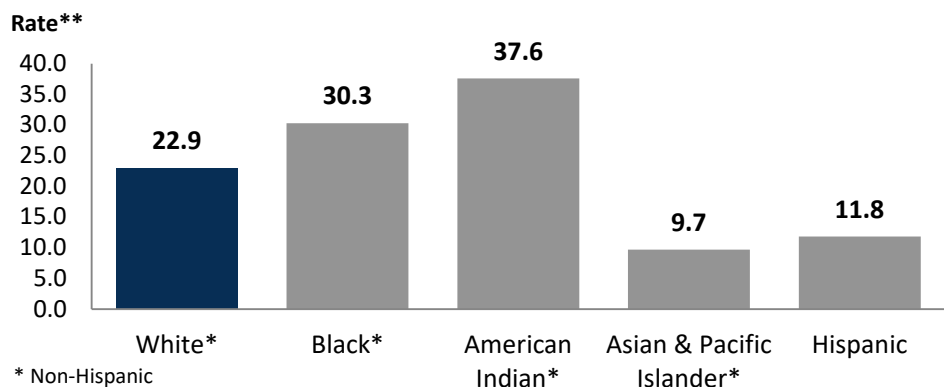


NC Violent Death Reporting System

VIOLENT DEATHS AMONG NON-HISPANIC WHITE 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 Rate by Race/Ethnicity: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



* Non-Hispanic

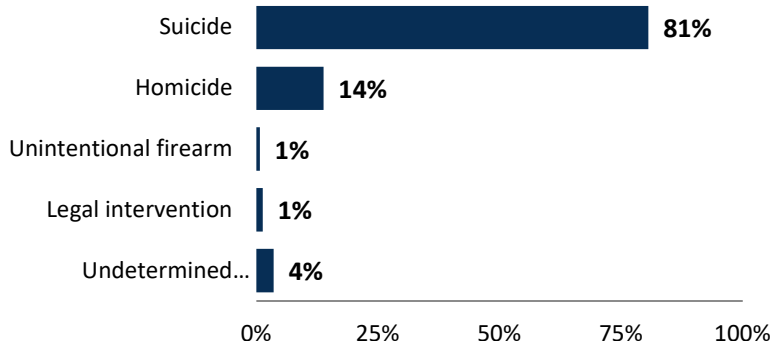
** Rate per 100,000 population

- From 2015 to 2024, 14,920 NH White residents in North Carolina died by violence.
- There were 2,062 homicides (13.8%), 12,025 suicides (80.6%), 107 unintentional firearm deaths (0.7%), 195 deaths due to legal interventions (1.3%), and 531 deaths of undetermined intent (3.6%) among NH White residents.
- Male NH White residents were more likely to die by violence than females from 2015 to 2024 (75.3% versus 24.7%).

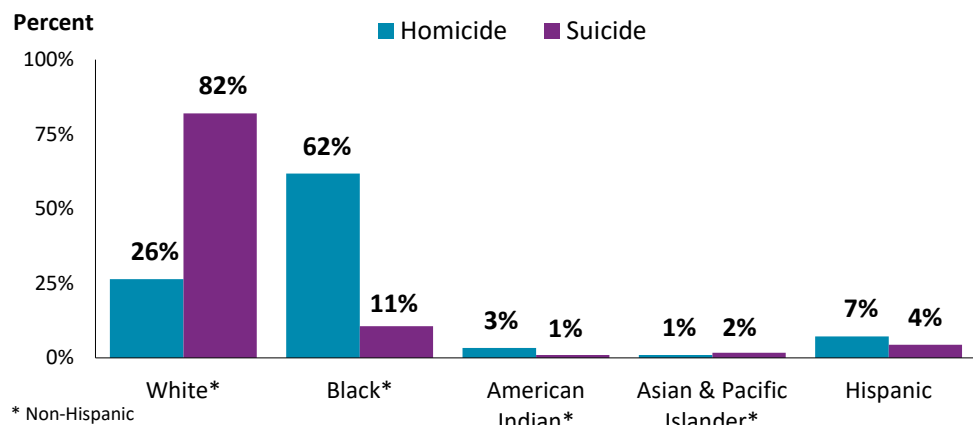
- For the year 2024, there were 6,619,651 non-Hispanic (NH) White residents living in North Carolina, accounting for 59.9% of the state's population.

- NH White victims had the third highest rate of violent death by race in North Carolina (22.9 per 100,000 population) from 2015 to 2024.

