2019 Misdemeanor Charging Data – **Mecklenburg County**

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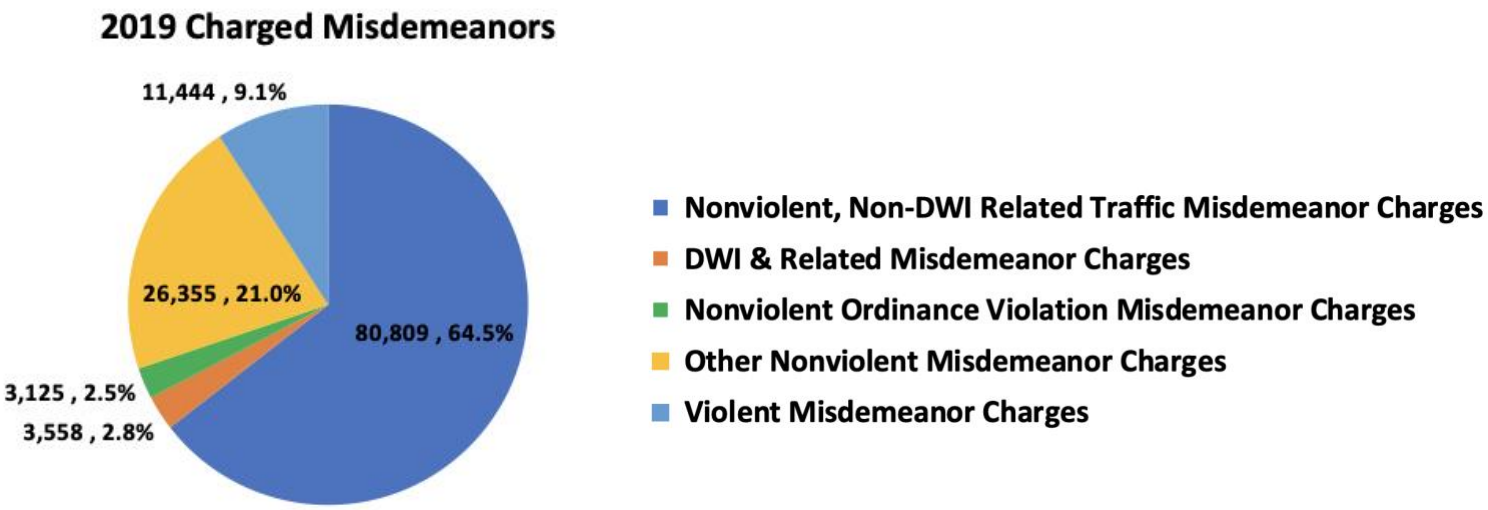
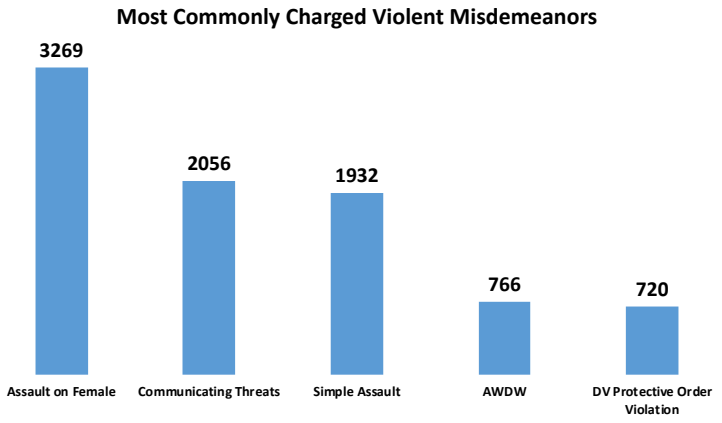
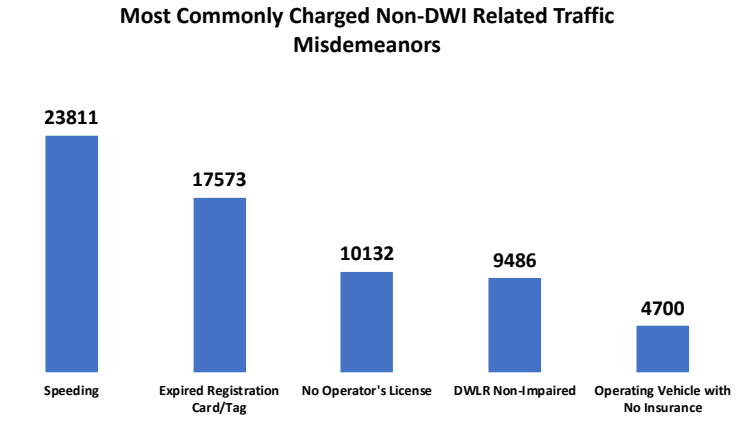
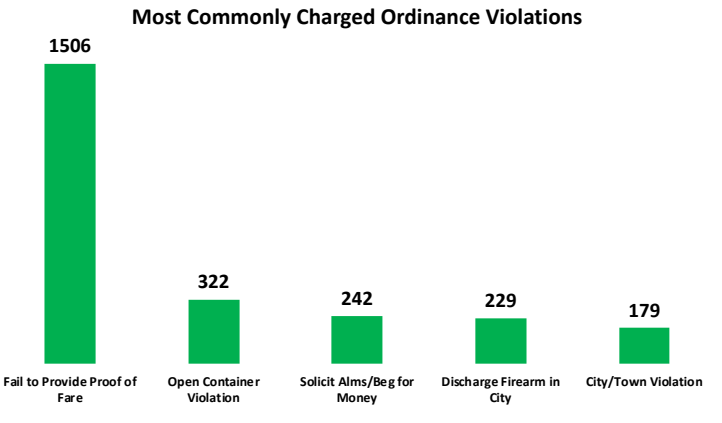
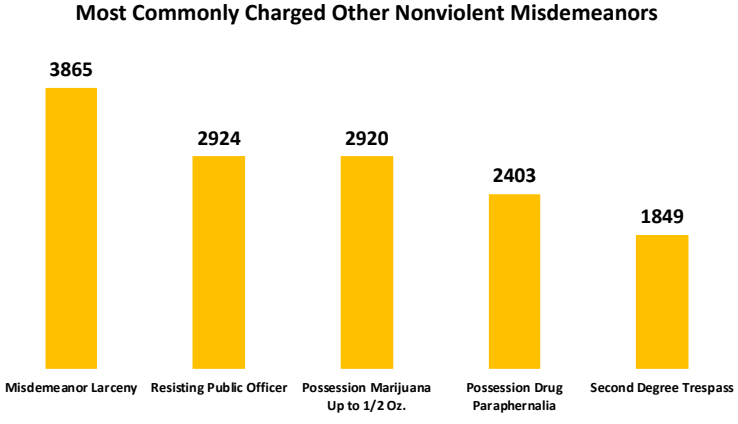
64.5% of Mecklenburg County misdemeanor charges were for nonviolent and non-DWI related traffic offenses, **21.0%** were for other nonviolent offenses, **2.8%** were for DWI and related offenses, **9.1%** were for violent offenses, and **2.5%** were for nonviolent ordinance violations.











