

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

2003

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
SEX									
Male	112	80.6	3.6	317	74.9	10.2	561	73.6	18.1
Female	27	19.4	0.8	106	25.1	3.2	201	26.4	6.1
Total	139	100.0	2.2	423	100.0	6.6	762	100.0	11.9
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White non-Hispanic	46	33.1	0.9	371	87.7	7.1	626	82.2	11.9
Black non-Hispanic	40	28.8	10.5	16	3.8	4.2	52	6.8	13.6
Asian	6	4.3	2.0	13	3.1	4.4	4	0.5	---
Hispanic	37	26.6	7.7	17	4.0	3.5	69	9.1	14.4
Other race/ethnicity	10	7.2	---	6	1.4	---	11	1.4	---
Total	139	100.0	2.2	423	100.0	6.6	762	100.0	11.9
AGE GROUP									
0-14	11	7.9	0.9	5	1.2	0.4	3	0.4	---
15-24	45	32.4	5.3	45	10.6	5.3	94	12.3	11.1
25-34	39	28.1	4.4	76	18.0	8.6	175	23.0	19.7
35-44	16	11.5	1.5	102	24.1	9.7	277	36.4	26.4
45-54	16	11.5	1.7	88	20.8	9.5	175	23.0	18.9
55-64	2	1.4	---	46	10.9	7.3	27	3.5	4.3
65-74	5	3.6	1.2	28	6.6	7.0	7	0.9	1.7
75-84	3	2.2	---	21	5.0	6.5	0	0.0	---
85+	2	1.4	---	12	2.8	9.1	4	0.5	---
Total	139	100.0	2.2	423	100.0	6.6	762	100.0	11.9
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	24	18.6	0.9	130	31.1	4.8	165	22.0	6.1
Never Married	90	69.8	6.7	187	44.7	12.8	431	57.4	28.7
Widowed	5	3.9	1.5	28	6.7	8.4	11	1.5	3.3
Divorced	10	7.8	2.1	73	17.5	16.9	144	19.2	33.9
Total	129	100.0	2.5	418	100.0	8.1	751	100.0	14.5
YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)									
0-8	7	8.5	3.4	11	3.0	5.3	32	4.9	15.4
9-12	59	72.0	3.9	221	59.9	14.7	491	74.7	32.7
13-16	10	12.2	0.5	104	28.2	5.5	105	16.0	5.5
17+	6	7.3	0.9	33	8.9	5.2	29	4.4	4.5
Total	82	100.0	1.9	369	100.0	8.5	657	100.0	15.1
TOTAL	139	100.0	2.2	423	100.0	6.6	762	100.0	11.9

Source: Massachusetts Violent Death Reporting System, Injury Surveillance Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

• Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, Bureau for Health Information, Statistics, Research and Evaluation, MDPH, September 2008

• Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2003) and analyzed by ICD-10 code.

• Data is for occurrent deaths only. Massachusetts residents who died out-of-state are excluded from this analysis.

• Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

• Rates presented here are crude rates.

• Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2003 population estimates generated by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the US Census Bureau (www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/popbridge/popbridge.htm).

• For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the report, "Violent Deaths in Massachusetts: Surveillance Update 2003," which can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/isp

