Correctional Program Evaluation

Reference Report

Offenders Released from Probation or Prison in FY 2019

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INTRODUCTION

The Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission (Sentencing Commission) prepares biennial reports evaluating the effectiveness of the State's correctional programs (N.C.G.S. § 164-47). The Sentencing Commission has published thirteen recidivism reports in compliance with this mandate; the most recent study was published on April 15, 2024.[1] Historically, the Sentencing Commission's research design used a sample of offenders released from prison or *placed on probation* during a fiscal year. In its most recent report (the 2024 report), a new methodology was used for the study of probationers, based on *release from or completion of probation*, rather than admission.

This report combines the prison release sample examined in the *Correctional Program Evaluation Report: Offenders Placed on Probation or Released from Prison in FY 2019* (2022) with the probation release sample examined in the *Correctional Program Evaluation Special Report: Offenders Released from Supervised Probation in FY 2019* (2022) to create a new sample using the most recent methodology. It was developed as a reference for the 2024 report to allow for comparisons between sample characteristics and outcomes, critical comparisons for understanding recidivism.

The sample in this reference report includes offenders sentenced under the Structured Sentencing Act who were released from supervised probation or prison in FY 2019 (N=45,617). (*See* Figure 1.) Direct comparisons can be made to the 2024 sample, but not the previous twelve Commission studies of recidivism. Included in this document are tables and figures like those published in the 2024 report. For definitions, explanations of terms, and data caveats, please refer to the 2024 report.

Figure 1
FY 2019 Recidivism Release Sample
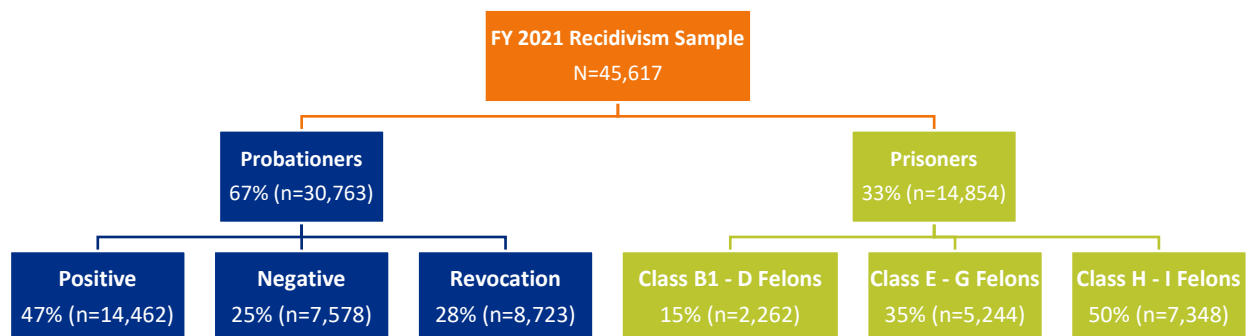
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

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[1] For all recidivism studies mentioned in this section, *see* the Sentencing Commission's reports at https://www.nccourts.gov/documents/publications/adult-recidivismcorrectional-program-evaluation.

SECTION I: OFFENDERS RELEASED FROM PROBATION OR PRISON IN FY 2019

STATISTICAL PROFILE

Figure 2
FY 2019 Recidivism Sample
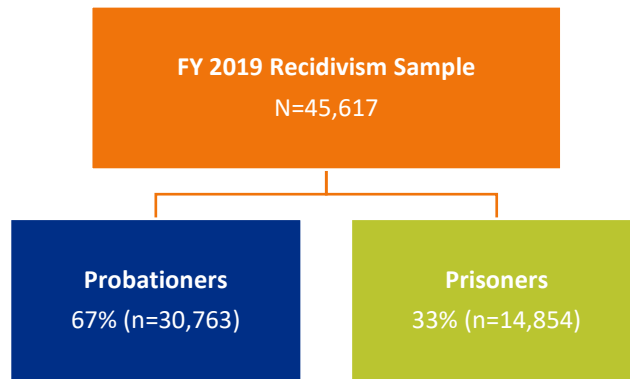
FY 2019 Recidivism Sample
N=45,617

Probationers
67% (n=30,763)

Prisoners
33% (n=14,854)

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 3
Sex and Race

Sex

Category	Male	Female
Probationers	72%	28%
Prisoners	88%	12%
All Offenders	78%	22%

Race

Category	White	Black	Other/Unknown
Probationers	51%	43%	6%
Prisoners	45%	49%	6%
All Offenders	49%	45%	6%

■ Male ■ Female   ■ White ■ Black ■ Other/Unknown
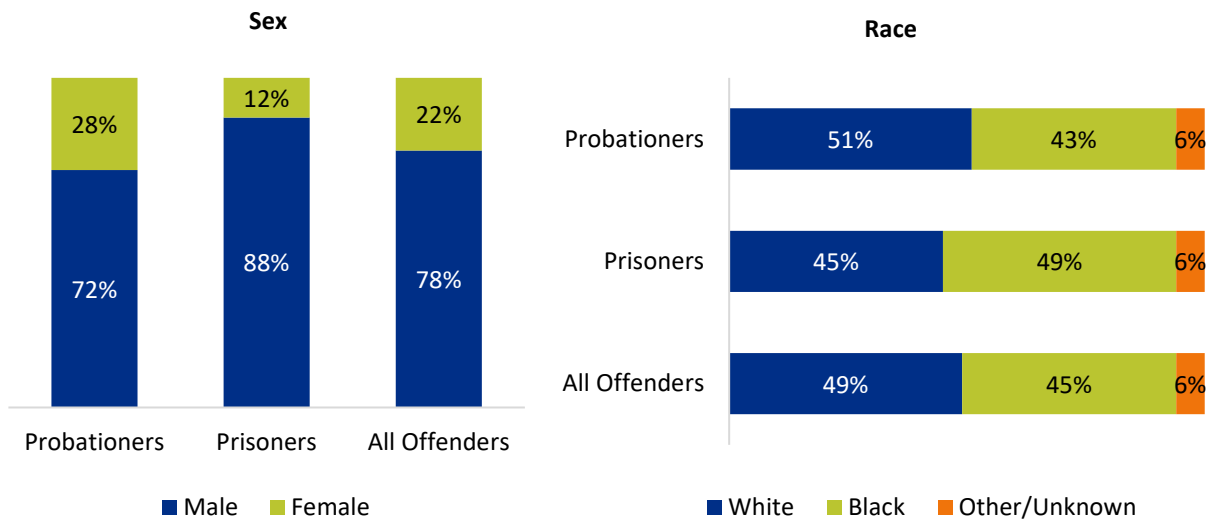
Note: Of the 45,617 offenders with ethnicity data available, 3% were Hispanic.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 1
Personal Characteristics

Personal Characteristics	Probationers n=30,763 %	Prisoners n=14,854 %	All Offenders N=45,617 %
Age at Release			
Under 21 Years	6	4	5
21-29 Years	33	31	32
30-39 Years	31	33	31
40-49 Years	17	19	18
50 Years and Older	13	13	14
Average	*35*	*36*	*35*
Marital Status			
Married	13	11	12
Not Married	87	89	88
Education			
High School Graduate	48	29	42
High School Dropout/GED	52	71	58
Substance Use			
None Indicated	31	24	29
Substance Use Indicated	69	76	71

Note: Seventy-seven (77) offenders were missing education and 6,041 were missing substance use information.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 2
Prior Criminal Justice Contacts

Prior Criminal Justice Contacts	Probationers n=30,763 %	Prisoners n=14,854 %	All Offenders N=45,617 %
Prior Arrest	79	95	84
Prior Probation Entry	58	86	67
Prior Probation/PRS Revocation	33	60	42
Prior Incarceration	27	58	37

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 4
Number of Prior Arrests for Offenders with Any Prior Arrest

	1	2-3	4-5	6-9	10+ Prior Arrests
Probationers n=24,451	24%	31%	18%	16%	11%
Prisoners n=14,084	8%	17%	17%	26%	32%
All Offenders n=38,535	18%	26%	17%	20%	19%

■ 1 ■ 2-3 ■ 4-5 ■ 6-9 ■ 10+ Prior Arrests

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 5
Offense Class of the Sample Conviction

	Class B1 - D Felony	Class E - G Felony	Class H - I Felony	Class A1 - 3 Misdemeanor
Probationers		11%	29%	60%
Prisoners	15%	35%	50%	
All Offenders	5%	19%	36%	40%

■ Class B1 - D Felony ■ Class E - G Felony ■ Class H - I Felony ■ Class A1 - 3 Misdemeanor
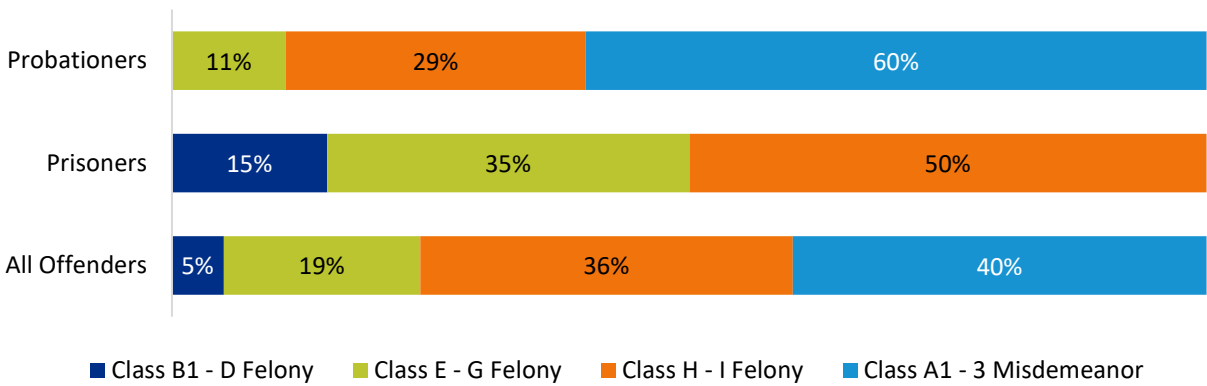
Note: Few probationers (n=36 or <1%) had Class B1 - D felony convictions.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 6
Offense Category of the Sample Conviction
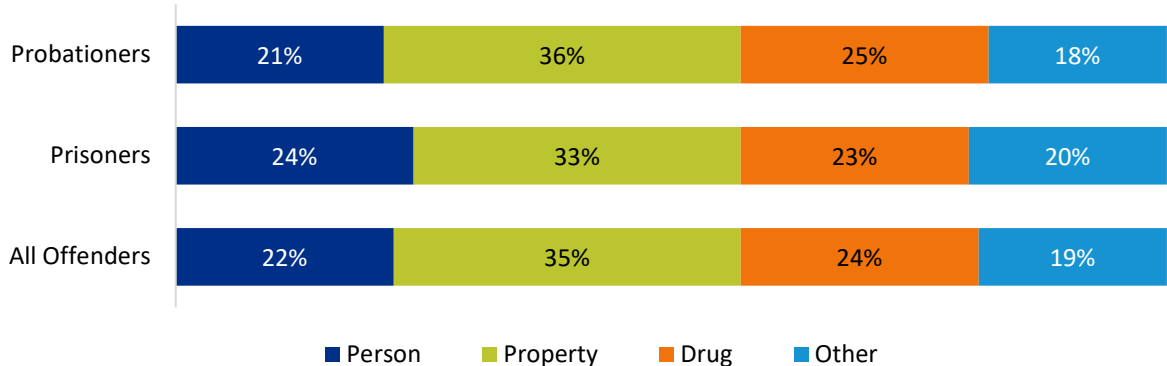
	Person	Property	Drug	Other
Probationers	21%	36%	25%	18%
Prisoners	24%	33%	23%	20%
All Offenders	22%	35%	24%	19%

■ Person ■ Property ■ Drug ■ Other

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 7
Top 5 Convictions

Probationers

- 11% Misdemeanor Larceny (Class 1) - Property
- 6% Driving While License Revoked (Class 1 or 3) - Other
- 6% Assault on a Female (Class A1) - Person
- 5% Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia (Class 1) - Drug
- 4% Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance (Class I) - Drug

Prisoners

- 9% Felony Breaking and/or Entering (Class H) - Property
- 7% Habitual Felon (Class C, D, or E) - Other
- 6% Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (Class G) - Other
- 5% Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance (Class I) - Drug
- 5% Obtain Property by False Pretenses (Class H) - Property

All Offenders

- 7% Misdemeanor Larceny (Class 1) - Property
- 5% Felony Breaking and/or Entering (Class H) - Property
- 5% Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance (Class I) - Drug
- 4% Driving While License Revoked (Class 1 or 3) - Other
- 4% Assault on a Female (Class A1) - Person

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 8
Risk and Need Levels

Risk Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal
Probationers	9%	18%	43%	26%	4%
Prisoners	42%	37%	19%		2%
All Offenders	19%	24%	36%	18%	3%

Need Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal
Probationers	24%	18%	38%	17%	3%
Prisoners	27%	20%	35%	16%	2%
All Offenders	25%	19%	37%	16%	3%

■ Extreme ■ High ■ Moderate ■ Low ■ Minimal
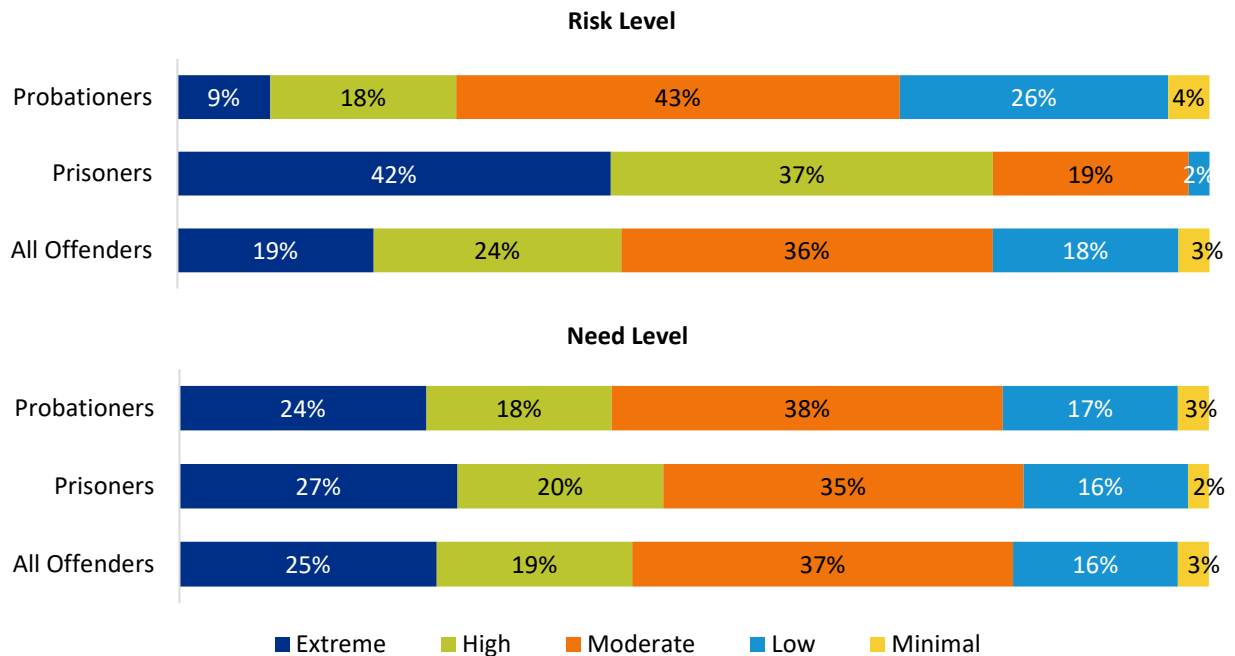
Note: Excludes offenders who did not have a Risk and Need Assessment (RNA) completed and a supervision level assigned (n=6,041). Less than 1% of prisoners were assessed as minimal risk.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 3
Areas of Need Identified

Areas of Need	Probationers n=27,131 %	Prisoners n=12,445 %	All Offenders n=39,576 %
Criminogenic Factors			
Anti-social Personality	19	30	22
Anti-social Values	18	19	18
Criminal Peers	41	46	43
Dysfunctional Family	52	51	52
Self-Control	24	25	25
Substance Use	69	76	71
Health Factors			
Mental Health	52	47	50
Physical	32	28	30
Additional Factors			
Academic/Vocational	42	43	42
Employment	46	59	50
Financial	36	31	35
Housing	27	27	27
Legal	58	68	61
Social Skills	41	48	43
Transportation	63	82	69

Note: Excludes offenders who did not have an RNA completed and a supervision level assigned (n=6,041).
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

CRIMINAL JUSTICE OUTCOMES

Recidivist Arrests

Table 4
Recidivist Arrest Rates: Two-Year Follow-Up

Offender Type	N	# with Any Recidivist Arrest	Total # Recidivist Arrests	% One-Year Follow-Up	% Two-Year Follow-Up
Probationers	30,763	8,610	16,067	17	28
Prisoners	14,854	7,349	15,567	33	49
All Offenders	**45,617**	**15,959**	**31,634**	**23**	**35**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation

Figure 9
Number of Recidivist Arrests for Offenders with Any Arrest: Two-Year Follow-Up
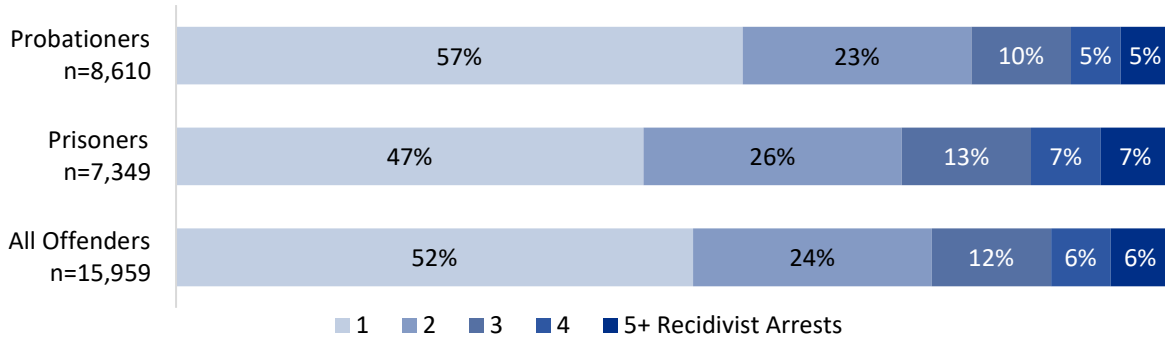
Probationers n=8,610	57%	23%	10%	5%	5%
Prisoners n=7,349	47%	26%	13%	7%	7%
All Offenders n=15,959	52%	24%	12%	6%	6%

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5+ Recidivist Arrests

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 10
Most Serious Recidivist Arrest by Offense Type for Offenders with Any Arrest: Two-Year Follow-Up
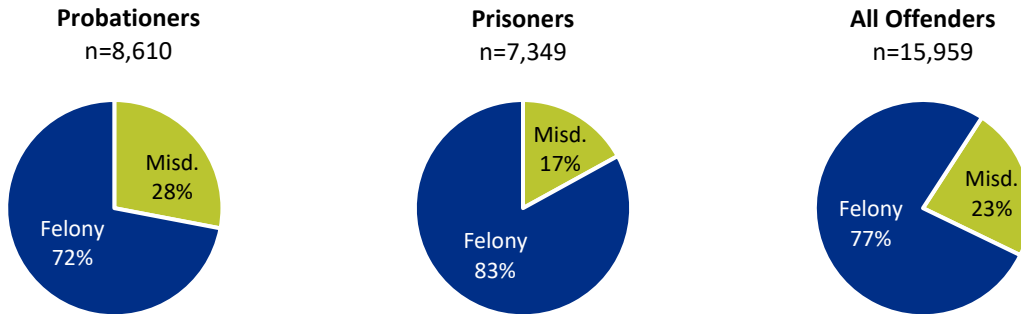
Probationers n=8,610	**Prisoners** n=7,349	**All Offenders** n=15,959
Misd. 28% / Felony 72%	Misd. 17% / Felony 83%	Misd. 23% / Felony 77%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 11
Number of Recidivist Arrests by Offense Category for Offenders with Any Arrest: Two-Year Follow-Up

