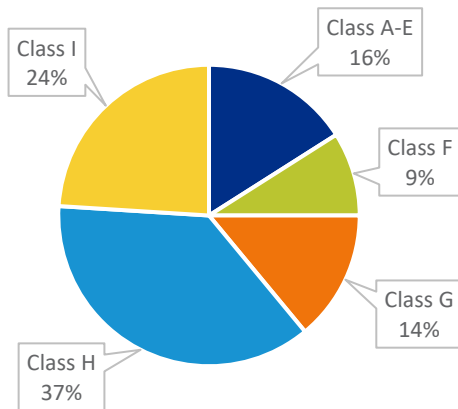


FISCAL YEAR 2024

- ⇒ There were 27,088 sentences imposed in FY 2024 for felony convictions under Structured Sentencing.
- ⇒ A large portion (61%) of felony convictions were for Class H and I offenses.
- ⇒ Most felony convictions were for either a non-trafficking drug offense (30%) or a property offense (26%).
- ⇒ The most frequently convicted offense was possession of a firearm by a felon.
- ⇒ The top 5 offenses accounted for 29% of all felony convictions.
- ⇒ 40% of convictions resulted in an Active punishment.

Offense Class

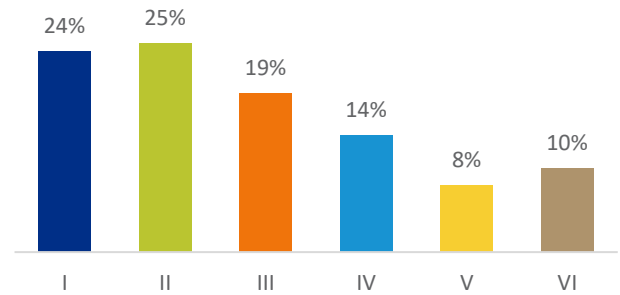


Crime Type	N	%
Person	5,262	20
Property	6,891	26
Non-Trafficking (NT) Drug	8,009	30
Other	6,423	24

Offender Characteristics

- The majority of felony offenders were male (82%).
- 49% of offenders were White, 44% were Black, 3% were Hispanic, <1% were Native American, and 4% were Other.
- The average age of offenders at conviction was 37.
- Almost half (49%) of convictions were for offenders in Prior Record Levels I and II, including 18% for offenders with no prior record points.
- 18% had serious criminal histories (Prior Record Levels V and VI).

Prior Record Level



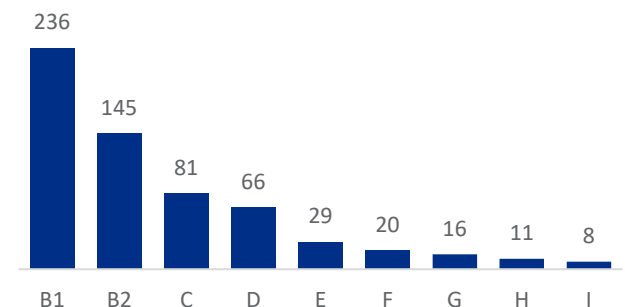
Top 5 Convictions

Top 5 Convictions	Class	N
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	G	2,319
Possess Methamphetamine	I	2,217
Possess Schedule II Controlled Subst.	I	1,082
Breaking or Entering Buildings	H	1,064
Larceny of Property (>\$1,000)	H	961

Punishment Imposed

- 40% of convictions resulted in an Active punishment, 36% resulted in an Intermediate punishment, and 24% 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 35 months.
- 90% of offenders with active sentences received credit for time served, with an average credit of 9 months.

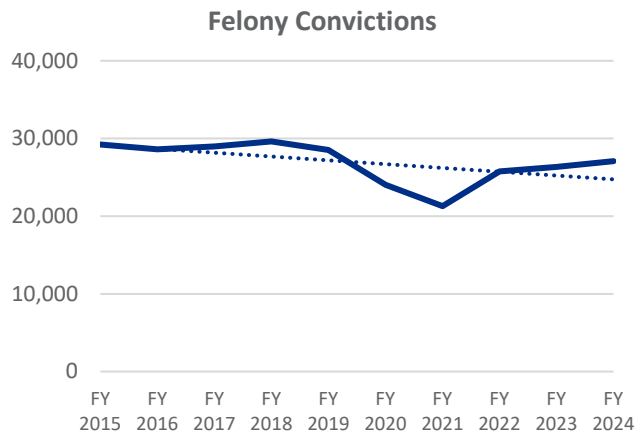
**Average Minimum Active Sentence
by Offense Class (Months)**



