

# Care Massachusetts: the Opioid Abatement Partnership



Massachusetts Health Officers Association Annual Meeting  
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Falmouth, MA



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Background: How'd we get here?
- Municipal Expenditure Reporting
- Municipal Abatement Strategies
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Connecting with those directly impacted by the opioid epidemic
- Town of Falmouth: Exemplary Engagement



# Introductions

## Who are we

**Care Massachusetts: The Opioid Abatement Partnership** is a team of multidisciplinary experts, contracted by the Commonwealth, in order to:

- support cities and towns in their efforts to invest opioid abatement funds.
- collect and report data from municipalities on the amount received and expended, and a description of their efforts.





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OF ADVANCING  
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# Introductions

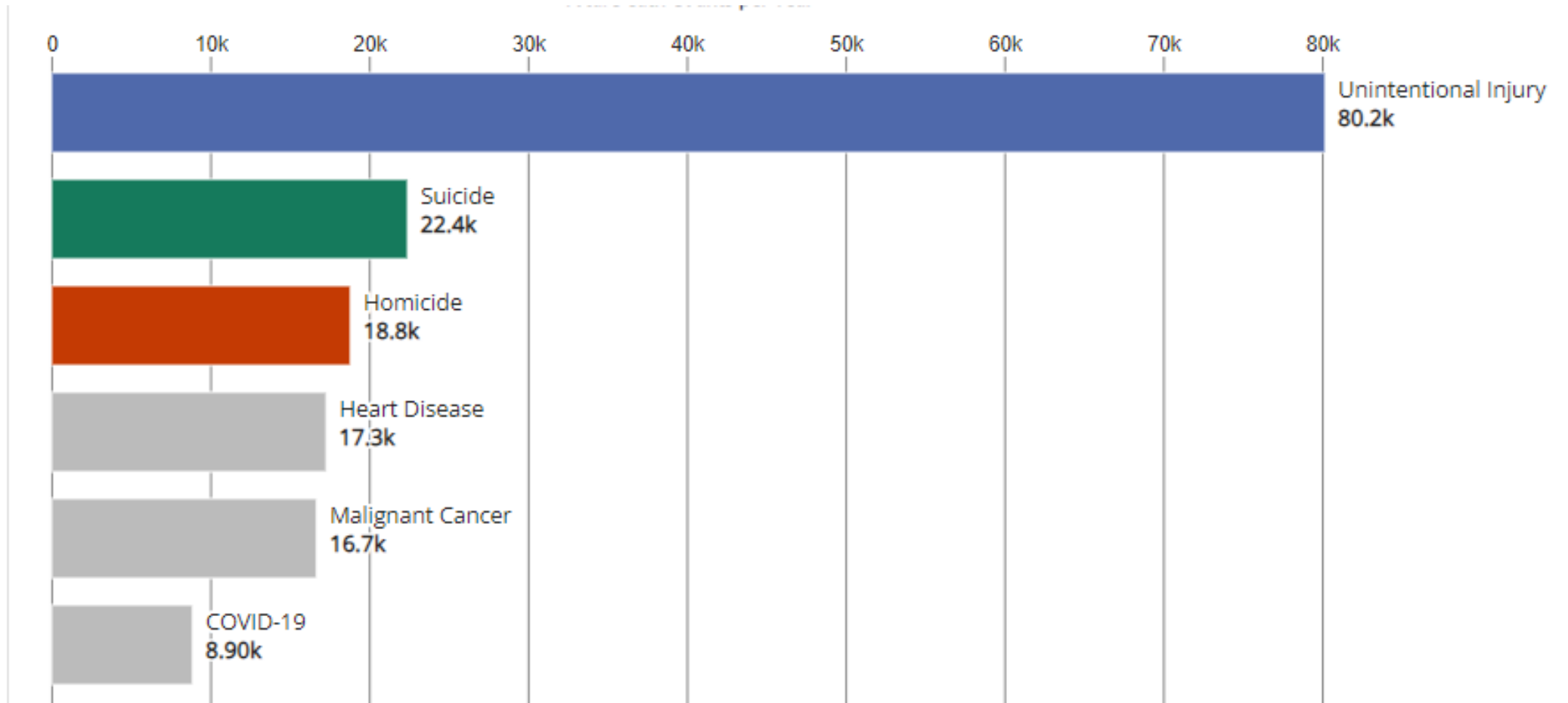
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# The Opioid Epidemic

