

Carteret County Violence Profile



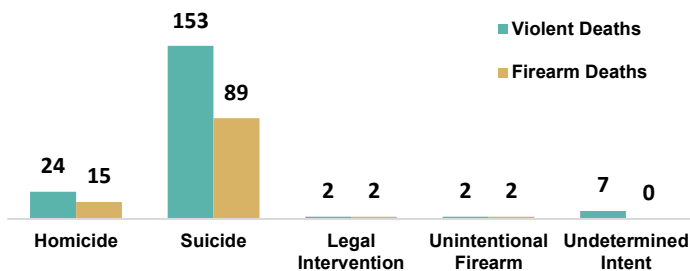
Carteret County, in southeastern North Carolina, has a population of 70,193 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Morehead City (pop. 10,053). The closest trauma center is Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune (44 miles from Morehead City).

Violent Deaths

Carteret County had 18 violent deaths* in 2022

63% of homicides and 58% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



In Carteret County, 52% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Carteret County...

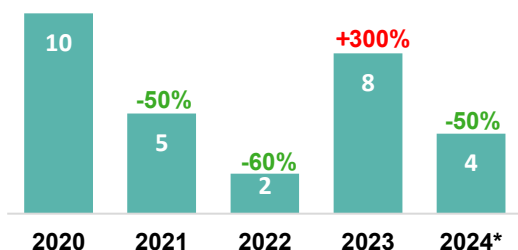
More than
1 in 4
male homicide
deaths were
precipitated by
another crime

Exactly
1 in 2
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. 96% 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; Carteret County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 4 Carteret County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 50% in the past year among Carteret 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, Carteret County had a total crime count of 3,534 with 118 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Carteret County has decreased by 11% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

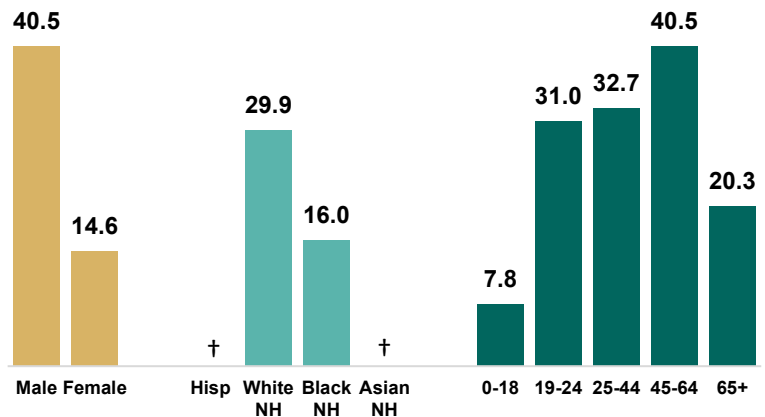
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Carteret Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (67.0%) and rape (17.8%)

*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. Carteret 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 older adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Carteret County

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



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



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