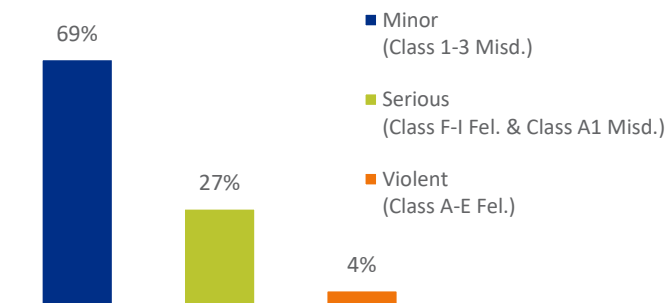


## FISCAL YEAR 2019

- ⇒ In FY 2019, there were 3,220 delinquent dispositions imposed for juveniles.
- ⇒ 69% of dispositions were for minor offenses.
- ⇒ Of the 880 dispositions for a serious offense, 30% were for Class A1 misdemeanor offenses.
- ⇒ The most common dispositions were for person and property offenses (40% and 35% respectively); few (8%) dispositions were for drug offenses.
- ⇒ Very few (3%) Level 3 dispositions (Commitment/Youth Development Center (YDC)) were imposed.

### Offense Classification



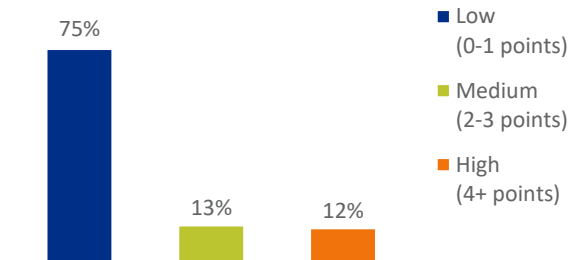
### Dispositions by Adjudicated Offense Type

| Offense Type | N     | %  |
|--------------|-------|----|
| Person       | 1,301 | 40 |
| Property     | 1,113 | 35 |
| Drug         | 257   | 8  |
| Public Order | 549   | 17 |

### Juvenile Characteristics

- The majority (78%) of juveniles were male.
- 48% of juveniles were Black, 37% were White, 10% were Hispanic, 1% were Native American, and 4% were Other.
- The average age at disposition was 14.
- Most (75%) juveniles had a low delinquency history level; 68% had zero delinquency history points.
- Slightly over half (55%) of dispositions involved a juvenile adjudicated for a minor offense with a low delinquency history level.

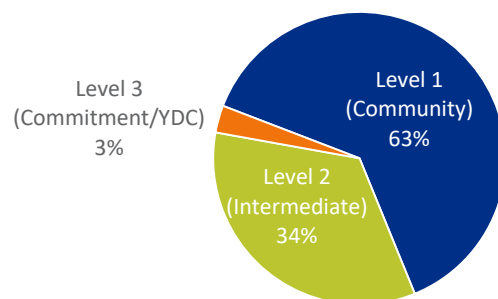
### Delinquency History Level



### Dispositions Imposed

- The majority (63%) of dispositions were Level 1.
- Of the 3,137 Level 1 and Level 2 dispositions, the most frequently imposed length of probation was 12 months (50%). The second most frequently imposed length was 6 months (27%).
- By statute, juveniles with a YDC disposition must be committed for a minimum of 6 months; the average length of stay for YDC exits was 14 months.
- The top 5 adjudicated offenses accounted for 34% of dispositions imposed in FY 2019.

### Dispositions Imposed



### Top 5 Adjudicated Offenses

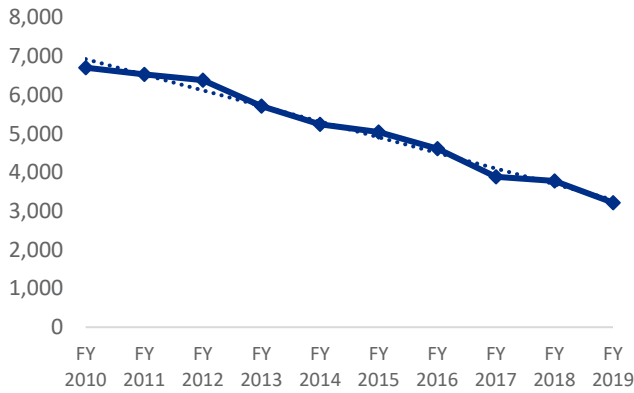
| Offense                            | Class | N   |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Simple Assault                     | 2     | 477 |
| Misdemeanor Larceny                | 1     | 235 |
| Disorderly Conduct at School       | 2     | 160 |
| Communicating Threats              | 1     | 136 |
| Breaking and/or Entering Buildings | 1     | 98  |

