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

In January 2022 Gaston County, NC had 37757 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $84.4 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $15.6 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 572 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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| Gaston County | 4934 | 4189 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were White people (52\%). With White men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | M | F | U |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Unknown | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Native American | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Asian | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 28 | 5 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 158 | 20 | 0 |
| Black | 1356 | 442 | 0 |
| White | 1524 | 633 | 0 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were $21-30$ years old ( $43 \%$ ). ${ }^{2}$


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## Length in FTC Status

- $65 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.

| Years to Compliance | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Asian | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Unknown <br> of Cases |  |
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| $0-1$ | 9356 | 6957 | 398 | 97 | 51 | 20 | 10 | 65.0 |
| $1-2$ | 1706 | 1378 | 60 | 18 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 12.2 |
| $2-3$ | 910 | 680 | 31 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 6.3 |
| $3-4$ | 577 | 444 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4.0 |
| $4-5$ | 360 | 314 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2.7 |
| $5-10$ | 811 | 725 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6.0 |
| $10-15$ | 288 | 301 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2.3 |
| $15-20$ | 150 | 120 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.1 |
| $20+$ | 49 | 42 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |

- For all traffic cases in Gaston County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 11 years.

| Years in FTC | Black | White | Hispanic | Other | Asian | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Unknown | Total \% <br> of Cases |
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| $0-1$ | 90 | 80 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3.7 |
| $1-5$ | 1128 | 1037 | 83 | 24 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 45.4 |
| $5-10$ | 280 | 321 | 30 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12.7 |
| $10-15$ | 67 | 90 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3.3 |
| $15-20$ | 194 | 309 | 56 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11.2 |
| $20-30$ | 360 | 621 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 20.0 |
| $30+$ | 65 | 114 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.6 |


[^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.

