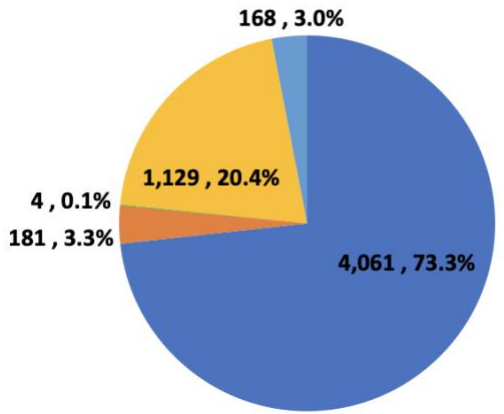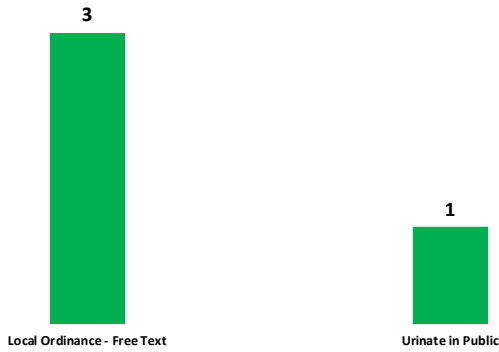# 2019 Misdemeanor Charging Data – **Polk County**

73.3% of Polk County misdemeanor charges were for nonviolent and non-DWI related traffic offenses, **20.4%** were for other nonviolent offenses, **3.3%** were for DWI and related offenses, **3.0%** were for violent offenses, and **0.1%** were for nonviolent ordinance violations.
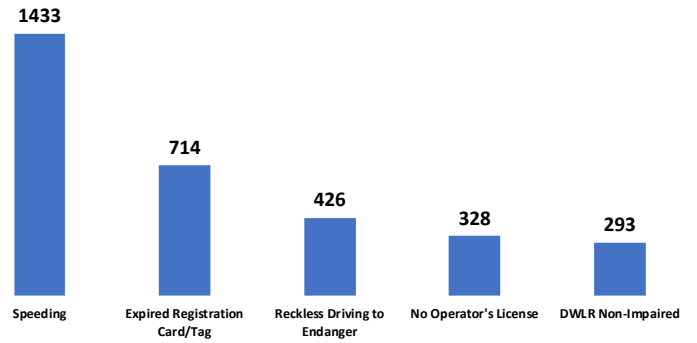
2019 Charged Misdemeanors

- 168 , 3.0%
- 4,061 , 73.3%
- 4 , 0.1%
- 1,129 , 20.4%
- 181 , 3.3%

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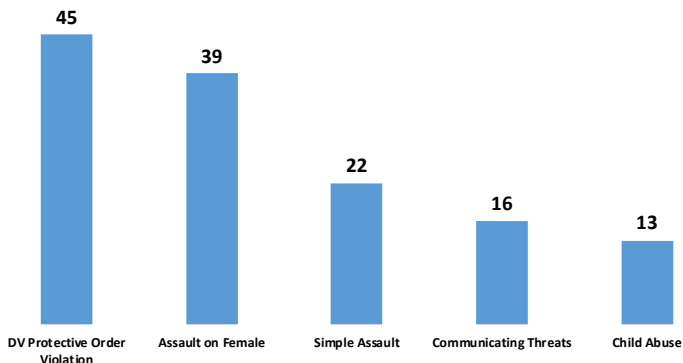- ■ **Violent Misdemeanor Charges**

Most Commonly Charged Ordinance Violations

Local Ordinance - Free Text	Urinate in Public
3	1

Most Commonly Charged Non-DWI Related Traffic Misdemeanors

Speeding	Expired Registration Card/Tag	Reckless Driving to Endanger	No Operator's License	DWLR Non-Impaired
1433	714	426	328	293

Most Commonly Charged Violent Misdemeanors

DV Protective Order Violation	Assault on Female	Simple Assault	Communicating Threats	Child Abuse
45	39	22	16	13

Most Commonly Charged Other Nonviolent Misdemeanors

Possession Drug Paraphernalia	Possession Marijuana Paraphernalia	Possession Marijuana Up to 1/2 Oz.	Resisting Public Officer	Simple Possession Schedule VI CS
198	191	116	75	70

