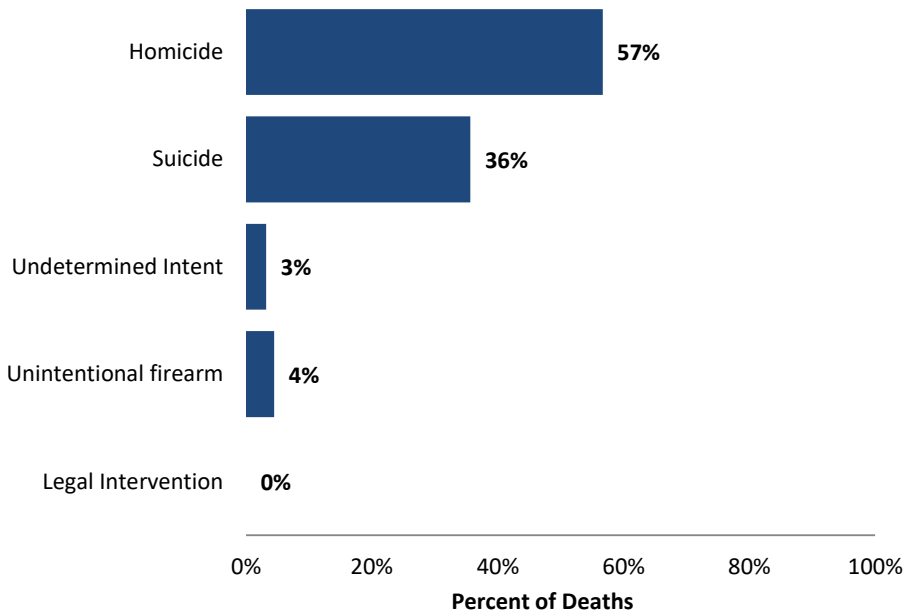


NC Violent Death Reporting System

CHILD VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA, 2020

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>.

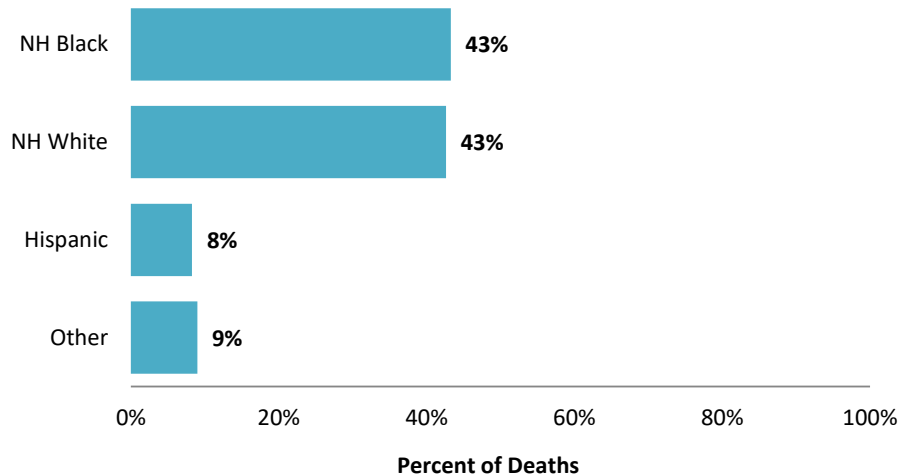
Manner of Child Violent Deaths (ages 0-17): NC-VDRS, 2020



- In 2020, there were a total of 157 violent deaths among North Carolina children ages 0-17.
- There were 89 homicides (56.7%), 56 suicides (35.7%), seven unintentional firearm deaths (4.5%), zero deaths resulting from legal intervention (0.0%), and five deaths in which the Medical Examiner’s Office could not determine the manner of death (3.2%).
- Most of the child victims were male (76.4%).

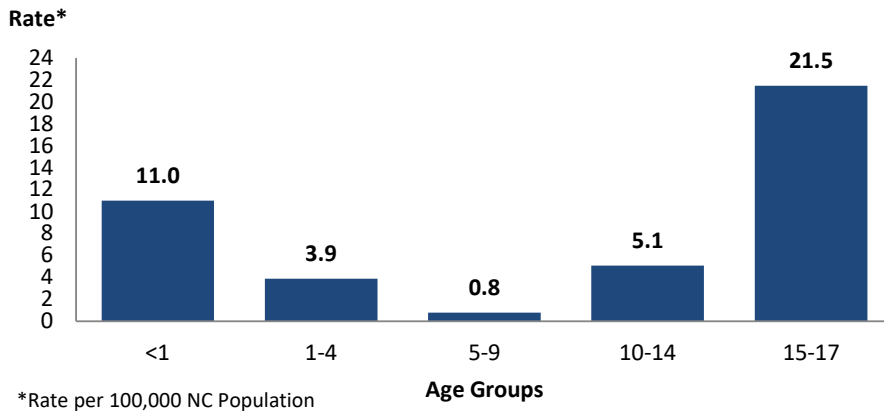
Percent of Child Violent Deaths by Race/Ethnicity*: NC-VDRS, 2020

