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The Massachusetts Coalition
Against Sexual Assault and
Domestic Violence

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 2019			
# of DV Homicide Incidents	10	WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?	
		Female DV Victims	9
# of DV Homicide Victims	13	Male DV Victims	1
		DV Perpetrators (except when killed by police)	0
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths^	4	Female Associated with DV Victim	0
		Male Associated with DV Victim	0
Total DV Deaths	17	Children Associated with DV Victim	3
Male DV Homicide Perpetrators	9	Family (non-IPV)	0
Female DV Homicide Perpetrators	1	Bystanders (includes police)	0

Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts January 1, 2019 through YTD 2019						
DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR (relationship)	AGE	CITY/COUNTY	LOCATION/ method
1/5/2019	Karina Nieves	24	Nelson Cardona (S) Current male spouse	26	Northampton, Hampshire	Home/ Shooting
1/13/2019	Alexis M. Avery	20	Blake J. Scanlon Current male partner	23	Westfield, Hampden	Home/ Stabbing
3/14/2019	Justine Wilbur and three children	41	Luke Karpinski (S) Current male spouse	41	Sheffield, Berkshire	Home/ Arson
4/24/2019	Debra Blasko	57	Thomas M. Blasko (S) Current male spouse	57	Northborough, Worcester	Home/ Shooting
5/4/2019	Telma Bras	43	Ilton Rodrigues Current male spouse	48	Stoughton, Norfolk	Home/ Stabbing
5/30/19	Shen Cai	49	Hongyan Sun Current male spouse	50	Lexington, Middlesex	Home/ Mechanical asphyxiation
6/1/2019	Cleucilene Alves da Silva	41	Antonio Lucas Former male partner	40	Worcester, Worcester	Home/ Stabbing
6/22/2019	Brandi Berg	37	Steven Fregeolle (S) Former male partner	32	North Attleboro, Bristol (couple from Rhode Island)	Public Location/ Shooting
7/3/2019	Amanda Dabrowski	31	Carlos Asencio Former male partner	28	Worcester, Worcester	Public Location/ Stabbing
7/4/2019	Biqiang He	55	Huixiam Liu Current female spouse	46	Quincy, Norfolk	Workplace (?), 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.