For statewide charging statistics, see https://cjil.sog.unc.edu/files/2020/06/Violent-Non-Violent-Charging-Data-6.25.2020.pdf

2019 Violent Misdemeanor Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Noncore Counties

County	Charges
Yancey	581
Caswell	709
Hyde	803
Polk	815
Greene	890
Duplin	902
Warren	904
Mitchell	980
Chowan	998
Avery	1,005
Alleghany	1,057
Martin	1,059
Montgomery	1,067
Ashe	1,077
Washington	1,096
Bladen	1,100
Bertie	1,204
Macon	1,307
Clay	1,320
Cherokee	1,349
Sampson	1,394
Columbus	1,400
Hertford	1,429
Swain	1,453
Anson	2,046
Graham	2,074

2018 - 2019 Change in Percentage Violent Misdemeanor Charges Among Noncore Counties

County	Change
Graham	2.9%
Alleghany	1.5%
Ashe	1.5%
Hertford	1.3%
Hyde	1.3%
Greene	1.0%
Swain	0.9%
Washington	0.9%
Cherokee	0.7%
Montgomery	0.6%
Mitchell	0.6%
Bertie	0.5%
Sampson	0.4%
Anson	0.2%
Polk	0.1%
Martin	-0.1%
Yancey	-0.3%
Bladen	-0.4%
Duplin	-0.5%
Columbus	-0.6%
Avery	-0.6%
