

## 10.7 Sentencing

### A. North Carolina Sentencing Commission

The North Carolina Sentencing Commission is a source of data on sentencing outcomes. Each year, the Sentencing Commission publishes its “Structured Sentencing Statistical Report for Felonies and Misdemeanors,” which includes figures on the characteristics of offenders, broken down by race. *See, e.g.*, North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, [\*Structured Sentencing Statistical Report for Felonies and Misdemeanors-Fiscal Year 2009/10 \(July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010\)\*](#), 9–10 (2011).

### B. Reports Prepared by the North Carolina Advocates for Justice’s Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Criminal Justice System Task Force

The North Carolina Advocates for Justice’s Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Criminal Justice System Task Force is also a source of data analysis on imprisonment in North Carolina. For example, the Task Force collected and analyzed data from the North Carolina Department of Justice and Department of Correction, sorted by race and compared to county populations, on: (1) the overall North Carolina prison population; (2) drug convictions in North Carolina; and (3) habitual felon convictions in North Carolina. *See* North Carolina Advocates for Justice, *NC-CRED & Task Force Publications*, NCAJ.COM (last visited Oct. 8, 2014).

### C. North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services

The North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services (IDS) intends to study sentencing outcomes by analyzing sentences and sentence lengths for given offenses, broken down by race. IDS projects that they are a number of years away from completing an analysis, however.