Adult Arrest Data Source Notes

The attached arrest data is derived from the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system. CCH contains adult arrests for offenses where fingerprints are required to be taken (Criminal Procedure Law 160.10). Up until October 1, 2018, state law defined an adult as anyone age 16 or older. Arrests for misdemeanors committed by 16 year olds between October 1 and December 31, 2018 are not included as these arrests are no longer fingerprinted due to Raise the Age legislation. State law also permits 13 to 15 year olds to be treated as adults if they are accused of certain serious crimes. These Juvenile Offender (JO) arrests are also included here.

Demographic characteristics including sex, race/ethnicity and age are recorded by police at the time of arrest as part of the fingerprint transaction. For race/ethnicity, five categories are displayed: White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Other. All arrestees of Hispanic ethnicity, regardless of race, are included in the Hispanic category. The White, Black, Asian, and Other categories include only persons of non-Hispanic origin. Arrests by age categories are based on the arrested individual's age at the time the crime was committed.

Arrests are displayed by the county/region where the arrest took place. If a police agency arrests an individual outside of the county where the agency is located, that arrest is included in the statistics for the county where the arrest occurred.

Arrest charges are categorized by the most serious charge reported at the time of arrest. For example, if an individual was charged with a felony and a misdemeanor in connection with the same crime, that arrest is counted once and categorized as a felony. Arrests in these tables are shown using the following categories:

- **Felony**: Offenses for which a sentence of imprisonment of more than one year may be imposed (NYS Penal Law Article 10.05).

- **Misdemeanor**: Offenses, other than traffic infractions, for which a sentence of imprisonment of more than 15 days but no more than one year can be imposed (NYS Penal Law Article 10.04).

- **Drug**: All offenses listed under Penal Law Articles 220 (controlled substances) and 221 (marijuana).

- **Violent Felony**: All offenses listed under Penal Law Article 70.02 and the Class A felonies of murder, arson, kidnapping and predatory sexual assault.

- **Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)**: All offenses listed under Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192.

- **Property**: All misdemeanor offenses listed under Penal Law Articles 140, 145, 150, 155, and 165.

- **Other**: Any offense not specified above.

Erie County Adult Arrests by Sex: 2018

	Total Arrests	Male	Female	Not Reported
Total Arrests	21,061	15,312	5,747	2
Felony Total	7,025	5,537	1,486	2
Drug	1,242	1,038	204	0
Violent	1,933	1,565	368	0
DWI	328	252	76	0
Other	3,522	2,682	838	2
Misdemeanor Total	14,036	9,775	4,261	0
Drug	3,110	2,266	844	0
DWI	1,743	1,221	522	0
Property	4,399	2,672	1,727	0
Other	4,784	3,616	1,168	0

Erie County Adult Arrests by Race/Ethnicity: 2018

	Total Arrests	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other-Unknown
Total Arrests	21,061	9,767	8,850	1,837	205	402
Felony Total	7,025	2,452	3,753	634	65	121
Drug	1,242	384	680	148	11	19
Violent	1,933	429	1,254	197	26	27
DWI	328	223	65	23	4	13
Other	3,522	1,416	1,754	266	24	62
Misdemeanor Total	14,036	7,315	5,097	1,203	140	281
Drug	3,110	1,885	900	264	10	51
DWI	1,743	1,292	281	84	32	54
Property	4,399	2,095	1,818	376	42	68
Other	4,784	2,043	2,098	479	56	108

Erie County Adult Arrests by Age at Crime: 2018

	Total Arrests	13-15 JO only	16-17*	18-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+
Total Arrests	21,061	20	856	2,191	3,070	4,111	3,111	2,328	1,484	1,364	1,089	1,437
Felony Total	7,025	20	301	790	1,007	1,497	1,017	793	479	432	314	375
Drug	1,242	0	17	130	168	294	189	154	102	76	46	66
Violent	1,933	20	119	271	330	435	232	186	98	92	60	90
DWI	328	0	0	1	23	69	62	49	28	35	26	35
Other	3,522	0	165	388	486	699	534	404	251	229	182	184
Misdemeanor Total	14,036	0	555	1,401	2,063	2,614	2,094	1,535	1,005	932	775	1,062
Drug	3,110	0	49	250	430	675	544	382	220	208	179	173
DWI	1,743	0	0	57	271	328	259	200	138	142	110	238
Property	4,399	0	310	663	615	716	563	387	292	276	247	330
Other	4,784	0	196	431	747	895	728	566	355	306	239	321

Source: DCJS, Computerized Criminal History system (as of 07/23/2019).

* Does not include arrests for misdemeanors committed by 16 year olds between October 1 and December 31, 2018. These arrests are no longer fingerprinted due to Raise the Age legislation.