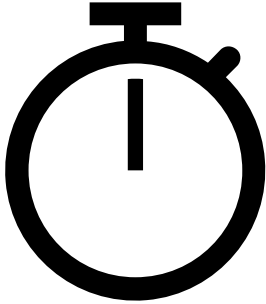


Pretrial Systems: Current Issues & Innovations

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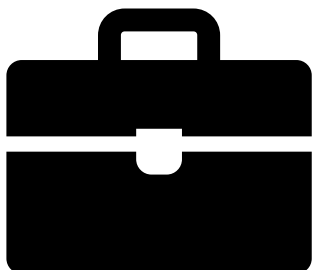
Promote a **fair & effective criminal justice system, public safety & economic prosperity** through an evidence-based approach to criminal justice policy



Front-end issues



Structural issues



Back-end issues

Research



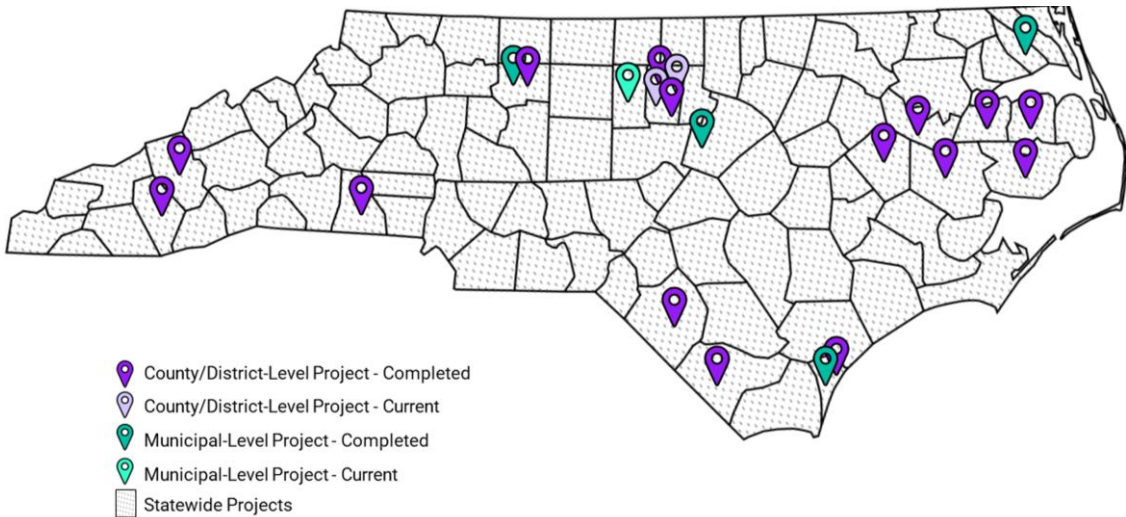
Help stakeholders understand how the system functions, best practices & governing legal rules



Pilot Projects

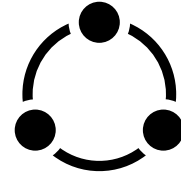
Support stakeholders as they develop & implement consensus solutions; evaluate impact

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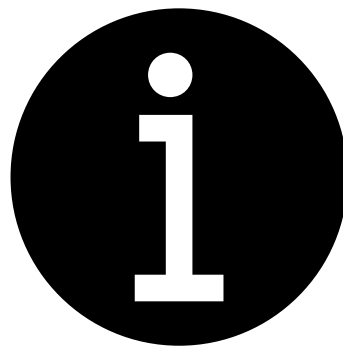
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Models



Provide practical, legal & evidence-based options for reform

Information Hub

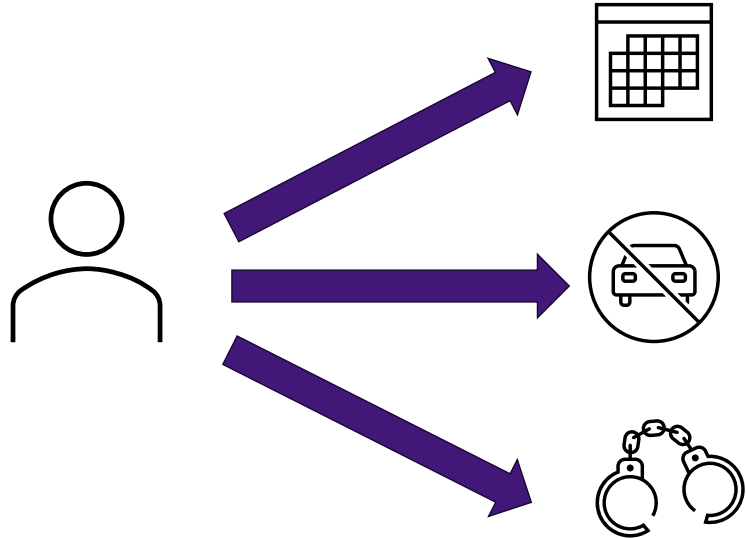
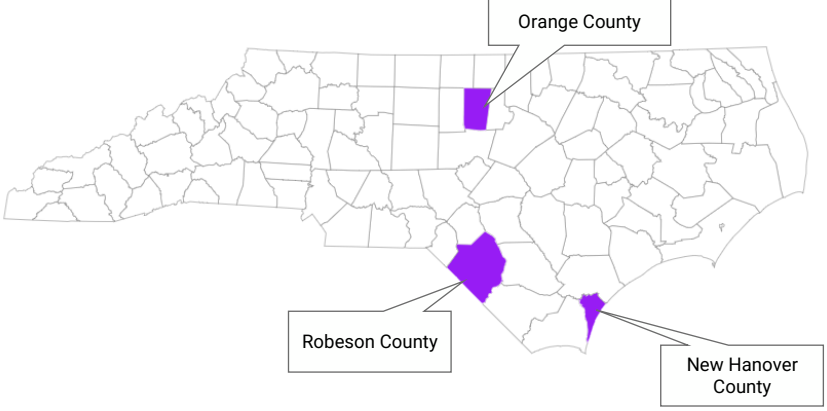