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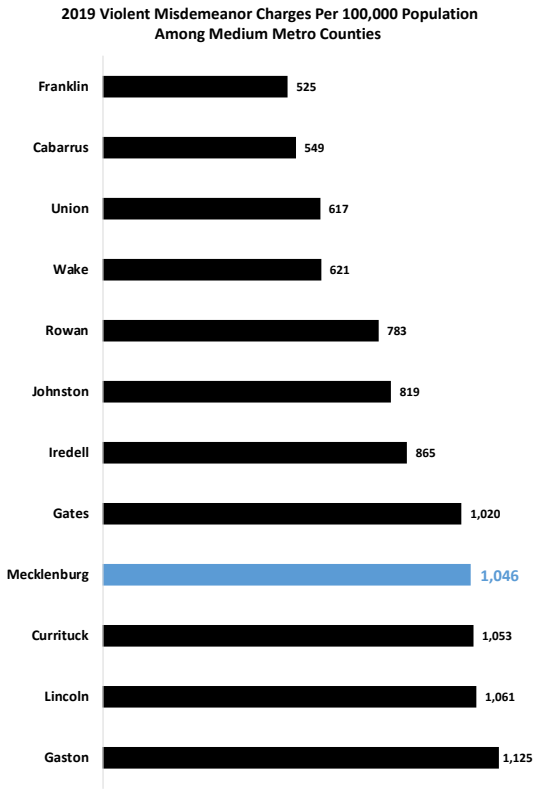
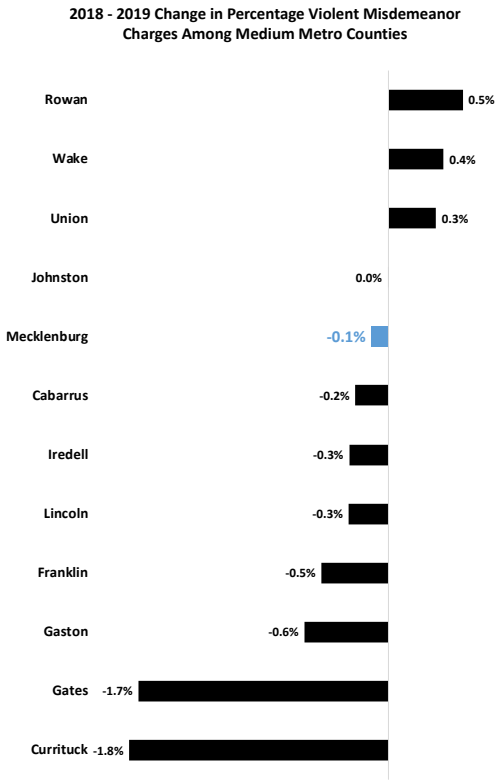
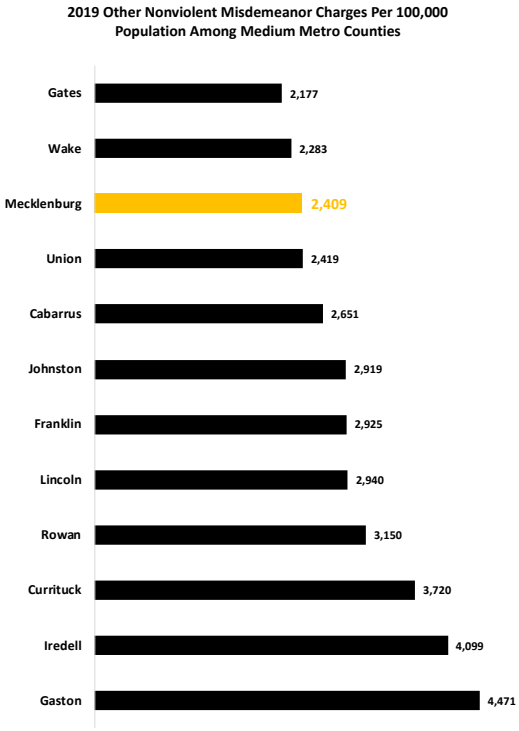
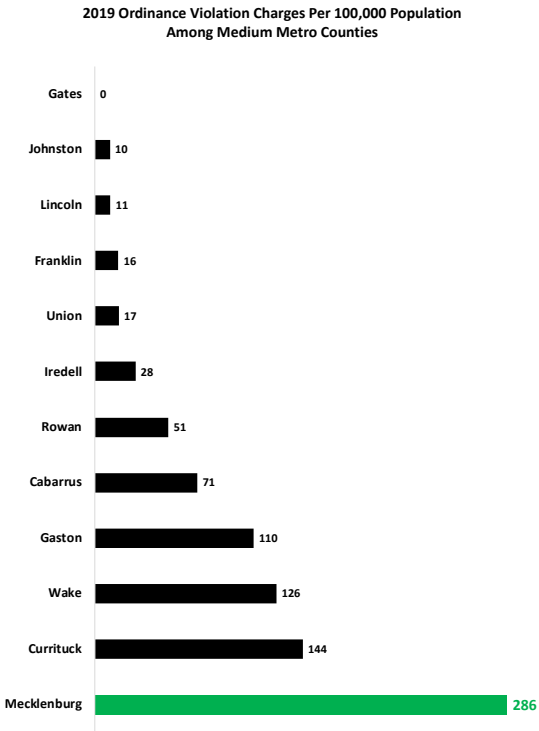




