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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 2021			
		WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?	
		# of DV Homicide Incidents	10
		Male DV Victims	1
# of DV Homicide Victims	11	DV Perpetrators (except when killed by police)	0
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths [^]	2	Female Associated with DV Victim	1
		Male Associated with DV Victim	0
Total DV Deaths	13	Children Associated with DV Victim	0
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, 2021 through YTD 2021						
DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR (relationship)	AGE	CITY/ COUNTY	LOCATION/ method
1/2/2021	Kristen A. Carey	37	Keith M. Cuthbertson (S) Current male spouse	49	Charlton, Worcester	Home/ Shooting
1/28/2021	Michael Ricci	51	Christine Ricci Current female spouse	46	Marshfield, Plymouth	Home/ Stabbing
2/8/2021	Danielle Taylor	30	Cleber Mariano Current male partner	33	Falmouth (Teaticket), Cape & Islands	Hotel/ Strangulation
3/6/2021	Saharbanoo Rindani	76	Abdal Rindani Current male spouse	83	Westborough, Worcester	Home/ Strangulation
3/26/2021	Rhonda Pattelena	35	Jeffrey Buchannan Current male partner	33	York, Maine (couple from Bedford MA)	Public Location/ Blunt force injury to head
3/31/2021 (injured) 4/20/2021 (died)	Celeste Marte-Lebron	49	Santos Lebron De Los Santo Current male spouse	42	Lowell, Middlesex	Home/ Burning (pending)
5/2/2021	Jahairi DeAlto and Fatima Yasin	42, 27	Marcus Chavis Current male spouse of Fatima	34	Boston, Suffolk	Home/ Stabbing
6/22/2021	Jamie A. Dickinson	34	Jesse A. Brooks (S) Current male partner	38	Oxford, Worcester	Home/ Shooting
7/29/2021	Alicia N. Heywood	42	Akil S. Jackson Current male partner	41	Roslindale, Suffolk	Workplace/ Shooting
8/29/2021	Dianne Silveira	71	Edmund Silveira Current male spouse	86	Taunton, Bristol	Home/ Shooting

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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.