

Wake County Violence Profile



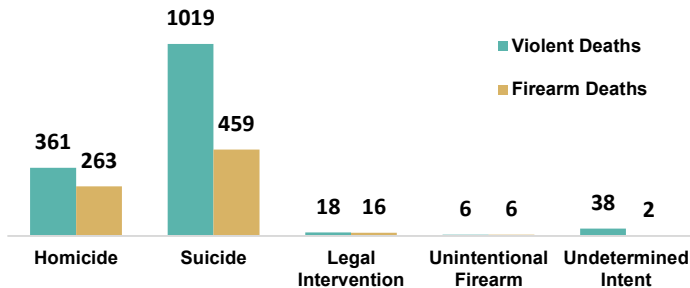
Wake County, located in central North Carolina, has a population of 1,222,269 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Raleigh with a population of 493,589. The closest trauma center is WakeMed Raleigh (in Raleigh).

Violent Deaths

Wake County had 192 violent deaths* in 2022

73% of homicides and 45% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



In Wake County, 47% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

In Wake County...

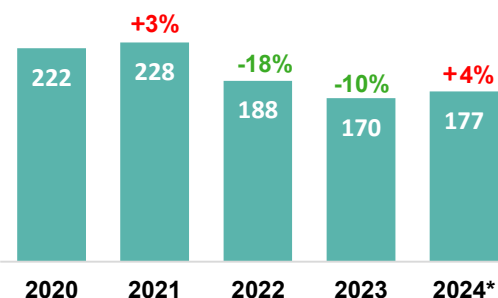
More than
1 in 3
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

Exactly
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. 95% 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; Wake County



Crime

In 2023, Wake County had a total crime count of 59,201 with 2,670 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Wake County has increased by 3% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

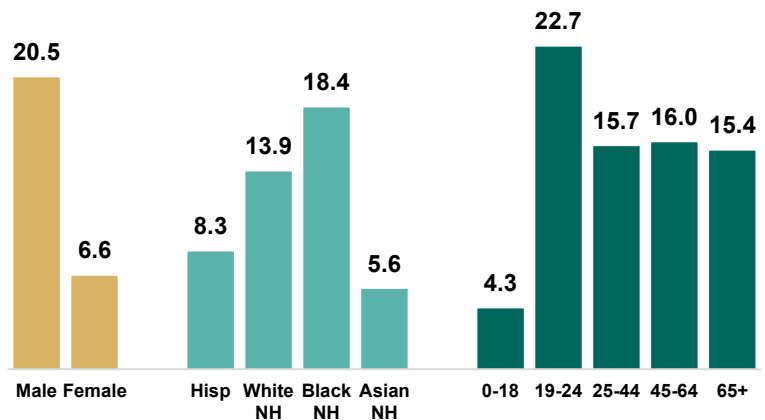
234 **312**
Wake Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (66.9%) and robbery (21.4%)

*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. Wake 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 young adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Wake County

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



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 177 Wake County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury increased by 4% in the past year among Wake 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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