Firearm Homicide in Massachusetts

- More than a third of gun deaths in Massachusetts are homicides.
- The majority of homicides (65%) in Massachusetts are committed with firearms.
- 92% of firearm homicide victims are male, 51% are White, and 49% are Black.

Gun Deaths in Massachusetts, 2016

- 58% (n=140) Suicide
- 37% (n=89) Homicide
- 5% (n=13) Other

Homicide Deaths in Massachusetts, 2016

- 65% (n=89) Firearm
- 18% (n=25) Cut/pierce
- 17% (n=23) Other

Total Gun Deaths in 2016: 242
Total Homicide Deaths in 2016: 137

Firearm Homicide Rate over the last decade, 2007-2016

Age-adjusted Firearm Homicide Rate per 100,000

Year

- Massachusetts
Firearm Homicide in Massachusetts – Demographic Information

2008-2014, Massachusetts
Death Rates per 100,000 Population
Firearm Homicide, All Races, All Ethnicities, Both Sexes, All Ages
Annualized Crude Rate for Massachusetts: 1.48

Note: The most recently available CDC data is 2016; as such, 2016 data is used where appropriate.