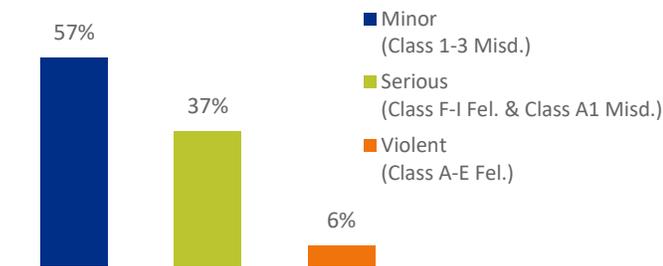


FISCAL YEAR 2023

- ⇒ There were 3,435 delinquent dispositions imposed in FY 2023, a 16% increase from FY 2022.
- ⇒ The majority of dispositions were for minor offenses (e.g., Class 1-3 misdemeanors); 24% of Serious offenses were Class A1 misdemeanors.
- ⇒ The most common dispositions were for person and property offenses; the least were for drug offenses.

Offense Classification



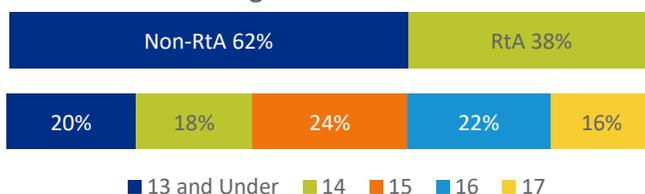
Adjudicated Offense Type

Offense Type	N	%
Person	1,451	42
Property	1,129	33
Other	617	18
Drug	238	7

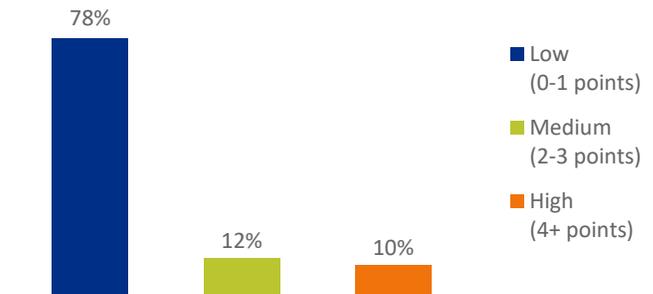
Juvenile Characteristics

- The majority (80%) of juveniles were male.
- 53% of juveniles were Black, 32% were White, 10% were Hispanic, and 5% were Other.
- The average age at offense was 15; 38% of juveniles were 16-17 years old (i.e., the Raise the Age [RtA] population).
- The majority of juveniles (78%) had a Low delinquency history level; 69% had zero delinquency history points.
- Nearly half (47%) of dispositions involved a juvenile adjudicated for a Minor offense with a Low delinquency history level.

Age at Offense



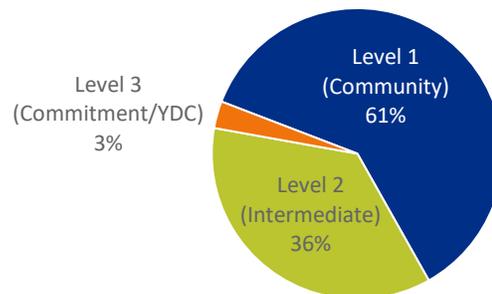
Delinquency History Level



Dispositions Imposed

- 61% of dispositions imposed were Level 1.
- Of the 3,329 Level 1 and Level 2 dispositions, the most frequently imposed length of probation was 12 months (45%). The second most frequently imposed length was 6 months (32%).
- Very few (3%) Level 3 dispositions (i.e., Commitment/Youth Development Center [YDC]) were imposed.
- 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 was 13 months.
- The top 5 adjudicated offenses accounted for 27% of dispositions imposed in FY 2023.

