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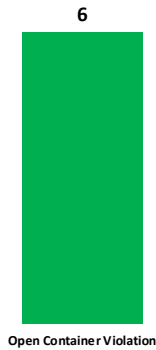Criminal Justice Innovation Lab

69.6% of Swain County misdemeanor charges were for nonviolent and non-DWI related traffic offenses, **19.9%** were for other nonviolent offenses, **4.6%** were for DWI and related offenses, **5.8%** were for violent offenses, and **0.2%** were for nonviolent ordinance violations.
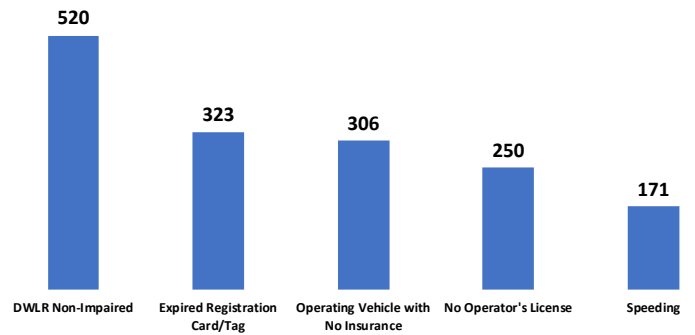
2019 Charged Misdemeanors

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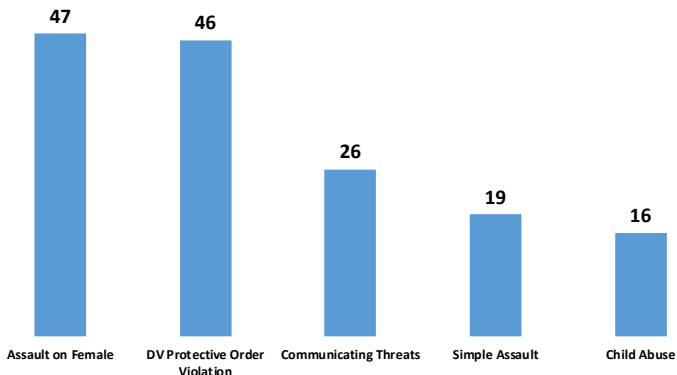- ■ **Violent Misdemeanor Charges**
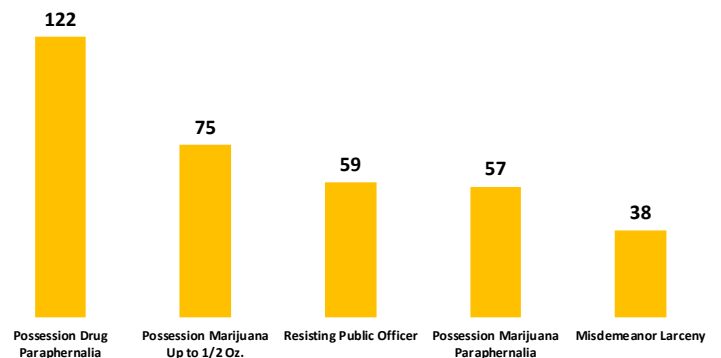
Most Commonly Charged Ordinance Violations

