

Yancey County Violence Profile



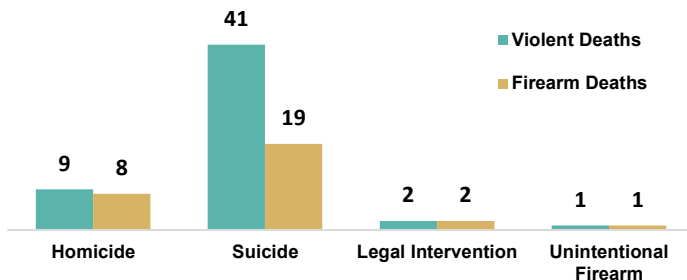
Yancey County, located in western North Carolina, has a population of 19,278 and is predominantly rural. The largest city is Burnsville with a population of 1,628. The closest trauma center is Mission Hospitals (37 miles from Burnsville).

Violent Deaths

Yancey County had 9 violent deaths* in 2022

89% of homicides and 46% of suicides in the past 10 years involved a firearm

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



Crime

In 2023, Yancey County had a total crime count of 282 with 8 violent crimes*

Violent crime in Yancey County has decreased by 50% in the past year

Violent Crimes per 100,000 people

43 **312**
Yancey Statewide

The most common violent crimes were aggravated assault (75.0%) and rape (12.5%)

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

In Yancey County, 38% of all homicide deaths involved an argument or conflict

Homicide circumstances vary by sex of the victim

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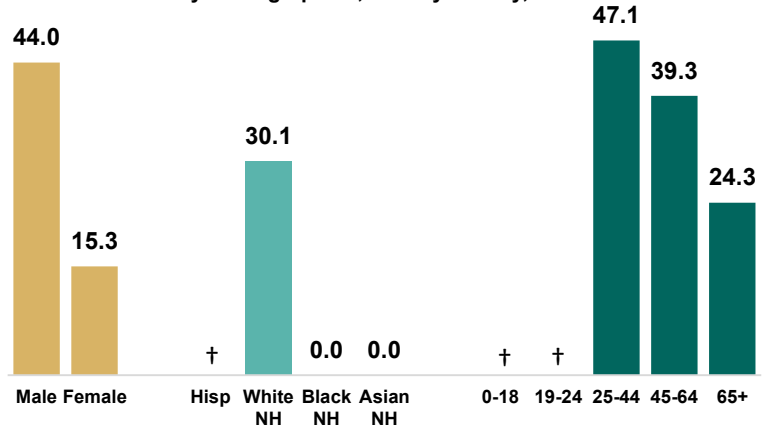
More than
1 in 4

male homicide deaths were precipitated by another crime

More than
2 in 5

female homicide deaths involved intimate partner violence

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

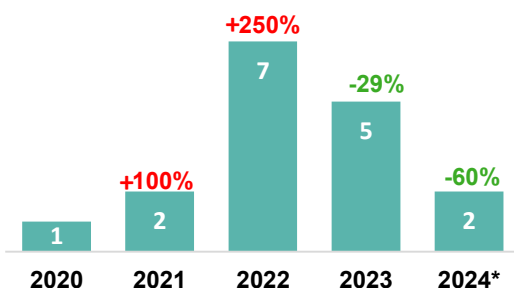


† indicates fewer than 5 deaths; rates based on fewer than 5 deaths are considered unstable

Source: VDRS 2013-2022.

*Violent deaths includes deaths due to homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm, legal intervention, and undetermined intent. Limited to NC residents. 92% 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; Yancey County



Violent Injury

In 2024, a total of 2 Yancey County residents visited the emergency department due to firearm injury

Emergency department visits due to firearm injury decreased by 60% in the past year among Yancey 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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