

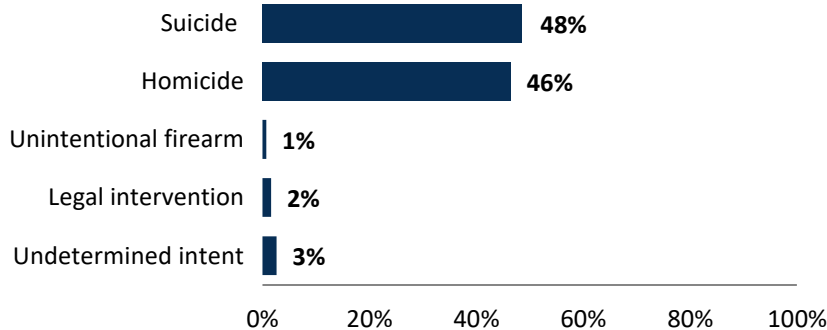
NC Violent Death Reporting System

VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA: GUILFORD COUNTY INCIDENTS, 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. Data reported in this document are based on the county where the death occurred rather than county of residence.¹ Visit the [NC-VDRS page](#) within the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch website for more information.

¹ The occurrent ratio is used instead of the rate. This statistic is derived from the total number of violent deaths resulting from injuries in a specified geographic region divided by the number of residents in the region.

Manner of Death: Guilford County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024*



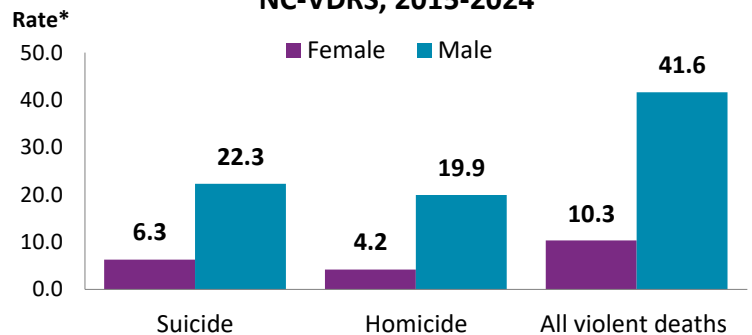
- For the years 2015-2024, there were 1,351 violent deaths from injuries sustained in Guilford County. Of these 1,351 deaths, 1,310 were NC residents (97.0%) and 1,179 were Guilford County residents (87.3%).

- There were 655 suicides (48.5%), 628 homicides (46.5%), 10 unintentional firearm deaths (0.7%), 22 deaths from legal intervention (1.6%), and 36 deaths of undetermined intent (2.7%).

*Based on the county of injury occurrence.

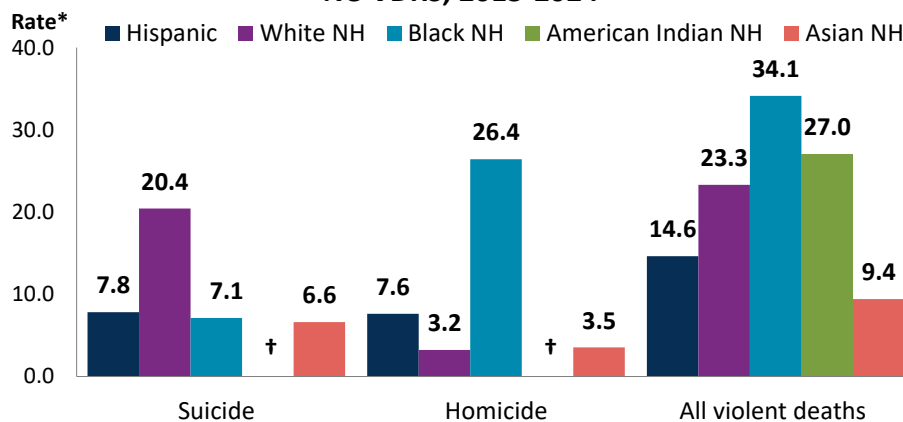
- In Guilford County, the suicide ratio was 3.5 times higher in males than in females, and the homicide ratio was 4.7 times higher in males than in females.

Manner of Death by Sex: Guilford County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2015-2024*



*Rate per 100,000 based on county of injury occurrence.

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



- The suicide rate was highest among non-Hispanic (NH) White victims (20.4 suicides per 100,000 population) followed by Hispanic victims (7.8 per 100,000).

- In contrast, the homicide rate was highest among NH Black victims (26.4 per 100,000 population) followed by Hispanic victims (7.6 per 100,000).

