

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM 2022

Total Violent Deaths in MA¹
Count= 904
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 |
| SEX³ | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 130 | 80.2 | 3.8 | 483 | 77.2 | 14.2 | 79 | 71.8 | 2.3 |
| Female | 32 | 19.8 | 0.9 | 143 | 22.8 | 4.0 | 31 | 28.2 | 0.9 |
| Total | 162 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 626 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 110 | 100.0 | 1.6 |
| RACE/ETHNICITY⁴ | | | | | | | | | |
| White,non-Hispanic | 44 | 27.2 | 0.9 | 507 | 81.0 | 10.5 | 80 | 72.7 | 1.7 |
| Black,non-Hispanic | 63 | 38.9 | 13.2 | 35 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 12 | 10.9 | 2.5 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 1 | 0.6 | -- | 19 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 1 | 0.9 | -- |
| Hispanic | 44 | 27.2 | 5.0 | 54 | 8.6 | 6.1 | 14 | 12.7 | 1.6 |
| Other race/ethnicity | 8 | 4.9 | -- | 7 | 1.1 | -- | 1 | 0.9 | -- |
| Unspecified race | 2 | 1.2 | -- | 4 | 0.6 | -- | 2 | 1.8 | -- |
| Total | 162 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 626 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 110 | 100.0 | 1.6 |
| AGE GROUP | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-14 | 3 | 1.9 | -- | 2 | 0.3 | -- | 7 | 6.4 | 0.6 |
| 15-24 | 29 | 17.9 | 3.0 | 76 | 12.1 | 8.0 | 8 | 7.3 | 0.8 |
| 25-34 | 57 | 35.2 | 5.6 | 97 | 15.5 | 9.6 | 14 | 12.7 | 1.4 |
| 35-44 | 34 | 21.0 | 3.9 | 97 | 15.5 | 11.2 | 15 | 13.6 | 1.7 |
| 45-54 | 15 | 9.3 | 1.6 | 103 | 16.5 | 11.2 | 21 | 19.1 | 2.3 |
| 55-64 | 10 | 6.2 | 1.0 | 140 | 22.4 | 14.5 | 27 | 24.5 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 | 8 | 4.9 | 1.2 | 54 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 10 | 9.1 | 1.4 |
| 75-84 | 3 | 1.9 | -- | 38 | 6.1 | 11.0 | 7 | 6.4 | 2.0 |
| 85+ | 3 | 1.9 | -- | 19 | 3.0 | 11.6 | 1 | 0.9 | -- |
| Total | 162 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 626 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 110 | 100.0 | 1.6 |
| MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+) | | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 29 | 18.2 | 1.0 | 205 | 32.9 | 7.2 | 21 | 20.4 | 0.7 |
| Never Married | 116 | 73.0 | 5.3 | 277 | 44.4 | 12.7 | 58 | 56.3 | 2.7 |
| Widowed | 4 | 2.5 | -- | 37 | 5.9 | 12.1 | 9 | 8.7 | 2.9 |
| Divorced | 10 | 6.3 | 1.8 | 101 | 16.2 | 18.3 | 15 | 14.6 | 2.7 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4 | 0.6 | -- | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 159 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 624 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 103 | 100.0 | 1.8 |
| YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+) | | | | | | | | | |
| 8th grade or less | 6 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 17 | 3.1 | 8.1 | 5 | 5.3 | -- |
| 9-12th grade, high school diploma, or GED | 97 | 74.6 | 7.2 | 254 | 46.4 | 18.8 | 58 | 61.1 | 4.3 |
| Some college, Associate's, or Bachelor's degree | 20 | 15.4 | 0.9 | 198 | 36.1 | 8.5 | 18 | 18.9 | 0.8 |
| Master's, Doctorate, or Professional degree | 5 | 3.8 | -- | 68 | 12.4 | 6.6 | 10 | 10.5 | 1.0 |
| Unknown | 2 | 1.5 | -- | 11 | 2.0 | -- | 4 | 4.2 | -- |
| Total | 130 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 548 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 95 | 100.0 | 1.9 |
| TOTAL | 162 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 626 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 110 | 100.0 | 1.6 |

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 2024.
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2022) 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 (as a proxy for 2022) generated by the UMass Donahue Institute and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2018-2022 five year estimates.
- Percents may not add to 100 due to rounding.

¹ Total violent deaths include 5 legal intervention deaths and 1 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 Sex is collected on the death certificate as male, female, unknown. There were no victims with "unknown" sex in the examined time period.