Probationers n=8,610: Person 3,768; Property 5,705; Drug 5,202; Other 6,232
Prisoners n=7,349: Person 3,653; Property 6,263; Drug 4,730; Other 6,394
All Offenders n=15,959: Person 7,421; Property 11,968; Drug 9,932; Other 12,626

■ Person ■ Property ■ Drug ■ Other
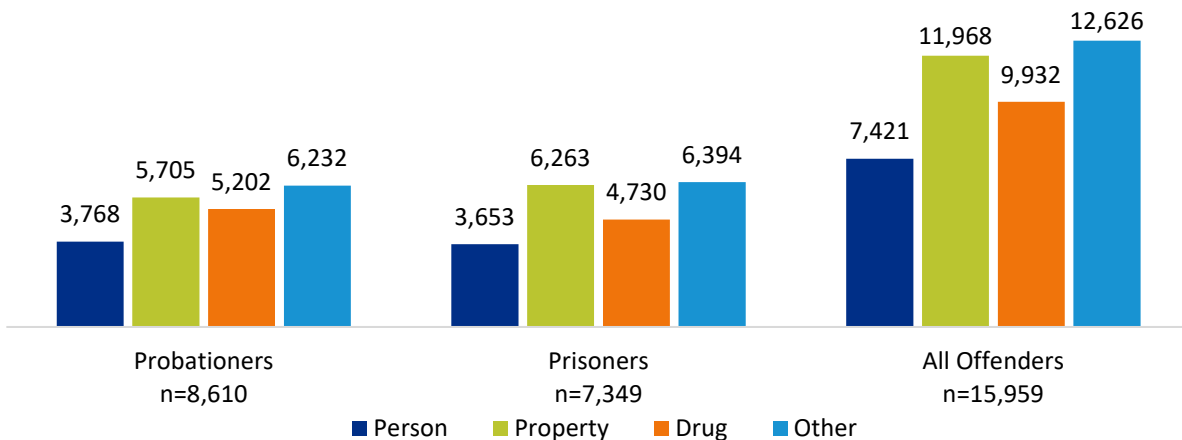
Note: Multiple offense categories may be linked to an arrest record. As a result, the number of recidivist arrests by offense category cannot be added together to equal the total number of arrests.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 12
Months to First Recidivist Arrest for Offenders with Any Arrest: Two-Year Follow-Up
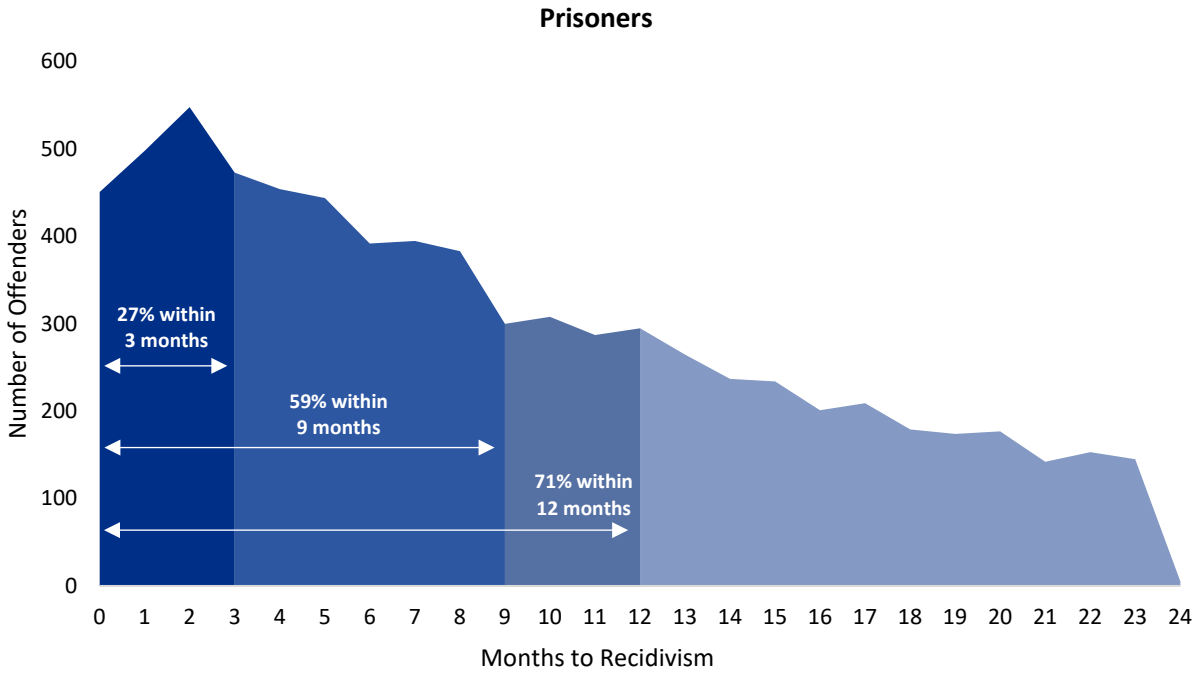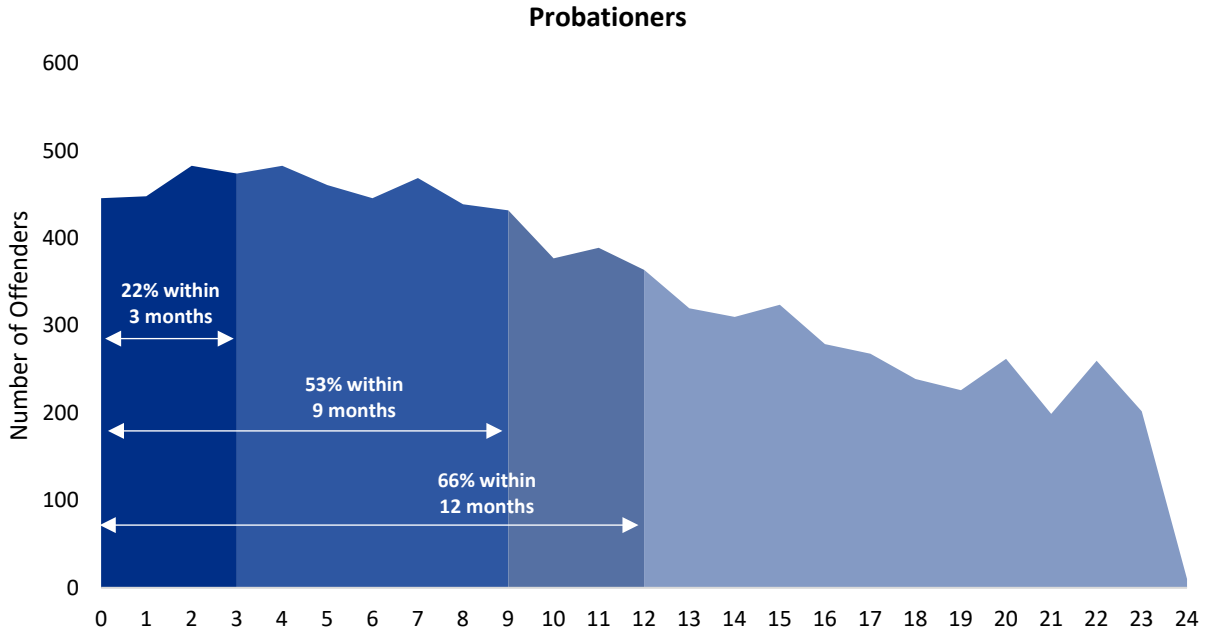
Probationers

Prisoners

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation

Recidivist Incarcerations

Table 5
Recidivist Incarceration Rates: Two-Year Follow-Up

Offender Type	N	# with Any Recidivist Incarceration	Total # Recidivist Incarcerations	% One-Year Follow-Up	% Two-Year Follow-Up
Probationers	30,763	4,773	6,491	14	16
Prisoners	14,854	5,171	6,627	29	35
All Offenders	**45,617**	**9,944**	**13,118**	**19**	**22**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation

Statistical Profile and Recidivism

Table 6
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Personal Characteristics: Two-Year Follow-Up

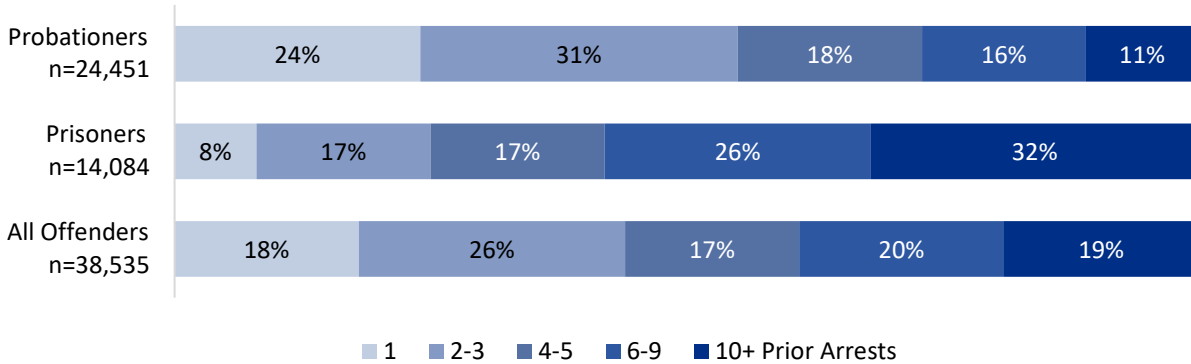| Personal Characteristics	N	% Recidivist Arrest	% Recidivist Incarceration
Sex			
Female	10,253	25	15
Male	35,364	38	24
Race			
White	22,448	34	24
Black	20,480	37	20
Other/Unknown	2,689	27	18
Age at Release			
Under 21 Years	2,421	49	27
21-29 Years	14,635	41	25
30-39 Years	14,266	36	23
40-49 Years	8,219	29	19
50 Years and Older	6,076	20	13
Marital Status			
Married	5,686	26	16
Not Married	39,931	36	23
Education			
High School Graduate	19,037	28	14
High School Dropout/GED	26,503	40	27
Substance Use			
None Indicated	11,428	27	13
Substance Use Indicated	28,148	37	22
All Offenders	**45,617**	**35**	**22**

Note: Seventy-seven (77) offenders were missing education and 6,041 were missing substance use information.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 7
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Prior Criminal Justice Contacts: Two-Year Follow-Up

Prior Criminal Justice Contacts	N	% Recidivist Arrest	% Recidivist Incarceration
Prior Arrest			
None	7,082	17	7
One or More	38,535	38	25
Prior Probation Entry			
None	15,005	25	12
One or More	30,612	40	27
Prior Probation/PRS Revocation			
None	26,454	29	15
One or More	19,163	44	31
Prior Incarceration			
None	28,675	30	16
One or More	16,942	43	31
All Offenders	**45,617**	**35**	**22**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 13
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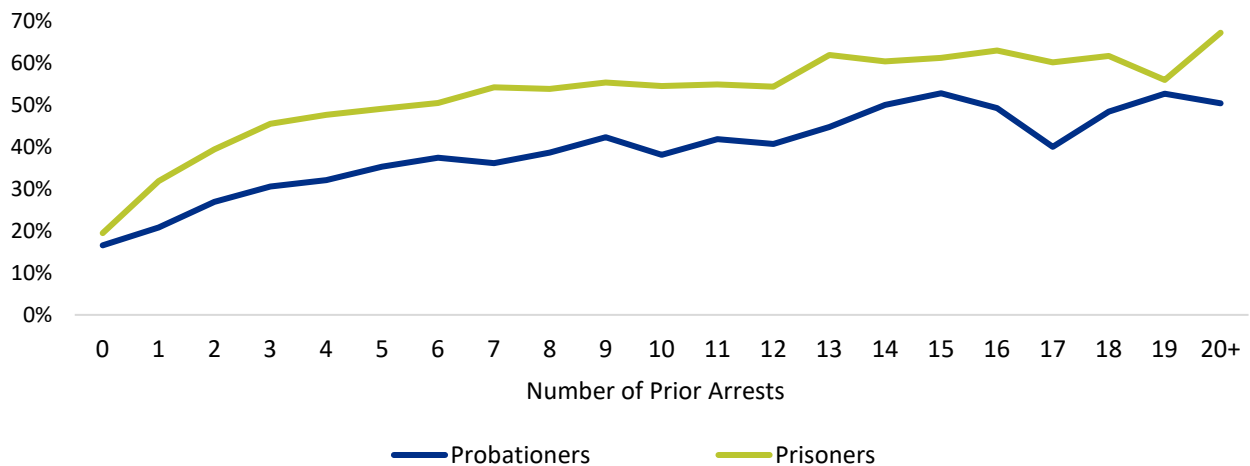
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 8
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Sample Conviction: Two-Year Follow-Up

Sample Conviction	N	% Recidivist Arrest	% Recidivist Incarceration
Offense Class			
Probationers			
Class B1 – D Felony	36	17	8
Class E – G Felony	3,345	21	24
Class H – I Felony	8,928	29	32
Felony Subtotal	12,309	27	29
Class A1 – 3 Misdemeanor	18,454	29	6
Total	**30,763**	**28**	**16**
Prisoners			
Class B1 – D Felony	2,262	37	26
Class E – G Felony	5,244	47	32
Class H – I Felony	7,348	55	40
Total	**14,854**	**49**	**35**
All Offenders			
Class B1 – D Felony	2,298	37	26
Class E – G Felony	8,589	37	29
Class H – I Felony	16,276	41	35
Felony Subtotal	27,163	39	32
Class A1 – 3 Misdemeanor	18,454	29	6
Total	**45,617**	**35**	**22**
Specific Groups of Interest			
Habitual Felons	1,057	48	35
Sex Offenders	1,008	22	24
Offense Category			
Person	9,842	34	18
Property	16,113	38	26
Drug	11,152	33	22
Other	8,510	33	18

Note: Probation sentences in Class B1 – D (less than 1%) could reflect convictions in which extraordinary mitigation was found, convictions for certain drug trafficking offenses, or, in Class D, Felony Death by Vehicle convictions with 0 to 3 prior record points.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 14
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Risk and Need Levels: Two-Year Follow-Up
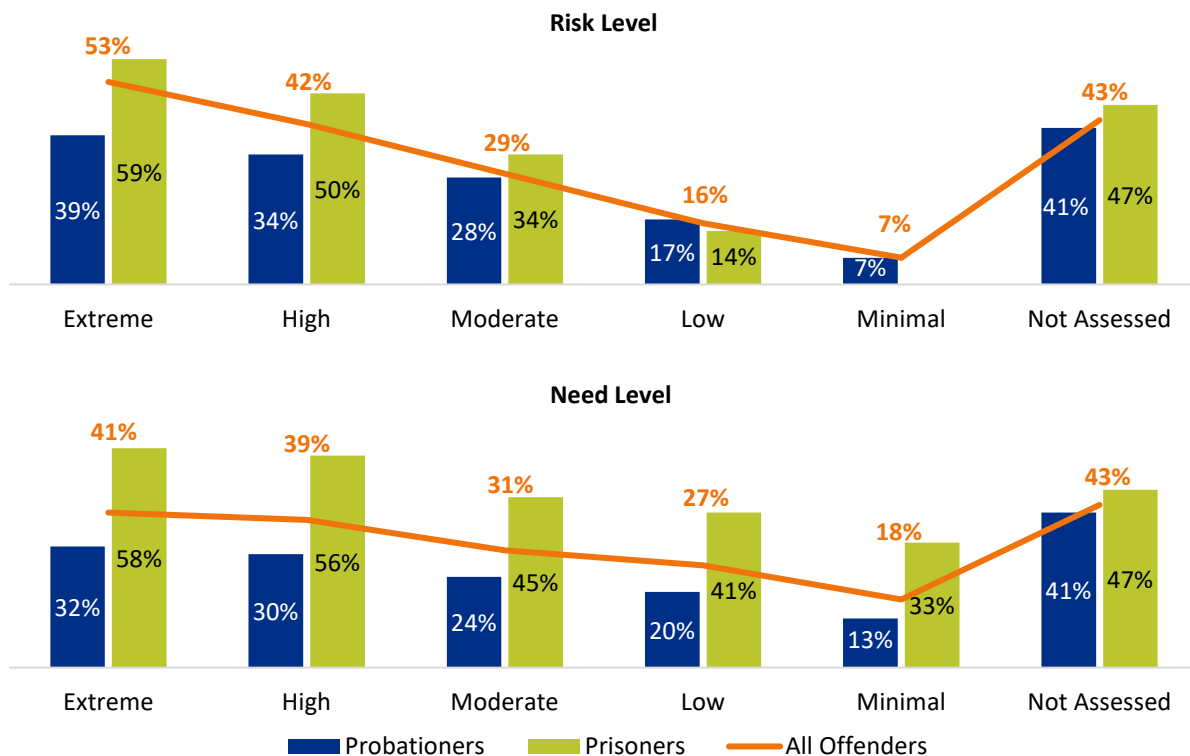
Risk Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal	Not Assessed
All Offenders	53%	42%	29%	16%	7%	43%
Probationers	39%	34%	28%	17%	7%	41%
Prisoners	59%	50%	34%	14%		47%

Need Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal	Not Assessed
All Offenders	41%	39%	31%	27%	18%	43%
Probationers	32%	30%	24%	20%	13%	41%
Prisoners	58%	56%	45%	41%	33%	47%

Legend: Probationers, Prisoners, All Offenders

Note: Excludes offenders who did not have an RNA completed and a supervision level assigned (n=6,041). Less than 1% of prisoners were assessed as minimal risk; consequently, recidivism rates were not reported due to the small number.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

SUMMARY

Table 9
Offender Profile of the FY 2019 Sample

Offender Profile	Probationers n=30,763	Prisoners n=14,854	All Offenders N=45,617
Personal Characteristics			
Male	72%	88%	78%
White	51%	45%	49%
Avg. Age at Release	35 Years	36 Years	35 Years
Prior Arrest	79%	95%	84%
Avg. Number of Prior Arrests	5	8	6
Sample Conviction			
Felony	40%	100%	60%
Property Offense	36%	33%	35%
Risk Level			
Extreme	9%	42%	19%
Minimal	4%	<1%	3%
Need Level			
Extreme	24%	27%	25%
Minimal	3%	2%	3%
Top Need: Substance Use	69%	76%	71%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 15
Criminal Justice Outcomes: Two-Year Follow-Up
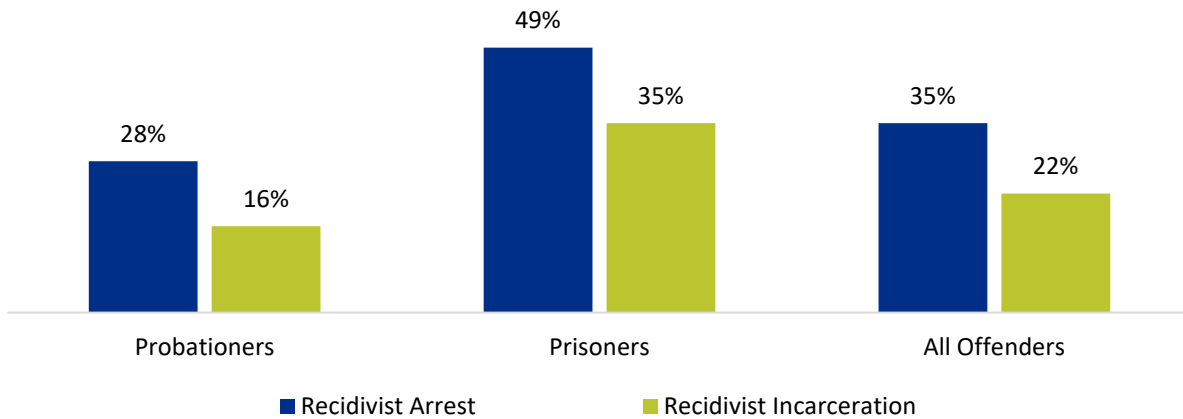
	Recidivist Arrest	Recidivist Incarceration
Probationers	28%	16%
Prisoners	49%	35%
All Offenders	35%	22%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

