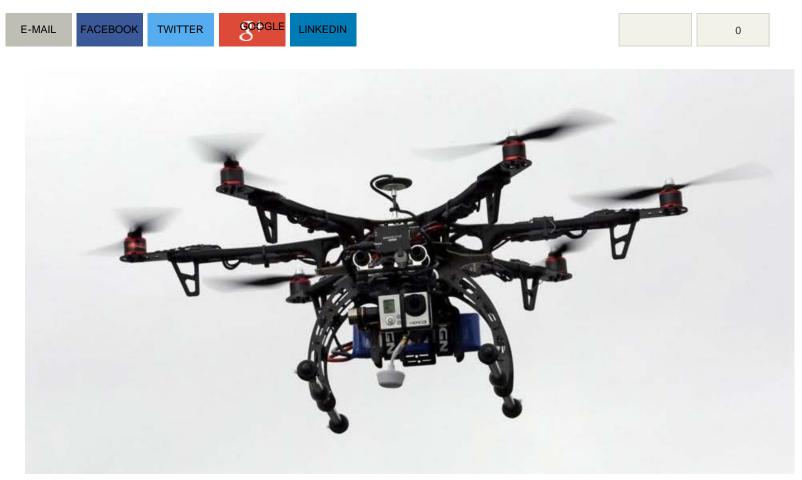
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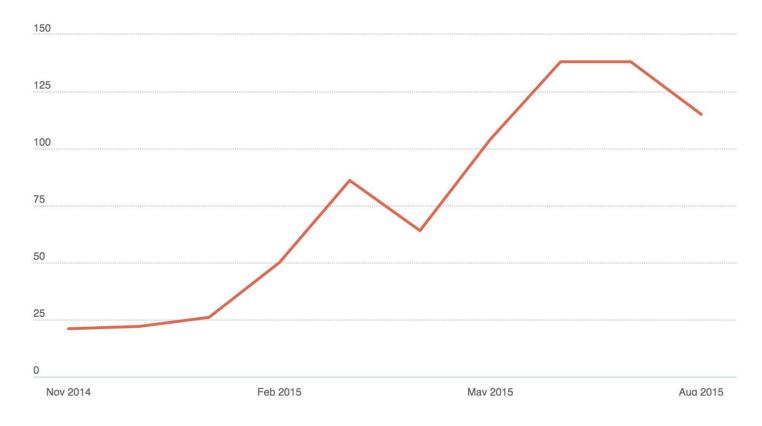
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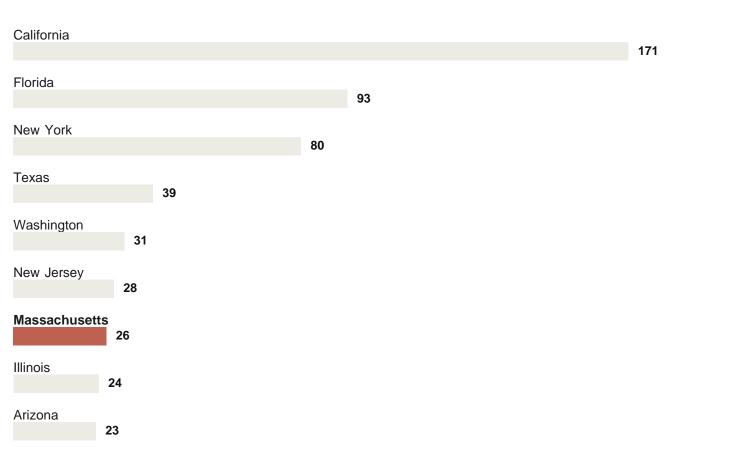
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1. Reports of drone encounters have surged nationwide in recent months

A total of 764 reports were made nationwide to the FAA between Nov. 13, 2014 and Aug. 20, 2015.



2. Massachusetts is one of the leading states in terms of drone encounter reports



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3. Boston accounts for most of the state's sightings and ranks as one of the top cities for such reports

New York			61
Los Angeles		38	
Miami	20		
Chicago	19		
Washington D.C.	18		
Boston	17		
San Jose	17		
Seattle	17		
Atlanta	13		
San Diego	13		

4. This map shows how most of the reports in New England have been concentrated in Massachusetts, and primarily in Boston

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5. This table offers detailed narratives about each of the 26 drone encounter reports in Massachusetts, including accounts from Logan Airport, Martha's Vineyard, and even Fenway Park

Details of 26 reports of possible sightings of and encounters with unmanned aircraft in Massachusetts between Nov. 13, 2014 and Aug. 20, 2015. These reports were made to the Federal Aviation Administration by pilots, air traffic officials, and other citizens.

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August 17, 2015	6:55 PM	Boston	Boston Terminal Radar Approach Control Facilities reported southwest 1027 B737 BNA - Boston observed a unmanned aircraft while on final for runway 4R at 800 feet. Unmanned aircraft was one- fourth mile off right side and below aircraft. No evasive action taken. Law enforcement officers to be notified. Mandatory Occurrence Report alert for Boston. SWA1027 reported a drone crossing from left to right well below him as he was on an approximately 3 - 4 mile final runway 4R. Evasive action was not required. All concerned notified.
August 17, 2015	7:15 PM	Boston	Boston Air Traffic Control Tower reported JetBlue 591 while on the ground awaiting departure facing southeast with the water on the right observed 2 unmanned aircraft below 1000 feet proceeding across the arrival end of the runways towards the city. Massachusetts State Police notified. Mandatory Occurrence Report alert for Boston. JBU951 reported two unmanned aircrafts transiting from southeast to northwest across the approach end of runways 4R and 4L. State Police notified. Domestic Events Network notified.
July 11, 2015	12:00 AM	Boston	US Coast Guard personnel observed a unmanned aircraft 1000 feet above Boston Coast Guard station appearing to take pictures. Mass State Police notified. Mandatory Occurrence Report alert for Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center. Traffic Management Unit relayed unmanned aircraft observation from Coast Guard personnel. Coast Guard reports unmanned aircraft about 1000 feet over Boston Coast Guard station. Appeared unmanned aircraft was taking pictures. Mass State Police notified. Domestic Events Network notified. Regional Operations Center notified. Tried calling the Coast Guard station for more information. Coast Guard station said that no one there had any information.
June 16, 2015	4:37 AM	Boston	Boston Regional Intelligence Center officer reported a white unmanned aircraft 2 feet across with front green and rear red lights at 1000 feet launched from the intersection of Chelsea Street and Rutherford Ave. in Charlestown an individual was apprehended. Delayed notification by Boston Regional Intelligence Center.
June 13, 2015	4:00 PM	Lawrence	Boston approach reported Piper P28A observed 2 black unmanned aircraft approx 1.5 feet across heading SW Lawrence Airport 1 at 8500 the other at 8100. Law enforcement officers not notified. Mandatory Occurrence Report alert for A90. Pilot reported 2 unmanned aircraft SW of Lawrence airport. One was at 8500 and the other at 8100 feet. Both unmanned aircraft were black and about 1.5

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