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

In January 2022 Cherokee County, NC had 4440 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $47.9 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $52.1 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 207 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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| Cherokee County | 1245 | 949 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were White people (87\%). With White men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | F | M |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Unknown | 0 | 1 |
| Asian | 2 | 2 |
| Native American | 2 | 6 |
| Other | 0 | 11 |
| Hispanic | 4 | 36 |
| Black | 12 | 50 |
| White | 240 | 582 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were $21-30$ years old ( $35 \%$ ). ${ }^{2}$


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## Length in FTC Status

- $63.8 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.

- For all traffic cases in Cherokee County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 13 years.

| Years in FTC | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Other | UnknownTotal \% <br> of Cases |  |
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| $0-1$ | 38 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 |
| $1-5$ | 280 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 25.3 |
| $5-10$ | 229 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 19.7 |
| $10-15$ | 127 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11.5 |
| $15-20$ | 132 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12.3 |
| $20-30$ | 274 | 21 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 24.3 |
| $30+$ | 39 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.1 |


[^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.

