

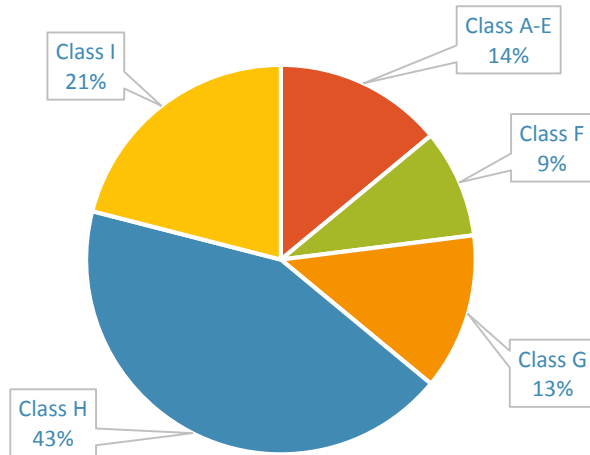


# Quick Facts: Felony Convictions

## FISCAL YEAR 2015

- ⇒ During FY 2015, sentences for 29,238 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 (38%) or a non-trafficking drug offense (30%).
- ⇒ 38% of felony convictions received an Active punishment.

**Offense Class Distribution**

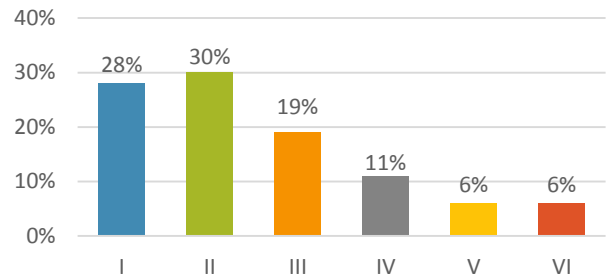


Type of Offense	N	%
Property	10,764	38
Non-Trafficking (NT) Drug	8,748	30
Person	4,880	17
Other	4,249	15

### Offender Characteristics

- The vast majority of felony offenders were male (83%).
- 48% of felony offenders were Black, 47% were White, 3% were Hispanic, 1% were Native American, and 1% were Other.
- The average age of felony offenders was 33.
- The majority (58%) of felony convictions were for offenders in Prior Record Levels I and II, including 20% for offenders with no prior record points. 12% had serious criminal histories (PRL V and VI).

**Prior Record Level Distribution**



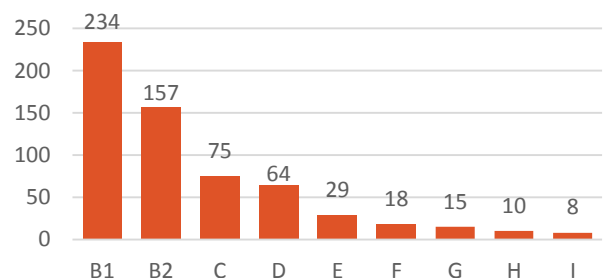
**Top 5 Felony Convictions**

Offense	Class	N
Felony Breaking and/or Entering	H	2,768
Obtain Property by False Pretense	H	1,764
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	G	1,292
Felony Larceny	H	1,160
Felony Possession of Cocaine	I	958

### Punishment

- 38% of felony convictions resulted in an Active punishment, 32% resulted in an Intermediate punishment, and 30% resulted in a Community punishment.
- 69% 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). 87% of offenders with Active sentences received credit for time served.

**Average Minimum Active Sentence  
by Offense Class (in Months)**

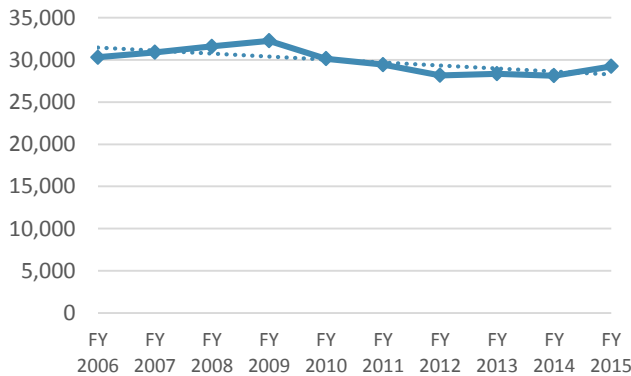


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## FISCAL YEAR 2006 – FISCAL YEAR 2015

