Haywood County Violence Profile

Haywood County, located in western North Carolina, has a population of 63,677 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Waynesville with a population of 10,949. The closest trauma center is Mission Hospitals (32 miles from Waynesville).

Crime

In 2023, Haywood County had a total crime count of 3,740 with 158 violent crimes*

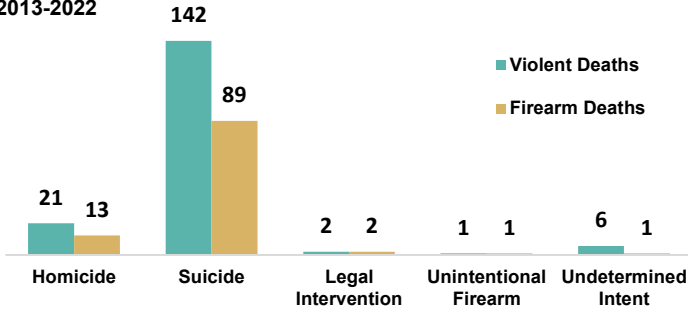**Violent crime in Haywood County has increased by 26% in the past year**

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

254 Haywood   **312** Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (73.4%) 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. Haywood 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**

Violent Deaths

Haywood County had 16 violent deaths* in 2022

62% of homicides and 63% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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

- Violent Deaths
- Firearm Deaths

Manner	Violent Deaths	Firearm Deaths
Homicide	21	13
Suicide	142	89
Legal Intervention	2	2
Unintentional Firearm	1	1
Undetermined Intent	6	1

Male, Non-Hispanic White, and middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Haywood County

In Haywood County, 53% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict
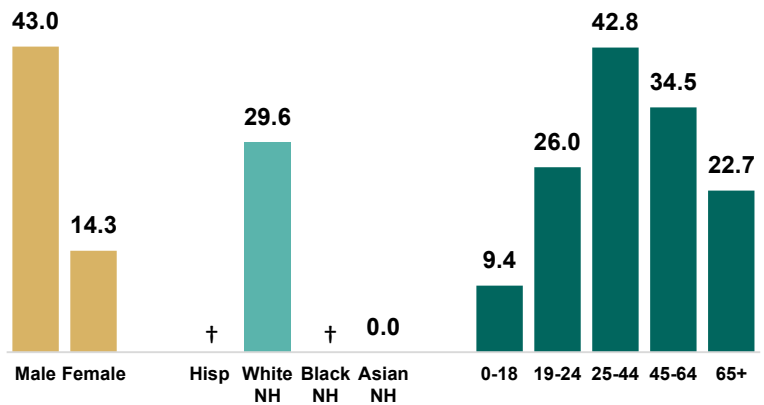
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Haywood County...

More than **2 in 5** male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than **2 in 3** female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

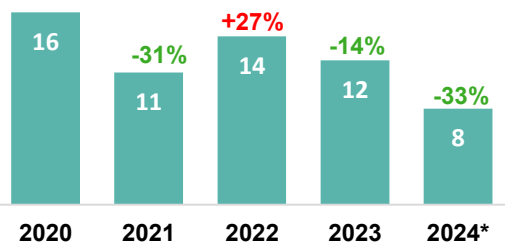| Demographic	Rate
Male	43.0
Female	14.3
Hisp	†
White NH	29.6
Black NH	†
Asian NH	0.0
0-18	9.4
19-24	26.0
25-44	42.8
45-64	34.5
65+	22.7

† 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. 90% 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; Haywood County

Year	Visits	Change
2020	16	
2021	11	-31%
2022	14	+27%
2023	12	-14%
2024*	8	-33%

Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 8 Haywood County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 33% in the past year among Haywood County residents

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