Clay	-0.8%
Macon	-0.9%
Warren	-1.2%
Chowan	-1.8%
Caswell	-3.1%
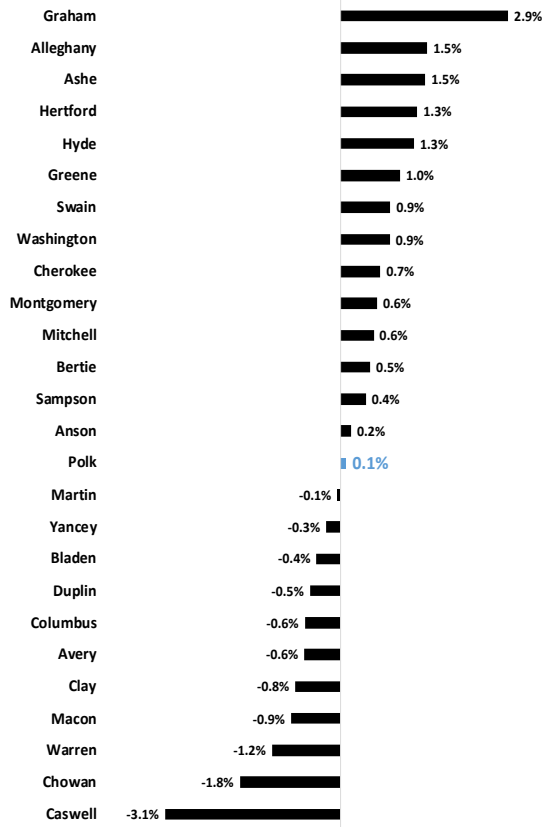
Among noncore counties[1], Polk County had the fourth lowest number of violent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **815**.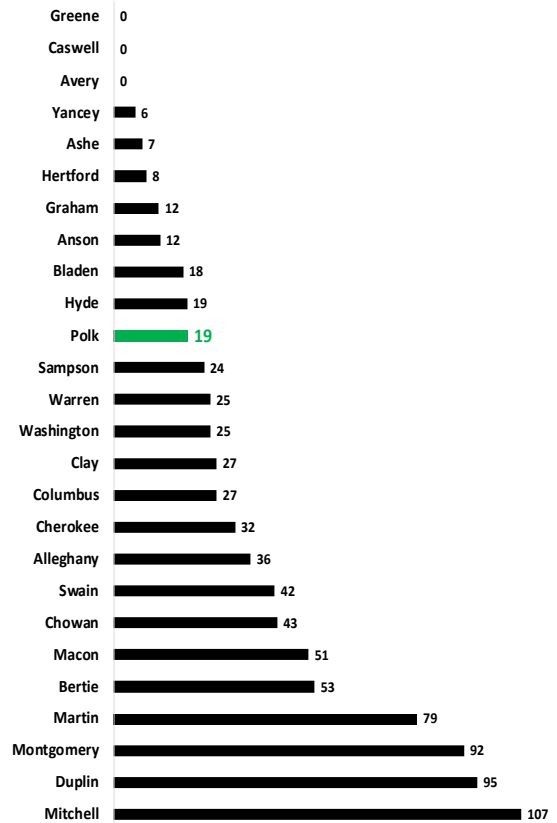 Between 2018 and 2019, Polk County had the 15th largest increase in violent misdemeanor charges among noncore counties at **.1** percentage points.
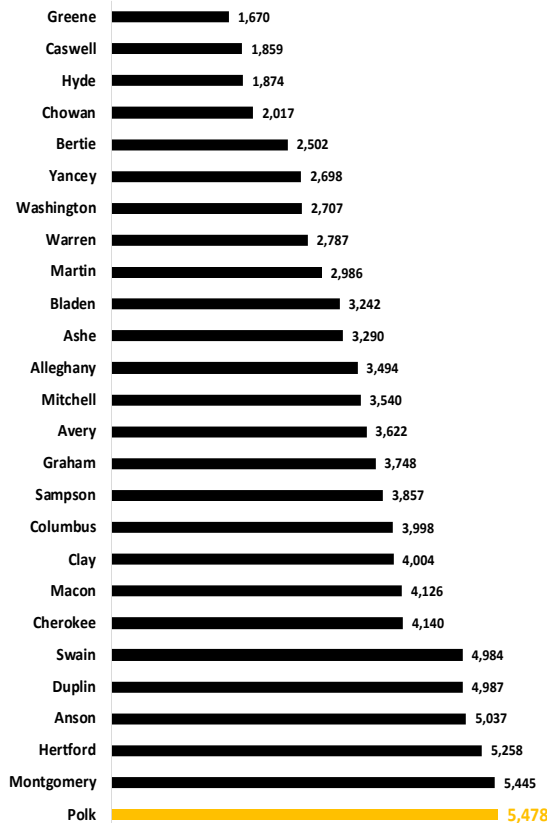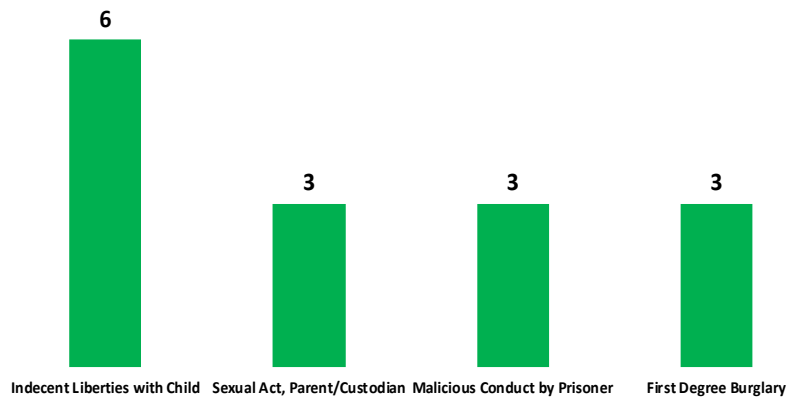
Among noncore counties[1], Polk County had the highest number of other nonviolent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **5,478**. Polk County had the 11th lowest number of ordinance violation charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **19**.
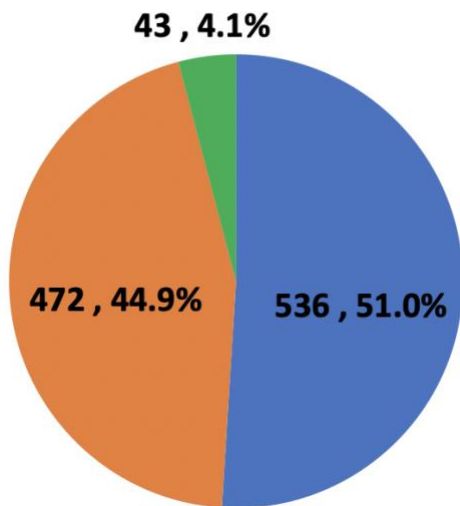
2019 Other Nonviolent Misdemeanor Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Noncore Counties

