2019 Misdemeanor Charging Data – **Buncombe County**

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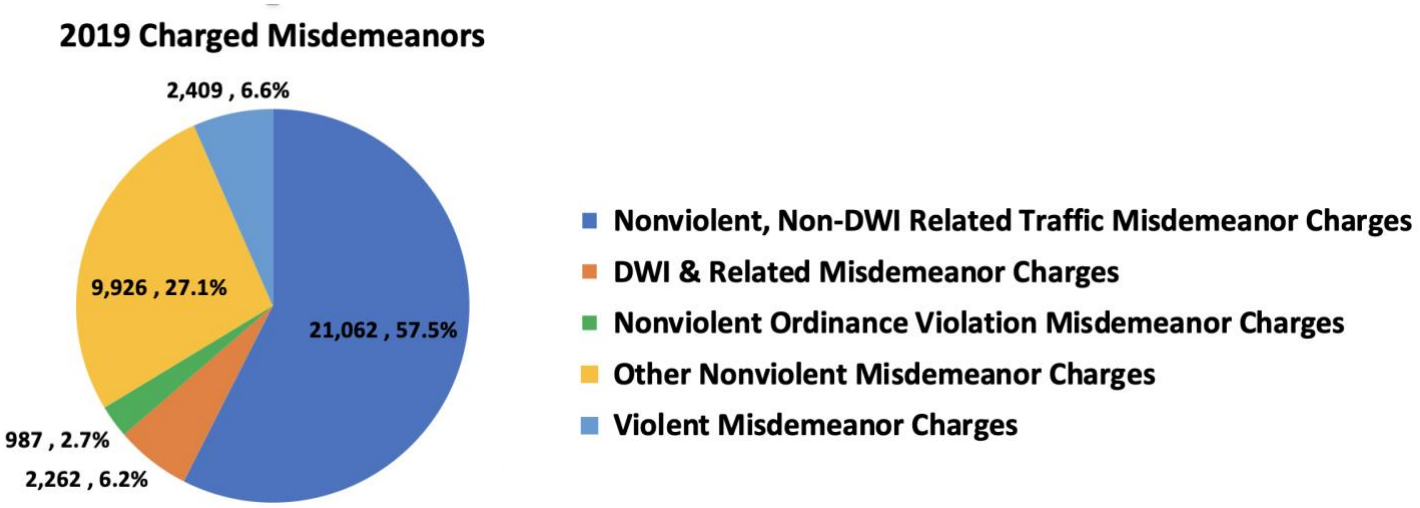
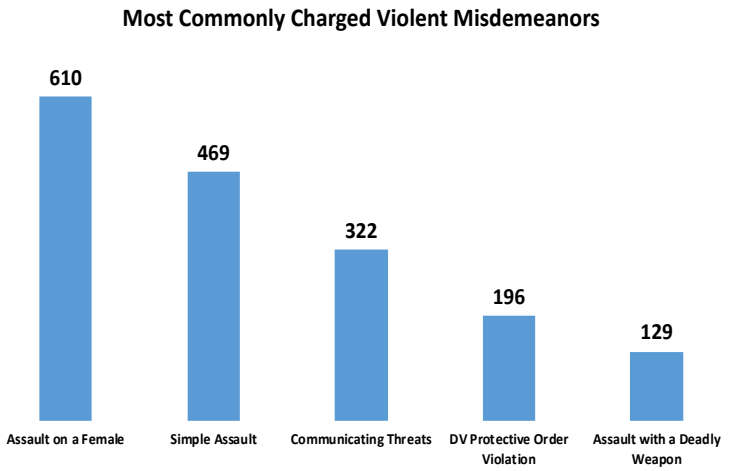
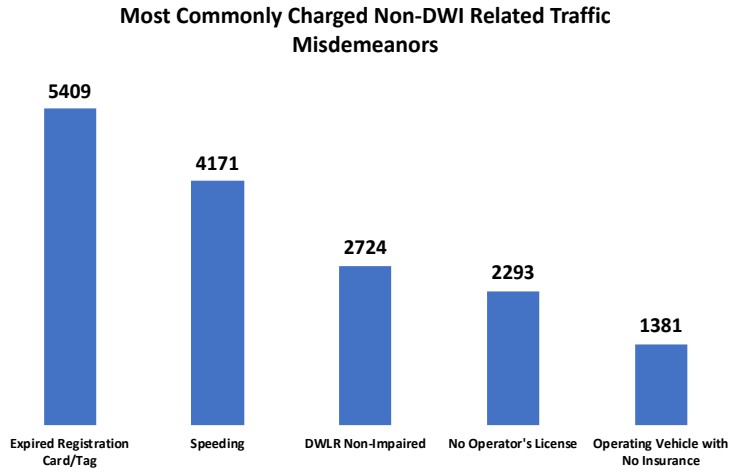
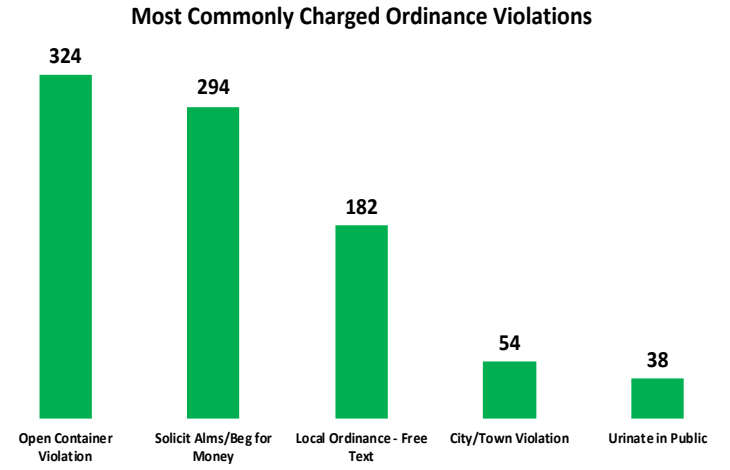
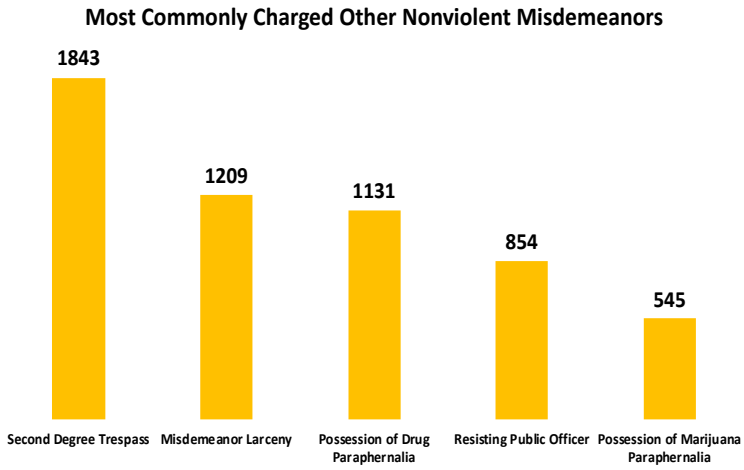
57.5% of Buncombe County misdemeanor charges were for nonviolent and non-DWI related traffic offenses, **27.1%** were for other nonviolent offenses, **6.2%** were for DWI and related offenses, **6.6%** were for violent offenses, and **2.7%** were for nonviolent ordinance violations.











