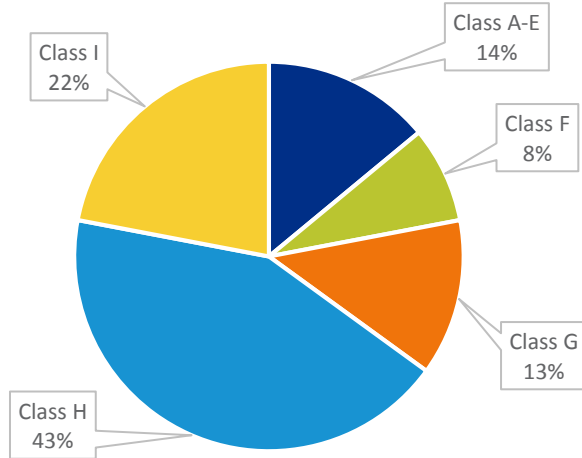


## FISCAL YEAR 2017

- ⇒ During FY 2017, sentences for 28,985 felony convictions were imposed under Structured Sentencing.
- ⇒ Nearly two-thirds (65%) of those felony convictions were in Classes H or I.
- ⇒ Most felony convictions were for either a property offense (36%) or a non-trafficking drug offense (30%).
- ⇒ 37% of felony convictions received an Active punishment.

### Offense Class Distribution



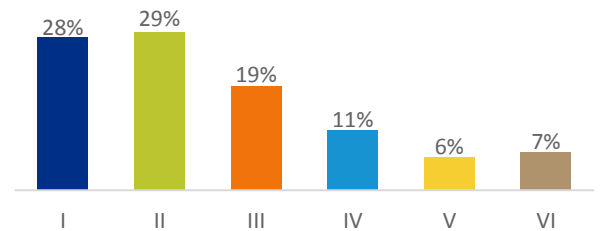
### Convictions by Type of Offense

Type of Offense	N	%
Property	10,333	36
Non-Trafficking Drug	8,587	30
Person	4,939	17
Other	4,697	17

### Offender Characteristics

- The vast majority of felony offenders were male (82%).
- 50% of felony offenders were White, 46% were Black, 2% were Hispanic, 1% were Native American, and 1% were Other.
- The average age of felony offenders was 33.
- The majority (57%) of felony convictions were for offenders in Prior Record Levels I and II, including 20% for offenders with no prior record points. 13% had serious criminal histories (PRL V and VI).

### Prior Record Level Distribution



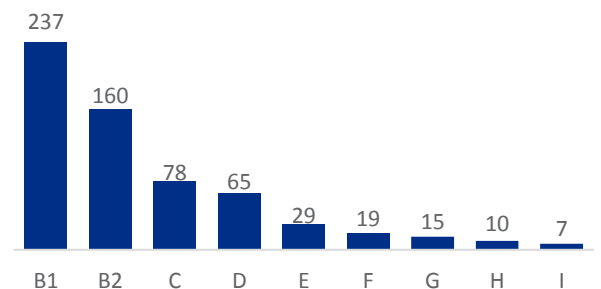
### Top 5 Felony Convictions

Offense	Class	N
Breaking and/or Entering Buildings	H	2,458
Obtain Property by False Pretense	H	1,642
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	G	1,414
Larceny of Property	H	971
Possession of Cocaine	I	954

### Punishment

- 37% of felony convictions resulted in an Active punishment, 34% resulted in an Intermediate punishment, and 29% resulted in a Community punishment.
- 67% of sentences imposed for Active punishments were sentenced in the presumptive range.
- Overall, the average minimum Active sentence was 31 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)