County	Charges
Greene	1,670
Caswell	1,859
Hyde	1,874
Chowan	2,017
Bertie	2,502
Yancey	2,698
Washington	2,707
Warren	2,787
Martin	2,986
Bladen	3,242
Ashe	3,290
Alleghany	3,494
Mitchell	3,540
Avery	3,622
Graham	3,748
Sampson	3,857
Columbus	3,998
Clay	4,004
Macon	4,126
Cherokee	4,140
Swain	4,984
Duplin	4,987
Anson	5,037
Hertford	5,258
Montgomery	5,445
Polk	5,478

2019 Ordinance Violation Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Noncore Counties

County	Charges
Greene	0
Caswell	0
Avery	0
Yancey	6
Ashe	7
Hertford	8
Graham	12
Anson	12
Bladen	18
Hyde	19
Polk	19
Sampson	24
Warren	25
Washington	25
Clay	27
Columbus	27
Cherokee	32
Alleghany	36
Swain	42
Chowan	43
Macon	51
Bertie	53
Martin	79
Montgomery	92
Duplin	95
Mitchell	107

[1] Noncore counties are nonmetropolitan counties that do not qualify as micropolitan according to the Office of Management and Budget.

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4.1% of Polk County felony charges were for violent felonies, **44.9%** were for nonviolent drug felonies, and **51.0%** were for other nonviolent felonies.
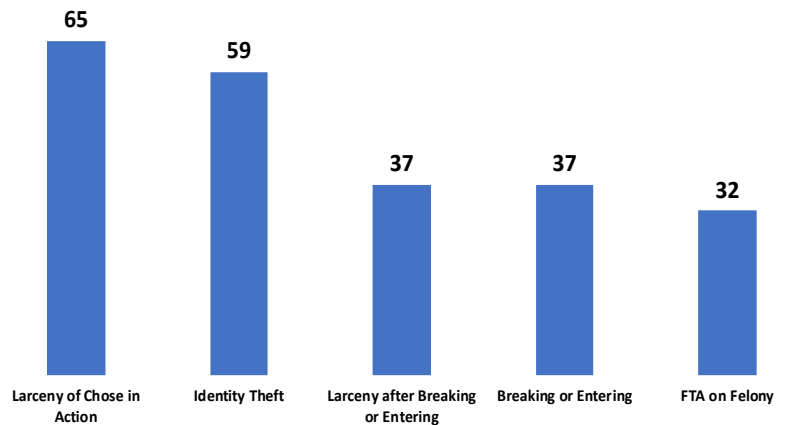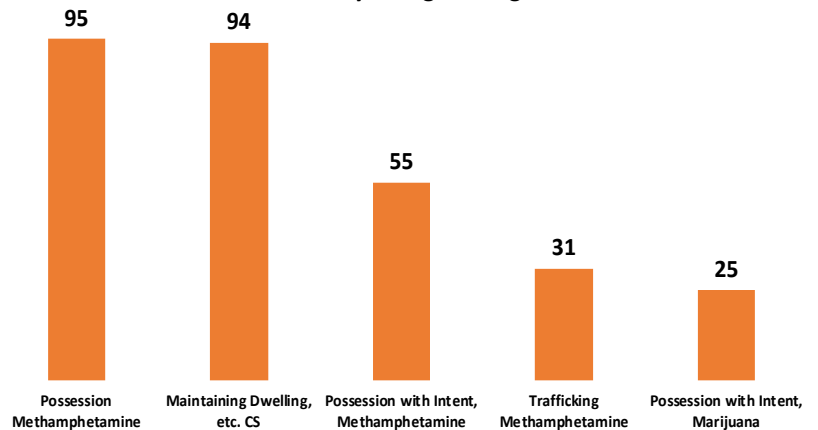
Most Commonly Charged Violent Felonies

6	Indecent Liberties with Child
3	Sexual Act, Parent/Custodian
3	Malicious Conduct by Prisoner
3	First Degree Burglary

2019 Charged Felonies

43 , 4.1%
472 , 44.9%
536 , 51.0%

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

Most Commonly Charged Other Nonviolent Felonies

65	Larceny of Chose in Action
59	Identity Theft
37	Larceny after Breaking or Entering
37	Breaking or Entering
32	FTA on Felony

Most Commonly Charged Drug Felonies

95	Possession Methamphetamine
94	Maintaining Dwelling, etc. CS
55	Possession with Intent, Methamphetamine
31	Trafficking Methamphetamine
25	Possession with Intent, Marijuana

