

2005

Injury Deaths to Massachusetts Adults Ages 65+ Years

In 2005, there were 754 injury deaths to adults ages 65 years and over, a rate of 88.4 deaths for every 100,000 persons 65 years and older. Falls were the leading cause of injury death for this age group followed by transportation-related injury deaths and suffocations.

INJURY CAUSE	INJURY INTENT					Total Count	Percent of Total Count	Crude Rate per 100,000
	Unintentional	Intentional		Undetermined	Other & Legal			
		Suicide	Homicide					
Cut/pierce	0	2	2	0	0	4	0.5	--
Drowning/submersion	3	2	0	0		5	0.7	0.6
Fall	206	1	0	0		207	27.5	24.3
Fire/burn	17	0	0	0		17	2.3	2.0
Firearms	0	37	3	0	0	40	5.3	4.7
Machinery	0					0	0.0	--
Natural/environmental	12					12	1.6	1.4
Overexertion	0					0	0.0	--
Poisoning	15	12	0	0	0	27	3.6	3.2
Struck by, against	2	0	2	0	0	4	0.5	--
Suffocation/hanging	79	19	1	0		99	13.1	11.6
Transport Injuries:	101	0	0	0	0	101	13.4	11.8
<i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i>	93					93	12.3	10.9
<i>Occupant</i>	17					17	2.3	2.0
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	2					2	0.3	--
<i>Pedal cyclist</i>	1					1	0.1	--
<i>Pedestrian</i>	28					28	3.7	3.3
<i>Other person</i>	0					0	0.0	--
<i>Unspecified person</i>	45					45	6.0	5.3
<i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>	0					0	0.0	--
<i>Pedestrian, other</i>	0					0	0.0	--
<i>Other land transport</i>	8					8	1.1	0.9
<i>Other transport</i>	0					0	0.0	--
Other specified & classifiable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	--
Other specified, not classifiable	8	1	1	2	0	12	1.6	1.4
Unspecified	200	0	1	0	0	201	26.7	23.6
Adverse Effects						25	3.3	2.9
TOTALS	643	74	10	2	0	754	100%	88.4
Injury Death Rate by Intent	75.4	8.7	1.2	--	--	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

—Rates are per 100,000 residents. Rates provided here are age-specific. Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five, and those based on counts less than twenty may be unstable. Population data for calculating rates is based on 2005 US Census population estimates.

—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.