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Background and Acknowledgements

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 findings from N.C. that occurred in 2007.

An Annual Report for 2007 will be completed by summer of 2010. More information can be found at: www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm

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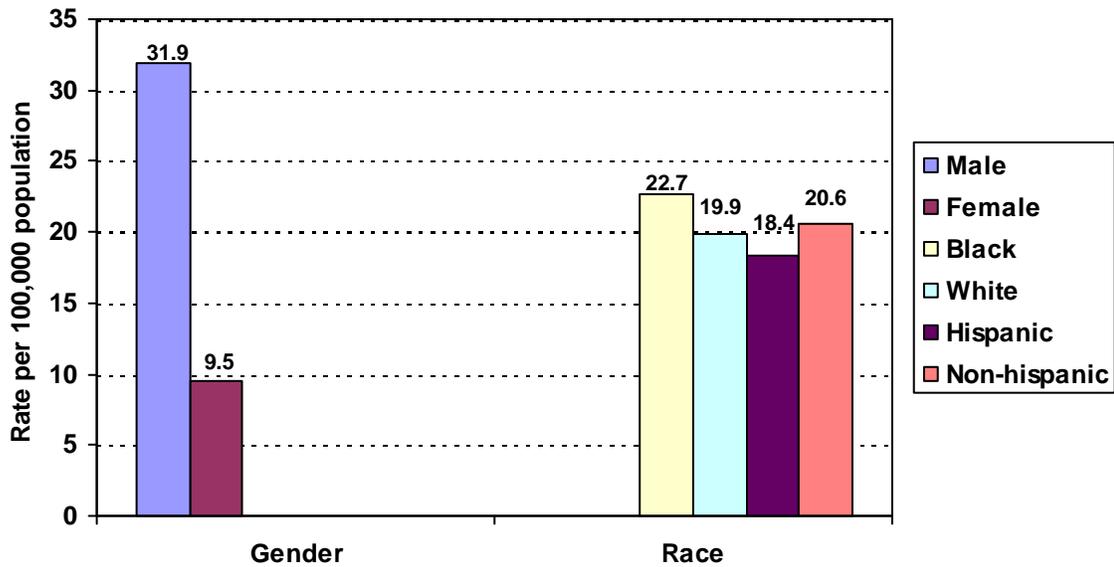
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SECTION I: OVERALL

Table 1: Gender, Race, and Age Group of Violent Death Victims in NC, 2007					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
Gender					
	Male	1,408	76.2	31.9	30.2 – 33.6
	Female	439	23.8	9.5	8.6 – 10.4
Race					
	American Indian	40	2.2	33.9	23.4 – 44.4
	Asian	10	0.5	5.4	2.1 – 8.7
	Black	452	24.5	22.7	20.6 – 24.8
	White	1,343	72.7	19.9	18.8 – 21
	Other/Unknown	2	0.1	*	*
Hispanic					
	Hispanic	117	6.3	18.4	15.1 – 21.7
	Non-Hispanic	1,730	93.7	20.6	19.6 – 21.6
Age Group					
	< 1	13	0.7	9.7	4.4 – 15
	1 - 4	10	0.5	2.0	0.8 – 3.2
	5 - 9	7	0.4	1.2	0.3 – 2.1
	10 - 14	20	1.1	3.4	1.9 – 4.9
	15 - 19	106	5.7	17.1	13.8 – 20.4
	20 - 24	205	11.1	33.6	29.0 – 38.2
	25 - 34	344	18.6	28.3	25.3 – 31.3
	35 - 44	379	20.5	28.3	25.4 – 31.2
	45 - 54	317	17.2	24.4	21.7 – 27.1
	55 - 64	223	12.1	21.8	18.9 – 24.7
	65 - 74	119	6.4	20.1	16.5 – 23.7
	75 - 84	81	4.4	21.9	17.1 – 26.7
	85 +	23	1.2	16.2	9.6 – 22.8
Total Deaths		1,847	100	20.4	19.5 - 21.3

* The number of deaths was zero or too small to support the calculation of a rate.

Overall Violent Death Rates by Gender and Race, NC, 2007



Overall Violent Death Rates by Age, NC, 2007

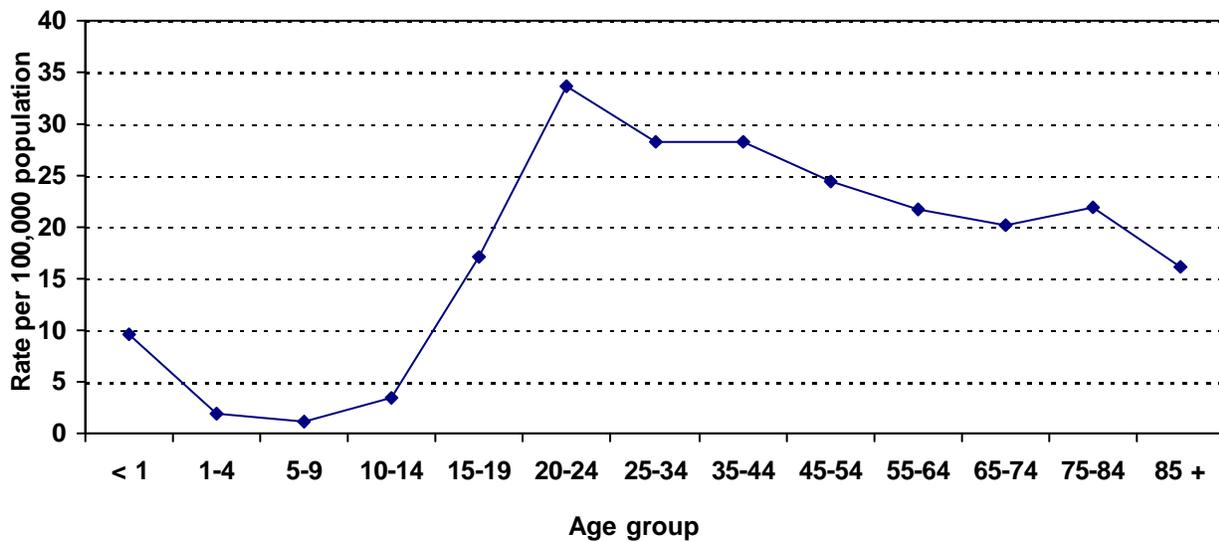
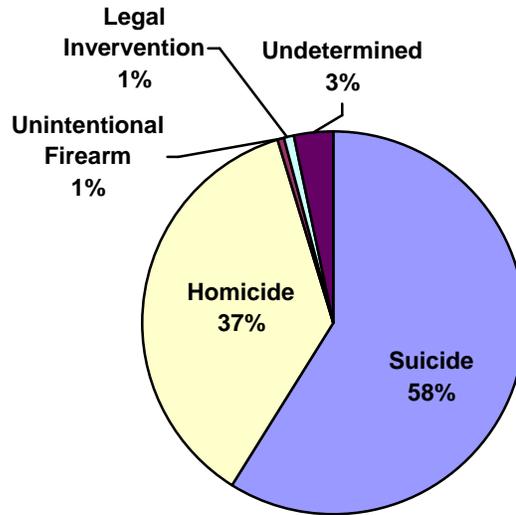