Manner of Death Among NH White Victims: NC-VDRS 2015-2024



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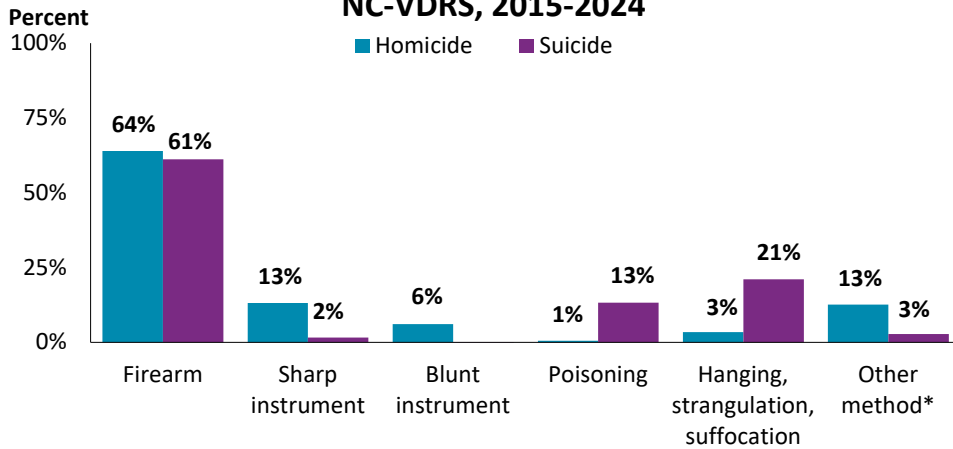


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- NH White victims accounted for 26.4% of all homicides and 82.1% of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2015 to 2024.

- In contrast, NH Black victims accounted for 61.8% of all homicides and 10.6% of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2015 to 2024.

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



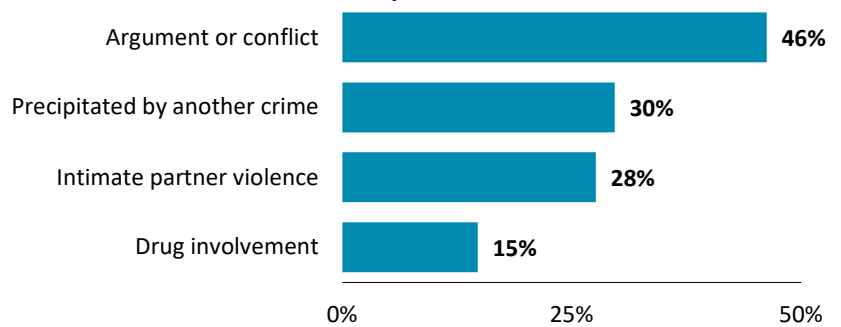
- The majority of homicides (64.0%) and suicides (61.2%) among NH White victims involved firearms.

- The second most common method of homicide was sharp instruments (13.2%).

- The second most common method of suicide was hanging, strangulation or suffocation (21.1%).

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

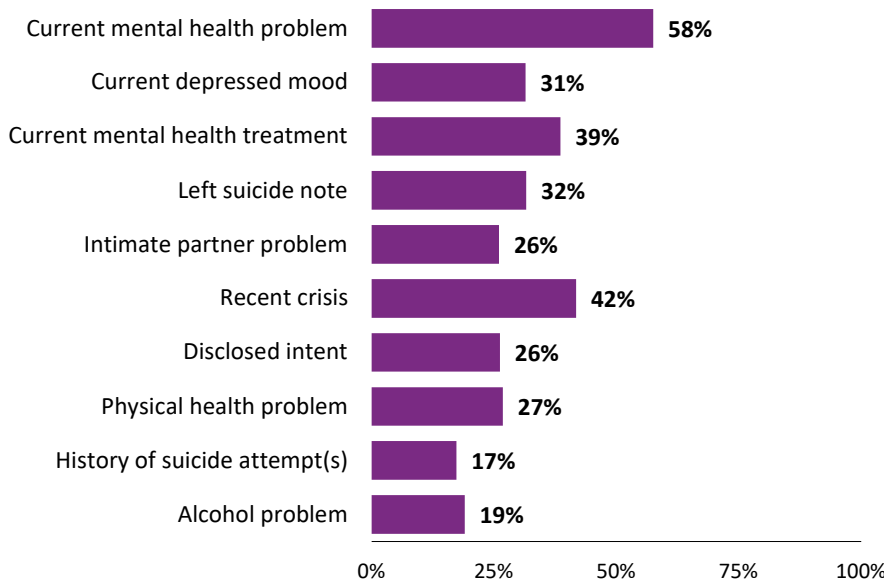
Homicide Circumstances* Among NH White Victims: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024



* Ninety-six percent (96.4%) of homicide cases had circumstance information.

- Of all homicides among NH White victims with known circumstance information, nearly half (46.2%) involved an argument or conflict.
- Another serious crime (e.g., robbery, burglary) precipitated 29.7% of homicides among NH White victims.
- Of these homicides, 27.6% involved intimate partner violence.

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



* Ninety-seven percent (97.1%) of suicide cases had circumstance information.

- Among NH White suicide victims with known circumstance information, 57.5% were characterized as having a current mental health problem and 31.5% were characterized as being depressed at the time of suicide.

- Over two in five (41.8%) of NH White suicide victims experienced a recent crisis.

- Thirty-two percent (31.6%) of NH White suicide victims left a suicide note and 26.2% disclosed their suicidal intent.

- One-quarter (26.0%) of NH White suicide victims experienced a recent problem with an intimate partner.

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