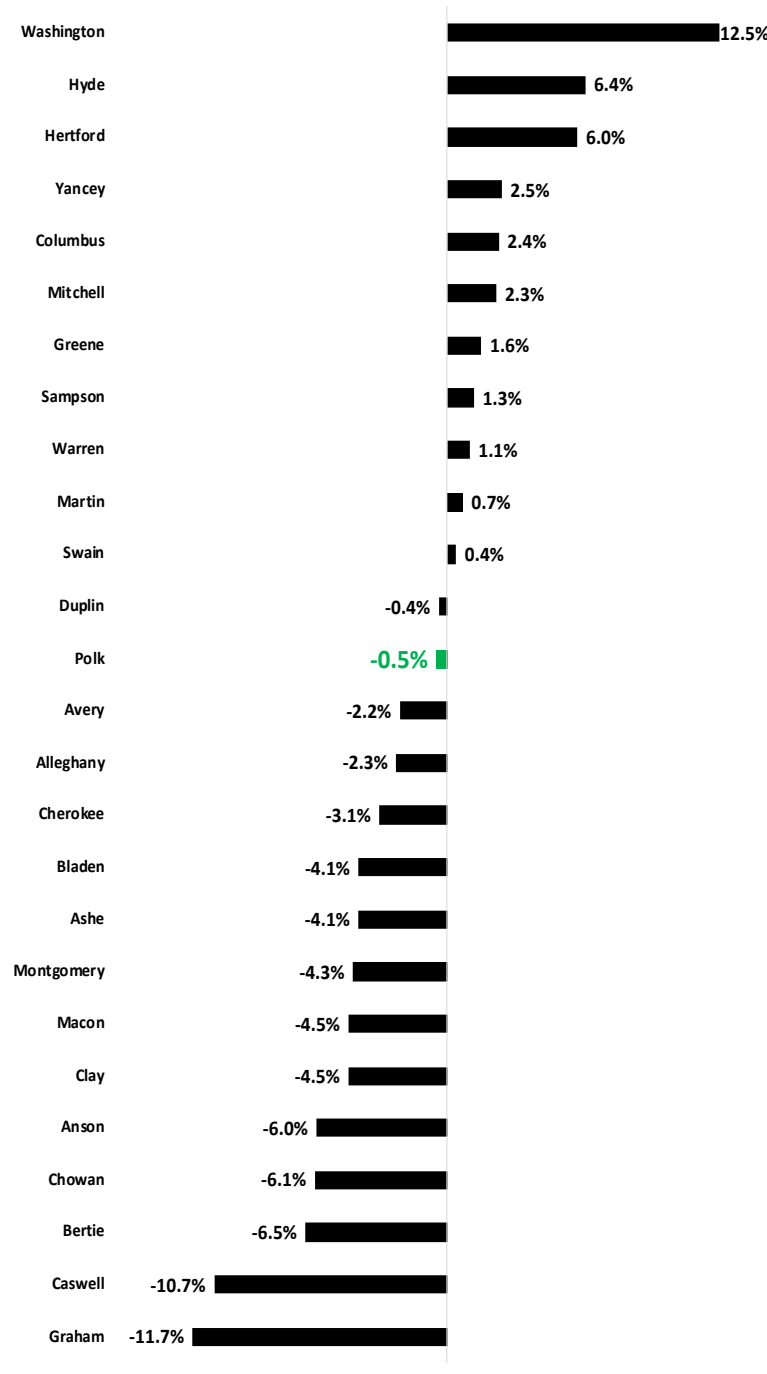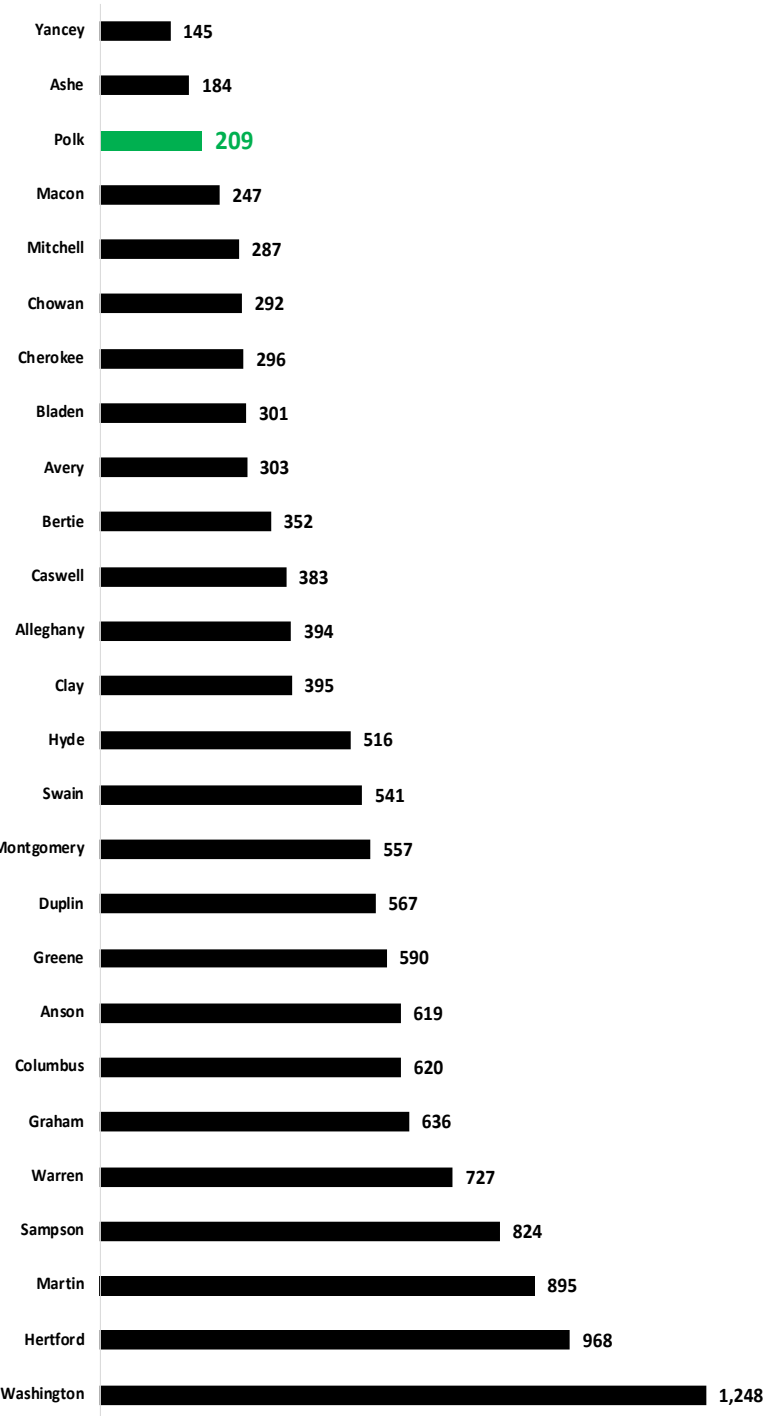For statewide charging statistics, see https://cjil.sog.unc.edu/files/2020/06/Violent-Non-Violent-Charging-Data-6.25.2020.pdf