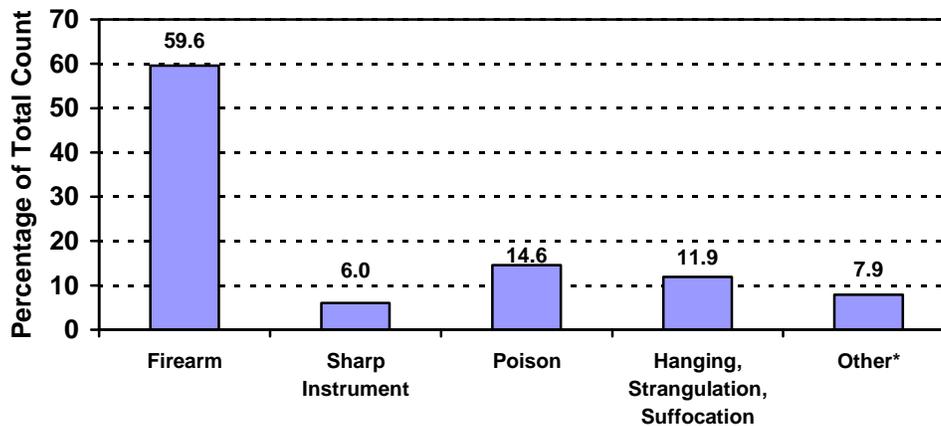
Table 2: Manner and Method of Violent Death Victims in NC, 2007

		Number	%
Manner of Death			
	Suicide	1,087	58.9
	Homicide	675	36.5
	Undetermined Intent	62	3.4
	Legal intervention	13	0.7
	Unintentional firearm	10	0.5
Method			
	Firearm	1,100	59.6
	Poisoning	269	14.6
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	220	11.9
	Sharp Instrument	111	6.0
	Blunt Instrument	47	2.5
	Unarmed Assault	34	1.8
	Fire/ Burn	16	0.9
	Drowning	12	0.6
	Motor Vehicle	9	0.5
	Fall	7	0.4
	Other Transport Vehicle	6	0.3
	Violent Shaking	3	0.2
	Intentional Neglect	2	0.1
	Other/ Unknown	11	0.6
Total Deaths		1,847	100

Manner of Violent Death, NC, 2007



Method of Death for Overall Violent Deaths, NC, 2007



* Other includes: blunt instrument, unarmed assault, fall, drowning, fire/ burn, violent shaking, motor vehicle/other transport, intentional neglect and unknown.

Table 3: Race by Gender of Violent Death Victims in NC, 2007

Race	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
American Indian	33	2.3	7	1.6	40	2.2
Asian	8	0.6	2	0.5	10	0.5
Black	369	26.2	83	18.9	452	24.5
White	996	70.7	347	79.0	1,343	72.7
Other/ Unknown	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Total Deaths	1,408	100	439	100	1,847	100

Race by Gender of Violent Death Victims in NC, 2007

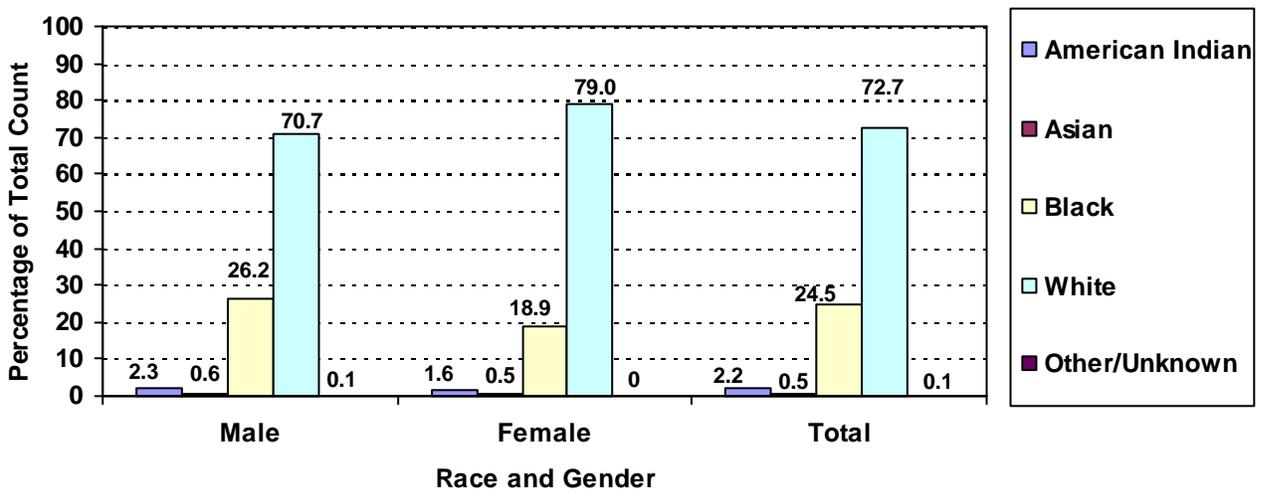
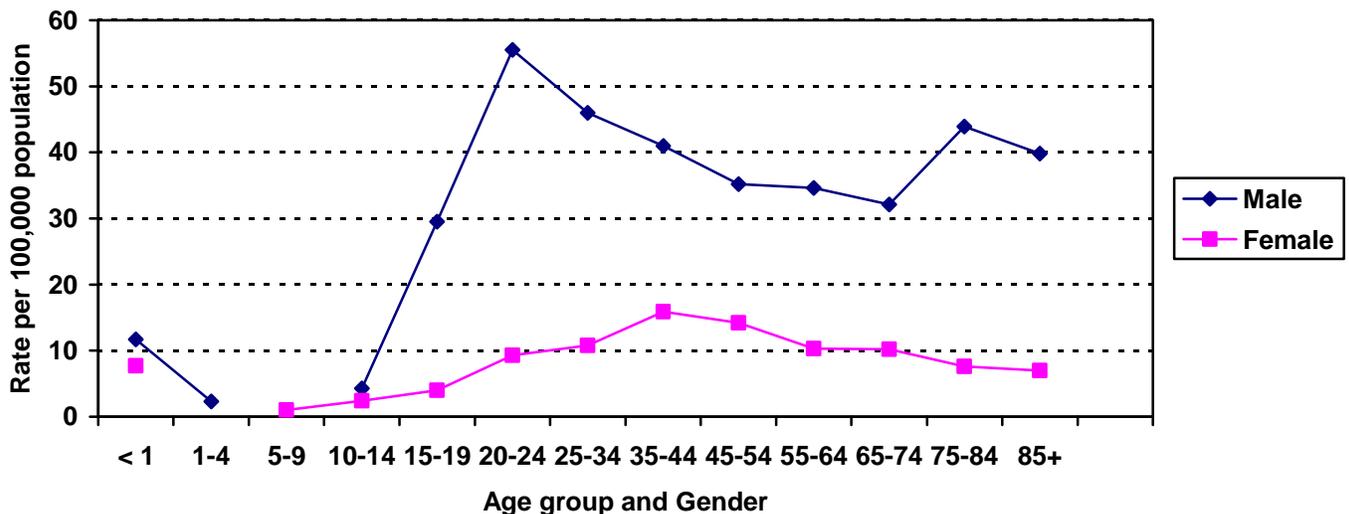