STATISTICAL PROFILE

Figure 16
Probationers by Release Reason
N=30,763
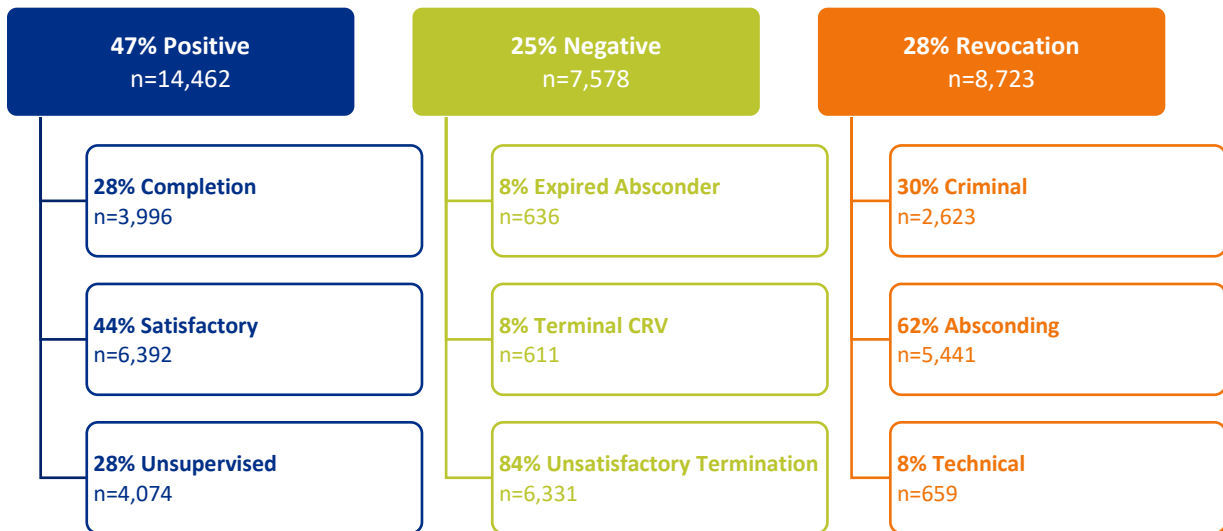
47% Positive n=14,462	**25% Negative** n=7,578	**28% Revocation** n=8,723
28% Completion n=3,996	**8% Expired Absconder** n=636	**30% Criminal** n=2,623
44% Satisfactory n=6,392	**8% Terminal CRV** n=611	**62% Absconding** n=5,441
28% Unsupervised n=4,074	**84% Unsatisfactory Termination** n=6,331	**8% Technical** n=659

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 17
Sex and Race

Sex

	Positive	Negative	Revocation	Probationers
Female	29%	28%	25%	28%
Male	71%	72%	75%	72%

Race

	White	Black	Other/Unknown
Positive	49%	44%	7%
Negative	45%	50%	5%
Revocation	60%	35%	5%
Probationers	51%	43%	6%

■ Male ■ Female   ■ White ■ Black ■ Other/Unknown
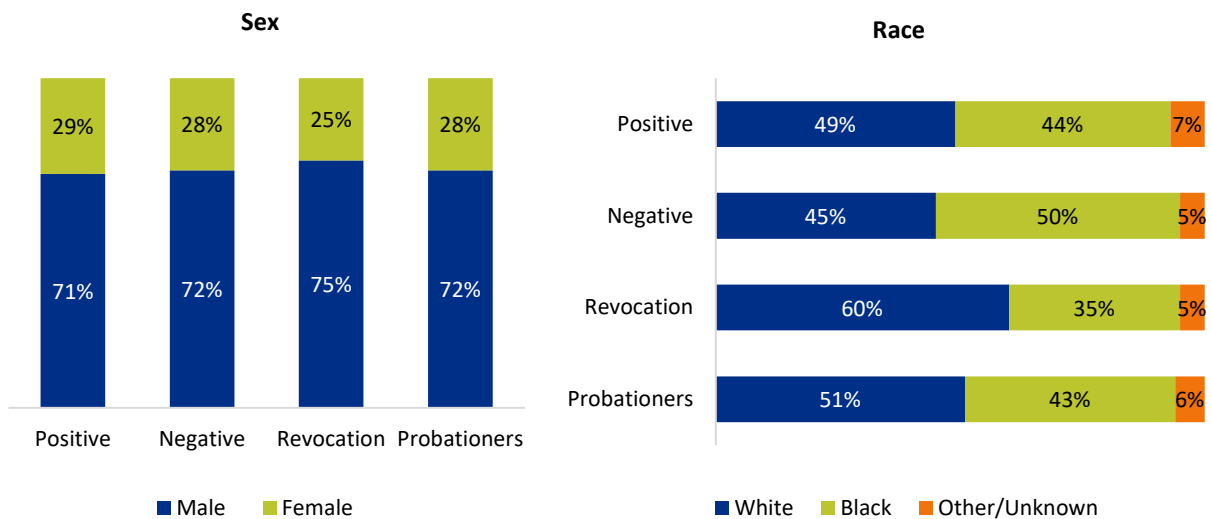
Note: Overall, 3% of probationers were Hispanic.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 10
Personal Characteristics

Personal Characteristics	Positive n=14,462	Negative n=7,578	Revocation n=8,723	Probationers N=30,763
Age at Probation Release	%	%	%	%
Under 21 Years	5	6	7	6
21-29 Years	30	33	36	33
30-39 Years	29	30	33	31
40-49 Years	18	17	16	17
50 Years and Older	17	13	8	13
Average	*37*	*35*	*33*	*35*
Marital Status	%	%	%	%
Married	16	12	10	13
Not Married	84	88	90	87
Education	%	%	%	%
High School Graduate	57	45	35	48
High School Dropout/GED	43	55	65	52
Substance Use	%	%	%	%
None Indicated	37	30	20	31
Substance Use Indicated	63	70	80	69

Note: Of the 30,763 probationers, 42 were missing education information and 3,632 were missing substance use information.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 11
Prior Criminal Justice Contacts

Prior Criminal Justice Contacts	Positive n=14,462 %	Negative n=7,578 %	Revocation n=8,723 %	Probationers N=30,763 %
Prior Arrest	73	81	88	79
Prior Probation Entry	51	57	69	58
Prior Probation/PRS Revocation	24	33	49	33
Prior Incarceration	21	27	37	27

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 18
Number of Prior Arrests for Probationers with Any Prior Arrest
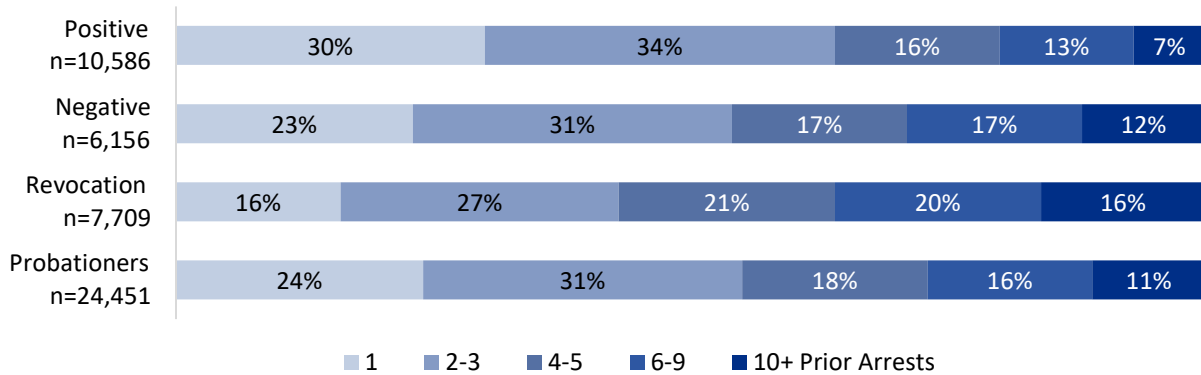
	1	2-3	4-5	6-9	10+ Prior Arrests
Positive n=10,586	30%	34%	16%	13%	7%
Negative n=6,156	23%	31%	17%	17%	12%
Revocation n=7,709	16%	27%	21%	20%	16%
Probationers n=24,451	24%	31%	18%	16%	11%

- 1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- 6-9
- 10+ Prior Arrests

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 19
Offense Type and Offense Class of the Sample Conviction
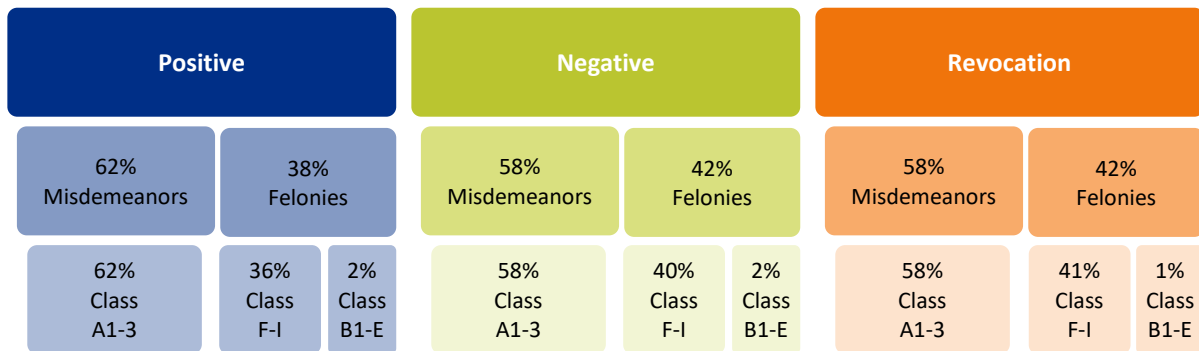
Positive			Negative			Revocation		
62% Misdemeanors	38% Felonies		58% Misdemeanors	42% Felonies		58% Misdemeanors	42% Felonies	
62% Class A1-3	36% Class F-I	2% Class B1-E	58% Class A1-3	40% Class F-I	2% Class B1-E	58% Class A1-3	41% Class F-I	1% Class B1-E

Note: Probation sentences in Class B1 – D (less than 1%) could reflect convictions in which extraordinary mitigation was found, convictions for certain drug trafficking offenses, or, in Class D, Felony Death by Vehicle convictions with 0 to 3 prior record points.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

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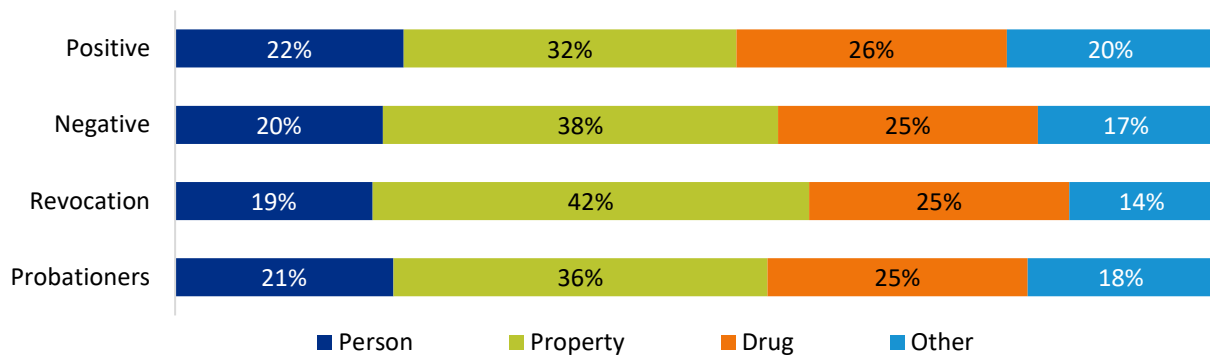
	Person	Property	Drug	Other
Positive	22%	32%	26%	20%
Negative	20%	38%	25%	17%
Revocation	19%	42%	25%	14%
Probationers	21%	36%	25%	18%

- Person
- Property
- Drug
- Other

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 21
Top 5 Convictions

Positive

- •10% Misdemeanor Larceny (Class 1) - Property
- •7% Driving While License Revoked (Class 1 or 3) - Other
- •5% Assault on a Female (Class A1) - Person
- •5% Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia (Class 1) - Drug
- •3% Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance (Class I) - Drug

Negative

- •11% Misdemeanor Larceny (Class 1) - Property
- •6% Driving While License Revoked (Class 1 or 3) - Other
- •5% Assault on a Female (Class A1) - Person
- •5% Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia (Class 1) - Drug
- •4% Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance (Class I) - Drug

Revocation

- •12% Misdemeanor Larceny (Class 1) - Property
- •6% Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia (Class 1) - Drug
- •6% Assault on a Female (Class A1) - Person
- •6% Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance (Class I) - Drug
- •5% Felony Breaking and/or Entering (Class H) - Property

Probationers

- •11% Misdemeanor Larceny (Class 1) - Property
- •6% Driving While License Revoked (Class 1 or 3) - Other
- •6% Assault on a Female (Class A1) - Person
- •5% Use/Possess Drug Paraphernalia (Class 1) - Drug
- •4% Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance (Class I) - Drug

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 12
Average Probation Length Imposed (Months) and Actual Months Supervised

	Positive n=14,462 Avg.	Negative n=7,578 Avg.	Revocation n=8,723 Avg.	Probationers N=30,763 Avg.
Probation Length Imposed	19	20	21	20
Actual Months Supervised	21	24	15	20

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 22
Actual Months Supervised
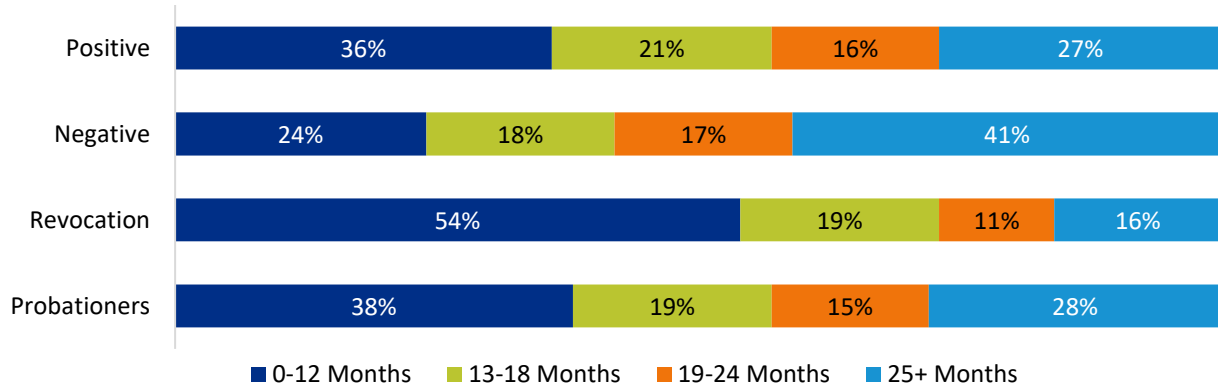
	0-12 Months	13-18 Months	19-24 Months	25+ Months
Positive	36%	21%	16%	27%
Negative	24%	18%	17%	41%
Revocation	54%	19%	11%	16%
Probationers	38%	19%	15%	28%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 23
Risk and Need Levels

Risk Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal
Positive	6%	13%	41%	33%	7%
Negative	9%	19%	45%	24%	3%
Revocation	16%	26%	45%	12%	1%
Probationers	9%	18%	43%	26%	4%

Need Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal
Positive	19%	16%	40%	20%	5%
Negative	27%	19%	37%	15%	2%
Revocation	34%	21%	34%	10%	1%
Probationers	24%	18%	38%	17%	3%

Note: Excludes probationers who did not have an RNA completed and a supervision level assigned (n=3,632).
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 13
Areas of Need Identified

	Positive n=13,805 %	Negative n=6,914 %	Revocation n=6,412 %	Probationers n=27,131 %
Criminogenic Factors				
Anti-social Personality	14	20	26	19
Anti-social Values	14	20	24	18
Criminal Peers	37	44	49	41
Dysfunctional Family	46	54	64	52
Self-Control	20	26	33	24
Substance Use	63	70	80	69
Health Factors				
Mental Health	48	53	57	52
Physical	32	32	29	32
Additional Factors				
Academic/Vocational	36	44	51	42
Employment	40	50	55	46
Financial	34	39	37	36
Housing	21	29	37	27
Legal	54	58	68	58
Social Skills	34	43	53	41
Transportation	54	68	78	63

Note: Excludes offenders who did not have an RNA completed and a supervision level assigned (n=3,632).
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 24
Supervision Level
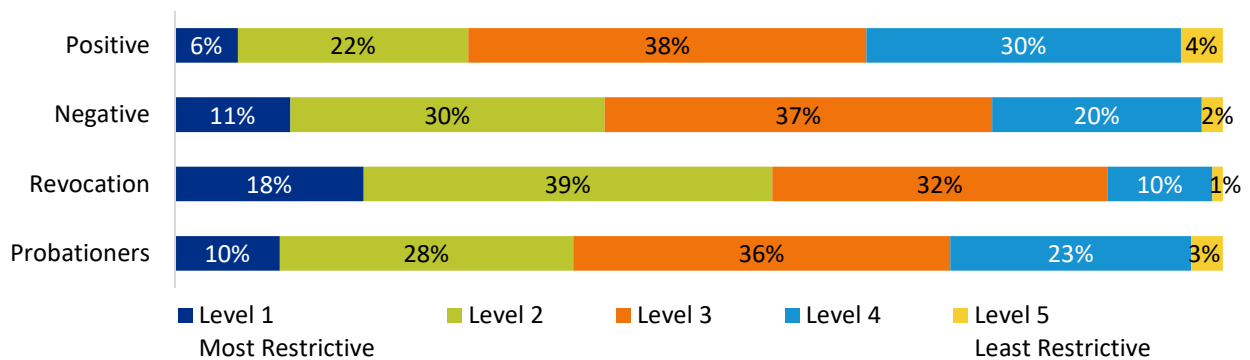
Note: Excludes offenders who did not have an RNA completed and a supervision level assigned (n=3,632).
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

INTERIM OUTCOMES

Figure 25
High Risk Delegated Authority: Probation Supervision
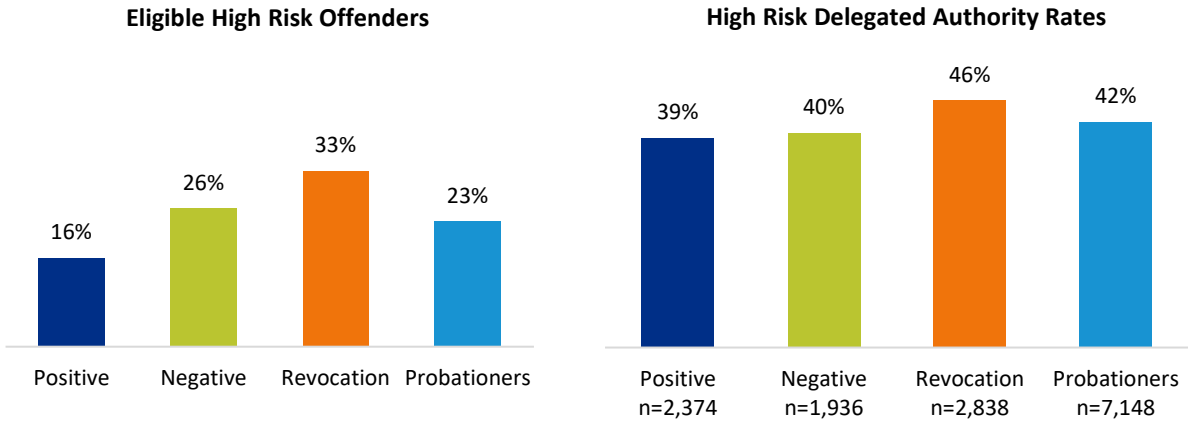
Eligible High Risk Offenders

