

# MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

## HOMICIDE 2021

	MALE <sup>1</sup>			FEMALE <sup>1</sup>			TOTAL		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
<b>AGE GROUP</b>									
0-14	4	3.5	--	2	5.1	--	6	3.9	0.5
15-24	27	23.9	5.7	6	15.4	1.3	33	21.7	3.5
25-34	39	34.5	7.6	9	23.1	1.8	48	31.6	4.7
35-44	21	18.6	4.9	5	12.8	--	26	17.1	3.0
45-54	7	6.2	1.6	5	12.8	--	12	7.9	1.3
55-64	4	3.5	--	3	7.7	--	7	4.6	0.7
65-74	9	8.0	2.8	7	17.9	1.9	16	10.5	2.3
75-84	2	1.8	--	1	2.6	--	3	2.0	--
85+	0	0.0	0.0	1	2.6	--	1	0.7	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY</b>									
White, non-Hispanic	31	27.4	1.3	17	43.6	0.7	48	31.6	1.0
Black, non-Hispanic	48	42.5	20.7	10	25.6	4.1	58	38.2	12.2
Asian, non-Hispanic	3	2.7	--	2	5.1	--	5	3.3	--
Hispanic	30	26.5	6.8	9	23.1	2.0	39	25.7	4.4
Other/unknown race/ethnicity	1	0.9	--	1	2.6	--	2	1.3	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>CIRCUMSTANCES<sup>2</sup></b>									
Argument	30	26.5	--	10	25.6	--	40	26.3	--
Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Problem	30	26.5	--	<6	--	--	32-36	--	--
Gang-related	26	23.0	--	<6	--	--	27-31	--	--
Drug Involvement	23	20.4	--	<6	--	--	24-28	--	--
Precipitated by Another Crime	18	15.9	--	<6	--	--	19-23	--	--
Intimate Partner Violence-related	4	3.5	--	15	38.5	--	19	12.5	--
<b>METHOD</b>									
Firearm	75	66.4	2.2	17	43.6	0.5	92	60.5	1.3
Sharp instrument	21	18.6	0.6	11	28.2	0.3	32	21.1	0.5
Personal weapons	8	7.1	0.2	1	2.6	--	9	5.9	0.1
Blunt instrument	3	2.7	--	4	10.3	--	7	4.6	0.1
Strangulation/Suffocation	3	2.7	--	3	7.7	--	6	3.9	0.1
Other/unknown method	3	2.7	--	3	7.7	--	6	3.9	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>

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<b>COUNTY OF INJURY</b>									
Barnstable	2	1.8	--	1	2.9	--	3	2.1	--
Berkshire	3	2.7	--	0	0.0	0.0	3	2.1	--
Bristol	10	9.0	3.6	1	2.9	--	11	7.5	1.9
Dukes	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Essex	9	8.1	2.3	4	11.4	--	13	8.9	1.6
Franklin	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Hampden	20	18.0	8.9	5	14.3	--	25	17.1	5.4
Hampshire	1	0.9	--	0	0.0	0.0	1	0.7	--
Middlesex	13	11.7	1.6	5	14.3	--	18	12.3	1.1
Nantucket	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Norfolk	4	3.6	--	1	2.9	--	5	3.4	--
Plymouth	11	9.9	4.3	0	0.0	0.0	11	7.5	2.1
Suffolk	32	28.8	8.3	14	40.0	3.4	46	31.5	5.8
Worcester	6	5.4	1.4	4	11.4	--	10	6.8	1.2
<b>Total Known MA Injury County</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Out of State Injury/Unknown Injury	2	--	--	4	--	--	6	--	--
<b>MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)</b>									
Married	15	13.8	1.1	7	18.9	0.5	22	15.1	0.8
Never Married	84	77.1	7.5	20	54.1	1.9	104	71.2	4.8
Widowed	1	0.9	--	5	13.5	--	6	4.1	2.0
Divorced	9	8.3	4.0	5	13.5	--	14	9.6	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL (Ages 25+)</b>									
8th grade or less	3	3.7	--	0	0.0	0.0	3	2.7	--
9-12th grade, high school diploma, or GED	59	72.0	8.3	18	58.1	2.7	77	68.1	5.7
Some college, Associate or Bachelor's degree	20	24.4	1.8	9	29.0	0.7	29	25.7	1.2
Master's, Doctorate, or Professional degree	0	0.0	0.0	3	9.7	--	3	2.7	--
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	1	3.2	--	1	0.9	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>

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- Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, BCHAP, MDPH, August 2023
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2021) 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 2020 population estimates (2021 population estimates are not yet released) generated by the UMass Donahue Institute and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2017-2021 five year estimates.

<sup>1</sup> Sex is collected on the death certificate as male, female, unknown. There were no "unknown" violent deaths in the examined time period.

<sup>2</sup> Multiple circumstances may be selected for each decedent. Counts less than 6 and any complementary cells may be suppressed for confidentiality purposes. Rates are not calculated due to undefined denominators.