Dispositions Imposed



Top 5 Adjudicated Offenses

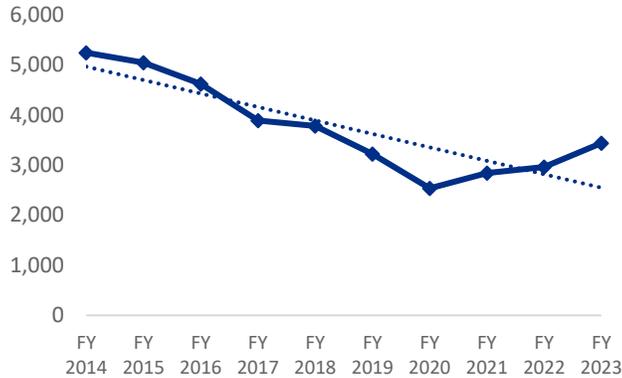
Offense	Class	N
Simple Assault	2	422
Misdemeanor Larceny	1	148
Communicating Threats	1	137
Possess Handgun by Minor	1	109
Breaking and/or Entering (Felony)	H	105

QUICK FACTS: JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2014 – FISCAL YEAR 2023

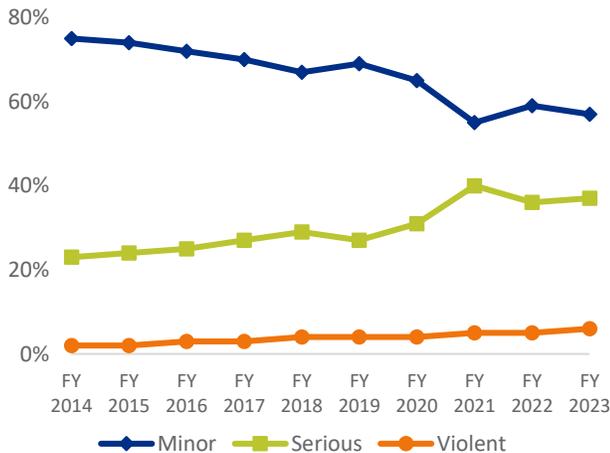
Delinquent dispositions have decreased 34% over the past ten years (from 5,240 in FY 2014 to 3,435 in FY 2023). The return to more normal pre-pandemic operations and implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act (JJRA) contributed to increases in delinquent dispositions of 4% in FY 2022 and 16% in the past fiscal year.

Delinquent Dispositions



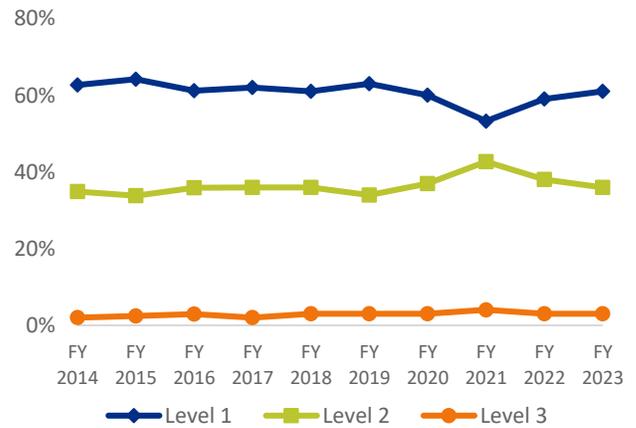
The majority of delinquent dispositions have been for Minor and Serious offenses (totals ranging between 94% and 98%). Violent offenses have remained at 6% or under the past ten fiscal years.

Offense Classification



After a decrease in Level 1 dispositions and an increase in Level 2 dispositions in FY 2021, those dispositions have returned to pre-pandemic distributions. The 15% increase in Level 2 dispositions in FY 2021 could be reflective of a shift in focus during the pandemic to more serious cases.

Dispositions Imposed



Level 3 dispositions continued to account for a very small percentage of overall dispositions. The number has fluctuated in recent years, including a 6% increase over the past fiscal year (100 in FY 2022 to 106 in FY 2023); however, Level 3 dispositions have decreased 15% overall since FY 2014.

Level 3 Dispositions Imposed



NOTE: For FY 2014 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. Every year following includes a full year of empirical data on JJRA.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2014 – FY 2023 Disposition Simulation Data.

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