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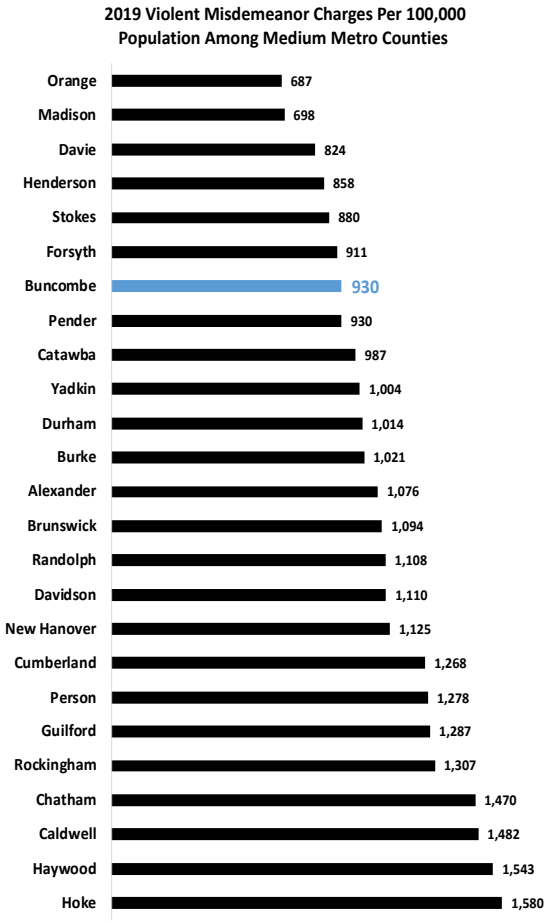
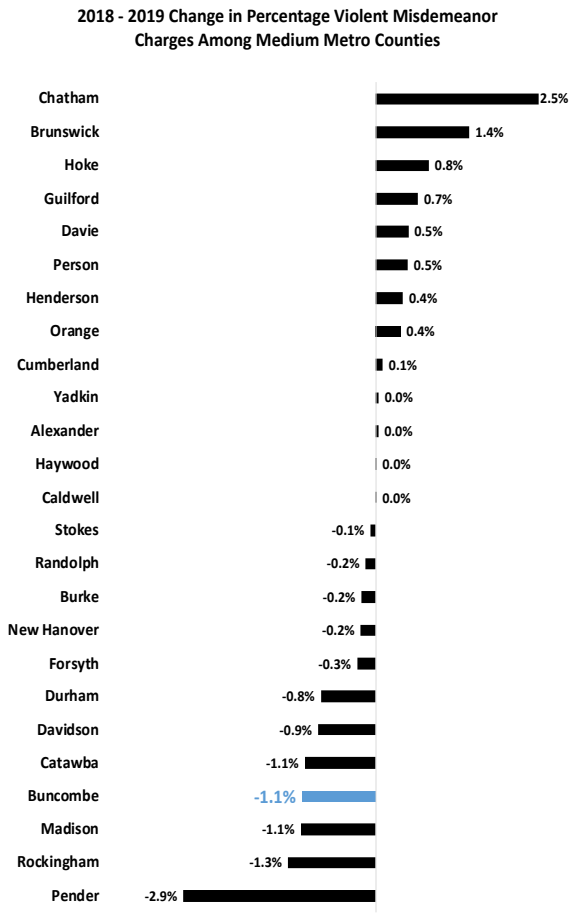
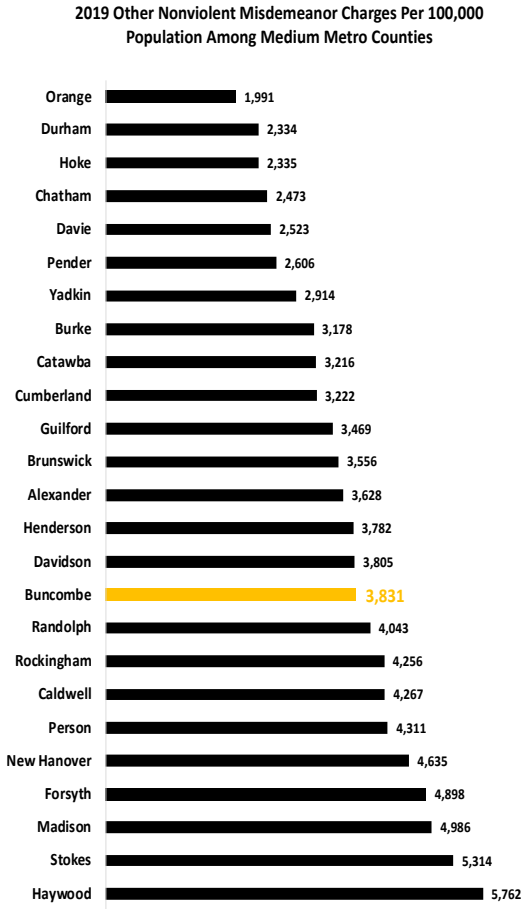
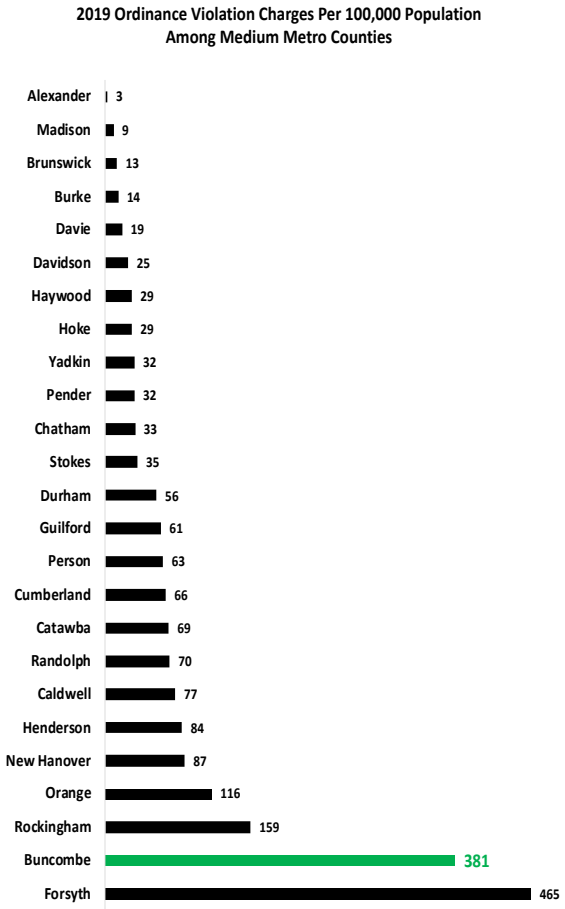




