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. For more information, please visit [https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm](https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm).

The occurrence 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: Cabarrus County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2010-2019*

- Suicide: 75%
- Homicide: 22%
- Unintentional Firearm: 1%
- Legal Intervention: 1%
- Undetermined Intent: 2%

*Based on the county of injury occurrence.

### Manner of Death by Sex: Cabarrus County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2010-2019*

- Female Suicide: 6.1 per 100,000
- Female Homicide: 2.2 per 100,000
- Male Suicide: 23.2 per 100,000
- Male Homicide: 5.0 per 100,000
- All Violent Deaths: 25.6 per 100,000

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

### Manner of Death by Race/Ethnicity: Cabarrus County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2010-2019*

- Hispanic Suicide: 17.8 per 100,000
- Hispanic Homicide: 8.6 per 100,000
- White NH Suicide: 0.0 per 100,000
- White NH Homicide: 0.0 per 100,000
- Black NH Suicide: 6.0 per 100,000
- Black NH Homicide: 2.5 per 100,000
- American Indian Suicide: 0.0 per 100,000
- American Indian Homicide: 0.0 per 100,000
- Asian NH Suicide: 0.0 per 100,000
- Asian NH Homicide: 0.0 per 100,000

*Rate per 100,000 based on the county of injury occurrence. † Rate suppressed, 1-4 deaths.

Chart excludes one death of unknown or other race/ethnicity

*For the years 2010-2019, there were 324 violent deaths from injuries sustained in Cabarrus County. Of these 324 deaths, 308 were NC residents (95.1%) and 288 were Cabarrus County residents (88.9%).

- There were 242 suicides (74.7%), 70 homicides (21.6%), two unintentional firearm deaths (0.6%), two deaths from legal intervention (0.6%), and eight deaths of undetermined intent (2.5%).

- In Cabarrus County, the suicide ratio was 3.8 times higher in males than in females, and the homicide ratio was 2.3 times higher in males than in females.

- The suicide rate was highest among non-Hispanic (NH) white victims (17.8 suicides per 100,000 population) followed by Hispanic victims (6.0 per 100,000).

- In contrast, the homicide rate was highest among NH Black victims (8.6 per 100,000) followed by Hispanic victims (2.5 per 100,000 population).
• Suicides and homicides displayed dissimilar age patterns. Homicides peaked among those aged 20-24 with 9.0 homicides per 100,000, while suicides peaked among those aged 85 and older with 28.6 suicides per 100,000.
• Over three quarters of homicides (78.6%) and more than half of suicides (56.2%) were committed using firearms.
• Suspicion of intoxication was reported in 20.0% of homicides and in 22.3% 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 (75.0%) than for male (63.8%) victims.

• Arguments or conflicts were more likely to be a contributing factor for male homicides (47.7%) than for female homicides (23.8%).
• Nineteen percent (19.1%) of female homicides and 27.3% of male homicides were precipitated by another crime such as robbery, burglary, or drug trafficking.
• Intimate partner violence was a contributing factor in 52.4% of female homicides, but only 13.6% of male homicides.

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<th>Circumstances of Suicides: Cabarrus County, NC: NC-VDRS, 2010-2019*</th>
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<th>Male</th>
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<tr>
<td>Depressed Mood</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>Current Mental Health Problem</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>History of Suicide Attempt(s)</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Left a Suicide Note</td>
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<td>40%</td>
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<td>Disclosed Intent</td>
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<td>Physical Health Problem</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>31%</td>
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*Based on the county of injury occurrence, 94.6% of cases had circumstance information. Zero females and 13 males were missing circumstance information.

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<td>Argument/Conflict</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>Precipitated by Another Crime</td>
<td>19%†</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Intimate Partner Violence</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Drug Involvement</td>
<td>5%†</td>
<td>14%</td>
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*Based on the county of injury occurrence, 92.9% of cases had circumstance information. One female and four males were missing circumstance information.
† There were fewer than 5 deaths