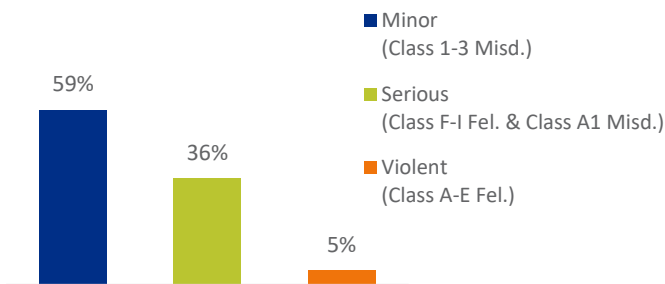


FISCAL YEAR 2022

- ⇒ While diminishing, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect FY 2022 juvenile dispositions; implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act (JJRA) also had an effect.
- ⇒ There were 2,959 delinquent dispositions imposed, a 4% increase from FY 2021.
- ⇒ 1,144 dispositions (39%) were imposed for 16- and 17-year-olds under the JJRA.
- ⇒ 59% of dispositions were for Minor offenses.
- ⇒ 24% of Serious offenses were Class A1 misdemeanors.
- ⇒ The most common dispositions were for property and person offenses; the fewest were for drug offenses.
- ⇒ Very few Level 3 dispositions (Commitment/Youth Development Center (YDC)) were imposed.

Offense Classification



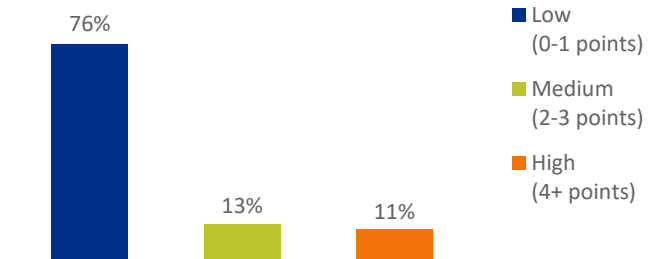
Dispositions by Adjudicated Offense Type

Offense Type	N	%
Person	1,179	40
Property	1,080	36
Other	490	17
Drug	210	7

Juvenile Characteristics

- The majority (78%) of juveniles were male.
- 51% of juveniles were Black, 36% were White, 9% were Hispanic, and 4% were Other.
- The average age at disposition was 15.
- The majority of juveniles (76%) had a Low delinquency history level; 65% had zero delinquency history points.
- Most dispositions (49%) involved a juvenile adjudicated for a Minor offense with a Low delinquency history level.

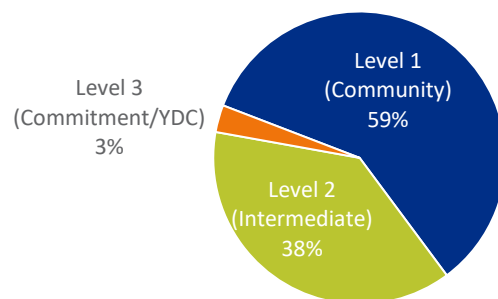
Delinquency History Level



Dispositions Imposed

- Over half of dispositions imposed (59%) were Level 1.
- Of the 2,859 Level 1 and Level 2 dispositions, the most frequently imposed length of probation was 12 months (49%). The second most frequently imposed length was 6 months (26%).
- By statute, juveniles with a Level 3 disposition must be committed to a YDC for a minimum of 6 months; the average length of stay for YDC exits was 12 months.
- The top 5 adjudicated offenses accounted for 26% of dispositions imposed in FY 2022.

Dispositions Imposed



Top 5 Adjudicated Offenses

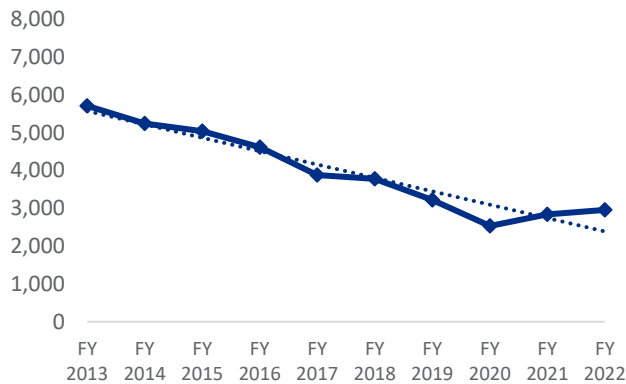
Offense	Class	N
Simple Assault	2	394
Misdemeanor Larceny	1	127
Communicating Threats	1	104
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	H	77
Breaking and/or Entering (Misd.)	1	76

