

2009

Injury Deaths to Massachusetts Adults Ages 65+ Years

In 2009, there were **864** injury deaths to adults ages 65 years and over, a rate of **96.6** deaths for every 100,000 persons 65 years and older. Falls were the leading cause of injury death (47%) for this age group, followed by deaths due to suffocation or hanging (12%).

INJURY CAUSE	INJURY INTENT					Total Count	Percent of Total Count	Crude Rate per 100,000
	Unintentional	Intentional		Undetermined	Other & Legal			
		Suicide	Homicide					
Cut/pierce	1	3	4	0	0	8	0.9	0.9
Drowning/submersion	5	0	0	0		5	0.6	0.6
Fall	408	1	0	0		409	47.3	45.7
Fire/burn	9	0	1	0		10	1.2	1.1
Firearms	0	21	3	0	0	24	2.8	2.7
Machinery	2					2	0.2	--
Natural/environmental	5					5	0.6	0.6
Poisoning	22	15	0	11	0	48	5.6	5.4
Struck by, against	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.2	--
Suffocation/hanging	81	20	2	0		103	11.9	11.5
Transport Injuries:	72	0	0	0	0	72	8.3	8.0
<i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i>	64					64	7.4	7.2
<i>Occupant</i>	5					5	0.6	0.6
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	3					3	0.3	--
<i>Pedal cyclist</i>	1					1	0.1	--
<i>Pedestrian</i>	22					22	2.5	2.5
<i>Other person</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Unspecified person</i>	33					33	3.8	3.7
<i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>	3					3	0.3	--
<i>Pedestrian, other</i>	1					1	0.1	--
<i>Other land transport</i>	4					4	0.5	--
<i>Other transport</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
Other specified & classifiable	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.5	--
Other specified, not classifiable	10	0	1	0	1	12	1.4	1.3
Unspecified	111	0	1	6	0	118	13.7	13.2
Adverse Effects						42	4.9	4.7
TOTALS	732	60	12	17	1	864	100.0	96.6
<i>Injury Death Rate by Intent</i>	<i>81.8</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>

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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