

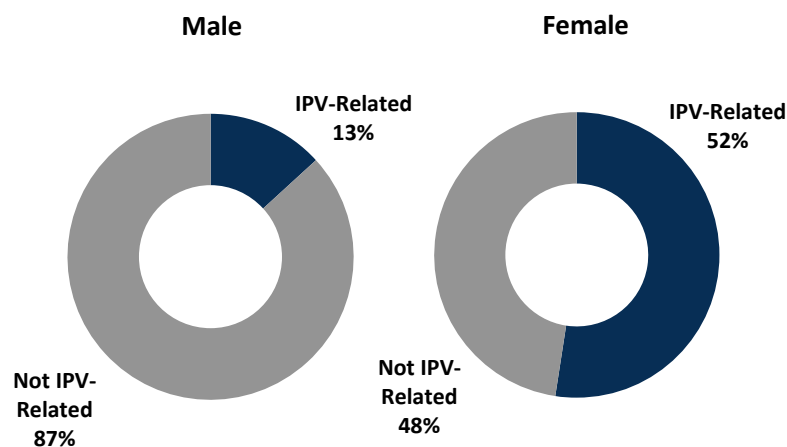
NC Violent Death Reporting System

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE 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.

**NC-VDRS defines IPV as homicide deaths occurring as a direct result of conflict between current or former spouses or partners. This is a broad definition that includes deaths of children, friends, or even bystanders who may or may not be directly involved in the conflict or those who may be intervening in the conflict.*

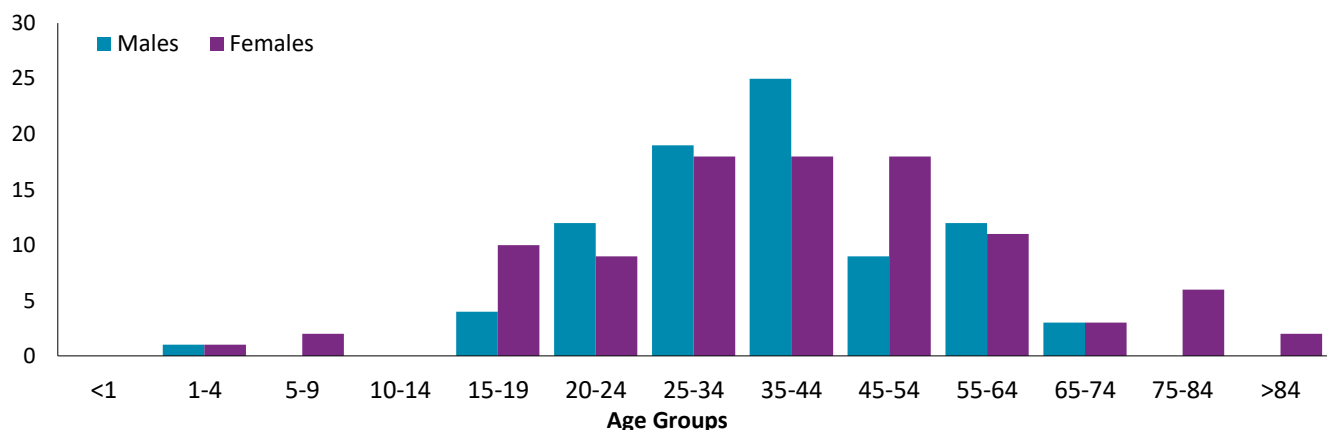
Percent of Homicides Associated with Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): NC-VDRS, 2024



- In 2024, a total of 846 North Carolina residents died as a result of homicide. Circumstances were available for 831 (98.2%) of these homicides.
- Twenty-two percent (22.0%) of homicides in 2024 with known circumstances were associated with intimate partner violence (IPV).
- Of the 190 identified IPV-related deaths in 2024, 183 (96.3%) were homicide victims.
- Over half of all female homicides were IPV-related (52.4%), while over one in eight of all male homicides were IPV-related (13.2%).
- In 2024, the highest number of IPV-related homicides were in the 35-44 age group for males and the 25-34 age group for females, followed by the 25-34 and 35-44 age groups for males and females, respectively.

