

# Alleghany County Violence Profile



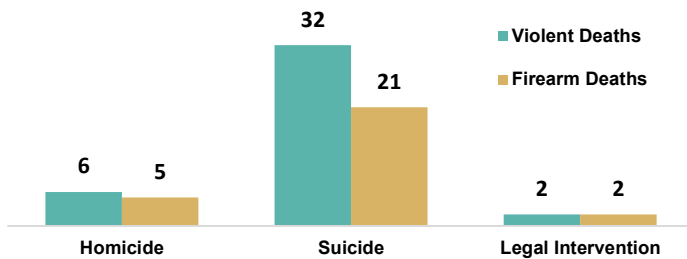
Alleghany County, located in northwestern North Carolina, has a population of 11,640 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Sparta with a population of 1,935. The closest trauma center is Atrium Health WFBH (70 miles from Sparta).

## Violent Deaths

Alleghany County had 2 violent deaths\* in 2022

**83% of homicides and 66% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm**

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



In Alleghany County, 50% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

**Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim**

In North Carolina...

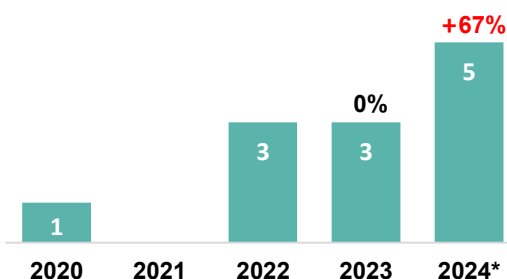
More than  
**1 in 4**  
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than  
**2 in 5**  
female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

\*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 92% 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; Alleghany County



## Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 5 Alleghany County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

**Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 67% in the past year among Alleghany County residents**

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

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

## Crime

In 2023, Alleghany County had a total crime count of 543 with 48 violent crimes\*

**Violent crime in Alleghany County has increased by 700% in the past year**

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

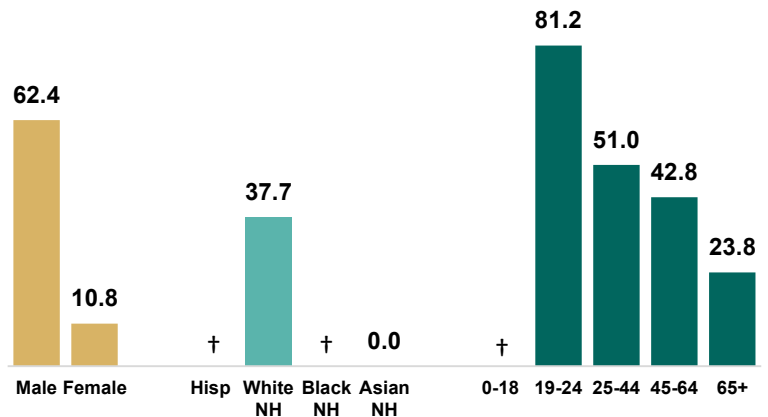
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Alleghany Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (87.5%) and rape (10.4%)

\*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. Alleghany County had a reporting coverage of 100% of the population compared to the statewide coverage of 98% (2021). Source: CJAC NIBRS. For more detailed crime data visit: [NC Justice Data Portal](#)

**Male, Non-Hispanic White, and young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Alleghany County**

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



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



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