

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM 2010

| | HOMICIDE | | | SUICIDE | | | UNDETERMINED* | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Count | Percent | Rate per 100,000 | Count | Percent | Rate per 100,000 | Count | Percent | Rate per 100,000 |
| SEX | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 172 | 81.1 | 5.3 | 475 | 79.2 | 14.7 | 57 | 59.4 | 1.8 |
| Female | 40 | 18.9 | 1.2 | 125 | 20.8 | 3.7 | 39 | 40.6 | 1.1 |
| Total | 212 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 600 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 96 | 100.0 | 1.4 |
| RACE/ETHNICITY | | | | | | | | | |
| White non-Hispanic | 66 | 31.1 | 1.3 | 540 | 90.0 | 10.3 | 88 | 91.7 | 1.7 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 81 | 38.2 | 19.0 | 19 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 5 | 5.2 | 1.2 |
| Asian | 4 | 1.9 | -- | 15 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 1 | 1.0 | -- |
| Hispanic | 51 | 24.1 | 8.5 | 22 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2 | 2.1 | -- |
| Other race/ethnicity | 10 | 4.7 | -- | 4 | 0.7 | -- | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 212 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 600 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 96 | 100.0 | 1.4 |
| AGE GROUP | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-14 | 14 | 6.6 | 1.2 | 4 | 0.7 | -- | 6 | 6.3 | 0.5 |
| 15-24 | 84 | 39.6 | 9.0 | 78 | 13.0 | 8.4 | 9 | 9.4 | 1.0 |
| 25-34 | 55 | 25.9 | 6.3 | 97 | 16.2 | 11.2 | 6 | 6.3 | 0.7 |
| 35-44 | 29 | 13.7 | 3.2 | 125 | 20.8 | 13.8 | 14 | 14.6 | 1.5 |
| 45-54 | 13 | 6.1 | 1.3 | 129 | 21.5 | 12.5 | 29 | 30.2 | 2.8 |
| 55-64 | 10 | 4.7 | 1.2 | 90 | 15.0 | 11.1 | 28 | 29.2 | 3.5 |
| 65-74 | 5 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 38 | 6.3 | 8.3 | 2 | 2.1 | -- |
| 75-84 | 1 | 0.5 | -- | 27 | 4.5 | 8.9 | 1 | 1.0 | -- |
| 85+ | 1 | 0.5 | -- | 12 | 2.0 | 8.0 | 1 | 1.0 | -- |
| Total | 212 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 600 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 96 | 100.0 | 1.4 |
| MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+) | | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 33 | 16.7 | 1.2 | 194 | 32.6 | 7.3 | 25 | 27.8 | 0.9 |
| Never Married | 152 | 76.8 | 8.1 | 257 | 43.1 | 13.7 | 37 | 41.1 | 2.0 |
| Widowed | 1 | 0.5 | -- | 33 | 5.5 | 10.0 | 3 | 3.3 | -- |
| Divorced | 11 | 5.6 | 2.2 | 111 | 18.6 | 22.4 | 24 | 26.7 | 4.8 |
| Single, NOS | 1 | 0.5 | -- | 1 | 0.2 | -- | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1.1 | -- |
| Total | 198 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 596 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 90 | 100.0 | 1.7 |
| YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+) | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-8 | 6 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 9 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 3 | 3.7 | -- |
| 9-12 | 72 | 63.2 | 5.0 | 279 | 53.9 | 19.5 | 44 | 54.3 | 3.1 |
| 13-16 | 30 | 26.3 | 1.5 | 156 | 30.1 | 7.6 | 27 | 33.3 | 1.3 |
| 17+ | 6 | 5.3 | 0.8 | 70 | 13.5 | 9.6 | 6 | 7.4 | 0.8 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4 | 0.8 | -- | 1 | 1.2 | -- |
| Total | 114 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 518 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 81 | 100.0 | 1.8 |
| TOTAL | 212 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 600 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 96 | 100.0 | 1.4 |
| TOTAL Violent Deaths | 912 | | 13.8 | | | | | | |

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 2012
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2010) 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 2010 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) and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2008-2010 3 year estimates.
- Total Violent Deaths for 2010 were 912 for a rate of 13.8/100,000. This includes 4 legal interventions that are not included in the table.
- 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

* In 2005, a change in policy at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner caused many 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.