High Risk Delegated Authority Rates

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Violations

Figure 26
Violations: Probation Supervision

Violation Rates

Most Serious Violation

Criminal   Absconding   Technical

Note: There were 14 offenders in the revocation group without a violation during probation supervision.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 14
Violations: Probation Supervision

Release Reason	N	# with Any Violation	Violations		Months to First Violation
			# (1 per day)	Average	
Positive	14,462	8,758	17,748	2	10
Negative	7,578	7,059	16,448	2	9
Revocation	8,723	8,709	20,979	2	5
Probationers	**30,763**	**24,526**	**55,175**	**2**	**8**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 27
Violation Rates by Supervision Level: Probation Supervision
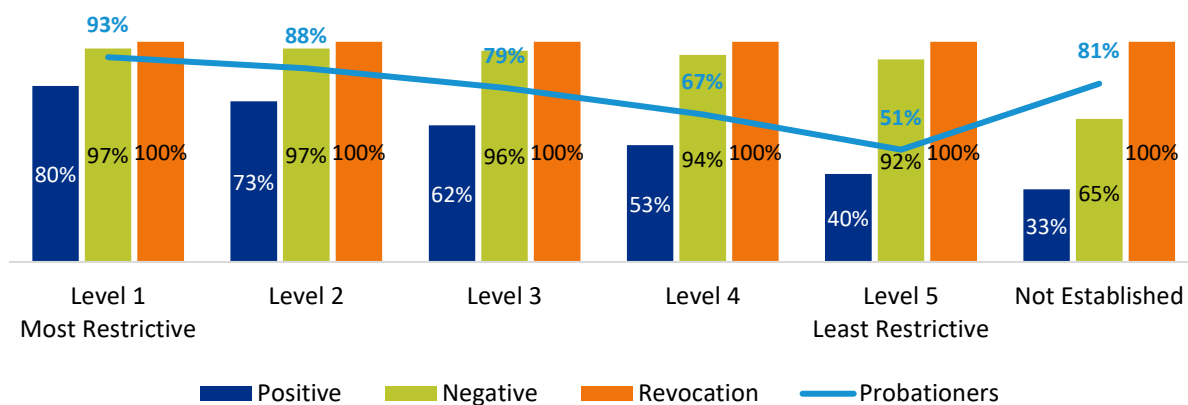
Note: There were 14 probationers in the revocation group without a violation during probation supervision.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 28
Technical Violation Rates: Probation Supervision
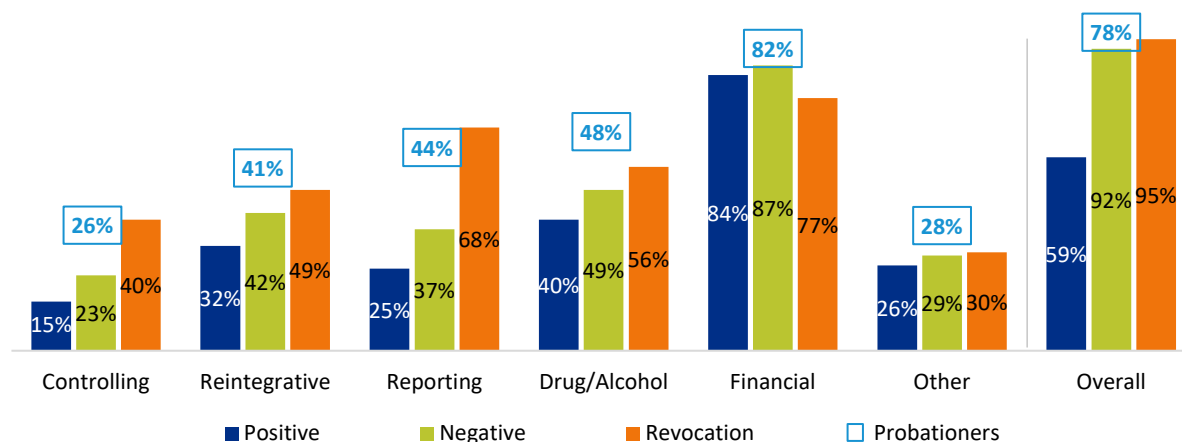
Note: Probationers with "sex offender" (n=165) as their most serious technical violation were excluded from the figure due to small numbers.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 29
Most Serious Technical Violation: Probation Supervision

	Positive n=8,398	Negative n=6,873	Revocation n=8,224	Probationers n=23,495
Financial	34%	24%	6%	21%
Drug/Alcohol	15%	11%	6%	11%
Reporting	10%	11%	20%	14%
Reintegrative	26%	31%	28%	28%
Controlling	15%	23%	40%	26%

■ Controlling ■ Reintegrative ■ Reporting ■ Drug/Alcohol ■ Financial
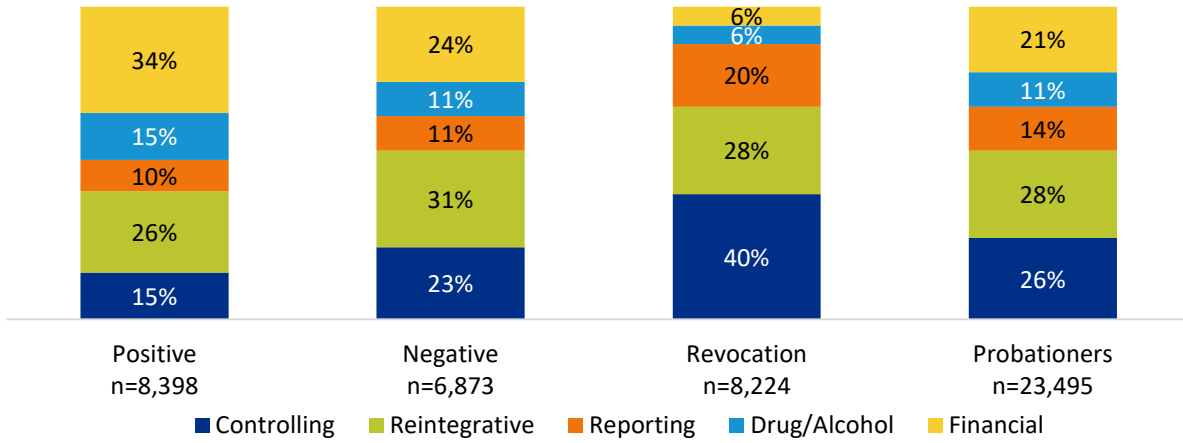
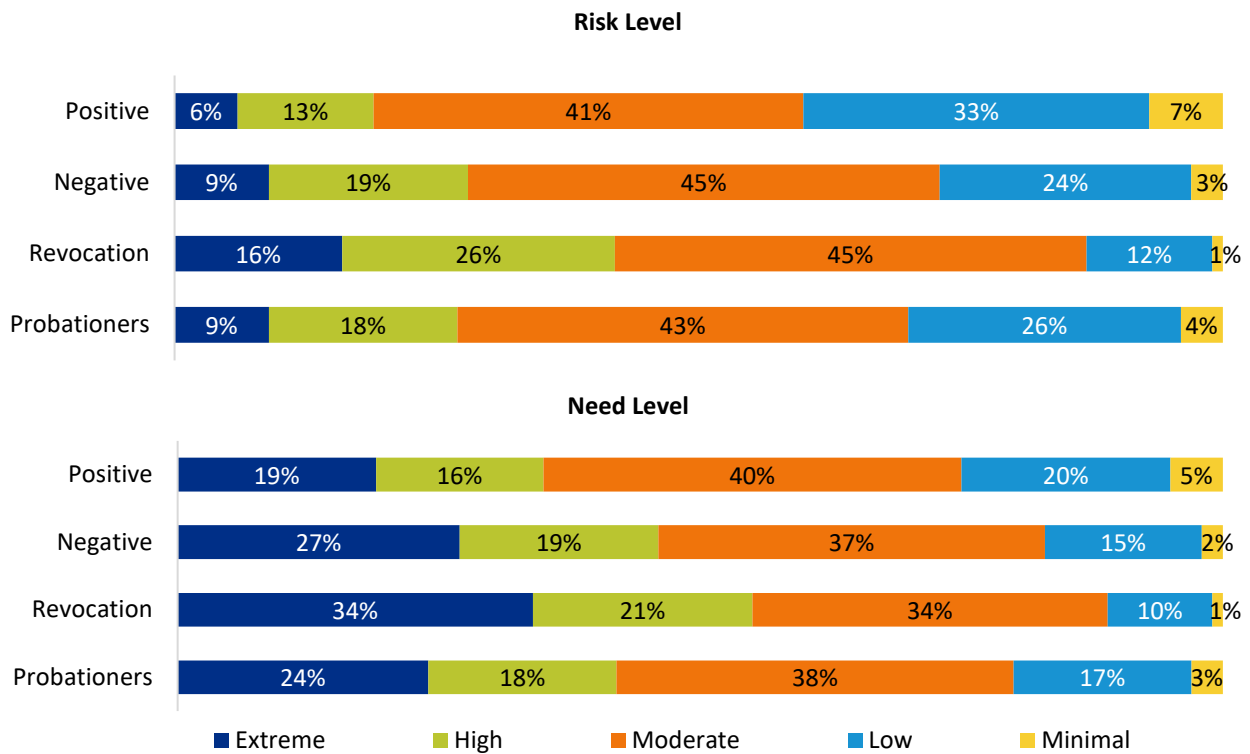Note: Probationers with "other" (n=211) and "sex offender" (n=165) as their most serious technical violation were excluded from the figure due to small numbers.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Responses to Violations

Table 15
Select Responses to Violations of Probation Supervision

Nonconfinement Responses	**Confinement Responses**
• Delegated Authority[2] • Continued Probation Supervision • Modified Probation Conditions • Additional Probation Conditions	• Quick Dip • CRV (Felons Only)

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[2] Delegated authority allows probation officers to respond to detected probation noncompliance as soon as possible without returning to court. Delegated authority differs from high risk delegated authority in that it can be used for any probationer in response to a violation. Nonconfinement responses may include curfews, electronic house arrest, community service, and/or increased reporting requirements, while confinement responses may include quick dips. Although quick dips are authorized under delegated authority, they are examined separately in the Confinement section.

Figure 30
Nonconfinement Response Rates: Probation Supervision
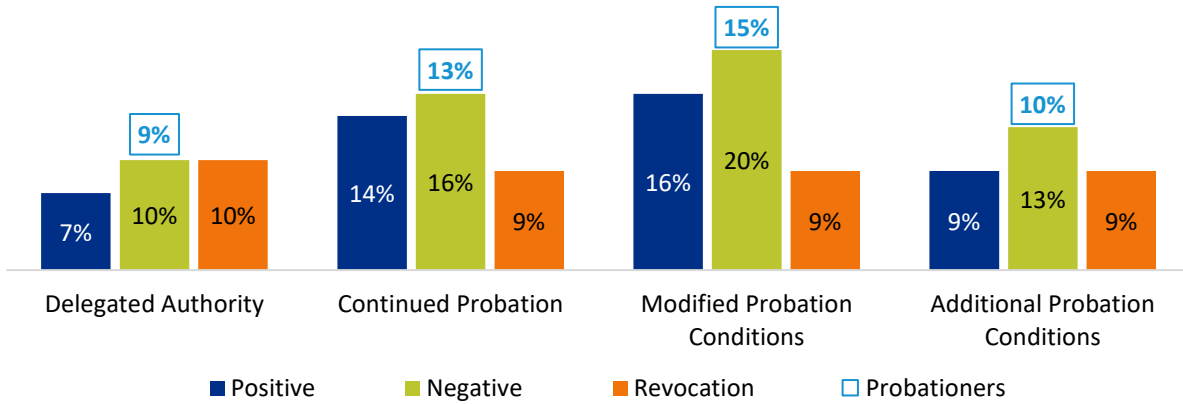
	Delegated Authority	Continued Probation	Modified Probation Conditions	Additional Probation Conditions
Positive	7%	14%	16%	9%
Negative	10%	16%	20%	13%
Revocation	10%	9%	9%	9%
Probationers	9%	13%	15%	10%

■ Positive ■ Negative ■ Revocation □ Probationers

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 31
Quick Dip Rates: Probation Supervision

Quick Dip Rates

Positive	Negative	Revocation	Probationers
9%	15%	15%	12%

By Supervision Level

	Level 1 Most Restrictive	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5 Least Restrictive
Positive	19%	15%	11%	4%	1%
Negative	23%	20%	18%	7%	3%
Revocation	20%	21%	21%	14%	7%
Probationers	21%	19%	15%	6%	2%

■ Positive ■ Negative ■ Revocation —— Probationers
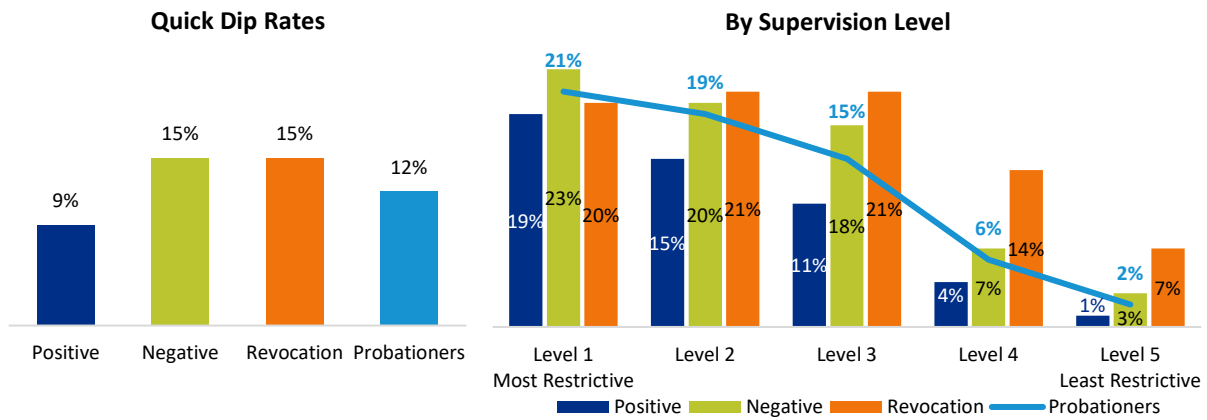
Note: Thirteen (13) of the 3,632 probationers without a Supervision Level established received a quick dip.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 32
CRV Rates (Felons Only): Probation Supervision
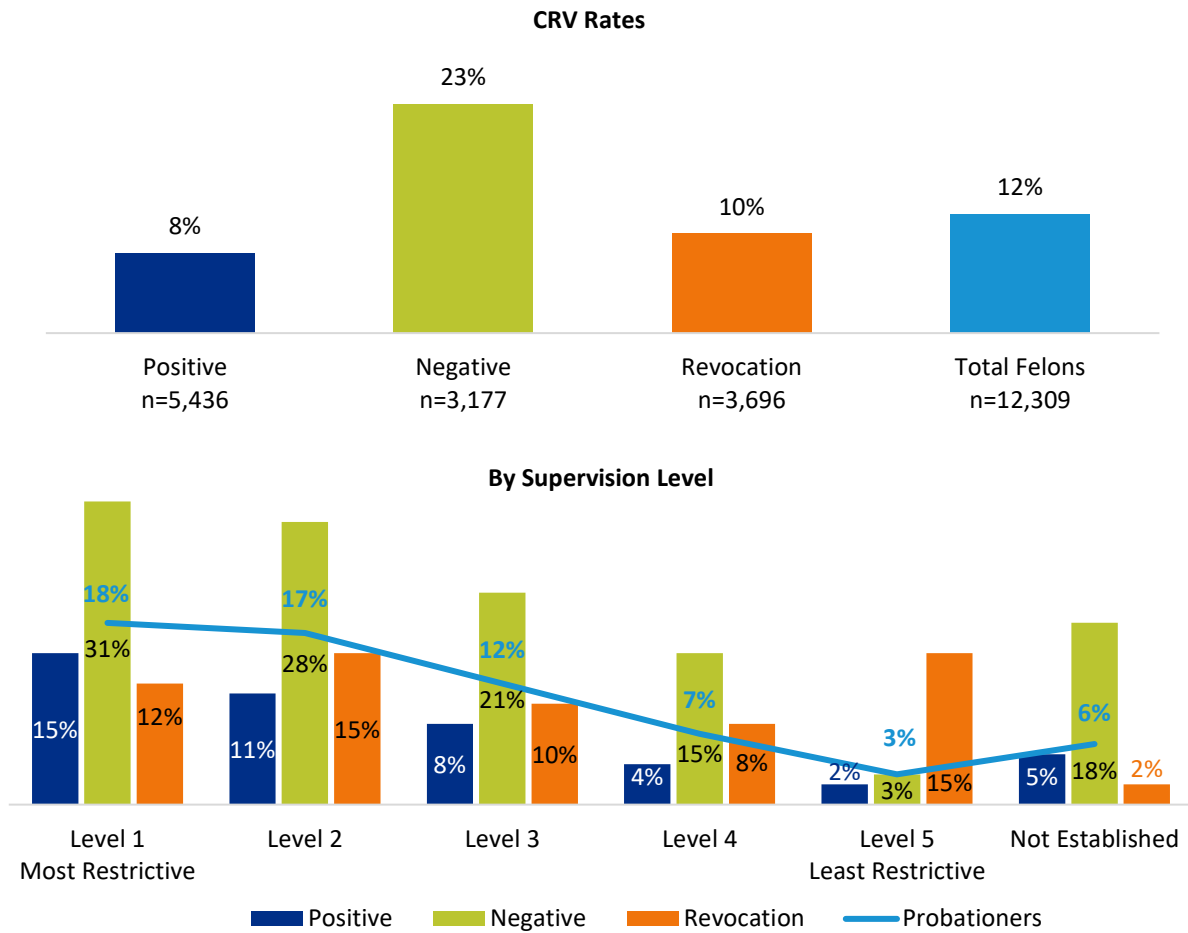
CRV Rates

Positive	Negative	Revocation	Total Felons
8%	23%	10%	12%
n=5,436	n=3,177	n=3,696	n=12,309

By Supervision Level

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 16
CRV by Sex (Felons Only): Probation Supervision

	N	Positive n=433 %	Negative n=730 %	Revocation n=361 %	CRV Probationers N=1,524 %
Male	1,160	74	75	81	76
Female	364	26	25	19	24
CRV Probationers	**1,524**	**28**	**48**	**24**	**100**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

