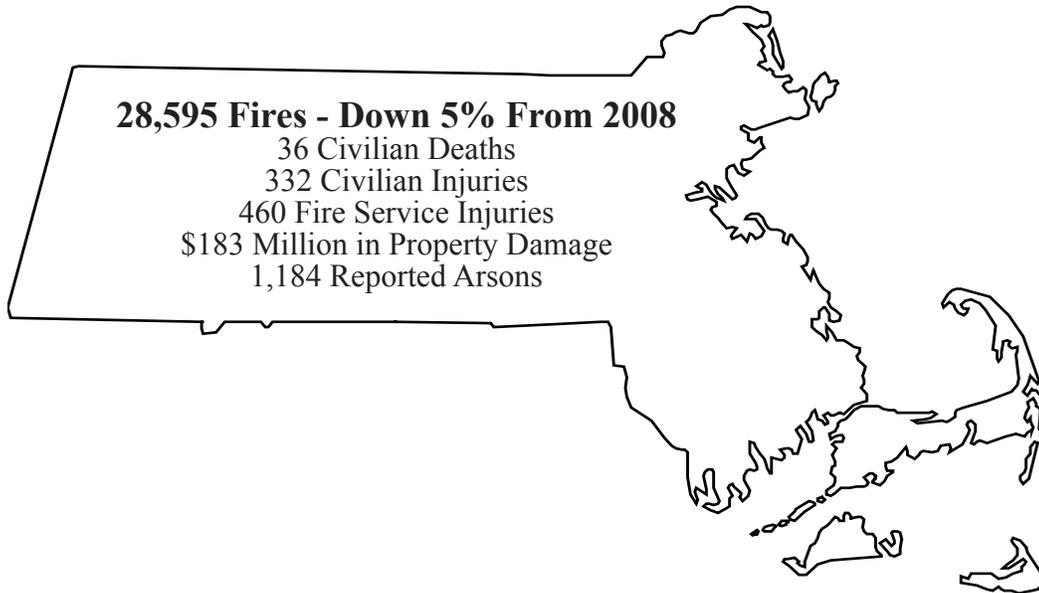


MASSACHUSETTS FIRES IN 2009



Structure Fires

17,773 Fires - Up 3%
 30 Civilian Deaths
 290 Civilian Injuries
 423 Fire Service Injuries
 \$167 Million in Property Damage
 291 Arsons Reported



Motor Vehicle Fires

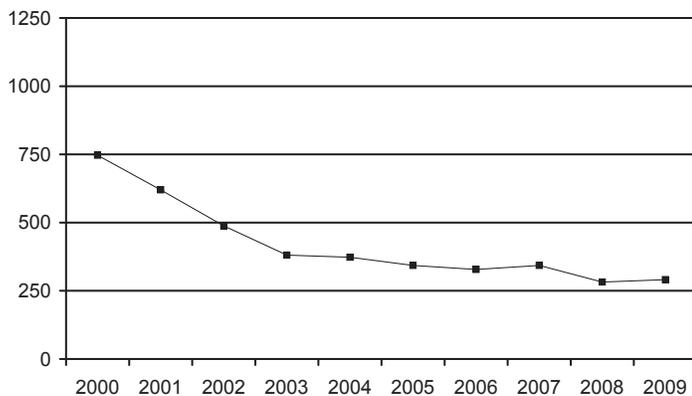
3,069 Fires - Down 1%
 5 Civilian Deaths
 14 Civilian Injuries
 17 Fire Service Injuries
 \$13.2 Million in Property Damage
 188 Arsons Reported



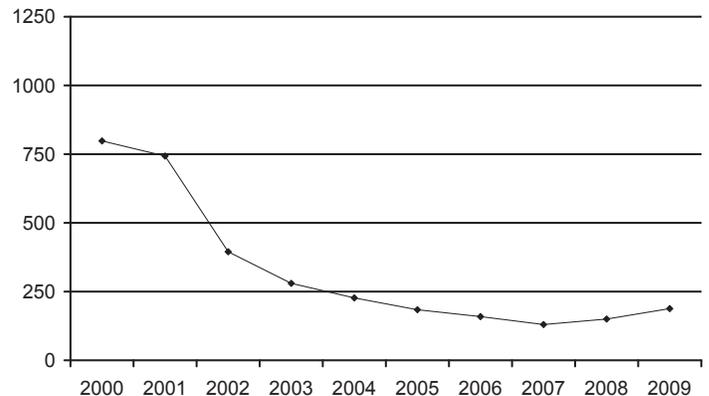
Other Fires

7,753 Fires - Down 22%
 1 Civilian Death
 28 Civilian Injuries
 20 Fire Service Injuries
 \$3 Million in Property Damage
 705 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



