

## 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

**SUFFOLK COUNTY  
ADULT ARRESTS (18 AND OLDER) DISPOSED**

Top Arrest Charge		Disposition Year										
		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Felony	Total Dispositions	5,089	100.0%	5,262	100.0%	4,804	100.0%	4,719	100.0%	4,700	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	4,182	82.2%	4,306	81.8%	3,870	80.6%	3,998	84.7%	3,961	84.3%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	Covered by Another Case	271	5.3%	311	5.9%	283	5.9%	152	3.2%	126	2.7%	
	Dismissed-ACD	194	3.8%	197	3.7%	196	4.1%	144	3.1%	230	4.9%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	407	8.0%	397	7.5%	382	8.0%	365	7.7%	330	7.0%	
	Acquitted	9	0.2%	7	0.1%	3	0.1%	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	Other	25	0.5%	43	0.8%	69	1.4%	55	1.2%	50	1.1%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	1,737	34.1%	1,817	34.5%	1,583	33.0%	1,634	34.6%	1,431	30.4%
		Misdemeanors	1,734	34.1%	1,707	32.4%	1,570	32.7%	1,603	34.0%	1,682	35.8%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	711	14.0%	782	14.9%	717	14.9%	761	16.1%	848	18.0%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	657	12.9%	742	14.1%	575	12.0%	643	13.6%	526	11.2%
		Jail	985	19.4%	939	17.8%	960	20.0%	1,024	21.7%	909	19.3%
		Time Served	203	4.0%	189	3.6%	158	3.3%	242	5.1%	297	6.3%
		Jail+Probation	263	5.2%	235	4.5%	195	4.1%	155	3.3%	146	3.1%
		Probation	843	16.6%	831	15.8%	827	17.2%	733	15.5%	674	14.3%
		Fine	334	6.6%	351	6.7%	319	6.6%	305	6.5%	371	7.9%
		Cond Discharge	851	16.7%	967	18.4%	789	16.4%	835	17.7%	993	21.1%
		Other/Unknown	46	0.9%	52	1.0%	47	1.0%	61	1.3%	45	1.0%

Note: All percentages shown are based on total dispositions.  
Source: DCJS, Computerized Criminal History system (as of 4/17/2020).

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Top Arrest Charge		Disposition Year										
		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Misdemeanor	Total Dispositions	15,458	100.0%	16,383	100.0%	15,352	100.0%	14,984	100.0%	15,616	100.0%	
	Convicted-Sentenced	9,589	62.0%	10,288	62.8%	9,396	61.2%	9,356	62.4%	9,272	59.4%	
	Diverted and Dismissed	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	Covered by Another Case	1,493	9.7%	1,896	11.6%	1,626	10.6%	1,472	9.8%	1,522	9.7%	
	Dismissed-ACD	2,782	18.0%	2,744	16.7%	2,648	17.2%	2,393	16.0%	3,052	19.5%	
	Dismissed-Not ACD	1,240	8.0%	1,063	6.5%	1,205	7.8%	1,421	9.5%	1,336	8.6%	
	Acquitted	23	0.1%	24	0.1%	18	0.1%	21	0.1%	16	0.1%	
	DA Declined to Prosecute	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	8	0.1%	1	0.0%	
	Other	328	2.1%	365	2.2%	458	3.0%	313	2.1%	417	2.7%	
	Convictions for:											
		Felonies	71	0.5%	47	0.3%	62	0.4%	54	0.4%	45	0.3%
		Misdemeanors	4,582	29.6%	4,816	29.4%	4,817	31.4%	4,537	30.3%	3,860	24.7%
		Non-Criminal/Unknown	4,935	31.9%	5,424	33.1%	4,517	29.4%	4,765	31.8%	5,367	34.4%
	Sentences to:											
		Prison	19	0.1%	7	0.0%	13	0.1%	8	0.1%	11	0.1%
		Jail	1,551	10.0%	1,471	9.0%	1,696	11.0%	1,513	10.1%	1,177	7.5%
		Time Served	665	4.3%	711	4.3%	597	3.9%	626	4.2%	626	4.0%
		Jail+Probation	116	0.8%	120	0.7%	122	0.8%	68	0.5%	40	0.3%
		Probation	769	5.0%	733	4.5%	842	5.5%	677	4.5%	452	2.9%
		Fine	4,085	26.4%	3,991	24.4%	3,529	23.0%	3,695	24.7%	3,711	23.8%
		Cond Discharge	2,326	15.0%	3,188	19.5%	2,534	16.5%	2,681	17.9%	3,181	20.4%
		Other/Unknown	58	0.4%	67	0.4%	63	0.4%	88	0.6%	74	0.5%

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