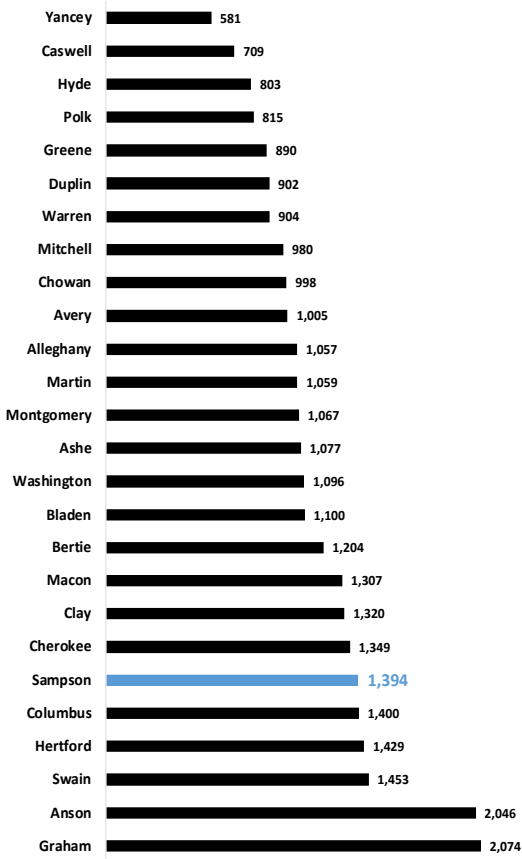**Most Commonly Charged Non-DWI Related Traffic Misdemeanors**

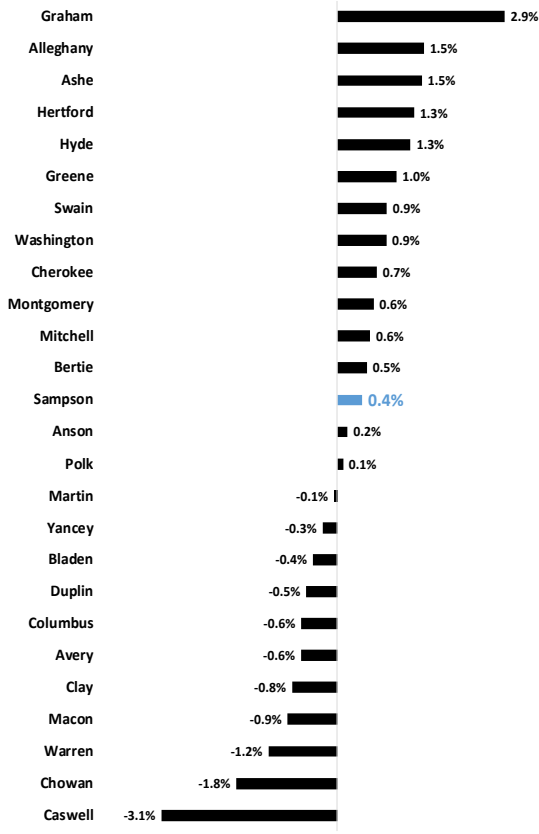**Most Commonly Charged Violent Misdemeanors**

Most Commonly Charged Other Nonviolent Misdemeanors

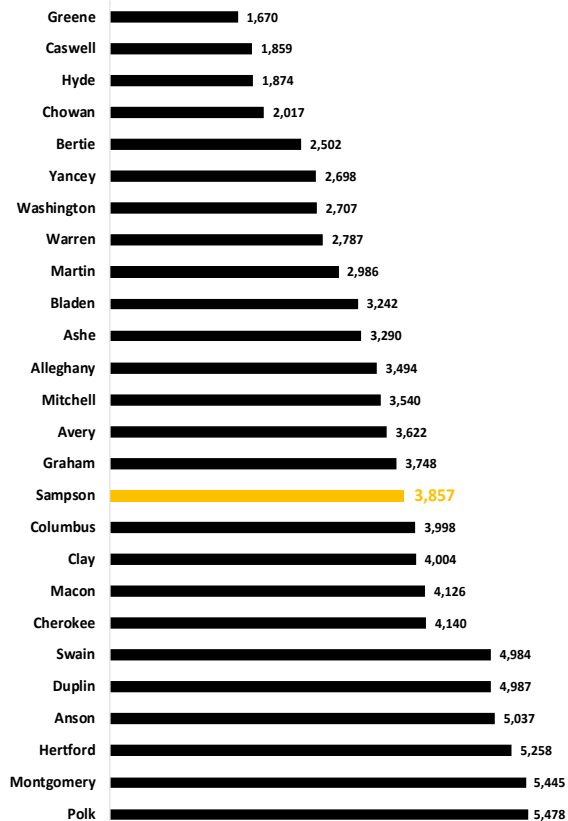## 2019 Violent Misdemeanor Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Noncore Counties

