

Bladen County Violence Profile



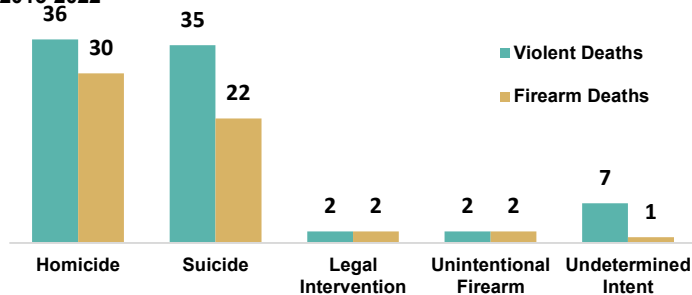
Bladen County, in southeastern North Carolina, has a population of 29,670 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Elizabethtown (pop. 3,265). The closest trauma centers are Womack Army & Novant NHRMC (both 50 miles from Elizabethtown).

Violent Deaths

Bladen County had 8 violent deaths* in 2022

83% of homicides and 63% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



Crime

In 2023, Bladen County had a total crime count of 1,490 with 75 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Bladen County has decreased by 5% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

270 312
Bladen Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (62.7%) and rape (13.3%)

*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. Bladen County had a reporting coverage of 94% 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, Non-Hispanic Black, and middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Bladen County

In Bladen County, 39% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

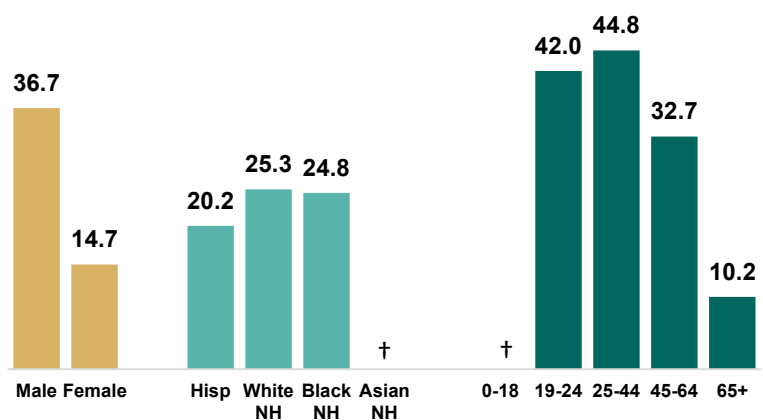
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Bladen County...

Nearly
1 in 3
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

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

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

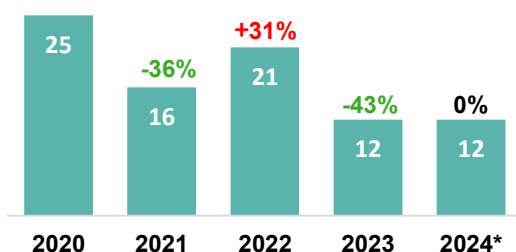


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 100% 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; Bladen County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 12 Bladen 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 Bladen 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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