



Number of Opioid-Related¹ Overdose Deaths by MetroWest Communities: 2013 – 2017²

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The table below lists the confirmed all intents opioid overdose deaths by city/town of residence in MetroWest between 2013 and 2017. For 2017, 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
Ashland	0	1	4	4	3
Bellingham	1	2	3	5	4
Dover	0	0	0	0	1
Framingham	4	11	12	18	8
Franklin	2	5	7	7	2
Holliston	1	0	5	1	3
Hopedale	0	4	0	1	2
Hopkinton	0	3	4	0	3
Hudson	1	1	6	3	4
Marlborough	3	9	8	4	5
Medfield	0	0	0	1	0
Medway	1	0	1	3	0
Mendon	2	0	1	0	0
Milford	2	4	3	11	6
Millis	1	1	1	4	1
Natick	3	7	5	3	7
Needham	0	0	1	1	1
Norfolk	0	1	2	3	0
Northborough	0	0	0	3	2
Sherborn	0	1	1	1	1
Southborough	0	0	0	1	0
Sudbury	0	0	0	0	0
Wayland	0	1	1	2	2
Wellesley	0	0	2	1	1
Westborough	0	1	3	4	3
TOTAL	21	52	70	81	59

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

2 Please note that 2017 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 1/15/2019. **Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, Massachusetts Department of Public Health**

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, X60-X69, X85-X90, Y10- Y19, and Y35.2. . 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, DPH does not include the ICD-10 code F11.1 is not included, which may include opioid-related overdose deaths

4. Beginning with the May 2017 report, DPH started reporting opioid-related deaths for all intents, which includes unintentional/undetermined and suicide.