Table 4: Age Group by Gender of Violent Death Victims in NC, 2007

Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
< 1	8	0.6	5	1.1	13	0.7
1 - 4	6	0.4	4	0.9	10	0.5
5 - 9	2	0.1	5	1.1	7	0.4
10 - 14	13	0.9	7	1.6	20	1.1
15 - 19	94	6.7	12	2.7	106	5.7
20 - 24	178	12.6	27	6.2	205	11.1
25 - 34	278	19.7	66	15.0	344	18.6
35 - 44	272	19.3	107	24.4	379	20.5
45 - 54	222	15.8	95	21.6	317	17.2
55 - 64	168	11.9	55	12.5	223	12.1
65 - 74	86	6.1	33	7.5	119	6.4
75 - 84	64	4.5	17	3.9	81	4.4
85 +	17	1.2	6	1.4	23	1.2
Total Deaths	1,408	100	439	100	1,847	100

Violent Death Rate: Age Group by Gender of Victims, NC, 2007



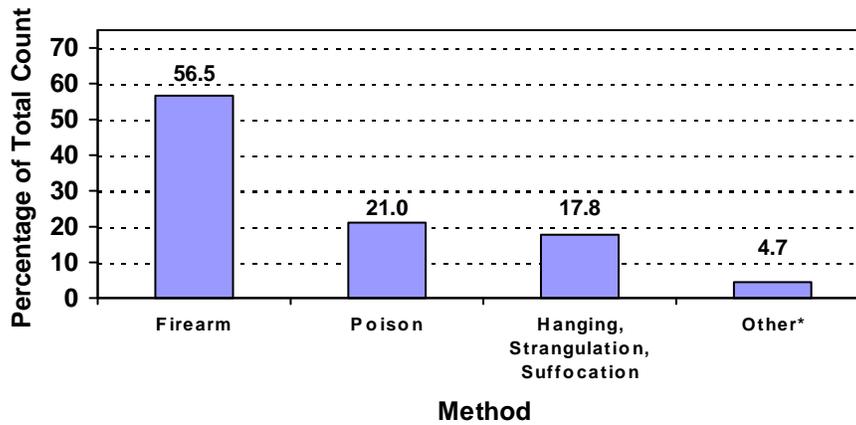
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SECTION II: SUICIDE

Table 5: Gender, Race, and Age Group of Suicide Victims in NC, 2007					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
Gender					
	Male	831	76.6	22.0	20.5 – 23.5
	Female	254	23.4	6.3	5.5 – 7.1
Race					
	American Indian	15	1.4	15.2	7.5 – 22.9
	Asian	5	0.5	3.2	0.4 – 6.0
	Black	84	7.7	5.0	3.9 – 6.1
	White	980	90.3	16.7	15.7 – 17.7
	Other/ Unknown	1	0.1	*	*
Hispanic					
	Hispanic	31	2.9	6.7	4.3 – 9.1
	Non-Hispanic	1,054	97.1	14.4	13.5 – 15.3
Age Group					
	10 - 14	7	0.6	1.2	0.3 – 2.1
	15 - 19	43	4.0	6.9	4.8 – 9.0
	20 - 24	82	7.6	13.4	10.5 – 16.3
	25 - 34	155	14.3	12.7	10.7 – 14.7
	35 - 44	234	21.6	17.5	15.3 – 19.7
	45 - 54	214	19.7	16.5	14.3 – 18.7
	55 - 64	171	15.8	16.7	14.2 – 19.2
	65 - 74	96	8.8	16.2	13.0 – 19.4
	75 - 84	64	5.9	17.3	13.1 – 21.5
	85 +	19	1.8	13.4	7.4 – 19.4
Total Deaths		1,085	100	13.9	13.1 - 14.7

* The number of deaths was zero or too small to support the calculation of a rate.

Method of Death for Suicide Deaths, NC, 2007



* Other methods include: sharp and blunt instruments, unarmed assaults, fires or burns, drowning, motor vehicle, falls, violent shaking, intentional neglect, and other unspecified methods.

