	11	*	<7	11	34
Palmer	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	8	*	8	27
Paxton	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7
Peabody	34	44	42	43	163	34	37	51	41	163
Pelham	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Pembroke	9	9	8	17	43	12	8	*	<7	29
Pepperell	<7	<7	9	<7	20	<7	†	7	<7	14
Peru	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Petersham	†	<7	†	<7	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Phillipston	†	†	<7	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Pittsfield	38	40	30	40	148	35	29	57	37	158
Plainfield	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7
Plainville	<7	<7	<7	11	23	7	<7	<7	<7	23
Plymouth	38	60	49	43	190	50	58	69	42	219
Plympton	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	†	<7
Princeton	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7
Provincetown	<7	<7	<7	<7	11	<7	<7	<7	†	9
Quincy	57	123	131	122	433	89	101	164	42	396
Randolph	30	30	16	24	100	20	13	21	24	78
Raynham	<7	<7	7	13	32	<7	10	12	*	37
Reading	<7	<7	7	7	26	<7	<7	<7	<7	13
Rehoboth	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	8
Revere	52	81	92	76	301	52	69	82	54	257
Richmond	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†

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Rochester	<7	<7	<7	<7	8	<7	†	<7	<7	7
Rockland	42	28	24	22	116	17	19	23	20	79
Rockport	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	13
Rowe	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Rowley	<7	<7	<7	<7	8	†	<7	†	†	<7
Royalston	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	†	<7	<7
Russell	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	†	†	<7
Rutland	†	<7	<7	<7	10	<7	<7	<7	<7	13
Salem	47	62	78	60	247	54	56	78	44	232
Salisbury	25	33	33	17	108	19	25	34	29	107
Sandisfield	†	<7	†	†	<7	<7	†	†	†	<7
Sandwich	†	†	*	<7	8	<7	†	†	†	<7
Saugus	26	37	38	28	129	25	31	32	28	116
Savoy	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Scituate	<7	<7	9	<7	21	<7	<7	<7	<7	13
Seekonk	<7	7	10	<7	26	<7	10	8	*	29
Sharon	†	<7	8	<7	12	<7	<7	<7	7	16
Sheffield	<7	†	<7	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	7
Shelburne	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	†	<7
Sherborn	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	†	†	<7	<7
Shirley	<7	<7	9	†	13	<7	<7	7	<7	21
Shrewsbury	10	19	11	11	51	7	16	13	18	54
Shutesbury	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Somerset	13	17	11	9	50	8	10	14	15	47
Somerville	39	52	56	50	197	27	39	43	24	133
South Hadley	†	<7	†	<7	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7
Southampton	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7
Southborough	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7
Southbridge	11	26	22	37	96	*	14	20	<7	48
Southwick	11	11	*	<7	34	8	<7	<7	8	23
Spencer	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	<7	<7	7	10	24
Springfield	182	198	164	177	721	115	172	205	154	646
Sterling	<7	<7	<7	<7	13	<7	<7	<7	<7	8
Stockbridge	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	<7	<7
Stoneham	<7	23	*	12	52	9	<7	18	<7	39
Stoughton	10	21	12	11	54	14	16	16	13	59

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Stow	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	13
Sturbridge	<7	11	<7	<7	25	<7	<7	<7	8	17
Sudbury	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7
Sunderland	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	†	†	<7
Sutton	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	<7	<7	<7	<7	12
Swampscott	<7	9	<7	<7	25	<7	<7	<7	<7	15
Swansea	8	13	13	15	49	10	<7	17	<7	34
Taunton	75	117	73	59	324	39	75	90	41	245
Templeton	<7	<7	<7	<7	13	<7	<7	<7	<7	15
Tewksbury	12	24	21	24	81	37	41	29	20	127
Tisbury	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	7
Tolland	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Topsfield	†	†	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	8
Townsend	<7	<7	<7	<7	15	<7	<7	†	<7	10
Truro	†	<7	†	†	<7	†	†	†	<7	<7
Tyngsborough	<7	<7	<7	7	19	<7	<7	<7	<7	19
Tyringham	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Upton	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7	10
Uxbridge	9	<7	11	<7	29	<7	<7	7	<7	22
Wakefield	10	11	18	15	54	10	17	18	13	58
Wales	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7
Walpole	<7	10	*	12	37	9	8	*	<7	29
Waltham	38	36	40	30	144	20	35	45	25	125
Ware	9	<7	<7	<7	23	<7	<7	11	<7	21
Wareham	28	33	40	32	133	39	36	47	50	172
Warren	<7	<7	†	<7	9	<7	<7	<7	†	13
Warwick	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	<7
Washington	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7
Watertown	28	23	7	22	80	<7	*	15	13	44
Wayland	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7
Webster	16	14	20	22	72	13	18	23	17	71
Wellesley	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	<7	<7	<7	<7	14
Wellfleet	<7	<7	<7	<7	9	†	<7	<7	<7	10
Wendell	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Wenham	<7	<7	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	<7
West Boylston	<7	<7	<7	<7	12	<7	<7	<7	<7	16

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West Bridgewater	7	<7	<7	†	15	<7	<7	<7	10	22
West Brookfield	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	9
West Newbury	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	†	†	<7	†	<7
West Springfield	30	29	19	29	107	11	15	40	23	89
West Stockbridge	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	†	<7
West Tisbury	<7	<7	†	†	<7	†	<7	<7	†	<7
Westborough	14	26	25	22	87	14	26	15	11	66
Westfield	28	15	16	21	80	11	14	15	20	60
Westford	8	<7	<7	<7	21	<7	9	<7	<7	25
Westhampton	†	†	†	†	†	<7	†	†	†	<7
Westminster	<7	<7	†	<7	7	<7	<7	<7	8	19
Weston	<7	<7	†	<7	<7	*	<7	<7	†	11
Westport	<7	9	<7	10	28	7	8	<7	<7	26
Westwood	<7	<7	<7	<7	14	<7	<7	<7	<7	13
Weymouth	35	61	81	37	214	50	57	70	62	239
Whately	†	†	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	<7	<7
Whitman	7	7	10	18	42	9	<7	19	*	43
Wilbraham	<7	7	<7	<7	17	<7	<7	<7	<7	20
Williamsburg	†	<7	†	†	<7	<7	<7	<7	†	<7
Williamstown	<7	<7	<7	<7	9	†	<7	<7	†	<7
Wilmington	17	10	*	<7	40	<7	*	16	20	53
Winchendon	<7	<7	<7	<7	17	†	<7	<7	<7	16
Winchester	<7	<7	<7	7	18	<7	†	<7	<7	7
Windsor	†	†	†	<7	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Winthrop	13	18	21	8	60	<7	*	9	9	30
Woburn	42	38	37	28	145	43	36	45	28	152
Worcester	327	396	480	408	1611	262	361	448	432	1503
Worthington	†	†	<7	†	<7	†	†	†	†	†
Wrentham	*	12	11	<7	35	<7	<7	7	<7	25
Yarmouth	15	31	20	26	92	16	29	35	17	97
Unknown	65	116	109	72	362	51	50	62	48	211
Grand Total	4742	5955	6326	5384	22417	4619	5500	6790	5198	22107

Technical Notes

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