RECIDIVIST ARRESTS

Figure 33
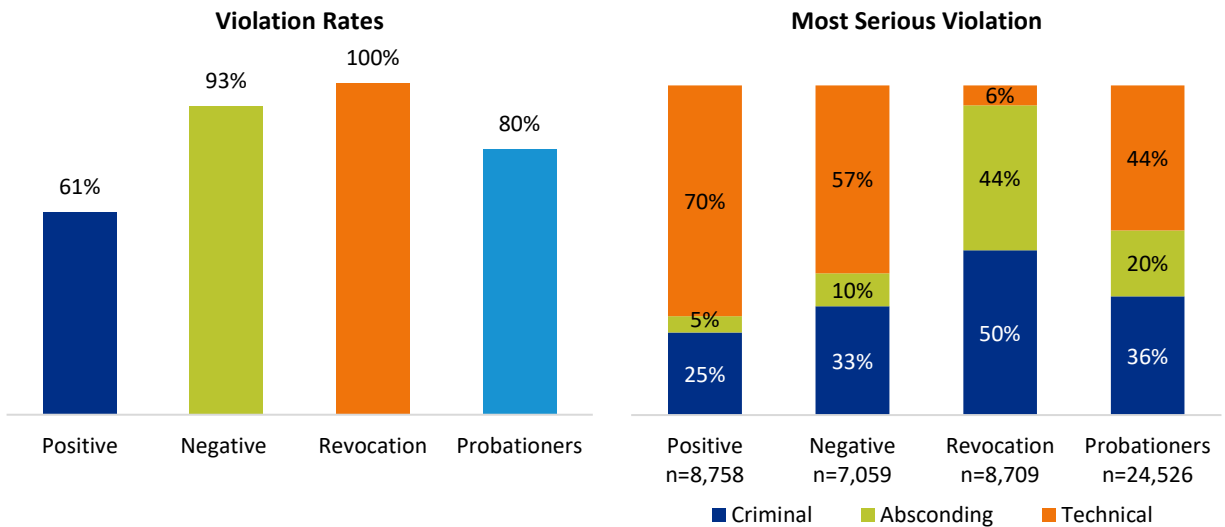**Recidivist Arrest Rates: Probation Supervision**
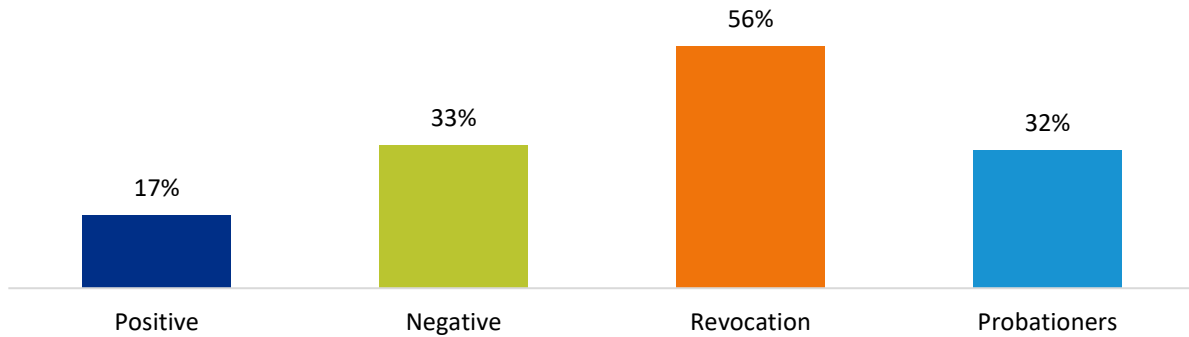
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 17
Recidivist Arrest Rates: Probation Supervision

Release Reason	N	Months to First Arrest	# with Any Arrest	Total # Arrests	Avg. # Arrests	% Most Serious Recidivist Arrest	
						Misdemeanor	Felony
Positive	14,462	10	2,514	3,938	2	41	59
Negative	7,578	9	2,505	4,560	2	40	60
Revocation	8,723	7	4,922	8,880	2	28	72
Probationers	**30,763**	**8**	**9,941**	**17,378**	**2**	**34**	**66**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 34
Recidivist Arrest Rates: Two-Year Follow-Up

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 18
Recidivist Arrest Rates: Two-Year Follow-Up

Release Reason	N	Months to First Arrest	# with Any Arrest	Total # Arrests	Avg. # Arrests	Most Serious Recidivist Arrest	
						Misdemeanor	Felony
Positive	14,462	10	2,764	4,619	2	34	66
Negative	7,578	9	2,244	4,417	2	28	72
Revocation	8,723	10	3,602	7,031	2	24	76
Probationers	**30,763**	**10**	**8,610**	**16,067**	**2**	**28**	**72**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 19
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Personal Characteristics: Two-Year Follow-Up

Personal Characteristics	Positive n=14,462 %	Negative n=7,578 %	Revocation n=8,723 %	Probationers N=30,763 %
Sex				
Female	14	24	36	22
Male	21	32	43	30
Race				
White	17	29	42	27
Black	22	32	42	30
Other/Unknown	16	19	36	21
Age at Probation Release				
Under 21 Years	27	44	56	41
21-29 Years	25	35	45	34
30-39 Years	19	29	41	28
40-49 Years	15	23	33	22
50 Years and Older	11	17	29	15
Marital Status				
Married	14	21	42	21
Not Married	20	31	38	29
Education				
High School Graduate	17	27	40	24
High School Dropout/GED	23	32	42	32
Substance Use				
None Indicated	15	26	35	21
Substance Use Indicated	21	31	39	29
Probationers	**19**	**30**	**41**	**28**

Note: Of the 30,763 probationers, 42 were missing education information and 3,632 were missing substance use information.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 20

Recidivist Arrest Rates by Prior Criminal Justice Contacts: Two-Year Follow-Up

Prior Criminal Justice Contacts	Positive n=14,462 %	Negative n=7,578 %	Revocation n=8,723 %	Probationers N=30,763 %
Prior Arrest				
None	11	20	34	17
One or More	22	32	42	31
Prior Probation Entry				
None	16	26	41	24
One or More	22	32	41	31
Prior Probation/PRS Revocation				
None	17	27	40	24
One or More	27	34	42	35
Prior Incarceration				
None	18	29	41	26
One or More	25	32	41	33
Probationers	**19**	**30**	**41**	**28**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 21
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Probation Supervision Profile: Two-Year Follow-Up

	Positive n=14,462 %	Negative n=7,578 %	Revocation n=8,723 %	Probationers N=30,763 %
Sample Conviction				
Offense Class				
Class B1 – E Felony	17	30	19	21
Class F – I Felony	20	30	36	27
Felony Subtotal	20	30	35	27
Class A1 – 3 Misdemeanor	19	29	46	29
Offense Category				
Person	18	31	44	28
Property	20	29	43	30
Drug	20	31	39	28
Other	17	27	37	24
Actual Months Supervised				
0-12 Months	19	40	48	34
13-18 Months	20	29	38	27
19-24 Months	20	28	34	25
25+ Months	17	24	28	22
Risk Level				
Extreme	31	43	42	39
High	28	35	40	34
Moderate	22	30	38	28
Low	13	21	30	17
Minimal	5	11	30	7
Not Assessed	21	31	49	41
Need Level				
Extreme	23	35	42	32
High	22	31	40	30
Moderate	18	28	35	24
Low	16	24	34	20
Minimal	11	16	29	13
Probationers	**19**	**30**	**41**	**28**

Note: Probation sentences in Class B1 – D (less than 1%) could reflect convictions in which extraordinary mitigation was found, convictions for certain drug trafficking offenses, or, in Class D, Felony Death by Vehicle convictions with 0 to 3 prior record points.
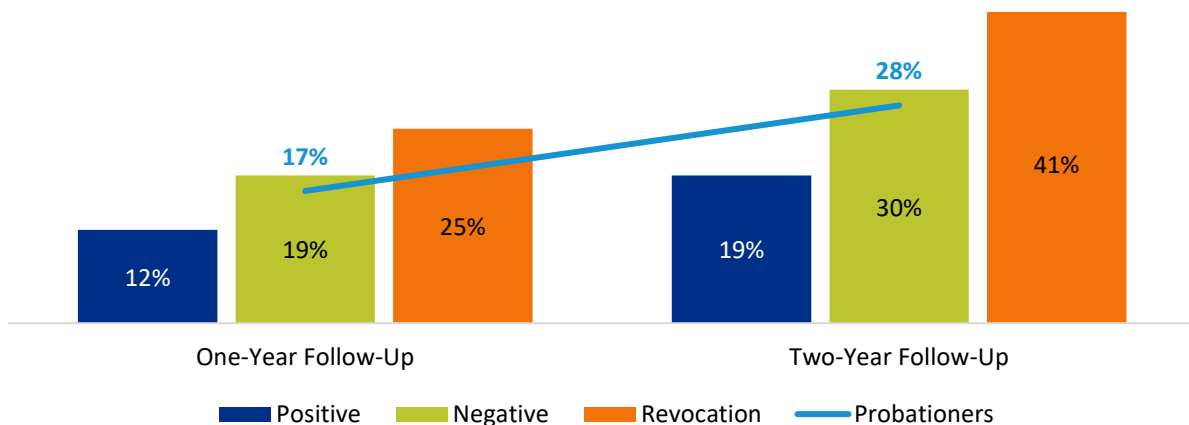SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 35
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Supervision Level: Two-Year Follow-Up
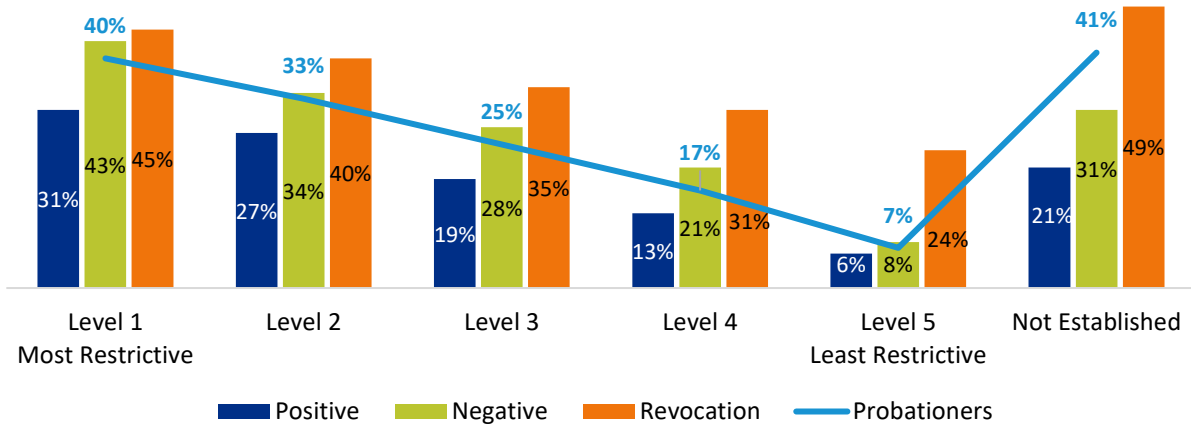
	Level 1 Most Restrictive	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5 Least Restrictive	Not Established
Positive	31%	27%	19%	13%	6%	21%
Negative	43%	34%	28%	21%	8%	31%
Revocation	45%	40%	35%	31%	24%	49%
Probationers	40%	33%	25%	17%	7%	41%

Positive   Negative   Revocation   Probationers

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 36
Recidivist Arrest Rates by High Risk Delegated Authority for High Risk Probationers: Two-Year Follow-Up

	Positive n=2,374	Negative n=1,932	Revocation n=2,833	Probationers n=7,139
1 or More HRDA Condition	33%	42%	42%	39%
No HRDA Condition	30%	36%	42%	36%

1 or More HRDA Condition   No HRDA Condition

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 37
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Violation: Two-Year Follow-Up

	Positive	Negative	Revocation	Probationers
Violation	23%	31%	41%	32%
No Violation	12%	8%		12%

Violation   No Violation

Note: Fourteen (14) probationers in the revocation group without a violation during probation supervision were excluded from the figure due to the low number; consequently, recidivism rates were not reported for this group.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 22
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Most Serious Violation: Two-Year Follow-Up

Most Serious Violation	N	Positive n=8,758 %	Negative n=7,059 %	Revocation n=8,709 %	Probationers n=24,526 %
Criminal	8,844	31	38	43	**39**
Absconding	4,989	31	35	40	**39**
Technical	10,693	20	26	36	**23**
Probationers	**24,526**	**23**	**31**	**41**	**32**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 23
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Technical Violation: Two-Year Follow-Up

Technical Violations	N	Positive n=14,462 %	Negative n=7,578 %	Revocation n=8,723 %	Probationers N=30,763 %
Controlling					
Yes	6,183	36	40	43	41
No	24,580	17	27	40	25
Reintegrative					
Yes	9,743	26	35	42	35
No	21,020	17	26	40	25
Reporting					
Yes	10,401	31	38	42	39
No	20,362	17	25	40	22
Drug/Alcohol					
Yes	11,532	29	36	40	36
No	19,231	16	25	43	23
Financial					
Yes	19,644	22	30	39	30
No	11,119	16	28	46	24
Other					
Yes	6,800	27	36	41	35
No	23,963	18	27	41	26
Probationers	**30,763**	**19**	**30**	**41**	**28**
Yes	23,871	23	31	41	32
No	6,892	13	12	46	15

Note: Probationers with "sex offender" (n=165) as their most serious technical violation were excluded from the figure due to small numbers. Recidivist arrest rates were 25% for those probationers with a sex offender technical violation and 28% for those probationers without a sex offender technical violation.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 38
Recidivist Arrest Rates and Responses to Violations of Probation: Two-Year Follow-Up
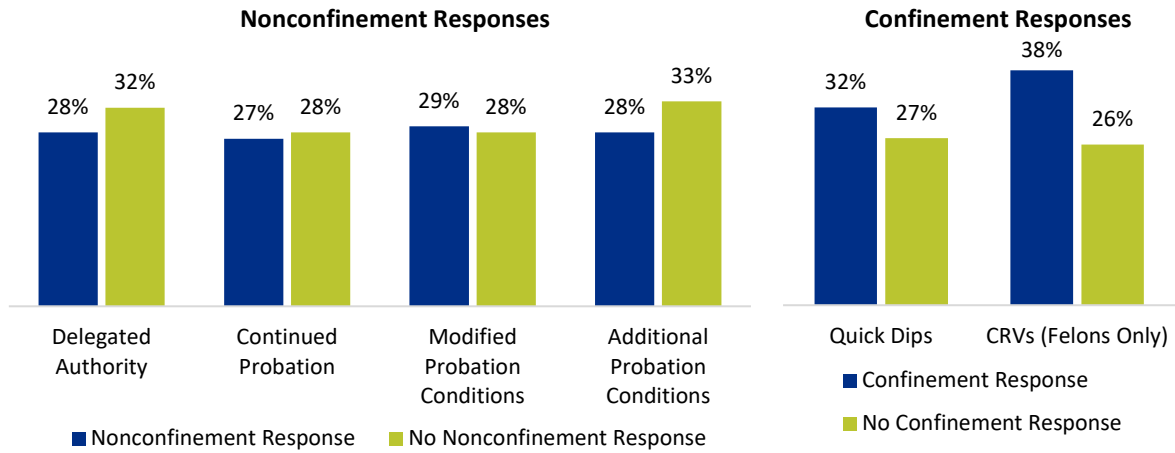
Nonconfinement Responses

Category	Nonconfinement Response	No Nonconfinement Response
Delegated Authority	28%	32%
Continued Probation	27%	28%
Modified Probation Conditions	29%	28%
Additional Probation Conditions	28%	33%

Confinement Responses

Category	Confinement Response	No Confinement Response
Quick Dips	32%	27%
CRVs (Felons Only)	38%	26%

■ Nonconfinement Response   ■ No Nonconfinement Response
■ Confinement Response   ■ No Confinement Response

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 39
Recidivist Arrest Rates and CRV (Felons Only): Two-Year Follow-Up

By Sex

Male	Female
40%	30%

By Probation Release Reason

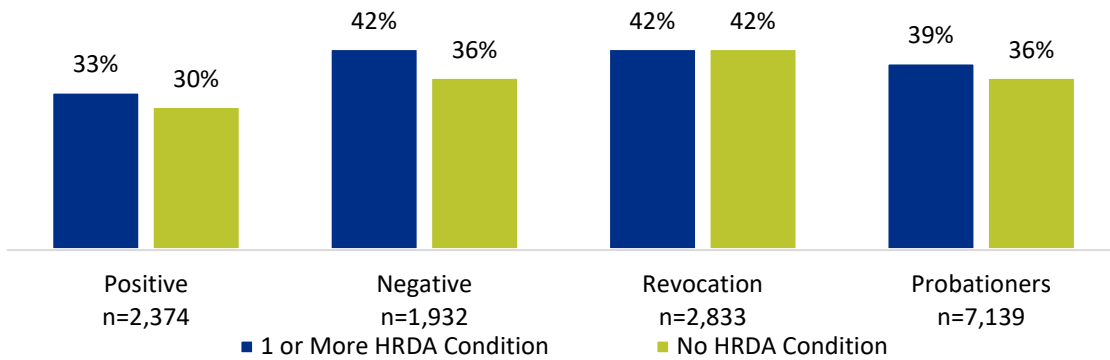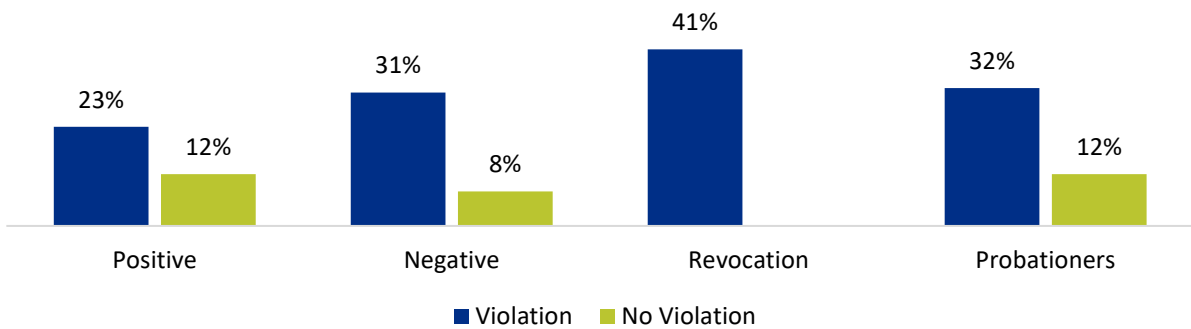| Positive	Negative	Revocation	CRV Probationers
35%	39%	37%	38%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 40
Combined Recidivist Arrest Rates during Probation Supervision, Two-Year Follow-Up, or Both

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

SUMMARY

Table 24
Supervised Probation Profile

Supervised Probation Profile	Positive n=14,462	Negative n=7,578	Revocation n=8,723	Probationers N=30,763
Personal Characteristics				
Male	71%	72%	75%	72%
White	49%	45%	60%	51%
Avg. Age at Probation Release	37 Years	35 Years	33 Years	35 Years
Prior Arrest	73%	81%	88%	79%
Felony Sample Conviction	38%	42%	42%	40%
Actual Months Supervised	21 Months	24 Months	15 Months	20 Months
Risk Level				
Extreme	6%	9%	16%	9%
Low	7%	3%	<1%	4%
Need Level				
Extreme	19%	27%	34%	24%
Low	5%	2%	1%	3%
Supervision Level				
Level 1 (Most Restrictive)	6%	11%	18%	10%
Level 5 (Least Restrictive)	4%	2%	1%	3%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 25
Interim Outcomes Summarized

