

# 2004

# Injury Deaths MA Residents, Ages 65+ Years

In 2004, there were 719 injury deaths to adults ages 65 years and older a rate of 84.3 for every 100,000 persons 65 years and older. Falls are the leading cause of injury death for this age group, followed by motor vehicle traffic-related injuries, and suffocation/hanging.

INJURY CAUSE	INJURY INTENT					Total Count	Percent of Total Count	Crude Rate per 100,000 <sup>2</sup>
	Unintentional	Intentional		Undetermined	Other & Legal <sup>1</sup>			
		Suicide	Homicide					
Cut/pierce	0	6	1	0	0	7	1.0	0.8
Drowning/submersion	8	1	0	3		12	1.7	1.4
Fall	200	2	0	2		204	28.4	23.9
Fire/flame & burns	13	0	0	0		13	1.8	1.5
Firearms	0	29	2	0	0	31	4.3	3.6
Machinery	0					0	0.0	--
Natural/environmental	11					11	1.5	1.3
Overexertion	0					0	0.0	--
Poisoning	8	11	0	2	0	21	2.9	2.5
Struck by, against	2	0	1	0	0	3	0.4	--
Suffocation/hanging	71	18	0	0		89	12.4	10.4
Transport Injuries:	103	0	0	0	0	103	14.3	12.1
<i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i>	96					96	13.4	11.3
<i>Occupant</i>	22					22	3.1	2.6
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	2					2	0.3	--
<i>Pedal cyclist</i>	0					0	0.0	--
<i>Pedestrian</i>	34					34	4.7	4.0
<i>Other person</i>	0					0	0.0	--
<i>Unspecified person</i>	38					38	5.3	4.5
<i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>	1					1	0.1	--
<i>Pedestrian, other</i>	0					0	0.0	--
<i>Other transport</i>	6					6	0.8	0.7
Other specified & classifiable	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.3	--
Other specified, not classifiable	6	0	1	0	1	8	1.1	0.9
Unspecified	179	0	0	3	0	182	25.3	21.3
Adverse effects <sup>3</sup>						33	4.6	3.9
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>84.3</b>
Injury Death Rate by Intent	70.4	8.1	0.6	1.2	--	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

<sup>1</sup> Legal Intervention includes fatalities resulting from police actions and operations of war.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are per 100,000 residents. Rates provided here are not age-adjusted and may differ slightly from other department publications. Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

<sup>3</sup> Adverse Effects can be related to medical and surgical care procedures, or to the use of therapeutic substances (including allergic reactions).

—An injury-related fatality is defined as any death with an ICD-10 code of U01-U03 or V01-Y89 in the underlying cause field.

—Categories and groupings are based on a modified version of the CDC's "Recommended framework of E-code groupings for presenting injury mortality and morbidity data." This framework does not provide for intentionality for certain cause categories as indicated by gray shading.

—Injury subcategories are italicized.

—Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2004).

—Massachusetts residents who died in or out-of-state are included in this analysis; non-Massachusetts residents are excluded from the analysis.

—Population data used to calculate rates are based on US Census Bureau estimates.

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