The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded statewide surveillance system that collects detailed information on deaths that occur in North Carolina 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 all deaths from violence among North Carolina residents for 2015.

### Manner of Death: NC-VDRS, 2015

- **Suicide**: 67%
- **Homicide**: 28%
- **Unintentional Firearm**: 1%
- **Legal Intervention**: 1%
- **Undetermined Intent**: 3%

In 2015, 2,062 North Carolina residents died by violence.

- There were 1,379 suicides (66.9%), 586 homicides (28.4%), 21 deaths from legal interventions (1.0%), 14 unintentional firearm deaths (0.7%) and 62 deaths of undetermined intent (3.0%) in 2015.

- The majority of suicide and homicide victims were male. Males accounted for 76.1 percent of suicide victims and 80.5 percent of homicide victims.

- Patterns of suicides and homicides differed by race. Most suicide victims were non-Hispanic (NH) white (86.8%), while 8.0 percent were NH black.

- In contrast, 59.6 percent of homicide victims were NH black, and 28.5 percent were NH white.

### Violent Deaths by Sex and Race: NC-VDRS, 2015

#### Homicides

- **White* Male**: 25%
- **White* Female**: 43%
- **Black* Male**: 63%
- **American Indian* Male**: 4%
- **Hispanic Male**: 6%
- **Unknown/Other Race Male**: 0%

- **White* Female**: 9%
- **Black* Female**: 5%
- **American Indian* Female**: 1%
- **Hispanic Female**: 3%
- **Unknown/Other Race Female**: 0%

* Non-Hispanic

#### Suicides

- **White* Male**: 86%
- **White* Female**: 90%
- **Black* Male**: 1%
- **American Indian* Male**: 1%
- **Hispanic Male**: 3%
- **Unknown/Other Race Male**: 0%

- **Black* Female**: 9%
- **American Indian* Female**: 2%
- **Hispanic Female**: 3%
- **Unknown/Other Race Female**: 0%

* Non-Hispanic
The majority of homicides (73.6%) and suicides (56.1%) were committed using firearms.

The second most common method of homicide was other method, such as fire/burns, unarmed assault, or blunt traumas (12.6%).

The second and third most common methods of suicide were hanging (21.2%) and poisoning (16.9%).