

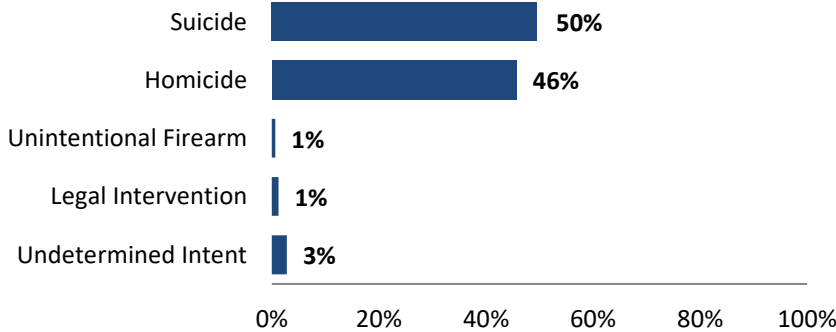
NC Violent Death Reporting System

VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA: GUILFORD COUNTY INCIDENTS, 2013-2022

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 the county where the death occurred rather than county of residence.¹ For more information, please visit <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm>.

¹The occurrent ratio is used instead of the rate. This statistic is derived from the total number of violent deaths resulting from injuries in a specified geographic region divided by the number of residents in the region.

Manner of Death: Guilford County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2013-2022*



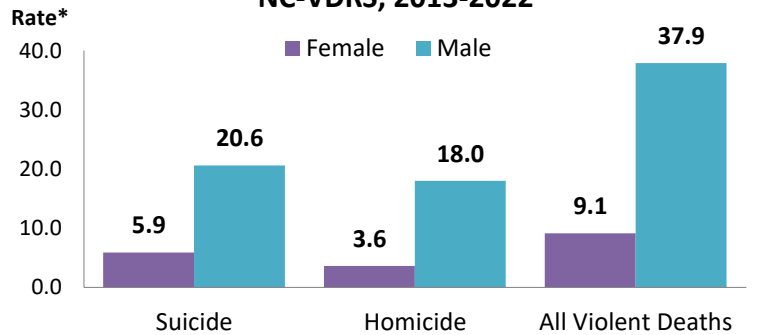
- For the years 2013-2022, there were 1203 violent deaths from injuries sustained in Guilford County. Of these 1203 deaths, 1166 were NC residents (96.9%) and 1054 were Guilford County residents (87.6%).

- There were 596 suicides (49.5%), 550 homicides (45.7%), eight unintentional firearm deaths (0.7%), 15 deaths from legal intervention (1.2%), and 34 deaths of undetermined intent (2.8%).

*Based on the county of injury occurrence.

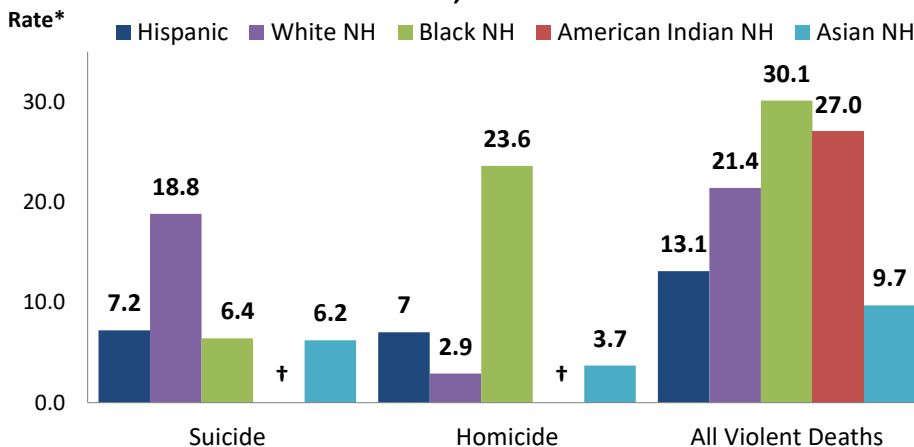
- In Guilford County, the suicide ratio was 3.5 times higher in males than in females, and the homicide ratio was 5.0 times higher in males than in females.

Manner of Death by Sex: Guilford County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2013-2022*



*Rate per 100,000 based on county of injury occurrence.

