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

In January 2022 Wilkes County, NC had 21158 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $49.8 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $50.2 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 1862 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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| Wilkes County | 8483 | 4421 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were White people (73\%). With White men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | F | M |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Native American | 1 | 2 |
| Unknown | 0 | 3 |
| Asian | 1 | 4 |
| Other | 10 | 52 |
| Hispanic | 45 | 351 |
| Black | 191 | 542 |
| White | 1133 | 2086 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were $21-30$ years old ( $39 \%$ ). ${ }^{2}$


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## Length in FTC Status

- $59.9 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.

- For all traffic cases in Wilkes County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 9 years.

| Years in FTC | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Asian | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Unknown | Total \% <br> of Cases |
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| $0-1$ | 438 | 104 | 57 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7.2 |
| $1-5$ | 2151 | 461 | 178 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 33.1 |
| $5-10$ | 1789 | 376 | 132 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 27.3 |
| $10-15$ | 839 | 138 | 97 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12.7 |
| $15-20$ | 438 | 74 | 75 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7.0 |
| $20-30$ | 795 | 134 | 91 | 45 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 12.6 |
| $30+$ | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.1 |


[^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.

