



Number of Opioid-Related¹ Overdose Deaths of MetroWest Residents: 2013 – 2018²

As reported by MA Dept. of Public Health – February 2020

The table below lists the confirmed all intents opioid-related overdose deaths by city/town of residence in MetroWest, of MA residents only, between 2013 and 2018. For 2017 and 2018, additional cases are still being confirmed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This report will be updated quarterly with newly confirmed cases.

City/Town	Year of Death					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Ashland	0	1	4	4	4	2
Bellingham	1	2	3	5	4	8
Dover	0	0	0	0	1	0
Framingham	4	11	12	18	8	20
Franklin	2	3	7	7	2	7
Holliston	1	0	5	1	3	1
Hopedale	0	4	0	1	2	1
Hopkinton	0	3	4	0	3	3
Hudson	1	1	6	3	4	6
Marlborough	3	9	8	4	4	14
Medfield	0	0	0	1	0	2
Medway	1	0	1	3	0	3
Mendon	2	0	1	0	0	2
Milford	2	4	3	12	6	6
Millis	1	1	1	4	1	2
Natick	3	7	5	3	7	4
Needham	0	0	1	1	1	2
Norfolk	0	1	2	3	0	2
Northborough	0	0	0	3	2	1
Sherborn	0	1	1	1	1	1
Southborough	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sudbury	0	0	0	0	0	3
Wayland	0	1	1	2	2	2
Wellesley	0	0	2	1	1	1
Westborough	0	1	3	4	3	6
Total	21	50	70	82	59	100
State TOTAL	961	1,351	1,735	2,097	1,985	1,999

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

2 Please note that 2017 and 2018 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 city/town table only includes confirmed cases. Data updated on 1/3/2020. **Source: Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH**

Technical Notes

1. Beginning with the August 2019 report, DPH updated the case definition used to identify opioid-related overdose deaths to match the CDC's case definition. The following International Classification of Disease (ICD10) codes for mortality were selected from the underlying cause of death field to identify poisonings/overdoses: X40-X44, X60-X64, X85, and Y10-Y14. All multiple cause of death fields were then used to identify an opioid-related overdose 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.

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Bellingham	2	2	1	1	2
Dover	0	0	0	0	0
Framingham	13	17	20	14	25
Franklin	1	1	5	1	4
Holliston	0	1	1	0	1
Hopedale	0	0	2	0	1
Hopkinton	1	3	1	3	3
Hudson	0	4	2	2	3
Marlborough	9	7	6	3	22
Medfield	0	0	1	0	1
Medway	0	1	1	0	2
Mendon	0	1	0	0	1
Milford	14	9	21	14	16
Millis	2	0	3	1	1
Natick	4	2	2	7	1
Needham	0	1	2	1	0
Norfolk	1	1	0	0	1
Northborough	0	0	1	0	0
Sherborn	1	1	1	1	1
Southborough	1	0	1	0	0
Sudbury	0	0	0	0	0
Wayland	0	0	1	1	1
Wellesley	0	1	0	0	0
Westborough	0	2	0	2	1
Total	49	55	74	53	87
State TOTAL	1,394	1,795	2,179	2,055	2,066

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