

Promoting Court Efficiency by Improving Court Appearance

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The [UNC School of Government Criminal Justice Innovation Lab](#) (the Lab) is supporting the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) in a new project that will convene a statewide committee of judicial system leaders to examine data, explore policy options, and offer statewide recommendations to address court appearance issues.



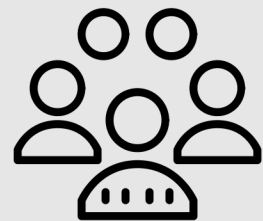
Potential to Scale Solutions Statewide

In North Carolina, one in six criminal incidents has at least one missed court appearance, contributing to system-wide inefficiencies, inconveniencing victims and witnesses, and resulting in consequences for the person charged, such as a jail booking or loss of a driver's license. The Lab previously worked with [county-level teams to develop local solutions to court appearance issues](#) and created an [online library of court appearance solutions](#). The new project creates opportunities to deliver data-driven statewide policy solutions.

Project Work

The Lab, along with NCAOC Research, Policy, and Planning, will support the committee as it:


- oversees the analysis of court and jail data from a sample of North Carolina counties;
- reviews data on the impact of non-appearance on jail populations and court operations;
- considers relevant policy options; and
- produces a report with data findings and state-level recommendations to the NCAOC on actionable policies to address court appearance issues.



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