



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 2018			
		WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?	
# of DV Homicide Incidents	9	Female DV Victims	8
		Male DV Victims	0
# of DV Homicide Victims	9	DV Perpetrators (except when killed by police)	0
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths^	1	Female Associated with DV Victim	0
Total DV Deaths	10	Male Associated with DV Victim	1
Male DV Homicide Perpetrators	9	Children Associated with DV Victim	0
Female DV Homicide Perpetrators	0	Family (non-IPV)	0
		Bystanders (includes police)	0

Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts January 1, 2018 through YTD 2018						
DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR (relationship)	AGE	CITY/COUNTY	LOCATION/ method
1/5/2018	Christa Leigh Steele-Knudslie	42	Mark Steele-Knudslie Current male spouse	47	North Adams, Berkshire	Home/ Stabbing/ Blunt Trauma
1/22/2018	Janice Houston	65	Jeffrey Houston (D) Current male spouse	68	Montgomery, Hampden	Home/ Shooting
2/10/2018	Olivia Bergstrom	20	Benjamin Walsh Current Male Partner	24	Needham, Middlesex	Home/ Stabbing
2/23/2018	Kimberly Lockett	43	Terry Lockett Current male spouse	41	Springfield, Hampden	Home/ Stabbing
3/26/2018	Luz Acevedo	47	Miguel A. Castillo Current male spouse	55	Lynn, Essex	Home/ Blunt Trauma
4/13/2018	Kassedi Clark	24	Michael S. Boulais Former Male Partner	32	Hinsdale, Berkshire	Home/ Shooting
4/21/2018	Wendi Rose Davidson	49	Brian Chevalier Former Male Spouse	51	North Andover / Essex	Strangulation
5/12/2018	Bethgy Cator	26	Renardo Williams Acquaintance	24	Brockton / Plymouth	Shooting
5/28/18	Yesinia Torres	28	Joel Monegro Current male spouse	32	Lawrence / Essex	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" and explains why the total number of incidents does not always equal the total number of perpetrators.

(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

JDI's definition of domestic violence homicide aims 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).

We also include the deaths of perpetrators, whether by suicide, police or self-defense by the victim to demonstrate the broad impact of domestic violence. This list may be edited over time to reflect any new information that comes to light about these domestic violence homicide incidents.