Core Values

- Non-partisan
- Non-advocacy
- Responsive



The Court Appearance Project



Phase 1 Process



Literature



Policy Review



Jail & Court Data

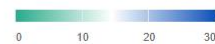
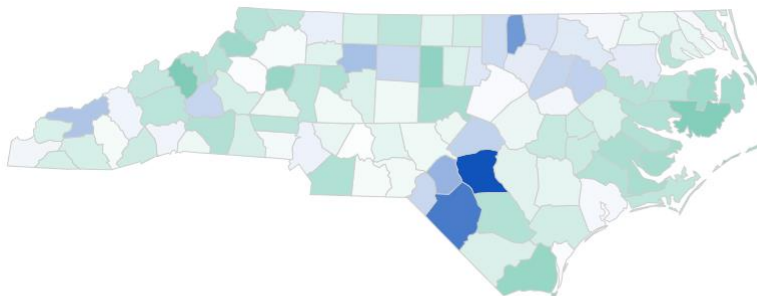
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About 1 in 7 criminal incidents in North Carolina had at least one missed court appearance

Nonappearance rates for North Carolina criminal incidents, 2014-2021



Source: Measuring Justice Dashboard

State Non-Appearance Rate: 14.42%

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Failure to appear on a misdemeanor was the most common reason people went to jail

Orange County

Rank	Most Common Reasons for Jail Booking
1	OFA for Failing to Appear on a Misdemeanor
2	Assault on a Female
3	Driving While Impaired

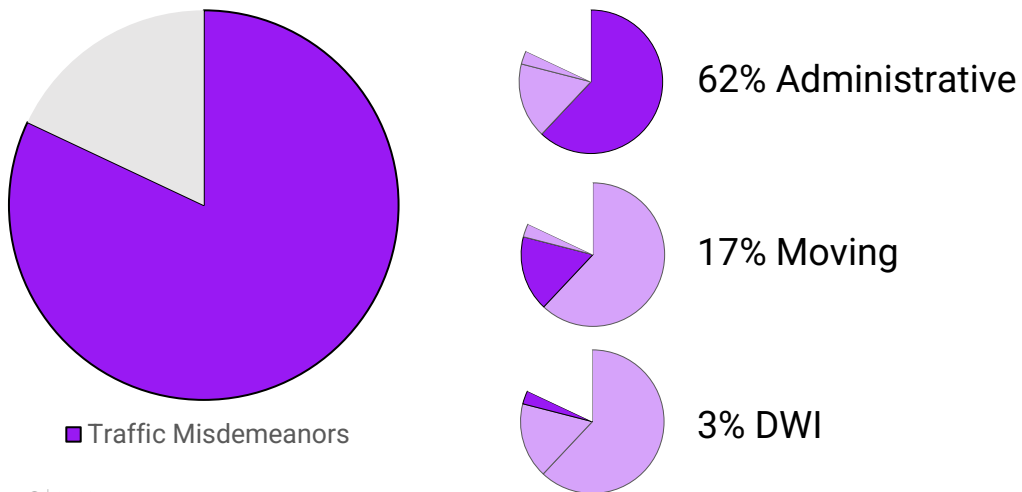
New Hanover County

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3	Probation Violation on a Felony

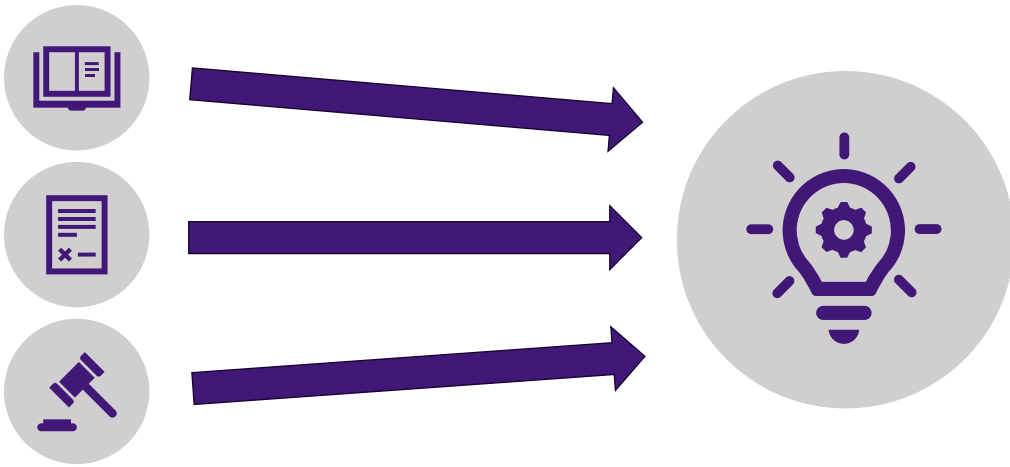
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82% of all nonappearances in North Carolina were for traffic misdemeanors



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Phase 2 Process



Support Implementation



Explore Research & Policies Nationwide



Develop the Court Appearance Toolbox

THE LAB COURT APPEARANCE TOOLBOX

About Data Promote Appearance Respond to Non-Appearance

Discover options.
Find solutions.



Statewide Court Appearance Work

- Committee of judicial system leaders
- Analyzing court and jail data
- Considering tools and model policies
- Report of findings and recommendations





Other resources

- Measuring Justice Dashboard
- Other Lab Pretrial Resources