



Please refer to JDI's definition of domestic violence homicide to provide context for these different categories and the information provided here.

Overview of Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts Year to Date 2015			
		WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?	
		# of DV Homicide Incidents	23
		Male DV Victims	2*
# of DV Homicide Victims	18	DV Perpetrators	1
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths^	8	Female Associated with DV Victim	1
		Male Associated with DV Victim	0
<b>Total DV Deaths</b>	<b>26</b>	Children Associated with DV Victim	0
Male DV Homicide Perpetrators	16	Family (non-IPV)	0
Female DV Homicide Perpetrators	2	Bystanders (includes police)	1

Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts January 1, 2015 through YTD 2015						
DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR <i>(relationship)</i>	AGE	CITY/ COUNTY	LOCATION/ method
1/5/2015	Yahaira Hernandez	30	<b>Pedro Vasquez</b> <i>(Law enforcement identified as DV, no relationship information available)</i>	40	Springfield, Hampden	Vehicle/ Shooting
2/5/2015	Lisa Trubnikova	31	<b>Adrian Loya</b> <i>Male Stalker</i>	31	Bourne, Cape and Islands	Home/ Shot
2/11/2015	Kathryn Mauke	17	<b>Nickolas T. Lacrosse</b> <i>Former male partner</i>	20	Springfield, Hampden	Home/ Stabbing
2/14/2015			<b>Thomas E. Coburn III (S)</b> <i>Current male spouse (separated)</i>	51	Milford, Worcester	Parking Lot/ Shooting
2/15/2015	Omar Mendez	39	<b>Miguel Rivera</b> <i>Current male partner</i>	50	Lawrence, Essex	Home/ Stabbing
2/17/2015			<b>Douglas Sparks (D)</b> <i>Former male partner</i>	30	Tewksbury, Middlesex	Outside/ Shooting by police
3/11/2015	Salina Merritt	29	<b>Erick Buchanon</b> <i>Current male partner of female DV victim</i>	46	Springfield/ Hampden	Home/ Stabbing
3/18/2015	Michelle Batista	31	<b>Allen Murphy (S)</b> <i>Current male partner</i>	27	Framingham, Middlesex	Home/ Shooting
3/27/2015	Donna Buonanduci	45	<b>Joseph Buonanduci</b> <i>Current male spouse (estranged)</i>	46	Peabody, Essex	Home/ Beaten
3/27/2015			<b>Neil J. Seifert (D)</b> <i>Former male partner</i>	40	Webster, Worcester	Home/ Suicide by cop
5/5/2015	Monique Van Zandt	25	<b>Van Dorsey Jr.</b> <i>Current male partner</i>	27	Springfield, Hampden	Home/ Stabbing
5/17/2015	Christine Giordano	45	<b>Daniel Burns (S)</b> <i>Former male spouse</i>	42	Wakefield, Middlesex	Home/ Stabbing
6/11/2015	Cedric Taylor	37	<b>Stephanie Cruz (DVV)</b> <i>Current female partner</i>	28	Leominster, Worcester	Home/ Stabbing
6/16/2015	Cheryl Young	55	<b>Brandon Hoar</b> <i>Current male partner</i>	59	Peabody, Essex	Home/ Stabbing
7/14/2015	Matilde Gabin	33	<b>Nelson Delarosa (S)</b> <i>Current male spouse (estranged)</i>	65	Lawrence, Essex	Home/ Shooting

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9/1/2015	Kate Church	31	Matthew Church Current male spouse	33	Georgetown, Essex	Home/ TBD
11/8/2015	Donna Cucinotta	55	James Woodbury Current male partner	44	Lynn, Essex	Home/ TBD
11/16/2015 (died from injuries on 11/21/2015)	Edith Black-Scherer	45	Axel Scherer Current male spouse	45	Beverly, Essex	Home/ Strangulation
11/21/2015			Kevin J. Murray (S) Current male partner	48	Norton, Bristol	Home/ Suicide by gunshot
11/28/2015	Jennifer Best	30	Christen Longley Former female partner of Best's current boyfriend	31	West Springfield, Hampden	Home/ Stabbing
12/6/2015			Brandon Leonardo (S) Current male partner	24	Swansea, Bristol	Home/ Suicide by gunshot
12/7/2015	Anthony Sinclair	28	Valerie Cirilo-Perez * Not enough information yet on relationship or who might be the domestic violence victim and the perpetrator	25	Boston, Suffolk	Home/ Stabbing
12/10/2015	Halena Irene Gill	37	Timothy Gill Current male spouse	38	Pittsfield, Berkshire	Home/ Strangulation

JDI also recognizes the murder of Marissa Randall, 19, on November 17, 2015, who was allegedly stabbed to death by Soi Ket Dang, 32, in Halifax. According to police Dang contacted Randall through an app called "MeetMe" for prostitution services.

#### KEY:

^ This category includes all dv perpetrator suicides or deaths with or without either murder or attempted murder of dv victim as long as suicide occurred in the context of a relationship with domestic violence. In these cases there will be no name listed under "homicide victim. If the DV Perpetrator was killed in self-defense, they are categorized as a homicide victim.

(S) – indicates suicide

(D) – indicates other cause of domestic violence homicide perpetrator death, including being killed by dv victim in self-defense and suicide by police

(A) – attempted suicide by domestic violence homicide perpetrator

(DVV) – indicates that domestic violence victim committed the murder

### JDI Definition of Domestic Violence Homicide

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 are 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 deaths of perpetrators, whether by suicide, police or self-defense by the victim. To the extent that information is available, we also add to this list domestic violence homicides that have a Massachusetts connection (e.g. perpetrator suicide and out of state). This list may be edited over time to reflect any new information that comes to light about these domestic violence homicides.