

Dispositions of Adult Arrests Data Source Notes

The attached disposition data is derived from the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system. CCH contains arrests and dispositions for offenses where fingerprints are required to be taken (Criminal Procedure Law 160.10). Arrest information is submitted by police agencies via a fingerprint transaction and disposition information is electronically transmitted to DCJS by the state Office of Court Administration. Dispositions of arrests shown involve individuals who were 18 or older when the crime was committed.

Dispositions 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, a single disposition outcome would be displayed and would be categorized as a felony. **Outcomes are shown only for arrests that have reached a final disposition. Arrests with no disposition, an interim disposition, or a conviction without a sentence are not considered fully disposed and are not displayed.** Disposed arrests are categorized by the following arrest types:

- **Felony:** Offenses for which a sentence of imprisonment of more than one year may be imposed (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 (Penal Law Article 10.04).

If an arrest resulted in a conviction, the table notes whether the conviction charge was a felony, misdemeanor, or non-criminal offense. Convictions may be the result of a plea bargain or a trial, and may be for offenses other than what was charged at arrest. For example, felony arrests can result in conviction to a misdemeanor or violation, and misdemeanor arrest charges can be upgraded to a felony charge at arraignment and result in a felony conviction. There is a small percentage of cases (less than one percent) where Youthful Offender status was granted to someone who was 18 when the crime was committed. These cases are included in the Adult Convictions category but not shown separately. Data is displayed according to the year in which the final disposition occurred, regardless of when the arrest occurred (i.e., an arrest from 2017 that was disposed in 2018 would be displayed in 2018). For arrest events with multiple charges, the disposition shown is the most serious disposition. The following are the final disposition types:

- **Convicted-Sentenced:** Cases resulting in a conviction, either by plea or trial, where a sentence has been imposed.
- **Diverted and Dismissed:** Cases dismissed after successful completion of a treatment/diversion program pursuant to CPL 400.10(04).
Note: Not all 'Diverted and dismissed' dispositions are reported to DCJS.
- **Covered by Another Case:** Cases resolved by a disposition (usually a guilty plea) in a separate case.
- **Dismissed-Adjourned in Contemplation of Dismissal (ACD):** Cases dismissed after a period of adjournment under CPL 170.55.
- **Dismissed-Not ACD:** Cases that were dismissed based on merit or procedure.
- **Acquitted:** Cases where the defendant was found not guilty after trial.
- **DA Declined to Prosecute:** Cases where the District Attorney declined to bring formal charges against the arrested individual.
Note: This disposition primarily occurs in the five counties/boroughs of New York City.
- **Other:** Cases abated by the defendant's death, other unknown favorable dispositions and cases where it was determined that New York State did not have jurisdiction.

Sentences to prison, jail, and probation represent the sanction imposed by the court, not the number of admissions to jail or prison or Probation

Note: All percentages, even in the sentence type section of the tables, represent the percentage/proportion of total disposed arrests for the year.

NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

**NON-NEW YORK CITY
ADULT ARRESTS (18 AND OLDER) DISPOSED**

Top Arrest Charge		Disposition Year										
		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Felony	Total Dispositions	55,461	100.0%	57,542	100.0%	56,537	100.0%	55,743	100.0%	54,388	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	42,744	77.1%	44,459	77.3%	43,695	77.3%	43,319	77.7%	41,780	76.8%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	93	0.2%	79	0.1%	89	0.2%	53	0.1%	77	0.1%	
	Covered by Another Case	3,602	6.5%	3,822	6.6%	3,805	6.7%	3,705	6.6%	3,348	6.2%	
	Dismissed-ACD	2,610	4.7%	2,568	4.5%	2,629	4.7%	2,391	4.3%	2,487	4.6%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	5,649	10.2%	5,663	9.8%	5,531	9.8%	5,434	9.7%	5,920	10.9%	
	Acquitted	187	0.3%	206	0.4%	183	0.3%	178	0.3%	147	0.3%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	74	0.1%	98	0.2%	38	0.1%	29	0.1%	29	0.1%	
	Other	502	0.9%	647	1.1%	567	1.0%	634	1.1%	600	1.1%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	16,943	30.5%	17,112	29.7%	16,871	29.8%	16,155	29.0%	15,025	27.6%
		Misdemeanors	19,494	35.1%	20,283	35.2%	19,895	35.2%	20,020	35.9%	19,328	35.5%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	6,307	11.4%	7,064	12.3%	6,929	12.3%	7,144	12.8%	7,427	13.7%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	8,030	14.5%	8,266	14.4%	8,126	14.4%	7,882	14.1%	7,210	13.3%
		Jail	7,947	14.3%	8,149	14.2%	8,161	14.4%	7,954	14.3%	7,003	12.9%
		Time Served	2,180	3.9%	2,344	4.1%	2,181	3.9%	2,349	4.2%	2,209	4.1%
		Jail+Probation	4,027	7.3%	3,949	6.9%	3,739	6.6%	3,513	6.3%	2,997	5.5%
	Probation	8,646	15.6%	8,855	15.4%	8,770	15.5%	8,596	15.4%	8,556	15.7%	
	Fine	4,899	8.8%	5,272	9.2%	5,105	9.0%	5,194	9.3%	5,427	10.0%	
	Cond Discharge	6,751	12.2%	7,327	12.7%	7,255	12.8%	7,433	13.3%	8,020	14.7%	
	Other/Unknown	264	0.5%	297	0.5%	358	0.6%	398	0.7%	358	0.7%	

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Misdemeanor	Total Dispositions	135,030	100.0%	138,777	100.0%	132,475	100.0%	129,365	100.0%	126,517	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	88,555	65.6%	90,598	65.3%	86,429	65.2%	83,115	64.2%	78,390	62.0%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	143	0.1%	150	0.1%	67	0.1%	55	0.0%	54	0.0%	
	Covered by Another Case	8,569	6.3%	9,718	7.0%	9,197	6.9%	9,200	7.1%	8,755	6.9%	
	Dismissed-ACD	22,181	16.4%	22,502	16.2%	21,672	16.4%	21,821	16.9%	22,711	18.0%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	13,261	9.8%	13,181	9.5%	12,724	9.6%	13,030	10.1%	14,213	11.2%	
	Acquitted	217	0.2%	213	0.2%	199	0.2%	187	0.1%	198	0.2%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	265	0.2%	351	0.3%	216	0.2%	137	0.1%	95	0.1%	
	Other	1,839	1.4%	2,064	1.5%	1,971	1.5%	1,820	1.4%	2,101	1.7%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	539	0.4%	479	0.3%	453	0.3%	433	0.3%	414	0.3%
		Misdemeanors	42,208	31.3%	42,772	30.8%	41,162	31.1%	38,111	29.5%	34,343	27.1%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	45,807	33.9%	47,346	34.1%	44,813	33.8%	44,571	34.5%	43,633	34.5%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	147	0.1%	136	0.1%	138	0.1%	120	0.1%	114	0.1%
		Jail	13,851	10.3%	13,538	9.8%	12,823	9.7%	11,501	8.9%	9,303	7.4%
		Time Served	5,307	3.9%	5,310	3.8%	4,933	3.7%	4,878	3.8%	4,349	3.4%
		Jail+Probation	1,202	0.9%	1,165	0.8%	1,151	0.9%	1,057	0.8%	996	0.8%
		Probation	6,293	4.7%	6,349	4.6%	6,439	4.9%	5,745	4.4%	5,193	4.1%
		Fine	40,631	30.1%	42,174	30.4%	40,327	30.4%	39,306	30.4%	38,112	30.1%
		Cond Discharge	20,190	15.0%	20,926	15.1%	19,606	14.8%	19,407	15.0%	19,416	15.3%
		Other/Unknown	934	0.7%	1,000	0.7%	1,012	0.8%	1,101	0.9%	907	0.7%

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