- Non-Hispanic (NH) Black victims accounted for the greatest percent of child violent deaths (43.3%), followed by NH white victims (42.7%).
- Rates of child violent death were highest among Black victims (12.1 deaths per 100,000 population) followed by white and Hispanic victims (5.5 and 3.3 per 100,000, respectively).



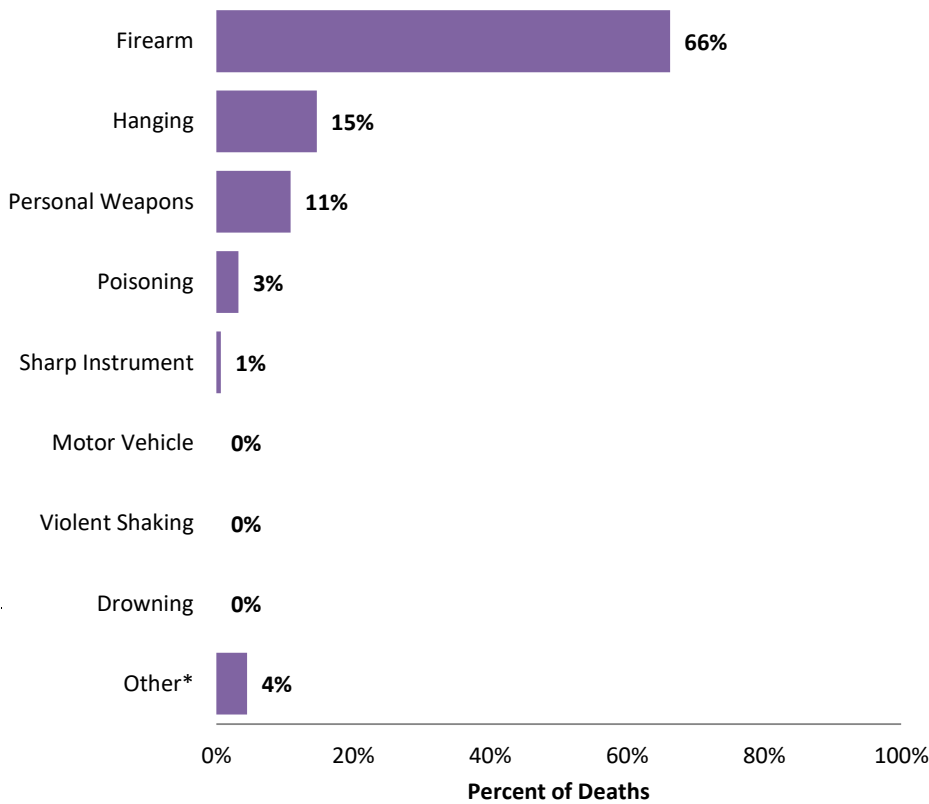
*Other includes non-Hispanic Asian (N=7) and American Indian (N=2) victims.

Child Violent Death Rates* by Age: NC-VDRS,



- The highest child violent death rate occurred among children ages 15-17 (21.5 deaths per 100,000 population).
- Children less than one years of age had the second highest rate of violent deaths (11.0 deaths per 100,000 population).

Method of Child Violent Death: NC-VDRS, 2020



- Firearms were involved in 66.2% of all child violent deaths (n=104). This percentage was propelled by the high number of firearm related deaths among children ages 15-17 (n=66).
- Hanging was the second most common cause of violent death among children (14.6%).
- Personal weapons (fists, feet, and hands) were the most common causes of death among children under the age of five, while firearms were the most common weapon among children ages 5 and older.

* Other includes: non-powder gun, blunt instrument, unknown, fall, fire or burns, intentional neglect, (e.g., starving a baby or oneself), and other transport vehicle, (e.g., trains, planes, boats)

More information on child violence prevention can be found at:

State Resource Partners

North Carolina Division of Social Services:

Child Protective Services

Contact: (919) 733-4622

<https://www.nc.gov/child-protection-services>

National Resources

Children's Bureau

Contact: Carlis Williams (404) 562-2900

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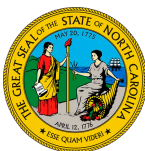
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Please see the NC-VDRS 2020 Annual Report for additional data and technical information:

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