

10 Leading Causes of Injury Deaths by Age Groups, North Carolina: 2024

Unintentional Injury
 Assault
 Self-Inflicted
 Undetermined Intent

Rank	<1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages
1	Suffocation - Unintent. 27	MVT - Unintent. 16	MVT - Unintent. 22	MVT - Unintent. 291	Poisoning - Unintent. 1,432	Poisoning - Unintent. 1,051	Fall - Unintent. 1,795	Poisoning - Unintent. 2,865
2	Unspecified - Assault 6	Drowning - Unintent. 15	Firearm - Assault 12	Firearm - Assault 204	MVT - Unintent. 554	MVT - Unintent. 443	MVT - Unintent. 418	Fall - Unintent. 1,985
3	MVT - Unintent. 3	Firearm - Unintent. 6	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 9	Poisoning - Unintent. 180	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 328	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 310	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 278	MVT - Unintent. 1,747
4	Suffocation - Undetermined 2	Poisoning - Unintent. 6	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 9	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 136	Firearm - Assault 326	Fall - Unintent. 153	Poisoning - Unintent. 189	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 1,061
5	Drowning - Unintent. 1	Unspecified - Assault 6	Drowning - Unintent. 8	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 48	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 145	Firearm - Assault 127	Suffocation - Unintent. 139	Firearm - Assault 704
6	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 1	Suffocation - Unintent. 5	Poisoning - Unintent. 6	Drowning - Unintent. 16	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 41	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 99	Unspecified - Unintent. 105	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 323
7	Other Specified - Assault 1	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 3	Nat/Env - Unintent. 5	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 16	Drowning - Unintent. 36	Nat/Env - Unintent. 54	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 75	Suffocation - Unintent. 233
8	Other-NEC - Legal/War 1	Firearm - Assault 3	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 3	Other Specified - Unintent. 10	Fall - Unintent. 33	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 53	Nat/Env - Unintent. 69	Nat/Env - Unintent. 155
9	Poisoning - Undetermined 1	Poisoning - Assault 3	Other Specified - Assault 3	Cut/Pierce - Assault 8	Nat/Env - Unintent. 24	Suffocation - Unintent. 45	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 36	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 146
10	Poisoning - Unintent. 1	Unspecified - Unintent. 3	Firearm - Unintent. 2	Firearm - Undetermined 8	Other Specified - Unintent. 21	Drowning - Unintent. 32	Other-NEC - Unintent. 35	Unspecified - Unintent. 141



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NEC=Not Elsewhere Classifiable; MV=Motor Vehicle; MVT=Motor Vehicle Traffic; Nat/Env=Natural/Environmental

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For more information on these data, go to the Injury Surveillance Technical Notes Document:

<https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/Technical-Notes.pdf>

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