



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: Jeffrey Smythe, Secretary *Jeffrey Smythe*
 William L. Lassiter, Deputy Secretary *William Lassiter*

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

Date: March 1, 2026

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, 2025, and December 31, 2025 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: **100**
 - (b) The offenses alleged in the complaints, organized by class of offense

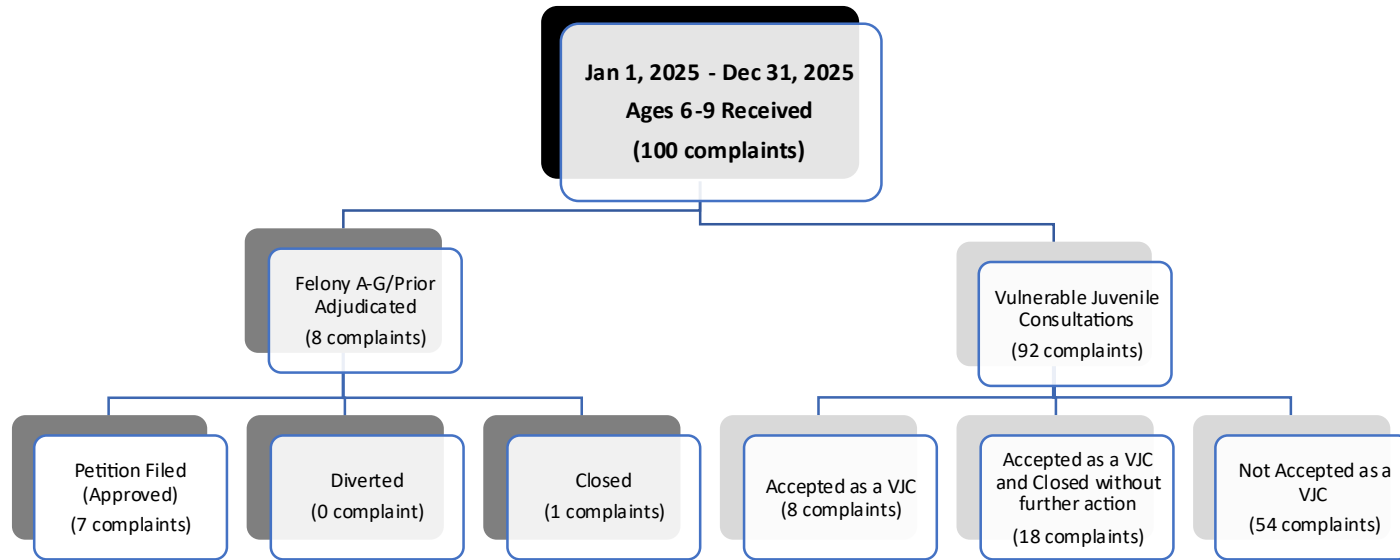
| Alleged Offense | Class Of Offense | Total Number of Complaints |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Assault government official / employee | Class A1 Misdemeanor | 1 |
| Assault or affray on a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, medical responder, and hospital personnel | Class I Felony | 2 |
| Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | 10 |
| Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury (AWDWISI) | Class E Felony | 1 |
| Breaking and or entering (f) | Class H Felony | 4 |
| Burning of Occupied Commercial Structure | Class D Felony | 2 |
| Burning of School Houses or Buildings of Educational Institutions | Class F Felony | 1 |
| Burning of certain public buildings | Class F Felony | 1 |
| Communicating Threat of Mass Violence on Educational Property | Class H Felony | 2 |
| Communicating threats | Class 1 Misdemeanor | 4 |
| Crime against nature | Class I Felony | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct at School | Class 2 Misdemeanor | 4 |
| First degree arson | Class D Felony | 2 |
| Indecent liberties between children | Class 1 Misdemeanor | 1 |

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| Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200 | Class 1 Misdemeanor | 3 |
| Injury to personal property | Class 2 Misdemeanor | 1 |
| Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | 17 |
| Larceny - Felony | Class H Felony | 1 |
| Larceny - Misdemeanor | Class 1 Misdemeanor | 2 |
| Larceny after breaking or entering | Class H Felony | 3 |
| Possess stolen goods / property (m) | Class 1 Misdemeanor | 1 |
| Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds | Class 1 Misdemeanor | 3 |
| Second degree trespass | Class 3 Misdemeanor | 1 |
| 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 |
| Secretly Peeping via possession of device used to create a photographic image. | Class A1 Misdemeanor | 1 |
| Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | 7 |
| Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | 22 |
| Stalking - Misdemeanor | Class A1 Misdemeanor | 1 |
| Total | | 100 |

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

| Age | Complaints |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 6 | 3 |
| 7 | 10 |
| 8 | 34 |
| 9 | 53 |
| Total: | 100 |

(d) The number of complaints that resulted in a juvenile consultation: **80**



**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 8 delinquent juvenile complaints received between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025. One (1) complaint was Closed, and seven (7) complaints were filed as petitions.**
- (f) The number of juveniles receiving a juvenile consultation that have previously received juvenile consultation services: **0**

(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 | Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Communicating Threat of Mass Violence on Educational Property | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 7 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Larceny - Misdemeanor | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Second degree trespass | Class 3 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Communicating threats | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 6 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |

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|----------------------------|--|---------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 9 | Breaking and or entering (f) | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Larceny after breaking or entering | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
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| 8 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury (AWDWISI) | Class E Felony | Delinquent Juvenile | | | Closed |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |

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| 8 | Assault or affray on a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, medical responder, and hospital personnel | Class I Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to personal property | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Possess stolen goods / property (m) | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Larceny - Misdemeanor | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Communicating threats | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Assault or affray on a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, medical responder, and hospital personnel | Class I Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Burning of School Houses or Buildings of Educational Institutions | Class F Felony | Delinquent Juvenile | | | Petition Filed |
| 9 | Communicating Threat of Mass Violence on Educational Property | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 7 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |

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|----------------------------|--|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 8 | Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Disorderly Conduct at School | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Communicating threats | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Indecent liberties between children | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Larceny - Felony | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | 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 | | | Petition Filed |
| 9 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Disorderly Conduct at School | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Crime against nature | Class I Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Disorderly Conduct at School | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Larceny after breaking or entering | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Breaking and or entering (f) | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200 | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200 | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |

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|----------------------------|---|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 9 | Breaking and or entering (f) | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Larceny after breaking or entering | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Injury to Personal Property in excess \$200 | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | First degree arson | Class D Felony | Delinquent Juvenile | | | Petition Filed |
| 8 | First degree arson | Class D Felony | Delinquent Juvenile | | | Petition Filed |
| 8 | Burning of Occupied Commercial Structure | Class D Felony | Delinquent Juvenile | | | Petition Filed |
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| 8 | Breaking and or entering (f) | Class H Felony | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Burning of certain public buildings | Class F Felony | Delinquent Juvenile | | | Petition Filed |
| 8 | Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 8 | Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 8 | Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 8 | Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 9 | Disorderly Conduct at School | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Injury to real property | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Assault government official / employee | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |

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|----------------------------|--|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 9 | Stalking - Misdemeanor | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 6 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Secretly Peeping via possession of device used to create a photographic image. | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | Yes | No | |
| 9 | Simple assault | Class 2 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 6 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Communicating threats | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Assault school employee / volunteer | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 9 | Possession of weapons other than firearms and explosives on school grounds | Class 1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 8 | Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |
| 7 | Sexual battery | Class A1 Misdemeanor | Vulnerable Juvenile | No | No | |