
Comparative Statistical Profile of Young Offenders in North Carolina



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Office of State Budget and Management

NC Population

Table 1
2014 North Carolina Population by Age Group

Age Group	N	%
Under 6 years	730,982	7.3
Subtotal	730,982	7.3
Juveniles		
6-9 years	519,902	5.2
10-13 years	523,925	5.3
14 years	134,486	1.4
15 years	130,864	1.3
Subtotal	1,309,177	13.2
Adults		
16-17 years	255,018	2.6
18-20 years	432,767	4.3
21 years and older	7,225,743	72.6
Subtotal	7,913,528	79.5
Total	9,953,687	100.0

SOURCE: NC Office of State Budget and Management, 2014 County Population Estimates by Age Groups

Administrative Office of the Courts

Charge Information Based on Statewide Filings

Table 2
Highest Charge by Case, by Charge Class, by Age of Defendant
FY 2014-15 Statewide Filings

Offense Class	Under 16 Years	16 Years	17 Years	16 to 17 Years	Under 18 Years
Felonies					
Class A	5	6	21	27	32
Class B1	1	38	43	81	82
Class B2	1	8	10	18	19
Class C	1	32	63	95	96
Class D	7	149	251	400	407
Class E	0	84	103	187	187
Class F	0	55	78	133	133
Class G	0	136	176	312	312
Class H	1	956	1,305	2,261	2,262
Class I	0	371	577	948	948
??	0	91	123	214	214
—	0	9	49	58	58
Subtotal	16	1,935	2,799	4,734	4,750
DWI/IC MV Misdemeanors					
Class A1	0	0	0	0	0
Class 1	0	0	0	0	0
Class 2	0	71	210	281	281
Class 3	0	2	2	4	4
??	0	0	0	0	0
—	0	14	47	61	61
Subtotal	0	87	259	346	346
MV Misdemeanors Other					
Class A1	0	8	6	14	14
Class 1	0	215	295	510	510
Class 2	0	817	1,395	2,212	2,212
Class 3	0	3,344	7,861	11,205	11,205
??	2	9	9	18	20
—	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	2	4,393	9,566	13,959	13,961
Non-MV Misdemeanors					
Class A1	0	379	454	833	833
Class 1	0	3,922	5,159	9,081	9,081
Class 2	0	2,631	2,648	5,279	5,279
Class 3	0	1,493	2,266	3,759	3,759
??	2	376	393	769	771
—	0	40	79	119	119
Subtotal	2	8,841	10,999	19,840	19,842
Total	20	15,256	23,623	38,879	38,899

Felony ??: free text felonies, common law, habitual felon, drug/trafficking

Felony __: probation violation out of county, felony probation violation, extradition/fugitive other state

DWI/IC MV Misdemeanors __: driving while impaired, aid and abet impaired driving

MV Misdemeanors Other ??: traffic free text, local ordinance free text

Non-MV Misdemeanors ??: misdemeanor free text, common law, wildlife, interfere w/ elect. monitor device

Non-MV Misdemeanors __: probation violations, criminal contempt, show cause, motions

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FY 2014 Convictions and Adjudications

Table 3
Convictions by Offense Type, Class, and Age at Offense

Offense Type and Class for Most Serious Convicted Offense	16-17 years		All Offenders	
	n	%	n	%
Felony				
Class A-E (Violent)	187	3.3	3,751	2.6
Class F-I (Non-violent)	928	16.3	23,712	16.4
Subtotal	1,115	19.6	27,463	19.0
Misdemeanor	4,574	80.4	116,953	81.0
Total	5,689	100.0	144,416	100.0

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2014 Statistical Report Data

Table 4
Adjudications by Offense Type, Class, and Age at Offense

Offense Type and Class for Most Serious Adjudicated Offense	15 years		All Juveniles	
	n	%	n	%
Felony				
Class A-E (Violent)	54	2.8	132	2.5
Class F-I (Non-violent)	337	17.4	759	14.7
Subtotal	391	20.2	891	17.2
Misdemeanor	1,545	79.8	4,286	82.8
Total	1,936	100.0	5,177	100.0

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2014 Juvenile Disposition Simulation Data

Table 5
Convictions by Criminal History and Age at Offense

Criminal History for Most Serious Convicted Offense	16-17 years		All Offenders	
	n	%	n	%
Felony				
Prior Record Level I (0-1 pt)	878	15.4	8,054	5.6
Prior Record Level II (2-5 pts)	212	3.7	8,286	5.7
Prior Record Level III-VI (6+ pts)	25	0.5	11,123	7.7
Subtotal	1,115	19.6	27,463	19.0
Misdemeanor				
Prior Conviction Level I (0)	3,059	53.8	37,032	25.6
Prior Conviction Level II (1-4)	1,432	25.2	47,008	32.6
Prior Conviction Level III-VI (5+)	83	1.4	32,913	22.8
Subtotal	4,574	80.4	116,953	81.0
Total	5,689	100.0	144,416	100.0

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2014 Statistical Report Data

