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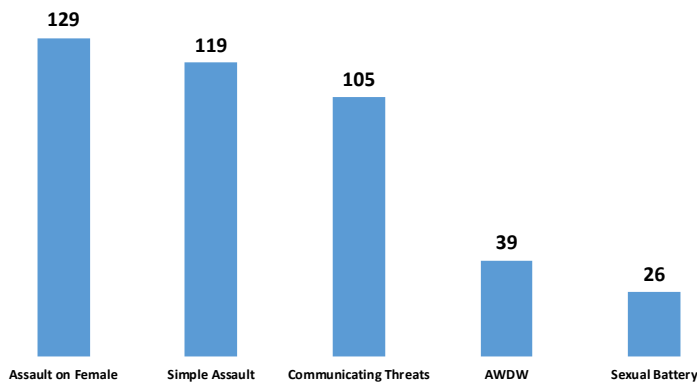Criminal Justice Innovation Lab

73.8% of Pender County misdemeanor charges were for nonviolent and non-DWI related traffic offenses, **14.2%** were for other nonviolent offenses, **6.8%** were for DWI and related offenses, **5.1%** were for violent offenses, and **.2%** were for nonviolent ordinance violations.
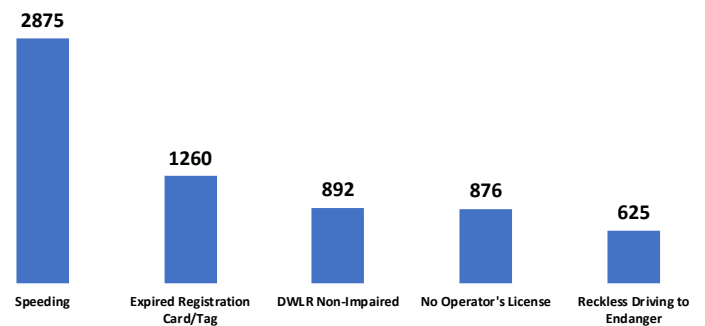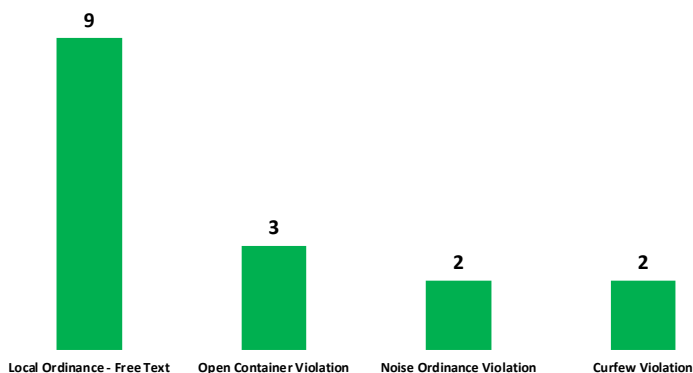
2019 Charged Misdemeanors

Pie chart:
- 578 , 5.1%
- 20 , 0.2%
- 1,620 , 14.2%
- 776 , 6.8%
- 8,416 , 73.8%

Legend:
- **Nonviolent, Non-DWI Related Traffic Misdemeanor Charges**
- **DWI & Related Misdemeanor Charges**
- **Nonviolent Ordinance Violation Misdemeanor Charges**
- **Other Nonviolent Misdemeanor Charges**
- **Violent Misdemeanor Charges**

Most Commonly Charged Violent Misdemeanors

Assault on Female	Simple Assault	Communicating Threats	AWDW	Sexual Battery
129	119	105	39	26

Most Commonly Charged Non-DWI Related Traffic Misdemeanors

Speeding	Expired Registration Card/Tag	DWLR Non-Impaired	No Operator's License	Reckless Driving to Endanger
2875	1260	892	876	625

Most Commonly Charged Ordinance Violations

Local Ordinance - Free Text	Open Container Violation	Noise Ordinance Violation	Curfew Violation
9	3	2	2

Most Commonly Charged Other Nonviolent Misdemeanors

Possession Drug Paraphernalia	Possession Marijuana Paraphernalia	Possession Marijuana Up to 1/2 Oz.	Misdemeanor Larceny	Resisting Public Officer
219	176	156	154	105

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

County	Value
Orange	687
Madison	698
Davie	824
Henderson	858
Stokes	880
Forsyth	911
Buncombe	930
Pender	930
Catawba	987
Yadkin	1,004
Durham	1,014
Burke	1,021
Alexander	1,076
Brunswick	1,094
Randolph	1,108
Davidson	1,110
New Hanover	1,125
Cumberland	1,268
Person	1,278
Guilford	1,287
Rockingham	1,307
Chatham	1,470
Caldwell	1,482
Haywood	1,543
Hoke	1,580

