

Homicide

And Assault Injuries in South Carolina

2018 DATA

Homicide is a Leading Cause of Injury Deaths in South Carolina

HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT AT A GLANCE



In the United States, SC ranks **7th highest in homicides**, and **6th highest** in rate of homicides that are caused by firearms.



The South Carolina homicide rate has increased by 34% in the past 10 years.



Black males ages 18 to 24 in SC have the highest rates of death by homicide.



An argument is the most common circumstance in triggering homicides, among males.



The **most common mechanism for homicide** was firearm.

THE IMPACT OF HOMICIDES AND ASSAULT INJURIES



Each day in South Carolina, one person dies from a homicide, 41 visit the Emergency Department (ED) for assault-related injuries, and three are admitted to the hospital for assault-related injuries.

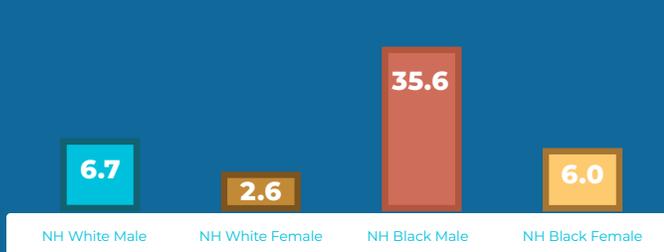


Hospital and ED charges for assault-related injuries in 2018 included :

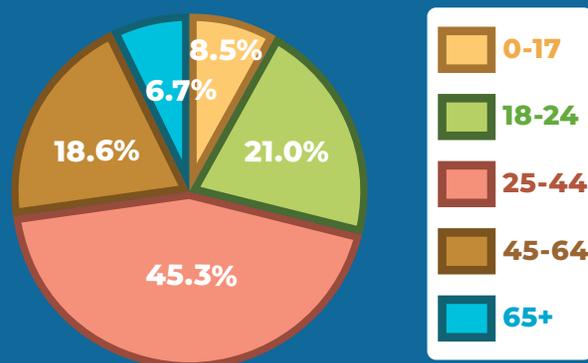
- \$94 million in hospital inpatient charges and
- \$82 million in ED charges.

SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE NUMBERS

Homicide by Race and Sex (2014-2018)



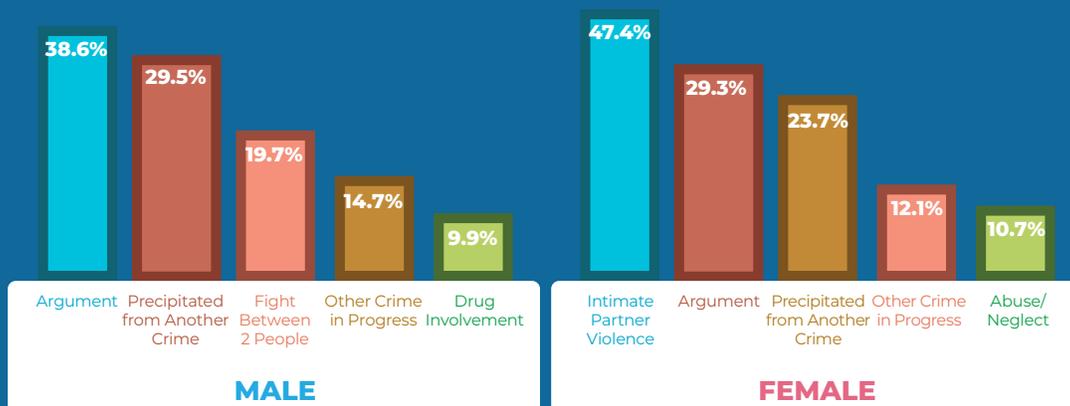
Homicide Deaths by Age (2014-2018)



Counties with Highest Homicide Rates (2014-2018)



Most Common Circumstances Related to Homicide (2016-2018)



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Data Sources:

- WISQARS - Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System
- SCDHEC Vital Records - South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Vital Records
- SCVDRS - South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System
- RFA Hospital Discharge Data - South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office Hospital Discharge Data

