

# Macon County Violence Profile



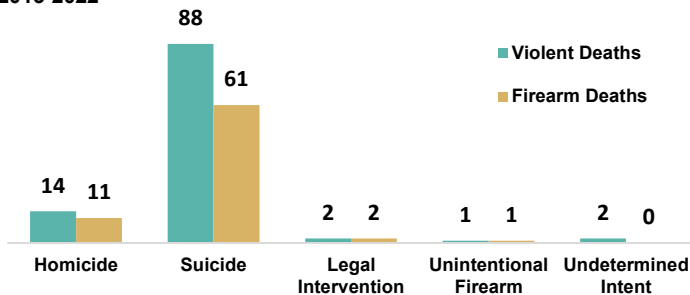
Macon County, located in southwestern North Carolina, has a population of 39,298 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Franklin with a population of 4,424. The closest trauma center is Mission Hospitals (67 miles from Franklin).

## Violent Deaths

Macon County had 9 violent deaths\* in 2022

**79% of homicides and 69% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm**

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



## Crime

In 2023, Macon County had a total crime count of 1,197 with 39 violent crimes\*

**Violent crime in Macon County has decreased by 7% in the past year**

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

**105 312**  
Macon Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (59.0%) and rape (25.6%)

\*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. Macon 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 older adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Macon County**

In Macon County, 42% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

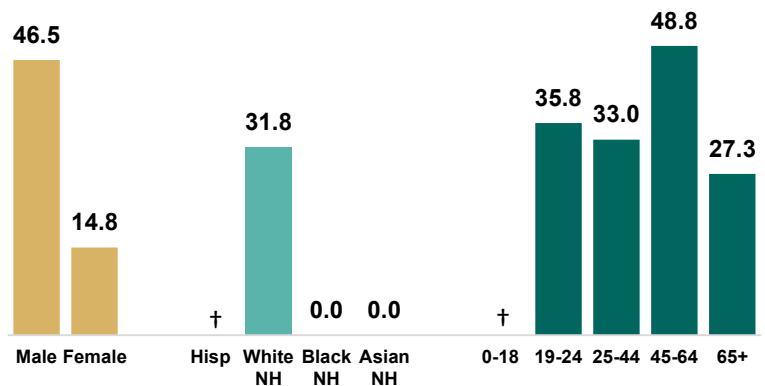
**Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim**

In Macon County...

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

Exactly  
**1 in 3**  
female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

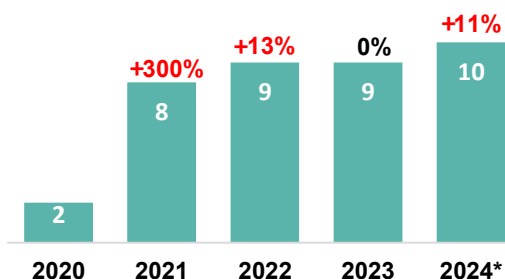


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

\*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 86% 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; Macon County



## Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 10 Macon County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

**Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 11% in the past year among Macon 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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