

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

HOMICIDE 2019

	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	5	4.3	--	4	12.1	--	9	6.0	0.8
15-24	31	26.7	6.4	6	18.2	1.2	37	24.8	3.8
25-34	41	35.3	8.2	6	18.2	1.2	47	31.5	4.7
35-44	16	13.8	3.8	9	27.3	2.1	25	16.8	2.9
45-54	9	7.8	2.1	2	6.1	--	11	7.4	1.2
55-64	10	8.6	2.2	4	12.1	--	14	9.4	1.5
65-74	2	1.7	--	2	6.1	--	4	2.7	--
75-84	2	1.7	--	0	0.0	0.0	2	1.3	--
85+	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	116	100.0	3.4	33	100.0	0.9	149	100.0	2.1
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White, non-Hispanic	30	25.9	1.3	19	57.6	0.7	49	32.9	1.0
Black, non-Hispanic	45	38.8	18.2	3	9.1	--	48	32.2	9.4
Asian, non-Hispanic	4	3.4	--	2	6.1	--	6	4.0	1.2
Hispanic	34	29.3	8.0	8	24.2	1.9	42	28.2	4.9
Other/unknown race/ethnicity	3	2.6	--	1	3.0	--	4	2.7	--
Total	116	100.0	3.4	33	100.0	0.9	149	100.0	2.1
CIRCUMSTANCES¹									
Argument	42	36.2	--	9	27.3	--	51	34.2	--
Precipitated by Another Crime	30	25.9	--	<6	--	--	31-35	--	--
Gang-related	30	25.9	--	<6	--	--	31-35	--	--
Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Problem	35	30.2	--	<6	--	--	36-40	--	--
Drug Involvement	23	19.8	--	<6	--	--	24-28	--	--
Intimate Partner Violence-related	6	5.2	--	19	57.6	--	25	16.8	--
METHOD									
Firearm	76	65.5	2.2	10	30.3	0.3	86	57.7	1.2
Sharp instrument	24	20.7	0.7	15	45.5	0.4	39	26.2	0.6
Blunt instrument	6	5.2	0.2	2	6.1	--	8	5.4	0.1
Personal weapons	5	4.3	--	1	3.0	--	6	4.0	0.1
Strangulation/Suffocation	2	1.7	--	3	9.1	--	5	3.4	--
Other/unknown method	3	2.6	--	2	6.1	--	5	3.4	--
Total	116	100.0	3.4	33	100.0	0.9	149	100.0	2.1
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COUNTY OF INJURY									
Barnstable	2	1.7	--	0	0.0	0.0	2	1.4	--
Berkshire	3	2.6	--	4	12.5	--	7	4.7	5.6
Bristol	8	6.9	2.9	1	3.1	--	9	6.1	1.6
Dukes	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Essex	9	7.8	2.4	2	6.3	--	11	7.4	1.4
Franklin	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Hampden	26	22.4	11.5	3	9.4	--	29	19.6	6.2
Hampshire	0	0.0	0.0	1	3.1	--	1	0.7	--
Middlesex	9	7.8	1.1	6	18.8	0.7	15	10.1	0.9
Nantucket	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Norfolk	4	3.4	--	2	6.3	--	6	4.1	0.8
Plymouth	6	5.2	2.4	4	12.5	--	10	6.8	1.9
Suffolk	40	34.5	10.3	3	9.4	--	43	29.1	5.3
Worcester	9	7.8	2.2	6	18.8	1.4	15	10.1	1.8
Total Known MA Injury County	116	100.0	3.4	32	100.0	0.9	148	100.0	2.1
Out of State Injury/Unknown Injury	0	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)²									
Married	18	16.2	1.3	11	37.9	0.8	29	20.7	1.0
Never Married	87	78.4	8.0	16	55.2	1.6	103	73.6	4.9
Widowed	1	0.9	--	0	0.0	0.0	1	0.7	--
Divorced	5	4.5	--	2	6.9	--	7	5.0	1.3
Total	111	100.0	4.0	29	100.0	1.0	140	100.0	2.4
EDUCATION LEVEL IN YEARS (Ages 25+)²									
0-8	2	2.5	--	2	8.7	--	4	3.9	--
9-12	67	83.8	9.5	8	34.8	1.2	75	72.8	5.4
13-16	10	12.5	1.0	10	43.5	0.8	20	19.4	0.9
17+	1	1.3	--	3	13.0	--	4	3.9	--
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	80	100.0	3.5	23	100.0	0.9	103	100.0	2.2
TOTAL	116	100.0	3.4	33	100.0	0.9	149	100.0	2.1

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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.

2. Marital status is analyzed for decedents ages 15 and over. Education level is analyzed for decedents 25 and over. These totals will differ from the overall homicide total.

• Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, BCHAP, MDPH, September 2022

• Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2019) 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 2019 population estimates generated by the UMass Donahue Institute and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2015-2019 five year estimates.

• For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the annual report, "Violent Deaths in Massachusetts: Surveillance Update," which can be found at www.mass.gov/lists/general-injury-data

