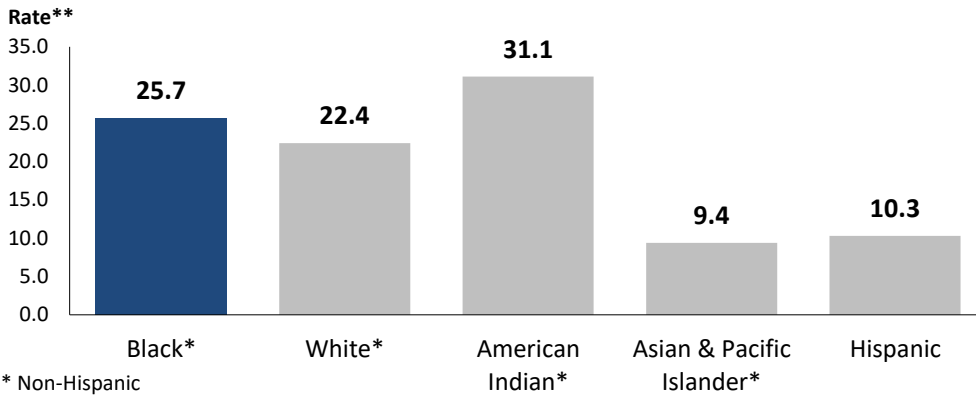


NC Violent Death Reporting System

VIOLENT DEATHS AMONG NON-HISPANIC AFRICAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA: 2012-2021

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. For more information, please visit <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm>.

Violent Death Rates by Race/Ethnicity: NC-VDRS, 2012-2021



* Non-Hispanic

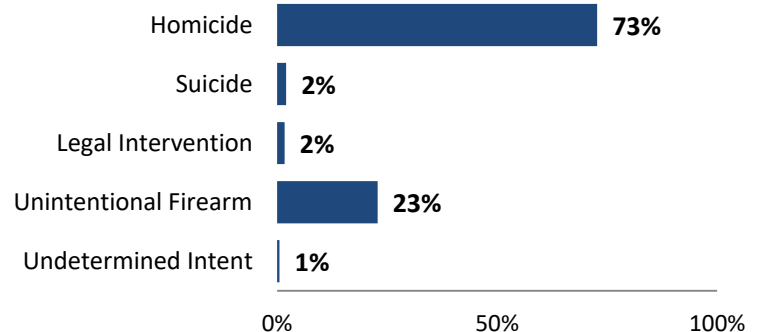
** Rate per 100,000 population

- For the year 2021, there were 2,244,089 non-Hispanic (NH) African American residents living in North Carolina, accounting for 21.8% of the state's population.

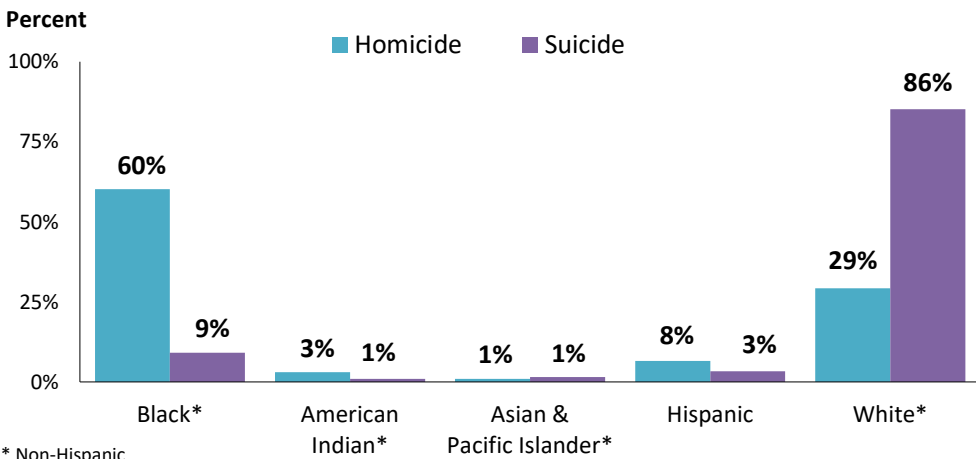
- NH African American victims had the second highest rate of violent death by race/ethnicity in North Carolina for the years 2012-2021 (25.7 per 100,000 population).

- From 2012-2021, 5,586 NH African American residents in North Carolina died by violence.
- There were 4,064 homicides (72.8%), 1,252 suicides (2.0%), 62 unintentional firearm deaths (22.8%), 95 deaths due to legal interventions (1.7%), and 113 deaths of undetermined intent (0.5%) among NH African American residents.
- Male NH African American residents were more likely to die by violence than females from 2012 to 2021 (84.2% versus 15.8%).

