

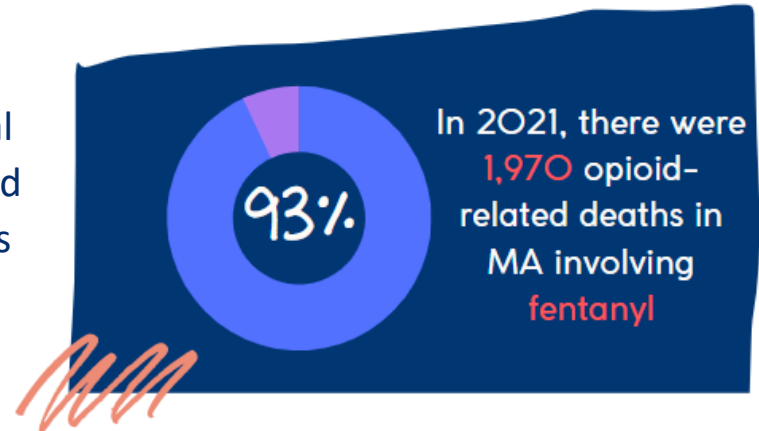


## Current Overdose and Drug Use Trends

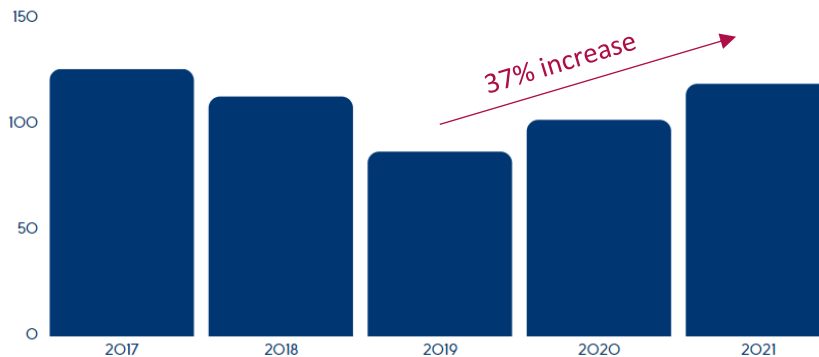
August 2022

### Massachusetts

In 2021, there was a total of **2,290** total confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths among Massachusetts residents. This represents a nearly **9% increase** between 2020 and 2021.



Of the opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts during 2021, **5% (119)** overdose deaths were residents only aged **15-24 years old**. **Overdose deaths have been rising among this age group since 2019.**



**1 in 9**

Boston high school students said they ever took prescriptions pain medicine without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told them to use it



**1 in 5**

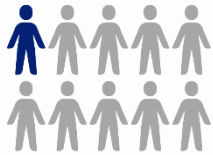
Massachusetts high school students were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property

# HAMPDEN COUNTY ADDICTION TASKFORCE

COMMUNITY | LAW ENFORCEMENT | EDUCATION | HEALTH

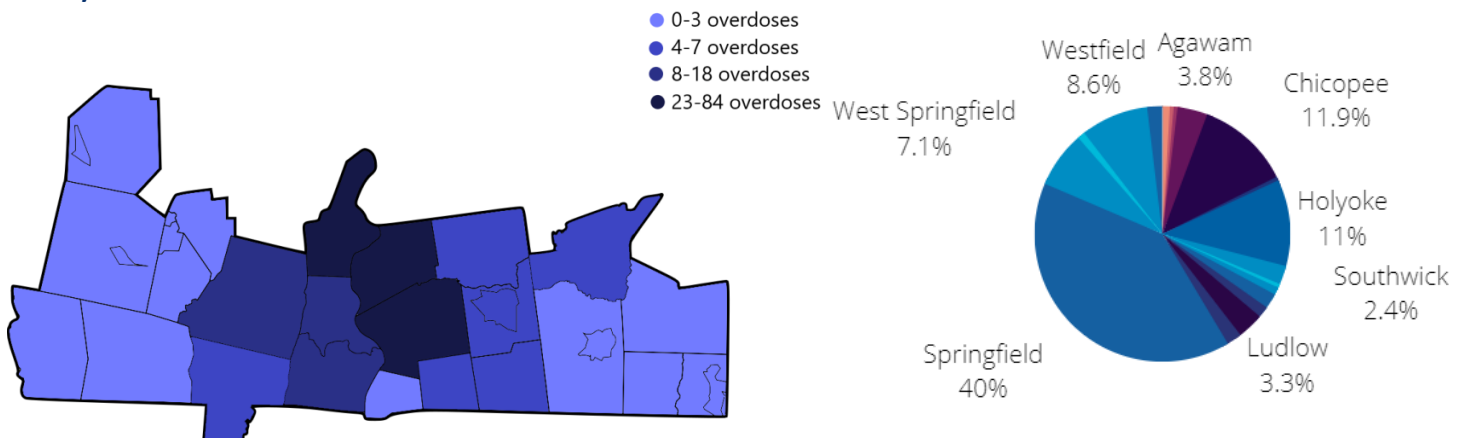


## Hampden County



**1 in 10** of these Massachusetts residents who died from an opioid-related overdose have a city/town of residence in Hampden County. There were **211** opioid-related deaths in Hampden County during 2021, a **62% increase** since 2016.

In 2021, **40%** of opioid-related overdose deaths in Hampden County occur in Springfield. With 23% of opioid-overdose deaths occurring in Chicopee and Holyoke.



In Springfield, **7% of eighth graders** indicated that in the past 30 days they used any prescription drug that was not their own in 2021. **About 4% of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders** reported taking other prescription drugs that were not their own in the past 30 days.

Teenagers in Massachusetts are **33% more likely** to have used drugs in the last month than the average American teen.

## References

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Data Brief: Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/opioid-related-overdose-deaths-among-ma-residents-june-2022/download>

CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, Youth Online High School Results by state, 2019

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/results.htm>

National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, Drug Use Among Youth: Facts & Statistics

<https://drugabusestatistics.org/teen-drug-use/#massachusetts>

Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts; 2021 Survey of Springfield 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students-Responses to All Questions Report

<https://www.publichealthwm.org/youth-health-survey-initiative#portal>