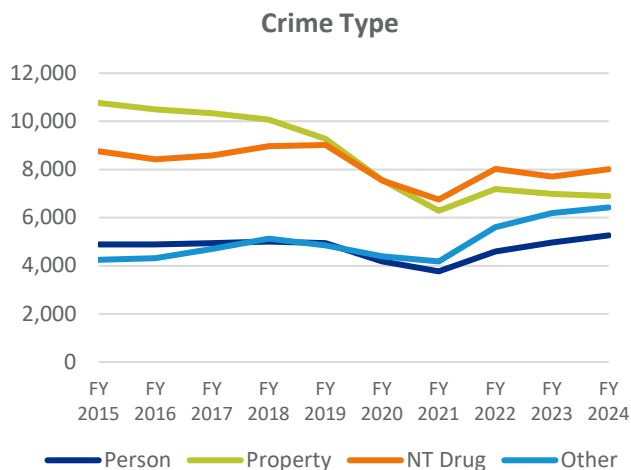
QUICK FACTS: FELONY CONVICTIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2015 – FISCAL YEAR 2024

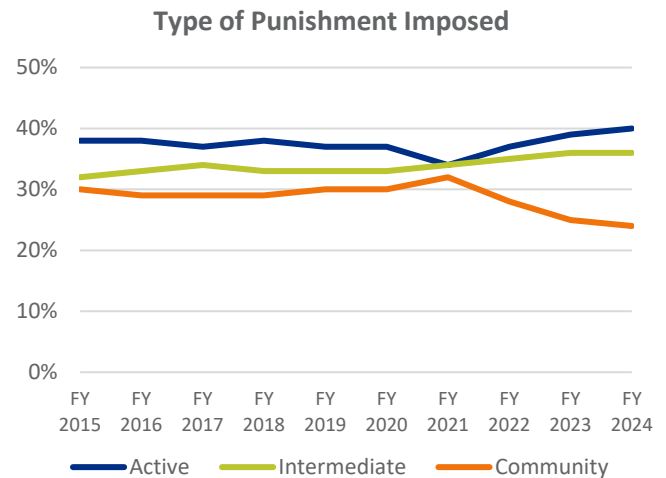
Felony convictions were relatively stable prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in FY 2020. Felony convictions declined 25% during the height of the pandemic (FY 2020 and FY 2021). Felony convictions have increased 27% since FY 2021, including a 3% increase this past fiscal year.



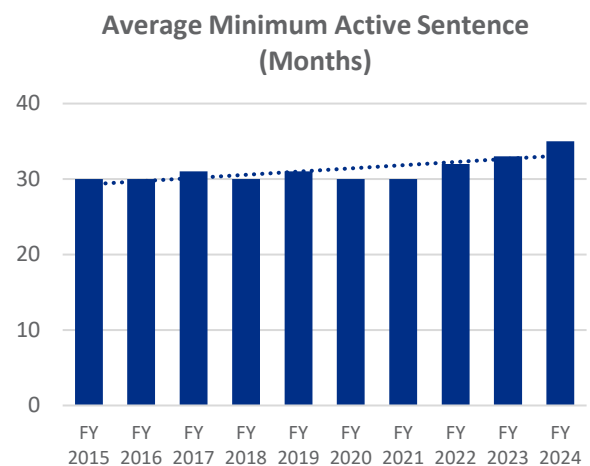
The volume of convictions for all offense types declined because of the pandemic but have since increased. While property offenses remained about the same, in the past year, person offenses increased 6% and non-trafficking drug and other offenses increased 4% each.



With the exception of FY 2021 (due to the effects of the pandemic), the percentage of convictions with an Active punishment imposed has been stable (37% to 40%). Following FY 2021, Intermediate punishments have increased, while Community punishments have decreased.



The overall average minimum sentence imposed for felony convictions sentenced to an Active punishment remained relatively stable (ranging from 30 to 31 months) from FY 2015 to FY 2021. Since FY 2021, the average minimum Active sentence has steadily increased from 30 to 35 months in FY 2024.



Note: Figures in this publication generally exclude felony convictions that did not fit within the appropriate cell in the Felony Punishment Chart.

Average active sentence length calculations exclude death and life sentences

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2015 – FY 2024 Statistical Report Data

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