Manner of Death Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2012-2021



Manner of Death by Race/Ethnicity: NC-VDRS, 2012-2021

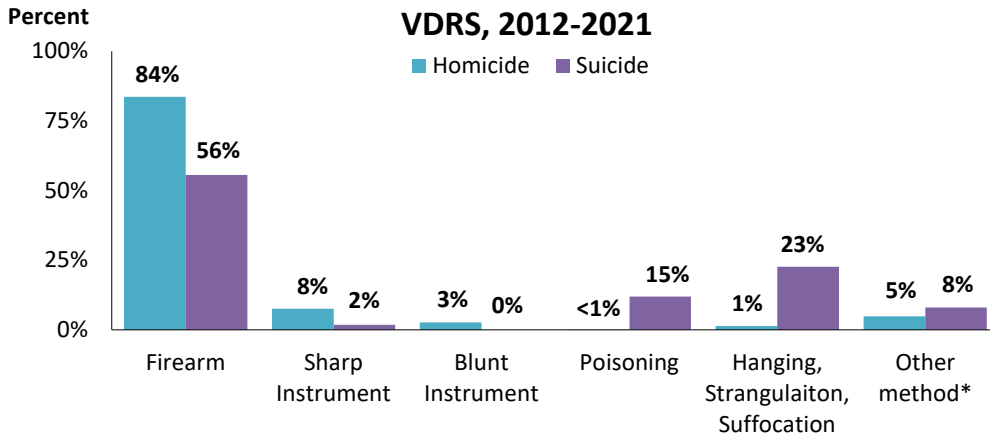


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- NH African American victims accounted for 60.2% of all homicides and 9.1% of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2012 to 2021.

- In contrast, NH white victims accounted for 85.1% of all suicides and 29.3% of all homicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2012 to 2021.

Method of Death Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2012-2021

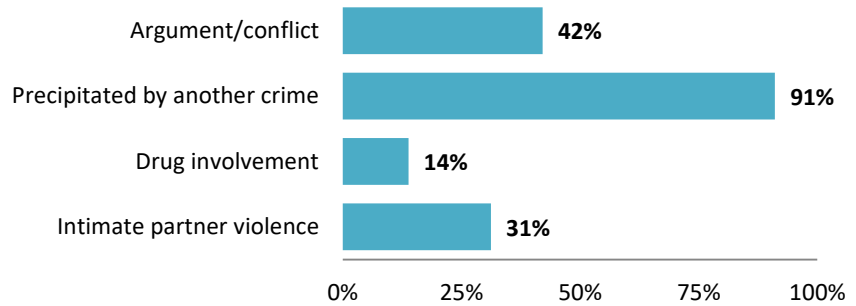


- The majority of homicides (83.6%) and suicides (55.6%) among NH African Americans victims involved firearms.
- The second most common method of homicide was sharp instruments (7.5%).
- The second most common method of suicide was hanging, strangulation or suffocation (22.6%).

*Other includes fire/burns, falls, intentional neglect, personal weapons and other methods.

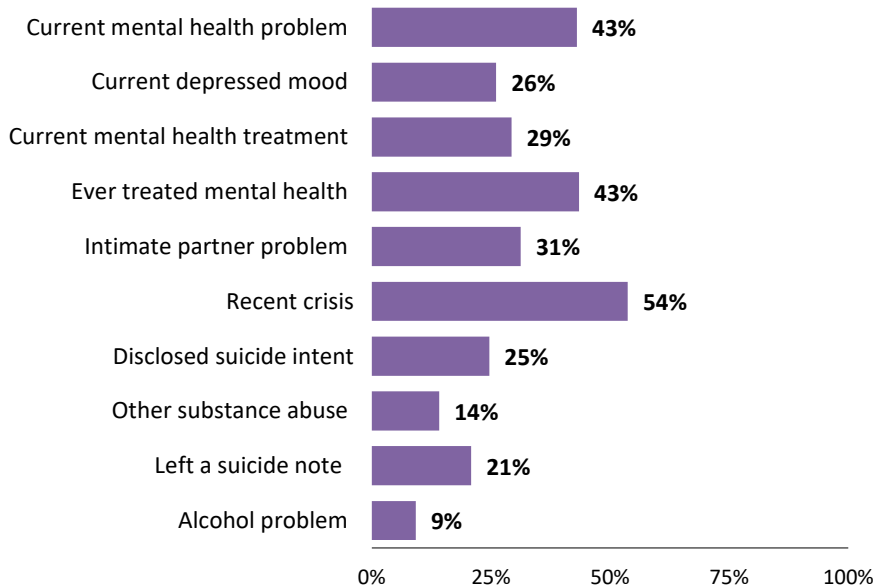
- Of all homicides among NH African American victims with known circumstance information, over two-fifths (42.1%) involved an argument or conflict.
- Another serious crime (e.g., robbery, burglary) precipitated 91.1% of homicides among NH African American victims.
- Of these homicide victims, 31.2% involved intimate partner violence.

Homicide Circumstances* Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2012-2021



* Ninety-one percent (90.9%) of homicide cases had circumstance information.

Suicide Circumstances* Among NH African American Victims: NC-VDRS, 2012-2021



* Ninety-four percent (94.2%) of suicide cases had circumstance information.

- Among NH African American suicide victims with known circumstance information, 53.7% experienced a recent crisis.
- Forty-three percent (43.1%) of NH African American suicide victims were described as having a current mental health problem, and 29.3% were receiving treatment for a mental health problem at the time of suicide.
- Almost one-third (31.3%) of NH African American suicide victims had experienced a recent problem with an intimate partner.
- Twenty-five percent (24.7%) of NH African American suicide victims disclosed their suicide intent, and 20.8% left a note.

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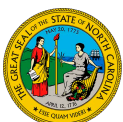
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