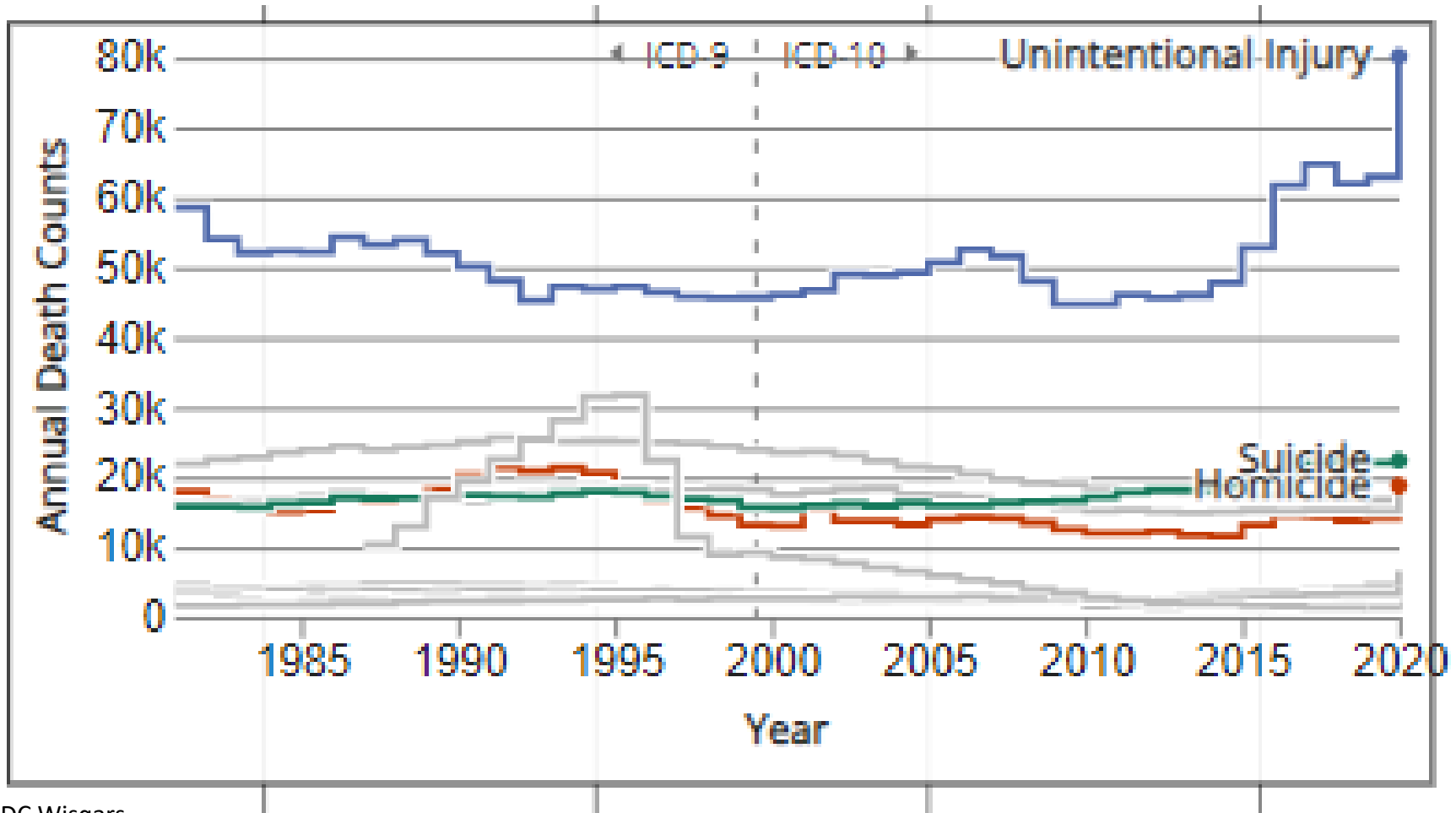
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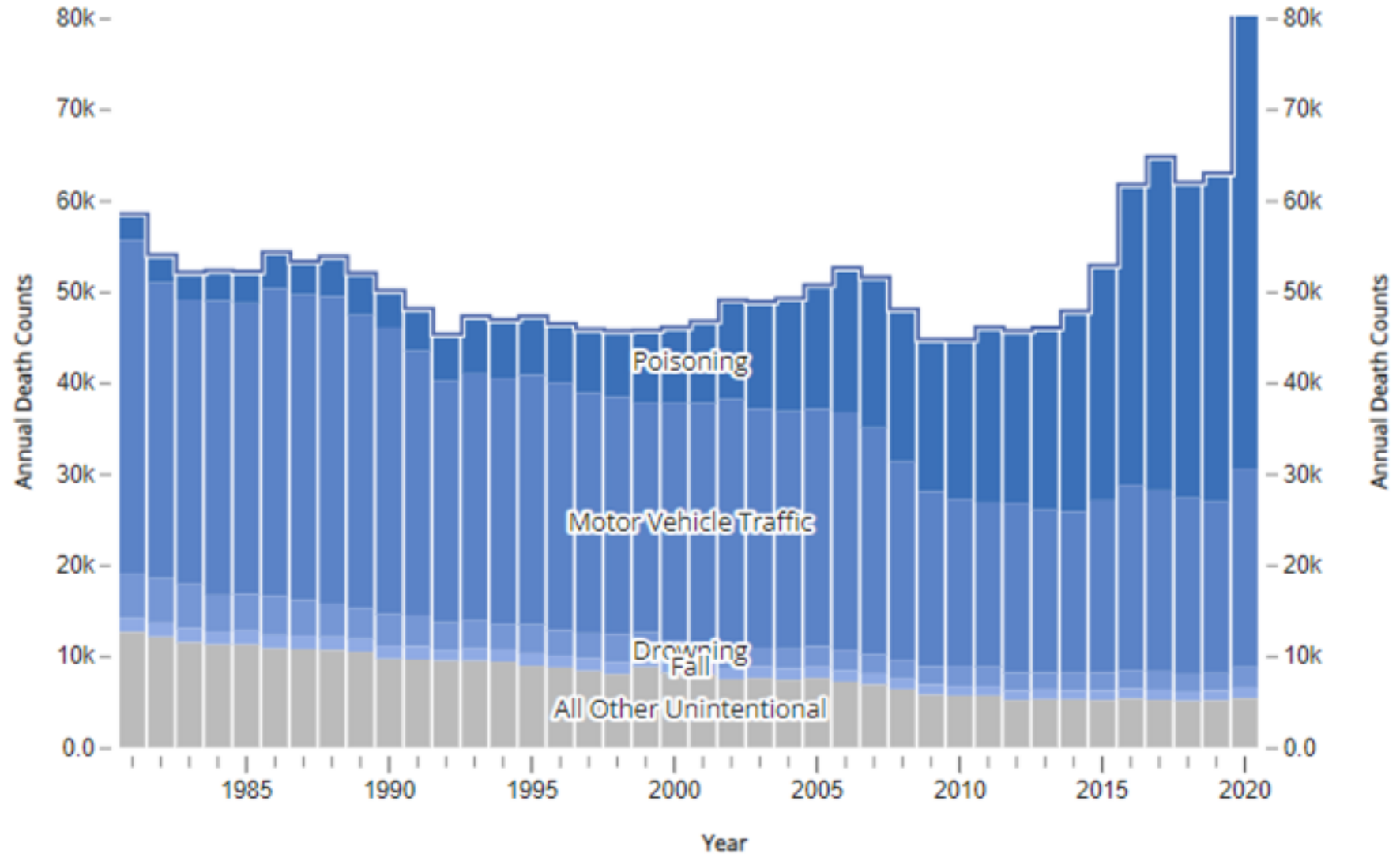
