



Western MA Opioids Fact Sheet

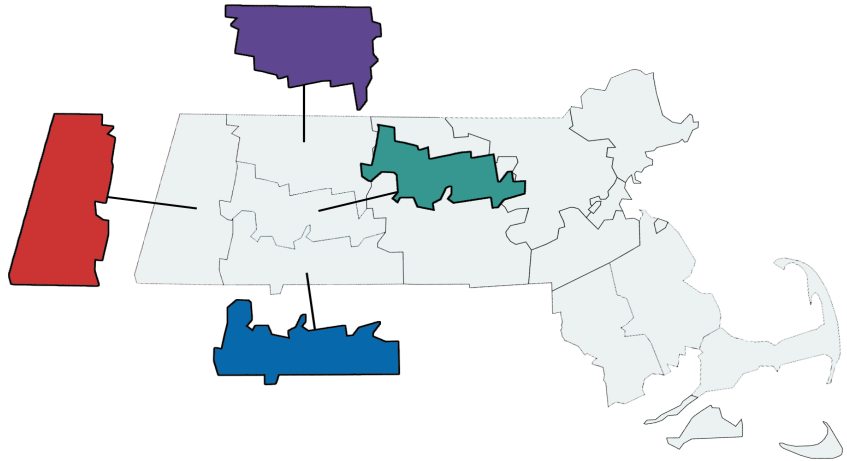
What are opioids?

Opioids are a type of drug that is prescribed to reduce pain. The frequent use of opioids can lead to developing tolerance and dependence.

What is a factor influencing opioid-related overdose deaths?

A toxicology report indicated that fentanyl has been present at a 93% rate and it is the driving force behind these deaths.

This fact sheet provides the most recent data on opioid statistics published by Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information, please visit the website at <https://www.mass.gov>



Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire

In 2021, the total number of confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths per county were **62** in **Berkshire**, **36** in **Franklin**, **211** in **Hampden**, and **44** in **Hampshire**.

City/Town across Western MA	Total opioid-related overdose deaths (2020)	Total opioid-related overdose deaths (2021)
Chicopee	35	25
Greenfield	7	11
Holyoke	21	23
North Adams	13	9
Northampton	8	11
Pittsfield	22	33
Springfield	89	84
Ware	3	13
Westfield	8	18

Between 2020 and 2021:

- Chicopee, North Adams, and Springfield had a decrease in opioid-related overdose deaths.
- Greenfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Pittsfield, Ware, and Westfield had an increase in opioid-related overdose deaths.