

The Massachusetts Opioid Epidemic: an Issue of Substance

The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation issued a report entitled "[The Massachusetts Opioid Epidemic: an Issue of Substance](#)." Key findings from the report conclude:

- The opioid epidemic is far from over and will probably get worse
- Massachusetts remains at the epicenter of the epidemic
- The impact of opioids on businesses is significant, and
- The fiscal costs of the opioid epidemic are enormous -- and growing.

The report details the impact of the opioid crisis on the Massachusetts economy, businesses, health care, costs to the state, and costs to municipalities. The report notes a review of nine studies on the additional health care costs for those privately insured, showing a range of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per employee per year.