

Pender County Violence Profile



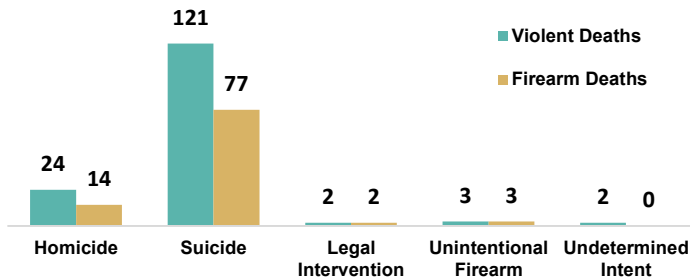
Pender County, in southeastern North Carolina, has a population of 74,167 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Hampstead (pop. 9,404). The closest trauma center is Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center (22 miles from Hampstead).

Violent Deaths

Pender County had 10 violent deaths* in 2022

58% of homicides and 64% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



Crime

In 2023, Pender County had a total crime count of 2,108 with 89 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Pender County has decreased by 22% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

148 312
Pender Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (66.3%) and rape (10.1%)

*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. Pender County had a reporting coverage of 99% 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 young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Pender County

In Pender County, 43% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

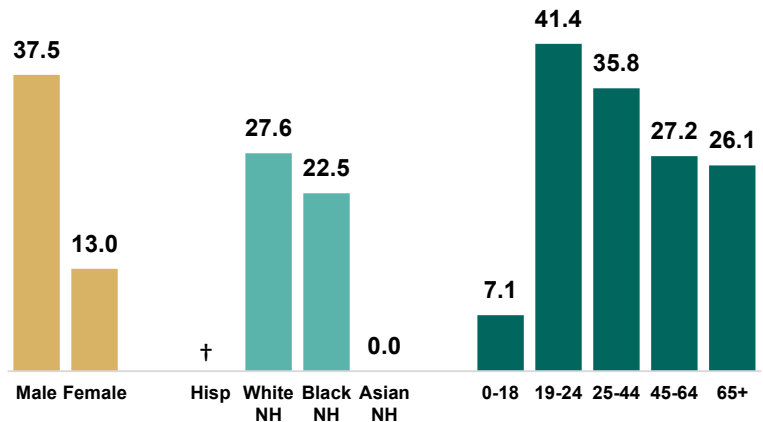
Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Pender County...

Exactly
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; Pender County, 2013-2022

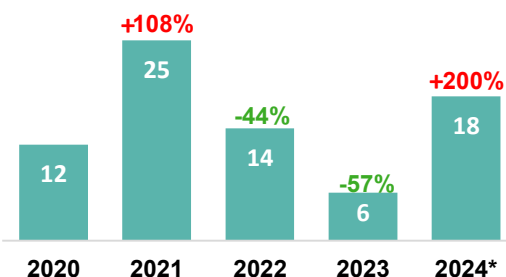


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 96% 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; Pender County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 18 Pender County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 200% in the past year among Pender 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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