Table 6: Method of Death for Suicide Deaths in NC, 2007

		Number	%
Method			
	Firearm	613	56.5
	Poisoning	228	21.0
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	193	17.8
	Sharp Instrument	18	1.7
	Drowning	10	0.9
	Fall	6	0.6
	Fire/ Burn	6	0.6
	Other Transport Vehicle	6	0.6
	Motor Vehicle	3	0.3
	Other/ Unknown	2	0.2
Total Deaths		1,085	100

Suicide Rates by Gender and Race, NC, 2007

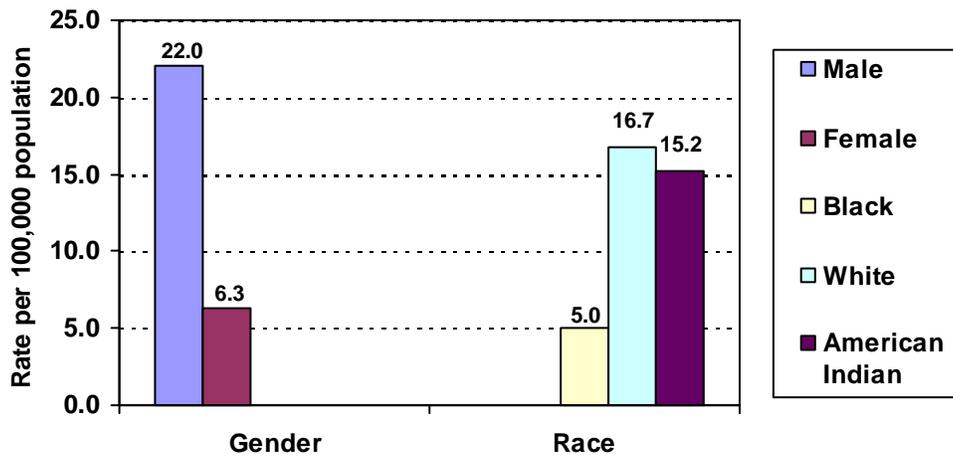


Table 7: Race by Gender of Suicide Victims in NC, 2007

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race						
American Indian	12	1.4	3	1.2	15	1.4
Asian	3	0.4	2	0.8	5	0.5
Black	69	8.3	15	5.9	84	7.7
White	746	89.8	234	92.1	980	90.3
Other/ Unknown	1	0.1	0	0	1	0.1
Total Deaths	831	100	254	100	1,085	100

**Race by Gender of Suicide Victims in
NC, 2007**

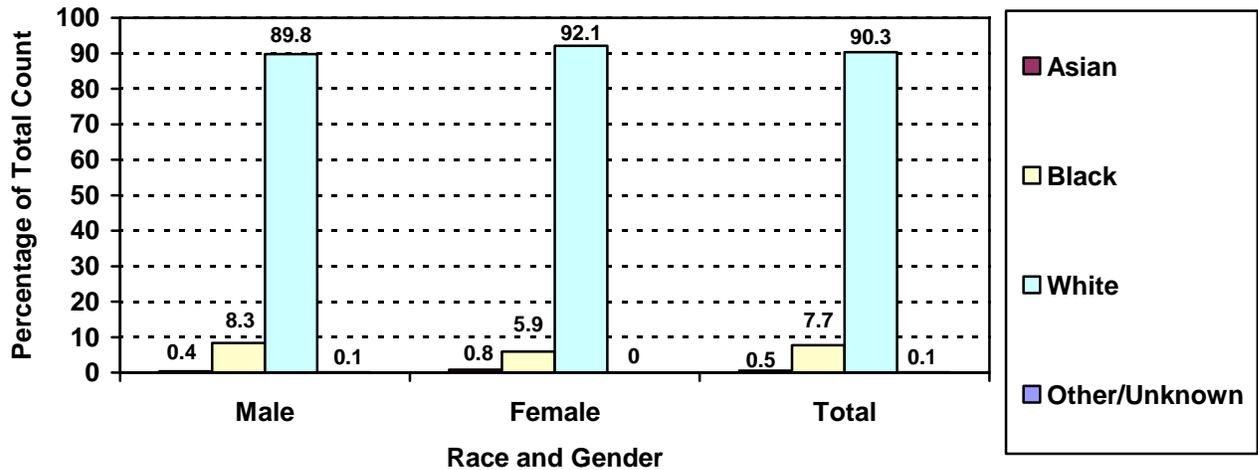
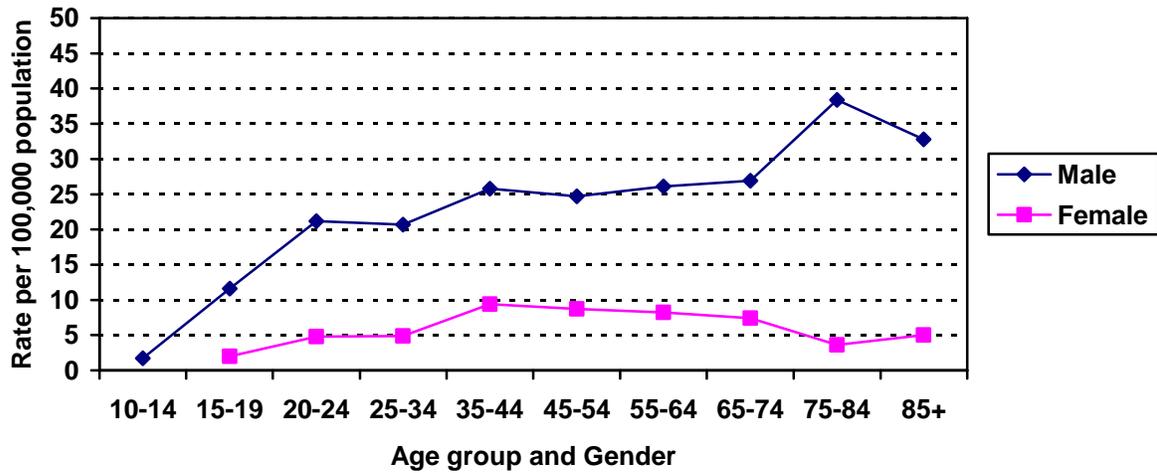


