

# RAISE THE AGE NC

Youth who go through the adult system are **re-arrested**, **re-convicted**, **re-incarcerated** and have their probation **revoked** at higher rates than other adult offenders.

Youth with a criminal record will face several barriers to:

**EDUCATION**  
**VOTING**  
**HOUSING**  
**EMPLOYMENT**  
**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

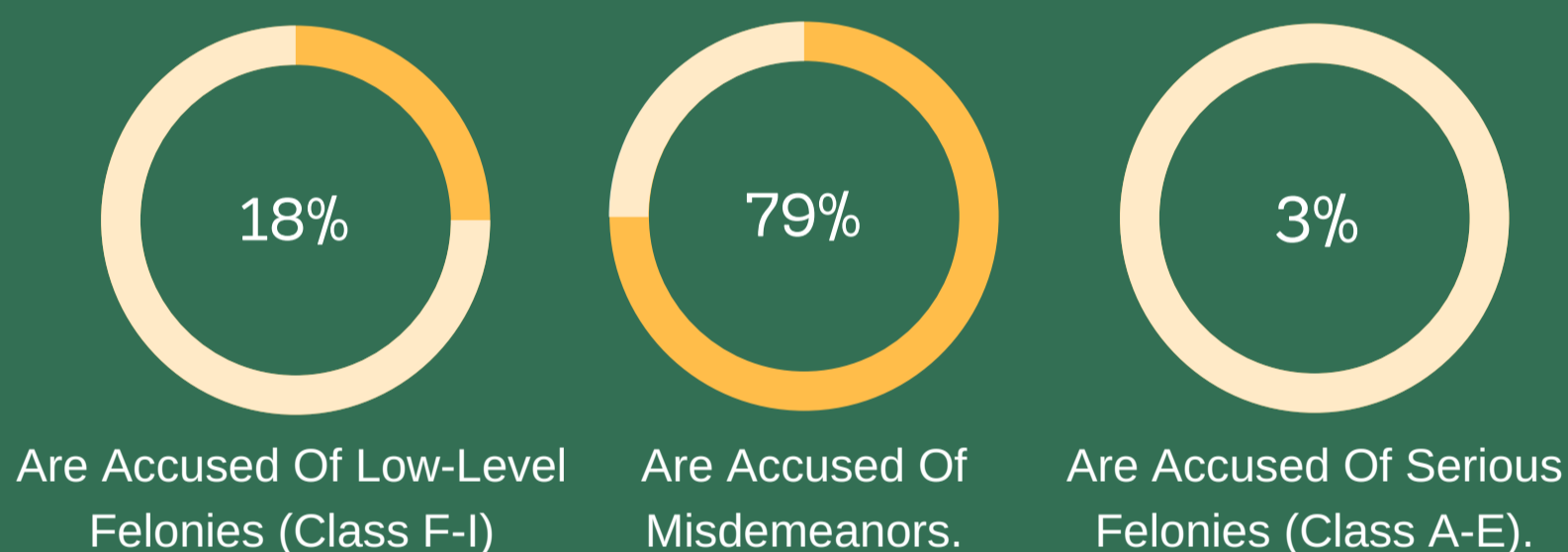


North Carolina and New York are the only **TWO** states in the country that automatically prosecute **16** and **17** year olds as **ADULTS** in court, regardless of the crime.

Raising The Age Would Save NC  
**\$52.3 MILLION**  
Per Year Compared To An Annual Cost Of  
**\$49.2 MILLION**

It would also save both the state and taxpayers millions in earned income by having youth without criminal records.

Majority Of Youth Are First Time Offenders!  
Of 16 and 17 Year Olds:



## The Larger Issue: The School-To-Prison Pipeline

The "school-to-prison pipeline" refers to the policies and factors that disproportionately push children of color out of the classroom and into the juvenile and adult justice systems. These policies/factors include but are not limited to: the support of zero-tolerance practices, the failure to provide essential components and proper funding for a quality education and the overuse of school resource officers. North Carolina has an accelerated School-To-Prison Pipeline because of our age of juvenile court jurisdiction.

In 2014-15 African-American students made up 26% of the public school demographic but accounted for:



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