# QUICK FACTS: JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS

## FISCAL YEAR 2013 – FISCAL YEAR 2022

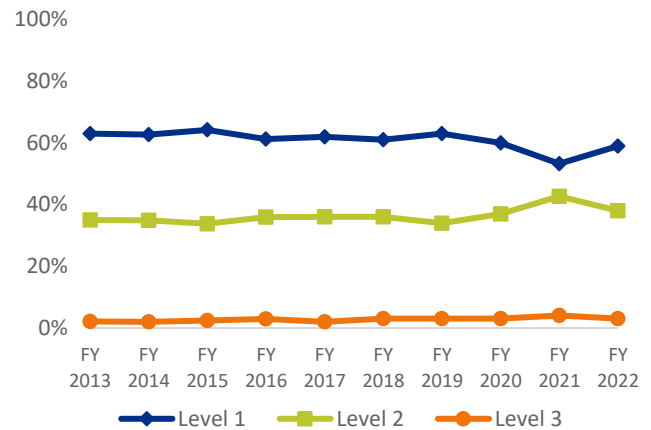
Delinquent dispositions have decreased 48% over the past ten years (from 5,711 in FY 2013 to 2,959 in FY 2022). The return to more normal pre-pandemic operations and JJRA implementation contributed to increases in delinquent dispositions of 12% in FY 2021 and 4% in the past fiscal year.

**Delinquent Dispositions**



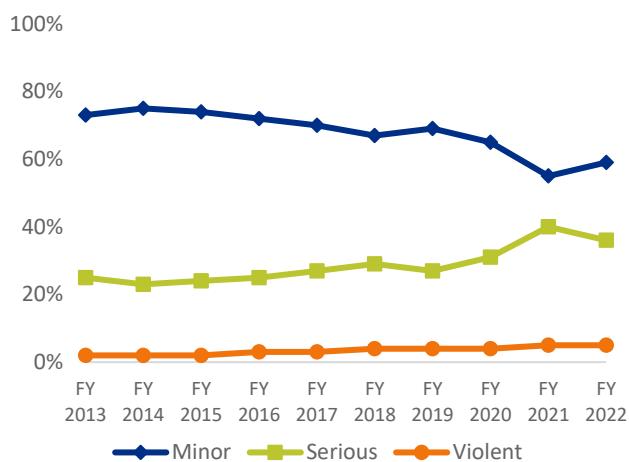
After the initial implementation of the JJRA, the distribution of dispositions imposed shifted. Level 1 dispositions comprised a smaller percentage of dispositions in FY 2021 compared to FY 2020; however, FY 2022 returned to FY 2020 distributions.

**Dispositions Imposed**



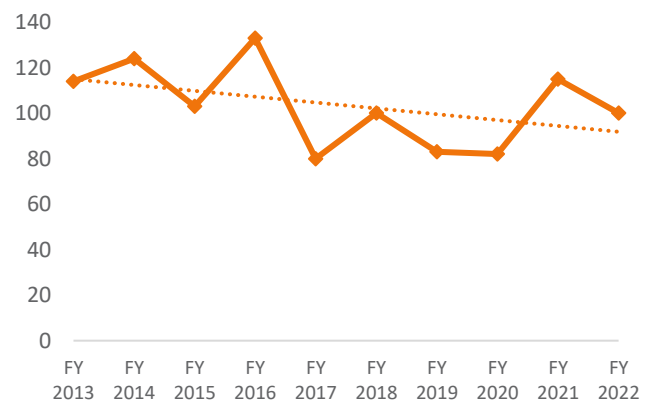
While the majority of delinquent dispositions have been for Minor and Serious offenses (totals ranging between 95% and 98%), shifts occurred in the past three fiscal years with more juveniles adjudicated of a Serious offense compared to pre-pandemic and pre-JJRA fiscal years (FY 2013 to FY 2019).

**Offense Classification**



Level 3 dispositions continue to account for a very small percentage of overall dispositions. Although the number has fluctuated in recent years, Level 3 dispositions have decreased 12% since FY 2013. Level 3 dispositions decreased 13% (from 115 to 100) over the past fiscal year.

**Level 3 Dispositions Imposed**



NOTE: For FY 2013 to FY 2019, the age of juvenile jurisdiction was between 6 and 15 years at the time of the offense as set by statute. FY 2020 data captured the first 7 months of the JJRA implementation, which increased the age of juvenile jurisdiction to include most 16- and 17-year-olds (n=187). FY 2021 and FY 2022 captured a full year of JJRA implementation.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2013 – FY 2022 Disposition Simulation Data

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