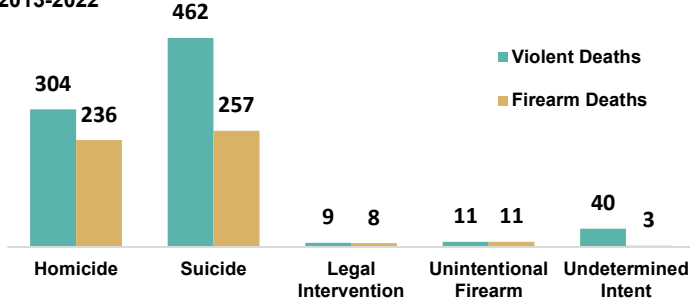# Forsyth County Violence Profile

Forsyth County, located in central North Carolina, has a population of 399,441 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Winston-Salem with a population of 255,089. The closest trauma center is Atrium WFBH (in Winston-Salem).

Crime

In 2023, Forsyth County had a total crime count of 33,820 with 1,842 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Forsyth County has decreased by 16% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

484	312
Forsyth	Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (76.6%) and robbery (14.4%)

*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. Forsyth County had a reporting coverage of 99% 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**

Violent Deaths

Forsyth County had 98 violent deaths* in 2022

78% of homicides and 56% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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

- Violent Deaths
- Firearm Deaths

Manner	Violent Deaths	Firearm Deaths
Homicide	304	236
Suicide	462	257
Legal Intervention	9	8
Unintentional Firearm	11	11
Undetermined Intent	40	3

Male, Non-Hispanic Black, and young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Forsyth County

In Forsyth County, 50% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict
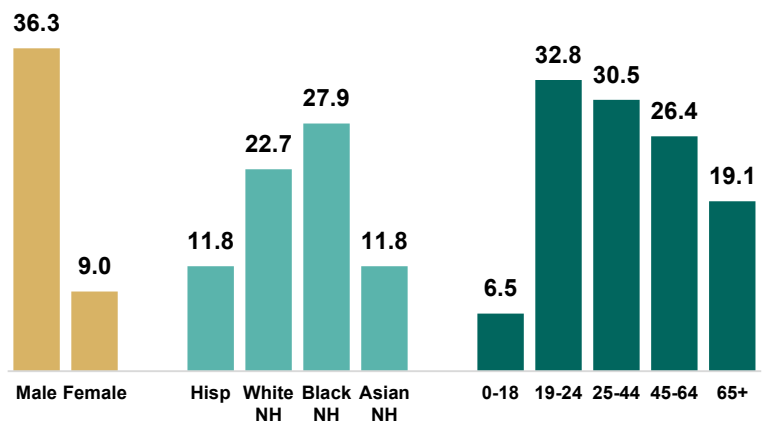
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Forsyth County...

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

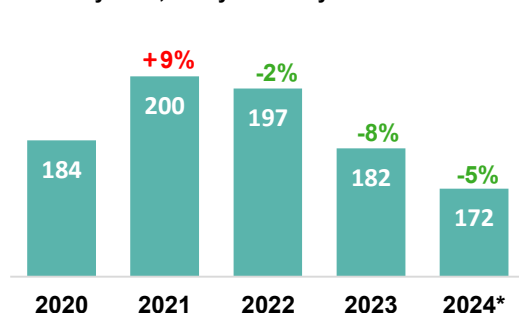More than **1 in 3** female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

Group	Rate
Male	36.3
Female	9.0
Hisp	11.8
White NH	22.7
Black NH	27.9
Asian NH	11.8
0-18	6.5
19-24	32.8
25-44	30.5
45-64	26.4
65+	19.1

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**

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

Year	Visits	Change
2020	184	
2021	200	+9%
2022	197	-2%
2023	182	-8%
2024*	172	-5%

Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 172 Forsyth County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 5% in the past year among Forsyth County residents

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