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

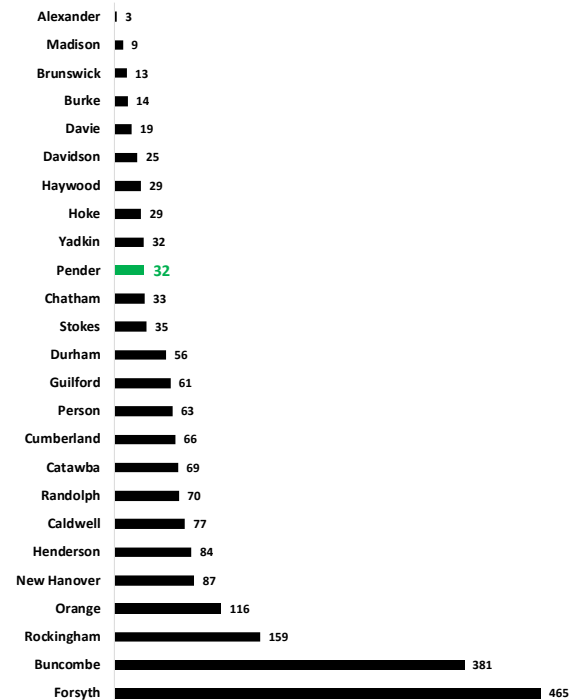| County	Change
Chatham	2.5%
Brunswick	1.4%
Hoke	0.8%
Guilford	0.7%
Davie	0.5%
Person	0.5%
Henderson	0.4%
Orange	0.4%
Cumberland	0.1%
Yadkin	0.0%
Alexander	0.0%
Haywood	0.0%
Caldwell	0.0%
Stokes	-0.1%
Randolph	-0.2%
Burke	-0.2%
New Hanover	-0.2%
Forsyth	-0.3%
Durham	-0.8%
Davidson	-0.9%
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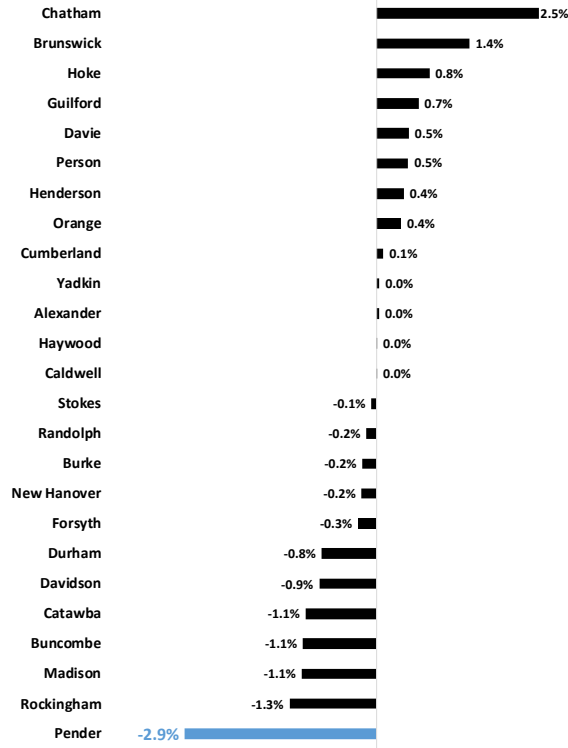
Among medium metro counties[1], Pender County had the eighth lowest number of violent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at 930. Between 2018 and 2019, Pender County had the largest decrease in violent misdemeanor charges among medium metro counties at 2.9 percentage points.

Among medium metro counties[1], Pender County had the sixth lowest number of other nonviolent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at 2,606. Pender County had the 10th lowest number of ordinance violation charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at 87.

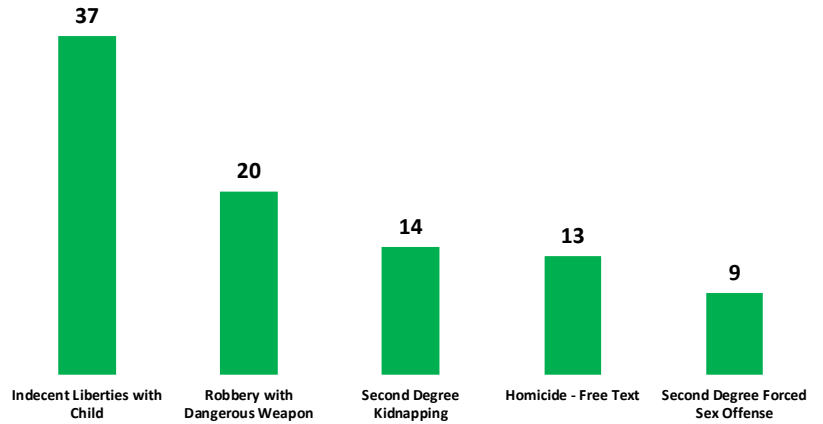## 2019 Other Nonviolent Misdemeanor Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Medium Metro Counties

