

## Recidivism for Individuals Sentenced to Probation in New York State

The Recidivism for Individuals Sentenced to Probation Report details arrest, conviction and incarceration data for individuals who were sentenced to probation.

### Cohort

This report analyzes the recidivism of individuals sentenced to probation from 2010 through 2018 for criminal convictions or Youthful Offender (YO) adjudications stemming from arrests for misdemeanor or felony offenses that required fingerprints to be taken.

- An individual may be counted in multiple cohort years but within each year, an individual is only counted once for their first probation sentence.
- An individual sentenced to “jail and probation”, also known as a split sentence, is included in the cohort based on the start date of their probation sentence.

**Note:** State law details the types of crimes that require fingerprints to be taken upon arrest (see CPL Article 160). YO status is granted by the court and results in a conviction being sealed and only available under limited circumstances (see CPL Article 720).

### Outcome Measures

This report tracks arrests, convictions and incarceration that occurred after the probation start date. Follow-up periods range from one to five years, with earlier cohorts having longer follow-up windows.

### Recidivism Types

- **Arrest:** Any arrest for felony or misdemeanor offense requiring fingerprints to be taken within the follow-up period.
- **Conviction:** Any arrest as defined above within the follow-up period that resulted in a conviction or YO adjudication. To allow for case processing time, conviction rates are not presented for the two most recent cohort years.
- **Incarceration:** Any criminal conviction or YO adjudication as defined above that resulted in a term of incarceration: prison, jail, jail + probation, or time served.

Individuals may have multiple recidivism events during the follow-up periods, but each person is only counted once for each recidivism type within each cohort.

### Offense Types

Misdemeanor or Felony: Any misdemeanor or felony offense in state law that requires fingerprints to be taken upon arrest.

Felony offenses: Any felony level offense.

Violent Felony: Any felony offense included in state Penal Law Section 70.02, and Class A violent felonies.

**Note:** This report replaces the Probationer Felony Re-Arrest Rates Following Sentence to Probation Report. It uses updated data and methodology and as a result, comparisons should not be drawn between the data in each report.

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Arrest**

**Arrested for Felony or Misdemeanor Offenses**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2010	327	23.9%	34.9%	43.1%	48.6%	52.0%
2011	309	25.9%	36.2%	44.0%	49.2%	53.4%
2012	359	27.3%	37.0%	42.1%	47.6%	51.5%
2013	331	24.8%	36.3%	45.6%	51.7%	55.6%
2014	330	23.9%	29.7%	37.6%	43.9%	47.6%
2015	263	20.2%	33.1%	43.3%	51.0%	
2016	267	24.3%	34.8%	40.4%		
2017	220	24.1%	38.2%			
2018	247	29.6%				

**Arrested for Felony Offenses**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2010	327	12.5%	19.0%	25.4%	28.7%	30.6%
2011	309	12.6%	15.5%	19.4%	25.9%	28.5%
2012	359	13.1%	18.1%	21.2%	25.6%	30.4%
2013	331	9.7%	16.3%	22.7%	27.8%	31.1%
2014	330	7.9%	12.7%	18.2%	24.8%	27.6%
2015	263	8.0%	16.7%	22.8%	27.4%	
2016	267	10.9%	18.0%	22.5%		
2017	220	11.8%	21.4%			
2018	247	13.8%				

**Arrested for Violent Felony Offenses (incl. VFO like Class A-1)**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2010	327	4.6%	6.4%	10.1%	11.0%	11.9%
2011	309	4.2%	5.8%	6.8%	8.7%	11.0%
2012	359	3.9%	5.8%	7.0%	8.6%	10.9%
2013	331	2.4%	5.7%	7.3%	9.4%	10.0%
2014	330	2.4%	3.3%	5.2%	8.2%	9.4%
2015	263	2.7%	4.6%	6.8%	8.4%	
2016	267	4.5%	6.0%	6.7%		
2017	220	3.6%	6.8%			
2018	247	2.8%				

**Recidivism for Individuals Sentenced to Probation  
Schenectady  
Conviction**

**Conviction of Felony or Misdemeanor Offenses**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2010	327	14.4%	22.0%	29.1%	31.5%	35.8%
2011	309	13.3%	19.1%	24.9%	30.4%	32.7%
2012	359	15.6%	23.4%	26.7%	31.5%	35.7%
2013	331	12.7%	21.8%	29.9%	34.1%	36.9%
2014	330	13.3%	18.2%	23.0%	29.1%	31.2%
2015	263	12.2%	18.6%	24.3%	29.7%	
2016	267	16.1%	22.8%	26.6%		

**Conviction of Felony Offenses**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2010	327	5.2%	8.0%	10.4%	11.6%	14.4%
2011	309	4.5%	5.8%	8.7%	11.0%	12.9%
2012	359	6.7%	8.6%	10.6%	13.4%	16.4%
2013	331	4.2%	6.9%	10.3%	13.9%	16.3%
2014	330	3.0%	5.5%	7.9%	12.1%	13.3%
2015	263	3.8%	6.5%	9.5%	11.8%	
2016	267	4.1%	7.9%	9.4%		

**Conviction of Violent Felony Offenses (incl. VFO like Class A-1)**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2010	327	2.1%	2.8%	3.4%	3.7%	4.9%
2011	309	1.9%	2.3%	3.2%	3.2%	3.9%
2012	359	1.1%	1.7%	2.8%	4.2%	4.2%
2013	331	0.3%	0.9%	1.8%	2.4%	2.7%
2014	330	0.6%	0.9%	1.5%	3.0%	3.3%
2015	263	1.1%	2.7%	3.4%	3.8%	
2016	267	1.1%	2.2%	2.2%		

**Conviction Leading to Incarceration**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2010	327	10.4%	15.3%	21.7%	23.2%	26.6%
2011	309	10.4%	13.6%	17.8%	21.4%	23.6%
2012	359	13.1%	18.4%	22.0%	24.8%	27.6%
2013	331	10.9%	16.0%	22.4%	25.4%	27.8%
2014	330	11.2%	15.2%	18.8%	24.5%	26.1%
2015	263	9.1%	14.8%	19.0%	22.8%	
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