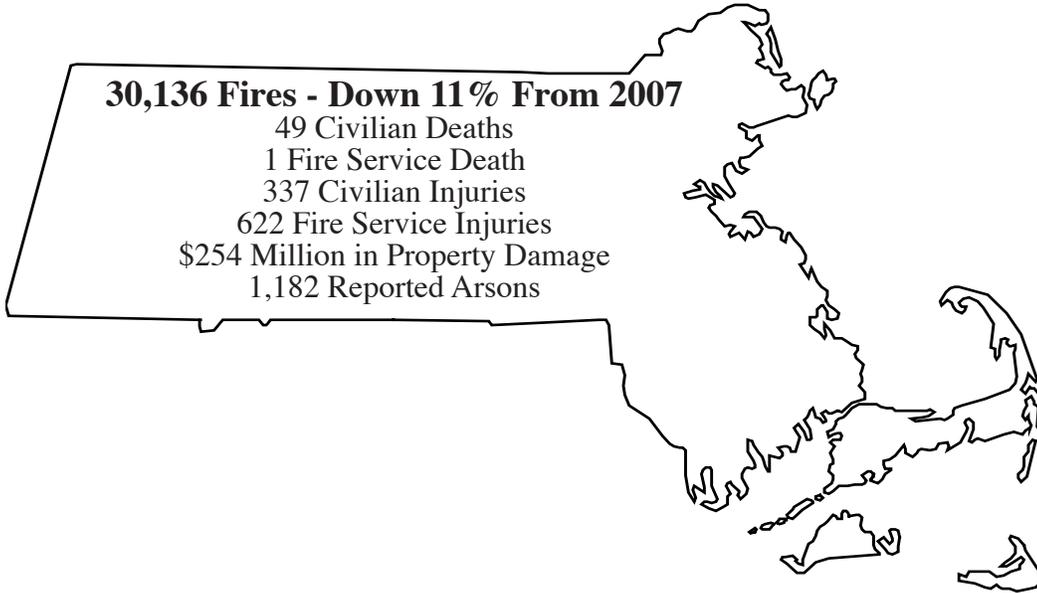


MASSACHUSETTS FIRES IN 2008

30,136 Fires - Down 11% From 2007

49 Civilian Deaths
 1 Fire Service Death
 337 Civilian Injuries
 622 Fire Service Injuries
 \$254 Million in Property Damage
 1,182 Reported Arsons



Structure Fires

17,198 Fires - Up 2%
 44 Civilian Deaths
 273 Civilian Injuries
 582 Fire Service Injuries
 \$235 Million in Property Damage
 280 Arsons Reported



Motor Vehicle Fires

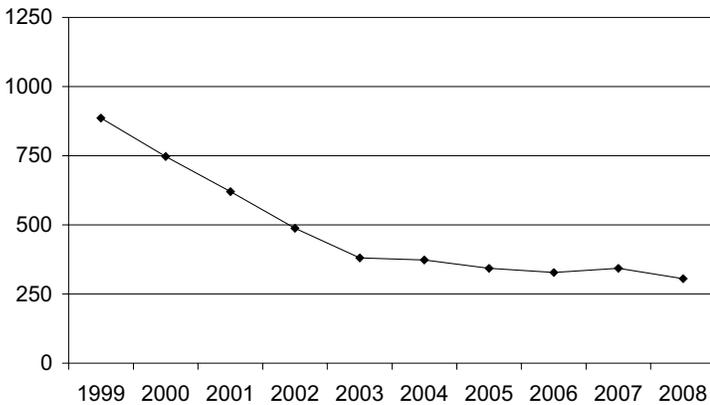
3,076 Fires -Down 8%
 5 Civilian Deaths
 1 Fire Service Death
 23 Civilian Injuries
 16 Fire Service Injuries
 \$14.8 Million in Property Damage
 150 Arsons Reported



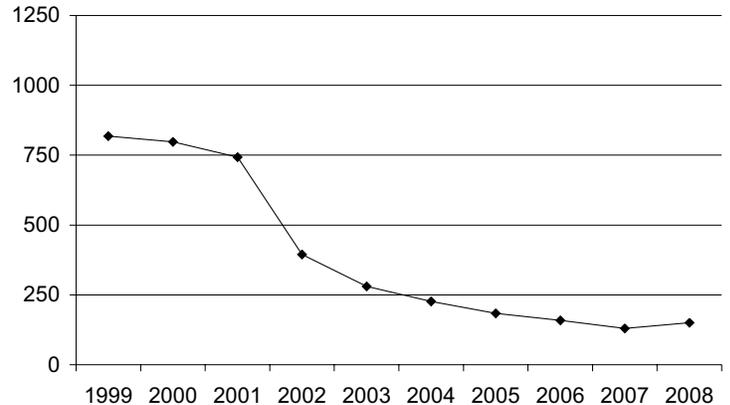
Other Fires

9,862 Fires - Down 28%
 41 Civilian Injuries
 24 Fire Service Injuries
 \$4.6 Million in Property Damage
 752 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



