

NC DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

Did You Know

- The total number of juvenile complaints in North Carolina decreased 15 percent between 2009 and 2013.
- That 2013 recorded a record-low rate of juvenile complaints, with 23 delinquent complaints received for every 1,000 juveniles between the ages of 6 to 15. The delinquency rate has decreased by 21 percent between 2009 and 2013.
- The top three delinquent offenses in 2013 of which complaints were received were for 1) simple assault, 2) misdemeanor larceny and 3) disorderly conduct at school.
- The majority (68 percent) of juvenile offenses in 2013 was for non-serious offenses, class 1-3 misdemeanors. Offenses in this class include, but are not limited to, simple assault, simple affray, larceny (items worth less than \$1,000), shoplifting, disorderly conduct, etc.
- That four out of 10, or 46 percent of all juvenile complaints received in 2013 were for “school-based” offenses.
- Most juvenile delinquent offenses occur around 3 p.m. during the weekdays.
- In 2013, 2,352 distinct juveniles were admitted to detention, 14 percent fewer than in 2012. These youth account for 3,429 total admissions during the same time period, a 15 percent drop in admissions from 2012.
- YDC commitments have dropped by 78 percent since 2000. And by 40 percent between 2009 and 2013. (n=365 in 2009 and n=219 in 2013)
- On any given day in 2013, you could find 224 juveniles who had been committed to a YDC and on average, they stay there for just over a year.
- Juveniles are charged with Simple Assault more than any other crime. Simple Assault is defined as: “...an overt act or attempt, or appearance of an attempt, with force and violence, to immediately physically injure another person, with the show of force or menace of violence being sufficient to put a reasonable person in fear of immediate physical injury. This definition places emphasis on the intent or state of mind of the accused. An assault may be the actual unlawful physical touching of another person (battery), or it may be an attempt or unlawfully touch another.” (North Carolina Crimes, 2007, p. 84)
- 20.2 percent of all juveniles who went through intake have parents that were either unwilling or unable to supervise the juvenile.
- In 2013, 5.3 percent of all juveniles who went through intake were identified as having gang involvement, association or membership.