

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

HOMICIDE 2015

	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	1	0.9	--	2	6.3	--	3	2.1	--
15-24	45	39.5	9.4	3	9.4	--	48	32.9	5.0
25-34	35	30.7	7.5	13	40.6	2.8	48	32.9	5.1
35-44	17	14.9	4.2	5	15.6	--	22	15.1	2.6
45-54	6	5.3	1.3	2	6.3	--	8	5.5	0.8
55-64	3	2.6	--	3	9.4	--	6	4.1	0.7
65-74	4	3.5	--	2	6.3	--	6	4.1	1.0
75-84	3	2.6	--	2	6.3	--	5	3.4	--
85+	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	114	100.0	3.5	32	100.0	0.9	146	100.0	2.2
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White, non-Hispanic	25	21.9	1.0	20	62.5	0.8	45	30.8	0.9
Black, non-Hispanic	53	46.5	21.7	7	21.9	2.7	60	41.1	12.0
Asian	1	0.9	--	1	3.1	--	2	1.4	--
Hispanic	34	29.8	9.0	4	12.5	--	38	26.0	5.0
Other/unknown race/ethnicity	1	0.9	--	0	0.0	--	1	0.7	--
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MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	15	13.3	1.1	9	30.0	0.7	24	16.8	0.9
Never Married	87	77.0	8.4	13	43.3	1.3	100	69.9	5.0
Widowed	3	2.7	--	3	10.0	--	6	4.2	1.9
Divorced	7	6.2	3.3	5	16.7	--	12	8.4	2.3
Unknown	1	0.9	--	0	0.0	--	1	0.7	--
Total	113	100.0	4.2	30	100.0	1.0	143	100.0	2.6
EDUCATION LEVEL (Ages 25+)									
8th grade or less	3	4.4	--	2	7.4	--	5	5.3	--
9-12th grade, high school diploma, or GED	53	77.9	7.5	15	55.6	2.1	68	71.6	4.8
Some college, Associate, or Bachelor's degree	11	16.2	1.1	8	29.6	0.7	19	20.0	0.9
Master's, Doctorate, or Professional degree	1	1.5	--	2	7.4	--	3	3.2	--
Total	68	100.0	3.1	27	100.0	1.1	95	100.0	2.1
METHOD									
Firearm	80	70.2	2.4	11	34.4	0.3	91	62.3	1.3
Sharp	22	19.3	0.7	10	31.3	0.3	32	21.9	0.5
Blunt instrument	4	3.5	--	2	6.3	--	6	4.1	0.1
Personal weapons	6	5.3	0.2	4	12.5	--	10	6.8	0.1
Other/unknown method	2	1.8	--	5	15.6	--	7	4.8	0.1
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COUNTY OF INJURY									
Barnstable	1	0.9	--	2	6.9	--	3	2.2	--
Berkshire	2	1.9	--	1	3.4	--	3	2.2	--
Bristol	9	8.3	3.3	0	0.0	0.0	9	6.6	1.6
Dukes	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Essex	9	8.3	2.4	7	24.1	1.7	16	11.7	2.1
Franklin	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Hampden	18	16.7	7.9	5	17.2	--	23	16.8	4.9
Hampshire	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Middlesex	9	8.3	1.2	5	17.2	--	14	10.2	0.9
Nantucket	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Norfolk	1	0.9	--	1	3.4	--	2	1.5	--
Plymouth	9	8.3	3.6	2	6.9	--	11	8.0	2.2
Suffolk	40	37.0	10.6	5	17.2	--	45	32.8	5.8
Worcester	10	9.3	2.5	1	3.4	--	11	8.0	1.3
Total Known MA County	108	100.0	3.3	29	100.0	0.8	137	100.0	2.0
Out of State/Unknown	6	--	--	3	--	--	9	--	--
CIRCUMSTANCES									
Argument	38	33.3	--	8	25.0	--	46	31.5	--
Precipitated by Another Crime	34	29.8	--	8	25.0	--	42	28.8	--
Gang-related	>30	--	--	<6	--	--	37	25.3	--
Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Problem	20	17.5	--	9	28.1	--	29	19.9	--
Drug Involvement	>20	--	--	<6	--	--	26	17.8	--
Intimate Partner Violence-related	8	7.0	--	14	43.8	--	22	15.1	--
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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 of Community Health and Prevention, MDPH, August 2017
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015) 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 2015 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 2011-2015 5-year estimates.
- For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the annual reports which can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/isp.