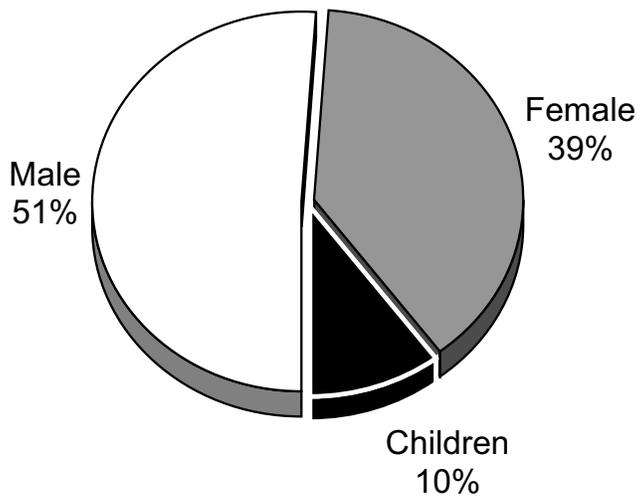
Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



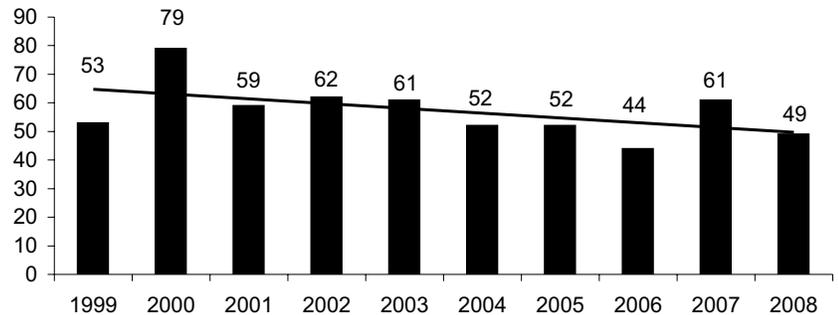
Structure arson fell 20% and motor vehicle arson increased 15% from 2007 to 2008. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 97%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional & age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes many "suspicious" and juvenile-set fires.

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEATHS IN 2008

Civilian Fire Deaths

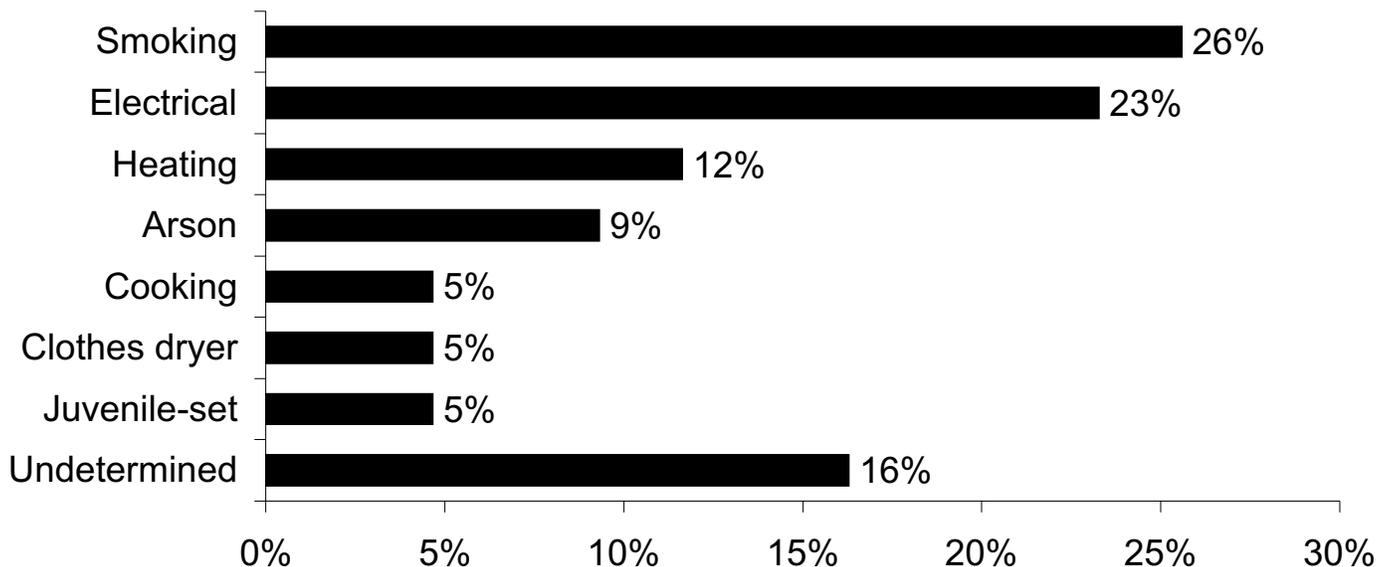


Fire Deaths by Year



- 43 fatal fires killed 49 civilians - 25 men, 19 women and 5 children.
- 1 firefighter died in 1 fire in 2008.
- 1 in 4.1 fatal fire victims was an older adult (over 65).
- Fire deaths decreased by 20% from the 61 deaths reported in 2007.
- Second lowest total on record (since WWII).
- 88% of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- Improper or unsafe disposal of smoking materials was once again the leading cause of residential structure fire deaths. Smoking fires caused 11, or 26%, of residential structure fire deaths.

Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



Test your smoke detector and plan your escape! *Fire doesn't wait!*