

Ashe County Violence Profile



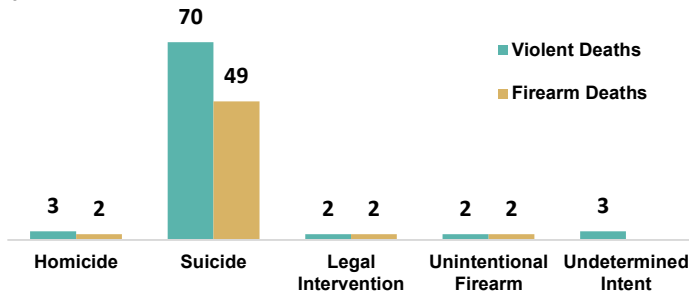
Ashe County, located in northwest North Carolina, has a population of 27,065 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Jefferson with a population of 1,640. The closest trauma center is Atrium Health WFBH (84 miles from Jefferson).

Violent Deaths

Ashe County had 7 violent deaths* in 2022

67% of homicides and 70% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



Crime

In 2023, Ashe County had a total crime count of 830 with 33 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Ashe County has increased by 6% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

124 312
Ashe Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (60.6%) and rape (36.4%)

*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. Ashe 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 White, and older adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Ashe County

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

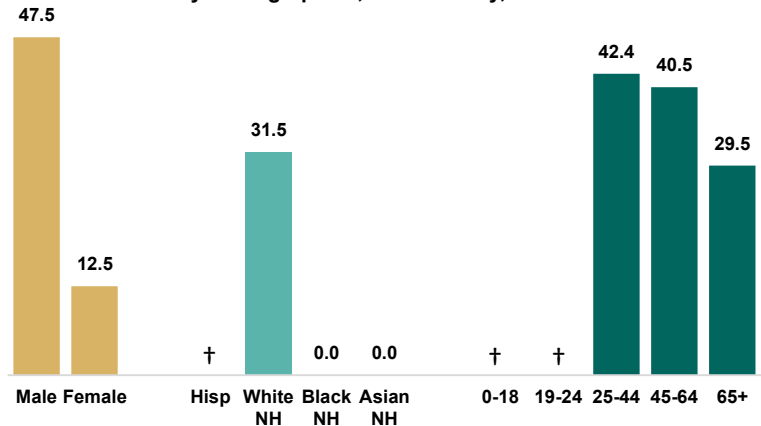
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

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

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

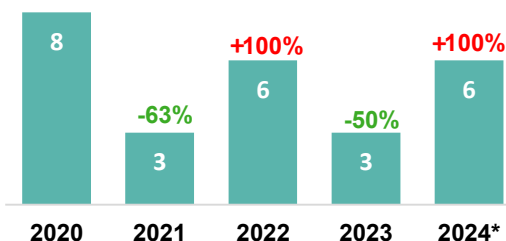


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

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



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 6 Ashe County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 100% in the past year among Ashe 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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