

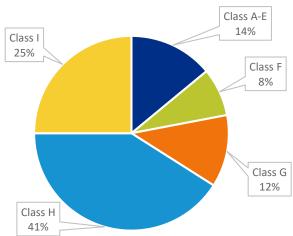
QUICK FACTS: FELONY CONVICTIONS

FEBRUARY 2020

FISCAL YEAR 2019

- ⇒ During FY 2019, sentences for 28,526 felony convictions were imposed under Structured Sentencing.
- → Two-thirds (66%) of those felony convictions were for Class
 H or I offenses.
- → Most felony convictions were for either a property offense (33%) or a non-trafficking drug offense (32%).
- ⇒ 37% of convictions resulted in an Active punishment.

Offense Class Distribution



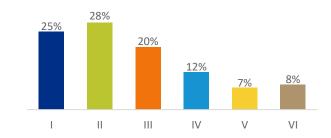
Convictions by Type of Offense

Type of Offense	N	%
Person	4,939	18
Property	9,272	33
Non-Trafficking Drug	9,019	32
Other	4,852	17

Offender Characteristics

- The vast majority of felony offenders were male (82%).
- 51% of offenders were White, 44% were Black, 3% were Hispanic, 1% were Native American, and 1% were Other.
- The average age of offenders was 34.
- The majority (53%) of convictions were for offenders in Prior Record Levels I and II, including 18% for offenders with no prior record points. 15% had serious criminal histories (Prior Record Levels V and VI).

Prior Record Level Distribution



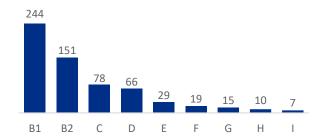
Top 5 Felony Convictions

Offense	Class	N
Breaking and/or Entering Buildings	Н	1,850
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	G	1,498
Possess Methamphetamine	1	1,498
Obtain Property by False Pretense	Н	1,320
Possess Cocaine	1	925

Punishment

- 37% of felony convictions resulted in an Active punishment, 33% resulted in an Intermediate punishment, and 30% resulted in a Community punishment.
- 66% of convictions with an Active punishment were sentenced in the presumptive range.
- Overall, the average minimum Active sentence was 31 months (excluding death and life sentences). 86% of offenders with Active sentences received credit for time served, with an average credit of 6 months.

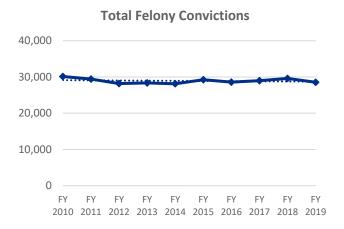
Average Minimum Active Sentence by Offense Class (in Months)



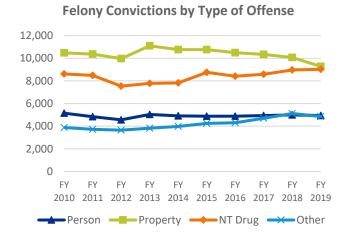
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FISCAL YEAR 2010 - FISCAL YEAR 2019

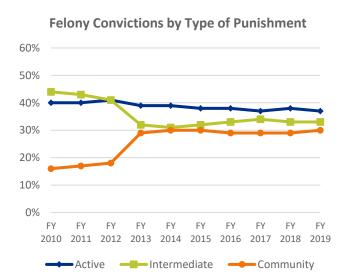
Overall, felony convictions have decreased 5% since FY 2010. After four years of increases, felony convictions decreased nearly 4% from FY 2018.



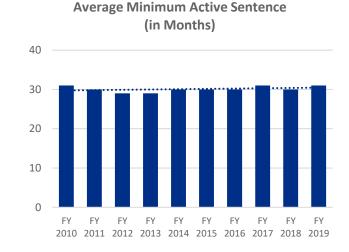
Property and non-trafficking drug crimes have comprised two-thirds of all felony convictions over the past ten years, with combined totals ranging between 65% and 69%. Property convictions have declined since FY 2013. Person convictions have remained relatively stable over the past five years. After a 4% increase in FY 2018, non-trafficking drug convictions increased 1%. Other felony convictions, which include habitual felon convictions, decreased 5% after six consecutive years of growth.



Changes to Community and Intermediate punishments under the Justice Reinvestment Act resulted in shifts in non-active punishments between FY 2012 and FY 2013. The type of punishment imposed has since been relatively stable.



The overall average minimum sentence imposed for felony convictions sentenced to an Active punishment has remained relatively stable (ranging from 29 months to 31 months) over the past ten years.



Note: Figures in this publication generally exclude felony convictions that did not fit within the appropriate cell in the Felony Punishment Chart. However, convictions for Intermediate and Community punishments in cells in which those dispositions are not authorized by the Felony Punishment Chart are included. Average Active sentence length calculations exclude death and life sentences.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2010 – FY 2019 Statistical Report Data

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