

10 Leading Causes of Injury Deaths by Age Groups, North Carolina: 2023

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. 20	Drowning - Unintent. 14	MVT - Unintent. 32	Poisoning - Unintent. 297	Poisoning - Unintent. 2,209	Poisoning - Unintent. 1,529	Fall - Unintent. 1,780	Poisoning - Unintent. 4,286
2	Suffocation - Undetermined 12	MVT - Unintent. 11	Firearm - Assault 17	MVT - Unintent. 276	MVT - Unintent. 599	MVT - Unintent. 505	MVT - Unintent. 332	Fall - Unintent. 2,007
3	Other Specified - Assault 5	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 6	Drowning - Unintent. 12	Firearm - Assault 221	Firearm - Assault 348	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 317	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 267	MVT - Unintent. 1,757
4	Poisoning - Undetermined 3	Poisoning - Unintent. 6	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 8	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 153	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 263	Fall - Unintent. 181	Poisoning - Unintent. 239	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 1,005
5	Poisoning - Unintent. 3	Suffocation - Unintent. 6	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 5	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 59	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 154	Firearm - Assault 127	Suffocation - Unintent. 120	Firearm - Assault 739
6	Unspecified - Assault 3	Unspecified - Assault 6	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 5	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 17	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 55	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 94	Unspecified - Unintent. 119	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 331
7	Drowning - Unintent. 2	Firearm - Unintent. 3	Poisoning - Unintent. 3	Drowning - Unintent. 11	Fall - Unintent. 34	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 92	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 62	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 210
8	Firearm - Assault 2	Other Specified - Assault 2	Firearm - Undetermined 2	Fall - Unintent. 11	Drowning - Unintent. 26	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 39	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 43	Suffocation - Unintent. 197
9	MVT - Unintent. 2	Poisoning - Assault 2	Firearm - Unintent. 2	Cut/Pierce - Assault 9	Poisoning - Undetermined 25	Suffocation - Unintent. 39	Other-NEC - Unintent. 37	Unspecified - Unintent. 159
10	Nat/Env - Unintent. 1	Fire/Burn - Undetermined 1	Other Land Trans - Unintent. 2	Fall - Self-Inflicted 8	Cut/Pierce - Assault 22	Unspecified - Unintent. 29	Drowning - Unintent. 23	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 134



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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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