

Lee County Violence Profile



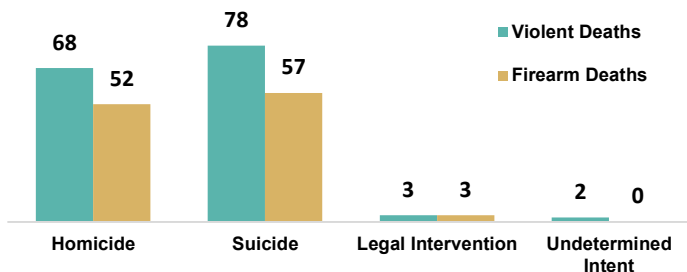
Lee County, located in central North Carolina, has a population of 70,091 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Sanford with a population of 33,262. The closest trauma center is WakeMed Cary (32 miles from Sanford).

Violent Deaths

Lee County had 15 violent deaths* in 2022

76% of homicides and 73% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

All Violent Deaths and Firearm Deaths by Manner; Lee County, 2013-2022



Crime

In 2023, Lee County had a total crime count of 2,660 with 90 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Lee County has decreased by 10% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

142 312
Lee Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (56.7%) and robbery (24.4%)

*Violent Crimes include the offenses of homicide (murder and non-negligent manslaughter and negligent manslaughter), aggravated assault, rape (including sodomy and sexual assault with an object) and robbery. Lee County had a reporting coverage of 100% of the population compared to the statewide coverage of 98% (2021). Source: CJAC NIBRS 2023
For more detailed crime data visit: [NC Justice Data Portal](#)

Male, Non-Hispanic Black, and young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Lee County

In Lee County, 42% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

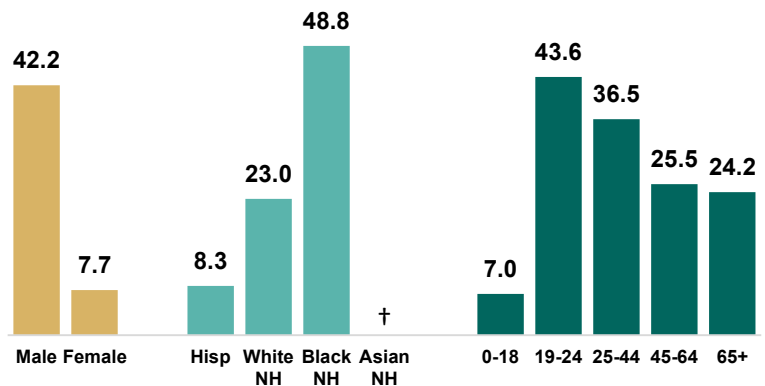
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Lee County...

Nearly
1 in 4
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than
3 in 5
female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

Violent Death Rate by Demographics; Lee County, 2013-2022

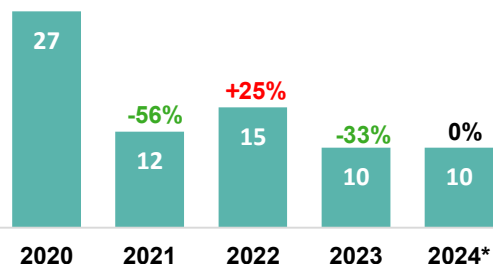


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 87% of homicide victims had circumstance information. Suicide deaths are only reported for ages ≥10. For more detailed violent death data visit: [NC-VDRS Data Dashboard](#)

Firearm-related Injury Emergency Department Visits by Year; Lee County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 10 Lee County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury remained the same compared to the previous year among Lee County residents

provisional data. Source: NC DETECT, ED Visits 2020-2024

For more detailed firearm injury data visit: [NC FASTER Reports | NC DETECT](#)



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