





NC Department of Public Safety  
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

**From:** Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary   
William L. Lassiter, Deputy Secretary 

**Subject:** Complaints Filed Against Juveniles Less than 10 Years of Age

**Date:** March 1, 2025

Pursuant to S.L. 2021-123, Section 7, the Department of Public Safety shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than March 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, on all complaints received against a juvenile less than 10 years of age, but at least 6 years of age. The report shall include the following information about the complaints and the juveniles against whom the complaints were made:

- (1) A summary containing the following information about all complaints filed [or received] since the last report:
  - (a) The total number of complaints.
  - (b) The offenses alleged in the complaints, organized by class of offense.
  - (c) The age of the juveniles at the time of the offense.
  - (d) The number of complaints that resulted in a juvenile consultation.
  - (e) The number of complaints that resulted in juvenile court jurisdiction for delinquency, including a breakdown of the number of those complaints that were handled through diversion and the number that led to the filing of a delinquency petition.
  - (f) The number of juveniles receiving a juvenile consultation that have previously received juvenile consultation services.
- (2) A detailed listing of all complaints filed [or received] since the last report, with any identifying information removed, containing the following for each complaint:
  - (a) The age of the juvenile.
  - (b) The offenses, including class of offense, allegedly committed by the juvenile.
  - (c) The initial determination by the juvenile court counselor to treat the complaint as a vulnerable juvenile complaint or a delinquent juvenile complaint.
  - (d) If the juvenile is a vulnerable juvenile, whether the juvenile received juvenile consultation services.
  - (e) If the juvenile is a vulnerable juvenile, whether the juvenile has received juvenile consultation services for a previous complaint.
  - (f) If the juvenile is alleged delinquent, whether the juvenile was diverted or a petition alleging delinquency was filed.

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The following data represent complaints received between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024 for juveniles less than 10 years of age, but at least 6 years of age.

- (1) Information about all complaints filed [or received] since the last report:
  - (a) The total number of complaints: **118**
  - (b) The offenses alleged in the complaints, organized by class of offense

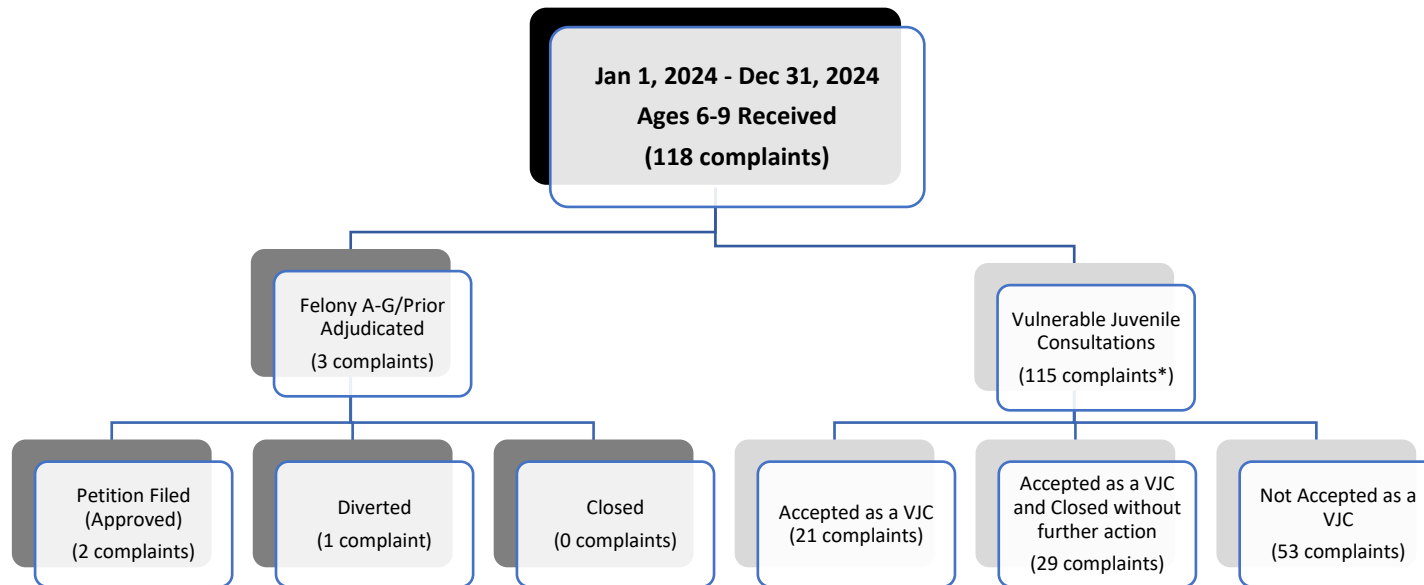
Alleged Offense	Class Of Offense	Total Number of Complaints
Assault by pointing a gun	Class 1 Misdemeanor	1
Assault government official / employee	Class A1 Misdemeanor	2
Assault inflicting serious bodily injury (AISBI)	Class F Felony	1
Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	10
Assault with a deadly weapon	Class A1 Misdemeanor	1
Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	9
Breaking or entering (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	4
Burning personal property	Class H Felony	1
Common law robbery	Class G Felony	1
Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	8
Crime against nature	Class I Felony	1
Cruelty to animals (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	1
Disorderly Conduct at School	Class 2 Misdemeanor	6
Financial card theft	Class I Felony	1
Indecent liberties between children	Class 1 Misdemeanor	2

Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200	Class 1 Misdemeanor	5
Injury to personal property	Class 2 Misdemeanor	5
Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	10
Misuse of 911 system-It is unlawful for an individual who is not seeking public safety assistance, is not providing 911 service, or is not responding to a 911 call to access or attempt to access the 911 system for a purpose other than an emergency communication.	Class 1 Misdemeanor	1
Possess stolen goods / property (f)	Class H Felony	1
Possess stolen goods / property (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	3
Possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia.	Class 3 Misdemeanor	1
Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	Class 1 Misdemeanor	6
Second-Degree Forcible Sexual Offense: engages in a sexual act with another person by force and against the will of the other person	Class C Felony	1
Sexual battery	Class A1 Misdemeanor	3
Shoplifting concealment goods	Class 3 Misdemeanor	2
Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	26
Simple possession schedule VI-controlled substance	Class 3 Misdemeanor	1
Tampering with vehicle	Class 2 Misdemeanor	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>118</b>

(c) The age of the juveniles at the time of the offense

Age	Complaints
6	13
7	11
8	18
9	76
<b>Total:</b>	<b>118</b>

(d) The number of complaints that resulted in a juvenile consultation: **115**



*\*For 12 complaints, no decision has been recorded yet.*

- (e) The number of complaints that resulted in juvenile court jurisdiction for delinquency, including a breakdown of the number of those complaints that were handled through diversion and the number that led to the filing of a delinquency petition: **There were 3 delinquent juvenile complaints received between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. One (1) complaint was diverted, and five (2) complaints were filed as petitions.**
- (f) The number of juveniles receiving a juvenile consultation that have previously received juvenile consultation services: **4**

(2) A detailed listing of all complaints filed [or received] since the last report:

- (a) The age of the juvenile.
- (b) The offenses, including class of offense, allegedly committed by the juvenile.
- (c) The initial determination by the juvenile court counselor to treat the complaint as a vulnerable juvenile complaint or a delinquent juvenile complaint.
- (d) If the juvenile is a vulnerable juvenile, whether the juvenile received juvenile consultation services.
- (e) If the juvenile is a vulnerable juvenile, whether the juvenile has received juvenile consultation services for a previous complaint.
- (f) If the juvenile is alleged delinquent, whether the juvenile was diverted or a petition alleging delinquency was filed.

Age of Juvenile at Offense	Alleged Offense	Class of Offense	Initial Decision- Vulnerable Juvenile or Delinquent Juvenile	Vulnerable Juvenile: Consultation Services Received	Vulnerable Juvenile: Prior Vulnerable Juvenile Consultation Services	Alleged Delinquent Juvenile: Diverted or Petition Filed
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A
9	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A
9	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A
9	Indecent liberties between children	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A

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9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
7	Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
7	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
6	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Possess stolen goods / property (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Possess stolen goods / property (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Possess stolen goods / property (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Common law robbery	Class G Felony	Delinquent Juvenile	N/A	N/A	Diverted
8	Injury to personal property	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A
8	Injury to personal property	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A

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9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Financial card theft	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Possess stolen goods / property (f)	Class H Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Sexual battery	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
6	Cruelty to animals (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
6	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
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9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A

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6	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Second-Degree Forcible Sexual Offense: engages in a sexual act with another person by force and against the will of the other person	Class C Felony	Delinquent Juvenile	N/A	N/A	Petition Filed
9	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Breaking or entering (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Breaking or entering (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Breaking or entering (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Breaking or entering (m)	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
7	Disorderly Conduct at School	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
6	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A



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9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Tampering with vehicle	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Tampering with vehicle	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Tampering with vehicle	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Break or enter a motor vehicle	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	Yes	N/A
9	Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Disorderly Conduct at School	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A

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9	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Assault government official / employee	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Injury to personal property	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Misuse of 911 system-It is unlawful for an individual who is not seeking public safety assistance, is not providing 911 service, or is not responding to a 911 call to access or attempt to access the 911 system for a purpose other than an emergency communication.	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
7	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A

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6	Disorderly Conduct at School	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
7	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Assault with a deadly weapon	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
7	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A
7	Injury to personal property	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A
7	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	Yes	N/A
8	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Injury to personal property	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A

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9	Indecent liberties between children	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Tampering with vehicle	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
6	Burning personal property	Class H Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A
9	Disorderly Conduct at School	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
7	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia.	Class 3 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Simple possession schedule VI-controlled substance	Class 3 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Assault by pointing a gun	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A

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8	Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A
6	Assault government official / employee	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Assault inflicting serious bodily injury (AISBI)	Class F Felony	Delinquent Juvenile	N/A	N/A	Petition Filed
7	Assault school employee / volunteer	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Crime against nature	Class I Felony	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A
8	Communicating threats	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A
8	Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A
8	Sexual battery	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A
8	Sexual battery	Class A1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A
9	Larceny - Misdemeanor	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	Yes	No	N/A

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6	Disorderly Conduct at School	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
6	Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
8	Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200	Class 1 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Shoplifting concealment goods	Class 3 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
9	Shoplifting concealment goods	Class 3 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A
6	Simple assault	Class 2 Misdemeanor	Vulnerable Juvenile	No	No	N/A