

Mecklenburg County Violence Profile



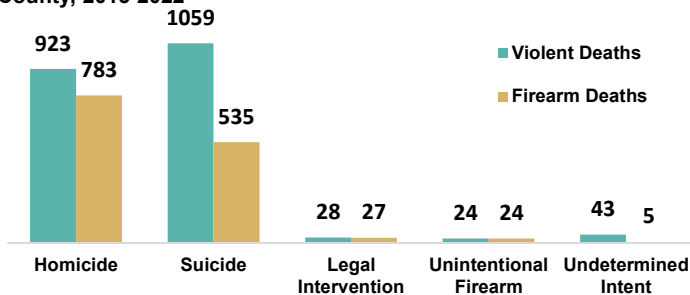
Mecklenburg County, in southwestern North Carolina, has a population of 1,202,953 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Charlotte with a population of 935,017. The closest trauma center is Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center (in Charlotte).

Violent Deaths

Mecklenburg County had 243 violent deaths* in 2022

85% of homicides and 51% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



In Mecklenburg County, 39% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Mecklenburg County...

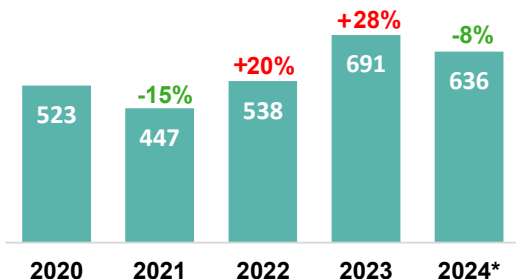
More than
1 in 3
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than
1 in 3
female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 89% 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; Mecklenburg County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 636 Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg County residents

provisional data. Source: NC DETECT, ED Visits 2020-2024

For more detailed firearm injury data visit: [NC FASTER Reports | NC DETECT](#)

Crime

In 2023, Mecklenburg County had a total crime count of 88,895 with 5,067 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Mecklenburg County has decreased by 3% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

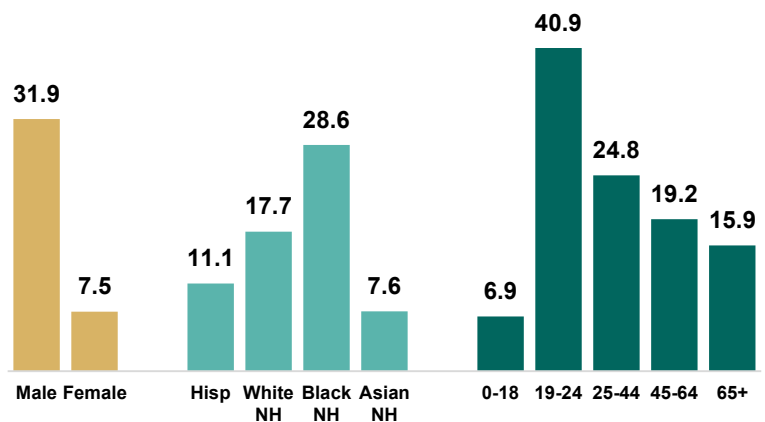
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Mecklenburg Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (66.4%) and robbery (26.0%)

*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. Mecklenburg 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 Black, and young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Mecklenburg County

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



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



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