

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

Homicide 2014

	MALE			FEMALE			TOTAL		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
AGE GROUP									
0-14	3	2.5	--	1	3.8	--	4	2.7	--
15-24	41	33.9	8.6	5	19.2	--	46	31.3	4.8
25-34	38	31.4	8.2	5	19.2	--	43	29.3	4.6
35-44	13	10.7	3.2	5	19.2	--	18	12.2	2.1
45-54	16	13.2	3.3	5	19.2	--	21	14.3	2.1
55-64	3	2.5	--	1	3.8	--	4	2.7	--
65-74	5	4.1	--	2	7.7	--	7	4.8	1.2
75-84	1	0.8	--	1	3.8	--	2	1.4	--
85+	0	0.0	0.0	1	3.8	--	1	0.7	--
Unknown	1	0.8	--	0	0.0	--	1	0.7	--
Total	121	100.0	3.7	26	100.0	0.7	147	100.0	2.2
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White, non-Hispanic	28	23.1	1.1	10	38.5	0.4	38	25.9	0.7
Black, non-Hispanic	47	38.8	19.8	6	23.1	2.4	53	36.1	10.9
Asian	2	1.7	--	3	11.5	--	5	3.4	--
Hispanic	34	28.1	9.4	6	23.1	1.6	40	27.2	5.5
Other/unknown race/ethnicity	10	8.3	--	1	3.8	--	11	7.5	--
Total	121	100.0	3.7	26	100.0	0.7	147	100.0	2.2
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	14	12.0	1.0	5	20.0	--	19	13.4	0.7
Never Married	93	79.5	9.1	15	60.0	1.6	108	76.1	5.5
Widowed	0	0.0	0.0	1	4.0	--	1	0.7	--
Divorced	9	7.7	4.3	4	16.0	--	13	9.2	2.5
Unknown	1	0.9	--	0	0.0	--	1	0.7	--
Total	117	100.0	4.4	25	100.0	0.9	142	100.0	2.6
YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)									
0-8	4	5.2	--	0	0.0	0.0	4	4.1	--
9-12	50	64.9	7.1	12	60.0	1.7	62	63.9	4.4
13-16	19	24.7	1.9	5	25.0	--	24	24.7	1.1
17+	1	1.3	--	1	5.0	--	2	2.1	--
Unknown	3	3.9	--	2	10.0	--	5	5.2	--
Total	77	100.0	3.6	20	100.0	0.8	97	100.0	2.1
METHOD									
Firearm	75	62.0	2.3	11	42.3	0.3	86	58.5	1.3
Sharp	29	24.0	0.9	5	19.2	--	34	23.1	0.5
Blunt Instrument	4	3.3	--	5	19.2	--	9	6.1	0.1
Personal Weapons	5	4.1	--	4	15.4	--	9	6.1	0.1
Other method	8	6.6	0.2	1	3.8	--	9	6.1	0.1
Total	121	100.0	3.7	26	100.0	0.7	147	100.0	2.2
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COUNTY OF INJURY	MALE			FEMALE			TOTAL		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
Barnstable	2	1.7	--	0	0.0	0.0	2	1.4	--
Berkshire	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Bristol	5	4.3	--	2	7.7	--	7	4.9	1.3
Dukes	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Essex	10	8.6	2.7	4	15.4	--	14	9.9	1.8
Franklin	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Hampden	14	12.1	6.2	3	11.5	--	17	12.0	3.6
Hampshire	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Middlesex	11	9.5	1.4	5	19.2	--	16	11.3	1.0
Nantucket	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Norfolk	1	0.9	--	1	3.8	--	2	1.4	--
Plymouth	12	10.3	4.9	2	7.7	--	14	9.9	2.8
Suffolk	53	45.7	14.2	8	30.8	2.0	61	43.0	7.9
Worcester	8	6.9	2.0	1	3.8	--	9	6.3	1.1
Out of State/Unknown	5	--	--	0	--	--	5	--	--
Total Known MA County	116	100.0	3.5	26	100.0	0.7	142	100.0	2.1
CIRCUMSTANCES									
Argument	<30	--	--	<6	--	--	32	21.8	--
Drug Involvement	<20	--	--	<6	--	--	19	12.9	--
Gang-related	<20	--	--	<6	--	--	20	13.6	--
Intimate Partner Violence Related	7	5.8	--	10	38.5	--	17	11.6	--
Precipitated by Another Crime	<35	--	--	<6	--	--	35	23.8	--
Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Problem	<15	--	--	<6	--	--	18	12.2	--
No circumstances known	<30	--	--	<6	--	--	27	18.4	--
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- Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, MDPH, September 2016
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2014) 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 crude rates and were not calculated on counts of less than six. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.
- Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2014 population estimates generated by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm) and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2010-2014 5-year estimates.
- For circumstances, more than one circumstance can be endorsed for each victim. Percent of each circumstance is out of all victims. Counts of less than six for circumstances are suppressed.
- For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the annual reports which can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/isp.

