

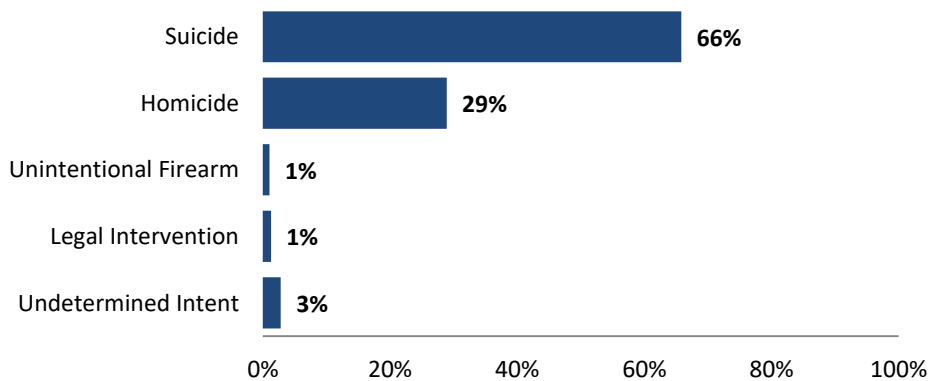
VIOLENT DEATHS IN NORTH CAROLINA, 2018

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded statewide surveillance system that collects detailed information on deaths that occur in North Carolina resulting from violence: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention, and deaths for which intent could not be determined. NC-VDRS is a multi-source system that gathers information from death certificates, medical examiner reports, and law enforcement reports. The goal of this system is to aid researchers, legislators, and community interest groups in the development of public health prevention strategies to reduce violent deaths. NC-VDRS began collecting data in January 2004. This document summarizes all deaths from violence among North Carolina residents in 2018.

North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System

Manner of Death: NC-VDRS, 2018

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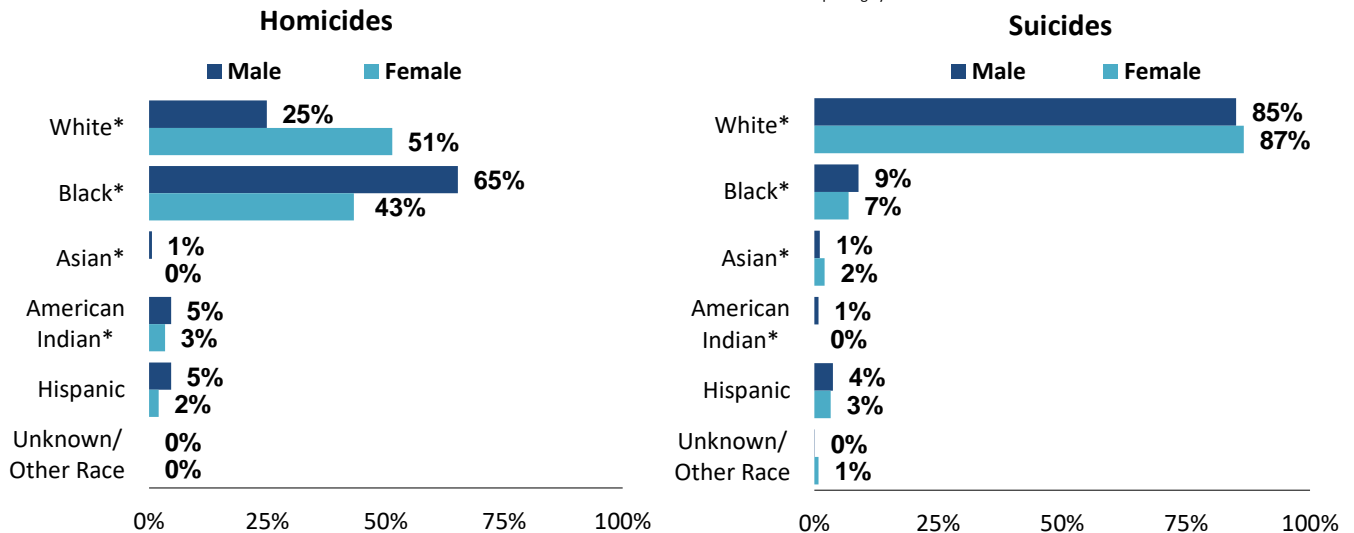


- In 2018, 2,222 North Carolina residents died by violence.
- There were 1,463 suicides (65.8%), 643 homicides (28.9%), 29 deaths from legal interventions (1.3%), 24 unintentional firearm deaths (1.1%), and 63 deaths of undetermined intent (2.8%) in 2018.

- The majority of suicide and homicide victims were male. Males accounted for 77.5% of suicide victims and 77.0% of homicide victims.
- Patterns of suicides and homicides differed by race. Most suicide victims were non-Hispanic (NH) white (85.4%), while 8.5% were NH Black.
- In contrast, 60.2% of homicide victims were NH Black, and 30.9% were NH white.

