

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

2005

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED*		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
SEX									
Male	152	84.0	4.9	352	75.2	11.3	50	56.8	1.6
Female	29	16.0	0.9	116	24.8	3.5	38	43.2	1.1
Total	181	100.0	2.8	468	100.0	7.3	88	100.0	1.4
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White non-Hispanic	69	38.1	1.3	407	87.0	7.8	81	92.0	1.6
Black non-Hispanic	65	35.9	16.5	15	3.2	3.8	5	5.7	1.3
Asian	5	2.8	1.6	15	3.2	4.8	1	1.1	---
Hispanic	34	18.8	6.8	29	6.2	5.8	1	1.1	---
Other race/ethnicity	8	4.4	---	2	0.4	---	0	0.0	0.0
Total	181	100.0	2.8	468	100.0	7.3	88	100.0	1.4
AGE GROUP									
0-14	5	2.8	0.4	2	0.4	---	1	1.1	---
15-24	81	44.8	9.1	53	11.3	6.0	7	8.0	0.8
25-34	44	24.3	5.2	80	17.1	9.5	13	14.8	1.6
35-44	23	12.7	2.3	104	22.2	10.3	27	30.7	2.7
45-54	10	5.5	1.0	94	20.1	9.8	29	33.0	3.0
55-64	7	3.9	1.0	63	13.5	9.3	10	11.4	1.5
65-74	7	3.9	1.7	33	7.1	8.1	0	0.0	0.0
75-84	3	1.7	---	27	5.8	8.6	0	0.0	0.0
85+	1	0.6	---	12	2.6	9.0	1	1.1	---
Total	181	100.0	2.8	468	100.0	7.3	88	100.0	1.4
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	23	13.1	0.8	147	31.6	5.4	18	20.7	4.6
Never Married	136	77.7	8.6	206	44.3	13.0	48	55.2	23.0
Widowed	6	3.4	1.7	31	6.7	8.7	4	4.6	3.3
Divorced	10	5.7	2.4	81	17.4	19.2	17	19.5	30.9
Total	175	100.0	3.4	465	100.0	8.9	87	100.0	1.7
YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)									
0-8	7	7.5	4.0	15	3.6	8.6	5	6.3	2.9
9-12	65	69.9	4.4	246	59.9	16.8	53	66.3	3.6
13-16	16	17.2	0.8	108	26.3	5.7	17	21.3	0.9
17+	5	5.4	0.7	42	10.2	6.3	5	6.3	0.7
Total	93	100.0	2.1	411	100.0	9.5	80	100.0	1.8
TOTAL	181	100.0	2.8	468	100.0	7.3	88	100.0	1.4

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, September 2008

• Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2005) 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 not calculated on counts of less than five. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

• Rates provided here are crude rates.

• Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2005 population estimates generated by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the US Census Bureau (www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/popbridge/popbridge.htm).

• 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 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.

