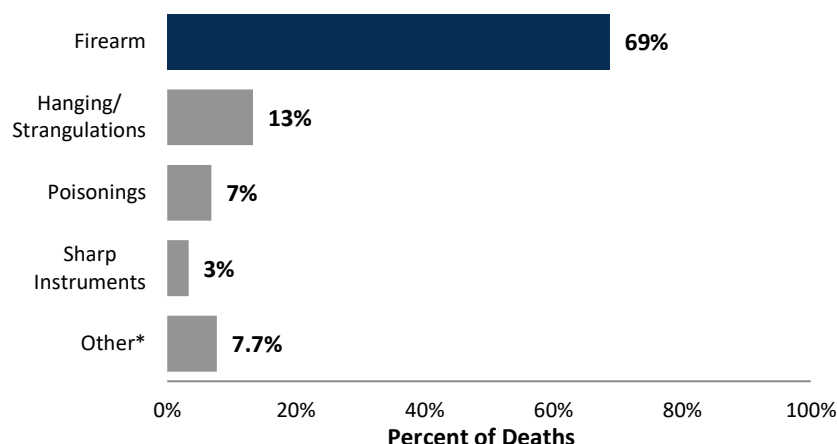


NC Violent Death Reporting System

FIREARM DEATHS 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.

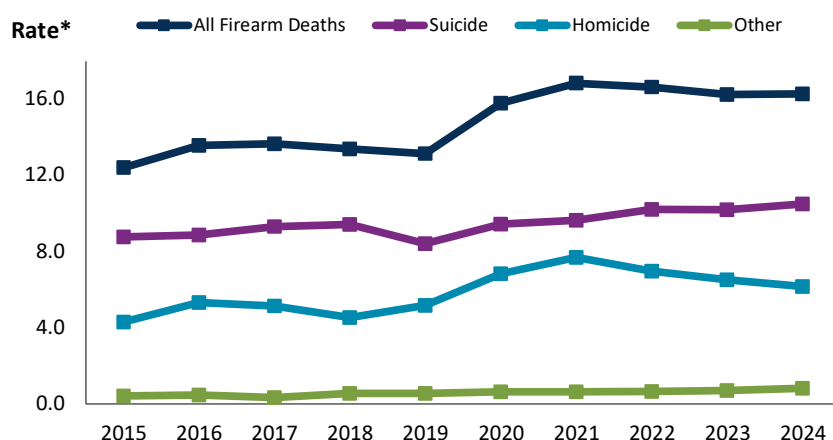
Violent Deaths by Method: NC-VDRS, 2024



*Other includes motor vehicle, blunt instruments, violent shaking, drowning, fire/burns, intentional neglect, unknown method, and other causes of death.

- In 2024, there were 1,798 firearm-related deaths among North Carolina (NC) residents.
- Firearms were involved in over two-thirds (68.7%) of all violent deaths in NC during 2024.
- Specific causes of firearm-related deaths included suicide (57.1%), homicide (37.9%), legal intervention involving discharge of firearm (2.2%), unintentional discharge of firearm (1.9%), and undetermined intent (0.9%).

Firearm-Related Death Rates by Year: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024

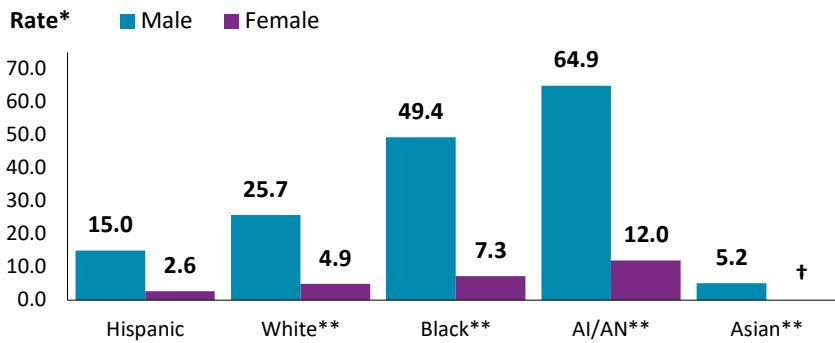


* Rate per 100,000 NC population

- The rate of firearm-related deaths per 100,000 population increased by 31.3% from 2015 (12.4) to 2024 (16.3). From 2019 (13.1) to 2024 (16.3), the rate increased by 23.8%.
- The rate of firearm-related suicides varied from a low of 8.4 per 100,000 in 2019 to a high of 10.5 per 100,000 in 2024.
- The rate of firearm-related homicides varied from a low of 4.3 per 100,000 in 2015 to a high of 7.7 per 100,000 in 2021.

- The most common locations of firearm-related deaths were home (70.4%); motor vehicle, excluding school bus and public transportation (11.1%); street/road, sidewalk or alley (4.9%); natural areas such as a field, river, beach, or woods (3.6%); other commercial establishment, such as a grocery store, retail outlet, or laundromat (3.2%); and parking lot or public parking garage (0.2%).

