

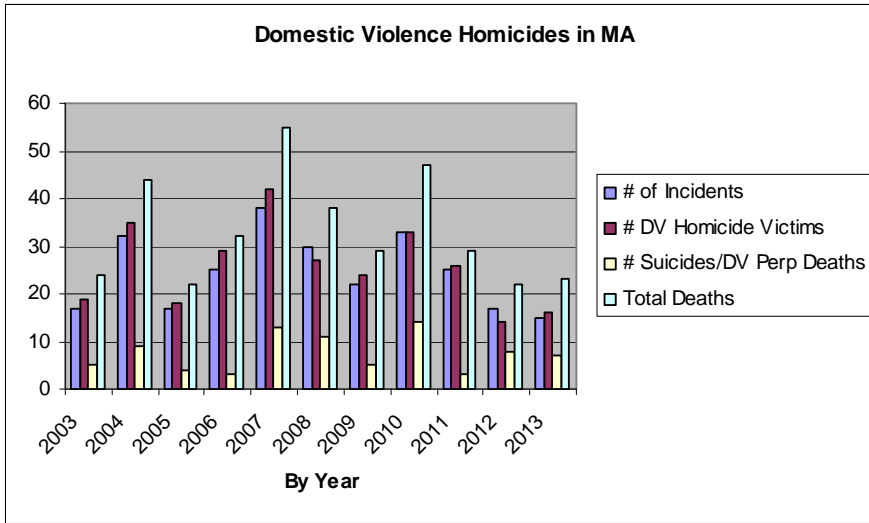
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN MASSACHUSETTS TRACKING ANALYSIS

2003-YTD 2013 (9/30/2013)

These cases of domestic violence homicides follow national trends:

- the vast majority of victims are women;
- nearly all the killers of both men and women were men;
- most male domestic violence homicide victims were killed by men because they were friends, family members or new partners of the domestic violence victims.
- in the majority of cases where the homicide perpetrator is a woman, there is evidence to suggest that she was the victim of domestic violence who acted in a self-defense.

Our analysis of the homicides over the past 10 years shows that despite histories of domestic violence, very few victims of domestic violence homicide had received services from a local domestic violence programs and that few if any of the murderers, ever participated in batterer's intervention programs.



BREAKDOWN OF DV HOMICIDE DEATHS	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Totals	Percentage
DV Homicide Victims	19	35	18	29	42	27	24	33	26	15	15	283	
Female DV Victims	11	22	7	15	28	17	14	20	13	11	11	169	59.9%
Male DV Victims	2	4	4	0	1	2	2	0	7	1	1	24	8.7%
Female - Assoc w/DV Victim	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	10	3.6%
Male - Assoc w/DV Victim	1	6	2	7	3	3	3	3	2	0	0	30	10.8%
Children - Assoc w/DV Victim	1	2	1	2	5	2	3	3	3	1	2	25	8.3%
Family Member or Other (non-IPV)	1	0	2	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	12	4.3%
Perpetrators killed (includes self-defense by DV victim)	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	11	4.0%
Bystander (including police)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.4%
TBD (inconclusive in murder-suicide case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.4%
DV Homicide Perpetrator Deaths	5	35	18	0	13	11	5	14	3	8	7	119	
DV Homicide Perpetrator Suicides (w/murder or attempted murder of victim)	5	35	18	0	12	8	5	12	1	6	7	109	92%
DV Perpetrator Suicides (w/out murder or attempted murder of victim)	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	5	4%
Additional DV Perpetrator Deaths (i.e, police)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	5	4%
Total Number of incidents	17	32	17	25	38	30	22	33	25	18	14	271	
DVH perpetrators												279	
female	3	3	4	1	4	2	2	4	6	2	1	32	11%
male	14	31	14	26	34	30	20	29	20	16	12	246	88%
Tbd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0%



JDI's Definition of Domestic Violence Homicide and Death:

Beginning in 2005 Jane Doe Inc. reconsidered its definition of domestic violence homicide and used the new definition in identifying all incidents that occurred in 2003 and subsequent years. The definition was modified in order to capture the full picture and context of domestic violence homicides. Homicides were considered domestic violence related *if*

- the homicide victim and perpetrator were current or former spouses or intimate partners, adults or teens with a child in common, or adults or teens in a current or former dating relationship
- the homicide victim was a bystander or intervened in an attempted domestic violence homicide and was killed (including friends, family members, new intimate partners, law enforcement officers or other professionals attempting to assist the victim of domestic violence, roommates and co-workers)
- the motive for the murder was reported to have included jealousy, in the context of an intimate partner or dating relationship, or
- a relationship existed between the homicide perpetrator and adult or teen victim that could be defined as exhibiting a pattern of power and control (including family or household members and caregivers).

Furthermore, in order to meet our goal of capturing the full picture of deaths due to domestic violence, we have also included the suicides of perpetrators.

Chart Key:

Domestic Violence Homicide Deaths include the total number of homicide victims, suicides and additional perpetrator deaths.

DV Victims include the homicide victim who was also the domestic violence victim.

Associated with DV Victim the homicide victim who was not the domestic violence victim; typically includes children, bystanders and others who were targeted or murdered because of their association with the domestic violence victim.

Perpetrator deaths are divided into three categories:

- those that attempted and/or committed murder of the domestic violence victim
- those that did not attempt or commit murder of the domestic violence victim
- those that were killed by police intervention, someone besides the domestic violence victim or other circumstance

Incidents are defined as any occurrence of domestic violence related homicide and/or suicide.

NOTE: Cases with multiple victims and/or multiple perpetrators explain why the number of incidents, perpetrators and murders are not equal in all circumstances.

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