

Sampson County Violence Profile



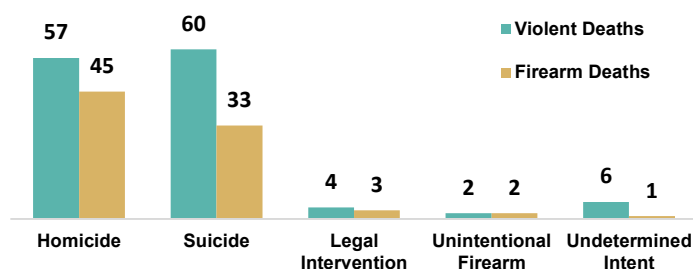
Sampson County, located in southeastern North Carolina, has a population of 60,749 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Clinton with a population of 8,280. The closest trauma center is Cape Fear Valley Medical Center (39 miles from Clinton).

Violent Deaths

Sampson County had 14 violent deaths* in 2022

79% of homicides and 55% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



In Sampson County, 60% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Sampson County...

More than

1 in 4

male homicide deaths involved drugs (dealing, trade, or use)

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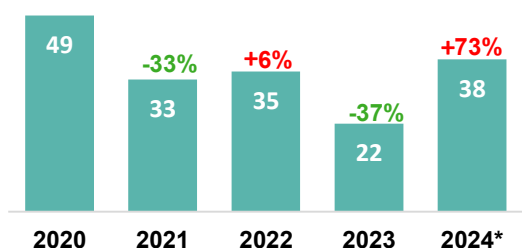
1 in 2

female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

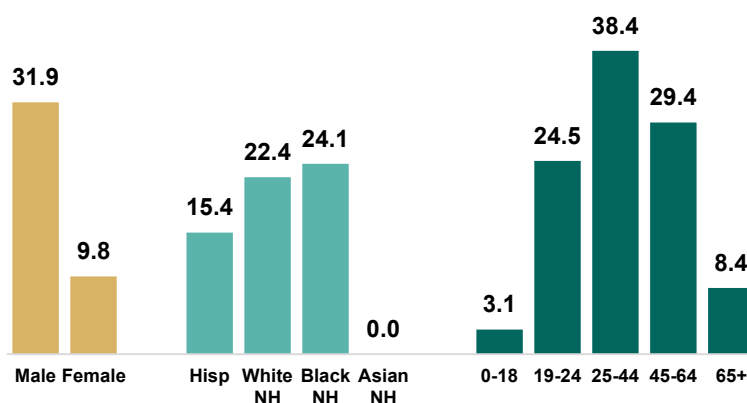
Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

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



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



Crime

In 2023, Sampson County had a total crime count of 2,858 with 126 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Sampson County has decreased by 14% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

216 312

Sampson Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (64.3%) and rape (10.3%)

*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. Sampson 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 Black, and middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Sampson County

Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 38 Sampson County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 73% in the past year among Sampson 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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