

2008

Injury Deaths to Massachusetts Adults Ages 65+ Years

In 2008, there were **883** injury deaths to adults ages 65 years and over, a rate of **101.4** deaths for every 100,000 persons 65 years and older. Fall was the leading cause (45%) of injury death for this age group followed by transportation-related and suffocation deaths.

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	1	0	0	0	1	0.1	--
Drowning/submersion	13	1	0	1		15	1.7	1.7
Fall	395	5	0	0		400	45.3	45.9
Fire/burn	12	1	0	1		14	1.6	1.6
Firearms	0	30	0	0	0	30	3.4	3.4
Machinery	2					2	0.2	--
Natural/environmental	11					11	1.2	1.3
Poisoning	30	9	0	2	0	41	4.6	4.7
Struck by, against	2	0	1	0	0	3	0.3	--
Suffocation/hanging	66	19	0	0		85	9.6	9.8
Transport Injuries:	93	0	0	0	0	93	10.5	10.7
<i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i>	81					81	9.2	9.3
<i>Occupant</i>	7					7	0.8	0.8
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	2					2	0.2	--
<i>Pedal cyclist</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Pedestrian</i>	31					31	3.5	3.6
<i>Other person</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Unspecified person</i>	41					41	4.6	4.7
<i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>	1					1	0.1	--
<i>Pedestrian, other</i>	2					2	0.2	--
<i>Other land transport</i>	9					9	1.0	1.0
<i>Other transport</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
Other specified & classifiable	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	--
Other specified, not classifiable	13	0	0	0	1	14	1.6	1.6
Unspecified	144	0	0	3	0	147	16.6	16.9
Adverse Effects						26	2.9	3.0
TOTALS	782	66	1	7	1	883	100.0	101.4
<i>Injury Death Rate by Intent</i>	89.8	7.6	--	0.8	--	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.

—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.

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