

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

HOMICIDE 2018

	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	2	1.6	--	3	10.7	--	5	3.3	--
15-24	36	29.3	7.6	6	21.4	1.3	42	27.8	4.5
25-34	43	35.0	8.7	6	21.4	1.2	49	32.5	5.0
35-44	21	17.1	5.1	4	14.3	--	25	16.6	3.0
45-54	11	8.9	2.5	4	14.3	--	15	9.9	1.6
55-64	5	4.1	--	2	7.1	--	7	4.6	0.7
65-74	4	3.3	--	1	3.6	--	5	3.3	--
75-84	1	0.8	--	2	7.1	--	3	2.0	--
85+	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	123	100.0	3.7	28	100.0	0.8	151	100.0	2.2
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White, non-Hispanic	20	16.3	0.8	13	46.4	0.5	33	21.9	0.7
Black, non-Hispanic	57	46.3	21.9	4	14.3	--	61	40.4	11.4
Asian, non-Hispanic	2	1.6	--	1	3.6	--	3	2.0	--
Hispanic	42	34.1	10.1	10	35.7	2.4	52	34.4	6.2
Other/unknown race/ethnicity	2	1.6	--	0	0.0	0.0	2	1.3	--
Total	123	100.0	3.7	28	100.0	0.8	151	100.0	2.2
CIRCUMSTANCES¹									
Argument	28	22.8	--	<6	--	--	29-33	--	--
Precipitated by Another Crime	39	31.7	--	<6	--	--	40-44	--	--
Gang-related	34	27.6	--	<6	--	--	35-39	--	--
Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Problem	27	22.0	--	<6	--	--	28-32	--	--
Drug Involvement	23	18.7	--	0	0.0	--	23	15.2	--
Intimate Partner Violence-related	<6	--	--	14	50.0	--	15-19	--	--
METHOD									
Firearm	93	75.6	2.8	9	32.1	0.3	102	67.5	1.5
Sharp instrument	17	13.8	0.5	8	28.6	0.2	25	16.6	0.4
Blunt instrument	6	4.9	0.2	6	21.4	0.2	12	7.9	0.2
Personal weapons	3	2.4	--	4	14.3	--	7	4.6	0.1
Strangulation/Suffocation	0	0.0	0.0	1	3.6	--	1	0.7	--
Other/unknown method	4	3.3	--	0	0.0	0.0	4	2.6	--
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COUNTY OF INJURY									
Barnstable	2	1.7	--	0	0.0	0.0	2	1.4	--
Berkshire	2	1.7	--	2	7.4	--	4	2.7	--
Bristol	7	5.8	2.6	1	3.7	--	8	5.4	1.4
Dukes	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Essex	7	5.8	1.8	3	11.1	--	10	6.8	1.3
Franklin	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Hampden	18	15.0	8.0	7	25.9	2.9	25	17.0	5.3
Hampshire	2	1.7	--	0	0.0	0.0	2	1.4	--
Middlesex	8	6.7	1.0	3	11.1	--	11	7.5	0.7
Nantucket	1	0.8	--	0	0.0	0.0	1	0.7	--
Norfolk	3	2.5	--	3	11.1	--	6	4.1	0.9
Plymouth	9	7.5	3.6	1	3.7	--	10	6.8	1.9
Suffolk	55	45.8	14.2	2	7.4	--	57	38.8	7.1
Worcester	6	5.0	1.5	5	18.5	--	11	7.5	1.3
Total Known MA Injury County	120	100.0	3.6	27	100.0	0.8	147	100.0	2.1
Out of State Injury/Unknown Injury	3	--	--	1	--	--	4	--	--
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	14	11.6	1.0	13	52.0	0.9	27	18.5	1.0
Never Married	102	84.3	9.4	11	44.0	1.1	113	77.4	5.4
Widowed	1	0.8	--	1	4.0	--	2	1.4	--
Divorced	4	3.3	--	0	0.0	0.0	4	2.7	--
Total	121	100.0	4.4	25	100.0	0.8	146	100.0	2.6
EDUCATION LEVEL (Ages 25+)									
8th grade or less	5	5.9	5.0	1	5.3	--	6	5.8	2.8
9-12th grade, high school diploma or GED	61	71.8	8.6	14	73.7	2.0	75	72.1	5.4
Some college, Associate or Bachelor's degree	15	17.6	1.5	4	21.1	--	19	18.3	0.9
Master's, Doctorate or Professional degree	3	3.5	--	0	0.0	0.0	3	2.9	0.3
Unknown	1	1.2	--	0	0.0	0.0	1	1.0	--
Total	85	100.0	3.8	19	100.0	0.8	104	100.0	2.2
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1. Multiple circumstances may be selected for each decedent. For circumstance categories providing an exact count would allow calculation of other suppressed cells. A range is provided to show the approximate size for this category, but without allowing the calculation of suppressed cells.

• Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, BCHAP, MDPH, October 2020

• Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2018) 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 five. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

• Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2018 population estimates generated by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the US Census Bureau (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm) and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2018 five year estimates.

