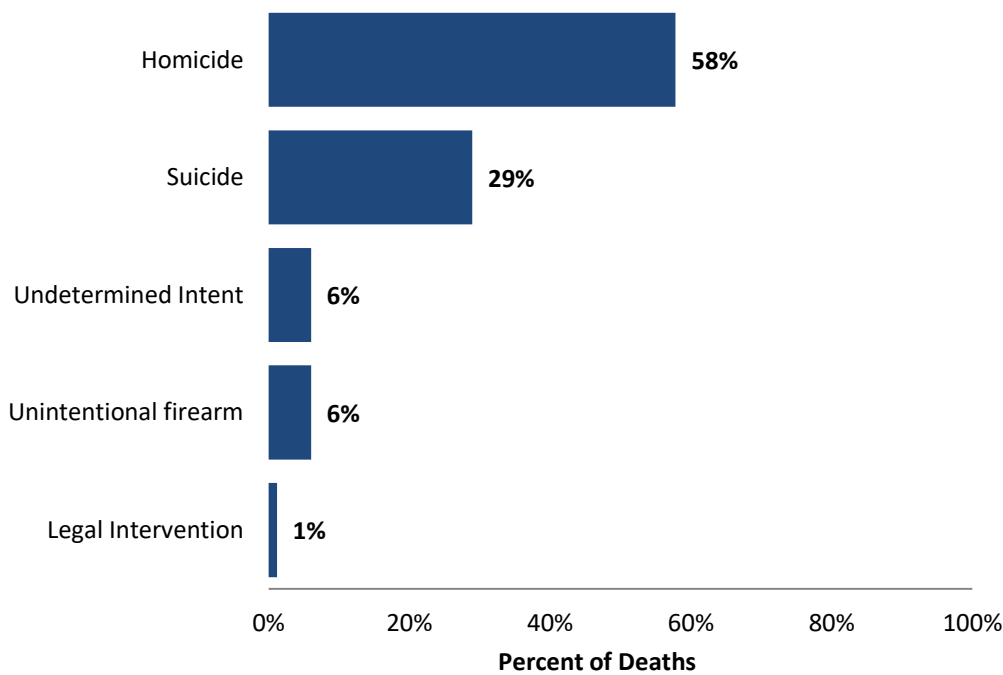


NC Violent Death Reporting System

CHILD VIOLENT DEATH IN NORTH CAROLINA, 2022

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded statewide surveillance system that collects detailed information on violent deaths that occur in North Carolina including: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention, and deaths of undetermined intent. NC-VDRS triangulates information from death certificates, medical examiner reports, and law enforcement reports to understand and aid in the prevention of violent deaths. For more information, please visit <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm>.

Manner of Child Violent Deaths (ages 0-17): NC-VDRS, 2022



- In 2022, there were 166 violent deaths among North Carolina children ages 0-17.

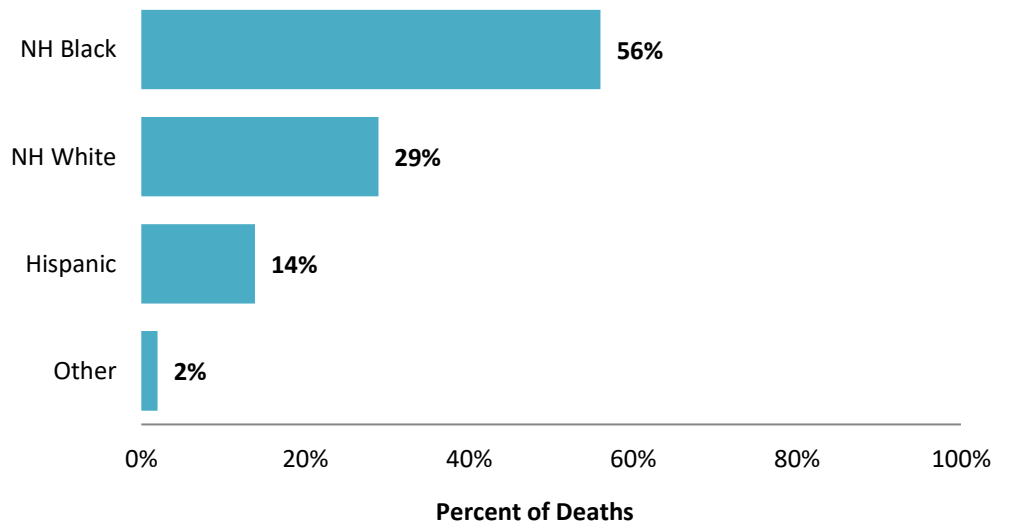
- There were 96 homicides (57.8%), 48 suicides (28.9%), 10 unintentional firearm deaths (6.0%), two deaths resulting from legal intervention (1.2%), and 10 deaths in which the Medical Examiner’s Office could not determine the manner of death (6.0%).

- Most of the child victims were male (76.5%).

