

Union County Violence Profile



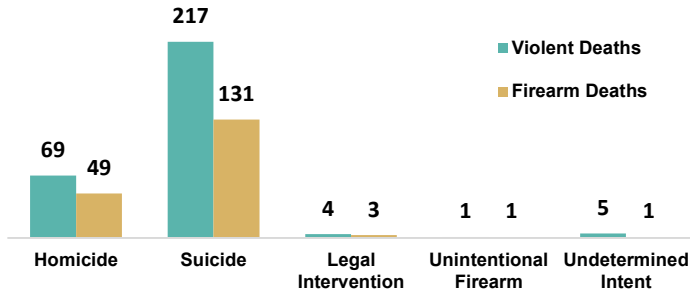
Union County, in south-central North Carolina, has a population of 271,012 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Indian Trail (pop. 44,556). The closest trauma center is Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center (16 miles from Indian Trail).

Violent Deaths

Union County had 42 violent deaths* in 2022

71% of homicides and 60% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



Crime

In 2023, Union County had a total crime count of 10,048 with 437 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Union County has increased by 6% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

185 312
Union Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (65.0%) and sodomy (17.4%)

*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. Union 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 middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Union County

In Union County, 37% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Union County...

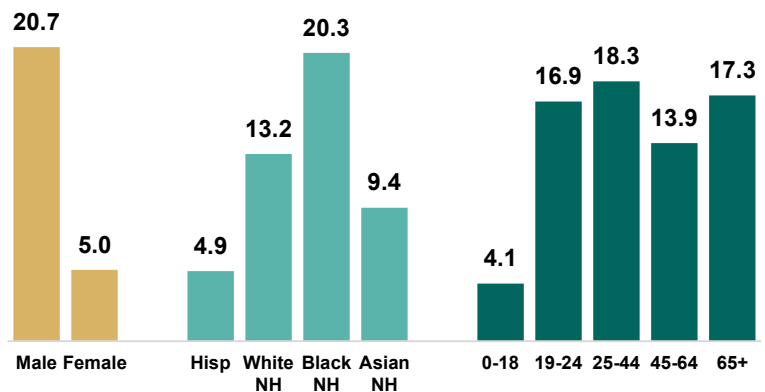
More than
2 in 5

male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than
1 in 2

female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

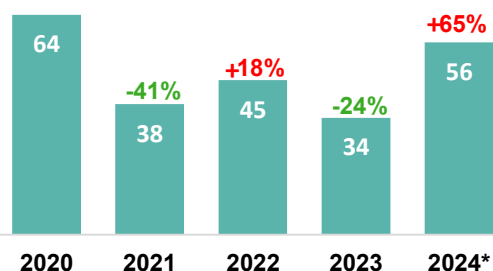


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 91% 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; Union County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 56 Union County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 65% in the past year among Union 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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