# QUICK FACTS: JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2010 – FISCAL YEAR 2019

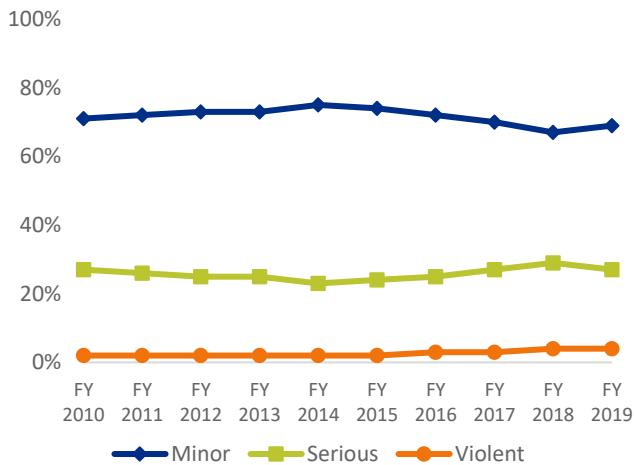
Over the past ten fiscal years, the number of delinquent dispositions has decreased 44% (from 6,707 in FY 2010 to 3,220 in FY 2019). Delinquent dispositions decreased 3% in the past fiscal year.

**Delinquent Dispositions**



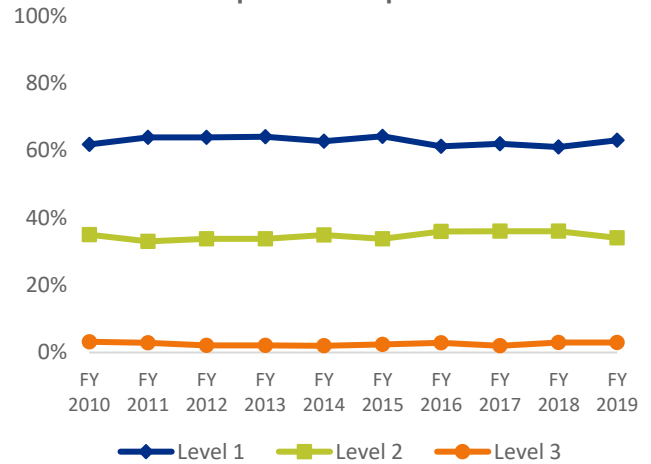
Historically, the distribution of dispositions by offense classification has remained stable. Over the past ten fiscal years, the majority of delinquent dispositions have been for minor and serious offenses, with totals ranging between 96% and 98%. The percentage of delinquent dispositions for violent offenses has remained between 2% and 4%.

**Offense Classification**



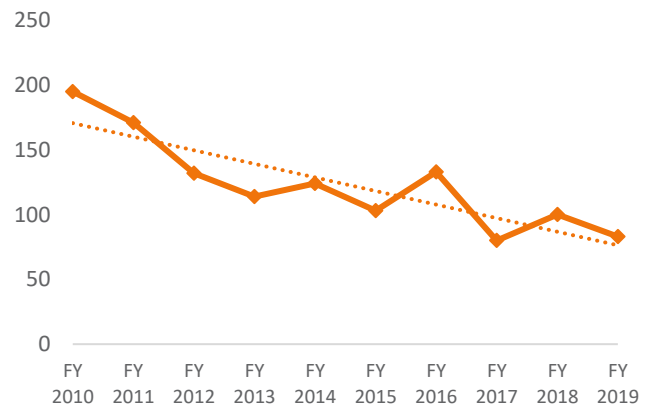
The distribution of dispositions imposed has remained stable over the past decade. Level 1 dispositions have ranged between 61% and 64% of dispositions and Level 2 dispositions have ranged between 33% and 36% of dispositions.

**Dispositions Imposed**



Level 3 dispositions have historically accounted for a very small percentage of overall dispositions. Although the number of Level 3 dispositions has fluctuated in recent years, Level 3 dispositions have decreased 57% (from 195 in FY 2010 to 83 in FY 2019). Level 3 dispositions decreased 17% (from 100 to 83) over the past fiscal year.

**Level 3 Dispositions Imposed**



NOTE: For FY 2010-FY 2019, the age of juvenile jurisdiction was between 6 and 15 years at the time of the offense as set by statute.  
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2010 – FY 2019 Disposition Simulation Data

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