Percent of Child Violent Deaths by Race/Ethnicity*: NC-VDRS, 2022

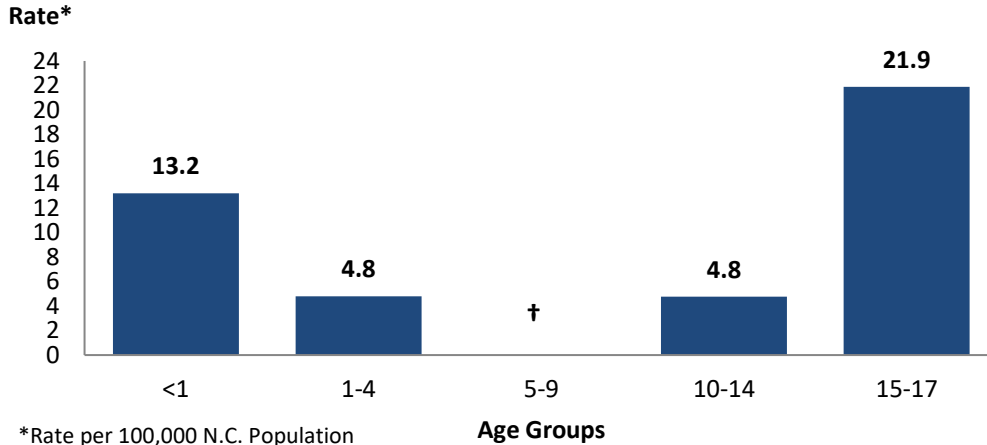
- Non-Hispanic (NH) Black victims accounted for the greatest percent of child violent deaths (56.0%), followed by NH White victims (28.9%).

- Rates of child violent death were highest among NH Black victims (18.1 deaths per 100,000 population) followed by Hispanic and NH White victims (5.6 and 4.2 per 100,000, respectively).



*Other includes non-Hispanic Asian (N=1) and American Indian (N=1) victims.

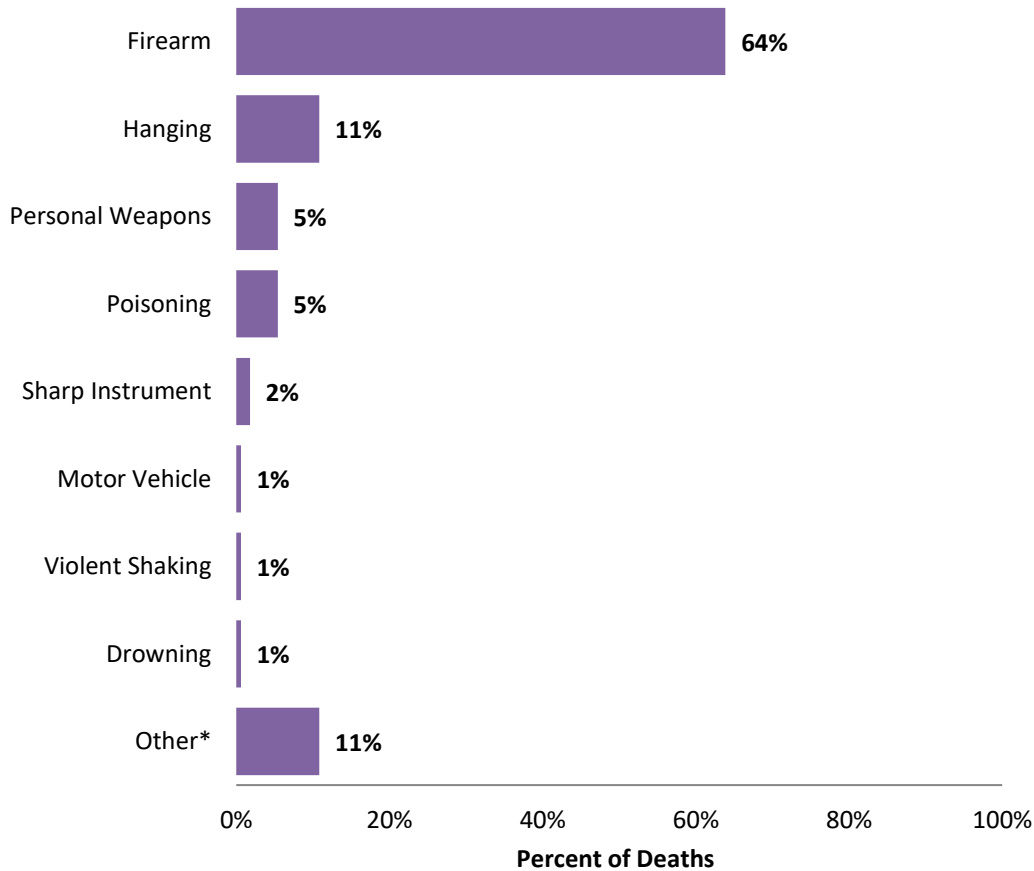
Child Violent Death Rates* by Age: NC-VDRS,



*Rate per 100,000 N.C. Population
 † Less than 5 deaths, rate suppressed

- The highest child violent death rate occurred among children ages 15-17 (21.9 deaths per 100,000 population).
- Children less than one year of age had the second highest rate of violent deaths (13.2 deaths per 100,000 population).

Method of Child Violent Death: NC-VDRS, 2022



- Firearms were involved in 63.9% of all child violent deaths (n=106). This percentage was propelled by the high number of firearm related deaths among children ages 15-17 (n=76).
- Hanging was the second most common cause of violent death among children (10.8%).
- Personal weapons (fists, feet, and hands) were the most common causes of death among children under the age of five, while firearms were the most common weapon among children ages 5 and older.

* Other includes: non-powder gun, blunt instrument, unknown, fall, fire or burns, intentional neglect, (e.g., starving a baby or oneself), and other transport vehicle, (e.g., trains, planes, boats)

More information on child violence prevention can be found at:

State Resource Partners
Division of Social Services:
Child Protective Services
 Contact: (919) 733-4622

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/child-welfare-services/child-protection-services>

National Resources
Children's Bureau

Contact: Carlis Williams (404) 562-2900
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Please see the NC-VDRS 2022 Annual Report for additional data and technical information:

<https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/ViolentDeathData.htm>

