



Response to Questions on the 2016 LOBs

Request By: Supervisor Foust

Relevant LOB(s): N/A

Question: What is the conviction rate as a percentage of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrests?

Response:

The response was prepared by the General District Court with data provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia, drawing on the court’s automated Case Management System.

The data in the table below reflects calendar year and is assigned to a year based on when the case was concluded. It includes all charges of DWI from Fairfax regardless of source (state police, Fairfax County Police, etc.)

The *Percentage Guilty DWI Cases* column represents convictions on misdemeanor cases and the *Percentage Certified to Grand Jury* column represents felony cases sent to the Circuit Court for disposition. The *Percentage Other Disposition* column includes Dismissed, Not Guilty, Not Prosecuted, and Did Not Appear (Fugitive File) cases. The number of DWI cases has trended lower since 2011. While this is attributable to several factors, increased education, prevention and outreach on the dangers of driving while intoxicated have contributed to the decline.

Calendar Year	Total DWI Cases	Guilty DWI Cases	Percentage Guilty DWI Cases	Certified to Grand Jury Cases	Percentage Certified to Grand Jury	Other Disposition	Percentage Other Disposition
2011	3,178	2,748	86.47%	65	2.05%	365	11.48%
2012	3,126	2,625	83.97%	56	1.79%	445	14.24%
2013	2,759	2,242	81.26%	44	1.60%	473	17.14%
2014	2,849	2,156	75.68%	61	2.14%	632	22.18%
2015	2,147	1,621	75.50%	45	2.10%	481	22.40%