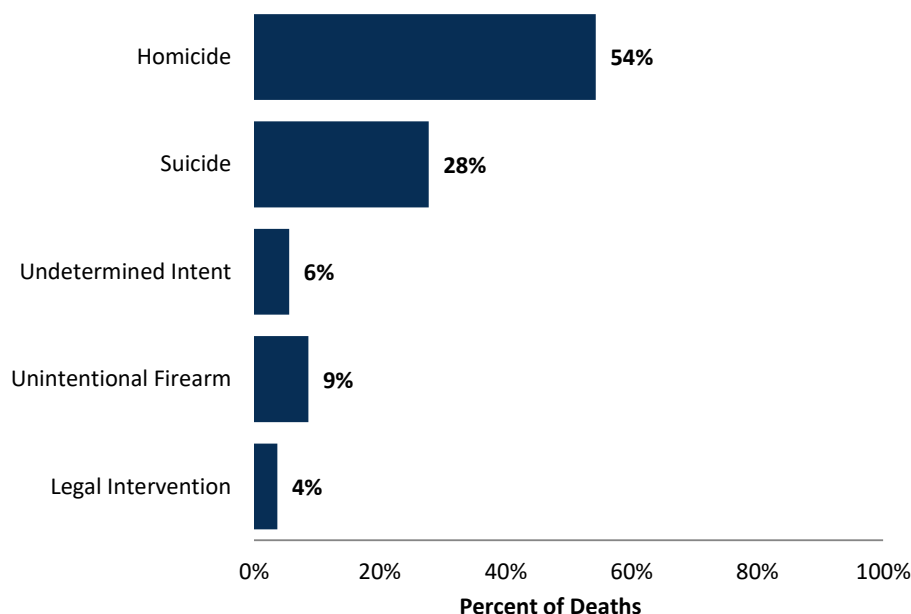


NC Violent Death Reporting System

CHILD VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA, 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.

Manner of Child Violent Deaths (ages 0-17): NC-VDRS, 2024



- In 2024, there were 162 violent deaths among North Carolina children ages 0-17.

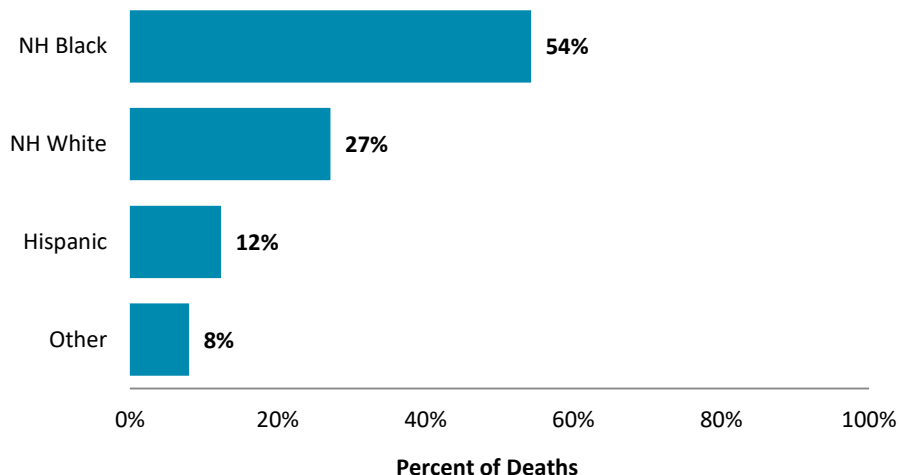
- There were 88 homicides (54.3%), 45 suicides (27.8%), 14 unintentional firearm deaths (8.6%), six death resulting from legal intervention (3.7%), and nine deaths in which the Medical Examiner's Office could not determine the manner of death (5.6%).

- Most of the child victims were male (72.8%).