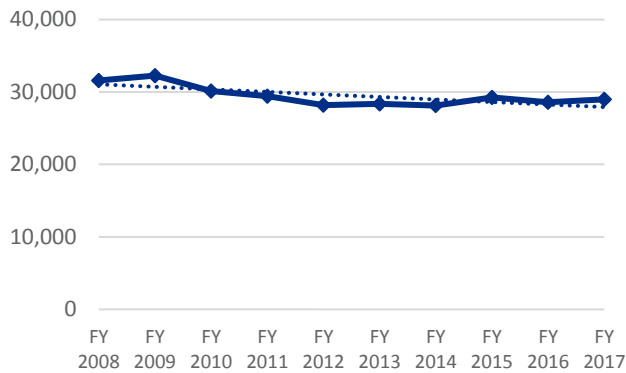


# QUICK FACTS: FELONY CONVICTIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2008 – FISCAL YEAR 2017

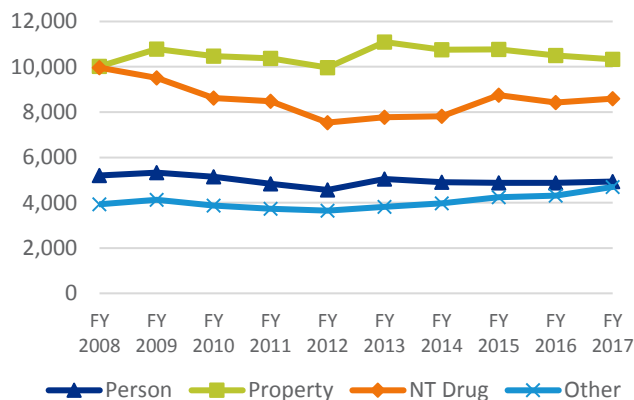
Overall, felony convictions have decreased 10% since their highest point in FY 2009. Felony convictions increased 1% from FY 2016.

**Total Felony Convictions**



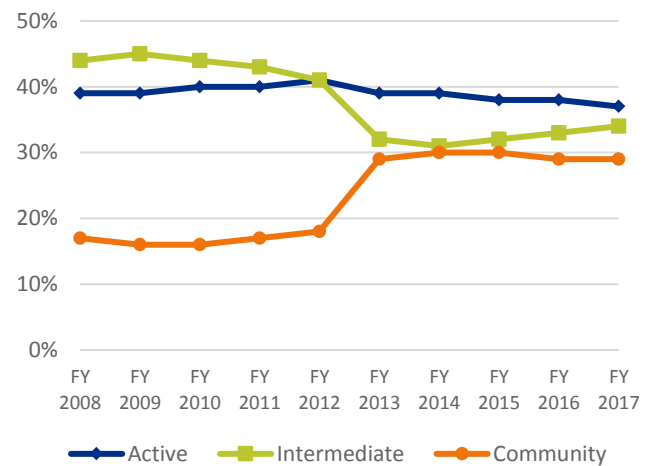
Property and non-trafficking drug crimes have comprised two-thirds of all felony convictions over the past ten years, with combined totals ranging between 66% and 69%. Property convictions have declined since FY 2013; person convictions increased slightly for the first time since FY 2013. After a 4% decrease in FY 2016, non-trafficking drug convictions increased 2%. Other felony convictions, which include habitual felon convictions, increased for the fifth consecutive year.

**Felony Convictions by Type of Offense**



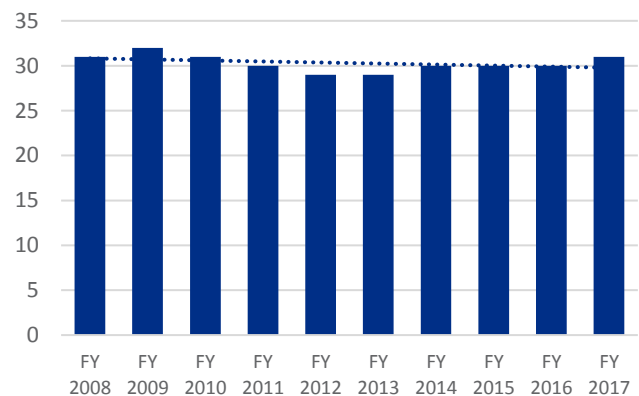
The type of punishment imposed remained relatively stable from FY 2008 to FY 2012. The shift in non-active sentences between FY 2012 and FY 2013 is a result of changes to Community and Intermediate punishments under the Justice Reinvestment Act.

**Felony Convictions by Type of Punishment**



The overall average minimum sentence imposed for felony convictions sentenced to Active punishment has remained relatively stable (ranging from 29 months to 32 months) over the past ten 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. 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 2008 – FY 2017 Statistical Report Data

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