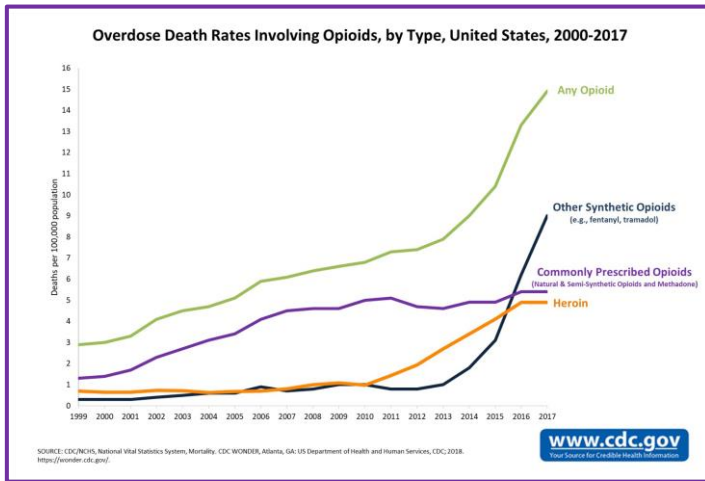


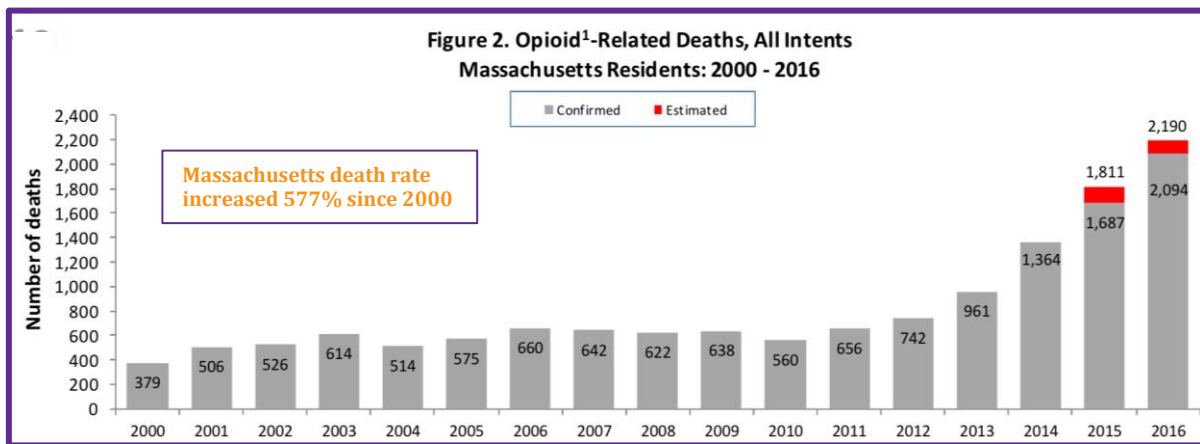
Drug Overdose involving opioids in the U.S. from 2000-2017



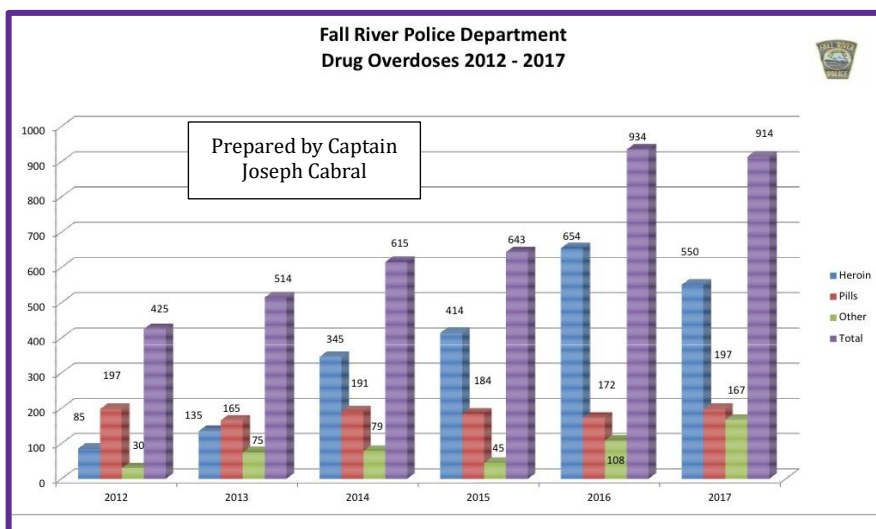
According to the CDC, a total of **70,237** persons in the United States died from a drug overdose in 2017. More than **28,000** of those deaths were from synthetic opioids other than methadone. In addition, CDC statistics indicate a **34%** increase in drug overdose deaths from 2015 to 2017.

MA and RI had the 10th and 11th highest drug overdoses per 100,000 in the United States in 2017.

Opioid related deaths – MA, 1/00 – 12/16 (MADPH)



Local overdoses



Epidemic in context

The overdose death rate released by the CDC **exceeds the peak number** of deaths during the AIDS crisis in 1995, the peak number of gun-related deaths in 1993, and the peak number of car crash deaths in 1972. The figure is also greater than the number of American soldiers who died during the Vietnam War.