Firearm-Related Death Rates by Sex and Race: NC-VDRS, 2024



* Rate per 100,000 NC population; ** Non-Hispanic
† Rate suppressed; 1-4 deaths

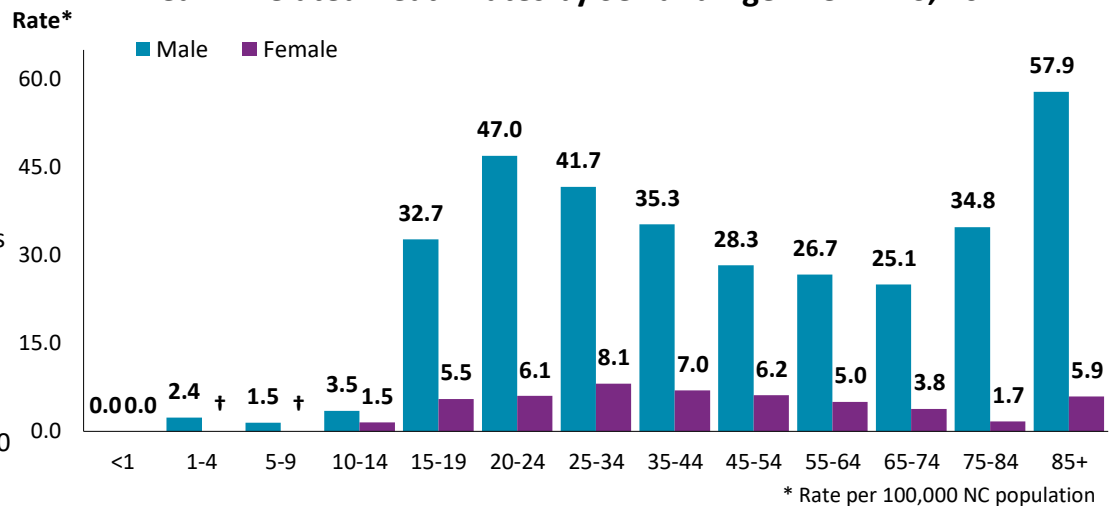
- Firearm-related death rates were lower for females than males across all racial/ethnic groups.

- Non-Hispanic (NH) American Indian (64.9), NH Black (49.4), and NH White (25.7) male victims had the highest firearm-related death rates per 100,000 population during 2024.

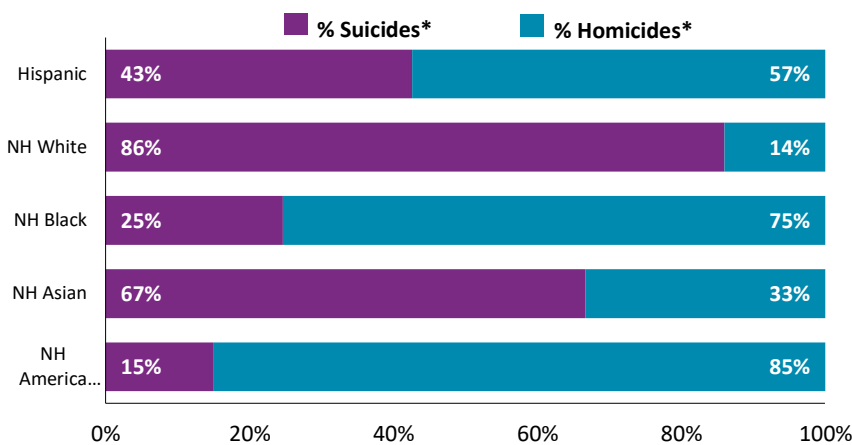
- NH American Indian (12.0) and NH Black female victims (7.3) had a higher firearm-related death rate per 100,000 population than NH White female victims (4.9).

Firearm-Related Death Rates by Sex and Age: NC-VDRS, 2024

- Most firearm-related deaths were among males (84.4%).
- The firearm-related death rate was highest among male victims ages 85 and older and 20-24 (57.9 and 47.0 per 100,000), while the rate among female victims was highest for ages 25-34 and 35-44 (8.1 and 7.0 per 100,000).



Suicide and Homicide Firearm-Related Deaths by Race/Ethnicity: NC-VDRS, 2024



- Suicide was the most common type of firearm-related death among NH White and NH Asian victims (86.0% and 66.7%, respectively), while homicide was the most common type among NH Black, Hispanic, and NH American Indian victims (75.4%, 57.4%, and 85.0%).

- There were 42 total firearm-related deaths among NH American Indian residents, 13 among NH Asian, 621 among NH Black, 1000 among NH White, and 119 among Hispanic residents in 2024.

*Among suicide and homicide firearm-related deaths

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