Among medium metro counties[1], Buncombe County had the seventh lowest number of violent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **930**. Between 2018 and 2019, Buncombe County had the fourth largest decrease in violent misdemeanor charges among medium metro counties at **1.1** percentage points.

Among medium metro counties[1], Buncombe County had the 10th highest number of other nonviolent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **3,831**. Buncombe County had the second highest number of ordinance violation charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **381**.





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2019 Felony Charging Data – **Buncombe County**

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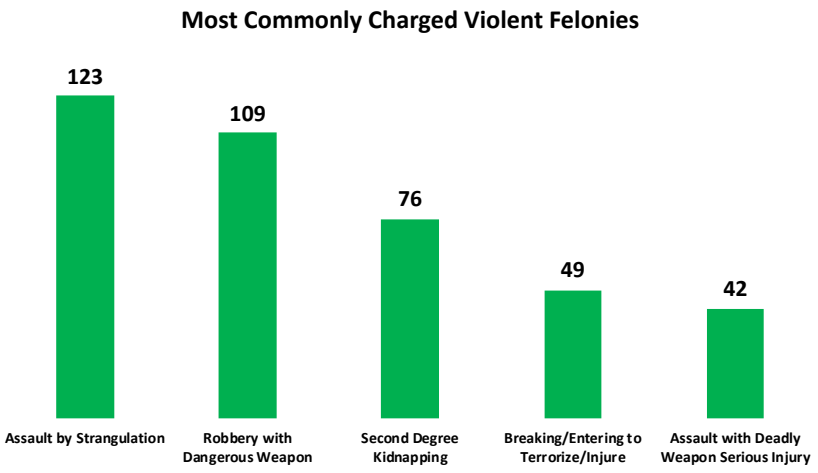
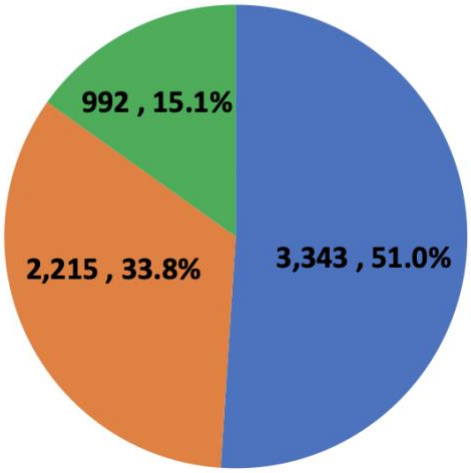
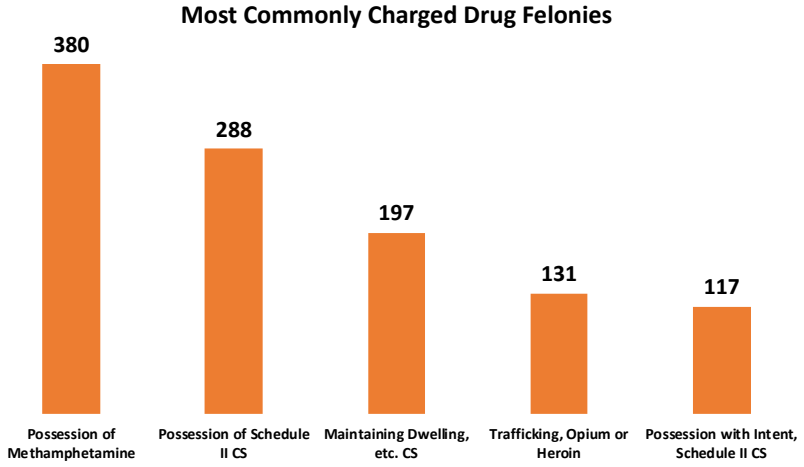
15.1% of Buncombe County felony charges were for violent felonies, **33.8%** were for nonviolent drug felonies, and **51.0%** were for other nonviolent felonies.

