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**Number of Unintentional1 Opioid2 Overdose Deaths by City/Town, MA Residents**

**Calendar years 2012, 2013 & Jan.- Sept. 20143**

| **City/Town** | **Year of Death** | | |
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| **2012**  **Jan - Dec** | **20133**  **Jan - Dec** | **20144**  **Jan - Sept** |
| Abington | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Acton | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Acushnet | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Adams | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Agawam | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Alford | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amesbury | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Amherst | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Andover | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Aquinnah | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arlington | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Ashburnham | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ashby | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ashfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ashland | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Athol | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Attleboro | 4 | 11 | 6 |
| Auburn | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Avon | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Ayer | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Barnstable | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| Barre | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Becket | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bedford | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Belchertown | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Bellingham | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Belmont | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Berkley | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Berlin | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bernardston | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Beverly | 7 | 5 | 7 |
| Billerica | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Blackstone | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blandford | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bolton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boston | 62 | 89 | 64 |
| Bourne | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Boxborough | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boxford | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boylston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Braintree | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Brewster | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bridgewater | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Brimfield | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Brockton | 9 | 27 | 19 |
| Brookfield | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Brookline | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Buckland | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Burlington | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Cambridge | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| Canton | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Carlisle | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carver | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| Charlemont | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charlton | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chatham | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chelmsford | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Chelsea | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Cheshire | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chester | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chesterfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chicopee | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| Chilmark | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Clarksburg | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Clinton | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Cohasset | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Colrain | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Concord | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conway | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cummington | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dalton | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Danvers | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Dartmouth | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Dedham | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Deerfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dennis | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Dighton | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Douglas | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dover | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dracut | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Dudley | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Dunstable | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Duxbury | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| East Bridgewater | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| East Brookfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| East Longmeadow | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Eastham | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Easthampton | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Easton | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Edgartown | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Egremont | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Erving | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Essex | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Everett | 9 | 6 | 18 |
| Fairhaven | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Fall River | 22 | 28 | 24 |
| Falmouth | 4 | 7 | 7 |
| Fitchburg | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| Florida | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Foxborough | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Framingham | 6 | 4 | 8 |
| Franklin | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Freetown | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Gardner | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Georgetown | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gill | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Gloucester | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Goshen | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gosnold | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grafton | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Granby | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Granville | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Barrington | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greenfield | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Groton | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Groveland | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hadley | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Halifax | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Hampden | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hancock | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hanover | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hanson | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hardwick | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harvard | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Harwich | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Hatfield | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Haverhill | 11 | 9 | 17 |
| Hawley | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Heath | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hingham | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Hinsdale | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holbrook | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Holden | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Holland | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holliston | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Holyoke | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| Hopedale | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hopkinton | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Hubbardston | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hudson | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Hull | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Huntington | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ipswich | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Kingston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lakeville | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lancaster | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Lanesborough | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrence | 6 | 10 | 12 |
| Lee | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Leicester | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Lenox | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Leominster | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Leverett | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lexington | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Leyden | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lincoln | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Littleton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Longmeadow | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Lowell | 8 | 25 | 27 |
| Ludlow | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Lunenburg | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Lynn | 21 | 26 | 34 |
| Lynnfield | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Malden | 9 | 13 | 16 |
| Manchester | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mansfield | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Marblehead | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Marion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marlborough | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Marshfield | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Mashpee | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Mattapoisett | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Maynard | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Medfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Medford | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Medway | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Melrose | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Mendon | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Merrimac | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Methuen | 0 | 7 | 9 |
| Middleborough | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Middlefield | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Middleton | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Milford | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Millbury | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Millis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Millville | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milton | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Monroe | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monson | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Montague | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Monterey | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montgomery | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mount Washington | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nahant | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nantucket | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Natick | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Needham | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Ashford | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Bedford | 25 | 28 | 23 |
| New Braintree | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Marlborough | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Salem | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Newbury | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Newburyport | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Newton | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Norfolk | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| North Adams | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| North Andover | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| North Attleboro | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| North Brookfield | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| North Reading | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Northampton | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Northborough | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Northbridge | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Northfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Norton | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Norwell | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Norwood | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Oak Bluffs | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Oakham | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Orange | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Orleans | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Otis | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oxford | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Palmer | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Paxton | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Peabody | 3 | 12 | 9 |
| Pelham | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pembroke | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Pepperell | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Peru | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Petersham | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Phillipston | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pittsfield | 8 | 14 | 11 |
| Plainfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plainville | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Plymouth | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| Plympton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Princeton | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Provincetown | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Quincy | 23 | 26 | 25 |
| Randolph | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Raynham | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Reading | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Rehoboth | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revere | 11 | 16 | 16 |
| Richmond | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rochester | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rockland | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Rockport | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Rowe | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rowley | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Royalston | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Russell | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rutland | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Salem | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| Salisbury | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Sandisfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandwich | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Saugus | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| Savoy | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scituate | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Seekonk | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sharon | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Sheffield | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Shelburne | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sherborn | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shirley | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Shrewsbury | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Shutesbury | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Somerset | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Somerville | 4 | 9 | 11 |
| South Hadley | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Southampton | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Southborough | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southbridge | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Southwick | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Spencer | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Springfield | 22 | 23 | 14 |
| Sterling | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Stockbridge | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Stoneham | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Stoughton | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| Stow | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sturbridge | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sudbury | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sunderland | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sutton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Swampscott | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Swansea | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Taunton | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Templeton | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Tewksbury | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Tisbury | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tolland | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Topsfield | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Townsend | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Truro | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tyngsborough | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Tyringham | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Upton | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Uxbridge | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Wakefield | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| Wales | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walpole | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Waltham | 3 | 8 | 5 |
| Ware | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Wareham | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| Warren | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Warwick | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Watertown | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Wayland | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Webster | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Wellesley | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wellfleet | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Wendell | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wenham | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| West Boylston | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| West Bridgewater | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| West Brookfield | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| West Newbury | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Springfield | 0 | 7 | 4 |
| West Stockbridge | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Tisbury | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Westborough | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Westfield | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| Westford | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Westhampton | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Westminster | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weston | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Westport | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Westwood | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Weymouth | 11 | 14 | 8 |
| Whately | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whitman | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Wilbraham | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Williamsburg | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Williamstown | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilmington | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Winchendon | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Winchester | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Windsor | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Winthrop | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Woburn | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| Worcester | 24 | 44 | 33 |
| Worthington | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wrentham | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Yarmouth | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| **TOTAL** | **668** | **969** | **874** |

**NOTES**

1. Unintentional (also known as "accidental") 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.

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

3. Please note that 2013 death data are preliminary and subject to updates. Case reviews of deaths are evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis. A small number of death certificates have yet to be received from the municipalities and some have yet to be assigned cause-of-death codes. Data updated on **04/22/2015**.

4. 2014 death data ONLY include up through September are provisional and are 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 received from the municipalities and some have yet to be assigned cause-of-death codes. Data updated on **04/22/2015**.

● 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.

● This report tracks opioid-related overdoses due to difficulties in identifying heroin separately. Many deaths related to heroin cannot be specifically coded as such due to the fast metabolism of heroin into morphine and the possible interaction of multiple drugs. To avoid underrepresenting the magnitude of the problem, all unintentional and undetermined opioid-related deaths are tracked.

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