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

In January 2022 Polk County, NC had 4925 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $43.7 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $56.3 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 180 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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| Polk County | 1247 | 1001 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were White people (69\%). With White men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | M | F |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Native American | 1 | 1 |
| Asian | 2 | 0 |
| Unknown | 3 | 0 |
| Other | 13 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 55 | 6 |
| Black | 187 | 44 |
| White | 530 | 158 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were $21-30$ years old ( $37 \%$ ). ${ }^{2}$


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## Length in FTC Status

- $61.7 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.


| Years to Compliance | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Asian <br> Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | UnknownTotal \% <br> of Cases |  |  |
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| $0-1$ | 826 | 276 | 45 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 61.7 |
| $1-2$ | 181 | 68 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 13.6 |
| $2-3$ | 89 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.6 |
| $3-4$ | 39 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3.5 |
| $4-5$ | 33 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2.9 |
| $5-10$ | 87 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.8 |
| $10-15$ | 40 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.8 |
| $15-20$ | 16 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| $20+$ | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |

- For all traffic cases in Polk County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 14 years.

| Years in FTC | White | Black | Hispanic | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Asian | Other | Unknown <br> of Cases |  |
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| $0-1$ | 38 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.5 |
| $1-5$ | 170 | 55 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 19.1 |
| $5-10$ | 161 | 43 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17.7 |
| $10-15$ | 98 | 27 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11.1 |
| $15-20$ | 122 | 42 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14.4 |
| $20-30$ | 232 | 94 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 28.6 |
| $30+$ | 31 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4.8 |


[^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.

