### North Carolina

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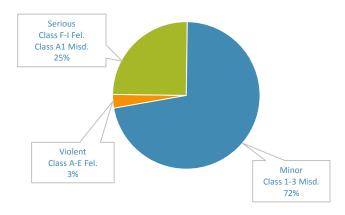
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# Quick Facts: Juvenile Dispositions

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2016**

- ⇒ 4,614 delinquent dispositions were imposed for juveniles in FY 2016.
- The majority of juveniles were adjudicated for a minor offense.
- Of the 1,158 adjudications for a serious offense, 35% were for Class A1 misdemeanor offenses.
- ⇒ Few (3%) juveniles received a Level 3 disposition (Commitment/YDC).
- → Most dispositions were for either a property offense (39%) or a person offense (36%).

#### Offense Classification

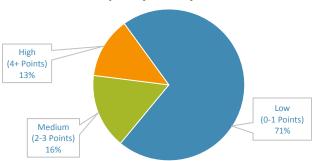


Offense Type	N	%	
Person	1,687	36	
Property	1,793	39	
Drug	366	8	
Public Order	768	17	

#### **Juvenile Characteristics**

- The vast majority of juveniles were male (79%).
- 52% of juveniles were Black, 34% were White, 9% were Hispanic, 1% were Native American, and 4% were Other.
- The average age at disposition was 14.
- The majority (71%) of juveniles had a low delinquency history level; 60% of juveniles had 0 delinquency history points.
- Slightly over half (53%) of dispositions involved a juvenile adjudicated for a minor offense with a low delinquency history level.

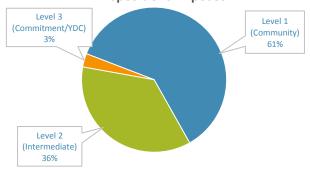
#### **Delinquency History Level**



#### **Dispositions Imposed**

- Most juveniles received a Level 1 disposition.
- Of the 4,481 juveniles receiving a Level 1 or Level 2 disposition, 22% received 6 months of probation, 13% received 9 months, 60% received 12 months, and 5% received another probation length.
- By statute, juveniles with a YDC disposition must be committed for a minimum of 6 months.
- The top 5 adjudicated offenses account for 37% of dispositions imposed in FY 2016.

#### **Dispositions Imposed**



#### **Top 5 Adjudicated Offenses**

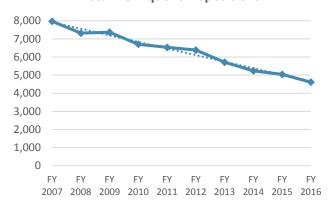
Offense	Class	N	
Simple Assault	2	635	
Misdemeanor Larceny	1	441	
Disorderly Conduct at School	2	259	
Felony Breaking and/or Entering	Н	190	
Misdemeanor Breaking and Entering	1	168	

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#### FISCAL YEAR 2007 - FISCAL YEAR 2016

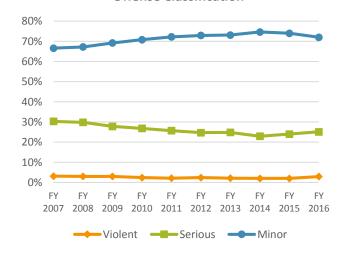
Over the past ten fiscal years, the number of delinquent dispositions has decreased 42% (from 7,973 in FY 2007 to 4,614 in FY 2016). Delinquent dispositions decreased 8% in the past fiscal year.





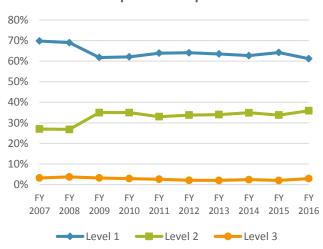
Historically, the distribution of dispositions by offense classification has remained remarkably stable. Over the past ten fiscal years, the majority of delinquent dispositions have been for minor and serious offenses, with totals ranging between 97% and 98%. The percentage of delinquent dispositions for violent offenses has remained between 2% and 3%.

Offense Classification



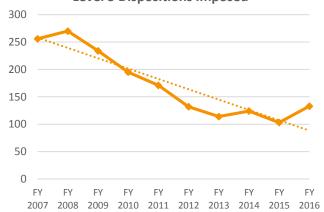
From FY 2009 to FY 2016, the distribution of dispositions imposed has remained relatively stable from year to year. Shifts in Level 1 and Level 2 dispositions from FY 2008 to FY 2009 are most likely attributed to a methodological change in the way juvenile dispositions were captured.

**Dispositions Imposed** 



Historically, Level 3 dispositions account for a very small percentage of overall dispositions. Over the past ten fiscal years, the number of Level 3 dispositions has decreased 48% (from 256 in FY 2007 to 133 in FY 2016. Level 3 dispositions increased from 103 to 133 over the past fiscal year.

**Level 3 Dispositions Imposed** 



SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2007 - FY 2016 Disposition Simulation Data

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