

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

2017

Total Violent Deaths in MA*
Count = 917
Rate = 13.4/100,000

HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED		
Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000

SEX

Male	138	79.3	4.1	535	77.8	16.1	28	57.1	0.8
Female	36	20.7	1.0	153	22.2	4.3	21	42.9	0.6
Total	174	100.0	2.5	688	100.0	10.0	49	100.0	0.7

RACE/ETHNICITY

White non-Hispanic	52	29.9	1.0	577	83.9	11.5	37	75.5	0.7
Black non-Hispanic	64	36.8	12.2	25	3.6	4.8	6	12.2	1.1
Asian	3	1.7	--	26	3.8	5.3	0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic	54	31.0	6.6	59	8.6	7.3	5	10.2	--
Other or Unknown race/ethnicity	1	0.6	--	1	0.1	--	1	2.0	--
Total	174	100.0	2.5	688	100.0	10.0	49	100.0	0.7

AGE GROUP

0-14	1	2.1	--	6	0.9	0.5	1	2.0	--
15-24	48	31.3	5.1	85	12.4	9.0	4	8.2	--
25-34	50	29.9	5.1	125	18.2	12.8	11	22.4	1.1
35-44	39	16.7	4.7	111	16.1	13.4	8	16.3	1.0
45-54	18	8.3	1.9	133	19.3	14.1	7	14.3	0.7
55-64	8	3.5	0.9	125	18.2	13.4	8	16.3	0.9
65-74	4	2.8	--	54	7.8	8.5	3	6.1	--
75-84	3	4.2	--	28	4.1	9.0	4	8.2	--
85+	3	1.4	--	21	3.1	13.1	3	6.1	--
Total	174	100.0	2.5	688	100.0	10.0	49	100.0	0.7

MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)

Married	20	11.6	0.7	190	27.9	6.9	13	27.1	0.5
Never Married	126	72.8	6.1	312	45.7	15.1	25	52.1	1.2
Widowed	3	1.7	--	28	4.1	8.9	3	6.3	--
Divorced	24	13.9	4.5	142	20.8	26.7	7	14.6	1.3
Unknown	0	0.0	--	10	1.5	--	0	0.0	--
Total	173	100.0	3.1	682	100.0	12.1	48	100.0	0.8

EDUCATION LEVEL (Ages 25+)

8th grade or less	10	8.0	4.6	17	2.8	7.8	4	9.1	--
9-12th grade, high school diploma, or GED	87	69.6	7.5	316	52.9	27.2	25	56.8	2.2
Some college, Associate, or Bachelor's degree	20	16.0	0.9	208	34.8	9.4	10	22.7	0.5
Master's, Doctorate, or Professional degree	6	4.8	0.7	47	7.9	5.3	5	11.4	--
Unknown	2	1.6	--	9	1.5	--	0	0.0	--
Total	125	100.0	2.7	597	100.0	12.7	44	100.0	0.9

TOTAL

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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, June 2019.
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017) 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 20 may be unstable.
- Population from Missouri Census Data Center. (2019). Population Estimates by Age [Massachusetts 2017]. 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 four legal intervention deaths and two unintentional firearm deaths that are not included in the table.

