

Leading Causes of Injury Death By Age Group* North Carolina Residents, 2017

ALL AGES

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Poisoning - Unintentional	2,310
2	MVT - Unintentional	1,469
3	Fall - Unintentional	1,276
4	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	841
5	Firearm - Assault	528
6	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	370
7	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	232
8	Unspecified - Unintentional	221
9	Suffocation - Unintentional	203
10	Adverse effects - Other	132
--	All other injuries	940
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		8,522

INFANTS (<1)

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Suffocation - Unintentional	13
2	Unspecified - Assault	7
3	MVT - Unintentional	5
	Other spec/class - Assault	5
	Suffocation - Undetermined	5
4	Suffocation - Assault	2
5	Drowning - Unintentional	1
	Other spec/NEC - Assault	1
	Poisoning - Undetermined	1
--	All other injuries	0
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		40

1 - 4 YEARS

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	MVT - Unintentional	15
2	Drowning - Unintentional	9
3	Suffocation - Unintentional	7
4	Unspecified - Assault	6
5	Natural/Environ - Unintentional	2
	Pedestrian, other - Unintentional	2
	Poisoning - Unintentional	2
	Unspecified - Unintentional	2
6	Cut/pierce - Assault	1
	Drowning - Assault	1
--	All other injuries	6
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		53

5 - 14 YEARS

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	MVT - Unintentional	34
2	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	10
	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	10
3	Drowning - Unintentional	7
	Firearm - Assault	7
4	Other land transport - Unintentional	3
	Other spec/class - Unintentional	3
5	Other spec/NEC - Assault	2
	Suffocation - Assault	2
6	Cut/pierce - Assault	1
--	All other injuries	4
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		83

NOTE: Overall totals may not add up to the sum of the individual categories due to records with unknown or missing age information. In the case of ties, causes are listed alphabetically in terms of ranking.

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15 - 24 YEARS

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	MVT - Unintentional	244
2	Poisoning - Unintentional	233
3	Firearm - Assault	144
4	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	81
5	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	70
6	Drowning - Unintentional	22
7	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	16
8	Fall - Unintentional	9
9	Firearm - Unintentional	8
10	Fall - Self-Inflicted	4
--	All other injuries	56
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		887

25 - 44 YEARS

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Poisoning - Unintentional	1,229
2	MVT - Unintentional	459
3	Firearm - Assault	263
4	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	243
5	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	163
6	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	61
7	Cut/pierce - Assault	27
8	Poisoning - Undetermined	22
9	Drowning - Unintentional	18
	Firearm - Unintentional	18
--	All other injuries	212
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		2,715

45 - 64 YEARS

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Poisoning - Unintentional	776
2	MVT - Unintentional	437
3	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	272
4	Fall - Unintentional	126
5	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	121
6	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	107
7	Firearm - Assault	87
8	Suffocation - Unintentional	44
9	Fire/Burn - Unintentional	41
10	Adverse effects - Other	33
--	All other injuries	301
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		2,345

AGES 65 & OVER

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Fall - Unintentional	1,126
2	MVT - Unintentional	275
3	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	235
4	Unspecified - Unintentional	172
5	Suffocation - Unintentional	128
6	Adverse effects - Other	89
7	Poisoning - Unintentional	69
8	Fire/Burn - Unintentional	47
9	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	34
10	Firearm - Assault	26
--	All other injuries	198
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		2,399

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Leading Causes of Injury Death By Race/Ethnicity* North Carolina Residents, 2017

NON-HISPANIC WHITE

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Poisoning - Unintentional	1,911
2	Fall - Unintentional	1,132
3	MVT - Unintentional	899
4	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	723
5	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	294
6	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	201
7	Unspecified - Unintentional	171
8	Suffocation - Unintentional	149
9	Firearm - Assault	128
10	Adverse effects - Other	101
--	All other injuries	616
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		6,325

NON-HISPANIC BLACK

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	MVT - Unintentional	402
2	Firearm - Assault	346
3	Poisoning - Unintentional	288
4	Fall - Unintentional	102
5	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	80
6	Suffocation - Unintentional	48
7	Unspecified - Unintentional	42
8	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	36
9	Fire/Burn - Unintentional	29
10	Adverse effects - Other	28
--	All other injuries	216
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		1,617

NON-HISPANIC AMERICAN INDIAN

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	MVT - Unintentional	33
2	Poisoning - Unintentional	22
3	Firearm - Assault	9
	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	9
4	Fall - Unintentional	8
5	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	7
6	Fire/Burn - Unintentional	5
7	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	4
	Unspecified - Unintentional	4
8	Unspecified - Assault	2
--	All other injuries	12
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		115

HISPANIC

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	MVT - Unintentional	112
2	Poisoning - Unintentional	67
3	Firearm - Assault	31
4	Fall - Unintentional	22
	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	22
5	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	19
6	Drowning - Unintentional	11
7	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	6
8	Cut/pierce - Assault	4
	Natural/Environ - Unintentional	4
--	All other injuries	42
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		340

*Racial/ethnic group totals will not add up to overall total because deaths occurring among other races are not included here. Caution should be taken when comparing the number of deaths across racial/ethnic groupings. Population size varies considerably from one racial/ethnic group to another. The number of deaths for each group is to a large extent a reflection of that population size.

In the case of ties, causes are listed alphabetically in terms of ranking.



Leading Causes of Injury Death By Gender* North Carolina Residents, 2017

FEMALE

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Poisoning - Unintentional	752
2	Fall - Unintentional	668
3	MVT - Unintentional	429
4	Unspecified - Unintentional	122
5	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	120
6	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	116
7	Suffocation - Unintentional	93
8	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	84
9	Firearm - Assault	76
10	Adverse effects - Other	65
--	All other injuries	254
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		2,779

MALE

Rank	Cause	Deaths
1	Poisoning - Unintentional	1,558
2	MVT - Unintentional	1,040
3	Firearm - Self-Inflicted	721
4	Fall - Unintentional	608
5	Firearm - Assault	452
6	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted	286
7	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted	116
8	Suffocation - Unintentional	110
9	Unspecified - Unintentional	99
10	Drowning - Unintentional	78
--	All other injuries	675
Total Injury Deaths - All Causes		5,743

*NOTE: Overall totals may not add up to the sum of the individual categories due to records with unknown/missing gender information. In the case of ties, causes are listed alphabetically in terms of ranking.