Interim Outcomes	Positive n=14,462	Negative n=7,578	Revocation n=8,723	Probationers N=30,763
High Risk Delegated Authority	39%	40%	46%	42%
Violation				
Any	61%	93%	100%	80%
Most Serious: Criminal	25%	33%	50%	36%
Technical	59%	92%	95%	78%
Most Serious: Controlling	15%	23%	40%	26%
Months to First	10 Months	9 Months	5 Months	8 Months
Response to Violation				
Nonconfinement				
Delegated Authority	7%	10%	10%	9%
Continued Probation	14%	16%	9%	13%
Modified Conditions	16%	20%	9%	15%
Additional Conditions	9%	13%	9%	10%
Confinement Response				
Quick Dip	9%	15%	15%	12%
CRV (Felons Only)	8%	23%	10%	12%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 41
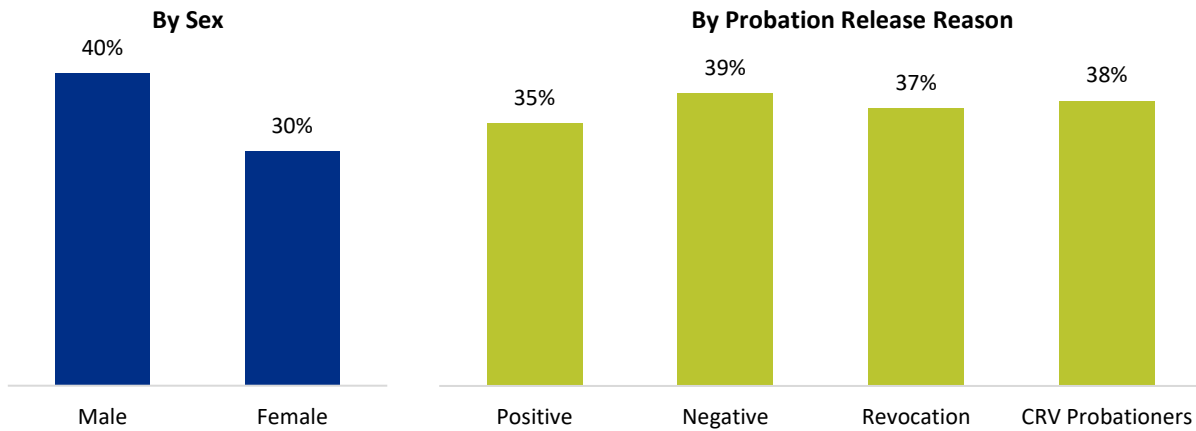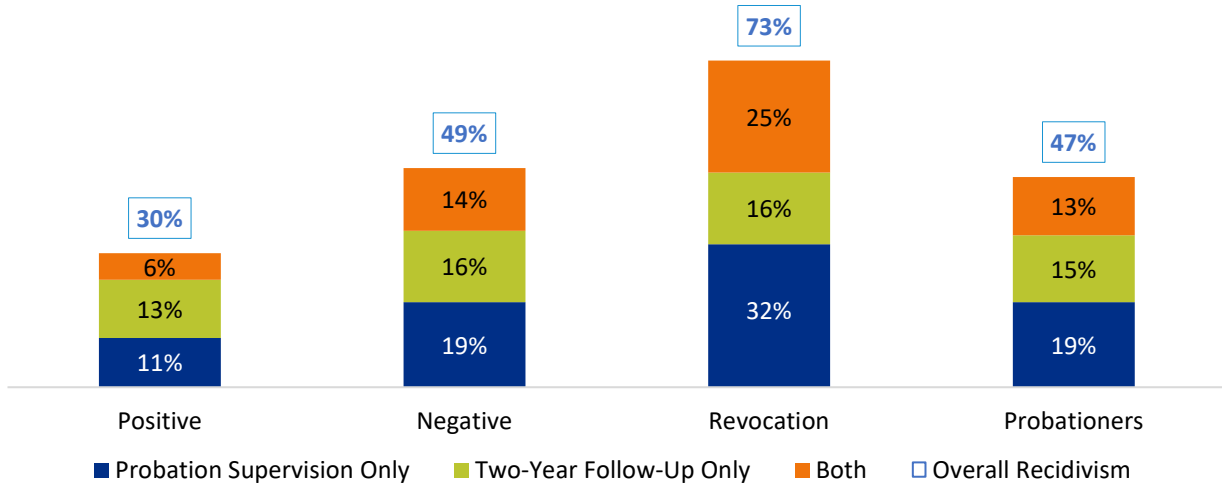**Recidivist Arrest Rates by Probation Release Reason**
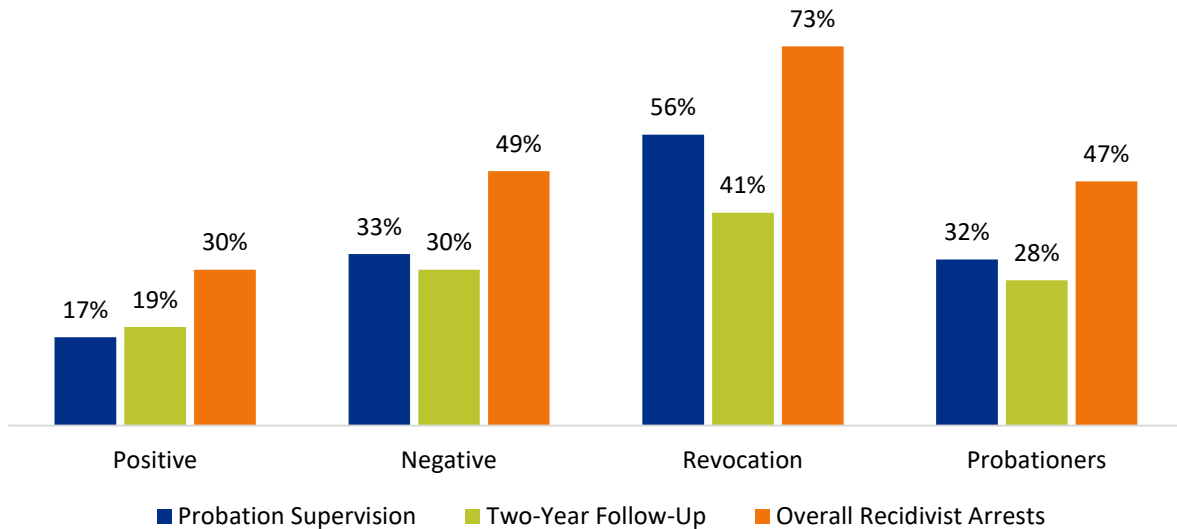
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

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SECTION III: FELONY PRISON RELEASES IN FY 2019

STATISTICAL PROFILE

Figure 42
Prisoners by Offense Class
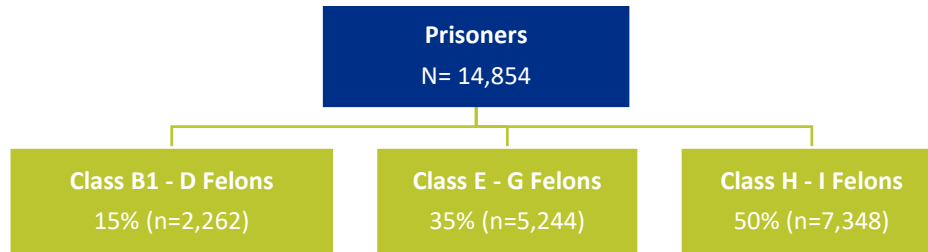
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│ Class B1 - D Felons │ │ Class E - G Felons  │ │ Class H - I Felons  │
│   15% (n=2,262)     │ │   35% (n=5,244)     │ │   50% (n=7,348)     │
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SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 26
Personal Characteristics

Personal Characteristics	Class B1 – D n=2,262 %	Class E – G n=5,244 %	Class H – I n=7,348 %	Prisoners N=14,854 %
Sex				
Female	6	9	16	12
Male	94	91	84	88
Race				
White	34	39	53	45
Black	60	55	42	49
Other/Unknown	6	6	5	6
Age at Prison Release				
Under 21 Years	1	4	5	4
21-29 Years	23	34	31	31
30-39 Years	30	31	34	33
40-49 Years	24	18	19	19
50 Years and Older	22	13	11	13
Marital Status				
Married	11	11	10	11
Not Married	89	89	90	89
Education				
High School Graduate	29	29	30	29
High School Dropout/GED	71	71	70	71
Substance Use				
None Indicated	35	26	19	24
Substance Use Indicated	65	74	81	76

Note: Of the 14,854 felony prisoners, 3% were Hispanic. Thirty-five (35) prisoners were missing education and 2,409 were missing substance use information.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 27
Prior Criminal Justice Contacts

Prior Criminal Justice Contacts	Class B1 – D n=2,262 %	Class E – G n=5,244 %	Class H – I n=7,348 %	Prisoners N=14,854 %
Prior Arrest	89	94	97	95
Prior Probation Entry	67	84	94	86
Prior Probation/PRS Revocation	54	58	65	60
Prior Incarceration	54	58	60	58

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 43
Number of Prior Arrests for Prisoners with Any Prior Arrest
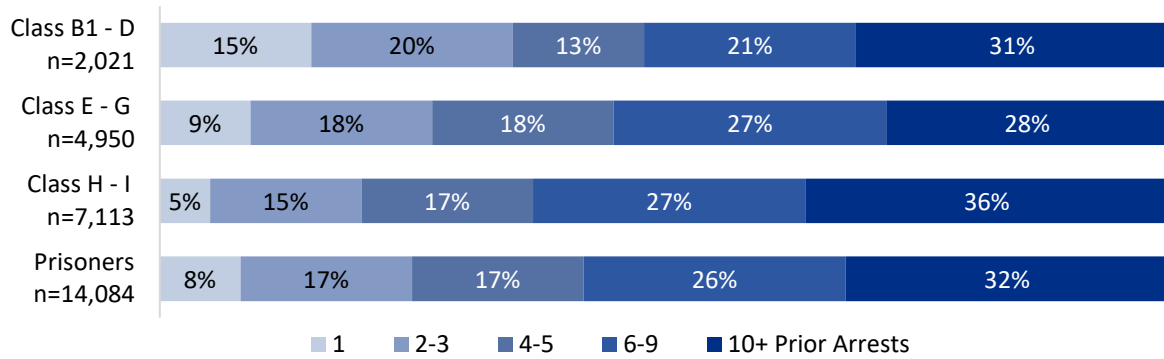
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 44
Offense Category of the Sample Conviction

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

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Figure 45
Risk and Need Levels
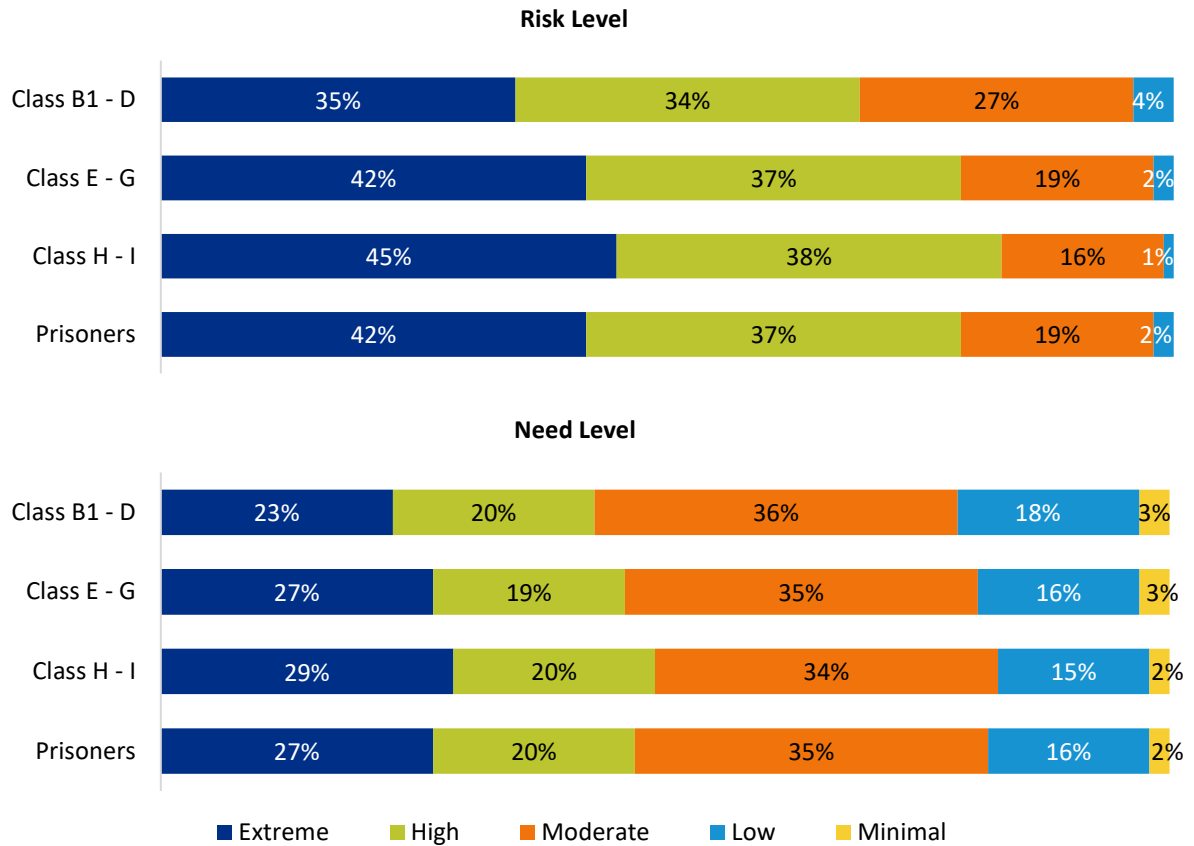
Risk Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low
Class B1 - D	35%	34%	27%	4%
Class E - G	42%	37%	19%	2%
Class H - I	45%	38%	16%	1%
Prisoners	42%	37%	19%	2%

Need Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal
Class B1 - D	23%	20%	36%	18%	3%
Class E - G	27%	19%	35%	16%	3%
Class H - I	29%	20%	34%	15%	2%
Prisoners	27%	20%	35%	16%	2%

■ Extreme ■ High ■ Moderate ■ Low ■ Minimal

Note: Prisoners who did not have an RNA completed (n=2,409) were excluded from the figure. Less than 1% of prisoners were assessed as minimal risk overall and for each group.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 28
Areas of Need Identified

Areas of Need	Class B1 – D n=2,008 %	Class E – G n=4,494 %	Class H – I n=5,943 %	Prisoners n=12,445 %
Criminogenic Factors				
Anti-social Personality	32	30	31	30
Anti-social Values	15	19	20	19
Criminal Peers	48	46	45	46
Dysfunctional Family	42	49	56	51
Self-Control	19	24	29	25
Substance Use	65	74	81	76
Health Factors				
Mental Health	45	47	49	47
Physical	28	27	28	28
Additional Factors				
Academic/Vocational	35	44	45	43
Employment	55	59	59	59
Financial	31	30	32	31
Housing	20	24	32	27
Legal	73	69	65	68
Social Skills	44	47	50	48
Transportation	76	81	84	82

Note: Prisoners who did not have an RNA completed (n=2,409) were excluded from the table.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Incarceration Profile

Table 29
Incarceration Profile

Incarceration Profile	Class B1 – D n=2,262 %	Class E – G n=5,244 %	Class H – I n=7,348 %	Prisoners N=14,854 %
Type of Prison Entry				
New Crime	83	67	46	59
Probation Revocation	<1	12	23	16
PRS Revocation	17	21	30	25
Time Served				
12 Months or Less	17	49	81	60
13-24 Months	2	30	13	17
25 Months or More	81	21	6	23
Infractions	89	69	52	64
Number of Infractions (if any)				
1 Infraction	12	27	34	27
2 Infractions	9	18	20	17
3-4 Infractions	16	21	21	20
5 or More Infractions	63	34	25	36
Restrictive Housing	86	63	48	59
Correctional Jobs/Programs				
Program Only	2	12	15	12
Job Only	1	13	21	15
Both Job and Program	96	69	47	62
No Job or Program	1	6	17	11
Custody Classification at Release				
Close	17	13	9	12
Medium	27	29	25	27
Minimum	56	58	66	61
Released onto PRS	88	84	79	82

Note: Of Class B1 – D prisoners, there were 49 with a program only, 28 with a job only, and 12 with no job or program.
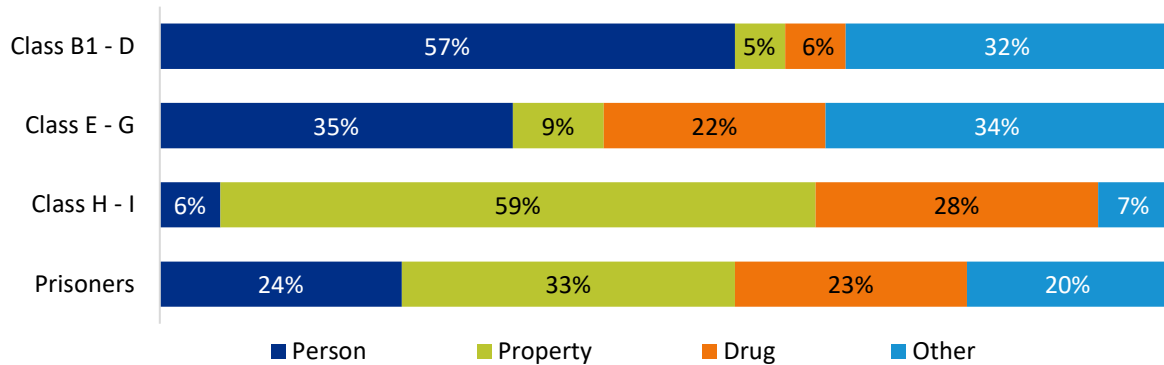SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 46
Most Serious Infraction for Prisoners with Any Infraction during Incarceration
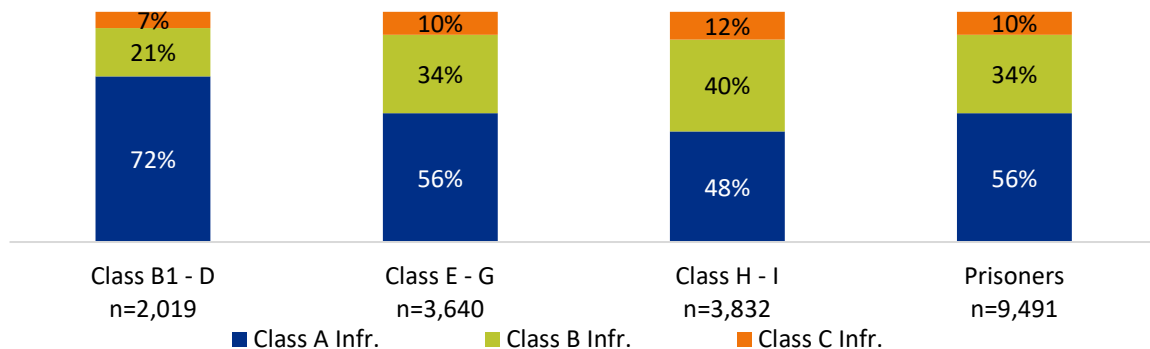
Class B1 - D n=2,019	Class E - G n=3,640	Class H - I n=3,832	Prisoners n=9,491
Class C Infr. 7%	10%	12%	10%
Class B Infr. 21%	34%	40%	34%
Class A Infr. 72%	56%	48%	56%

■ Class A Infr.   ■ Class B Infr.   ■ Class C Infr.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 47
Correctional Job/Program Assignments during Incarceration

Correctional Jobs

	Class B1 - D	Class E - G	Class H - I
Any Correctional Job n=11,497	19%	37%	44%
No Job n=3,357	2%	28%	70%

Select Jobs

	Class B1 - D	Class E - G	Class H - I
Construction n=471	50%	31%	19%
Correction Enterprises n=2,011	38%	29%	33%
Work Release n=1,221	48%	34%	18%

Correctional Programs

	Class B1 - D	Class E - G	Class H - I
Any Correctional Program n=11,050	20%	38%	42%
No Program n=3,804	1%	27%	72%

Select Programs

	Class B1 - D	Class E - G	Class H - I
Academic Education n=6,115	28%	38%	34%
ACDP n=3,738	20%	40%	40%
SOAR n=28	68%	32%	
TDU n=104	34%	36%	30%
Vocational Education n=4,887	31%	37%	32%

■ Class B1 - D ■ Class E - G ■ Class H - I

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

CRIMINAL JUSTICE OUTCOMES

Table 30
Recidivist Arrest Rates: Two-Year Follow-Up

Offense Class	N	# with Any Recidivist Arrest	Total # Recidivist Arrests	% Recidivist Arrest	
				One-Year Follow-Up	Two-Year Follow-Up
Class B1 – D	2,262	847	1,709	25	37
Class E – G	5,244	2,478	5,023	31	47
Class H – I	7,348	4,024	8,835	37	55
Prisoners	**14,854**	**7,349**	**15,567**	**33**	**49**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 31
Recidivist Incarceration Rates: Two-Year Follow-Up