County	Value
Orange	1,991
Durham	2,334
Hoke	2,335
Chatham	2,473
Davie	2,523
Pender	2,606
Yadkin	2,914
Burke	3,178
Catawba	3,216
Cumberland	3,222
Guilford	3,469
Brunswick	3,556
Alexander	3,628
Henderson	3,782
Davidson	3,805
Buncombe	3,831
Randolph	4,043
Rockingham	4,256
Caldwell	4,267
Person	4,311
New Hanover	4,635
Forsyth	4,898
Madison	4,986
Stokes	5,314
Haywood	5,762

2019 Ordinance Violation Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Medium Metro Counties

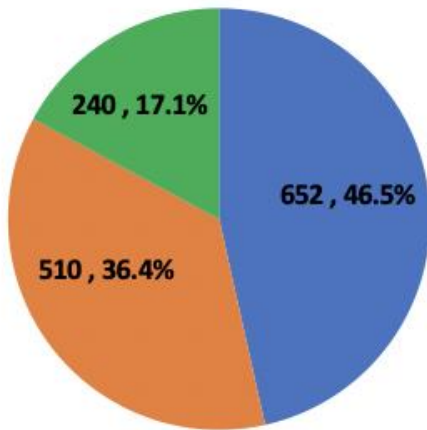| County	Value
Alexander	3
Madison	9
Brunswick	13
Burke	14
Davie	19
Davidson	25
Haywood	29
Hoke	29
Yadkin	32
Pender	32
Chatham	33
Stokes	35
Durham	56
Guilford	61
Person	63
Cumberland	66
Catawba	69
Randolph	70
Caldwell	77
Henderson	84
New Hanover	87
Orange	116
Rockingham	159
Buncombe	381
Forsyth	465

[1] Medium metro counties are defined by the National Center for Health Statistics as those counties in metropolitan statistical areas with populations between 250,000 and 999,999.

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17.1% of Pender County felony charges were for violent felonies, **36.4%** were for nonviolent drug felonies, and **46.5%** were for other nonviolent felonies.
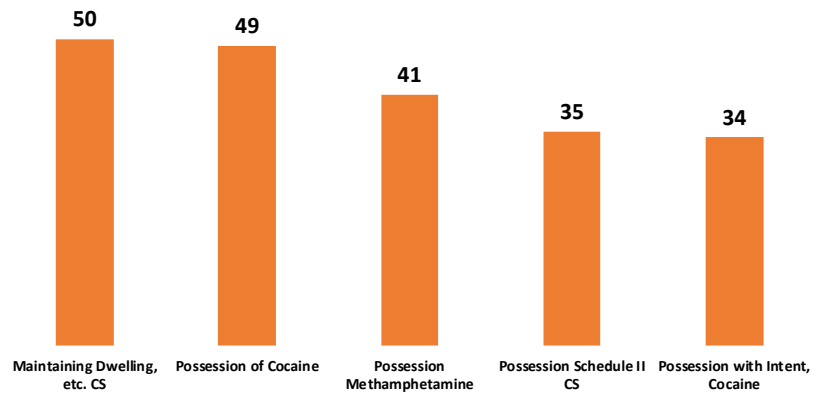
Most Commonly Charged Violent Felonies

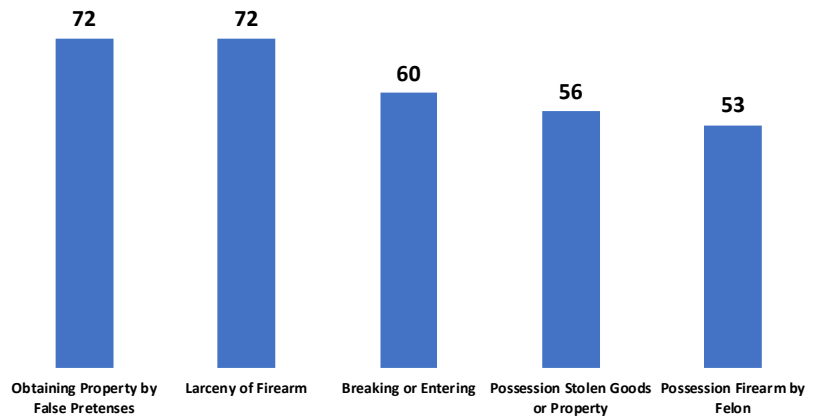|				
37	20	14	13	9
Indecent Liberties with Child	Robbery with Dangerous Weapon	Second Degree Kidnapping	Homicide - Free Text	Second Degree Forced Sex Offense

