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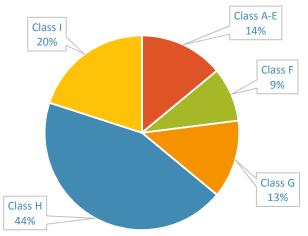
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Quick Facts: Felony Convictions

FISCAL YEAR 2013/14

- During FY 2013/14, sentences for 28,130 felony convictions were imposed under Structured Sentencing.
- Nearly two-thirds (64%) of those felony convictions fell into Classes H or I.
- Most felony convictions were for either a property offense (39%) or a non-trafficking drug offense (28%).
- ⇒ Thirty-nine percent of felony convictions received an Active punishment.

Offense Class Distribution

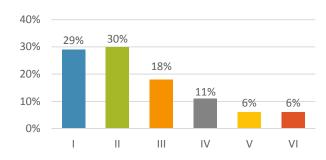


Type of Offense	N	%	
Property	10,754	39%	
Non-Trafficking (NT) Drug	7,822	28%	
Person	4,913	18%	
Other	3,974	15%	

Offender Characteristics

- The vast majority of felony offenders were male (84%).
- Forty-nine percent of felony offenders were Black, 46% were White, 3% were Hispanic, 1% were Native American, and 1% were Unknown.
- The average age of felony offenders was 32.
- The majority (59%) of felony convictions were for offenders in Prior Record Levels I and II, including 21% for offenders with no prior record points. Twelve percent had serious criminal histories (PRL V and VI).

Prior Record Level Distribution

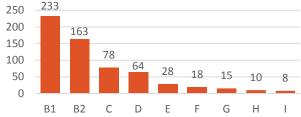


Judicial Division	N	%	
First	2,518	9%	
Second	3,005	11%	
Third	4,539	16%	
Fourth	3,622	13%	
Fifth	4,636	16%	
Sixth	3,203	11%	
Seventh	4,394	16%	
Eighth	2,213	8%	

Punishment

- Thirty-nine percent of felony convictions resulted in an Active punishment, 31% resulted in an Intermediate punishment, and 30% resulted in a Community punishment.
- Sixty-eight percent of sentences imposed for Active punishments were sentenced in the presumptive range.
- Overall, the average minimum active sentence was 30 months (excluding death and life sentences). Eightyseven percent of offenders with Active sentences received credit for time served.

Average Minimum Active Sentence by Offense Class (in Months)



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FISCAL YEAR 2004/05 - FISCAL YEAR 2013/14

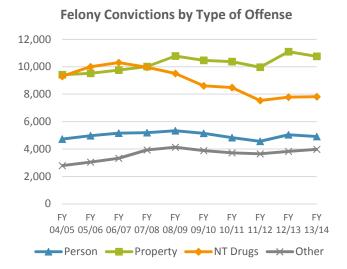
Felony convictions increased from FY 2004/05, peaking in FY 2008/09; from FY 2008/09 to FY 2013/14, felony convictions decreased nearly 13%. Convictions decreased 0.8% over the past fiscal year.



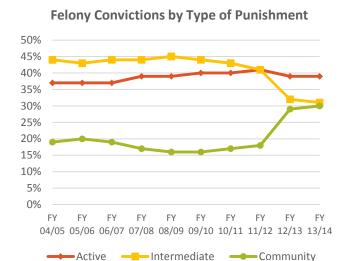
Property and non-trafficking drug crimes have comprised the majority of convicted felony offenses over the past ten fiscal years, with combined totals ranging between 68% and 71%. Non-trafficking drug crime convictions peaked in FY 2006/07, but have decreased 24% since that fiscal year.

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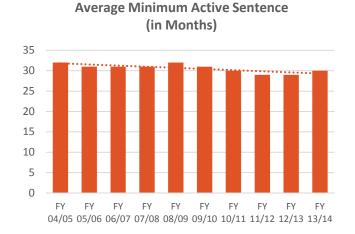
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From FY 2004/05 to FY 2011/12, the type of punishment imposed remained relatively stable from year to year. Shifts in non-active sentences over the past two fiscal years are a result of changes to Community and Intermediate punishments under the Justice Reinvestment Act.



The overall average minimum sentence imposed for all felony convictions sentenced to Active punishment has decreased two months (from 32 months to 30 months) over the past ten fiscal years.



Note: Figures in this publication generally exclude felony convictions that did not fit within the appropriate cell in the Felony Punishment Chart. Convictions for Intermediate and Community punishments in cells in which those dispositions are not authorized by the Felony Punishment Chart are included.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2004/05 - FY 2013/14 Statistical Report Data

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