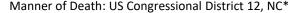
# NC Violent Death Reporting System

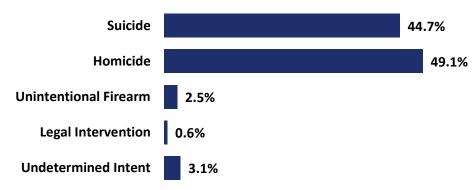
## **VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA: US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12, 2021**

 An estimated 747,139 North Carolina residents reside in US Congressional District 12.

- In 2021, there were 161 violent deaths from injuries sustained by individuals living in US Congressional District 12.
- The majority of decedents were residents of Mecklenburg (82.6%) and Cabarrus (17.4%) counties.



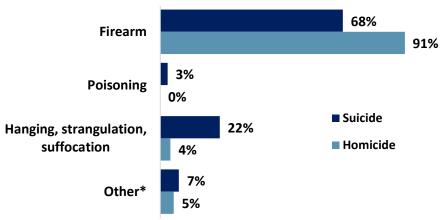




• There were 72 suicides (44.7%), 79 homicides (49.1%), four unintentional firearm deaths (2.5%), one deaths from lega intervention (0.6%) and 5 deaths of undetermined intent (3.1%).

- Firearms were involved in 68.1% of suicides and 91.1% of homicides.
- Among homicides caused by firearms, 73.6% were caused by handguns, 1.4% were caused by shotguns, and 8.3% were caused by rifles.
- Among suicides caused by firearms, 85.7% were caused by handguns, 8.2% were caused by shotguns, and 6.1% were caused by rifles.
- The second leading method of death for suicide was hanging, stragulation, or suffocation (22.2%).

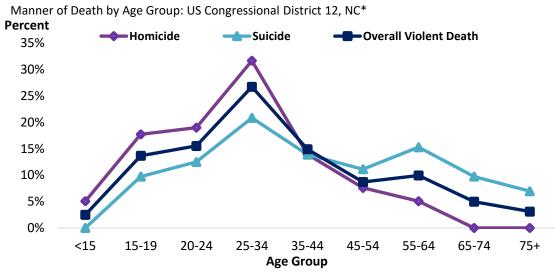
#### Firearms were involved in 80.1% of all homicide and suicide deaths Method of Death: US Congressional District 12, NC\*



\*Other includes falls, motor vehicle, sharp instrument, fire/burns, unkown and other

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 triangulates 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 residential address of the victim and, instead of a rate, the ocurrent ratio is reported. This document summarizes fatal injuries from violence that occurred in US Congressional District 12 for the year 2021. Since not all deaths resulting from violence are able to be geocoded, the violent death numbers represented in this fact sheet may be slightly underestimated. Page 1 of 2

<sup>\*</sup>Based on the residential address of the victim

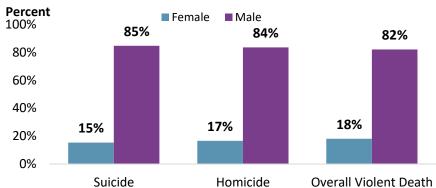


- Suicides and homicides displayed different age patterns.
- However, both homicides and suicides peaked among those 25-34 with 31.6% of total homicides and 20.8% total suicides.
- Percentage of overall violent deaths peaked among those 25-34 at 26.7% of total violent deaths.

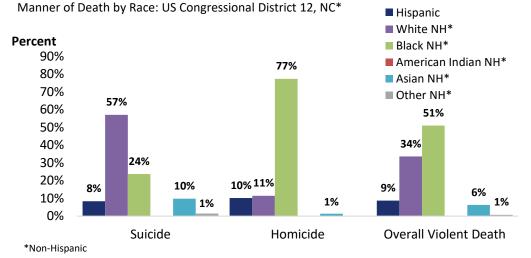
- \*Age group percents are taken of total homicide, total suicide and total overall violent deaths
- The majority of suicide and homicide victims were male. There were 61 male suicide victims and 66 male homicide victims, which accounted for 84.7% and 83.5% of victims respecitively.
- There were 11 female suicide victims and 13 female homicide victims, which accounted for 15.3% and 16.5% of victims respecitively.

### Males consistently have higher proportions of violent deaths than females

Manner of Death by Sex: US Congressional District 12, NC\*



#### Uneven distributions are seen among race and manner of death



- Patterns of suicide and homicide differed by race. 56.9% of suicide victims were Non-Hispanic (NH) whites while only 23.6% were NH black.
- In contrast, 77.2% of homicide victims were NH blacks, and 11.4% were NH whites.
- Overall, there were 14 (8.7%) Hispanic, 54 (33.5%) NH white, 82 (50.9%) NH black, 0 (0.0%) NH American Indian, and 10 (6.2%) NH Asian victims.

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