

Homicide

And Assault Injuries in South Carolina

2017 DATA

Homicide is a Leading Cause of Injury Deaths in South Carolina

HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT AT A GLANCE



In the United States, SC ranks **9th highest in homicides**, and **14th highest** in percent of homicides that are caused by firearms.



The South Carolina homicide rate has increased by 7% in the past 10 years. The number of homicides annually has increased by 17% in ten 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 assault** was **being struck by or against an object**, such as being hit by a baseball bat or struck by a car.

THE IMPACT OF HOMICIDES AND ASSAULT INJURIES



For every person who dies by homicide, two are hospitalized for assault and 38 are admitted to the emergency department for assault-related injuries. Each day in South Carolina, one person dies from a homicide, two are admitted to the hospital for assault-related injuries, and 46 visit the Emergency department for assault-related injuries.



Hospital and ED charges for assault-related injuries in 2017 included :

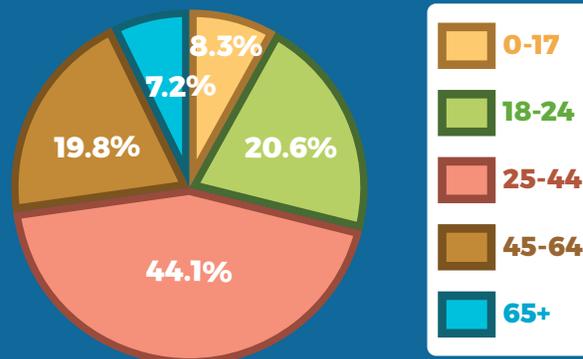
- \$92.9 million in hospital inpatient charges and
- \$82.8 million in ED charges.

SOUTH CAROLINA BY THE NUMBERS

Homicide by Race and Sex (2013-2017)



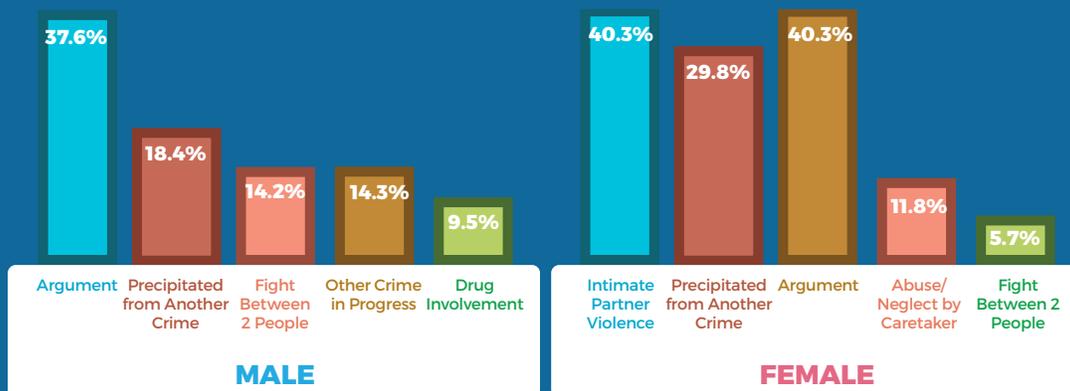
Homicide Deaths by Age (2013-2017)



Counties with Highest Homicide Rates (2013-2017)



Most Common Circumstances Related to Homicide (2015-2016)



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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