Manner of Death by Race/Ethnicity: Guilford County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2013-2022*



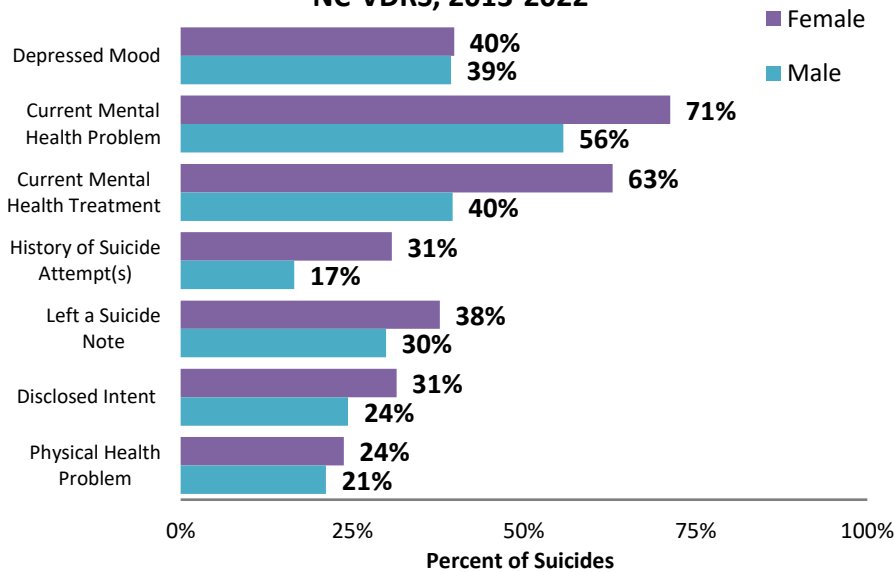
*Rate per 100,000 based on the county of injury occurrence. † Rate suppressed, 1-4 deaths. Chart excludes seven deaths of unknown or other race/ethnicity.

- The suicide rate was highest among non-Hispanic (NH) White victims (18.8 suicides per 100,000 population) followed by Hispanic victims (7.2 per 100,000).

- In contrast, the homicide rate was highest among NH Black victims (23.6 per 100,000 population) followed by Hispanic victims (7.0 per 100,000).

- Suicides and homicides displayed dissimilar age patterns. Homicides peaked among those aged 20-24 with 25.2 homicides per 100,000, while suicides peaked among those aged 35-44 with 16.4 suicides per 100,000.
- Over three quarters of homicides (81.3%) and more than half of suicides (53.7%) involved firearms.
- Suspicion of intoxication was reported in 17.1% of homicides and in 26.7% of suicides.
- For homicide incidents where one or more suspects were identified, the relationship of the victim to the suspect was known (current or former spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend, family, friend or acquaintance) more frequently for female (64.6%) than for male (39.7%) victims.

**Circumstances of Suicides: Guilford County, NC:
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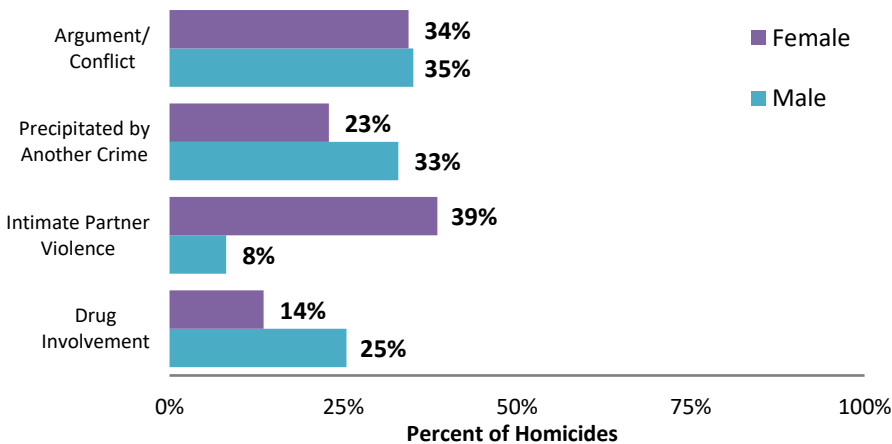
- Thirty-nine percent (39.4%) of male and 39.9% of female Guilford County suicide victims with circumstance information were characterized as being currently depressed when they died by suicide.

- Seventy-one percent (71.3%) of female and 55.8% of male suicide victims were characterized as having a current mental health problem.

- Females (30.8%) were more likely to have attempted suicide in the past as compared to males (16.6%).

*Based on the county of injury occurrence, 96.8% of cases had circumstance information. Three females and 16 males were missing circumstance information.

**Circumstances of Homicides: Guilford County, NC:
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- Arguments or conflicts were more likely to be a contributing factor for male homicides (35.1%) than for female homicides (34.4%).

- Twenty-three percent (22.9%) of female homicides and 32.9% of male homicides were precipitated by another crime such as robbery, burglary, or drug trafficking.

- Intimate partner violence was a contributing factor in 38.5% of female homicides, but only 8.2% of male homicides.

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