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 child violent deaths among North Carolina residents for the year 2017.

- In 2017, there were a total of 105 violent deaths among North Carolina children ages 0-17.
- There were 51 homicides (48.6%), 44 suicides (41.9%), three unintentional firearm deaths (2.9%), zero deaths resulting from legal intervention (0.0%), and seven deaths which the Medical Examiner’s Office could not determine the manner of death (6.7%).
- Most of the child victims were male (74.3%).

### Percent of Child Violent Deaths by Race*

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<th>Race</th>
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<td>NH White</td>
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*Other includes non-Hispanic Asian, non-Hispanic American Indian, and Hispanic

- Non-Hispanic (NH) whites accounted for the greatest percent of deaths (48.6%), but NH black children had a higher rate of violent death: 8.0 deaths per 100,000 population vs. 4.1 deaths per 100,000 population for white children.
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More information on child violence prevention can be found at:

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