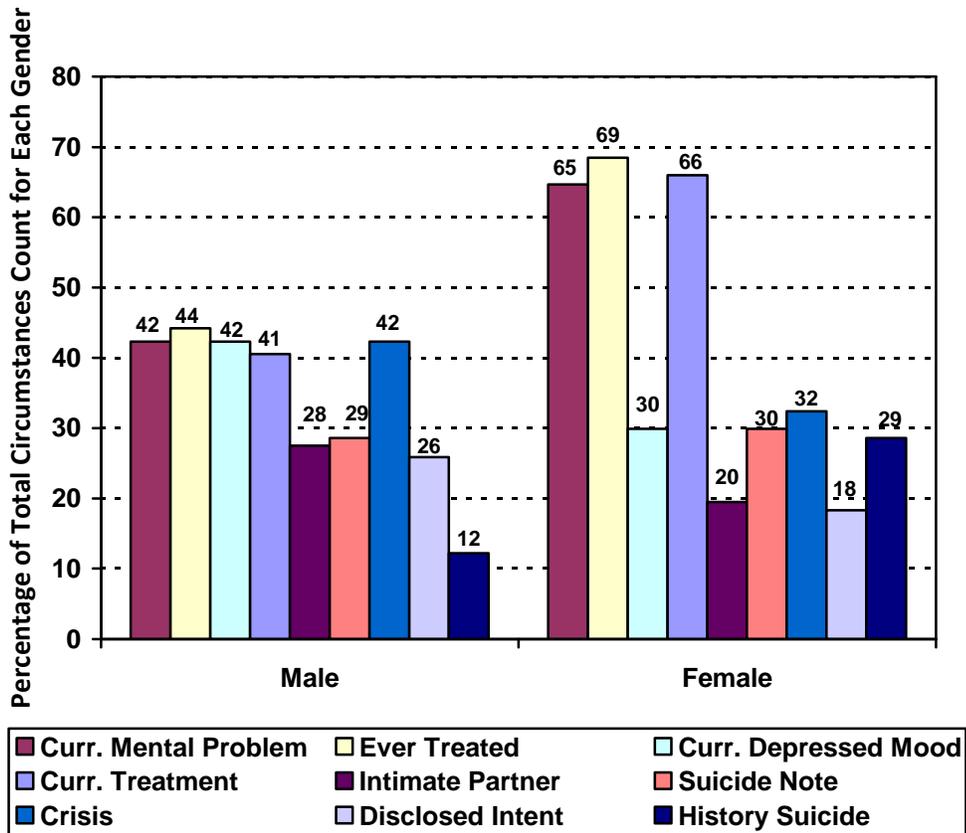
Table 8: Age Group by Gender of Suicide Victims in NC, 2007

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age Group						
10 - 14	5	0.6	2	0.8	7	0.6
15 - 19	37	4.5	6	2.4	43	4.0
20 - 24	68	8.2	14	5.5	82	7.6
25 - 34	125	15.0	30	11.8	155	14.3
35 - 44	171	20.6	63	24.8	234	21.6
45 - 54	156	18.8	58	22.8	214	19.7
55 - 64	127	15.3	44	17.3	171	15.8
65 - 74	72	8.7	24	9.4	96	8.8
75 - 84	56	6.7	8	3.1	64	5.9
85 +	14	1.7	5	2.0	19	1.8
Total Deaths	831	100	254	100	1,085	100

Suicide Rate: Age Group by Gender of Victims, NC, 2007



Circumstances by Gender for Suicide Victims, NC, 2007



* Note: Multiple options are available therefore such responses add up to more than 100%. This figure does not include all circumstances.

Table 9: Circumstances of Suicide Victims in NC, 2007

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Victim Circumstances						
Current mental health problem	322	42.3	156	64.7	478	47.7
Current depressed mood	322	42.3	72	29.9	394	39.3
Current treatment for mental illness	308	40.5	159	66.0	467	46.6
Ever treated for mental illness	336	44.2	165	68.5	501	50.0
Alcohol problem	111	14.6	35	14.5	146	14.6
Other substance problem	97	12.7	47	19.5	144	14.4
Left a suicide note	218	28.6	72	29.9	290	28.9
Disclosed intent to commit suicide	197	25.9	44	18.3	241	24.1
History of suicide attempts	93	12.2	69	28.6	162	16.2
Crisis in past two weeks	322	42.3	78	32.4	400	39.9
Physical health problem	159	20.9	47	19.5	206	20.6
Intimate partner problem	209	27.5	47	19.5	256	25.5
Other relationship problem	59	7.8	21	8.7	80	8.0
Job problem	64	8.4	7	2.9	71	7.1
School problem	4	0.5	1	0.4	5	0.5
Financial problem	53	7.0	8	3.3	61	6.1
Suicide of family or friend in past 5 years	9	1.2	1	0.4	10	1.0
Other death of friend/family	29	3.8	8	3.3	37	3.7
Recent criminal/legal problem	62	8.1	7	2.9	69	6.9
Other legal problems	17	2.2	5	2.1	22	2.2
Perpetrator of interpersonal violence in past month	58	7.6	2	0.8	60	6.0
Victim of interpersonal violence in past month	0	0	1	0.4	1	0.1

* Circumstances are only available for 1,000 of the 1,085 suicide deaths where age was ≥ 10 .

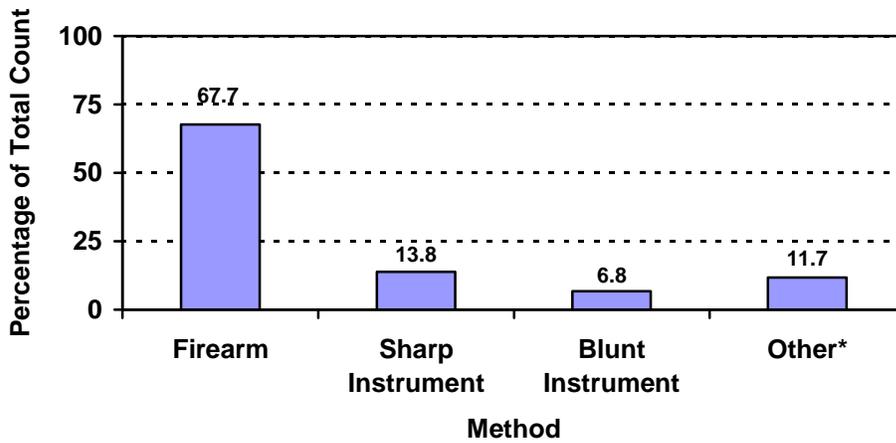
Table 10: Mental Illnesses Under Treatment at the Time of Suicide in NC, 2007				
	Male	Female	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	%
Mental Illness				
Depression/ dysthymia	286	136	422	72.8
Bipolar disorder	31	25	56	9.7
Anxiety disorder	22	16	38	6.6
Unknown	13	7	20	3.4
Schizophrenia	13	5	18	3.1
Other	9	2	11	1.9
Post-traumatic stress disorder	5	2	7	1.2
Obsessive-compulsive disorder	2	2	4	0.7
ADD or hyper-reactivity disorder	2	1	3	0.5
Eating disorder	0	1	1	0.2

