

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON
JUVENILES/YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY PLANNING TASK FORCE
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Data Sources and Definitions FY 2007/08 Data

Arrests for Offenders Under Age 18 at Time of Arrest

- Data provided by the NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI).
- Based on data collected by law enforcement using the Juvenile Contact Report (for those under age 16) or the Arrest Contact Report (for those age 16 or older).
- Includes arrests for Part I and Part II offenses.
- For simplicity, all contacts are described as “arrests.”
- For juveniles, this “arrest” data does not mirror complaints filed against juveniles with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which includes complaints that originate, for example, from schools, citizens, and parents in addition to those that originate with law enforcement.

Juvenile Justice System: The Processing of Complaints Received in FY 2007/08 with Events Characterized by the Most Serious

- Data provided by the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP) using the North Carolina Juvenile Online Information Network (NC-JOIN).
- Sample Description: Delinquent complaints filed in FY 2007/08 were tracked as they progressed through the system from initial filing to resolution.
- **Complaint Event: Most serious complaint for a juvenile on a given day.** Juveniles with complaints filed on multiple dates during the FY would be represented in the data multiple times. The most serious information at each point in the process (e.g., complaint, intake decision, court decision, adjudication, disposition) characterizes a complaint event for juveniles with multiple complaints on a single date.
- Includes only delinquent complaints. Excludes undisciplined complaints and cases with a most serious complaint for an infraction.

Criminal Justice System: The Processing of Charges Filed in FY 2007/08 with Events Characterized by the Most Serious

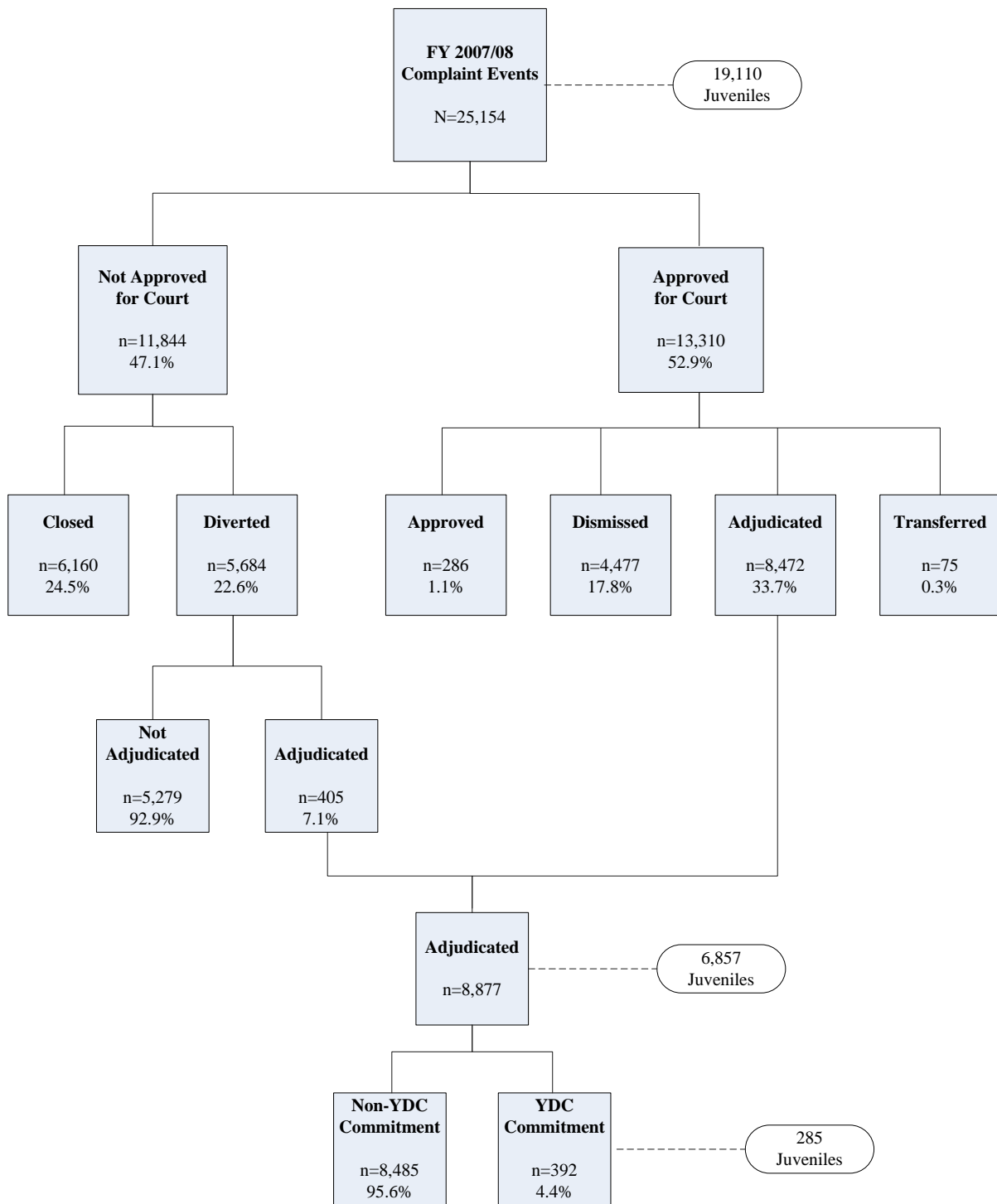
- Data provided by the NC Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) using the Automated Criminal/Infractions System (ACIS).
- Sample Description: Criminal charges filed in FY 2007/08 were tracked as they progressed through the system from initial filing to resolution.
- **Charge Event: Most serious charge for a defendant on a given day.** Defendants with charges filed on multiple dates during the FY would be represented in the data multiple times. The most serious information at each point in the process (e.g., charge, method of disposition, conviction, sentence) characterizes a charge event for defendants with multiple charges on a single date.
- Excludes cases with a most serious charge for a traffic offense (including driving while impaired) or for an infraction.
- Excludes data for those age 15 or younger at time of offense (n=100) and for those with missing age values (n=36,270 or 6.6% of total charge events).

