

# QUICK FACTS: JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS

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### FISCAL YEAR 2018

- ⇒ In FY 2018, there were 3,780 delinquent dispositions imposed for juveniles.
- ⇒ 67% of dispositions were for minor offenses.
- ⇒ Of the 1,108 dispositions for a serious offense, 28% were for Class A1 misdemeanor offenses.
- ⇒ The most common dispositions were for person and property offenses (38% and 37% respectively); less than 10% of dispositions were for drug offenses.
- ⇒ Very few (3%) Level 3 dispositions (Commitment/Youth Development Center (YDC)) were imposed.



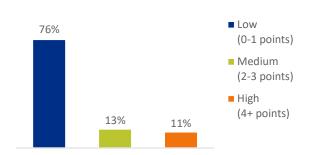
#### **Offense Classification**

#### Adjudications by Offense Type

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Offense Type	Ν	%
Person	1,413	38
Property	1,400	37
Drug	311	8
Public Order	656	17

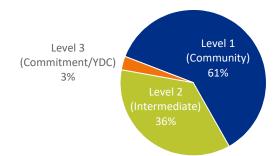
**Juvenile Characteristics** 

- The vast majority (80%) of juveniles were male.
- 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.
- Most (76%) juveniles had a low delinquency history level;
  68% had zero delinquency history points.
- Slightly over half (54%) of dispositions involved a juvenile adjudicated for a minor offense with a low delinquency history level.



#### **Dispositions Imposed**

- The majority (61%) of dispositions were Level 1.
- Of the 3,680 Level 1 and Level 2 dispositions, the most frequently imposed length of probation was 12 months (59%). The second most frequently imposed was 6 months (25%).
- 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 13 months.
- The top 5 adjudicated offenses accounted for 35% of dispositions imposed in FY 2018.



#### **Dispositions Imposed**

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

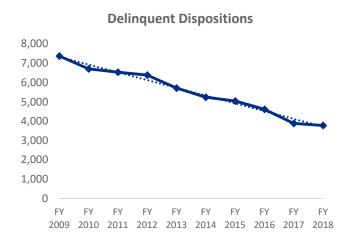
Offense	Class	Ν
Simple Assault	2	494
Misdemeanor Larceny	1	310
Disorderly Conduct at School	2	199
Breaking and/or Entering Buildings	Н	169
Communicating Threats	1	135

#### Delinquency History Level

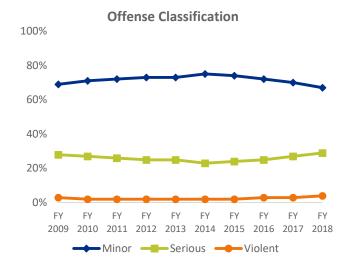
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### FISCAL YEAR 2009 – FISCAL YEAR 2018

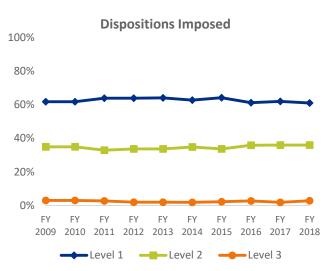
Over the past ten fiscal years, the number of delinquent dispositions has decreased 49% (from 7,369 in FY 2009 to 3,780 in FY 2018). Delinquent dispositions decreased 3% in the past fiscal year.



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%.



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.



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 234 in FY 2009 to 100 in FY 2018). Level 3 dispositions increased 25% (from 80 to 100) over the past fiscal year.



SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2009 - FY 2018 Disposition Simulation Data

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