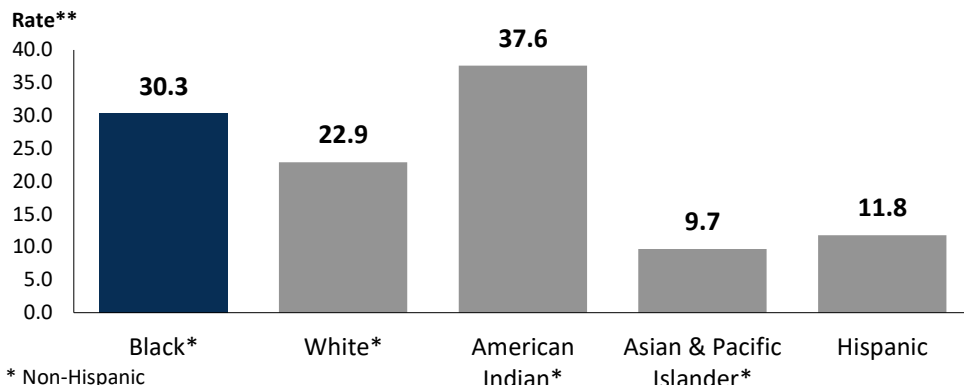


NC Violent Death Reporting System

VIOLENT DEATHS AMONG NON-HISPANIC AFRICAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA: 2015-2024

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded statewide surveillance system that collects detailed information on violent deaths that occur in North Carolina including: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention, and deaths of undetermined intent. NC-VDRS uses information from death certificates, medical examiner reports, and law enforcement reports to understand and aid in the prevention of violent deaths. For more information, please visit the [NC-VDRS page](#) within the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch website.

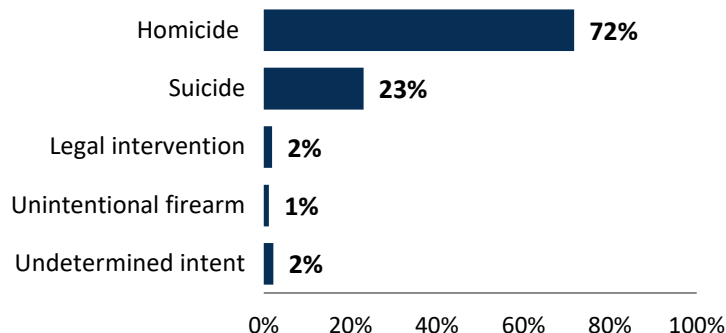
Violent Death Rates by Race/Ethnicity: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



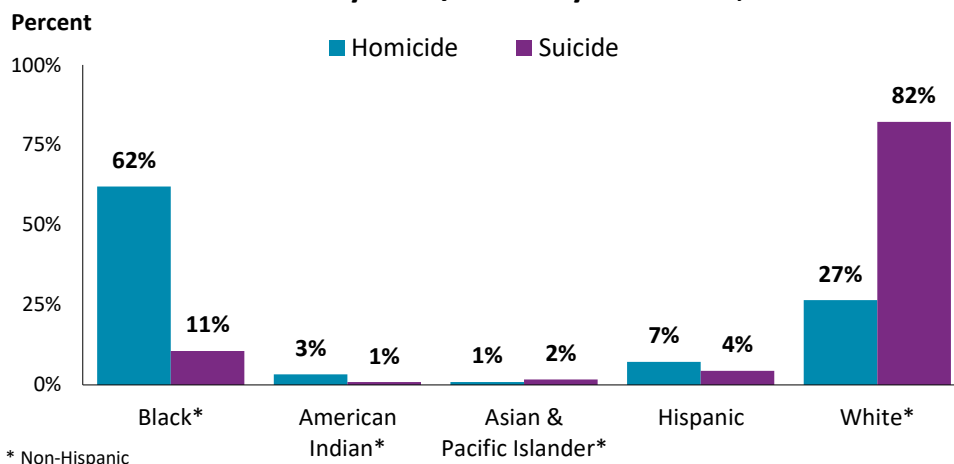
- For the year 2024, there were 2,298,898 non-Hispanic (NH) African American residents living in North Carolina, accounting for 20.8% of the state's population.
- NH African American victims had the second highest rate of violent death by race/ethnicity in North Carolina for the years 2015-2024 (30.3 per 100,000 population).

- From 2015-2024, 6,737 NH African American residents in North Carolina died by violence.
- There were 4,828 homicides (71.7%), 1,551 suicides (23.0%), 82 unintentional firearm deaths (1.2%), 128 deaths due to legal interventions (1.9%), and 148 deaths of undetermined intent (2.2%) among NH African American residents.
- Male NH African American residents were more likely to die by violence than females from 2015 to 2024 (83.6% versus 16.4%).