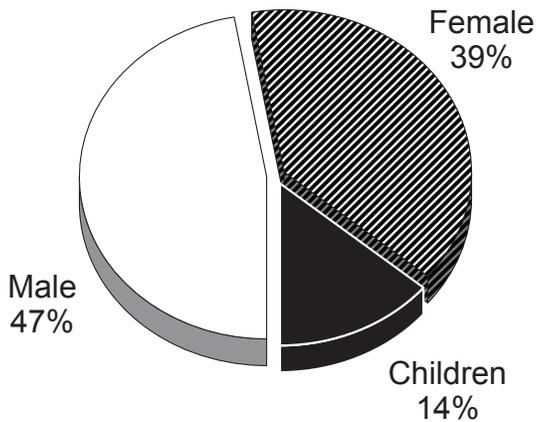
Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



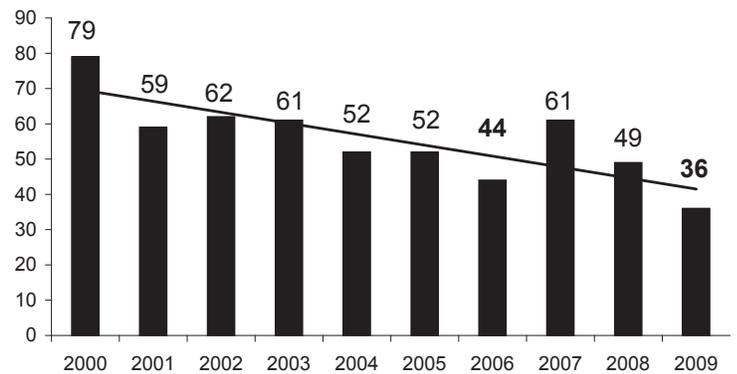
Structure arson rose 3% and motor vehicle arson increased 25% from 2008 to 2009. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 96%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional & age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes many "suspicious" and juvenile-set fires.

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEATHS IN 2009

Civilian Fire Deaths

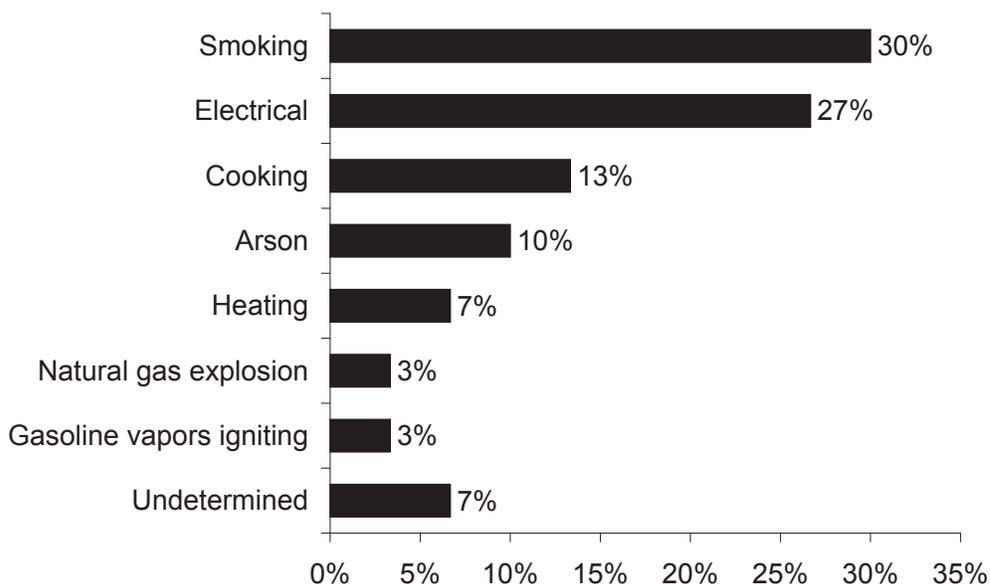


Fire Deaths by Year



- 29 fatal fires killed 36 civilians - 17 men, 14 women and 5 children.
- Almost half (47%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths decreased by 27% from the 49 deaths reported in 2008.
- Lowest total on record (since WWII).
- 83% 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 9, or 30%, of residential structure fire deaths.

Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



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