

Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender Youth Part of Criminal Court Activity and Case Outcomes

Data Notes

New York State's Raise the Age Law created a Youth Part of Criminal Court to handle cases involving 16-year-olds (effective Oct. 1, 2018) and 17-year-olds (effective Oct. 1, 2019).

The Youth Part handles felony arrests involving 16- or 17-year-olds (adolescent offenders) and arrests involving 13-, 14- and 15-year-olds for certain serious felony crimes (juvenile offenders). These cases either remain in Youth Part or are transferred to (also referred to as removed to) probation intake or Family Court, where they are treated as juvenile delinquency cases.

The data in this section include juvenile offender and adolescent offender arrests, Youth Part arraignments, removals from Youth Part, and Youth Part court case outcomes. The data represent the number of arrests, arraignments, removals and court case outcomes, not unique individuals. Data are shown by the county or region where the event occurred.

Arrests

Juvenile offender and adolescent offender arrests are reported by the police agency that made the arrest and include information about the race/ethnicity and sex of individuals arrested. For race/ethnicity, four categories are displayed: White, Black, Hispanic, and Other. All arrests involving individuals of Hispanic ethnicity are reported in the Hispanic category, regardless of race. The Other category includes arrests of individuals who are Asian, American Indian and Other.

Juvenile offender arrests are shown by Penal Law charge and adolescent offender arrests are shown by Penal Law article. Data are presented as follows:

Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender Arrests by County

Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender Arrests by Region, Sex, and Charge

Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender Arrests by Region, Race/Ethnicity and Charge

Youth Part Outcomes of Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender Arraignments by Race/Ethnicity

This section includes a summary of court case outcomes and sentences for cases resulting in a criminal conviction or youthful offender (YO) adjudication. Court case outcomes are shown by the region of the court and race/ethnicity as reported at the time of arrest.

- **Court Case Outcomes:** The total number of case outcomes including those removed to Family Court or probation intake and those disposed in Youth Part.

- **Removed to Family Court/Probation Intake:** Cases removed from the Youth Part to Family Court for adjudication or to probation intake to determine whether the individual is eligible and suitable for adjustment services. Juvenile offenders are not eligible for probation intake.
- **Outcomes in Youth Part:** Cases fully disposed in Youth Part, which includes cases that were dismissed; those that resulted in some other favorable outcome or non-criminal violation; and cases that resulted in a criminal conviction or youthful offender adjudication.
- **Dismissed:** Cases dismissed on merit or procedure.
- **Other Favorable or Non-Criminal Violation:** Cases resulting in a non-conviction disposition (other than a dismissal or removal to Family Court or probation intake) and cases resulting in a non-criminal violation.
- **Convicted/Adjudicated:** Cases resolved by plea or trial resulting in a conviction or youthful offender adjudication and where a sentence has been imposed. Convictions and adjudications are shown by the category – felony or misdemeanor – of the most serious conviction charge.
- **Total Sentences Imposed:** The number of total sentences imposed for criminal convictions and youthful offender adjudications for cases disposed in the youth part.
- **Confinement:** Sentences to confinement are served in secure facilities operated by the state Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).
- **Confinement and Probation:** A term of confinement of less than one year followed by a term of post-release supervision that allows an individual to remain in the community under conditions specified by the court and supervised by the local probation department.
- **Probation Supervision:** A term of supervision that allows an individual to remain in the community under conditions specified by the court and supervised by the local probation department.
- **Conditional Discharge:** This sentence requires that an individual comply with one or more conditions specified by the court for up to one year. The individual's compliance may be monitored by the local probation department.
- **Other:** A sentence to a fine or an unconditional discharge.

Youth Part Activity

Youth Part activity is reported by the state Office of Court Administration to DCJS. Data are presented as follows:

Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender Youth Part Arraignments by County
Arraignment of juvenile offenders and adolescent offenders occurs after arrest.

Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender Removals from Youth Part by County
Following arraignment, most cases are removed to either Family Court for adjudication or probation intake to determine whether the individual is eligible and suitable for adjustment services, which could result in no Family Court intervention in the case. Only adolescent offenders are eligible for probation intake.