2019 Charged Felonies

652 , 46.5%
510 , 36.4%
240 , 17.1%

■ **Nonviolent Felonies, Other**
■ **Nonviolent Drug Felonies**
■ **Violent Felonies**

Most Commonly Charged Drug Felonies

50	49	41	35	34
Maintaining Dwelling, etc. CS	Possession of Cocaine	Possession Methamphetamine	Possession Schedule II CS	Possession with Intent, Cocaine

Most Commonly Charged Other Nonviolent Felonies

72	72	60	56	53
Obtaining Property by False Pretenses	Larceny of Firearm	Breaking or Entering	Possession Stolen Goods or Property	Possession Firearm by Felon

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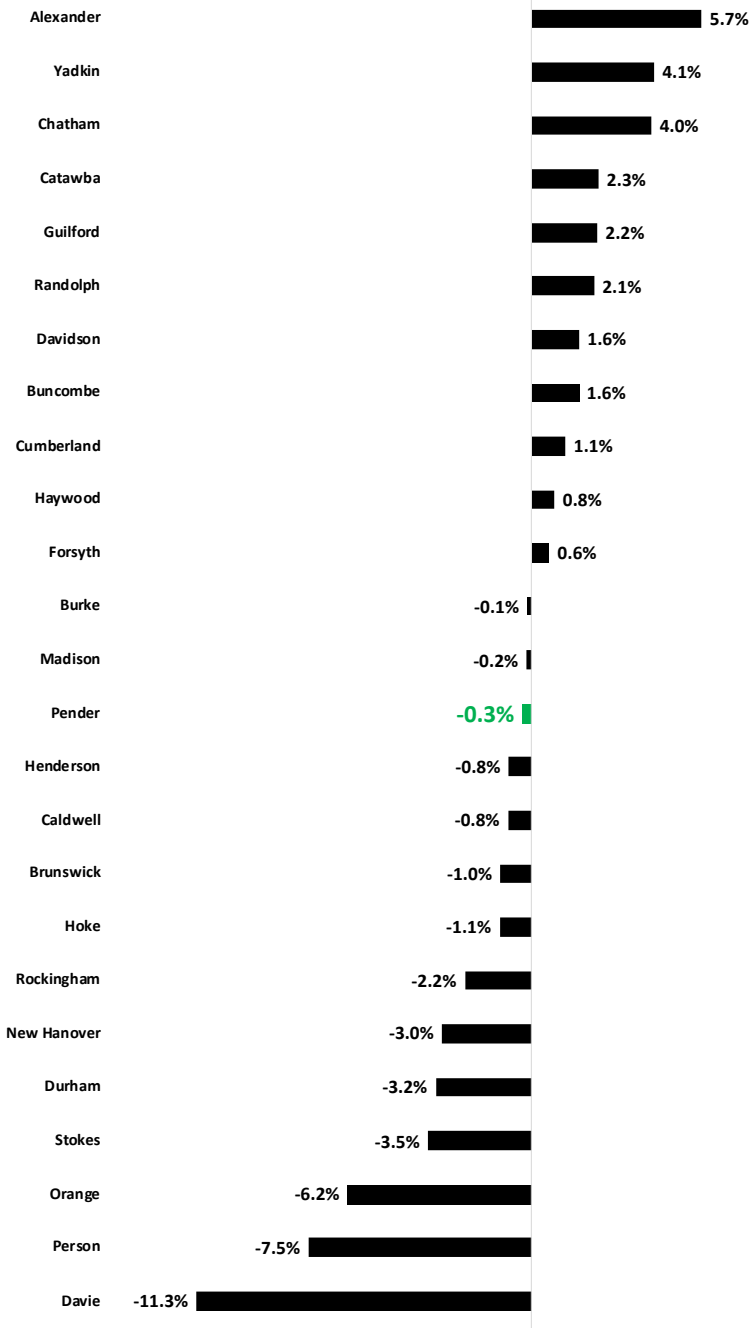
Among medium metro counties[1], Pender County had the 11th highest number of violent felony charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **386**. Between 2018 and 2019, Pender County had the 12th largest decrease in violent felony charges among medium metro counties at **.3** percentage points.

