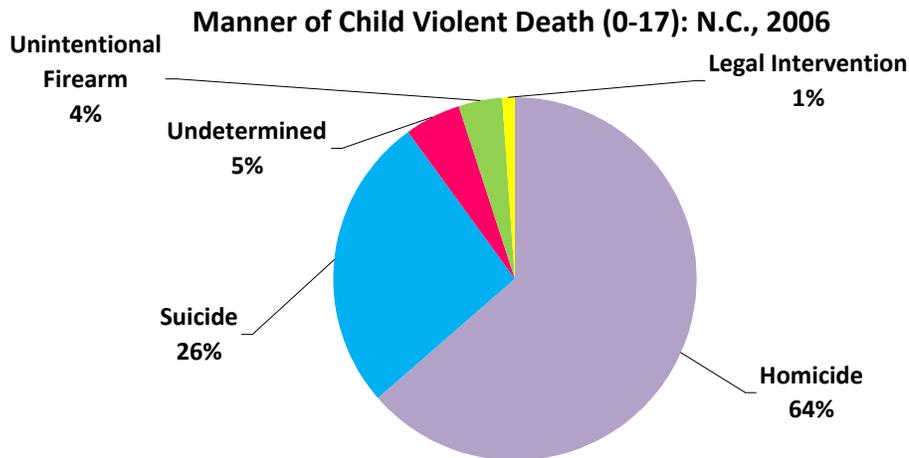
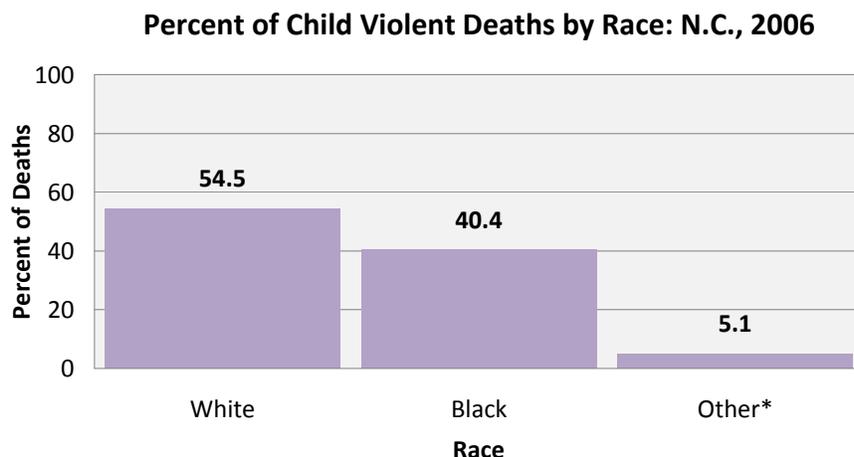


CHILD VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded state-wide surveillance system that collects detailed information on deaths that occur in N.C. resulting from violence: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention, and deaths for which intent could not be determined. NC-VDRS is a multi-source system that gathers information from death certificates, medical examiner reports, and law enforcement reports. The goal of this system is to aid researchers, legislators, and community interest groups in the development of public health prevention strategies to reduce violent deaths. NC-VDRS began collecting data in January, 2004. This document summarizes child violent deaths of N.C. residents for the year 2006.



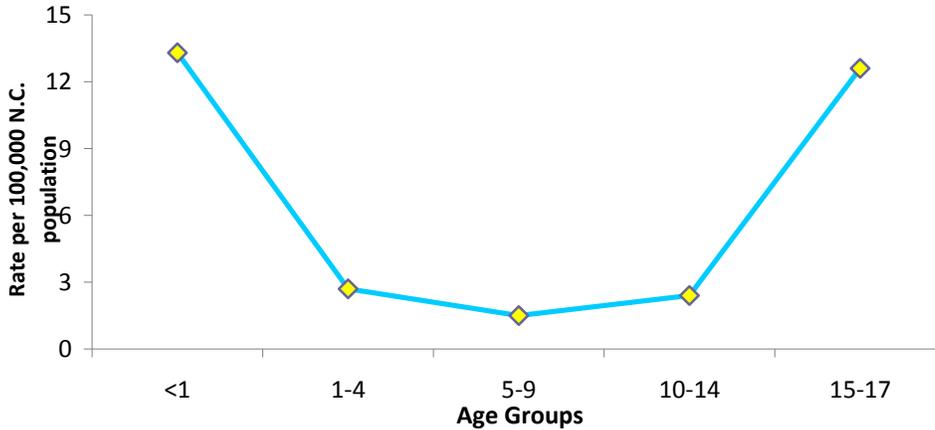
- In 2006, there was a total of 99 violent deaths to North Carolina children between the ages of 0 and 17.
- There were 63 homicides (64%), 26 suicides (26%), four unintentional firearm deaths (4%), one death from a legal intervention (1%), and five deaths for which the Medical Examiner’s Office could not determine the manner of death (5%).
- Most of the child victims were male (71%); only 29% were female.



