

# MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

## 2007

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED*		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
<b>SEX</b>									
Male	130	71.8	4.2	400	78.0	12.8	57	56.4	1.8
Female	51	28.2	1.5	113	22.0	3.4	44	43.6	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY</b>									
White non-Hispanic	54	29.8	1.0	452	88.1	8.7	87	86.1	1.7
Black non-Hispanic	74	40.9	18.4	17	3.3	4.2	5	5.0	1.2
Asian	3	1.7	--	11	2.1	3.4	2	2.0	--
Hispanic	42	23.2	8.0	28	5.5	5.3	6	5.9	1.1
Other race/ethnicity	8	4.4	--	5	1.0	--	1	1.0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>AGE GROUP</b>									
0-14	20	11.0	1.7	3	0.6	--	2	2.0	--
15-24	69	38.1	7.6	54	10.5	6.0	5	5.0	--
25-34	43	23.8	5.2	84	16.4	10.2	8	7.9	1.0
35-44	20	11.0	2.1	115	22.4	11.8	26	25.7	2.7
45-54	15	8.3	1.5	108	21.1	10.9	34	33.7	3.4
55-64	9	5.0	1.2	81	15.8	11.1	14	13.9	1.9
65-74	3	1.7	--	32	6.2	7.7	7	6.9	1.7
75-84	2	1.1	--	20	3.9	6.6	2	2.0	--
85+	0	0.0	--	16	3.1	11.4	2	2.0	--
Unknown	0	0.0	--	0	0.0	--	1	1.0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)</b>									
Married	26	16.1	1.0	158	31.0	6.0	33	33.7	1.3
Never Married	118	73.3	6.5	219	42.9	12.1	42	42.9	2.3
Widowed	4	2.5	1.2	32	6.3	9.4	4	4.1	1.2
Divorced	13	8.1	2.8	99	19.4	21.0	19	19.4	4.0
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	2	0.4	--	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)</b>									
0-8	7	7.6	3.2	10	2.2	4.5	2	2.2	--
9-12	66	71.7	4.3	285	62.5	18.7	56	60.2	3.7
13-16	17	18.5	0.9	120	26.3	6.2	26	28.0	1.3
17+	1	1.1	--	38	8.3	5.6	8	8.6	1.2
Unknown	1	1.1	--	3	0.7	--	1	1.1	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>

Source: Massachusetts Violent Death Reporting System, Injury Surveillance Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, August 2009

- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2007) and analyzed by ICD-10 code. Rates provided here are crude rates.
- 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.
- Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2007 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](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/popbridge/popbridge.htm)) and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2005-2007 3 year estimates.

\* In 2005, a change in policy at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner caused poisoning deaths previously assigned a manner of undetermined intent to be assigned a manner of accident/unintentional and thus, are no longer captured in the MAVDRS database.