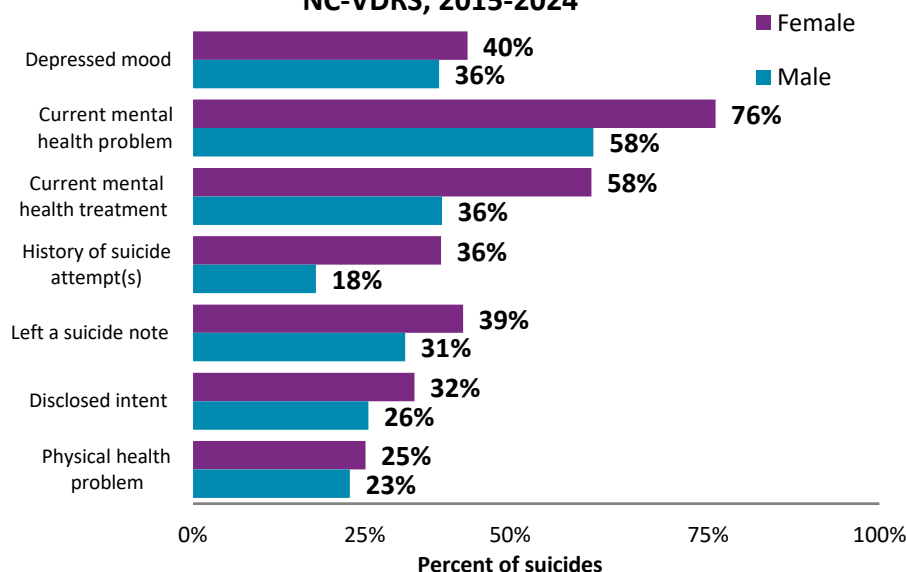
*Rate per 100,000 based on the county of injury occurrence. † Rate suppressed, 1-4 deaths.

Chart excludes eight deaths of unknown or other race/ethnicity.

- Suicides and homicides displayed dissimilar age patterns. However, both homicides and suicides peaked among those aged 20-24 with 28.6 homicides per 100,000 and 16.7 suicides per 100,000.
- More than 4 in 5 of homicides (83.6%) and more than half of suicides (55.1%) involved firearms.
- Suspicion of intoxication was reported in 16.2% of homicides and in 25.3% of suicides.
- For homicide incidents where one or more suspects were identified, the relationship of the victim to the suspect was known (current or former spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend, family, friend or acquaintance) more frequently for female (59.2%) than for male (39.8%) victims.

Circumstances of Suicides: Guilford County, NC:

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- Thirty-six percent (35.9%) of male and 40.0% of female Guilford County suicide victims with circumstance information were characterized as being currently depressed when they died by suicide.

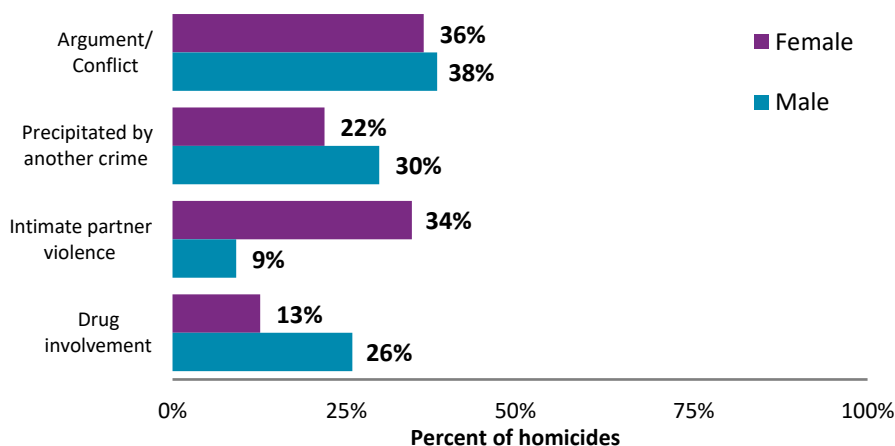
- Seventy-six percent (76.1%) of female and 58.4% of male suicide victims were characterized as having a current mental health problem.

- Females (36.1%) were more likely to have attempted suicide in the past as compared to males (17.9%).

*Based on the county of injury occurrence, 97.7% of cases had circumstance information. Three females and 12 males were missing circumstance information.

Circumstances of Homicides: Guilford County, NC:

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- Arguments or conflicts were more likely to be a contributing factor for male homicides (38.1%) than for female homicides (36.1%).

- Twenty-two percent (21.9%) of female homicides and 29.7% of male homicides were precipitated by another crime such as robbery, burglary, or drug trafficking.

- Intimate partner violence was a contributing factor in 34.5% of female homicides, but only 9.2% of male homicides.

*Based on the county of injury occurrence, 97.1% of cases had circumstance information. One female and 17 males were missing circumstance information.

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