

# MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM 2009

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED*		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
<b>SEX</b>									
Male	130	71.8	4.1	427	79.4	13.3	67	64.4	2.1
Female	51	28.2	1.5	111	20.6	3.3	37	35.6	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY</b>									
White non-Hispanic	52	28.7	1.0	479	89.0	9.2	80	76.9	1.5
Black non-Hispanic	58	32.0	13.9	18	3.3	4.3	7	6.7	1.7
Asian	4	2.2	--	17	3.2	4.9	2	1.9	--
Hispanic	54	29.8	9.3	21	3.9	3.6	15	14.4	2.6
Other race/ethnicity	13	7.2	--	3	0.6	--	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>AGE GROUP</b>									
0-14	6	3.3	0.5	2	0.4	--	7	6.7	0.6
15-24	66	36.5	7.1	56	10.4	6.1	8	7.7	0.9
25-34	46	25.4	5.4	59	11.0	6.9	11	10.6	1.3
35-44	28	15.5	3.0	114	21.2	12.2	21	20.2	2.3
45-54	17	9.4	1.7	165	30.7	16.1	25	24.0	2.4
55-64	5	2.8	0.6	77	14.3	9.8	15	14.4	1.9
65-74	8	4.4	1.8	30	5.6	6.7	10	9.6	2.2
75-84	3	1.7	--	27	5.0	8.9	3	2.9	--
85+	2	1.1	--	7	1.3	4.9	4	3.8	--
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	1	0.2	--	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)</b>									
Married	27	15.4	1.0	195	36.4	7.4	23	23.7	0.9
Never Married	128	73.1	6.8	214	40.0	11.3	39	40.2	2.1
Widowed	5	2.9	1.5	23	4.3	6.8	10	10.3	3.0
Divorced	14	8.0	2.8	102	19.1	20.5	25	25.8	5.0
Single, NOS	1	0.6	--	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	0	0.0	0.0	1	0.2	--	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)</b>									
0-8	8	7.3	3.6	9	1.9	4.1	7	7.9	3.2
9-12	78	71.6	5.3	263	54.9	17.8	60	67.4	4.1
13-16	19	17.4	0.9	145	30.3	7.2	16	18.0	0.8
17+	1	0.9	--	61	12.7	8.4	6	6.7	0.8
Unknown	3	2.8	--	1	0.2	--	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>

**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 for Health Information, Statistics, Research and Evaluation, MDPH, July 2011
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2009) 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 five. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.
- Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2009 population estimates generated by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the US Census Bureau ([http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged\\_race.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm)) and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2007-2009 3 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/dph/isp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/isp)
- Total Violent Deaths for 2009 was 827 for a rate of 12.5/100,000. This includes 4 legal interventions that are not included in the table.
- \* In 2005, a change in policy at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner caused poisoning deaths previously assigned a manner of undetermined intent to be assigned a manner of accident/unintentional and thus, are no longer captured in the MAVDRS database.