SECTION III: HOMICIDE

Table 11: Gender, Race, and Age Group of Homicide Victims in NC, 2007					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
Gender					
	Male	523	77.5	11.8	10.8 – 12.8
	Female	152	22.5	3.3	2.8 – 3.8
Race					
	American Indian	24	3.6	20.3	12.2 – 28.4
	Asian	5	0.7	2.7	0.3 – 5.1
	Black	345	51.1	17.4	15.6 – 19.2
	White	300	44.4	4.4	3.9 – 4.9
	Other/ Unknown	1	0.1	*	*
Hispanic					
	Hispanic	83	12.3	13.0	10.2 – 15.8
	Non-Hispanic	592	87.7	7.0	6.4 – 7.6
Age Group					
	< 1	13	1.9	9.7	4.4 – 15
	1 - 4	10	1.5	2.0	0.8 – 3.2
	5 - 9	4	0.6	*	*
	10 - 14	10	1.5	1.7	0.7 – 2.7
	15 - 19	58	8.6	9.3	6.9 – 11.7
	20 - 24	116	17.2	19.0	15.5 – 22.5
	25 - 34	178	26.4	14.6	12.4 – 16.8
	35 - 44	125	18.5	9.3	7.7 – 10.9
	45 - 54	85	12.6	6.5	5.1 – 7.9
	55 - 64	40	5.9	3.9	2.7 – 5.1
	65 - 74	20	3.0	3.4	1.9 – 4.9
	75 - 84	13	1.9	3.5	1.6 – 5.4
	85 +	3	0.4	*	*
Total Deaths		675	100	7.4	6.8 - 8.0

* The number of deaths was zero or too small to support the calculation of a rate.

Method of Death for Homicide Deaths, NC, 2007



*Other includes: hanging/strangulation/suffocation, poisoning, unarmed assault, drowning, fire/ burn, violent shaking, motor vehicle, intentional neglect and unknown.

Table 12: Method of Death for Homicide Deaths in NC, 2007

Method	Number	%
Firearm	457	67.7
Sharp instrument	93	13.8
Blunt instrument	46	6.8
Unarmed Assault	34	5.0
Hanging, strangulation, suffocation	23	3.4
Fire/ Burn	5	0.7
Motor Vehicle	5	0.7
Poisoning	3	0.4
Violent Shaking	3	0.4
Drowning	2	0.3
Intentional Neglect	2	0.3
Unknown	2	0.3
Total Deaths	675	100

Homicide Rates by Gender and Race, NC, 2007

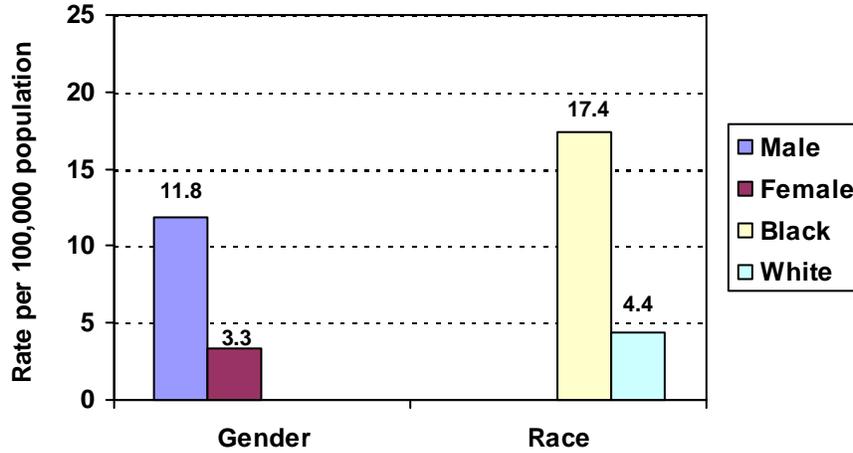


Table 13: Race by Gender of Homicide Victims in NC, 2007

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race						
American Indian	20	3.8	4	2.6	24	3.6
Asian	5	1.0	0	0	5	0.7
Black	285	54.5	60	39.5	345	51.1
White	212	40.5	88	57.9	300	44.4
Other/Unknown	1	0.2	0	0	1	0.1
Total Deaths	523	100	152	100	675	100