Percent of Child Violent Deaths by Race/Ethnicity*: NC-VDRS, 2024

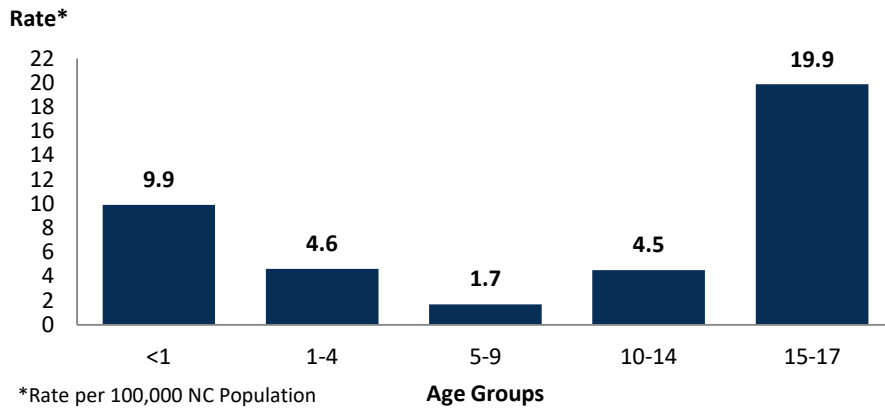
- Non-Hispanic (NH) Black victims accounted for the greatest percent of child violent deaths (54.3%), followed by NH White victims (27.2%).

- Rates of child violent death were highest among NH Black victims (17.1 deaths per 100,000 population) followed by Hispanic and NH White victims (4.3 and 3.9 per 100,000, respectively).



*Other includes non-Hispanic Asian (N=3) and American Indian (N=5) victims.

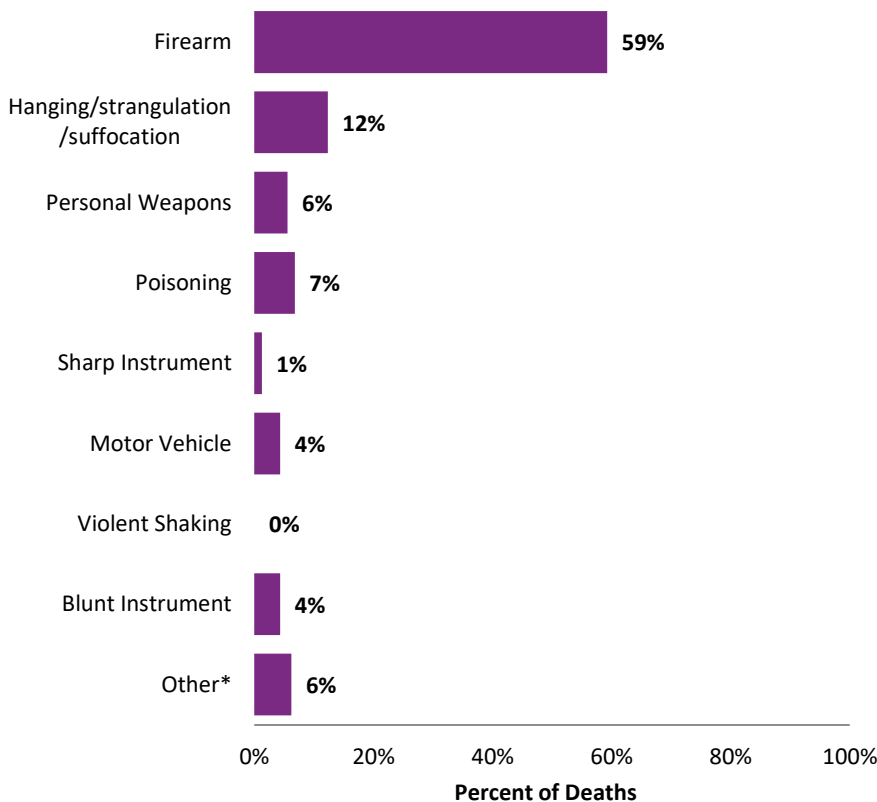
Child Violent Death Rates* by Age: NC-VDRS,



- The highest child violent death rate occurred among children ages 15-17 (19.9 deaths per 100,000 population).

- Children less than one year of age had the second highest rate of violent deaths (9.9 deaths per 100,000 population).

Method of Child Violent Death: NC-VDRS, 2024



- Firearms were involved in 59.3% of all child violent deaths (n=96). This percentage was propelled by the high number of firearm-related deaths among children ages 15-17 (n=63).

- Hanging was the second most common cause of violent death among children (12.3%).

- Firearms were the most common weapon of death among children at least one year old. Violent deaths among children under one year old most commonly involved blunt objects or personal weapons.

* Other includes: non-powder gun, drowning, unknown, fall, fire or burns, intentional neglect, eg, starving a baby, and other transport vehicle, e.g., trains, planes, boats

More information on child violence prevention can be found at:

State Resource Partners

Division of Social Services,
Child Protective Services
Contact: (919) 733-4622

National Resources

Children's Bureau
Contact: Carlis Williams (404) 562-2900

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