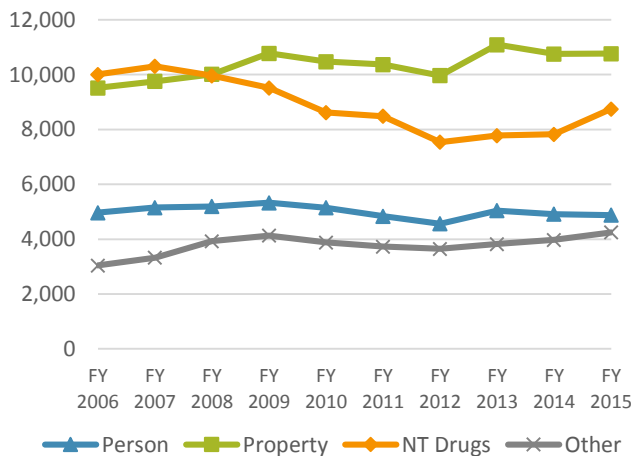
Overall, felony convictions have decreased 9% since FY 2009. However, there was a 4% increase in felony convictions in the past fiscal year.

**Total Felony Convictions**



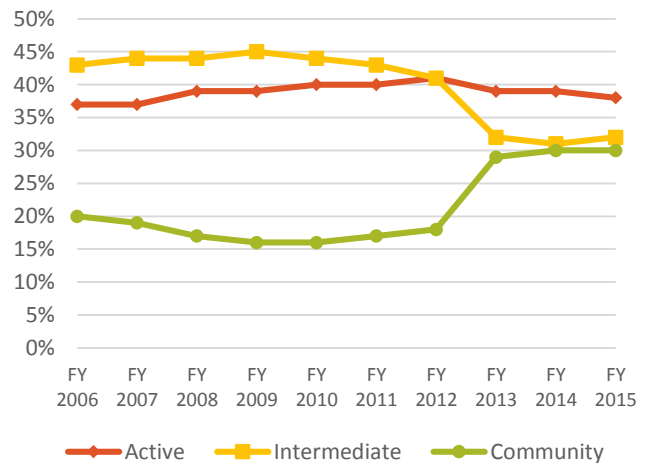
Property and non-trafficking drug crimes have comprised the majority of felony convictions over the past ten fiscal years, with combined totals ranging between 68% and 71%. Non-trafficking drug convictions decreased for much of the ten-year period; however, there was a 12% increase in non-trafficking convictions during the past year.

**Felony Convictions by Type of Offense**



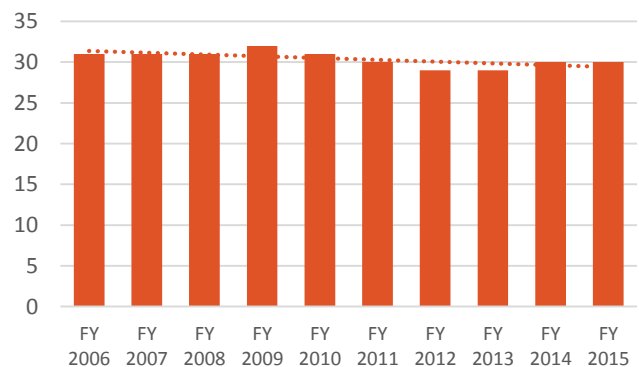
From FY 2006 to FY 2012, the type of punishment imposed remained relatively stable from year to year. Shifts in non-active sentences over the past three fiscal years are a result of changes to Community and Intermediate punishments under the Justice Reinvestment Act.

**Felony Convictions by Type of Punishment**



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

**Average Minimum Active Sentence (in Months)**



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 2006 – FY 2015 Statistical Report Data

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