

# Johnston County Violence Profile



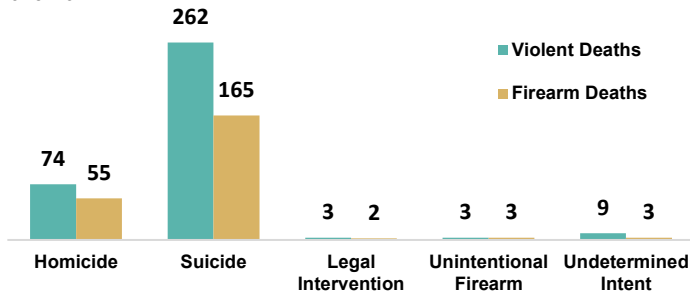
Johnston County, located in central North Carolina, has a population of 256,061 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Clayton with a population of 32,564. The closest trauma center is WakeMed Raleigh (17 miles from Clayton).

## Violent Deaths

Johnston County had 46 violent deaths\* in 2022

**74% of homicides and 63% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm**

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



## Crime

In 2023, Johnston County had a total crime count of 7,894 with 302 violent crimes\*

**Violent crime in Johnston County has increased by 7% in the past year**

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

**140 312**

Johnston Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (76.5%) and rape (11.9%)

\*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. Johnston 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](#)

**Male, Non-Hispanic White, and young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Johnston County**

In Johnston County, 61% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

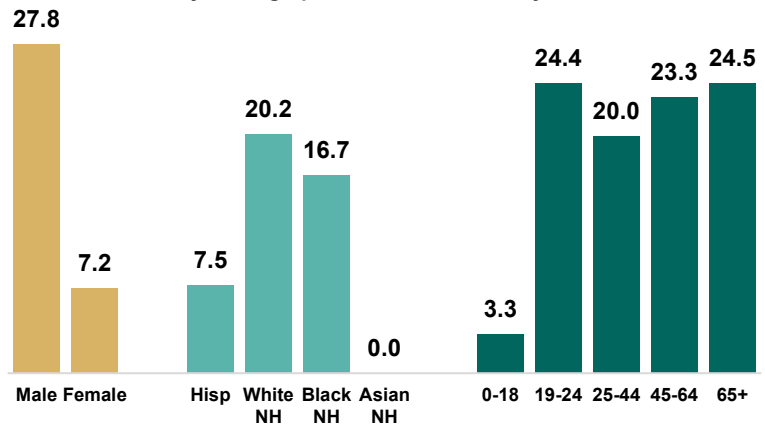
**Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim**

In Johnston County...

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

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

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

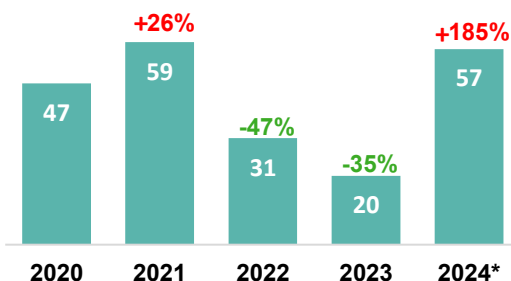


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

\*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 96% 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; Johnston County



## Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 57 Johnston County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

**Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 185% in the past year among Johnston 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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