Race by Gender of Homicide Victims, NC, 2007

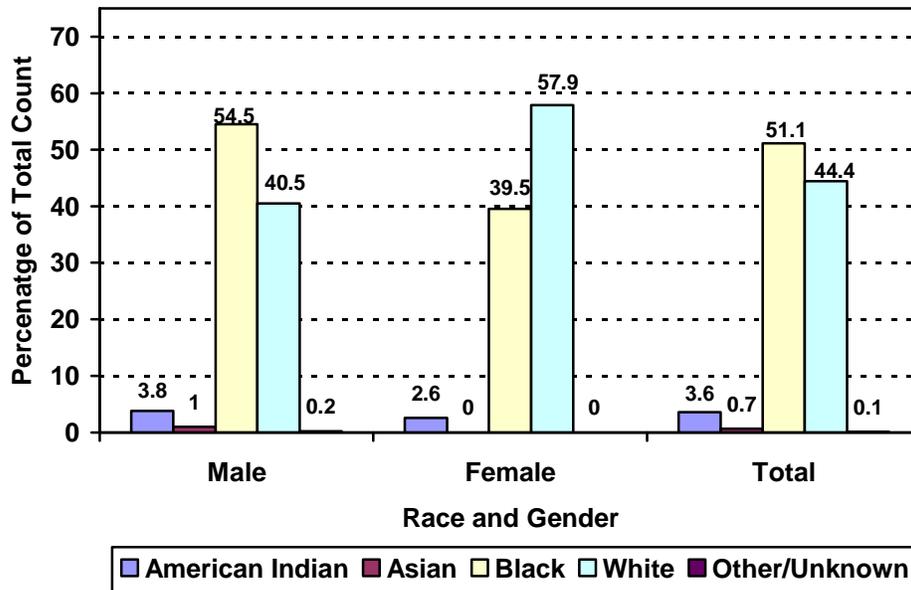
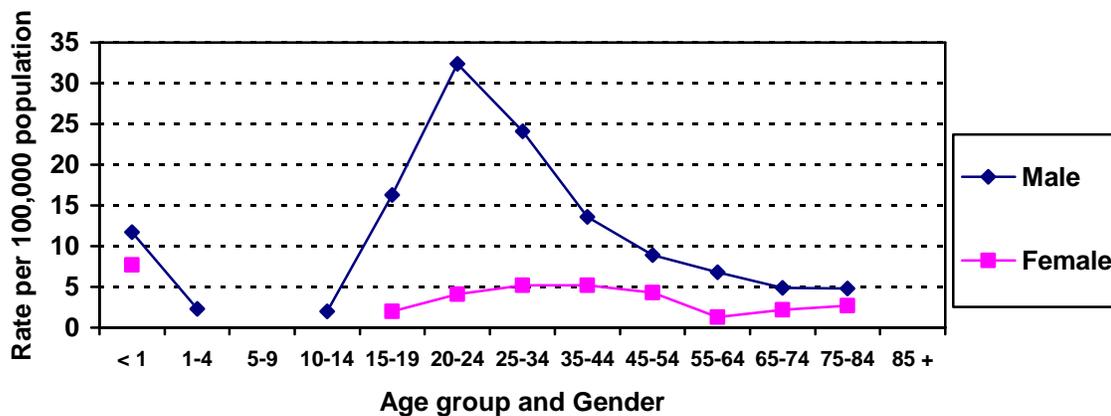


Table 14: Age Group by Gender of Homicide Victims in NC, 2007

Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
< 1	8	1.5	5	3.3	13	1.9
1 - 4	6	1.1	4	2.6	10	1.5
5 - 9	0	0	4	2.6	4	0.6
10 - 14	6	1.1	4	2.6	10	1.5
15 - 19	52	9.9	6	3.9	58	8.6
20 - 24	104	19.9	12	7.9	116	17.2
25 - 34	146	27.9	32	21.1	178	26.4
35 - 44	90	17.2	35	23	125	18.5
45 - 54	56	10.7	29	19.1	85	12.6
55 - 64	33	6.3	7	4.6	40	5.9
65 - 74	13	2.5	7	4.6	20	3.0
75 - 84	7	1.3	6	3.9	13	1.9
85 +	2	0.4	1	0.7	3	0.4
Total Deaths	523	100	152	100	675	100

Homicide Rates: Age group by Gender of Victims, NC, 2004 - 2006



Note: Some values are zero or not available due to low count so the lines appear "broken".

Table 15: Circumstances of Homicides in NC, 2007			
		Number*	%
Event Circumstances			
	Precipitated by another serious crime	207	
	Other argument, abuse, or conflict	285	46.7
	Intimate Partner Violence Related	112	18.4
	Drug involvement	77	12.6
	Argument over money or property	23	3.8
	Gang related	21	3.4
	Jealousy (lover's triangle)	16	2.6
	Brawl (mutual physical fight)	2	0.3
	Mercy killing	1	0.2
Victim Characteristics			
	Victim used a weapon	64	10.5
	Justifiable self defense	20	3.3
	Victim was a bystander	13	2.1
	Intervener assisting a Crime Victim	4	0.7
	Victim was a police officer on duty	3	0.5

* Only 610 of the 675 homicides cases had circumstance information.

Table 16: Crimes Precipitating Homicides in NC, 2007

	Male	Female	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	%
Crime				
Robbery	87	16	103	39.2
Burglary	47	10	57	21.7
Drug trade	39	4	43	16.3
Assault, homicide	19	3	22	8.4
Rape, sexual assault	2	10	12	4.6
Motor vehicle theft	10	1	11	4.2
Arson	5	2	7	2.7
Other	3	1	4	1.5
Gambling	2	0	2	0.8
Witness intimidation/elimination	2	0	2	0.8

Table 17: Type of Weapon by Manner of Death in NC, 2007

Weapon Type	Manner of Death										Total	
	Suicide		Homicide		Unintentional Firearm		Legal Intervention		Undetermined Intent			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Firearm	613	56.4	457	67.7	10	100	12	92.3	8	12.9	1,100	59.6
Sharp instrument	18	1.7	93	13.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	111	6
Blunt instrument	*	*	46	6.8	*	*	*	*	1	1.61	47	2.5
Poisoning	229	21.1	3	0.4	*	*	*	*	37	59.7	269	14.6
Hanging, strangulation, suffocation	194	17.9	23	3.4	*	*	*	*	3	4.8	220	11.9
Unarmed Assault	*	*	34	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	34	1.8
Fall	6	0.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1.6	7	0.4
Drowning	10	1.02	2	0.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	0.7
Fire or burns	6	0.6	5	0.7	*	*	*	*	5	8.1	16	0.9
Violent Shaking	*	*	3	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	0.2
Motor Vehicle	3	0.3	5	0.7	*	*	*	*	1	1.6	9	0.5
Other transport vehicle	6	0.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	0.3
Intentional neglect	*	*	2	0.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	0.1
Other	1	0.1	*	*	*	*	1	7.7	*	*	2	0.1
Unknown	1	0.1	2	0.3	*	*	*	*	6	9.7	9	0.5
Total Deaths	1,087	100	675	100	10	100	13	100	62	100	1,847	100

* The number of deaths was zero or too small to support the calculation of a rate.