Offense Class	N	# with Any Recidivist Incarceration	Total # Recidivist Incarcerations	% Recidivist Incarceration	
				One-Year Follow-Up	Two-Year Follow-Up
Class B1 – D	2,262	586	718	20	26
Class E – G	5,244	1,669	2,127	27	32
Class H – I	7,348	2,916	3,782	34	40
Prisoners	**14,854**	**5,171**	**6,627**	**29**	**35**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 48
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Number of Prior Arrests for Prisoners: Two-Year Follow-Up
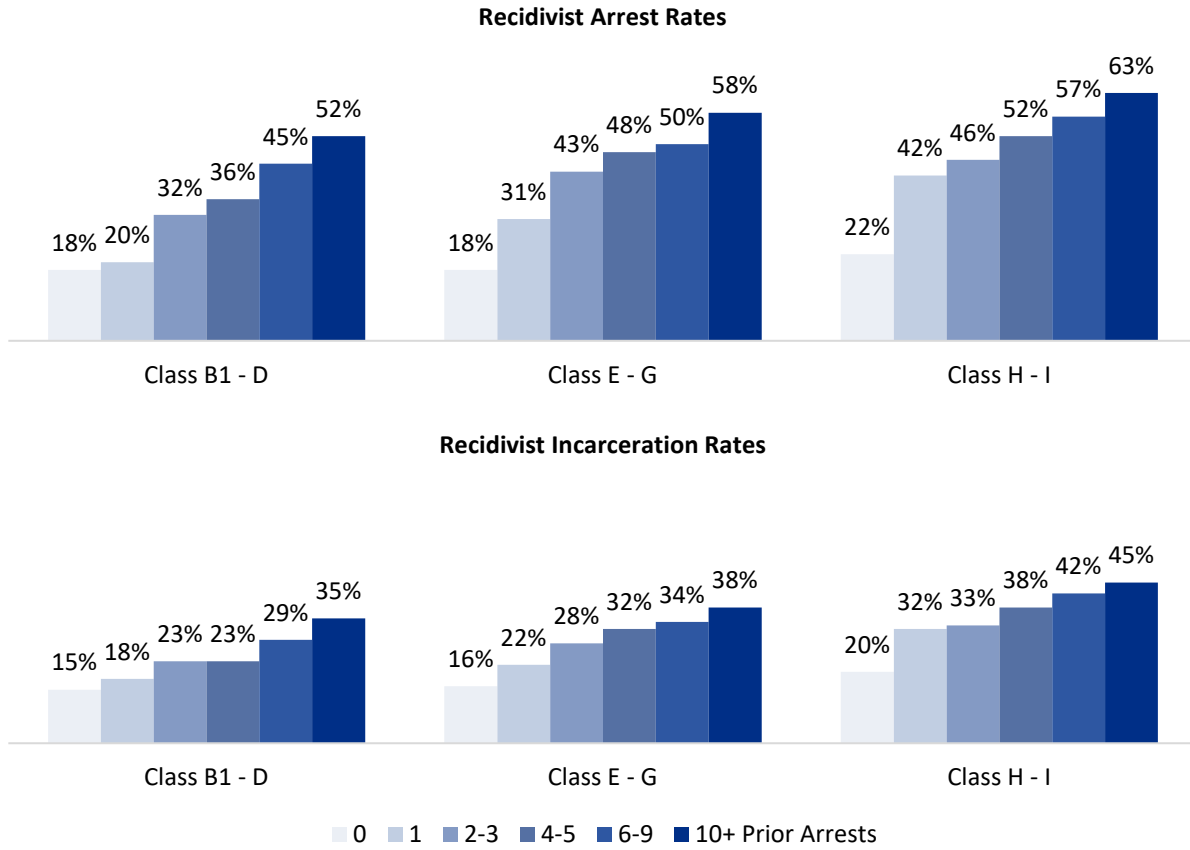
Recidivist Arrest Rates

	Class B1 - D	Class E - G	Class H - I
	18% 20% 32% 36% 45% 52%	18% 31% 43% 48% 50% 58%	22% 42% 46% 52% 57% 63%

Recidivist Incarceration Rates

	Class B1 - D	Class E - G	Class H - I
	15% 18% 23% 23% 29% 35%	16% 22% 28% 32% 34% 38%	20% 32% 33% 38% 42% 45%

■ 0 ■ 1 ■ 2-3 ■ 4-5 ■ 6-9 ■ 10+ Prior Arrests

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 49
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Offense Category for Prisoners: Two-Year Follow-Up

	Person	Property	Drug	Other
	44% 31%	56% 42%	44% 29%	51% 34%

■ Recidivist Arrest ■ Recidivist Incarceration

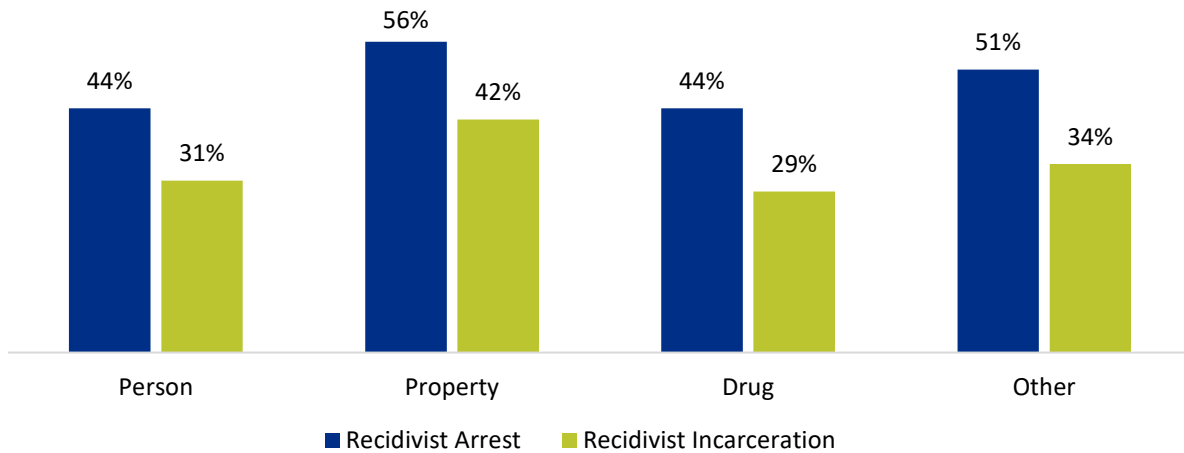SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 32

Criminal Justice Outcomes for Top 5 Convictions by Offense Class: Two-Year Follow-Up

Sample Conviction	N	% of Total	% Recidivist Arrest	% Recidivist Incarceration
Class B1 – D				
Habitual Felon	725	32	47	33
Robbery with Dangerous Weapon	479	21	46	29
Second Degree Murder	183	8	19	8
First Degree Burglary	94	4	43	27
Second Degree Rape	90	4	41	40
Subtotal	1,571	69	n/a	n/a
Total	2,262	100	37	26
Class E – G				
Possession of Firearm by Felon	840	16	57	33
Common Law Robbery	420	8	65	46
Sell Schedule II Contr. Subst.	350	7	36	25
Habitual Felon	332	6	52	40
Trafficking Schedule I	272	5	32	15
Subtotal	2,214	42	n/a	n/a
Total	5,244	100	47	32
Class H – I				
Breaking and Entering	1,367	19	58	42
Possess Sched. II Contr. Subst.	761	10	53	40
Obtain Property False Pretense	729	10	48	36
Larceny of Property (>$1,000)	500	7	59	44
Possess Sched. II Intent to Sell	399	5	53	31
Subtotal	3,756	51	n/a	n/a
Total	7,348	100	55	40
Prisoners	**14,854**	**100**	**49**	**35**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 50
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Risk and Need Levels: Two-Year Follow-Up
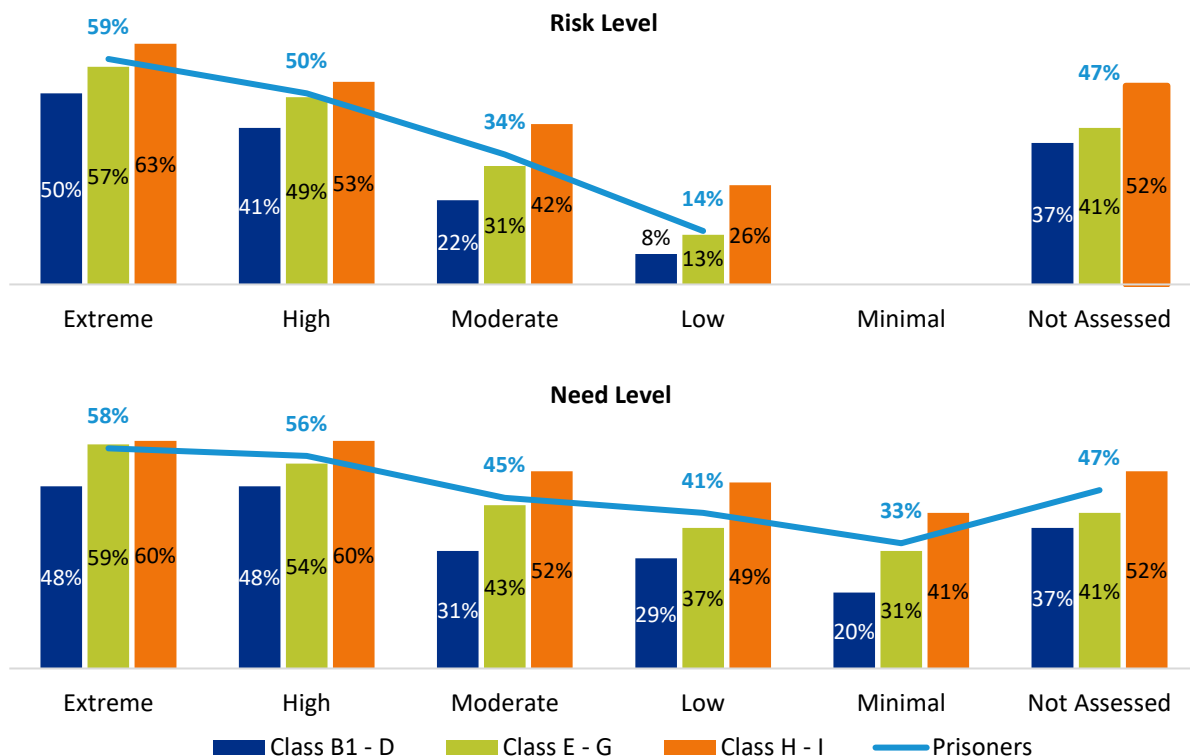
Risk Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal	Not Assessed
Class B1 - D	50%	41%	22%	8%		37%
Class E - G	57%	49%	31%	13%		41%
Class H - I	63%	53%	42%	26%		52%
Prisoners	59%	50%	34%	14%		47%

Need Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal	Not Assessed
Class B1 - D	48%	48%	31%	29%	20%	37%
Class E - G	59%	54%	43%	37%	31%	41%
Class H - I	60%	60%	52%	49%	41%	52%
Prisoners	58%	56%	45%	41%	33%	47%

■ Class B1 - D　■ Class E - G　■ Class H - I　— Prisoners

Note: Less than 1% of prisoners were assessed as minimal risk overall and for each group; consequently, recidivism rates were not reported for this group. As shown in Table 31, the recidivist arrest rate was 37% for Class B1 – D prisoners, 47% for Class E – G prisoners, and 55% for Class H – I prisoners; the percentage-point difference for the rates was 10% for Class B1 – D compared to Class E – G prisoners and 8% for Class E – G compared to Class H – I prisoners.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 51

Recidivist Incarceration Rates by Risk and Need Levels: Two-Year Follow-Up
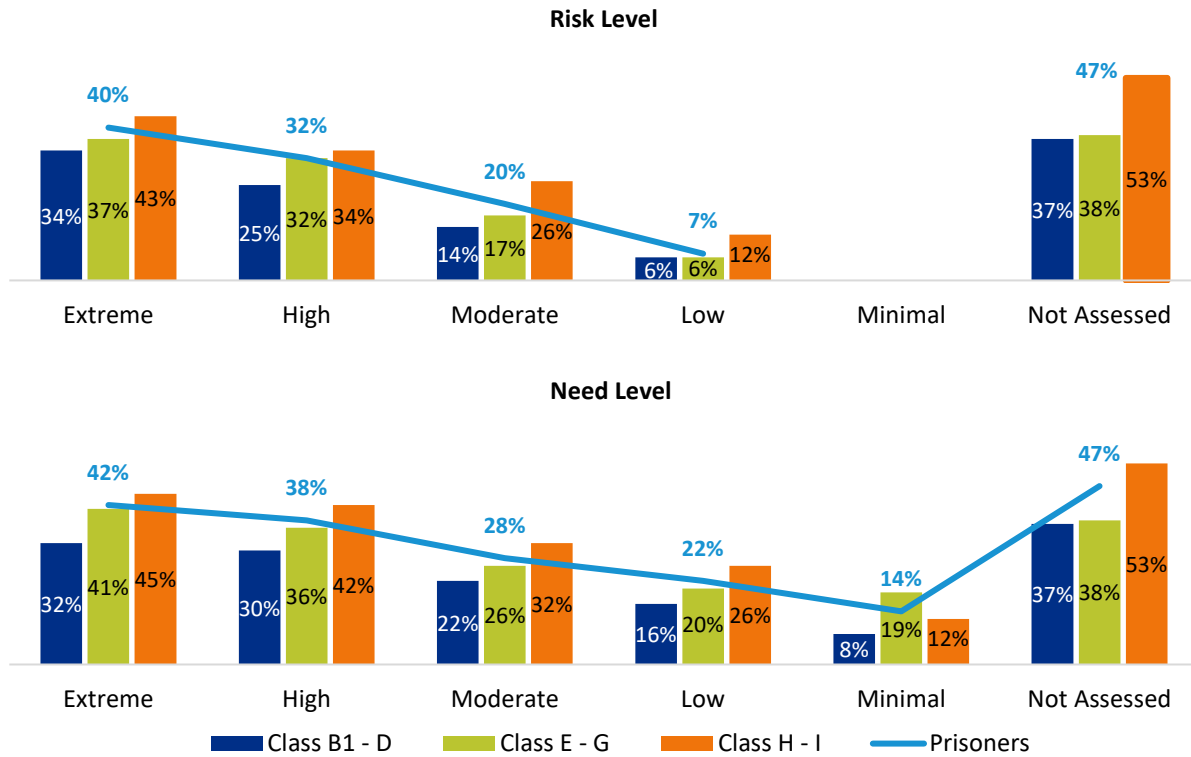
Risk Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal	Not Assessed
Prisoners	40%	32%	20%	7%		47%
Class B1 - D	34%	25%	14%	6%		37%
Class E - G	37%	32%	17%	6%		38%
Class H - I	43%	34%	26%	12%		53%

Need Level

	Extreme	High	Moderate	Low	Minimal	Not Assessed
Prisoners	42%	38%	28%	22%	14%	47%
Class B1 - D	32%	30%	22%	16%	8%	37%
Class E - G	41%	36%	26%	20%	19%	38%
Class H - I	45%	42%	32%	26%	12%	53%

Class B1 - D ■ Class E - G ■ Class H - I ■ Prisoners —

Note: Less than 1% of prisoners were assessed as minimal risk overall and for each group; consequently, recidivism rates were not reported for this group.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Incarceration Profile

Table 33
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Incarceration Profile: Two-Year Follow-Up

Incarceration Profile	N	% Recidivist Arrest	% Recidivist Incarceration
Type of Prison Entry			
New Crime	8,775	45	33
Probation Revocation	2,352	47	40
PRS Revocation	3,727	61	36
Time Served			
12 Months or Less	8,897	54	38
13-24 Months	2,596	50	38
25 Months or More	3,361	38	25
Infractions			
0 Infractions	5,363	42	31
1 Infraction	2,532	48	32
2 Infractions	1,586	51	36
3-4 Infractions	1,906	53	36
5 or More Infractions	3,467	60	42
Restrictive Housing			
Yes	8,728	55	38
No	6,126	42	30
Correctional Jobs/Programs			
Program Only	1,780	56	42
Job Only	2,227	50	35
Both Job and Program	9,270	48	32
No Job or Program	1,577	49	40
Custody Classification at Release			
Close	1,736	66	48
Medium	4,002	55	41
Minimum	9,116	44	30
Prisoners	**14,854**	**49**	**35**

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 52
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Type of Prison Entry: Two-Year Follow-Up