Among large central and large fringe metro counties[1,2], Mecklenburg County had the fourth highest number of violent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **1,046**. Between 2018 and 2019, Mecklenburg County had the eighth largest decrease in violent misdemeanor charges among medium metro counties at **.1** percentage points.

Among large central and large fringe metro counties[1,2], Mecklenburg County had the third lowest number of other nonviolent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **2,409**. Mecklenburg County had the highest number of ordinance violation charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **286**.





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[2] Large fringe metro counties are those counties in MSAAs of 1 million or more that do not meet one of the three listed requirements.

2019 Felony Charging Data – **Mecklenburg County**

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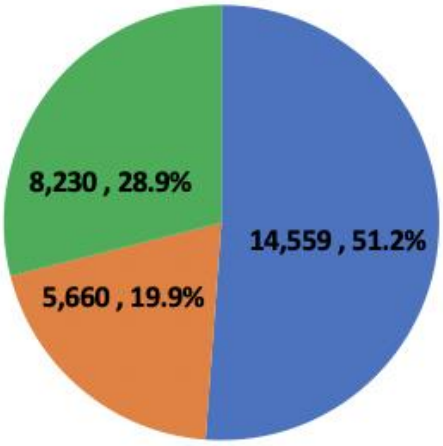
28.9% of Mecklenburg County felony charges were for violent felonies, **19.9%** were for nonviolent drug felonies, and **51.2%** were for other nonviolent felonies.

2019 Charged Felonies



- Nonviolent Felonies, Other
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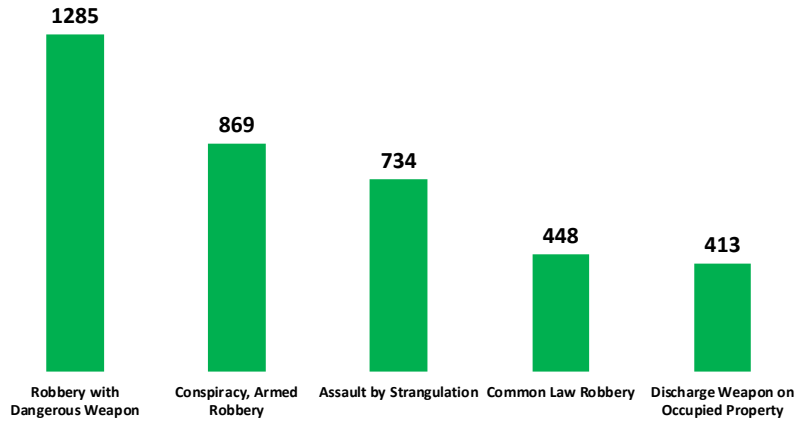
Most Commonly Charged Violent Felonies



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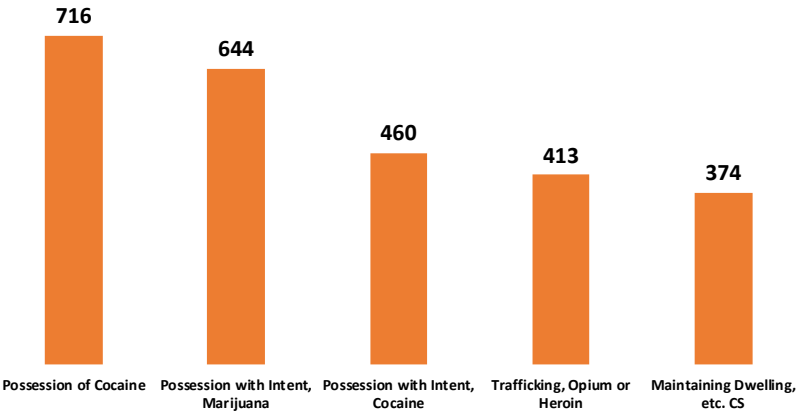

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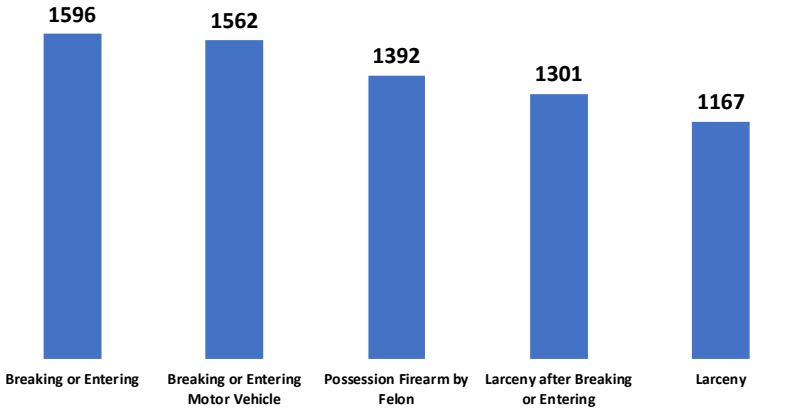

