



Jane Doe Inc.
The Massachusetts Coalition
Against Sexual Assault and
Domestic Violence

Overview of Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts Year to Date 2026 (September 22, 2026)

# of DV Homicide Incidents	11	WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?	Adult Female DV Victims	9
# of DV Homicide Victims	10*		Adult Male DV Victims	1
			Youth Female DV Victims	0
			Youth Male DV Victims	0
			Adult Female Associated with DV Victim	0
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths^	3		Adult Male Associated with DV Victim	1
Total DV Deaths	13		Children Associated with DV Victim	0
			Family (non-IPV)	0
			Bystanders (includes police)	0

Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts - January 1, 2026, through September 22, 2026

DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE/SEX /RACE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR	AGE/SEX /RACE	CITY/ COUNTY	LOCATION/ Method
1. 1/3/2026	Euridiana Ramirez Sanz	30/F/ Hispanic/ Latinx	Edgar D. Torres (S)	32/M/ Hispanic/ Latinx	Lawrence/Essex	Home, Shooting
2. 1/30/2026	Elizabeth Almeida Nicholas Almeida	54/F/White 25/M/White	Arlington Cole	54/M/White	Fall River/Bristol	Home, Shooting
3. 3/27/2026	Diane Opper	56/F/White	Mark Opper	56/M/White	Belchertown/Hampshire	Home, Shooting
4. 4/22/2026	Emma MacDonald	31/F/White	Jeffrey MacDonald	36/M/White	Amherst/Hampshire	Hotel/Workplace , Beating
5. 5/24/2026	Jacklyn Berry	47/F/Black	Sean Brewer	58/M/Black	Winthrop/Suffolk	Home, Shooting
6. 7/18/2026	Yoseliani Marte Ocasio	18/F/ Hispanic/ Latinx	Unknown/Unnamed	unknown	Mattapan/Suffolk	Home (not hers) Shooting
7. 8/18/2026	Kurt Solomon	57/M/White	Karen Solomon (S)	58/F/White	Worcester/Worcester	Home, Stabbing
8. 8/27/2026	Brianna Connolly	33/F/White	Flavio Alcantra Dias	43/M/White	Framingham/Middlesex	Home, Strangulation
9. 9/3/2026** 9/9/2026	Rachel Frislid	62/F/White	Brandon William Hampson (D)	55/M/White	Long Island/New York Erving/Frankin	Home/Stabbing, Hotel/Police Shooting
10. 9/8/2026***	Patricia Donaldson	42/F/White	Paul Morey	50/M/White	Salem/Essex	Home, Stabbing (unconfirmed)
11. 9/17/2026	Shannon Smith	37/F/White	Matthew Cruz	37/M/White	Taunton/Bristol	Home, Strangulation

*We are not including Rachel Frislid in the total victim numbers, since the homicide occurred outside of Massachusetts. The incident and the perpetrator death are both included in tabulation table.

**The initial domestic violence homicide occurred in New York State. JDI includes this incident here because the alleged perpetrator was killed in Massachusetts by Massachusetts State Police.

***Details are forthcoming, including a confirmed homicide date and method. The date used is the date the victim was found by police, who responded to a request for a wellness check. The homicide method is being reported by is not confirmed by authorities.

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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.