

Mitchell County Violence Profile



Mitchell County, located in western North Carolina, has a population of 14,901 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Spruce Pine with a population of 2,186. The closest trauma center is Mission Hospitals (52 miles from Spruce Pine).

Crime



Mitchell County only reports crime data that represents 15% of the county population. Due to low reporting, crime statistics are not interpretable.

For more detailed crime data visit: [NC Justice Data Portal](#)

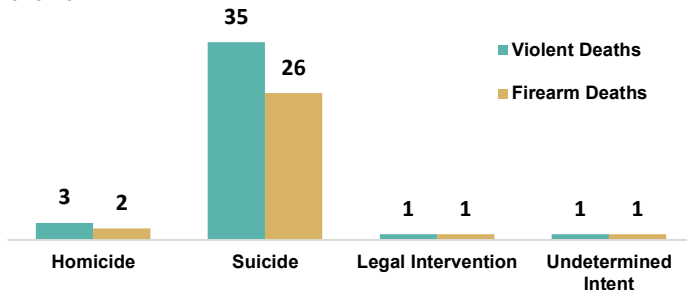
Male, Non-Hispanic White, and middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Mitchell County

Violent Deaths

Mitchell County had 5 violent deaths* in 2022

67% of homicides and 74% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



In Mitchell County, 100% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

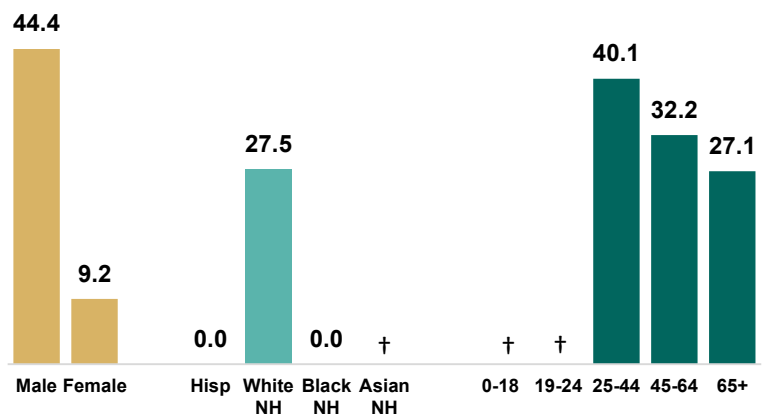
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In North Carolina...

More than
1 in 4
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than
2 in 5
female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

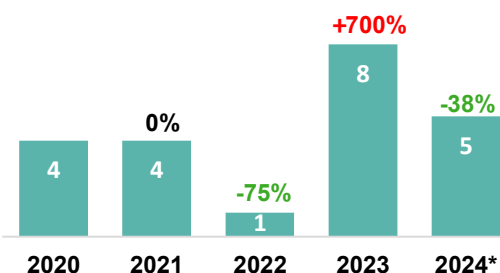


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 92% 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; Mitchell County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 5 Mitchell County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 38% in the past year among Mitchell 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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