Recidivist Arrest Rates

Recidivist Incarceration Rates
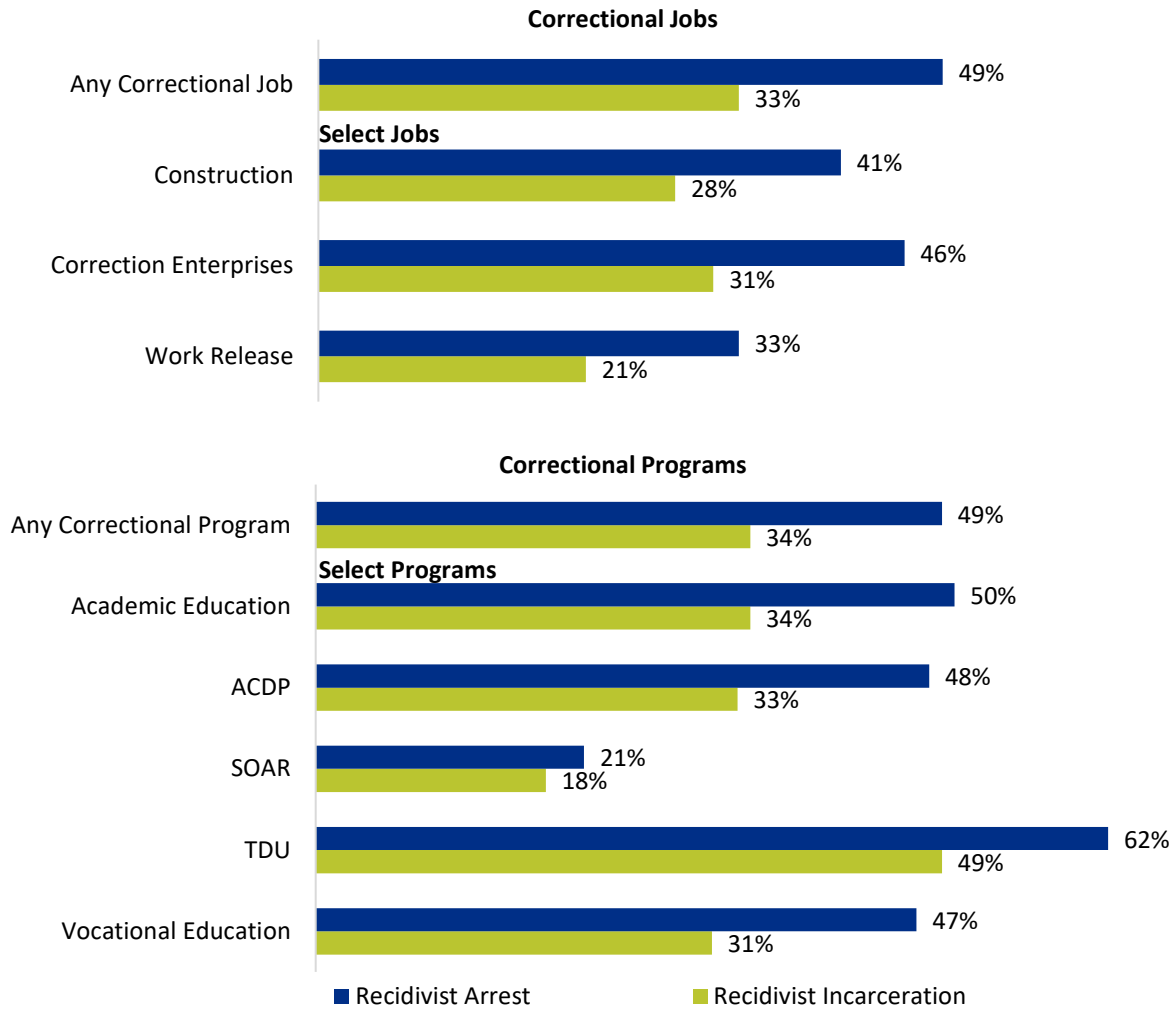

Class B1 - D   Class E - G   Class H - I   Prisoners

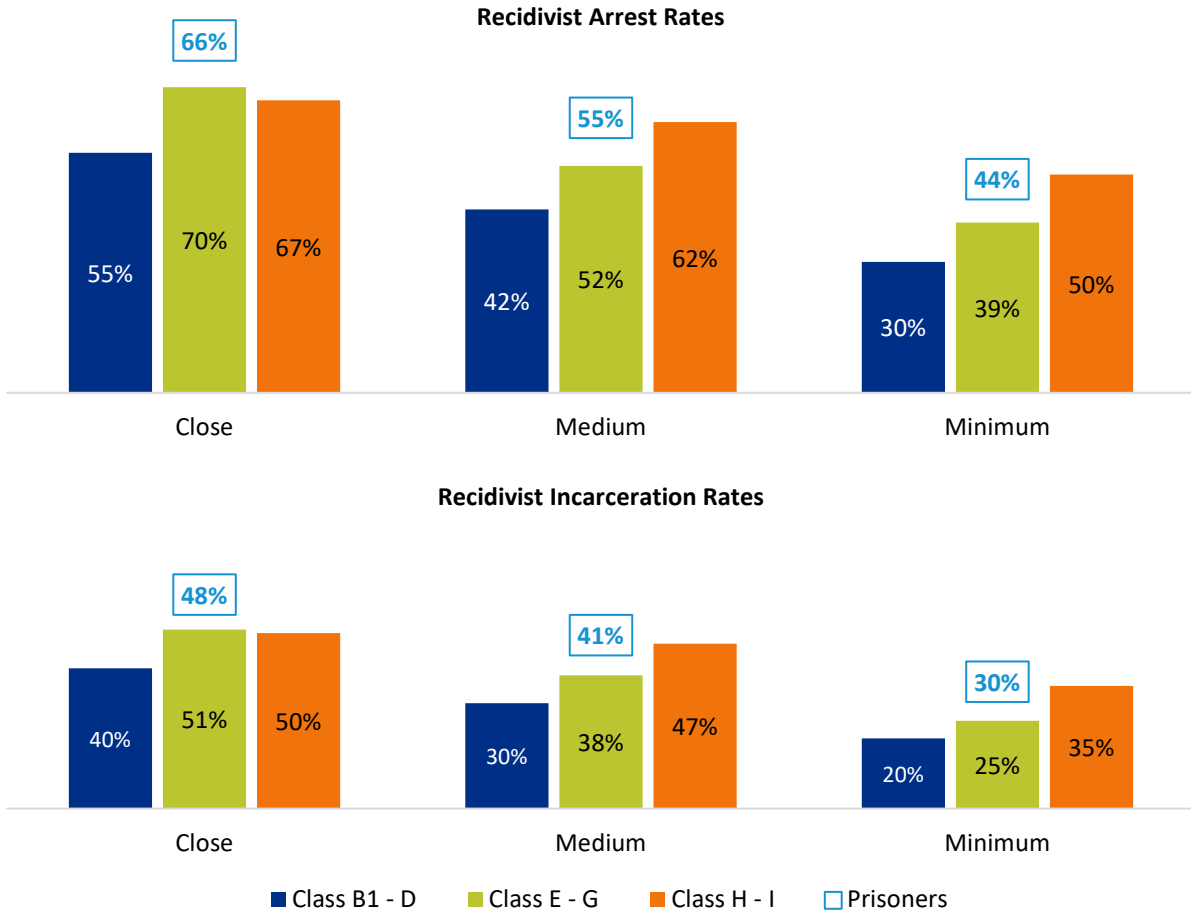SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 53
Criminal Justice Outcomes for Prisoners Assigned to Select Correctional Jobs/Programs:
Two-Year Follow-Up

Correctional Jobs

Category	Recidivist Arrest	Recidivist Incarceration
Any Correctional Job	49%	33%
Select Jobs		
Construction	41%	28%
Correction Enterprises	46%	31%
Work Release	33%	21%

Correctional Programs

Category	Recidivist Arrest	Recidivist Incarceration
Any Correctional Program	49%	34%
Select Programs		
Academic Education	50%	34%
ACDP	48%	33%
SOAR	21%	18%
TDU	62%	49%
Vocational Education	47%	31%

■ Recidivist Arrest   ■ Recidivist Incarceration

Note: Prisoners can participate in multiple correctional jobs and programs during their incarceration period and, therefore, may be represented in more than one activity. Due to the low number of SOAR participants (n=28), results for this program should be interpreted with caution.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data
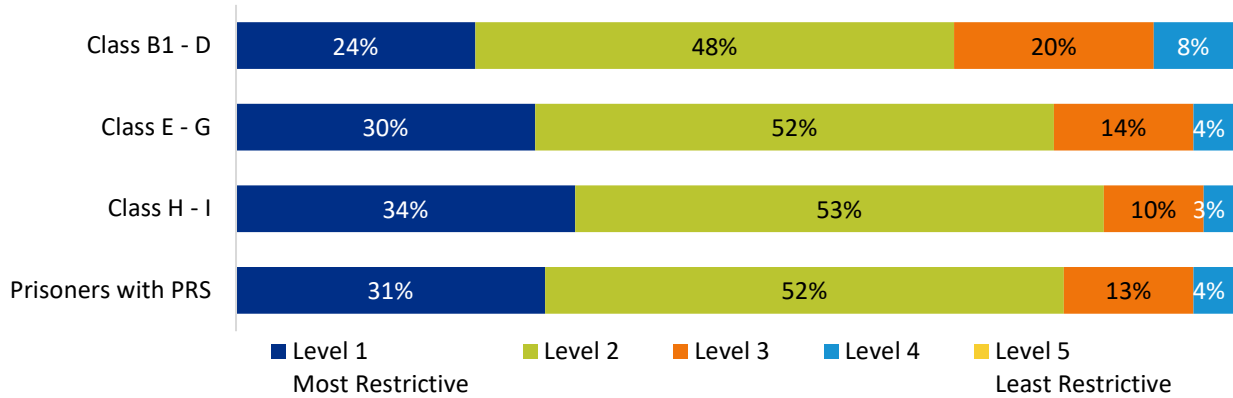
Figure 54
Criminal Justice Outcomes by Custody Classification at Release: Two-Year Follow-Up

Recidivist Arrest Rates

Recidivist Incarceration Rates

■ Class B1 - D   ■ Class E - G   ■ Class H - I   ☐ Prisoners

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data
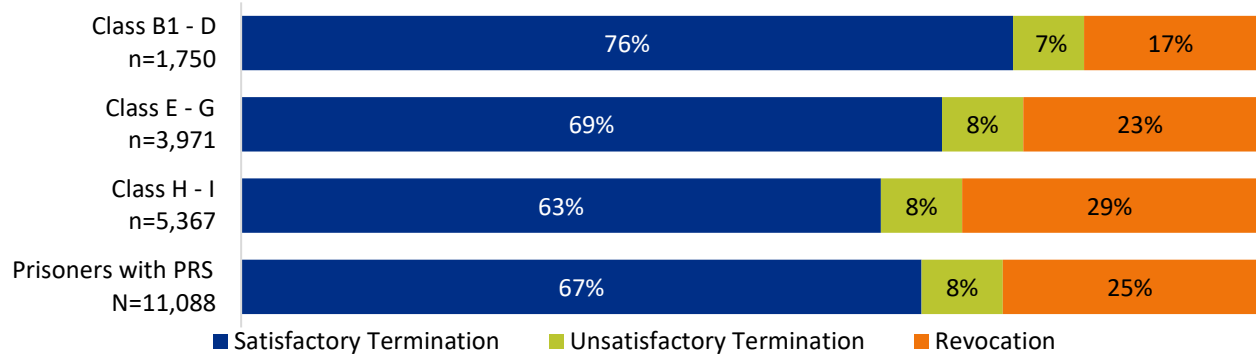
PRISONERS RELEASED ONTO POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION

Figure 55
Supervision Level for Prisoners Released onto PRS

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Class B1 - D	24%	48%	20%	8%
Class E - G	30%	52%	14%	4%
Class H - I	34%	53%	10%	3%
Prisoners with PRS	31%	52%	13%	4%

■ Level 1 ■ Level 2 ■ Level 3 ■ Level 4 ■ Level 5
Most Restrictive   Least Restrictive

Note: Prisoners with PRS who did not have an RNA completed (n=1,503) were excluded from the figure. Less than 1% of prisoners with PRS were placed in Supervision Level 5 overall (n=20) and for each group.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data
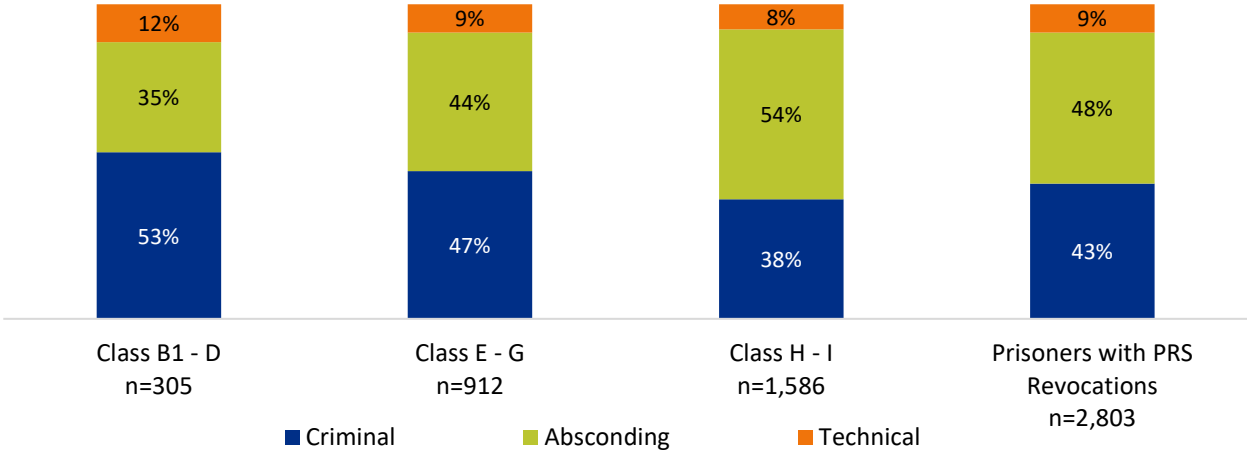
Figure 56
PRS Exit Reason for Prisoners Released onto PRS

	Satisfactory Termination	Unsatisfactory Termination	Revocation
Class B1 - D n=1,750	76%	7%	17%
Class E - G n=3,971	69%	8%	23%
Class H - I n=5,367	63%	8%	29%
Prisoners with PRS N=11,088	67%	8%	25%

■ Satisfactory Termination ■ Unsatisfactory Termination ■ Revocation

Note: This figure excludes 1,136 prisoners with PRS who were still on supervision at the end of the two-year follow-up period.
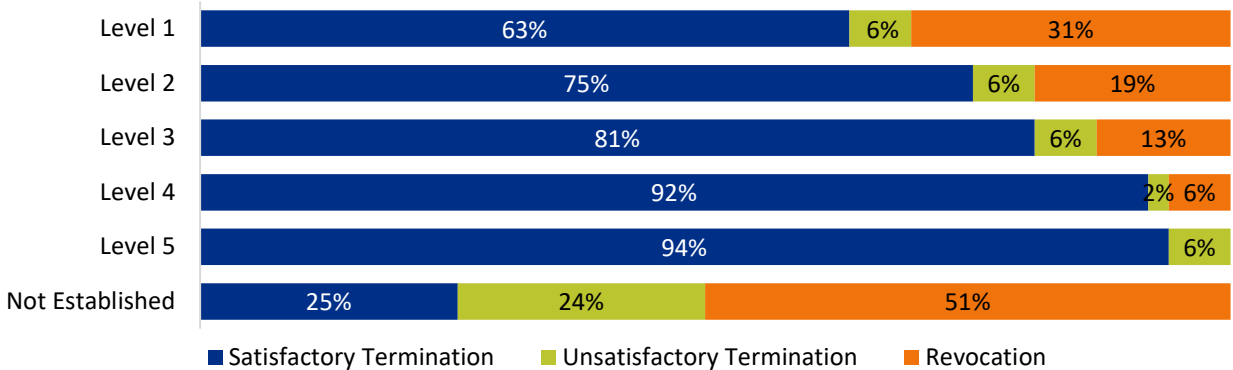SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 57
Type of Revocation for PRS Revocation Exits

	Class B1 - D n=305	Class E - G n=912	Class H - I n=1,586	Prisoners with PRS Revocations n=2,803
Technical	12%	9%	8%	9%
Absconding	35%	44%	54%	48%
Criminal	53%	47%	38%	43%

■ Criminal   ■ Absconding   ■ Technical

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 58
PRS Exit Reason by Supervision Level for Prisoners Released onto PRS

	Satisfactory Termination	Unsatisfactory Termination	Revocation
Level 1	63%	6%	31%
Level 2	75%	6%	19%
Level 3	81%	6%	13%
Level 4	92%	2%	6%
Level 5	94%	6%	
Not Established	25%	24%	51%

■ Satisfactory Termination   ■ Unsatisfactory Termination   ■ Revocation

Note: This figure excludes 1,136 prisoners with PRS who were still on supervision at the end of the two-year follow-up period. Also, it is important to note that, of those who exited PRS, only 17 were in Level 5.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 59
Recidivist Arrest Rates by Supervision Level for Prisoners Released onto PRS: Two-Year Follow-Up
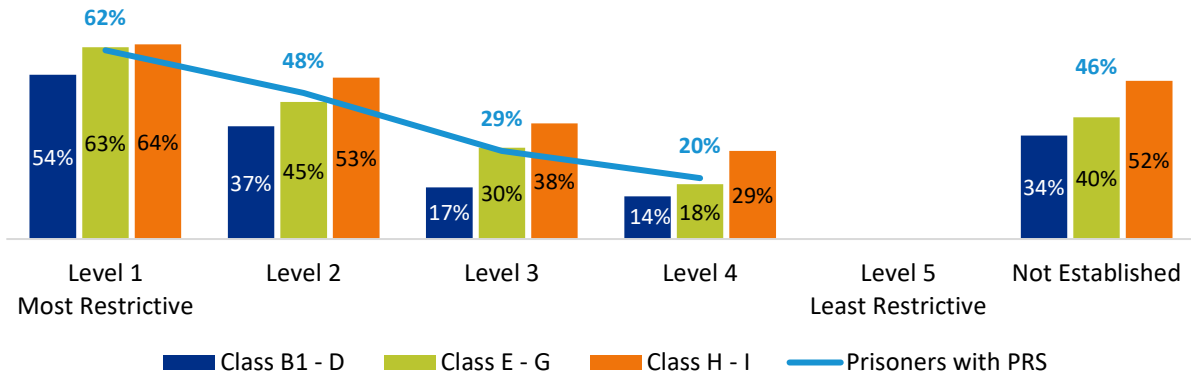
Note: Less than 1% of prisoners with PRS were placed in Supervision Level 5 overall (n=20) and for each group; consequently, recidivism rates were not reported for this group.
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 60
Recidivist Arrest Rates by PRS Exit Reason for Prisoners Released onto PRS: Two-Year Follow-Up
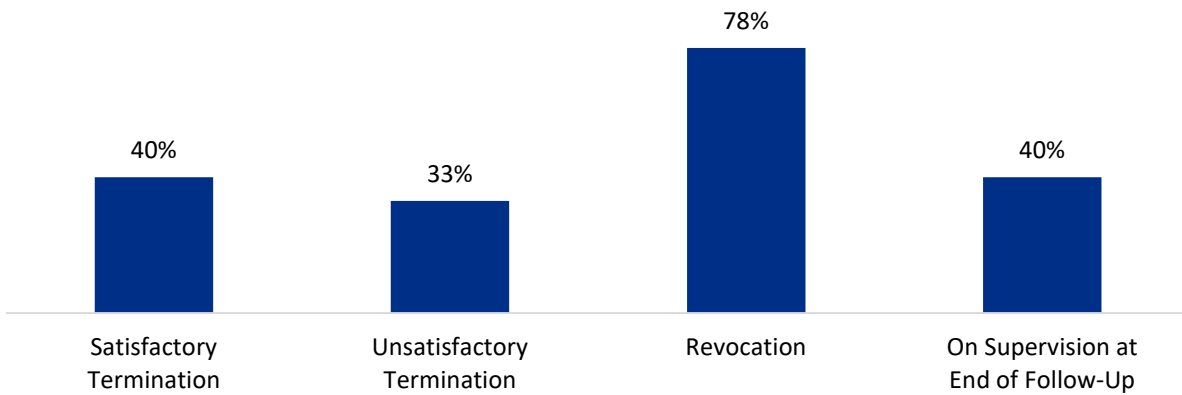
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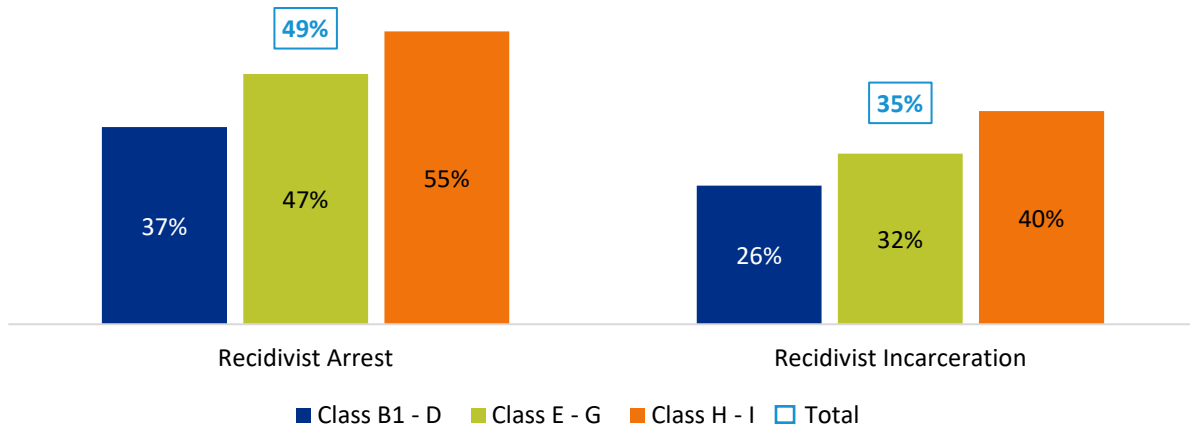
SUMMARY

Table 34
Prison Releases Profile

Prison Releases Profile	Class B1 – D n=2,262	Class E – G n=5,244	Class H - I n=7,348	Prisoners N=14,854
Personal Characteristics				
Male	94%	91%	84%	88%
White	34%	39%	53%	45%
Avg. Age at Prison Release	39 Years	35 Years	35 Years	36 Years
Prior Arrest	89%	94%	97%	95%
Prior Incarceration	54%	58%	60%	58%
Risk Level				
Extreme	35%	42%	45%	42%
Low	4%	2%	1%	2%
Need Level				
Extreme	23%	27%	29%	27%
Low	18%	16%	15%	16%
Type of Prison Entry				
New Crime	83%	67%	46%	59%
Infractions	89%	69%	52%	64%
Correctional Programs/Jobs				
Both Job and Program	96%	69%	47%	62%
No Job or Program	1%	6%	17%	11%
Minimum Custody at Release	56%	58%	66%	61%
Released onto PRS	88%	84%	79%	82%

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Figure 61
Criminal Justice Outcomes for the FY 2019 Prisoners: Two-Year Follow-Up

Recidivist Arrest: Class B1 - D 37%, Class E - G 47%, Class H - I 55%, Total 49%
Recidivist Incarceration: Class B1 - D 26%, Class E - G 32%, Class H - I 40%, Total 35%

■ Class B1 - D ■ Class E - G ■ Class H - I ☐ Total

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2019 Correctional Program Evaluation Data