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

County	Value
Burke	202
Stokes	216
Catawba	250
Henderson	263
Orange	279
Caldwell	302
Davie	328
Madison	331
Forsyth	350
Buncombe	383
Pender	386
Haywood	447
Brunswick	476
Randolph	486
Durham	505
New Hanover	505
Rockingham	515
Person	524
Hoke	535
Chatham	572
Yadkin	679
Davidson	691
Guilford	698
Alexander	993
Cumberland	1,018
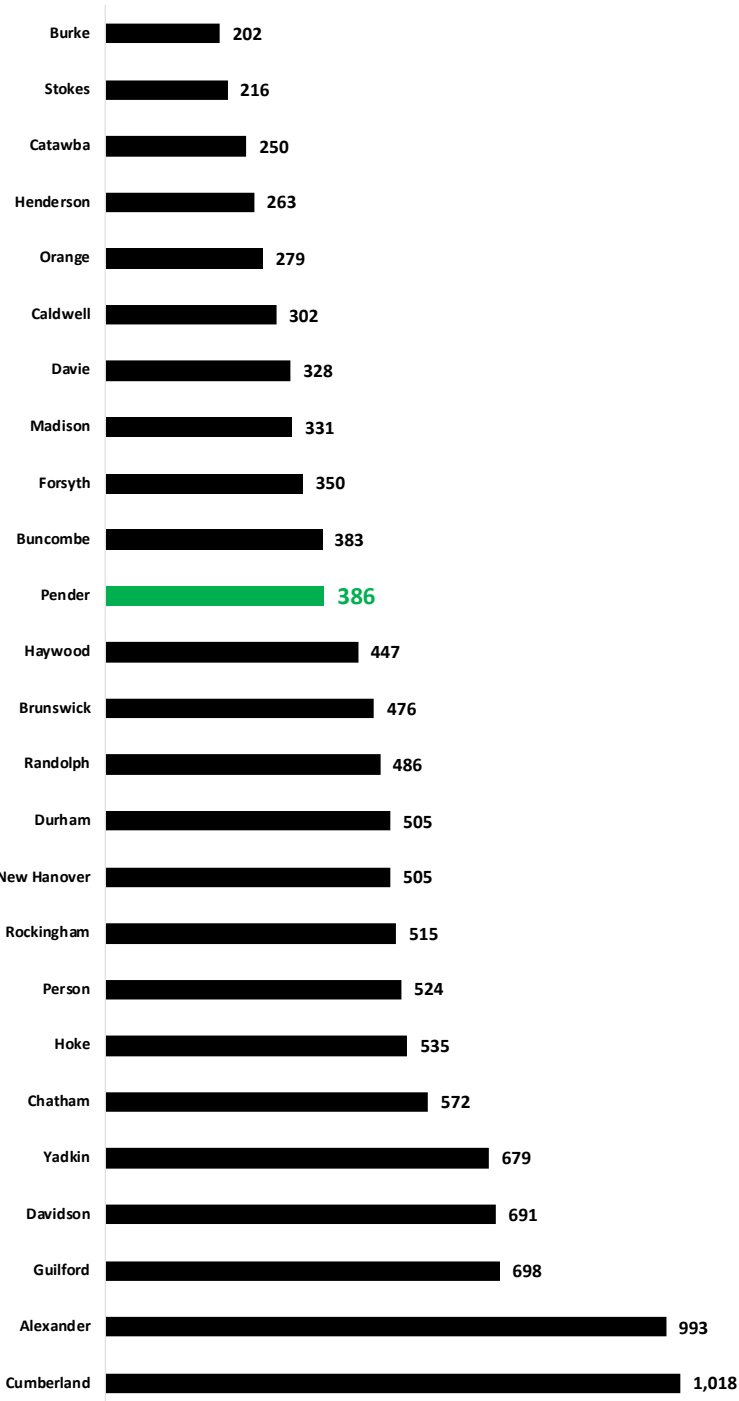
2018 - 2019 Change in Percentage Violent Felony Charges Among Medium Metro Counties

County	Value
Alexander	5.7%
Yadkin	4.1%
Chatham	4.0%
Catawba	2.3%
Guilford	2.2%
Randolph	2.1%
Davidson	1.6%
Buncombe	1.6%
Cumberland	1.1%
Haywood	0.8%
Forsyth	0.6%
Burke	-0.1%
Madison	-0.2%
Pender	-0.3%
Henderson	-0.8%
Caldwell	-0.8%
Brunswick	-1.0%
Hoke	-1.1%
Rockingham	-2.2%
New Hanover	-3.0%
Durham	-3.2%
Stokes	-3.5%
Orange	-6.2%
Person	-7.5%
Davie	-11.3%

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