County	Value
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

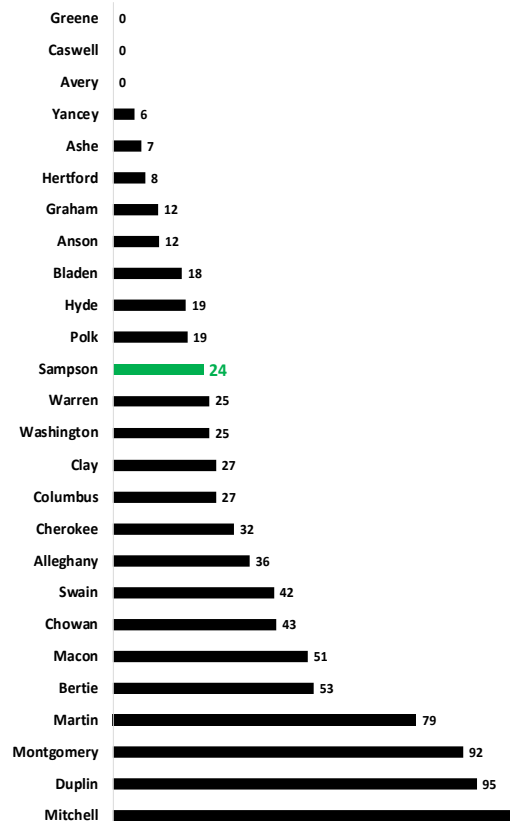| County	Value
Graham	2.9%
Alleghany	1.5%
Ashe	1.5%
Hertford	1.3%
Hyde	1.3%
Greene	1.0%
Swain	0.9%
Washington	0.9%
Cherokee	0.7%
Montgomery	0.6%
Mitchell	0.6%
Bertie	0.5%
Sampson	0.4%
Anson	0.2%
Polk	0.1%
Martin	-0.1%
Yancey	-0.3%
Bladen	-0.4%
Duplin	-0.5%
Columbus	-0.6%
Avery	-0.6%
Clay	-0.8%
Macon	-0.9%
Warren	-1.2%
Chowan	-1.8%
Caswell	-3.1%

Among noncore counties[1], Swain County had the sixth highest number of violent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at 1,394. Between 2018 and 2019, Swain County had the 13th largest increase in violent misdemeanor charges among noncore counties at .4 percentage points.

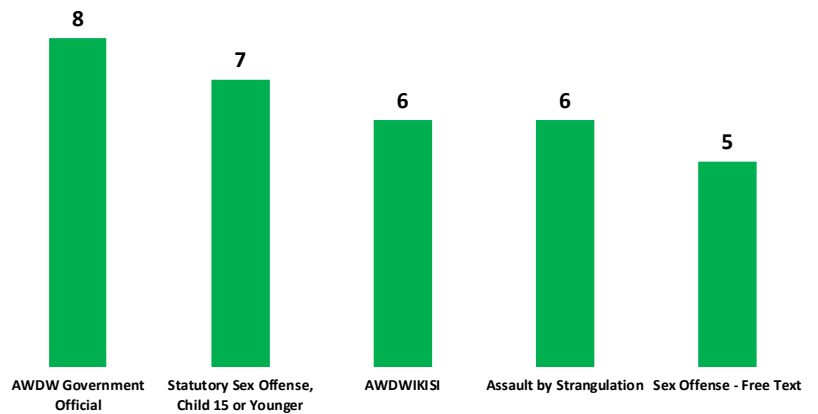Among noncore counties[1], Swain County had the 11th highest number of other nonviolent misdemeanor charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at 3,857. Swain County had the 12th lowest number of ordinance violation charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at 24.