Violent Deaths by Sex and Race: NC-VDRS, 2018

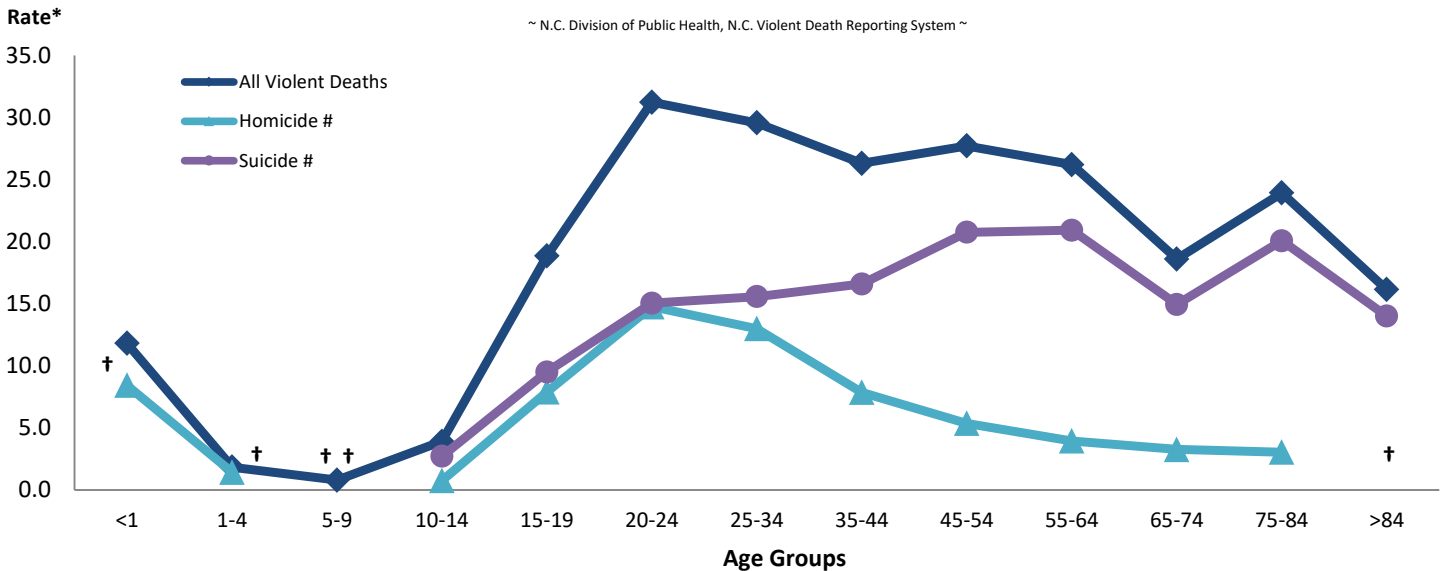
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* Non-Hispanic

Violent Death Rates by Age Group : NC-VDRS, 2018*

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* Rate per 100,000 NC population

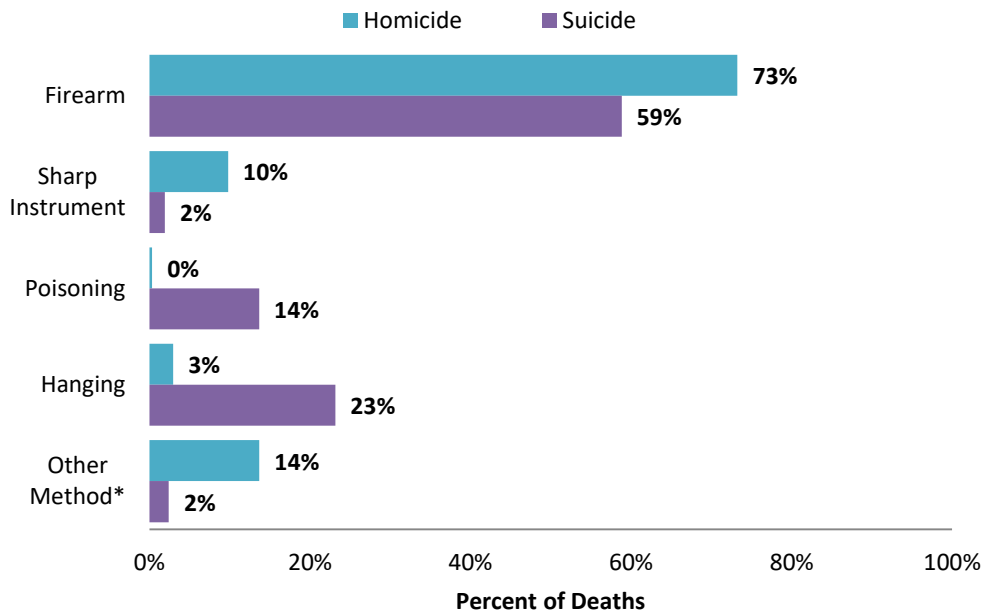
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† Indicates fewer than 5 deaths. Rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable and should not be used.

- Suicide and homicide rates displayed different patterns by age.
- Homicide rates peaked in the 20 to 24 year age group.
- Suicide rates rose steadily from 10 to 54 years of age. Suicide rates peaked among those ages 55 to 64.

Method of Death: NC-VDRS, 2018

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*Other includes fire/burns, unarmed assault, blunt trauma, falls, and other methods of death.

• The majority of homicides (73.3%) and suicides (58.9%) were committed using firearms.

• The second most common method of homicide was sharp instruments (9.8%).

• The second and third most common methods of suicide were hanging (23.2%) and poisoning (13.7%).

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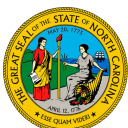
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<https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/ViolentDeathData.htm>



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