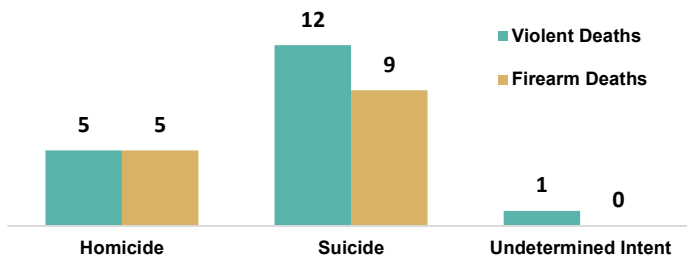# Gates County Violence Profile

Gates County, located in northeast North Carolina, has a population of 10,289 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Gatesville with a population of 256. The closest trauma center is ECU Medical Center (77 miles from Gatesville).

Violent Deaths

Gates County had 13 violent deaths* in 2022

100% of homicides and 75% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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

- Violent Deaths
- Firearm Deaths

	Homicide	Suicide	Undetermined Intent
Violent Deaths	5	12	1
Firearm Deaths	5	9	0

Crime

In 2023, Gates County had a total crime count of 294 with 12 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Gates County has increased by 20% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

116 Gates   **312** Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (75.0%) and rape (16.7%)

*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. Gates County had a reporting coverage of 100% 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, and middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Gates County

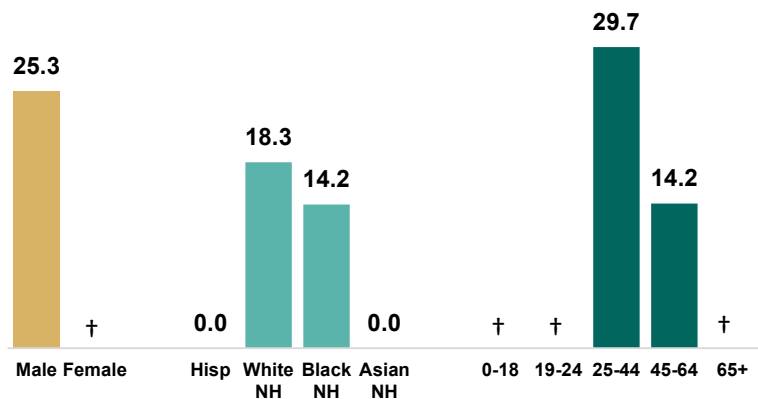In Gates County, 40% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

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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; Gates County, 2013-2022

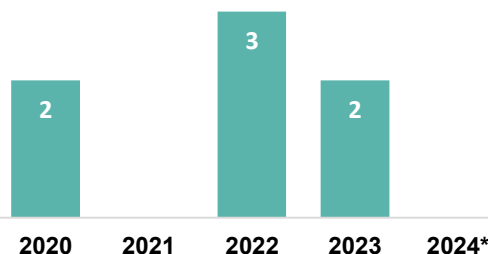| Male	Female	Hisp	White NH	Black NH	Asian NH	0-18	19-24	25-44	45-64	65+
25.3	†	0.0	18.3	14.2	0.0	†	†	29.7	14.2	†

† 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. 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; Gates County

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
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Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 0 Gates County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 100% in the past year among Gates County residents

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