

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM 2020

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED ²		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Total Violent Deaths in MA¹ Count = 884 Rate = 12.6/100,000 </div>									
SEX									
Male	152	86.4	4.5	471	76.6	13.8	49	53.8	1.4
Female	24	13.6	0.7	144	23.4	4.0	42	46.2	1.2
Total	176	100.0	2.5	615	100.0	8.7	91	100.0	1.3
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White, non-Hispanic	45	25.6	0.9	513	83.4	10.6	59	64.8	1.2
Black, non-Hispanic	74	42.0	15.5	24	3.9	5.0	14	15.4	2.9
Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	3	1.7	--	25	4.1	4.9	3	3.3	--
Hispanic	49	27.8	5.6	49	8.0	5.6	14	15.4	1.6
Other race/ethnicity ³	5	2.8	--	4	0.7	--	1	1.1	--
Total	176	100.0	2.5	615	100.0	8.7	91	100.0	1.3
AGE GROUP									
0-14	2	1.1	--	4	0.7	--	3	3.3	--
15-24	56	31.8	5.9	66	10.7	6.9	7	7.7	0.7
25-34	53	30.1	5.2	99	16.1	9.8	21	23.1	2.1
35-44	24	13.6	2.8	93	15.1	10.7	12	13.2	1.4
45-54	20	11.4	2.2	126	20.5	13.8	17	18.7	1.9
55-64	14	8.0	1.4	106	17.2	10.9	14	15.4	1.4
65-74	6	3.4	0.9	79	12.8	11.4	9	9.9	1.3
75-84	1	0.6	--	25	4.1	7.2	6	6.6	1.7
85+	0	0.0	0.0	17	2.8	10.4	2	2.2	--
Total	176	100.0	2.5	615	100.0	8.7	91	100.0	1.3
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	27	15.5	1.0	191	31.3	6.9	15	17.0	0.5
Never Married	134	77.0	6.3	288	47.1	13.5	53	60.2	2.5
Widowed	2	1.1	--	29	4.7	9.4	3	3.4	--
Divorced	10	5.7	1.8	98	16.0	18.0	15	17.0	2.8
Unknown	1	0.6	--	5	0.8	--	2	2.3	--
Total	174	100.0	3.0	611	100.0	10.6	88	100.0	1.5
YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)									
8th grade or less	6	5.1	3.0	9	1.7	4.5	3	3.7	--
9-12th grade, high school diploma, or GED	81	68.6	6.0	265	48.6	19.5	41	50.6	3.0
Some college, Associates, or Bachelor's degree	25	21.2	1.1	203	37.2	8.9	25	30.9	1.1
Master's, Doctorate, or Professional degree	5	4.2	--	64	11.7	6.6	9	11.1	0.9
Unknown	1	0.8	--	4	0.7	--	3	3.7	--
Total	118	100.0	2.5	545	100.0	11.3	81	100.0	1.7
TOTAL	176	100.0	2.5	615	100.0	8.7	91	100.0	1.3
TOTAL Violent Deaths	884		12.6						

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 2022.
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020) 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.
- Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2020 population estimates generated by the UMass Donahue Institute and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2016-2020 five year estimates.
- Percents may not add to 100 due to rounding.
- 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 one legal intervention death and one 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

