

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM 2016

Total Violent Deaths in MA*

Count= 868
Rate = 12.7/100,000

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
SEX									
Male	115	79.9	3.5	491	77.0	14.9	50	68.5	1.5
Female	29	20.1	0.8	147	23.0	4.2	23	31.5	0.7
Total	144	100.0	2.1	638	100.0	9.4	73	100.0	1.1
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White non-Hispanic	53	36.8	1.1	546	85.6	10.8	60	82.2	1.2
Black non-Hispanic	61	42.4	11.9	31	4.9	6.1	7	9.6	1.4
Asian	1	0.7	--	24	3.8	5.1	1	1.4	--
Hispanic	27	18.8	3.5	33	5.2	4.2	4	5.5	--
Other or Unknown race/ethnicity	2	1.4	--	4	0.6	--	1	1.4	--
Total	144	100.0	2.1	638	100.0	9.4	73	100.0	1.1
AGE GROUP									
0-14	3	2.1	--	7	1.1	0.6	1	1.4	--
15-24	45	31.3	4.7	86	13.5	9.0	5	6.8	--
25-34	43	29.9	4.5	105	16.5	11.0	9	12.3	0.9
35-44	24	16.7	2.9	101	15.8	12.2	13	17.8	1.6
45-54	12	8.3	1.2	127	19.9	13.2	16	21.9	1.7
55-64	5	3.5	--	122	19.1	13.3	16	21.9	1.7
65-74	4	2.8	--	60	9.4	9.8	4	5.5	--
75-84	6	4.2	2.0	18	2.8	5.9	5	6.8	--
85+	2	1.4	--	12	1.9	7.6	3	4.1	--
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	1	1.4	--
Total	144	100.0	2.1	638	100.0	9.4	73	100.0	1.1
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	27	19.1	1.0	200	31.7	7.4	11	15.5	0.4
Never Married	103	73.0	5.0	297	47.1	14.5	36	50.7	1.8
Widowed	3	2.1	--	12	1.9	3.8	7	9.9	2.2
Divorced	8	5.7	1.5	118	18.7	22.0	15	21.1	2.8
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	4	0.6	--	2	2.8	--
Total	141	100.0	2.5	631	100.0	11.3	71	100.0	1.3
EDUCATION LEVEL (Ages 25+)									
8th grade or less	2	2.1	--	15	2.8	6.9	4	6.1	--
9-12th grade, high school diploma or GED	64	66.7	4.5	290	53.2	20.5	32	48.5	2.3
Some college, Associate or Bachelor's degree	28	29.2	1.3	182	33.4	8.4	24	36.4	1.1
Master's, Doctorate or Professional degree	1	1.0	--	50	9.2	5.9	1	1.5	--
Unknown	1	1.0	--	8	1.5	--	5	7.6	--
Total	96	100.0	2.1	545	100.0	11.7	66	100.0	1.4
TOTAL	144	100.0	2.1	638	100.0	9.4	73	100.0	1.1

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, October 2018.
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2016) and analyzed by ICD-10 code (X60-X99, Y00-Y34, Y35.0-Y35.4, Y35.6-Y35.7, Y86 (firearms only), Y87.0-Y87.2, Y89.0, Y89.9, W32-W34, U01-U03).
- 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 and where population data is unavailable. Rates that are based on counts less than 20 may be unstable.
- Percents may not add to 100 due to rounding.
- Population from Missouri Census Data Center (2018), Population Estimates by Age [Massachusetts 2016]; available from <https://census.missouri.edu/population-by-age/>.
- For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the annual reports which can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/isp.

* Total violent deaths include 12 legal intervention deaths and one unintentional firearm death that are not included in the table.