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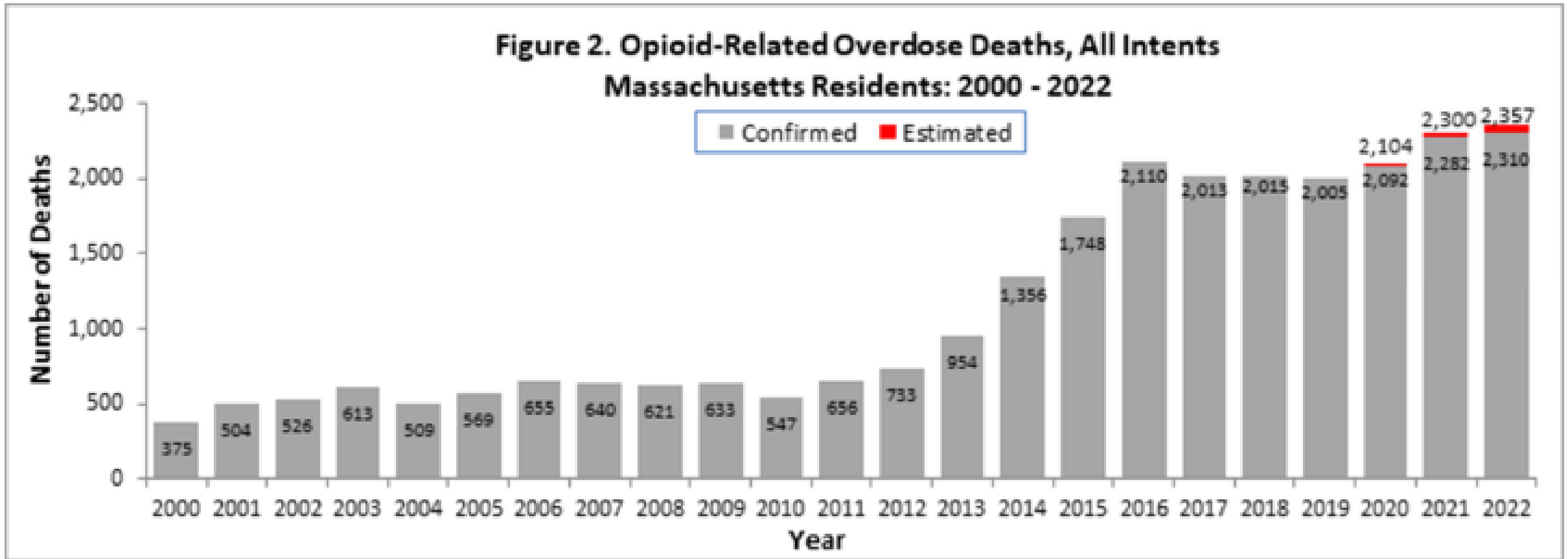
## Unintentional Injuries Ages 1-44, 1985-2020



