

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

**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	73,575	100.0%	77,437	100.0%	74,674	100.0%	69,154	100.0%	69,206	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	42,496	57.8%	45,301	58.5%	44,216	59.2%	38,674	55.9%	36,372	52.6%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	339	0.5%	313	0.4%	304	0.4%	316	0.5%	199	0.3%	
	Covered by Another Case	838	1.1%	977	1.3%	894	1.2%	858	1.2%	1,010	1.5%	
	Dismissed-ACD	6,120	8.3%	5,697	7.4%	5,997	8.0%	5,892	8.5%	5,929	8.6%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	16,776	22.8%	18,184	23.5%	17,220	23.1%	17,283	25.0%	19,015	27.5%	
	Acquitted	282	0.4%	280	0.4%	278	0.4%	266	0.4%	225	0.3%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	6,180	8.4%	6,213	8.0%	5,380	7.2%	5,512	8.0%	5,985	8.6%	
	Other	544	0.7%	472	0.6%	385	0.5%	353	0.5%	471	0.7%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	9,957	13.5%	10,725	13.8%	10,728	14.4%	8,831	12.8%	8,334	12.0%
		Misdemeanors	15,806	21.5%	16,391	21.2%	15,959	21.4%	13,440	19.4%	11,798	17.0%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	16,726	22.7%	18,181	23.5%	17,526	23.5%	16,401	23.7%	16,238	23.5%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	5,586	7.6%	6,069	7.8%	6,065	8.1%	5,036	7.3%	4,838	7.0%
		Jail	8,640	11.7%	8,530	11.0%	8,261	11.1%	6,407	9.3%	4,991	7.2%
		Time Served	5,966	8.1%	5,728	7.4%	5,869	7.9%	5,594	8.1%	5,614	8.1%
		Jail+Probation	724	1.0%	809	1.0%	823	1.1%	586	0.8%	554	0.8%
		Probation	2,755	3.7%	2,945	3.8%	2,910	3.9%	2,430	3.5%	2,250	3.3%
		Fine	2,955	4.0%	3,476	4.5%	3,580	4.8%	3,431	5.0%	3,195	4.6%
		Cond Discharge	15,770	21.4%	17,624	22.8%	16,596	22.2%	15,112	21.9%	14,861	21.5%
		Other/Unknown	100	0.1%	120	0.2%	112	0.1%	78	0.1%	69	0.1%

Note: All percentages shown are based on total dispositions.
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Misdemeanor	Total Dispositions	180,239	100.0%	163,603	100.0%	150,056	100.0%	136,399	100.0%	108,916	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	84,363	46.8%	76,688	46.9%	67,151	44.8%	50,824	37.3%	41,089	37.7%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	13	0.0%	14	0.0%	29	0.0%	63	0.0%	108	0.1%	
	Covered by Another Case	559	0.3%	626	0.4%	668	0.4%	694	0.5%	837	0.8%	
	Dismissed-ACD	53,569	29.7%	45,498	27.8%	42,739	28.5%	41,411	30.4%	24,711	22.7%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	27,445	15.2%	27,345	16.7%	27,232	18.1%	30,241	22.2%	28,995	26.6%	
	Acquitted	178	0.1%	216	0.1%	218	0.1%	233	0.2%	163	0.1%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	13,812	7.7%	12,712	7.8%	11,588	7.7%	12,525	9.2%	12,563	11.5%	
	Other	300	0.2%	504	0.3%	431	0.3%	408	0.3%	450	0.4%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	459	0.3%	461	0.3%	450	0.3%	419	0.3%	401	0.4%
		Misdemeanors	32,116	17.8%	27,867	17.0%	24,546	16.4%	17,649	12.9%	13,699	12.6%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	51,777	28.7%	48,348	29.6%	42,140	28.1%	32,750	24.0%	26,983	24.8%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	178	0.1%	206	0.1%	200	0.1%	177	0.1%	183	0.2%
		Jail	13,253	7.4%	10,865	6.6%	9,369	6.2%	5,636	4.1%	3,756	3.4%
		Time Served	23,226	12.9%	20,550	12.6%	18,175	12.1%	12,548	9.2%	10,577	9.7%
		Jail+Probation	145	0.1%	130	0.1%	118	0.1%	107	0.1%	94	0.1%
		Probation	447	0.2%	438	0.3%	418	0.3%	383	0.3%	300	0.3%
		Fine	12,442	6.9%	11,983	7.3%	11,824	7.9%	10,000	7.3%	8,201	7.5%
		Cond Discharge	34,502	19.1%	32,379	19.8%	26,920	17.9%	21,913	16.1%	17,937	16.5%
		Other/Unknown	170	0.1%	137	0.1%	127	0.1%	60	0.0%	41	0.0%

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