

# Scotland County Violence Profile



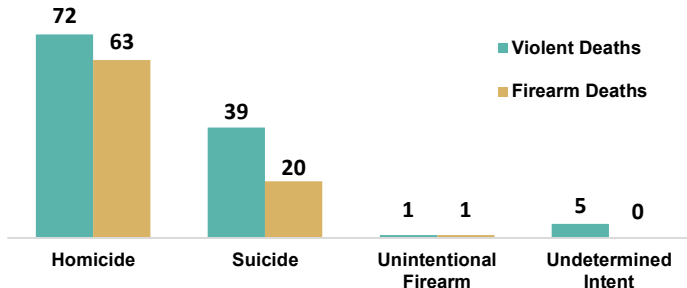
Scotland County, in south-central North Carolina, has a population of 34,428 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Laurinburg with a population of 14,967. The closest trauma center is Cape Fear Valley Medical Center (39 miles from Laurinburg).

## Violent Deaths

Scotland County had 18 violent deaths\* in 2022

**88% of homicides and 51% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm**

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



In Scotland County, 49% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

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

In Scotland County...

Nearly  
**1 in 4**  
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than  
**1 in 4**  
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. 93% 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, Scotland County had a total crime count of 2,412 with 205 violent crimes\*

**Violent crime in Scotland County has decreased by 9% in the past year**

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

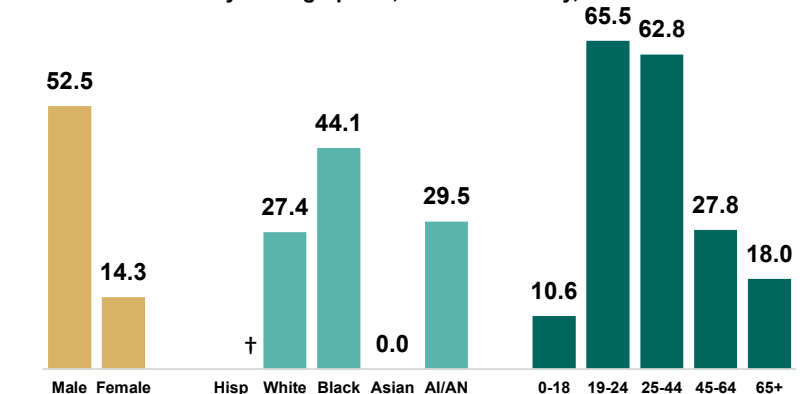
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Scotland Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (73.2%) and robbery (13.7%)

\*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. Scotland County had a reporting coverage of 98% 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](#)

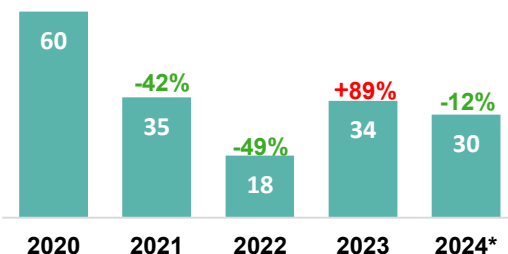
**Male, Non-Hispanic Black, and young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Scotland County**

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



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

Firearm-related Injury Emergency Department Visits by Year; Scotland County



## Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 30 Scotland County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

**Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 12% in the past year among Scotland 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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