



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

Overview of Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts Year to Date 2023			
# of DV Homicide Incidents	17	WHO ARE THESE DV HOMICIDE VICTIMS?	
		Adult Female DV Victims	15
# of DV Homicide Victims	19	Adult Male DV Victims	1
		Adult Female Associated with DV Victim	0
# of DV Perpetrator Suicides or Deaths [^]	5	Adult Male Associated with DV Victim	0
Total DV Deaths	24	Children Associated with DV Victim	3
		Family (non-IPV)	0
		Bystanders (includes police)	0

Details Domestic Violence Homicides in Massachusetts - January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023						
DATE	HOMICIDE VICTIM	AGE	ALLEGED HOMICIDE PERPETRATOR	AGE	CITY/COUNTY	LOCATION/ Method
1. 1/1/2023	Ana Walshe	39	Brian Walshe	47	Cohasset, Norfolk	Home, AB
2. 2/9/2023	Linda Robinson and son, Sebastian Robinson	55, 12	Andrew Robinson (S)	56	Andover, Essex	Home, Shooting
3. 3/14/2023	Brennen Bleau	23	Jean Marie Echevarria	23	Easthampton, Hampshire	Home, Stabbing
4. 3/14/2023	Nehemiah Cepeda*	14	Justelino Resende	38	Brockton, Plymouth	Home, Shooting
5. 05/08/2023	Margarita Morehead	59	Angel Alvarez	65	Chelsea, Suffolk	Home, Stabbing
6. 05/29/2023	Jessenia Simmons	45	Angelo O. Leo	33	Fall River, Bristol	Car Wash, Shooting
7. 07/04/2023	Tatyana Tavares	30	Scott Swale (S)	43	Raynham, Bristol	Home, Shooting
8. 07/16/2023	Nancy Hanson	54	Richard Hanson	64	Newton, Middlesex	Home, AB
9. 08/06/2023	Nayeli Nieves	20	Pablo Vicente	33	Salem, Essex	Home, AB, Strangulation
10. 09/20/2023	Heidi Chase	44	Matthew Lucas	54	Freetown, Bristol	Home, AB
11. 10/22/2023	Breanne Pennington	30	Aaron Pennington	33	Gardner, Worcester	Home, Shooting
12. 11/1/2023	Margaret Mbitu	31	Kevin Kangethe	40	Unknown, Suffolk	Unknown, Stabbing
13. 11/29/2023	Kethlen Paula Alves Trindade DaRocha	28	Marlon Moreira Costa (S)	29	Marlborough, Middlesex	Home, Shooting

14. 12/8/2023	Stephanie Beatty	22	Gelson Fernandes	29	Brockton, Plymouth	Car, Shooting
15. 12/17/2023	Tanaia Wilkinson	25	Michael Fischella (S)	32	Millis, Norfolk	Wooded area, Shooting
16. 12/25/2023	Diosmary Mejia	21	Santana Guerrero Temporo	53	Lawrence, Essex	Undisclosed
17. 12/29/2023	Teena Kamal and daughter, Arianna Kamal	54, 19	Rakesh Kamal (S)	57	Dover, Norfolk	Home, Shooting

**Nehemiah Cepeda's mother, Felicia Cepeda, was also shot during the same incident, but survived her injuries.*

KEY:

^ 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.