**Arrests for Offenders Under Age 18
FY 2007/08**

Age at Arrest	Offense Type				TOTAL
	Violent		Non-Violent		
	#	%	#	%	
10 and Under	36	4.1	846	95.9	882
11-12	106	3.7	2,730	96.3	2,836
13-14	322	3.7	8,402	96.3	8,724
15	352	4.6	7,338	95.4	7,690
Subtotal	816	4.1	19,316	95.9	20,132
16	829	6.0	13,085	94.0	13,914
17	1,060	6.0	16,616	94.0	17,676
Subtotal	1,889	6.0	29,701	94.0	31,590
TOTAL	2,705	5.2	49,017	94.8	51,722

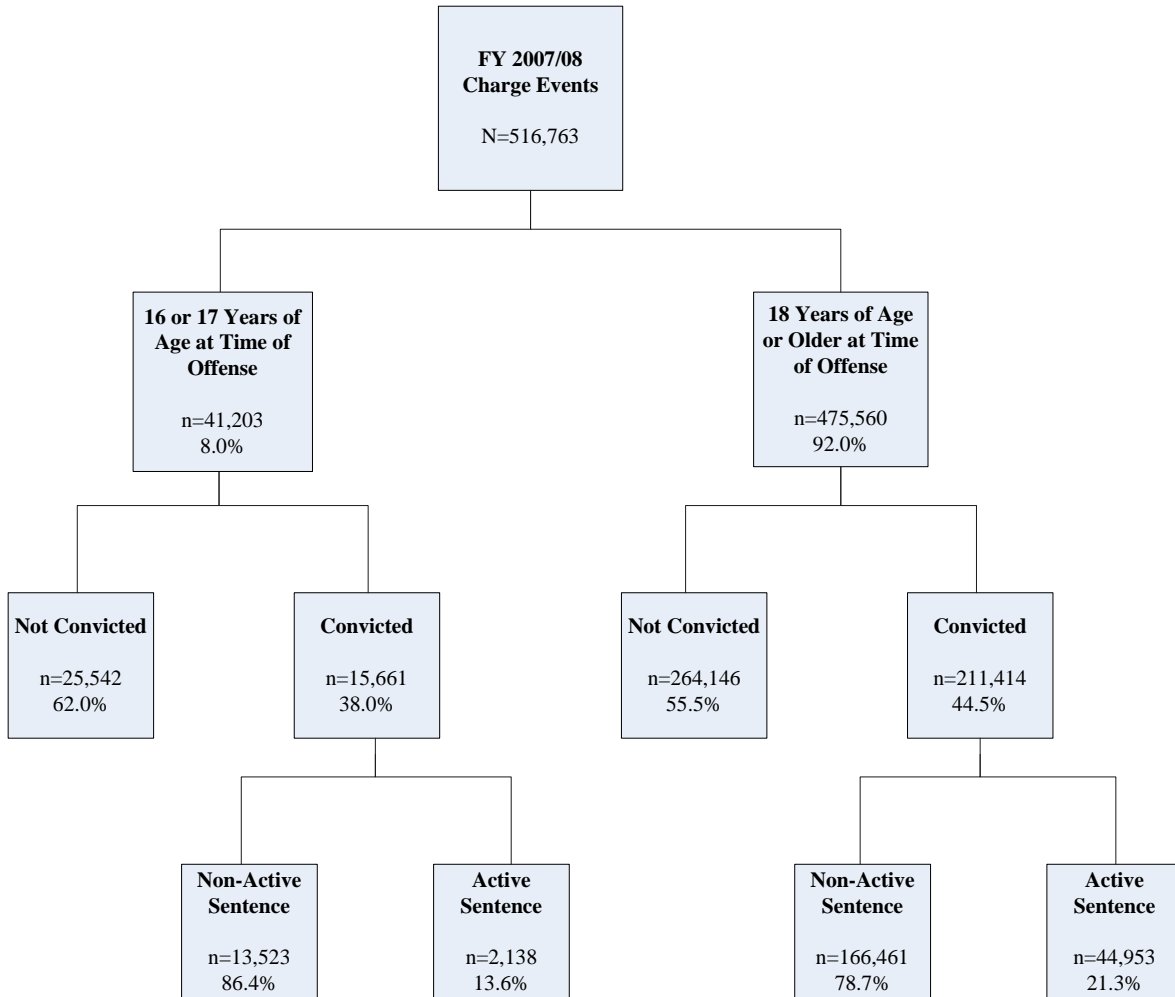
SOURCE: State Bureau of Investigation, FY 2007/08 Arrest Data

