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 arrests for offenses where fingerprints are required to be taken (Criminal Procedure Law 160.10). Arrest information is submitted by police agencies via fingerprint transaction and is electronically transmitted to DCJS by the state Office of Court Administration. Arrests shown involve individuals who were 18 or older when the crime was committed.

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 to a term of imprisonment in excess of one year may be imposed (NYS Penal Law Article 10.05).
- **Misdemeanor**: Offenses for which a sentence of imprisonment between 15 days and one year may be imposed (NYS Penal Law Article 10.04). Traffic infractions are not included.
- Drug: Offenses detailed in Penal Law Articles 220 (controlled substances) and 221 (marijuana).
- Violent Felony: Offenses detailed in Penal Law Article 70.02 and the Class A felonies of murder, arson, kidnapping, and predatory sexual assault.
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI): Offenses include all charges listed under Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192.
- **Property**: Offenses include all misdemeanor charges listed under Penal Law Articles 140 (burglary and related offenses), 145 (criminal mischief and related offenses), 150 (arson), and 165 (other offenses related to theft).
- Other: All offenses in state law not specified above that require fingerprints to be taken upon arrest.

	Total Arrests	Male	Female	Not Reported	
Total Arrests	3,245	2,334	905	6	
Felony Total	1,113	877	236	0	
Drug	193	165	28	0	
Violent	215	168	47	0	
DWI	69	52	17	0	
Other	636	492	144	0	
Misdemeanor Total	2,132	1,457	669	6	
Drug	298	202	96	0	
DWI	350	261	87	2	
Property	757	442	313	2	
Other	727	552	173	2	

Rensselaer County Adult Arrests by Race/Ethnicity: 2019

	Total Arrests	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other- Unknown
Total Arrests	3,245	1,954	980	251	26	34
Felony Total	1,113	571	421	99	6	16
Drug	193	56	112	19	1	5
Violent	215	91	96	26	1	1
DWI	69	57	8	3	0	1
Other	636	367	205	51	4	9
Misdemeanor Total	2,132	1,383	559	152	20	18
Drug	298	212	63	20	1	2
DWI	350	291	34	17	4	4
Property	757	453	236	56	8	4
Other	727	427	226	59	7	8

Rensselaer County Adult Arrests by Age at Crime: 2019

	Total Arrests	18-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+
Total Arrests	3,245	282	416	600	559	468	298	221	167	234
Felony Total	1,113	71	143	211	181	194	110	72	65	66
Drug	193	7	22	39	36	39	14	12	10	14
Violent	215	27	35	40	33	31	19	11	8	11
DWI	69	0	2	9	18	15	8	8	5	4
Other	636	37	84	123	94	109	69	41	42	37
Misdemeanor Total	2,132	211	273	389	378	274	188	149	102	168
Drug	298	34	48	57	53	45	16	20	9	16
DWI	350	10	37	66	54	35	39	27	20	62
Property	757	110	96	126	124	100	60	51	48	42
Other	727	57	92	140	147	94	73	51	25	48

Source: DCJS, Computerized Criminal History system (as of 07/17/2020).