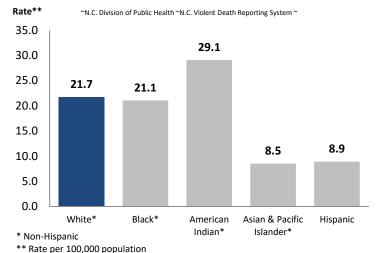
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VIOLENT DEATHS AMONG WHITE RESIDENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA: 2009-2018

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 multisource 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 non-Hispanic (NH) white residents for the years 2009-2018.

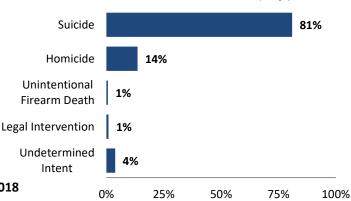
Violent Death Rate by Race: NC-VDRS, 2009-2018



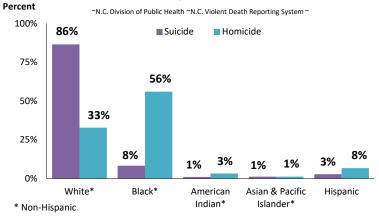
- For the year 2018, there were 6,581,107 NH whites living in North Carolina, accounting for 64.1% of the state's population.
- NH whites had the second highest rate of violent death by race in North Carolina (21.7 per 100,000 population) from 2009 to 2018.

- From 2009 to 2018, 13,999 NH white residents in North Carolina died by violence.
- There were 1,902 homicides (13.6%), 11,330 suicides (80.9%), 95 unintentional firearm deaths (0.7%), 134 deaths due to legal interventions (1.0%), and 538 deaths of undetermined intent (3.8%).

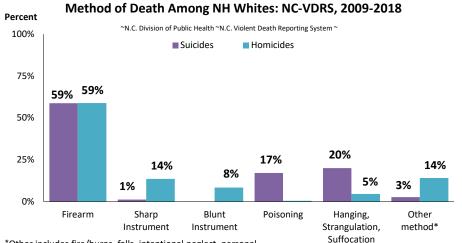
Manner of Death Among NH Whites: NC-VDRS 2009-2018 ~N.C. Division of Public Health - N.C. Violent Death Reporting System ~



Manner of Death by Race: NC-VDRS, 2009-2018



- NH whites accounted for 32.7% of all homicides and 86.5% of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2009 to 2018.
- In contrast, NH Blacks accounted for 55.9% of all homicides and 8.3% of all suicides, across all racial groups in North Carolina from 2009 to 2018.



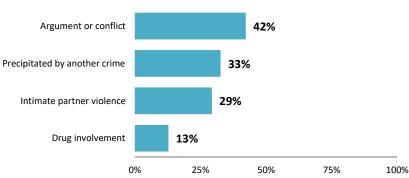
*Other includes fire/burns, falls, intentional neglect, personal weapons and other methods.

- Of all homicides among NH whites with known circumstance information, over one-third (42.3%) involved an argument or conflict.
- Another serious crime (e.g., robbery, burglary) precipitated 32.7% of homicides among NH whites.
- Of these homicides, 29.4% involved intimate partner violence.

- The majority of homicides (58.8%) and suicides (58.8%) among NH whites were committed using firearms.
- The second most common method of homicide was other method* (14.1%).
- The second most common method of suicide was hanging, strangulation or suffocation (20.1%).

Homicide Circumstances* Among NH Whites, 2009-2018

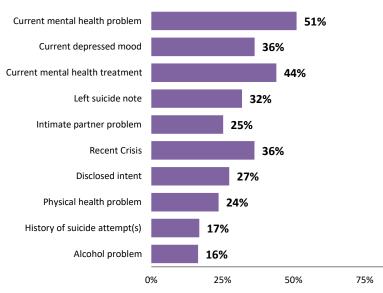




* Ninety-three percent (93.0%) of homicide cases had circumstance information.

Suicide Circumstances* Among NH Whites, 2009-2018





* Ninety-five percent (95.1%) of suicide cases had circumstance information.

- Among NH white suicide victims with known circumstance information, 51.1% were characterized as having a current mental health problem and 36.3% were characterized as being depressed at the time of suicide.
- More than one-third (36.3%) of NH white suicide victims experienced a recent crisis.
- Thirty-two percent (31.9%) of NH white suicide victims left a suicide note and 27.4% disclosed their intent to complete suicide.
- Twenty-five percent (25.3%) of NH white suicide victims experienced a recent problem with an intimate partner.

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