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The Massachusetts Coalition
Against Sexual Assault and
Domestic Violence

JDI's definition of domestic violence homicide provides context for these different categories and information provided here.

Overview of Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts Year to Date 2023			
# of DV Homicide Incidents	10	WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?*	
		Female DV Victims	8
		Male DV Victims	2
# of DV Homicide Victims	11	DV Perpetrators (except when killed by police)	(1?)*
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths^	2	Female Associated with DV Victim	
		Male Associated with DV Victim	
Total DV Deaths	5	Children Associated with DV Victim	2
Male DV Homicide & Attempted Homicide Perpetrators		Family (non-IPV)	0
Female DV Homicide & Attempted Homicide Perpetrators		Bystanders (includes police)	0

Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts January 1, 2023 through YTD 2023						
DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR (relationship)	AGE	CITY/COUNTY	LOCATION/ Method
1/1/2023	Ana Walsh	39	Brian Walsh Current male spouse	47	Cohasset, Norfolk	Home, AB, Dismembered
2/9/2023	Linda Robinson and son, Sebastian Robinson	55, 12	Andrew Robinson (S) Current male spouse	56	Andover, Essex	Home, Shooting
3/14/2023	Brennen Bleau,	23	Jean Marie Echevarria Current girlfriend of DVHV – self-defense context TBD	23	Easthampton (Hampshire)	Stabbing*
3/14/2023	Nehemiah Cepeda	14	Justelino Resende Current partner of DVHV's mother who was shot and critically injured	38	Brockton, Plymouth	Home, Shooting
05/08/2023	Margarita Morehead	59	Angel Alvarez	65	Chelsea/Suffolk	Home, Stabbing, Violation of RO
05/29/2023	Jessenia Simmons	45	Angelo O. Leo	33	Fall River, Bristol	Car Wash, Shooting
07/04/2023	Tatyana Tavares	30	(S) Scott Swale	43	Raynham, Bristol	Home, shooting, former IPAEP participant with prior partner
07/16/2023	Nancy Hanson	54	Richard Hanson	64	Newton, Middlesex	AB with Dangerous Weapon (Victim later died from injuries)
08/06/2023	Nayeli Nieves	20	Pablo Vicente	33	Salem, Essex	AB, Strangulation
09/20/2023	Heidi Chase	44	Matthew Lucas	54	Bristol	AB

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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.