Table 6
Adjudications by Delinquency History and Age at Offense

Delinquency History for Most Serious Adjudicated Offense	15 years		All Juveniles	
	n	%	n	%
Felony				
Low (0-1 pt)	208	10.7	531	10.3
Medium (2-3 pts)	87	4.5	176	3.4
High (4+ pts)	96	5.0	184	3.5
Subtotal	391	20.2	891	17.2
Misdemeanor				
Low (0-1 pt)	1,090	56.3	3,197	61.8
Medium (2-3 pts)	254	13.1	639	12.3
High (4+ pts)	201	10.4	450	8.7
Subtotal	1,545	79.8	4,286	82.8
Total	1,936	100.0	5,177	100.0

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2014 Juvenile Disposition Simulation Data

Table 7
Convictions by Disposition Type and Age at Offense

Disposition Type for Most Serious Convicted Offense	16-17 years		All Offenders	
	n	%	n	%
Felony				
Active (Prison)	271	4.8	10,665	7.4
Non-active (Community ^a)	844	14.8	16,798	11.6
Subtotal	1,115	19.6	27,463	19.0
Misdemeanor				
Active (Jail)	1,156	20.3	36,369	25.2
Non-active (Community ^a)	3,418	60.1	80,584	55.8
Subtotal	4,574	80.4	116,953	81.0
Total	5,689	100.0	144,416	100.0

^a An intermediate or community punishment may have been imposed for non-active convictions.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2014 Statistical Report Data

Table 8
Adjudications by Disposition Type and Age at Offense

Disposition Type for Most Serious Adjudicated Offense	15 years		All Juveniles	
	n	%	n	%
Felony				
Level 3 (Commitment ^a)	48	2.5	82	1.6
Level 1 and 2 (Community)	343	17.7	809	15.6
Subtotal	391	20.2	891	17.2
Misdemeanor				
Level 3 (Commitment ^a)	19	1.0	37	0.7
Level 1 and 2 (Community)	1,526	78.8	4,249	82.1
Subtotal	1,545	79.8	4,286	82.8
Total	1,936	100.0	5,177	100.0

^a A Level 3 disposition may have been a commitment to a Youth Development Center or to a community-based facility.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2014 Juvenile Disposition Simulation Data

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FY 2011 Adult and Juvenile Recidivism Samples

Table 9
Recidivism Rates (Adult Arrest) for Offenders Aged 16 or Older at Offense

Age at Offense	N	% Recidivist Adult Arrest	
		One-Year Follow-Up	Two-Year Follow-Up
Probation Entries			
16-17 years	3,153	34.5	49.3
18-20 years	6,105	31.2	43.5
21-29 years	12,409	27.4	39.6
30-39 years	8,134	23.0	33.3
40-49 years	5,445	20.8	29.3
50 years and older	2,882	13.7	19.9
Subtotal	38,128	25.7	36.7
Prison Releases	19,335	32.7	48.6
Total	57,463	28.1	40.7

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2011 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Table 10
Recidivism Rates (Subsequent Juvenile Complaint and/or Adult Arrest)
for Juveniles by Level of Involvement

Level of Involvement	N	% Subsequent Complaint and/or Adult Arrest	
		One-Year Follow-Up	Two-Year Follow-Up
Adjudicated	5,141	34.1	46.1
Dismissed	1,954	26.4	37.9
Diverted	4,640	22.8	32.7
Closed	4,207	18.0	26.5
Total	15,942	25.6	36.0

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2011 Juvenile Recidivism Sample

Table 11
Recidivism Rates (Subsequent Juvenile Complaint and/or Adult Arrest)
for Juveniles Adjudicated Delinquent by Age at Offense

Age at Offense	N	% Subsequent Complaint and/or Adult Arrest	
		One-Year Follow-Up	Two-Year Follow-Up
Adjudicated			
6-9 years	77	22.1	31.2
10 years	97	26.8	37.1
11 years	185	29.2	41.1
12 years	432	32.6	45.8
13 years	927	37.5	52.0
14 years	1,436	39.1	50.3
15 years	1,987	30.6	41.8
Total	5,141	34.1	46.1

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2011 Juvenile Recidivism Sample

Table 12
Two-Year Recidivism Rates by Most Serious Offense for Juveniles Aged 15 Years and
Offenders Aged 16-17 Years at Offense under Community Supervision

Most Serious Adjudicated or Convicted Sample Offense	Subsequent Complaint and/or Adult Arrest		Recidivist Adult Arrest	
	15 years ^a		16-17 years	
	n	%	n	%
Felony	295	34.6	933	55.7
Misdemeanor	1,580	44.1	2,220	46.5
Total	1,875	42.6	3,153	49.3

^a Juveniles with no disposition imposed (n=68) or with a Level 3 (or Youth Development Center) disposition imposed (n=44) were excluded from the table.

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2011 Juvenile Recidivism Sample and FY 2011 Correctional Program Evaluation Data

Impact



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IMPACT PROJECTIONS

System Impact

- Juvenile Justice System
 - Judicial Resources
 - Probation Resources
 - Community Programs
 - Detention Centers
 - Youth Development Centers
- Adult Criminal Justice System
 - Judicial Resources
 - Probation Resources
 - Community Programs
 - Jails
 - Prisons

Youth Impact

- Recidivism
- Education
- Employment
- Collateral Consequences
- Societal Benefits