Among noncore counties[1], Polk County had the third lowest number of violent felony charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **209**. Between 2018 and 2019, Polk County had the 14th largest decrease in violent felony charges among noncore counties at **.5** percentage points.

2019 Violent Felony Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Noncore Counties

County	Charges
Yancey	145
Ashe	184
Polk	209
Macon	247
Mitchell	287
Chowan	292
Cherokee	296
Bladen	301
Avery	303
Bertie	352
Caswell	383
Alleghany	394
Clay	395
Hyde	516
Swain	541
Montgomery	557
Duplin	567
Greene	590
Anson	619
Columbus	620
Graham	636
Warren	727
Sampson	824
Martin	895
Hertford	968
Washington	1,248

2018 - 2019 Change in Percentage Violent Felony Charges Among Noncore Counties

County	Change
Washington	12.5%
Hyde	6.4%
Hertford	6.0%
Yancey	2.5%
Columbus	2.4%
Mitchell	2.3%
Greene	1.6%
Sampson	1.3%
Warren	1.1%
Martin	0.7%
Swain	0.4%
Duplin	-0.4%
Polk	-0.5%
Avery	-2.2%
Alleghany	-2.3%
Cherokee	-3.1%
Bladen	-4.1%
Ashe	-4.1%
Montgomery	-4.3%
Macon	-4.5%
Clay	-4.5%
Anson	-6.0%
Chowan	-6.1%
Bertie	-6.5%
Caswell	-10.7%
Graham	-11.7%

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