Manner of Death Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024

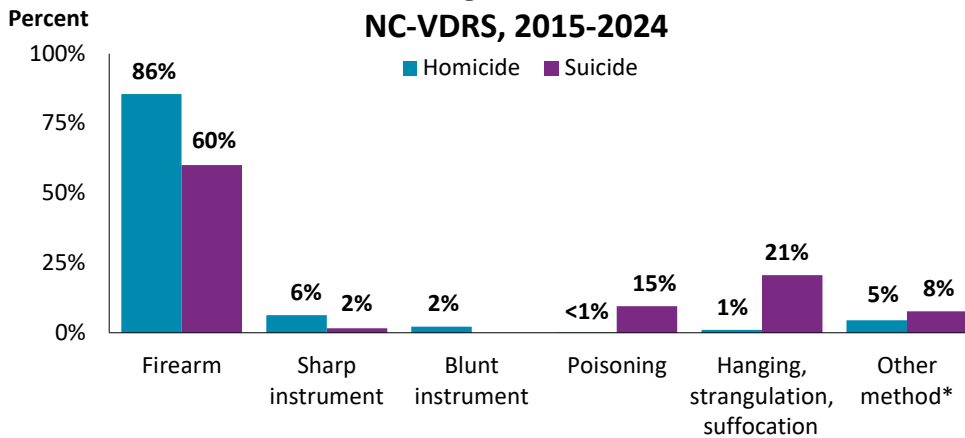


Manner of Death by Race/Ethnicity: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



- NH African American victims accounted for 62.1% of all homicides and 10.6% of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2015 to 2024.
- In contrast, NH White victims accounted for 82.3% of all suicides and 26.5% of all homicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2015 to 2024.

Method of Death Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024

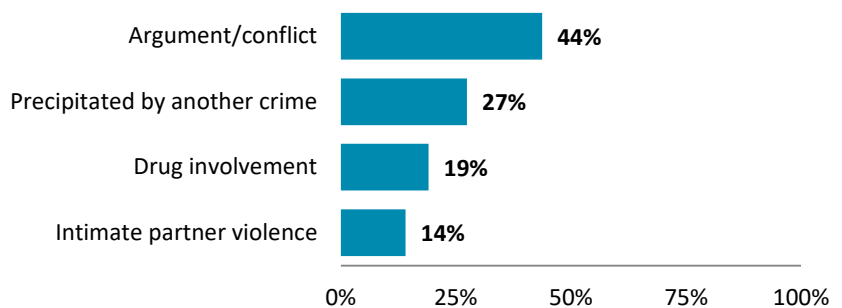


- The majority of homicides (85.6%) and suicides (60.1%) among NH African American victims involved firearms.
- The second most common method of homicide was sharp instruments (6.4%).
- The second most common method of suicide was hanging, strangulation or suffocation (20.8%).

*Other includes fire/burns, falls, intentional neglect, personal weapons and other methods.

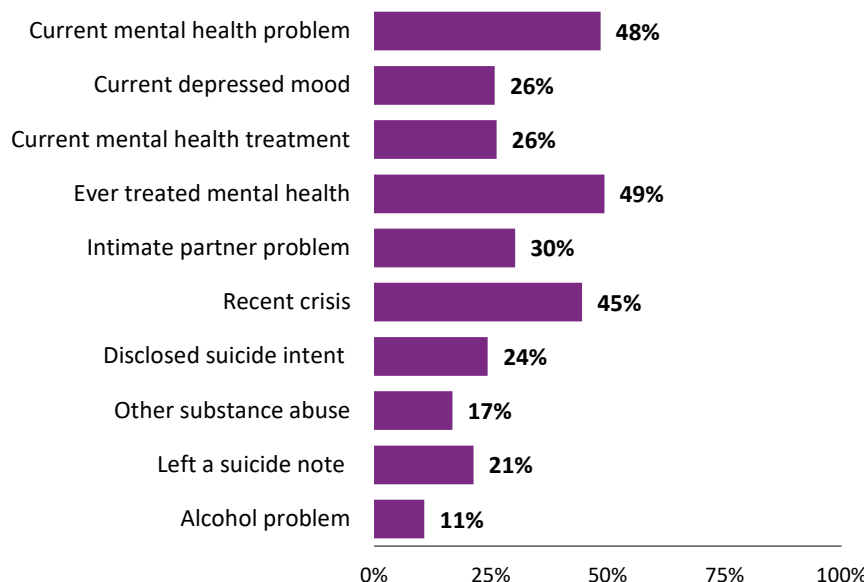
- Of all homicides among NH African American victims with known circumstance information, over two in five (43.8%) involved an argument or conflict.
- Another serious crime (e.g., robbery, burglary) precipitated 27.4% of homicides among NH African American victims.
- Of these homicide victims, 14.1% involved intimate partner violence.

Homicide Circumstances* Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



* Ninety-four percent (93.8%) of homicide cases had circumstance information.

Suicide Circumstances* Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



* Ninety-six percent (95.6%) of suicide cases had circumstance information.

- Among NH African American suicide victims with known circumstance information, 44.5% experienced a recent crisis.
- Forty-nine percent (48.5%) of NH African American suicide victims were described as having a current mental health problem, and 26.2% were receiving treatment for a mental health problem at the time of suicide.
- Nearly one in three (30.2%) of NH African American suicide victims had experienced a recent problem with an intimate partner.
- Twenty-four percent (24.3%) of NH African American suicide victims disclosed their suicide intent, and 21.3% left a note.

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