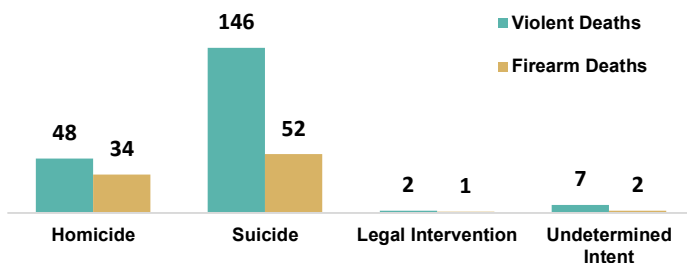# Orange County Violence Profile

Orange County, located in north-central North Carolina, has a population of 151,372 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Chapel Hill with a population of 65,486. The closest trauma center is UNC Hospitals (in Chapel Hill).

## Violent Deaths

Orange County had 32 violent deaths* in 2022

**71% of homicides and 36% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm**

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



Legend: Violent Deaths, Firearm Deaths

| Manner | Violent Deaths | Firearm Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| Homicide | 48 | 34 |
| Suicide | 146 | 52 |
| Legal Intervention | 2 | 1 |
| Undetermined Intent | 7 | 2 |

In Orange County, 52% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

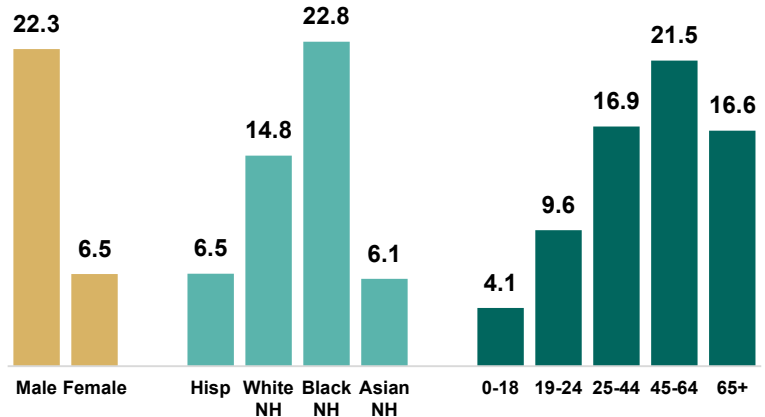**Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim**

In Orange County...

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

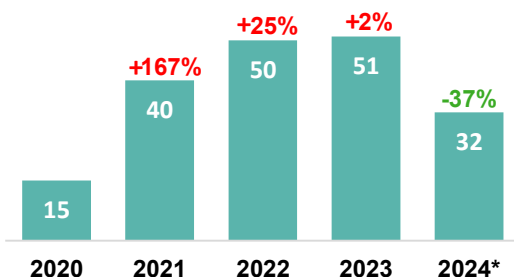More than **1 in 3** female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.
*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 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**

## Crime

In 2023, Orange County had a total crime count of 7,612 with 285 violent crimes*

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

**Violent Crimes per 100,000 people**

**192** Orange
**312** Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (64.6%) and robbery (22.1%)

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

**Violent Death Rate by Demographics; Orange County, 2013-2022**



| Demographic | Rate |
|---|---|
| Male | 22.3 |
| Female | 6.5 |
| Hisp | 6.5 |
| White NH | 14.8 |
| Black NH | 22.8 |
| Asian NH | 6.1 |
| 0-18 | 4.1 |
| 19-24 | 9.6 |
| 25-44 | 16.9 |
| 45-64 | 21.5 |
| 65+ | 16.6 |

**Firearm-related Injury Emergency Department Visits by Year; Orange County**



| Year | Visits | Change |
|---|---|---|
| 2020 | 15 | |
| 2021 | 40 | +167% |
| 2022 | 50 | +25% |
| 2023 | 51 | +2% |
| 2024* | 32 | -37% |

## Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 32 Orange County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

**Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 37% in the past year among Orange County residents**

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