

NC Human Trafficking Charges



Human Trafficking Statistics

From 2017-2019, the number of charges for human trafficking, sexual servitude, and involuntary servitude trended upward annually, but decreased considerably from 2019 to 2020. In 2021, charges again increased.

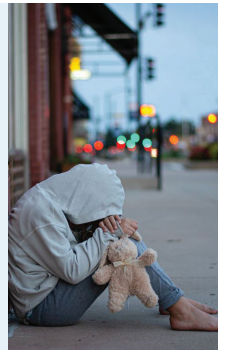


	HUMAN TRAFFICKING ¹	INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE ²	SEXUAL SERVITUDE ³	TOTAL
2017	97	8	49	154
2018	120	13	46	179
2019	137	11	57	205
2020	102	1	36	139
2021	122	12	43	177

Charges Involving a Minor

The following charges relate to crimes involving minors.⁴

Charge	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Trend
Solicit Prostitution Minor	16	17	30	15	19	
Promote Prostitution	24	43	28	33	17	
Sexual exploitation of minor (1 st degree)	306	274	368	361	320	
Sexual exploitation of minor (2 nd degree)	2,006	1,872	2,234	2,525	3,240	
Solicit Child by Computer	164	101	111	130	136	
Patronize prostitution (minor)	5	4	1	--	1	



Related Charges

Charges related to human trafficking fluctuated during the years 2017-2021. The year 2021 saw increases from 2020 in charges of aid and abet prostitution, patronize prostitution, the abduction of children, and the sexual exploitation of minor (3rd degree). Charges for other related crimes (e.g., felony child abuse – prostitution and sexual act, prostitution, solicit prostitution, promote prostitution, kidnapping) decreased in that same period.



Charge	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Felony Child Abuse - Prostitution	1	1	2	9	4
Felony Child Abuse - Sexual Act	191	212	180	188	143
Aid and Abet Prostitution	27	15	19	12	15
Prostitution (14-204(A))	147	125	133	108	44
Solicit Prostitution (14-205.1)	382	299	325	243	161
Patronize Prostitution (14-205.2)	29	10	11	3	5
Promote Prostitution (14-205.3)	158	134	179	90	43
Kidnapping	189	249	258	250	225
Abduction of Children	85	67	79	115	134
Sexual exploitation of minor (3 rd degree)	1,241	1,397	1,954	2,238	3,397

Sexual Offenses

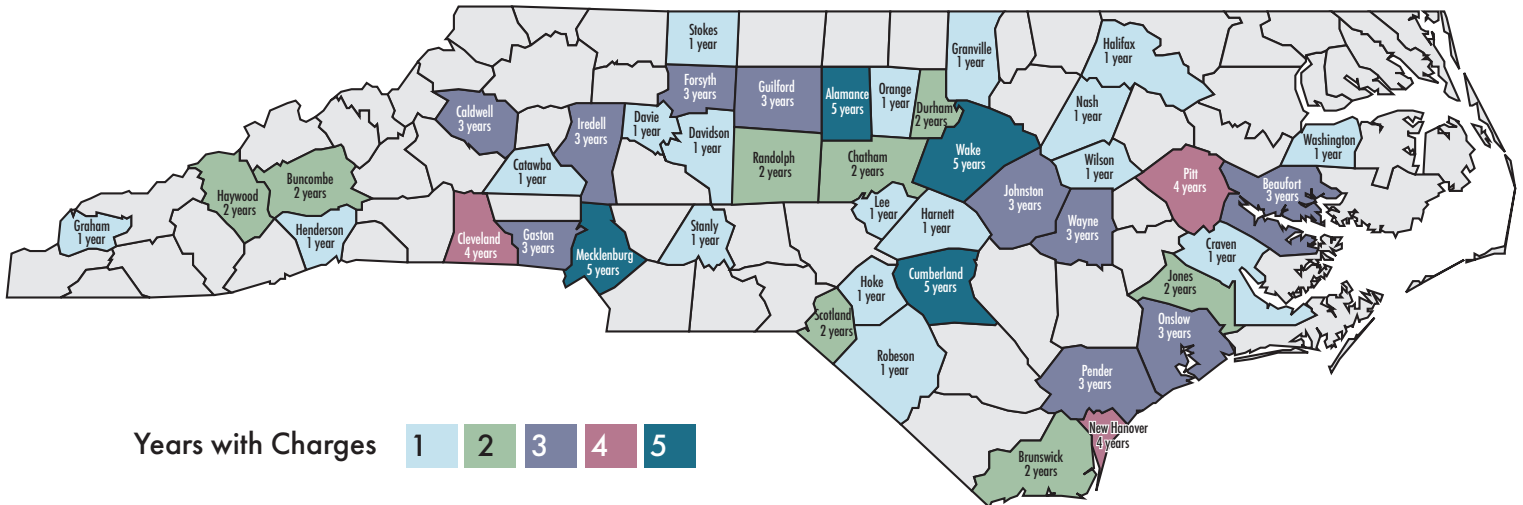
Across a variety of sexual offenses⁵, the number of arrests decreased each year from 2017 to 2020 and increased in 2021.



	Total Number of Arrests
2017	12,057
2018	11,542
2019	11,455
2020	11,000
2021	13,354

Counties with Human Trafficking Charges

Forty-three of the 100 NC counties had at least one human trafficking, sexual servitude, or involuntary servitude charge during the years 2017-2021. Alamance, Cumberland, Mecklenburg, and Wake counties had at least one charge in **each** of those years.



¹ 14-33.11(A): Human trafficking (adult and child victim)

² 14-43.12(A): Involuntary servitude (adult and child victim)

³ 14-43.13(A): Sexual servitude (adult and child victim)

⁴ 14-205.1; 14-205.3(B)(1) and (2); 14-190.16; 14-190.17; 14-202.3(A) and (C)(2); 14-205.2(A)(1)

⁵ Includes rape, sexual offenses, attempted sexual acts with minors, sexual battery, incest, rape of a child, and disclosure of private images.

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