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
The Processing of Complaints Received in FY 2007/08
with Events Characterized by the Most Serious



SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2007/08 Preliminary Youthful Accountability Planning Task Force Data; Based on data provided by the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
The Processing of Criminal Charges Filed in FY 2007/08
with Events Characterized by the Most Serious



SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2007/08 Preliminary Youthful Accountability Planning Task Force Data; Based on data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The Processing of Offenders Under the Age of 18 in North Carolina

FY 2007/08 Arrests for Offenders Under Age 18 at Time of Arrest

15 Years of Age or Younger at Arrest 20,132	16 or 17 Years of Age at Arrest 31,590
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FY 2007/08 Juvenile Complaint Events

Juvenile Complaint Events 25,154
Adjudications 8,877
YDC Commitments 392

FY 2007/08 Charge Events for Offenders 16 to 17 Years of Age at Time of Offense

Charge Events 41,203
Convictions 15,661
Active Sentences 2,138

Comparison	
Juvenile	Adult
Adjudication Rate: 35.3% of complaint events	Conviction Rate: 38.0% of charge events
Commitment Rate: 1.6% of complaint events; 4.4% of adjudications	Active Rate: 5.2% of charge events; 13.6% of convictions

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2007/08 Preliminary Youthful Accountability Planning Task Force Data; Based on data provided by the NC State Bureau of Investigation, the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the NC Administrative Office of the Courts.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
Most Serious Complaint by Most Serious Adjudication
FY 2007/08 Juvenile Complaint Events
(N=25,154)

Offense Class for Most Serious Complaint	Offense Class for Most Serious Adjudication			No Adjudication	TOTAL
	Class A-E Felony	Class F-I Felony	Misdemeanor		
Class A-E Felony	247 36.8%	122 18.2%	98 14.6%	204 30.4%	671 2.7%
Class F-I Felony	0 0.0%	1,470 41.3%	892 25.1%	1,193 33.6%	3,555 14.2%
Misdemeanor	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	6,047 29.0%	14,805 71.0%	20,852 83.2%
TOTAL	247 1.0%	1,592 6.3%	7,037 28.1%	16,202 64.6%	25,078 100.0%

Note: Excludes juveniles who were transferred to Superior Court for trial as adults (n=75). Observations for which the offense class was unknown (n=1) were excluded from analysis. Percentages may not add to 100.0% due to rounding.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
Most Serious Charge by Most Serious Conviction
FY 2007/08 Charge Events for Offenders 16 or 17 Years of Age at Offense
(N=41,203)

Offense Class for Most Serious Charge	Offense Class for Most Serious Conviction			No Conviction	TOTAL
	Class A-E Felony	Class F-I Felony	Misdemeanor		
Class A-E Felony	441 33.3%	268 20.3%	125 9.5%	489 37.0%	1,323 3.3%
Class F-I Felony	2 0.0%	2,236 32.2%	2,038 29.3%	2,672 38.5%	6,948 17.5%
Misdemeanor	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	10,013 31.9%	21,367 68.1%	31,380 79.1%
TOTAL	443 1.1%	2,504 6.3%	12,176 30.7%	24,528 61.9%	39,651 100.0%

Note: Observations for which the offense class was unknown (n=1,552) were excluded from analysis. Percentages may not add to 100.0% due to rounding.

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