Lenoir County Violence Profile

Lenoir County, located in eastern North Carolina, has a population of 55,687 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Kinston with a population of 19,181. The closest trauma center is ECU Medical Center (31 miles from Kinston).

Crime

Lenoir County only reports crime data that represents 36% of the county population. Due to low reporting, crime statistics are not interpretable.

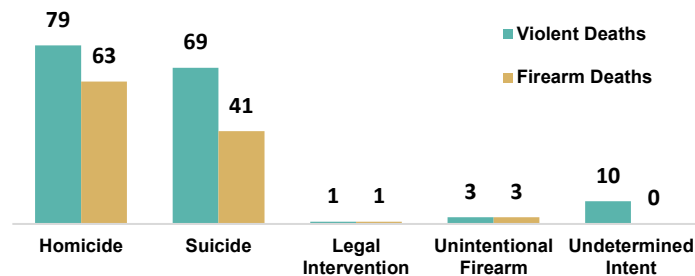For more detailed crime data visit: **NC Justice Data Portal**

Violent Deaths

Lenoir County had 22 violent deaths* in 2022

80% of homicides and 59% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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

Legend: ■ Violent Deaths ■ Firearm Deaths

Manner	Violent Deaths	Firearm Deaths
Homicide	79	63
Suicide	69	41
Legal Intervention	1	1
Unintentional Firearm	3	3
Undetermined Intent	10	0

In Lenoir County, 35% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim
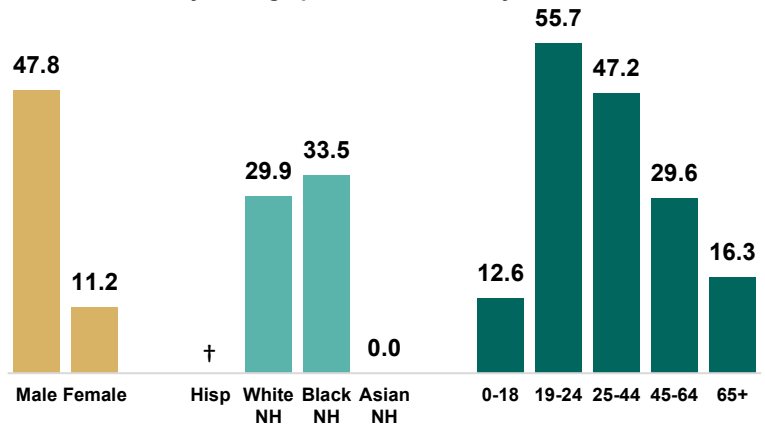
In Lenoir County...

Exactly **1 in 5** male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

Nearly **1 in 5** female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

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

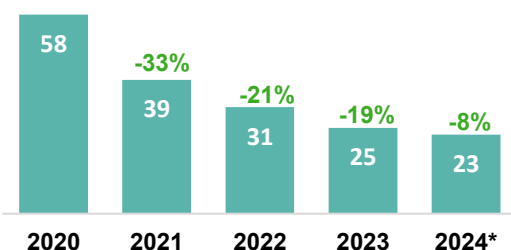| Demographic	Rate
Male	47.8
Female	11.2
Hisp	†
White NH	29.9
Black NH	33.5
Asian NH	0.0
0-18	12.6
19-24	55.7
25-44	47.2
45-64	29.6
65+	16.3

† 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. 84% 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; Lenoir County

Year	Visits	Change
2020	58	
2021	39	-33%
2022	31	-21%
2023	25	-19%
2024*	23	-8%

Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 23 Lenoir County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 8% in the past year among Lenoir County residents

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