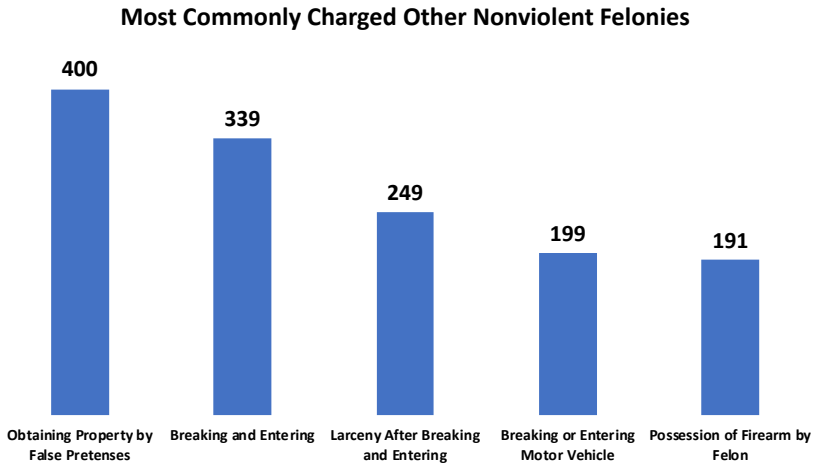


2019 Charged Felonies





- **Nonviolent Felonies, Other**
- **Nonviolent Drug Felonies**
- **Violent Felonies**



