

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 STATE
ADULT ARRESTS (18 AND OLDER) DISPOSED**

Top Arrest Charge		Disposition Year										
		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Felony	Total Dispositions	129,036	100.0%	134,979	100.0%	131,211	100.0%	124,897	100.0%	123,594	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	85,240	66.1%	89,760	66.5%	87,911	67.0%	81,993	65.6%	78,152	63.2%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	432	0.3%	392	0.3%	393	0.3%	369	0.3%	276	0.2%	
	Covered by Another Case	4,440	3.4%	4,799	3.6%	4,699	3.6%	4,563	3.7%	4,358	3.5%	
	Dismissed-ACD	8,730	6.8%	8,265	6.1%	8,626	6.6%	8,283	6.6%	8,416	6.8%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	22,425	17.4%	23,847	17.7%	22,751	17.3%	22,717	18.2%	24,935	20.2%	
	Acquitted	469	0.4%	486	0.4%	461	0.4%	444	0.4%	372	0.3%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	6,254	4.8%	6,311	4.7%	5,418	4.1%	5,541	4.4%	6,014	4.9%	
	Other	1,046	0.8%	1,119	0.8%	952	0.7%	987	0.8%	1,071	0.9%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	26,900	20.8%	27,837	20.6%	27,599	21.0%	24,986	20.0%	23,359	18.9%
		Misdemeanors	35,300	27.4%	36,674	27.2%	35,854	27.3%	33,460	26.8%	31,126	25.2%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	23,033	17.9%	25,245	18.7%	24,455	18.6%	23,545	18.9%	23,665	19.1%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	13,616	10.6%	14,335	10.6%	14,191	10.8%	12,918	10.3%	12,048	9.7%
		Jail	16,587	12.9%	16,679	12.4%	16,422	12.5%	14,361	11.5%	11,994	9.7%
		Time Served	8,146	6.3%	8,072	6.0%	8,050	6.1%	7,943	6.4%	7,823	6.3%
		Jail+Probation	4,751	3.7%	4,758	3.5%	4,562	3.5%	4,099	3.3%	3,551	2.9%
		Probation	11,401	8.8%	11,800	8.7%	11,680	8.9%	11,026	8.8%	10,806	8.7%
		Fine	7,854	6.1%	8,748	6.5%	8,685	6.6%	8,625	6.9%	8,622	7.0%
		Cond Discharge	22,521	17.5%	24,951	18.5%	23,851	18.2%	22,545	18.1%	22,881	18.5%
		Other/Unknown	364	0.3%	417	0.3%	470	0.4%	476	0.4%	427	0.3%

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Misdemeanor	Total Dispositions	315,269	100.0%	302,380	100.0%	282,531	100.0%	265,764	100.0%	235,433	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	172,918	54.8%	167,286	55.3%	153,580	54.4%	133,939	50.4%	119,479	50.7%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	156	0.0%	164	0.1%	96	0.0%	118	0.0%	162	0.1%	
	Covered by Another Case	9,128	2.9%	10,344	3.4%	9,865	3.5%	9,894	3.7%	9,592	4.1%	
	Dismissed-ACD	75,750	24.0%	68,000	22.5%	64,411	22.8%	63,232	23.8%	47,422	20.1%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	40,706	12.9%	40,526	13.4%	39,956	14.1%	43,271	16.3%	43,208	18.4%	
	Acquitted	395	0.1%	429	0.1%	417	0.1%	420	0.2%	361	0.2%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	14,077	4.5%	13,063	4.3%	11,804	4.2%	12,662	4.8%	12,658	5.4%	
	Other	2,139	0.7%	2,568	0.8%	2,402	0.9%	2,228	0.8%	2,551	1.1%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	998	0.3%	940	0.3%	903	0.3%	852	0.3%	815	0.3%
		Misdemeanors	74,324	23.6%	70,639	23.4%	65,708	23.3%	55,760	21.0%	48,042	20.4%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	97,584	31.0%	95,694	31.6%	86,953	30.8%	77,321	29.1%	70,616	30.0%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	325	0.1%	342	0.1%	338	0.1%	297	0.1%	297	0.1%
		Jail	27,104	8.6%	24,403	8.1%	22,192	7.9%	17,137	6.4%	13,059	5.5%
		Time Served	28,533	9.1%	25,860	8.6%	23,108	8.2%	17,426	6.6%	14,926	6.3%
		Jail+Probation	1,347	0.4%	1,295	0.4%	1,269	0.4%	1,164	0.4%	1,090	0.5%
		Probation	6,740	2.1%	6,787	2.2%	6,857	2.4%	6,128	2.3%	5,493	2.3%
		Fine	53,073	16.8%	54,157	17.9%	52,151	18.5%	49,306	18.6%	46,313	19.7%
		Cond Discharge	54,692	17.3%	53,305	17.6%	46,526	16.5%	41,320	15.5%	37,353	15.9%
		Other/Unknown	1,104	0.4%	1,137	0.4%	1,139	0.4%	1,161	0.4%	948	0.4%

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