

Recidivism for Individuals Sentenced to Probation

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 2012 through 2021 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). Individuals between 16 and 17 years old at time of crime are only included in the cohorts through the end of 2019, at which point the Raise the Age legislation had taken full effect and most of these cases were being processed in family court.

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. The arrest cannot be for a crime committed before 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

Arrest for Felony or Misdemeanor Offenses

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	303	26.4%	38.3%	45.2%	48.5%	52.5%
2013	325	20.3%	33.2%	39.7%	45.8%	49.2%
2014	276	25.0%	35.9%	43.1%	47.8%	52.2%
2015	264	24.6%	35.6%	45.1%	53.4%	56.1%
2016	233	18.9%	31.8%	39.9%	43.8%	47.2%
2017	194	23.2%	34.0%	38.7%	42.3%	42.3%
2018	182	19.8%	27.5%	32.4%	36.3%	
2019	177	21.5%	29.4%	36.7%		
2020	96	15.6%	25.0%			
2021	107	21.5%				

Arrest for Felony Offenses

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	303	16.8%	23.1%	27.7%	31.7%	35.0%
2013	325	13.5%	21.8%	28.0%	33.2%	35.4%
2014	276	14.5%	20.7%	27.2%	32.2%	34.8%
2015	264	12.9%	20.5%	27.3%	33.7%	37.1%
2016	233	10.3%	18.0%	23.6%	28.3%	31.3%
2017	194	11.3%	19.1%	23.7%	26.8%	28.4%
2018	182	9.3%	13.2%	16.5%	20.3%	
2019	177	13.0%	19.8%	24.3%		
2020	96	11.5%	16.7%			
2021	107	12.1%				

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

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	303	4.6%	6.6%	8.6%	11.6%	12.9%
2013	325	2.8%	5.8%	9.2%	11.7%	14.5%
2014	276	3.3%	5.4%	8.3%	11.2%	12.3%
2015	264	4.2%	5.7%	7.6%	9.8%	11.0%
2016	233	3.4%	6.9%	9.0%	10.7%	12.9%
2017	194	4.1%	5.2%	8.2%	11.9%	12.4%
2018	182	1.1%	4.4%	5.5%	7.1%	
2019	177	2.3%	4.0%	6.8%		
2020	96	2.1%	4.2%			
2021	107	5.6%				

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Conviction

Conviction for Felony or Misdemeanor Offenses

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	303	16.5%	24.4%	30.4%	35.0%	37.6%
2013	325	14.8%	22.2%	27.1%	30.5%	34.2%
2014	276	14.9%	21.4%	26.8%	30.8%	34.1%
2015	264	15.5%	24.2%	30.3%	35.2%	36.7%
2016	233	12.0%	17.6%	19.7%	23.6%	
2017	194	11.9%	20.1%	22.7%		
2018	182	10.4%	15.4%			
2019	177	10.2%				

Conviction for Felony Offenses

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	303	5.9%	8.6%	10.2%	11.9%	13.5%
2013	325	6.2%	8.6%	11.4%	12.9%	13.8%
2014	276	4.3%	8.7%	12.0%	14.5%	14.9%
2015	264	3.4%	6.1%	9.8%	12.1%	13.6%
2016	233	3.4%	5.2%	5.6%	7.7%	
2017	194	4.1%	6.2%	7.7%		
2018	182	2.7%	4.4%			
2019	177	2.8%				

Conviction for Violent Felony Offenses

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	303	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.7%	3.0%
2013	325	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.8%	2.5%
2014	276	0.4%	1.4%	2.5%	3.6%	3.6%
2015	264	0.8%	1.5%	1.9%	1.9%	2.3%
2016	233	0.4%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	
2017	194	2.1%	2.1%	2.6%		
2018	182	0.5%	0.5%			
2019	177	0.6%				

Conviction Resulting in Incarceration

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	303	10.9%	16.8%	21.5%	24.4%	26.4%
2013	325	12.0%	17.8%	21.2%	23.4%	25.2%
2014	276	11.2%	15.6%	20.3%	22.1%	22.5%
2015	264	11.7%	18.6%	23.1%	25.4%	27.3%
2016	233	8.6%	13.3%	13.7%	15.9%	
2017	194	9.3%	15.5%	17.0%		
2018	182	7.1%	11.0%			
2019	177	7.9%				