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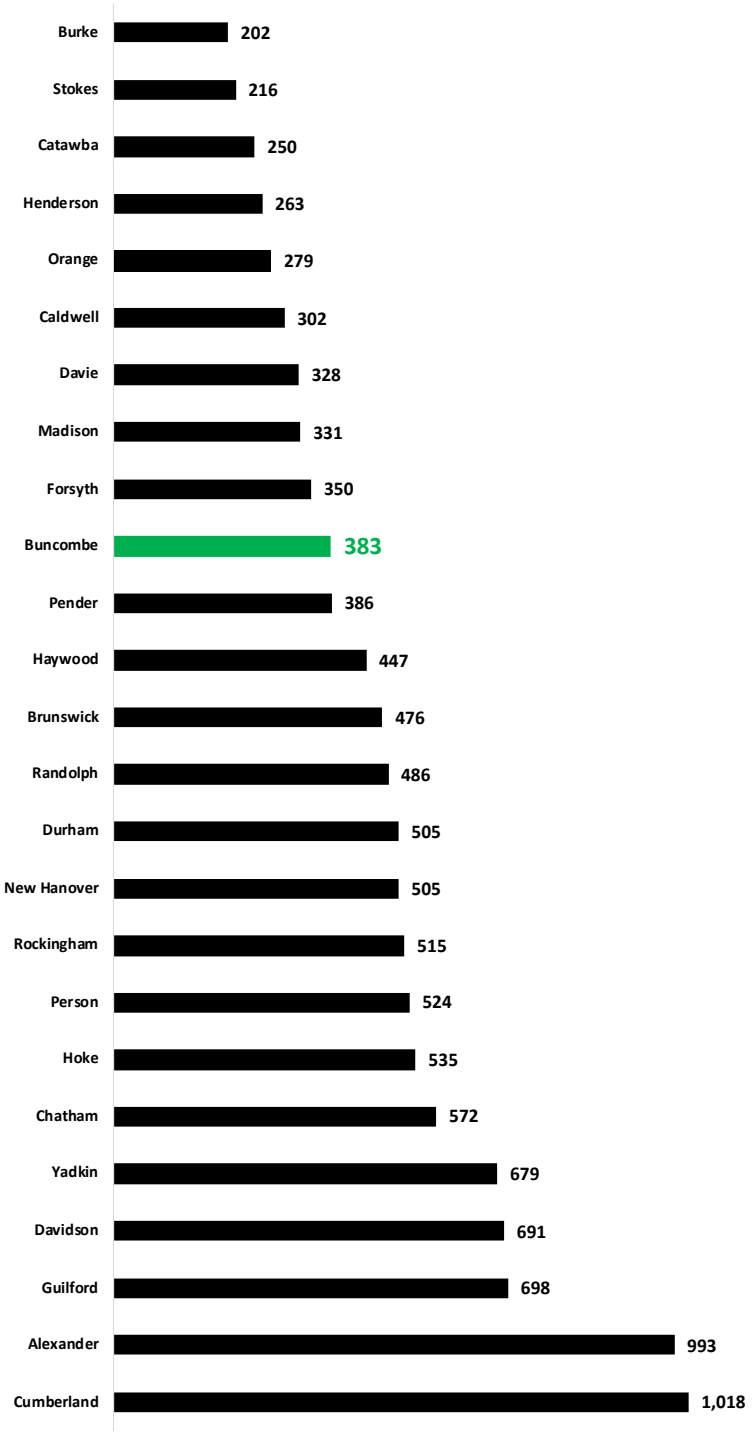
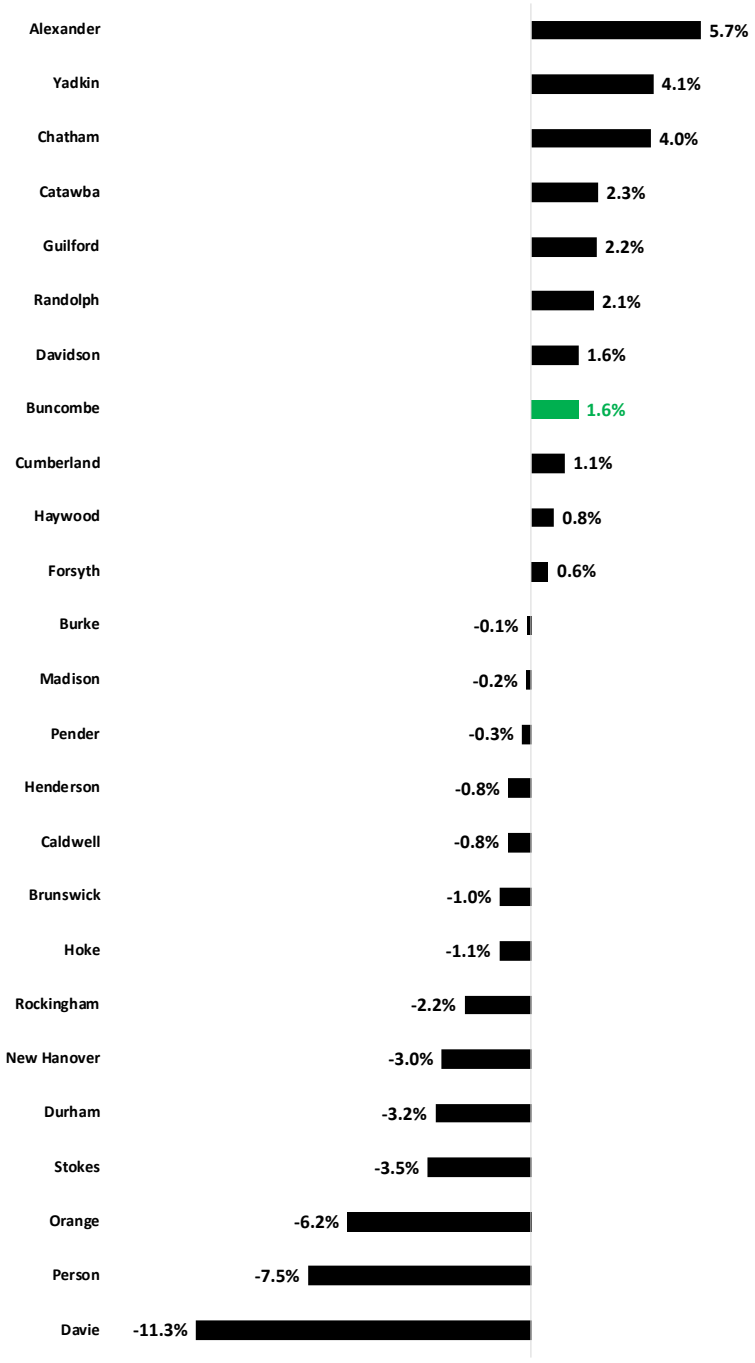
Among medium metro counties[1], Buncombe County had the 10th lowest number of violent felony charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **383**. Between 2018 and 2019, Buncombe County had the eighth largest increase in violent felony charges among medium metro counties at **1.6** percentage points.

2019 Violent Felony Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Medium Metro Counties



2018 - 2019 Change in Percentage Violent Felony Charges Among Medium Metro Counties



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