## 2022 Wake County Debt-Based Driver's License Suspension Fact Sheet

In January 2022 Wake County, NC had 189054 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $52.6 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $47.4 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 6353 people had 2 or more traffic cases in FTC status.

| County | Total Number of Traffic Violation Cases with a FTC | Total Number of People with a Traffic Violation FTC |
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| Wake County | 39945 | 29073 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were Black people (56\%). With Black men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | F | M | U |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Native American | 12 | 38 | 0 |
| Asian | 18 | 56 | 0 |
| Unknown | 21 | 115 | 9 |
| Other | 122 | 468 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 555 | 4041 | 0 |
| White | 1939 | 5316 | 0 |
| Black | 4367 | 11995 | 1 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were $21-30$ years old ( $45 \%$ ). ${ }^{2}$


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## Length in FTC Status

- $73.1 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.


| Years to Compliance | Black | White | Hispanic | Other | Asian | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | UnknownTotal $\%$ <br> of Cases |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $0-1$ | 36289 | 20114 | 6469 | 2170 | 544 | 177 | 94 | 73.1 |
| $1-2$ | 5958 | 2336 | 630 | 157 | 36 | 14 | 10 | 10.1 |
| $2-3$ | 3024 | 1109 | 332 | 70 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 5.1 |
| $3-4$ | 1871 | 654 | 169 | 47 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3.1 |
| $4-5$ | 1342 | 461 | 123 | 29 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2.2 |
| $5-10$ | 2816 | 900 | 226 | 37 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 4.4 |
| $10-15$ | 886 | 264 | 50 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1.4 |
| $15-20$ | 377 | 72 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| $20+$ | 147 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 |

- For all traffic cases in Wake County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 11 years.

| Years in FTC | Black | White | Hispanic | Other | Unknown | Asian Native <br> Ameri- <br> can <br> $0-1$ 1878 <br> of Cases  |  |  |
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| $1-5$ | 5274 | 1824 | 446 | 97 | 46 | 13 | 5 | 7.7 |
| $5-10$ | 6527 | 2371 | 1522 | 136 | 69 | 31 | 15 | 21.4 |
| $10-15$ | 3797 | 1435 | 1457 | 113 | 33 | 24 | 21 | 26.7 |
| $15-20$ | 2755 | 1063 | 777 | 79 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 17.1 |
| $20-30$ | 3910 | 1692 | 137 | 146 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 11.7 |
| $30+$ | 161 | 56 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14.8 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ This estimate includes cases with guilty to lesser (GL), guilty (GU), prayer for judgement (PJ), responsible to lesser (RL), and responsible (RS) verdicts.
    ${ }^{2}$ While the age was not provided in the original data, it was calculated from the defendant's birthday and disposition date.