2019 Other Nonviolent Misdemeanor Charges Per 100,000 Population Among Noncore Counties

County	Value
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	Value
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

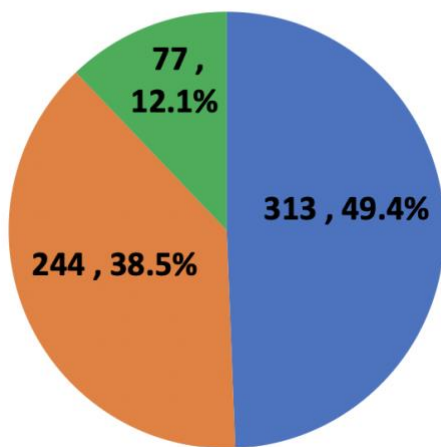[1] Noncore counties are nonmetropolitan counties that do not qualify as micropolitan according to the Office of Management and Budget.

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12.1% of Swain County felony charges were for violent felonies, **38.5%** were for nonviolent drug felonies, and **49.4%** were for other nonviolent felonies.

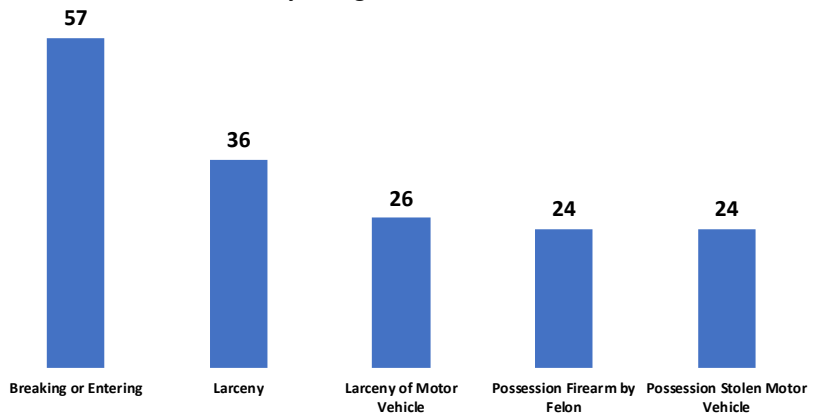## Most Commonly Charged Violent Felonies

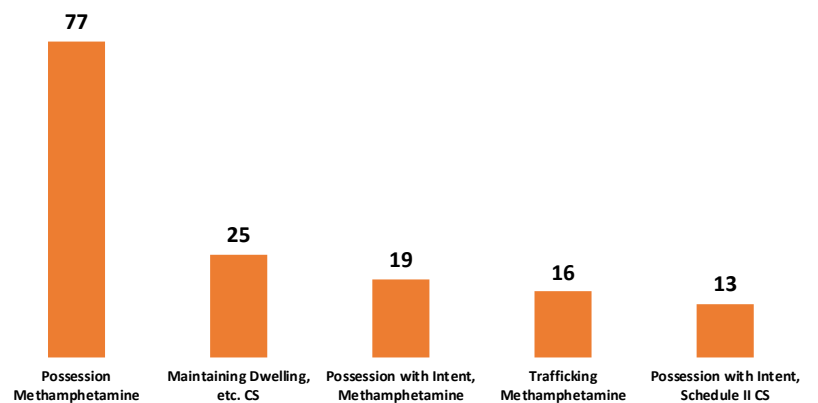| AWDW Government Official	Statutory Sex Offense, Child 15 or Younger	AWDWIKISI	Assault by Strangulation	Sex Offense - Free Text
8	7	6	6	5

2019 Charged Felonies

- 77 , 12.1%
- 313 , 49.4%
- 244 , 38.5%

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

Most Commonly Charged Other Nonviolent Felonies

Breaking or Entering	Larceny	Larceny of Motor Vehicle	Possession Firearm by Felon	Possession Stolen Motor Vehicle
57	36	26	24	24

