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.

Rensselaer County Adult Arrests by Sex: 2018

	Total Arrests	Male	Female	Not Reported
Total Arrests	3,250	2,376	869	5
Felony Total	1,150	937	212	1
Drug	181	152	28	1
Violent	248	213	35	0
DWI	76	56	20	0
Other	645	516	129	0
Misdemeanor Total	2,100	1,439	657	4
Drug	281	209	72	0
DWI	368	264	104	0
Property	735	453	280	2
Other	716	513	201	2

Rensselaer County Adult Arrests by Race/Ethnicity: 2018

	Total Arrests	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other-Unknown
Total Arrests	3,250	2,003	985	214	24	24
Felony Total	1,150	586	467	79	8	10
Drug	181	68	92	19	2	0
Violent	248	101	122	21	1	3
DWI	76	60	9	3	2	2
Other	645	357	244	36	3	5
Misdemeanor Total	2,100	1,417	518	135	16	14
Drug	281	210	50	17	2	2
DWI	368	318	27	14	5	4
Property	735	449	234	46	3	3
Other	716	440	207	58	6	5

Rensselaer 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	3,250	1	104	269	466	648	545	389	263	219	139	207
Felony Total	1,150	1	37	93	151	246	174	155	101	77	53	62
Drug	181	0	4	11	26	39	28	31	17	16	4	5
Violent	248	1	16	39	43	47	35	22	12	7	14	12
DWI	76	0	0	0	7	14	15	11	8	9	6	6
Other	645	0	17	43	75	146	96	91	64	45	29	39
Misdemeanor Total	2,100	0	67	176	315	402	371	234	162	142	86	145
Drug	281	0	6	40	54	52	47	23	21	17	10	11
DWI	368	0	1	6	51	73	56	41	43	24	19	54
Property	735	0	31	85	110	125	131	83	52	49	26	43
Other	716	0	29	45	100	152	137	87	46	52	31	37

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.