

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

2008

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
SEX									
Male	143	84.1	4.5	394	78.2	12.5	57	65.5	1.8
Female	27	15.9	0.8	110	21.8	3.3	30	34.5	0.9
Total	170	100.0	2.6	504	100.0	7.8	87	100.0	1.3
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White non-Hispanic	44	25.9	0.8	459	91.1	8.8	74	85.1	1.4
Black non-Hispanic	76	44.7	18.8	13	2.6	3.2	6	6.9	1.5
Asian	2	1.2	--	12	2.4	3.6	4	4.6	--
Hispanic	42	24.7	7.5	18	3.6	3.2	3	3.4	--
Other race/ethnicity	6	3.5	--	2	0.4	--	0	0.0	0.0
Total	170	100.0	2.6	504	100.0	7.8	87	100.0	1.3
AGE GROUP									
0-14	2	1.2	--	4	0.8	--	2	2.3	--
15-24	66	38.8	7.1	48	9.5	5.2	7	8.0	0.8
25-34	45	26.5	5.4	55	10.9	6.6	9	10.3	1.1
35-44	31	18.2	3.3	118	23.4	12.4	21	24.1	2.2
45-54	17	10.0	1.7	140	27.8	14.0	31	35.6	3.1
55-64	8	4.7	1.1	73	14.5	9.8	10	11.5	1.3
65-74	1	0.6	--	33	6.5	7.7	3	3.4	--
75-84	0	0.0	0.0	23	4.6	7.7	1	1.1	--
85+	0	0.0	0.0	10	2.0	7.0	3	3.4	--
Total	170	100.0	2.6	504	100.0	7.8	87	100.0	1.3
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	24	14.3	0.9	183	36.6	7.0	21	24.7	0.8
Never Married	128	76.2	6.9	195	39.0	10.5	48	56.5	2.6
Widowed	2	1.2	--	31	6.2	9.2	2	2.4	--
Divorced	14	8.3	2.9	89	17.8	18.6	14	16.5	2.9
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	2	0.4	--	0	0.0	0.0
Total	168	100.0	3.2	500	100.0	9.4	85	100.0	1.6
YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)									
0-8	7	6.9	3.2	10	2.2	4.6	0	0.0	0.0
9-12	79	77.5	5.3	246	54.4	16.4	52	66.7	3.5
13-16	11	10.8	0.6	139	30.8	7.1	21	26.9	1.1
17+	4	3.9	--	51	11.3	7.3	5	6.4	0.7
Unknown	1	1.0	--	6	1.3	--	0	0.0	0.0
Total	102	100.0	2.3	452	100.0	10.3	78	100.0	1.8
TOTAL	170	100.0	2.6	504	100.0	7.8	87	100.0	1.3

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, August 2010

• Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2008) 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 provided here are crude rates. Rates were not calculated on counts of less than five and are considered unstable for counts less than 20.

• Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2008 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) and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2006-2008 3 year estimates.

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

