

Cherokee County Violence Profile



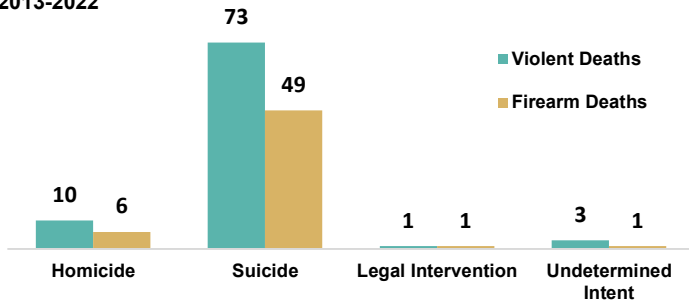
Cherokee County, located in western North Carolina, has a population of 30,959 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Andrews with a population of 1,782. The closest trauma center is Mission Hospitals (95 miles from Andrews).

Violent Deaths

Cherokee County had 15 violent deaths* in 2022

60% of homicides and 67% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



Crime

In 2023, Cherokee County had a total crime count of 1,619 with 82 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Cherokee County has increased by 9% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

288 Cherokee

312 Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (68.3%) and rape (17.1%)

*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. Cherokee 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 Cherokee County

In Cherokee County, 70% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

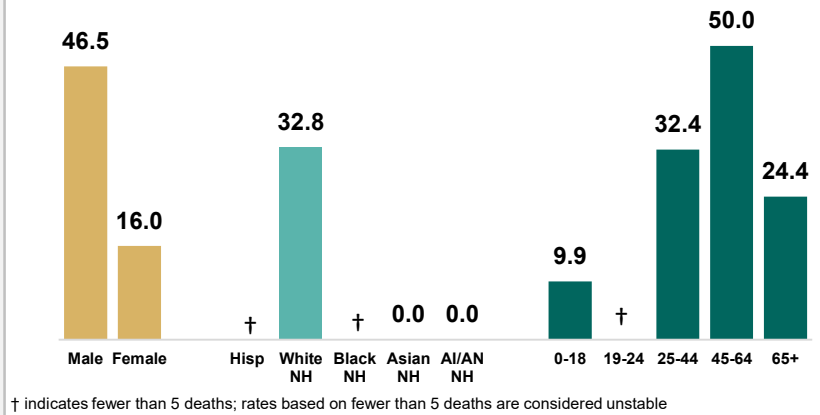
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

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

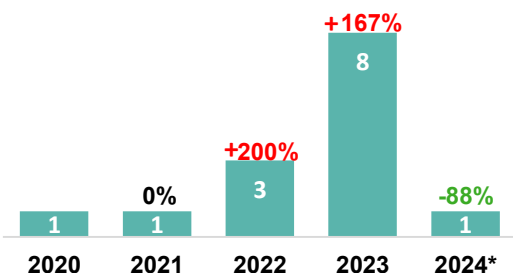
Violent Death Rate by Demographics; Cherokee County, 2013-2022



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; Cherokee County



Violent Injury

In 2024, 1 Cherokee County resident visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 88% in the past year among Cherokee 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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