

# Wayne County Violence Profile



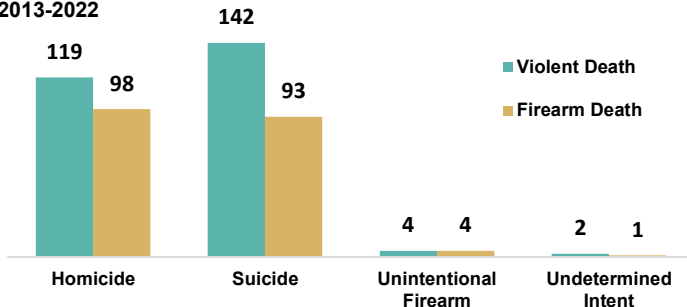
Wayne County, located in eastern North Carolina, has a population of 118,686 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Goldsboro with a population of 33,469. The closest trauma center is ECU Medical Center (43 miles from Goldsboro).

## Violent Deaths

Wayne County had 38 violent deaths\* in 2022

**82% of homicides and 65% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm**

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



## Crime

In 2023, Wayne County had a total crime count of 7,664 with 478 violent crimes\*

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

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

**421** **312**  
Wayne Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (81.8%) and robbery (11.9%)

\*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. Wayne County had a reporting coverage of 97% 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 Wayne County**

In Wayne County, 28% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

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

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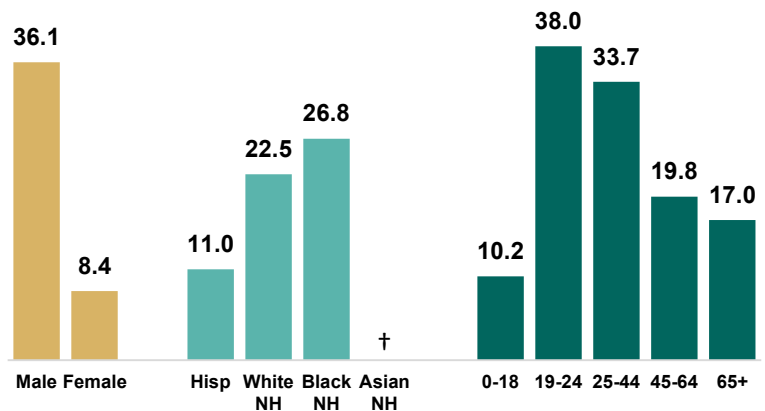
More than  
**1 in 4**

male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

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**1 in 4**

female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

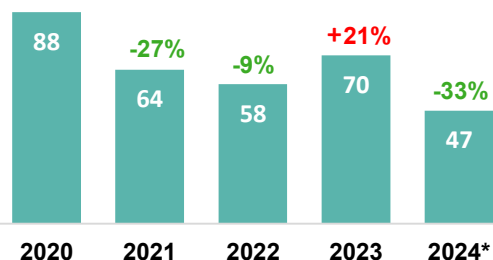


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

\*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 87% 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; Wayne County



## Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 47 Wayne County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

**Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 33% in the past year among Wayne 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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