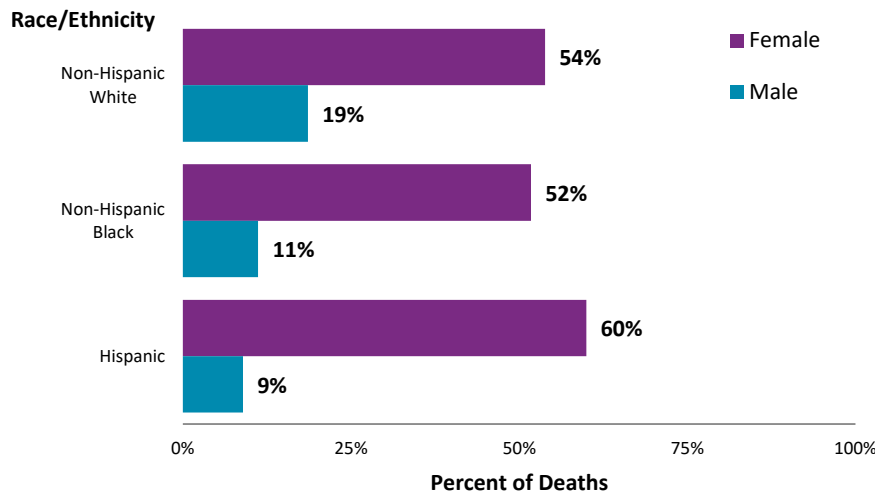
Number of IPV-Related Homicides by Age and Sex: NC-VDRS, 2024

Number of Deaths



- Of the IPV-related homicide victims, 35 (19.1%) were married, 102 (55.7%) were never married, 41 (22.4%) were divorced/separated, and five (2.7%) were widowed, single, or marital status was unknown.
- Of all homicides, the proportion that were IPV-related was higher among never married victims (55.7%) than separated or divorced victims (22.4%) and victims who were married (19.1%).

Percent of IPV-Related Homicides by Race/Ethnicity* and Sex: NC-VDRS, 2024

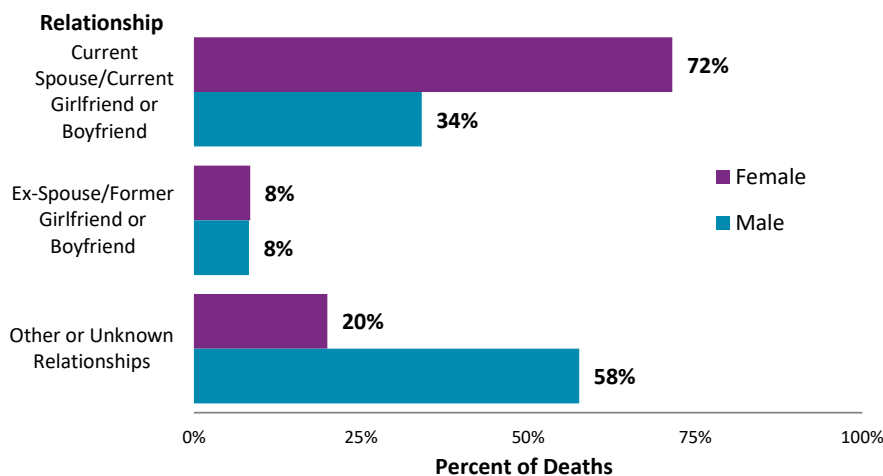


- The percentage of homicides among female victims that were IPV-related was highest among Hispanic victims (60.0%), followed by NH White victims (53.8%).

- The percentage of homicides among male victims that were IPV-related was highest among NH White victims (18.6%), followed by NH Black victims (11.2%).

*A total of nine male & three female victims of other race/ethnicities (non-Hispanic Asian, American Indian and unknown race/ethnicity) were excluded from the above calculations

Relationship of IPV-Related Homicide Victims to Suspects:



- Female IPV-related homicide victims were most likely to have been killed by a current spouse or partner (71.6%, n=68) compared to an ex-spouse or former partner (8.4%, n=8).

- Of male IPV-related homicide victims, 58% (n=49) were killed by someone other than a current or former spouse or partner.

NOTE: Multiple suspects per victim possible

More information about intimate partner violence can be found at:

[Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission](#)
Contact: (877) 502-9898

[The National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
Contact: (800) 799-7233

[Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)
Contact: (888) 232-9124

[The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence](#)
Contact: (202) 289-3900

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