**Table 18: Type of Firearm by Manner of Death in NC, 2007
For Firearm Deaths only**

Firearm Type	Manner of Death										Total	
	Suicide		Homicide		Unintentional Firearm		Legal Intervention		Undetermined Intent			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Handgun	419	68.4	375	82.1	6	60.0	11	91.7	5	62.5	816	74.2
Shotgun	107	17.5	42	9.2	1	10.0	*	*	*	*	150	13.6
Rifle	80	13.1	29	6.4	2	20.0	1	8.3	1	12.5	113	10.8
Unknown firearm type	6	1.0	9	1.2	1	10.0	*	*	2	25.0	18	1.6
Other	1	0.2	2	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	0.3
Total Deaths	613	100	457	100	10	100	12	100	8	100	1,100	100

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County of Injury	Manner of Death					Total	
	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Alamance	17	5	1	0	2	25	17.3
Alexander	4	4	0	0	0	8	*
Alleghany	3	0	0	0	0	3	*
Anson	4	3	0	0	0	7	*
Ashe	5	0	0	0	1	6	*
Avery	5	0	0	1	0	6	*
Beaufort	6	4	0	0	0	10	21.9
Bertie	1	0	0	0	0	1	*
Bladen	3	3	0	0	0	6	*
Brunswick	18	7	1	0	0	26	26.3
Buncombe	27	17	1	0	4	49	21.6
Burke	9	8	1	1	1	20	22.5
Cabarrus	19	9	0	0	1	29	17.8
Caldwell	15	2	0	0	2	19	23.9
Camden	2	0	0	0	0	2	*
Carteret	11	1	0	0	1	13	20.6
Caswell	3	3	0	0	0	6	*
Catawba	23	8	1	1	1	34	21.9
Chatham	5	5	0	0	0	10	16.4
Cherokee	7	3	0	0	1	11	41.6
Chowan	2	1	0	0	0	3	*
Clay	2	0	0	0	1	3	*

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	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Cleveland	14	6	0	0	2	22	22.4
Columbus	12	9	0	0	1	22	40.8
Craven	6	6	1	1	1	15	15.6
Cumberland	29	32	0	1	1	63	20.4
Currituck	5	1	0	0	0	6	*
Dare	5	0	0	0	0	5	*
Davidson	26	3	0	0	1	30	19.2
Davie	12	6	0	0	0	18	44.6
Duplin	11	5	0	0	0	16	30.4
Durham	16	30	0	2	1	49	19.2
Edgecombe	5	6	0	0	0	11	20.9
Forsyth	38	30	0	0	3	71	21
Franklin	6	2	0	0	0	8	*
Gaston	34	8	0	0	3	45	22.3
Gates	1	0	0	0	0	1	*
Graham	1	1	0	0	0	2	*
Granville	7	1	0	0	1	9	*
Greene	2	0	0	0	0	2	*
Guilford	53	50	0	0	3	106	22.8
Halifax	7	6	0	0	0	13	23.6
Harnett	4	6	0	0	1	11	10.1

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	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Haywood	11	2	0	0	0	13	23.0
Henderson	12	4	0	0	0	16	15.9
Hertford	3	2	0	0	0	5	*
Hoke	2	2	0	0	0	4	*
Hyde	1	0	0	0	0	1	*
Iredell	19	12	1	1	2	35	23.2
Jackson	10	2	0	0	0	12	33.1
Johnston	15	6	0	0	1	22	14.0
Jones	1	1	0	0	0	2	*
Lee	7	7	0	0	0	14	24.2
Lenoir	9	2	0	0	0	11	19.4
Lincoln	11	6	0	0	0	17	23.4
McDowell	6	2	0	0	0	8	*
Macon	10	0	0	0	0	10	30.7
Madison	5	0	0	0	1	6	*
Martin	5	4	0	0	0	9	*
Mecklenburg	60	78	2	2	1	143	16.6
Mitchell	1	2	0	0	0	3	*
Montgomery	5	1	0	0	0	6	*
Moore	17	3	0	0	2	22	26.1
Nash	11	14	0	0	0	25	27.0
New Hanover	29	15	0	1	2	47	24.7

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	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Northhampton	1	2	0	1	0	4	*
Onslow	17	9	0	0	1	27	16.5
Orange	12	5	0	0	1	18	14.5
Pamlico	2	0	0	0	0	2	*
Pasquotank	2	2	0	0	0	4	*
Pender	10	1	0	0	0	11	22.1
Perquimans	0	1	0	0	1	2	*
Person	1	3	0	0	0	4	*
Pitt	3	16	0	0	0	19	12.5
Polk	4	0	0	0	0	4	*
Randolph	30	10	0	0	3	43	30.8
Richmond	9	7	0	0	0	16	34.8
Robeson	16	36	0	0	3	55	42.9
Rockingham	10	5	0	0	1	16	17.4
Rowan	20	5	0	0	0	25	18.2
Rutherford	9	2	0	0	1	12	19.1
Sampson	7	8	0	0	1	16	25.3
Scotland	3	9	0	0	0	12	33
Stanly	13	2	0	0	0	15	25.4
Stokes	7	0	0	0	0	7	*
Surry	6	2	0	0	0	8	*

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	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Swain	3	0	0	0	0	3	*
Transylvania	5	4	0	0	0	9	*
Tyrrell	1	0	0	0	0	1	*
Union	14	6	0	0	1	21	11.4
Vance	5	9	0	0	0	14	32.6
Wake	72	32	0	1	2	107	12.9
Warren	3	1	0	0	0	4	*
Washington	1	1	0	0	0	2	*
Watauga	6	2	0	0	2	10	22.5
Wayne	22	20	1	0	2	45	39.7
Wilkes	17	4	0	0	0	21	31.5
Wilson	8	11	0	0	0	19	24.8
Yadkin	5	2	0	0	1	8	*
Yancey	4	1	0	0	0	5	*

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GLOSSARY

Adult	Person was 18 years of age or older on date of death.
Child	Person was less than 18 years of age on date of death.
Legal intervention	Decedent was killed by a police officer or some other peace officer, including military police, acting in the line of duty. Includes legal executions.
Occurrent death	Death occurred in NC. Decedent may or may not have been a NC resident at the time of death.
Peace officer	Person with specified legal authority to use deadly force.
Rates	Calculated as count x 100,000/population.
Resident death	Victim was a NC resident at the time of death and the death occurred in NC. All deaths reported in this report are resident deaths.
Undetermined intent	A death resulting from the use of force or power against oneself or another person for which the evidence indicating the manner of death was not sufficient to determine intent.
Violent death	Intentional use of physical force or power against oneself, another person, or against a group or community. Deaths meeting this definition include suicides, homicides, and legal interventions.



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