Source: US CDC Wisqars



# The Opioid Epidemic



Source: Mass.gov Overdose related overdose deaths data brief

# Companies that have been sued and are paying legal settlements

## Pharmaceutical Manufacturers:

The logo for Teva, featuring the word "teva" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. A green leaf-like graphic is positioned behind the letter 'v'.The logo for Allergan, consisting of a cluster of blue and green dots of varying sizes to the left of the word "Allergan" in a blue, sans-serif font.The logo for Johnson & Johnson, featuring the company name in a red, cursive script font.

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## Pharmaceutical Distributors:

The logo for CardinalHealth, featuring a stylized red graphic of curved lines above the text "CardinalHealth" in a black, sans-serif font.The logo for McKesson, featuring the word "MCKESSON" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a small orange square under the letter 'K'.The logo for AmerisourceBergen, featuring a blue stylized wave icon above the text "AmerisourceBergen" in a black, sans-serif font.

## Pharmacies:

The logo for Walmart, featuring the word "Walmart" in a blue, sans-serif font with a yellow six-pointed starburst icon to the right.The logo for CVS pharmacy, featuring the word "CVS" in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font above the word "pharmacy" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.The logo for Walgreens, featuring the company name in a red, cursive script font.

# Reporting Requirements

Municipalities receiving total annual payments of \$35,000 or more are required to report annually. The original due date was September 15<sup>th</sup>. Filing these reports are a condition of the state subdivision agreement.

- Municipalities are encouraged to pool resources and collaborate
- All municipalities are encouraged to submit a report

Register for the reporting portal at [www.caremass.org](http://www.caremass.org)