- Whites accounted for the greatest percent of deaths (55%), but black children had a higher *rate* of violent death: 7.1 per 100,000 N.C. population (95% CI 4.9-9.5) vs. 3.6 per 100,000 N.C. population (95% CI 2.6-4.5) for whites.

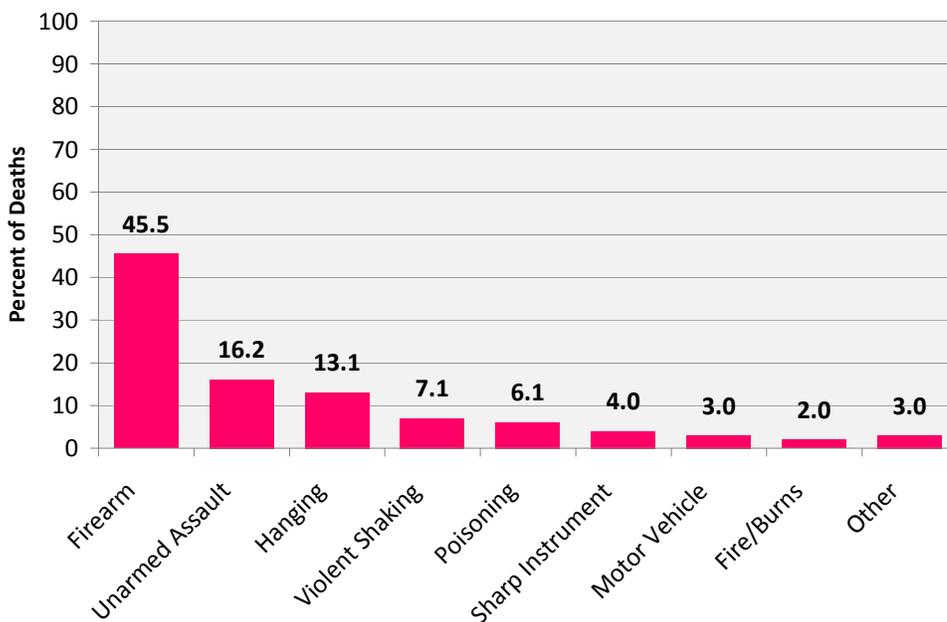
* Other includes Asian, American Indian, and other races.

Child Violent Death Rates (per 100,000 N.C. Population) by Age: N.C., 2006



- The greatest percentage of child deaths occurred in the age group 15-17 years (47%); however, the highest *rate* of violent death (13.3 per 100,000 N.C. population) occurred in children under one year of age. The rate of violent death for children between 15 and 17 years of age was 12.6 per 100,000 N.C. population.

Method of Child Violent Death: N.C., 2006



- Firearms were involved in nearly one-half of all violent deaths (46%). This percentage was propelled by the large number of firearm-related deaths in the 15-17 age group.
- Unarmed assault was the second most common cause of violent death in children (16%).
- Physical abuse (unarmed assault and violent shaking) was the most common cause of death in infants (<1-4 years), while firearms were the most common method of death in older children (10-17 years).

More information on child violence prevention can found at:

State Resource Partners

North Carolina Division of Social Services: Child Protective Services

Contact: (919) 733-4622

www.dhhs.nc.state.us/dss/cps.index.htm

National Resources

Children's Bureau

Contact: Carlis Williams (404) 562-2900

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb

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