



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 2016			
# of DV Homicide Incidents	19	WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?	
		Female DV Victims	11
# of DV Homicide Victims	15	Male DV Victims	1
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths^	9	DV Perpetrators	1
Total DV Deaths	24	Female Associated with DV Victim	0
		Male Associated with DV Victim	1
Male DV Homicide Perpetrators	14	Children Associated with DV Victim	1
Female DV Homicide Perpetrators	1	Family (non-IPV)	0
		Bystanders (includes police)	0

Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts January 1, 2016 through YTD 2016

DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR (relationship)	AGE	CITY/COUNTY	LOCATION/ method
1/16/2016	Jeannine O'Connor	51	Kevin O'Connor (S) Current male spouse	51	Waltham, Middlesex	Home/ Shooting
1/26/2016	Elisete Benevides	51	Gelcino Souza Oliveira (S) Former male partner	50	Peabody, Essex	Home/ Stabbing
1/27/2016	Julie A. Meede	34	Martin McDonald Estranged male spouse	35	Norton, Bristol	Home/ Stabbing
1/29/2016			Randolph McClain (D) Former male partner	33	Lynn, Essex	Home/ Shooting by police
2/9/2016	John Williams	70	John Witty Former male partner of DVHV's female partner	70	Wareham, Plymouth	Home/ Shooting & Stabbing
2/15/2016	Colleen Russell	36	Kenneth Manning Former male partner	35	Malden, Middlesex	Home/ Sharp Force Injuries
3/24/2016			Robert L. Dussourd (D)	44	Braintree, Norfolk	Outside / Shooting by police
4/5/2016	Renee Herbert	45	Peter Doherty(D) Current male spouse	52	West Springfield, Hampden	Home/ Victim: Stabbing Perpetrator: Shooting by police
4/13/2016	Kelly Sugarman	36	Michael Sugarman Current male spouse	42	Grafton, Worcester	Home/ Shooting
4/29/2016			Antonio Gonzalez (D)	23	Lawrence, Essex	Home/ Shooting by police
6/14/2016	Rosa Goncalves	53	Antonio Cardoso (S) Current male partner	61	Brockton, Plymouth	Home/ Strangulation (TBD)
6/24/2016	Jermaine Good	43	Rogers Jordan Friend of former female partner of DVHV	51	Boston, Suffolk	Home/ Shoting
7/3/2016	Sabrina DaSilva	19	Walter DaSilva Former male spouse of DVH victim's mother	45	New Bedford, Bristol	/Shooting
8/1/2016	Carmela Saunders	48	Douglas Steeves	50	Salem, Essex	Home/ Strangulation
8/6/2016			Francesco Cenca (S) Current male partner	44	Wilmington, Middlesex	Home/ Stabbing

<i>Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts January 1, 2016 through YTD 2016 continued</i>						
DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR (relationship)	AGE	CITY/ COUNTY	LOCATION/ method
8/26/2016	Rebecca Griffin	51	John Griffin (S) <i>Former male spouse</i>	55	<i>Ashby, Middlesex</i>	Home/ Stabbing
9/2/2016	Zhen Li	52	Yan Long Chow <i>Former Male Spouse</i>	55	<i>Wollaston, Norfolk</i>	Home/ Vehicular
9/12/2016	Wanda Rosa	29	Emilio De La Rosa <i>Former male partner</i>	32	<i>Methuen, Essex</i>	Home/ TBD
10/6/2017	Male, Name not yet released	TBD	Female, name not yet released <i>Current female spouse</i>	36	<i>Boston, Suffolk</i>	Home/ Stabbing

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^ This list includes all cases of domestic violence related deaths including dv perpetrator suicide or death 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. See next page for key explanations.

(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.

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