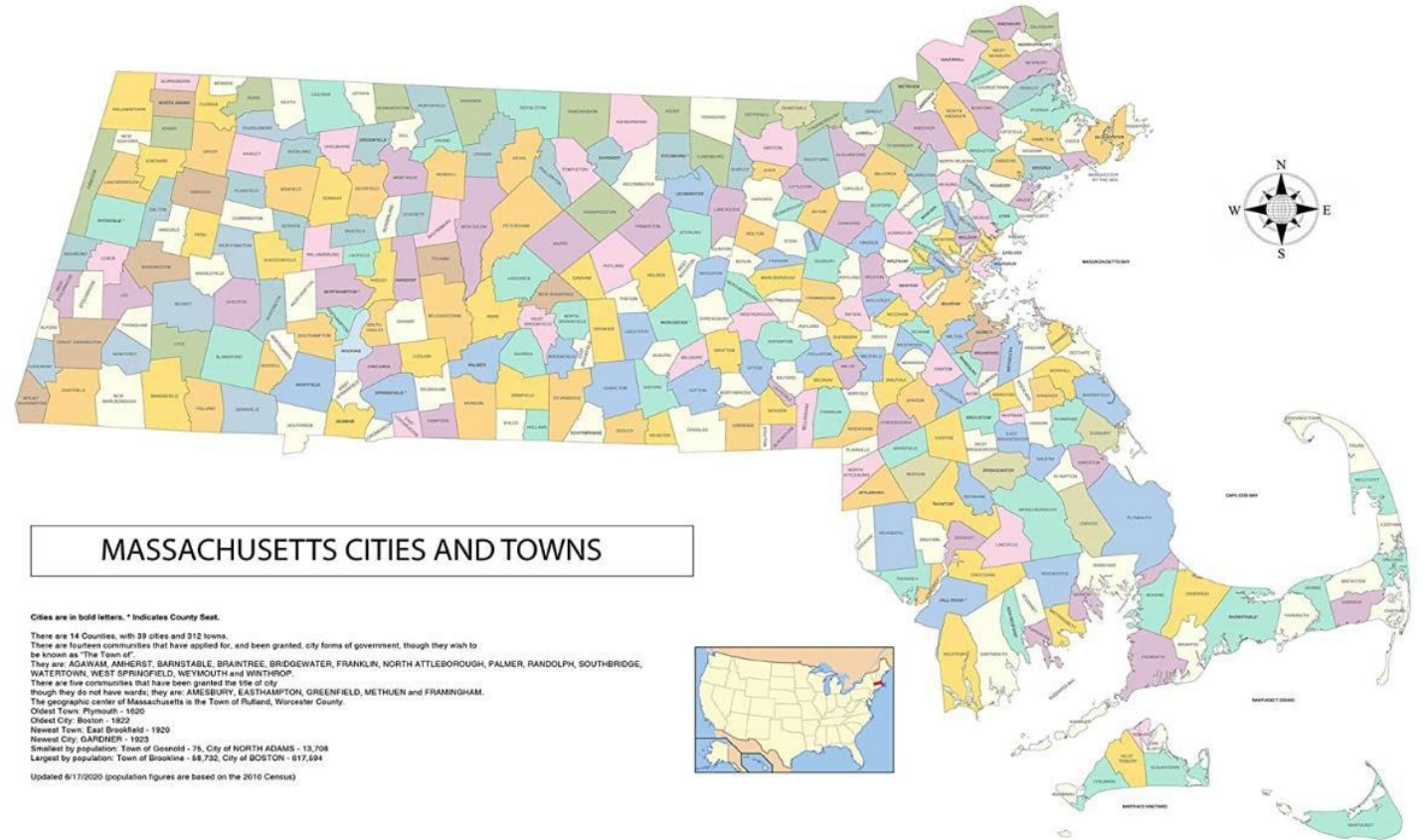
Municipal funding amounts are posted on the [AGO website](#).

See Chart 9 for a list of total amounts dispersed as of September 15, 2023.

# Reporting Requirements

All municipal annual reports will be publicly available this fall.

Please visit [www.caremass.org](http://www.caremass.org)



# Municipal Abatement Strategies

Municipal abatement funds must be used to implement strategies set forth in the [State-Subdivision Agreement](#). The agreement lays out various programs and strategies designed to:

1. Enhance opioid use disorder treatment
2. Support people in treatment and recovery
3. Facilitate connections to care
4. Promote harm reduction
5. Address the needs of justice-involved persons
6. Support Pregnant or Parenting Individuals and their Families, including those with neonatal abstinence syndrome
7. Prevent misuse of opioids and implement prevention education

Non-compliance is enforceable by the Attorney General's Office.

# Municipal Abatement Strategies

## 1. Enhance OUD

- Expand mobile clinics
- Support evidence-based withdrawal management
- Expand existing facilities
- Address trauma in individuals with OUD

# Municipal Abatement Strategies

## 2. Support for People in Treatment and Recovery

- Provide wrap-around services
- Increase access to housing supports
- Expand transportation to treatment or recovery support
- Provide skills and vocational training
- Increase access to recovery supports and programs
- Support bereaved and affected family members

# Municipal Abatement Strategies

## 3. Facilitate Connections to Care

- Support workflows within the Emergency Medical Systems
- Support school-based contacts and referrals
- Fund training for early identification and referrals such as Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Include key community partners such as Fire Departments' Safe Stations program



