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

In January 2022 Swain County, NC had 2067 recorded cases with a guilty or responsible verdict and a court mandated fee. ${ }^{1}$ Of these, $44.5 \%$ of cases were in compliance and $55.5 \%$ of cases were in failure to comply (FTC) status. The majority of FTC cases were traffic violations.


## Defendant Statistics and Demographics

- 107 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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| Swain County | 791 | 650 |

- The majority of defendants with a traffic cases in FTC status were White people (61\%). With White men having the most traffic violation cases in FTC status.

| Defendant Race | M | F |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Asian | 2 | 0 |
| Unknown | 2 | 2 |
| Other | 10 | 1 |
| Black | 14 | 1 |
| Hispanic | 30 | 0 |
| Native American | 106 | 84 |
| White | 294 | 103 |

- 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

- $56.5 \%$ of cases were in compliance after 1 year of receiving FTC status.


| Years to Compliance | White | Native <br> American | Black | Hispanic | Other | Asian <br> Total $\%$ of <br> Cases <br> $0-1$ | 345 |
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- For all traffic cases in Swain County in FTC status in January 2022, the average length in FTC was 12 years.

| Years in FTC | White | Native <br> Ameri- <br> can | Black | Unknown | Asian | Hispanic | OtherTotal \% <br> of Cases |  |
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| $0-1$ | 14 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.6 |
| $1-5$ | 141 | 45 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 24.3 |
| $5-10$ | 99 | 65 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 21.3 |
| $10-15$ | 93 | 64 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 3 | 22.2 |
| $15-20$ | 54 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 11.0 |
| $20-30$ | 96 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 16.4 |
| $30+$ | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2.1 |


[^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.

