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

In January 2022 Buncombe County, NC had 8716 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $43.6 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $56.4 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 523 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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| Buncombe County | 2777 | 2039 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were White people (71\%). With White men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | M | F | U |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Asian | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Native American | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Other | 28 | 2 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 108 | 2 | 0 |
| Black | 393 | 50 | 0 |
| White | 1209 | 226 | 0 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were $21-30$ years old ( $41 \%$ ). ${ }^{2}$


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## Length in FTC Status

- $50.8 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.


| Years to Compliance | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Asian | UnknownTotal $\%$ <br> of Cases |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $0-1$ | 1367 | 397 | 37 | 19 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 50.8 |
| $1-2$ | 376 | 131 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14.5 |
| $2-3$ | 186 | 74 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7.6 |
| $3-4$ | 115 | 47 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.7 |
| $4-5$ | 101 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 |
| $5-10$ | 257 | 95 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10.0 |
| $10-15$ | 126 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.7 |
| $15-20$ | 60 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| $20+$ | 28 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |

- For all traffic cases in Buncombe County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 21 years.

| Years in FTC | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Unknown | Asian | Native American | Total \% of Cases |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 1-5 | 163 | 36 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7.1 |
| 5-10 | 232 | 76 | 25 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 11.4 |
| 10-15 | 293 | 71 | 51 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 14.1 |
| 15-20 | 264 | 88 | 44 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 13.5 |
| 20-30 | 685 | 235 | 16 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 32.1 |
| 30+ | 494 | 147 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 21.7 |


[^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.

