Craven County Violence Profile



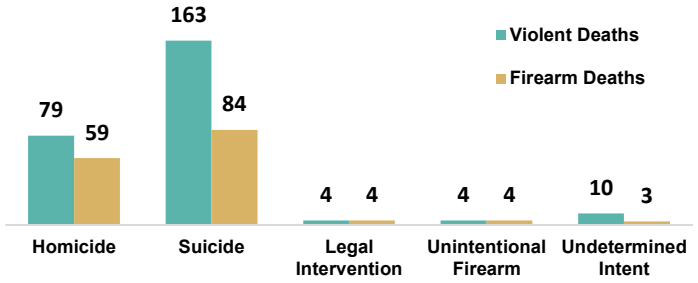
Craven County, located in eastern North Carolina, has a population of 104,999 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is New Bern with a population of 32,854. The closest trauma center is Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune (45 miles from New Bern).

Violent Deaths

Craven County had 31 violent deaths* in 2022

75% of homicides and 52% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



In Craven County, 51% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Craven County...

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. 94% 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**

Crime

In 2023, Craven County had a total crime count of 6,053 with 213 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Craven County has decreased by 15% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

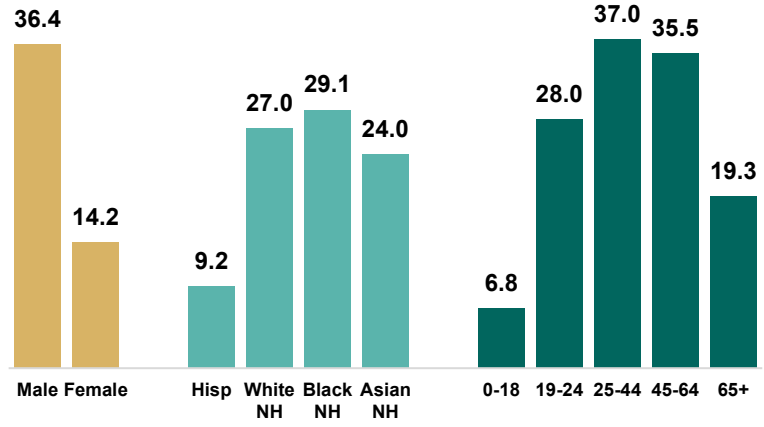
Craven	Statewide
225	312

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (81.7%) and rape (8.5%)

*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. Craven County had a reporting coverage of 96% 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 Black, and middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Craven County

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

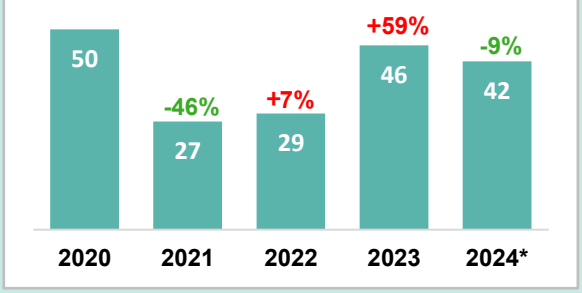


Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 42 Craven County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 9% in the past year among Craven County residents

Firearm-related Injury Emergency Department Visits by Year; Craven County



provisional data. Source: NC DETECT, ED Visits 2020-2024
For more detailed firearm injury data visit: **NC FASTER Reports | NC DETECT**