

# Wilson County Violence Profile



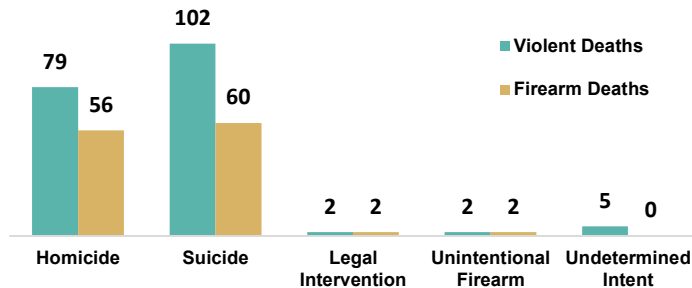
Wilson County, located in east-central North Carolina, has a population of 80,298 and is predominantly urban. The largest city is Wilson with a population of 47,815. The closest trauma center is ECU Medical Center (33 miles from Wilson).

## Violent Deaths

Wilson County had 23 violent deaths\* in 2022

**71% of homicides and 59% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm**

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



In Wilson County, 51% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

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

In Wilson County...

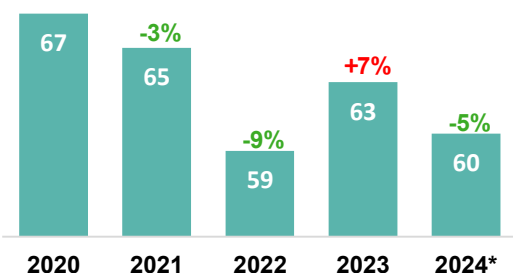
More than  
**1 in 4**  
male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

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**1 in 2**  
female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

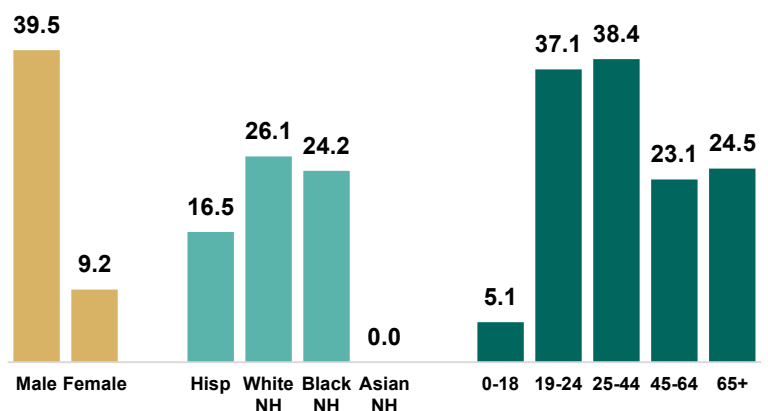
Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

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



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



## Crime

In 2023, Wilson County had a total crime count of 4,516 with 225 violent crimes\*

**Violent crime in Wilson County has decreased by 12% in the past year**

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

**291 312**  
Wilson Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (71.6%) and robbery (22.7%)

\*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. Wilson 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 White, and middle-aged adult residents have the highest rates of violent death in Wilson County**

## Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 60 Wilson County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

**Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 5% in the past year among Wilson 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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