



Number of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths of MetroWest Residents: 2013 – 2020¹

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Table 1. Number of confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths for all intents by city/town of residence for the decedent, among MA residents, 2013-2020. For 2017 to 2020, additional cases are still being confirmed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This report will be updated quarterly, and all new confirmed cases will be included in the table below with previously confirmed cases.

City/Town	Year of Death							
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Ashland	0	1	4	4	4	2	3	1
Bellingham	1	2	3	5	4	8	4	2
Dover	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Framingham	4	11	12	18	8	20	21	24
Franklin	2	3	7	7	2	7	5	3
Holliston	1	0	5	1	3	1	1	1
Hopedale	0	4	0	1	2	1	0	1
Hopkinton	0	3	4	0	3	3	1	2
Hudson	1	1	6	3	4	6	7	8
Marlborough	3	9	9	4	4	14	9	15
Medfield	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
Medway	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	1
Mendon	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	1
Milford	2	4	4	12	6	6	4	2
Millis	1	1	1	4	1	2	1	2
Natick	3	7	5	3	7	4	5	5
Needham	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	2
Norfolk	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	2
Northborough	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	2
Sherborn	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Southborough	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
Sudbury	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Wayland	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
Wellesley	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1
Westborough	0	1	3	4	3	6	1	2
MW TOTAL	21	50	72	82	60	100	73	79
State TOTAL	961	1,351	1,747	2,110	2,008	2,013	2,005	2,088

¹ Please note that 2017 to 2020 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 10/7/2021. **Source: Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH**

Technical Notes

- Opioids include heroin, illicitly manufactured fentanyl, opioid-based prescription painkillers, and other unspecified opioids.
- 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.
- 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.
- To maintain consistency with NCHS reporting, DPH does not include the ICD-10 code F11.1, which may include opioid-related overdose deaths
- Beginning with the May 2017 report, DPH started reporting opioid-related overdose deaths for all intents, which includes unintentional/undetermined and suicide.



Number of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths in MetroWest Communities: 2014 – 2020¹

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Table 2. Number of confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths for all intents by city/town of death occurrence, 2014-2020. For 2017 to 2020, additional cases are still being confirmed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This report will be updated quarterly, and all new confirmed cases will be included in the table below with previously confirmed cases

City/Town	Year of Death						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Ashland	0	1	2	2	0	1	1
Bellingham	2	2	1	1	2	2	0
Dover	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Framingham	13	17	20	14	25	20	24
Franklin	1	1	5	1	4	2	1
Holliston	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Hopedale	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
Hopkinton	1	3	1	3	3	1	1
Hudson	0	4	2	2	3	5	3
Marlborough	9	8	6	3	22	14	19
Medfield	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Medway	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Mendon	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Milford	14	10	21	14	16	9	8
Millis	2	0	3	1	1	0	1
Natick	4	2	2	7	1	5	3
Needham	0	1	2	1	0	1	2
Norfolk	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Northborough	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Sherborn	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Southborough	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Sudbury	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wayland	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Wellesley	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Westborough	0	2	0	2	1	2	3
MetroWest TOTAL	49	57	74	53	87	70	72
State TOTAL	1,394	1,808	2,192	2,078	2,080	2,086	2,170

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