

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM 2019

Total Violent Deaths in MA¹
Count= 887
Rate = 12.9/100,000

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED ²		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
SEX									
Male	116	77.9	3.5	487	75.9	14.6	43	50.0	1.3
Female	33	22.1	0.9	155	24.1	4.4	43	50.0	1.2
Total	149	100.0	2.2	642	100.0	9.3	86	100.0	1.2
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White non-Hispanic	49	32.9	1.0	543	84.6	10.9	63	73.3	1.3
Black non-Hispanic	48	32.2	8.8	28	4.4	5.2	13	15.1	2.4
Asian non-Hispanic	6	4.0	1.2	24	3.7	4.7	2	2.3	--
Hispanic	42	28.2	4.9	46	7.2	5.4	7	8.1	0.8
Other race/ethnicity ³	4	2.7	--	1	0.2	--	1	1.2	--
Total	149	100.0	2.2	642	100.0	9.3	86	100.0	1.2
AGE GROUP									
0-14	9	6.0	0.8	3	0.5	--	4	4.7	--
15-24	37	24.8	4.0	68	10.6	7.3	7	8.1	0.7
25-34	47	31.5	4.7	101	15.7	10.2	13	15.1	1.3
35-44	25	16.8	2.9	97	15.1	11.4	13	15.1	1.5
45-54	11	7.4	1.2	117	18.2	13.1	14	16.3	1.6
55-64	14	9.4	1.5	153	23.8	16.2	17	19.8	1.8
65-74	4	2.7	--	65	10.1	9.7	12	14.0	1.8
75-84	2	1.3	--	27	4.2	8.0	4	4.7	--
85+	0	0.0	0.0	11	1.7	6.9	2	2.3	--
Total	149	100.0	2.2	642	100.0	9.3	86	100.0	1.2
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	29	20.7	1.0	199	31.1	7.2	16	19.5	0.6
Never Married	103	73.6	4.9	291	45.5	13.8	35	42.7	1.7
Widowed	1	0.7	--	32	5.0	10.2	9	11.0	2.9
Divorced	7	5.0	1.3	115	18.0	21.2	21	25.6	3.9
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	2	0.3	--	1	1.2	--
Total	140	100.0	2.4	639	100.0	11.2	82	100.0	1.4
YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)									
8th grade or less	4	3.9	--	11	1.9	5.3	4	5.3	--
9-12th grade, high school diploma, or GED	75	72.8	5.4	268	46.9	19.4	41	54.7	3.0
Some college, Associates, or Bachelor's degree	20	19.4	0.9	225	39.4	10.0	23	30.7	1.0
Master's, Doctorate, or Professional degree	4	3.9	--	63	11.0	6.7	5	6.7	--
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	4	0.7	--	2	2.7	--
Total	103	100.0	2.2	571	100.0	11.9	75	100.0	1.6
TOTAL	149	100.0	2.2	642	100.0	9.3	86	100.0	1.2

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 2021.
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2019) 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 based on counts less than 20 may be unstable.
- Percents may not add to 100 due to rounding.
- Population from National Center for Health Statistics Vintage 2019 Bridged-Race Postcensal Population Estimates pcen_v2019_y1019 2019 population.
- For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the annual reports which can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/isp.



¹ Total violent deaths include eight legal intervention deaths and two unintentional firearm death that are not included in the table.

² Undetermined manner is defined as evidence indicating one manner of death is no more compelling than the evidence indicating another manner of death

³ Other race/ethnicity includes persons who have more than one race or unknown race