Mecklenburg County Homeless Bookings: Supplemental Analysis

This report identifies and tracks Fiscal Year 2015 offenses associated with 58 pre-determined individuals who are either confirmed as homeless or likely to be homeless.[1] This report was compiled and produced by Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services.

I.   Offense Type

- 76% of the FY15 offenses associated with these individuals were misdemeanors.

Offense Type	Offense Count	Offense Percent
Misdemeanor	259	76.18%
Felony	67	19.71%
Traffic	7	2.06%
Other[2]	6	1.76%
Infraction	1	0.29%
Grand Total	**340**	**100.00%**

II.   Violent and Nonviolent Offenses[3]

- 90% of all FY15 offenses associated with these individuals were nonviolent, with nearly 70% of all FY15 offenses for these individuals being nonviolent misdemeanors.

Violent/Nonviolent and Offense Type	Offense Count	Offense Percent
Nonviolent	**307**	**90.29%**
Misdemeanor	236	69.41%
Felony	57	16.76%
Traffic	7	2.06%
Other	6	1.76%
Infraction	1	0.29%
Violent	**33**	**9.71%**
Misdemeanor	23	6.76%
Felony	10	2.94%
Grand Total	**340**	**100.00%**

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[1] For a full list of these individuals, see the Criminal Justice Services report dated July 30, 2015 and titled *Mecklenburg County Homeless Bookings*

[2] Other includes the '99' offense codes (i.e. 2599, 8599, 9999, etc.). These codes do not have a default type or class and can vary based on the offense itself.

[3] The violent/non-violent categorization in table 3 was conducted using the same logic applied during the Safety and Justice Challenge data analysis. Each offense code was categorized as violent or non-violent based on the following definition which originated with Pretrial Services' PSA risk assessment tool: "offenses are considered violent when a person causes or attempts to cause physical injury to another person."

III.   Offense Type and Class[4]

- 41% of all FY15 offenses associated with these individuals were Class 3 misdemeanors.

Offense Type and Class	Offense Count	Offense Percent
Misdemeanor	**259**	**76.18%**
??	8	2.35%
1	76	22.35%
2	25	7.35%
3	138	40.59%
A1	11	3.24%
NULL	1	0.29%
Felony	**67**	**19.71%**
??	1	0.29%
A	1	0.29%
C	1	0.29%
D	2	0.59%
E	1	0.29%
F	4	1.18%
G	7	2.06%
H	34	10.00%
I	14	4.12%
NULL	2	0.59%
Traffic	**7**	**2.06%**
1	1	0.29%
2	3	0.88%
NULL	3	0.88%
Other	**6**	**1.76%**
??	6	1.76%
Infraction	**1**	**0.29%**
NULL	1	0.29%
Grand Total	**340**	**100.00%**

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[4] Percentages in sub-categories (such as those in sections 2 and 3) represent the percentage of the overall charges, not the percentage within the category. For example, Class 3 misdemeanors represent 40.59% of all charges, not 40.59% of all misdemeanor charges. As such, sub-categories will sum to equal the count and percentage of their master category.

IV. Offense Grouping

- 49% of all FY15 offenses associated with these individuals were 'public order' offenses.

Offense Groups	Offense Count	Offense Percent
Public Order	165	48.53%
Property	76	22.35%
Controlled Substance	50	14.71%
Person	31	9.12%
Traffic	5	1.47%
Other	4	1.18%
DWI	4	1.18%
Probation Violation	3	0.88%
Murder / Manslaughter	1	0.29%
Sex	1	0.29%
Grand Total	**340**	**100.00%**