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

In January 2022 Columbus County, NC had 14428 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $57 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $43 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 898 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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| Columbus County | 5320 | 3908 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were Black people (50\%). With Black men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | F | M | U |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Asian | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Unknown | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Other | 13 | 45 | 0 |
| Native American | 65 | 140 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 35 | 268 | 0 |
| White | 460 | 917 | 0 |
| Black | 511 | 1445 | 0 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were $21-30$ years old ( $42 \%$ ). ${ }^{2}$


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## Length in FTC Status

- $64.3 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.

- For all traffic cases in Columbus County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 12 years.

| Years in FTC | Black | White | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Hispanic | Other | Asian | Unknown <br> of Cases |  |
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| $0-1$ | 304 | 247 | 36 | 25 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 11.6 |
| $1-5$ | 603 | 450 | 81 | 62 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 22.5 |
| $5-10$ | 427 | 283 | 51 | 48 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 15.2 |
| $10-15$ | 380 | 285 | 28 | 100 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 14.9 |
| $15-20$ | 421 | 245 | 34 | 108 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 15.1 |
| $20-30$ | 485 | 290 | 24 | 30 | 39 | 0 | 1 | 16.2 |
| $30+$ | 142 | 98 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.6 |


[^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.

