

**Massachusetts Military Service Members
 Active-Duty Deaths Revolutionary War – May 17, 2023**

This research was compiled from the sources listed below and specific questions about these statistics are best directed to those sources. Note that different organizations and agencies use different definitions of the term “fallen”; where possible, we indicated which definition was being used. Also note that records prior to the Korean War were not centrally kept by the Department of Defense. These records were kept by individual military branches and are stored in the National Archives or local museums with the citations provided.

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Time Period	No. of Active Duty Deaths	Notes
Operation Enduring Freedom Operation Iraqi Freedom Operation New Dawn Operation Inherent Resolve Operation Freedom’s Sentinel <div style="text-align: right;">All branches</div>	130	United States Department of Defense: Defense Manpower Data Center. This only includes casualties through 5/16/2023 (not wounded). https://dcas.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/app/conflictCasualties
<div style="text-align: right;">All branches</div>	267	Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund records include additional service members who died while on post 9/11/2001 active-duty military service, or from wounds (physical and psychiatric) as a result of post 9/11/2001 active-duty military service. In addition, we honor service men and women who may not have had Massachusetts listed as their home of record with the Department of Defense, but because of their connections to Massachusetts, we count them among our fallen heroes. Information about these heroes was obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, our colleagues in casualty services in different military branches, and from survivor family reports.
Total	397	
Korean War to 9/10/2001 <div style="text-align: right;">All branches</div>	2,978	United States Department of Defense: Defense Manpower Data Center. This only includes casualties (not wounded). https://dcas.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/app/conflictCasualties

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WWII		
Army/ Air Force	10,033	National Archives. Data includes missing and deceased service members (not wounded). The acronyms on the top of the chart are as follows: Killed in Action, Died of Wounds, Died of Injuries, Died of Non-Battle Incident, Finding of Death (meaning they were determined deceased under Public Law 490), and Missing. The number of missing service members is listed as 31. https://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/aad.html
Navy/ USMC	3,049	National Archives. This resource does count wounded Sailors and Marines, but only the deceased are included in the 3,049 total listed here. The number of missing service members is listed as 53. https://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/aad.html
WWI		
Army	2,810	National Archives. This information was compiled through physical research conducted at the National Archives in Maryland. "Casualty lists of the American Expeditionary Forces, WWI", are found in Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1917, RG 407, and are arranged by state. They include the decedent's name, serial number, rank, organization at time of death, date of death, and race. Soldiers of the Great War (Washington: Soldiers Record Publishing Association, 1920). This list is for deceased soldiers, not wounded.
Navy	504	National Archives. This information was compiled through physical research conducted at the National Archives in DC. "Offices and Enlisted Men of the United States Navy Who Lost Their Lives During the World War from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918" (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1920). This number is of the Naval casualties who had Next-of-Kin listed in Massachusetts. The document can also be found here: http://ia331414.us.archive.org/3/items/officersenlisted00unitrich/officersenlisted00unitrich.pdf
Marines	106	National Archives. This information was compiled through physical research conducted at the National Archives in DC. "The Marine Corp Casualty Lists in the Records of the U.S. Marine Corps, RG 127", consists of mimeographed listings of names of officers and names of enlisted men. Entries include name, rank, and unit of deceased; date, place, cause of death; and, name, address and relationship of next of kin. These two listings are preceded by a statistical summary of the number of officers and the number of enlisted men from each state who died overseas.



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Civil War Soldiers & Marines	13,492	Massachusetts National Guard Museum and Archives (held at the Massachusetts Archives). Total Massachusetts Soldier/Marine deaths from combat and disease. https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arccol/colidx.htm#military
Revolutionary War	4,000	Estimated, Lexington Historical Society
Total	37,369	

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