Most Commonly Charged Drug Felonies

Possession Methamphetamine	Maintaining Dwelling, etc. CS	Possession with Intent, Methamphetamine	Trafficking Methamphetamine	Possession with Intent, Schedule II CS
77	25	19	16	13

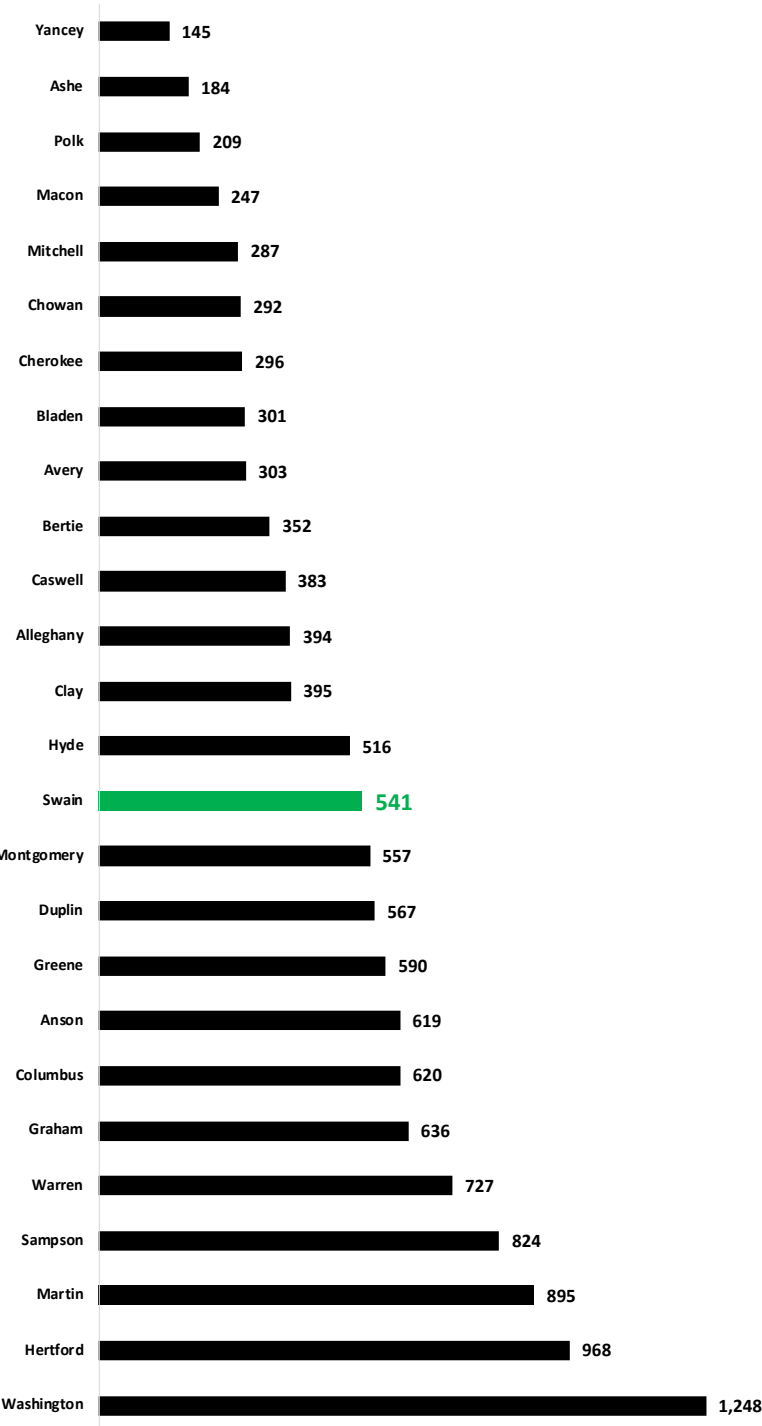For statewide charging statistics, see https://cjil.sog.unc.edu/files/2020/06/Violent-Non-Violent-Charging-Data-6.25.2020.pdf
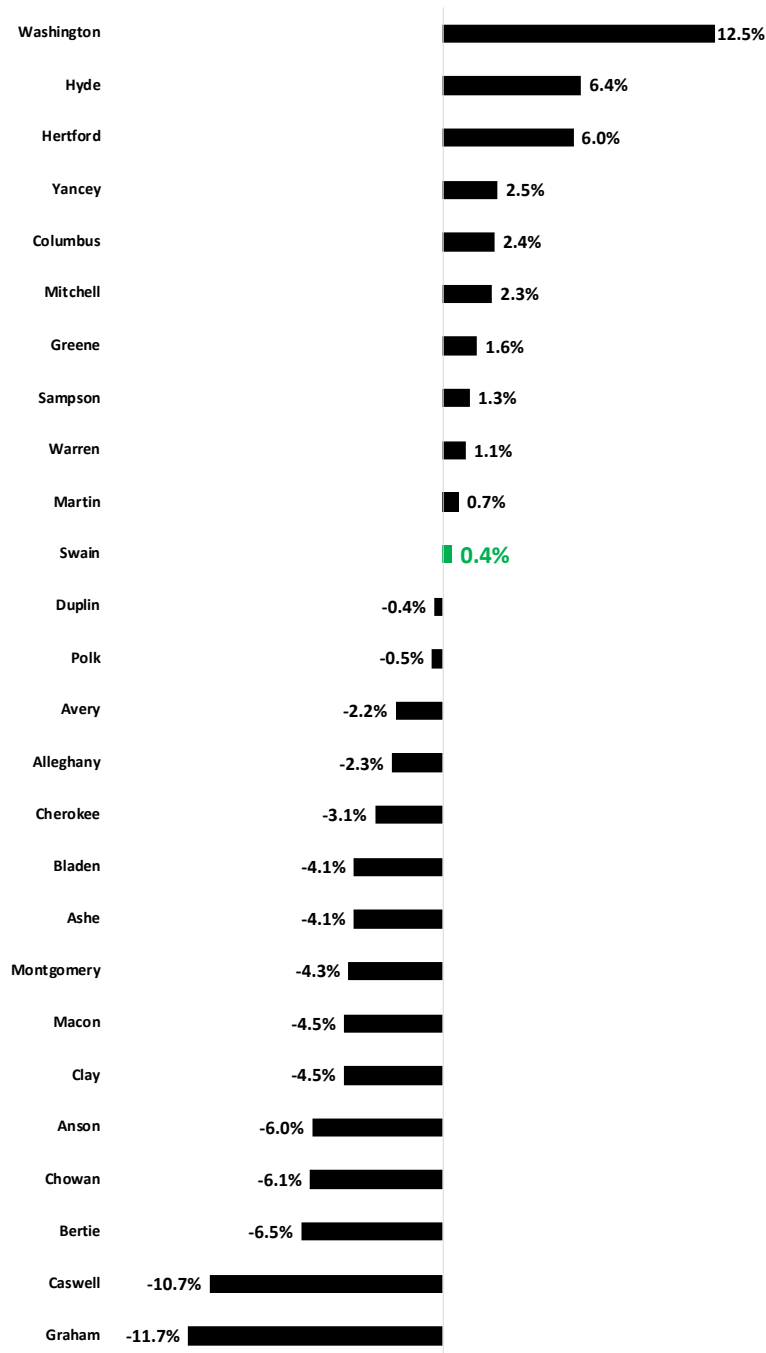
Among noncore counties[1], Swain County had the 12th highest number of violent felony charges per 100,000 residents in 2019 at **541**. Between 2018 and 2019, Swain County had the 11th largest increase in violent felony charges among noncore counties at **.4** percentage points.

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

County	Value
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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