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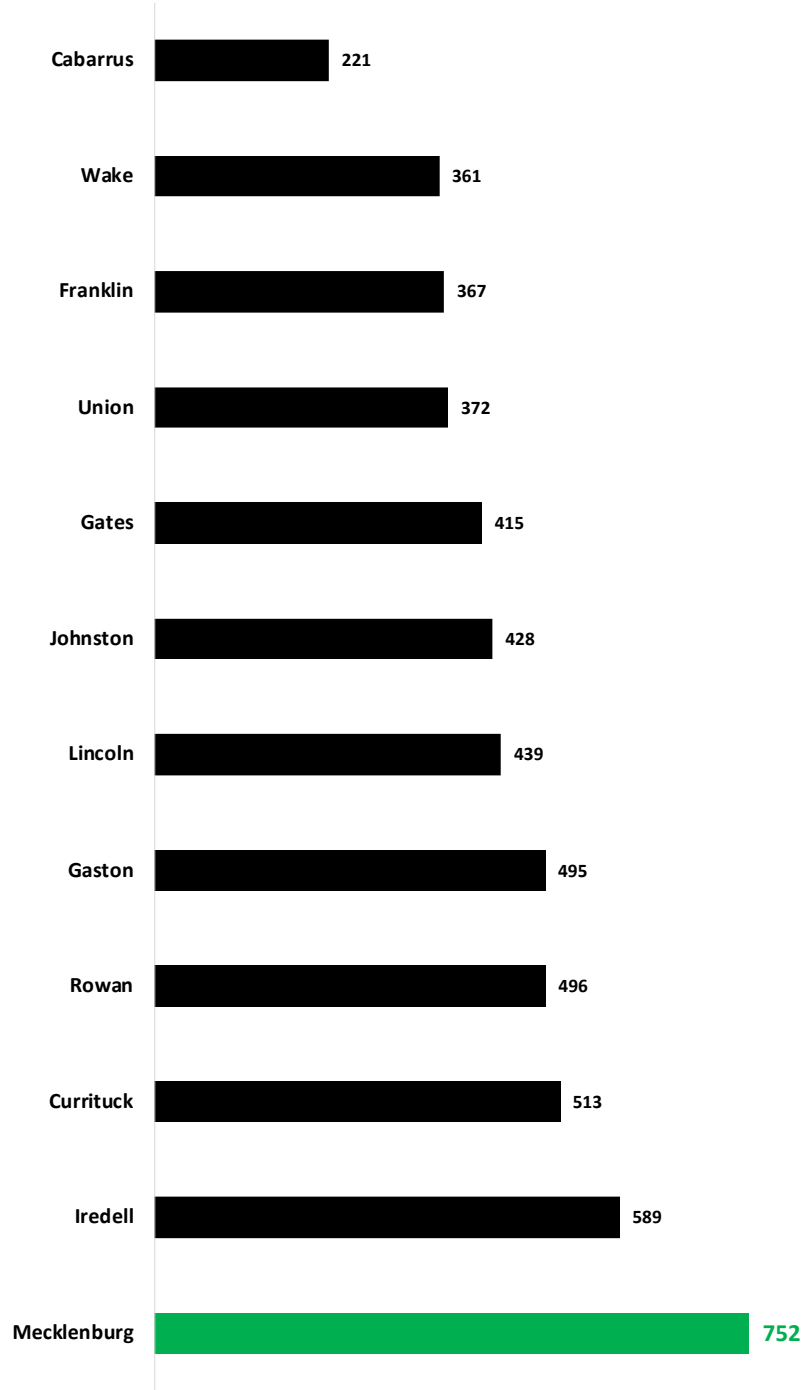
Among large central metro counties[1] and large fringe metro counties[2], Mecklenburg County had the highest number of violent felony charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **752**. Between 2018 and 2019, Mecklenburg County had the seventh largest increase in violent felony charges at **.2** percentage 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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