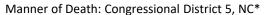
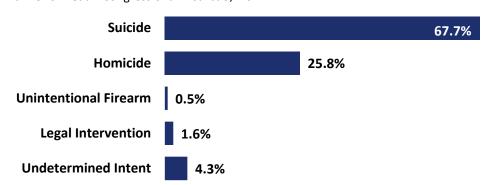
## NC Violent Death Reporting System

## **VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5, 2022**

- An estimated 743,662 North Carolina residents reside in Congressional District 5.
- In 2022, there were 186 violent deaths from injuries sustained by individuals living in Congressional District 5.
- The majority of decedents were residents of Guilford (30.1%), Caldwell (15.6%), Rockingham (12.4%), and Wilkes (10.8%) counties.





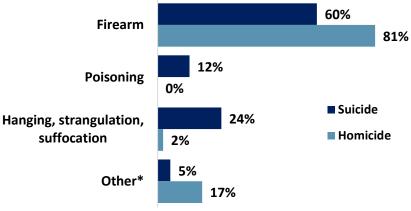


• There were 126 suicides (67.7%), 48 homicides (25.8%), one unintentional firearm deaths (0.5%), three deaths from legal intervention (1.6%) and eight deaths of undetermined intent (4.3%).

- Firearms were involved in 59.5% of suicides and 81.3% of homicides.
- Among homicides caused by firearms, 74.4% were caused by handguns, 2.6% were caused by shotguns, and 7.7% were caused by rifles.
- Among suicides caused by firearms, 82.7% were caused by handguns, 9.3% were caused by shotguns, and 8% were caused by rifles.
- The second leading method of death for suicide was hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (23.8%).

## Firearms were involved in 65.5% of all homicide and suicide deaths

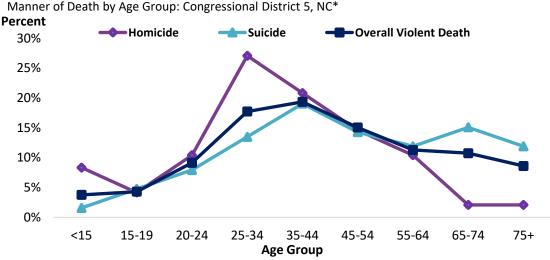
Method of Death: Congressional District 5, NC\*



\*Other includes falls, motor vehicle, sharp instrument, fire/burns, unknown 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 ratio is reported. This document summarizes fatal injuries from violence that occurred in Congressional District 5 for the year 2022. 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.

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

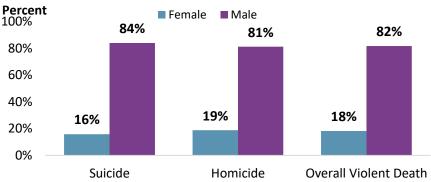


- Suicides and homicides displayed different age patterns.
- Percentage of total homicides peaked among those 25-34 with 27.1% of total homicides, where percent of total suicides peaked among those 35-44 with 19.0% of total suicides.
- Percentage of overall violent deaths peaked among those 35-44 at 19.4% of total violent deaths.

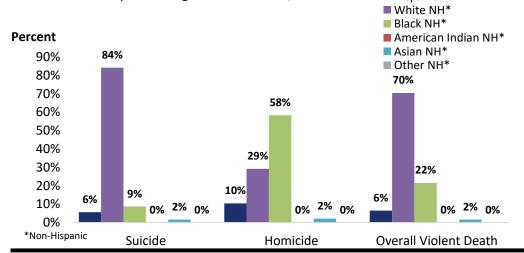
- \*Age group percents are taken of total homicide, total suicide and total overall violent deaths
- The majority of suicide and homicide victims were male. There were 106 male suicide victims and 39 male homicide victims, which accounted for 84.1% and 81.3% of victims respectively.
- There were 20 female suicide victims and 9 female homicide victims, which accounted for 15.9% and 18.8% of victims respectively.

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

Manner of Death by Sex: Congressional District 5, NC\*







- Patterns of suicide and homicide differed by race. 84.1% of suicide victims were Non-Hispanic (NH) White while only 8.7% were NH Black.
- In contrast, 58.3% of homicide victims were NH Black, and 29.2% were NH White.
- Overall, there were 12 (6.5%) Hispanic, 131 (70.4%) NH White, 40 (21.5%) NH Black, 0 (0.0%) NH American Indian, and 3 (1.6%) NH Asian victims.

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