# Municipal Abatement Strategies

## 4. Promote Harm Reduction

- Increase Naloxone availability
- Establish, expand, or promote Syringe Service Programs
- Include harm reduction services in mobile units
- Provide crisis intervention and harm reduction training
- Expand active outreach such as Drug Abuse Response Teams or Post Overdose Support Teams

# Municipal Abatement Strategies

## 5. Address the Needs of Justice-Involved

- Connect recently released to harm reduction, treatment, recovery, healthcare, legal, employment, housing, or other supports as needed
- Increase OUD expertise to support alternative responder models for OUD-related 9-1-1 calls
- Support public-safety-led diversion programs
- Participate and encourage memberships in organizations such as Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative or S.H.I.E.L.D models

# Municipal Abatement Strategies

6. Support Pregnant or Parenting People and their families, include babies with NAS by promoting:

- FIRST Steps Together home visiting program
- Family residential treatment programs
- Moms Do Care recovery supports

# Municipal Abatement Strategies

## 7. Prevent Misuse of Opioids and Implement Prevention Education

- Reference Blueprints for Health Youth Development, or similar registries that contain evidence-based and informed strategies
- Use the Strategic Prevention Framework or Communities that Care models, or other frameworks for community organizing
- Increase access to community-based education or interventions for those with OUD
- Initiate and sustain local assessments and implementation strategies

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**Needs Assessment**  
**Community Engagement**  
**People with Lived Experience**  
**Interventions**  
**Strategies**  
**Planning**  
**Sharing Agreement**  
**Collaboration**  
**Funding Allocations**  
**Coalition Building**  
**Advocate**

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Call: (617) 385-3655

## TTA Requests Have Focused On:

- Understanding the opioid abatement settlement initiative
- Facilitating community engagement
- Promoting collaboration within and across municipalities
- Supporting efforts to assess community need
- Sharing information about evidence-informed strategies
- Supporting program & program implementation

# Community Engagement



**Nothing  
about us  
without us**

# Community Engagement Partners

JSI can support municipalities with soliciting input from people with lived experience in their community to inform decision making.



## Peer Recovery Support Centers

Community. Connection. Support. Addiction Recovery Happens Here.



# Regional Community Engagement Teams

- Teams includes those impacted by the Opioid Epidemic
- Centering those impacted by the opioid epidemic is a pillar of the Sub-Agreements as part of the process
- JSI can assist in connecting with team members or local community groups





# Tribal Opioid Settlements

All Federally-Recognized Tribes are included in the Opioid Settlements separately from the State Settlements.

## Tribal Opioid Settlements

[Home](#) [Settlements](#)

### Welcome to the Official Tribal Opioid Settlements Website

Five New settlements have been reached to resolve Opioids litigation brought by Tribes and tribal health organizations against the three largest pharmacies: Walmart, CVS and Walgreens ("Pharmacies"), and two manufacturers: Teva and Allergan. These settlements will provide to Tribes and Alaska tribal health organizations over \$500 million for abatement of the Opioids epidemic across Indian Country. With the previous settlements with J&J and the Distributors, well over \$1 billion shall begin to be distributed to Tribes in early 2023.

Tribes have the right to decide whether to participate in any, all, or no settlements. This website contains information about the settlements and how Tribes may participate and receive settlement funds.

FMI: <https://www.tribalopioidsettlements.com/Index>

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# Abatement Team Partners

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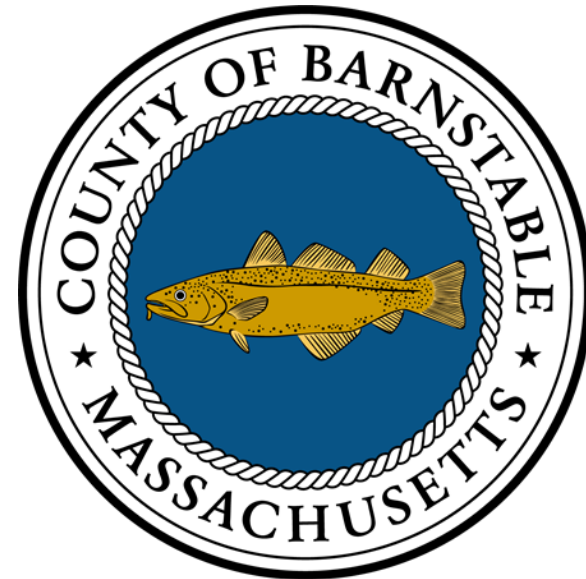


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Next: Falmouth & Barnstable County

# Spotlight on Community Engagement Model Process



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