

## 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	361	24.7%	34.6%	40.2%	46.5%	50.7%
2013	331	24.2%	36.6%	45.9%	52.0%	55.9%
2014	334	23.1%	28.7%	37.4%	44.0%	47.9%
2015	263	20.5%	32.7%	43.0%	50.6%	53.2%
2016	269	23.0%	33.5%	39.0%	41.6%	46.1%
2017	222	23.0%	37.8%	44.1%	45.5%	47.3%
2018	251	25.5%	35.1%	41.0%	48.2%	
2019	194	18.6%	26.8%	32.0%		
2020	89	16.9%	23.6%			
2021	120	20.8%				

**Arrest for Felony Offenses**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	361	11.1%	15.5%	18.8%	23.3%	28.8%
2013	331	9.1%	16.3%	22.4%	27.5%	30.8%
2014	334	6.6%	12.0%	17.4%	24.0%	26.9%
2015	263	7.2%	16.3%	22.8%	27.4%	31.2%
2016	269	10.4%	17.5%	21.9%	24.2%	27.1%
2017	222	11.7%	21.2%	26.6%	29.3%	32.0%
2018	251	11.6%	16.3%	21.5%	24.7%	
2019	194	6.7%	11.3%	16.0%		
2020	89	7.9%	11.2%			
2021	120	10.0%				

**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	361	3.3%	5.0%	6.1%	7.8%	10.0%
2013	331	2.4%	6.0%	7.6%	9.7%	10.3%
2014	334	2.1%	3.0%	4.8%	8.1%	9.3%
2015	263	2.3%	4.9%	7.2%	8.7%	12.5%
2016	269	4.5%	5.9%	6.7%	8.2%	9.7%
2017	222	3.6%	6.8%	8.6%	10.8%	12.2%
2018	251	2.4%	3.6%	6.8%	8.0%	
2019	194	1.5%	2.1%	5.2%		
2020	89	2.2%	4.5%			
2021	120	1.7%				

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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	361	14.1%	21.6%	25.2%	29.6%	34.3%
2013	331	12.4%	22.1%	29.9%	34.1%	37.2%
2014	334	12.6%	18.0%	24.0%	29.9%	32.6%
2015	263	12.5%	18.6%	24.7%	31.2%	34.2%
2016	269	15.2%	21.9%	26.8%	27.5%	
2017	222	14.0%	23.0%	26.6%		
2018	251	15.9%	20.7%			
2019	194	7.2%				

**Conviction for Felony Offenses**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	361	6.4%	8.3%	10.2%	13.0%	16.3%
2013	331	3.9%	6.9%	10.3%	13.9%	16.3%
2014	334	2.7%	5.1%	8.1%	12.6%	13.8%
2015	263	3.4%	6.1%	9.1%	11.4%	13.7%
2016	269	4.1%	7.8%	10.0%	11.5%	
2017	222	5.4%	9.9%	13.1%		
2018	251	4.0%	6.4%			
2019	194	1.5%				

**Conviction for Violent Felony Offenses**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	361	0.8%	1.4%	2.5%	3.9%	3.9%
2013	331	0.3%	1.2%	2.1%	2.7%	3.0%
2014	334	0.6%	0.9%	1.8%	3.3%	3.6%
2015	263	0.8%	2.3%	3.0%	3.4%	4.6%
2016	269	1.1%	2.2%	2.2%	3.0%	
2017	222	1.4%	1.8%	3.6%		
2018	251	1.2%	1.6%			
2019	194	0.5%				

**Conviction Resulting in Incarceration**

Dispo. Yr	Cohort N	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
2012	361	11.9%	16.9%	20.8%	23.3%	26.0%
2013	331	10.6%	16.3%	22.4%	25.4%	27.8%
2014	334	10.5%	15.0%	18.9%	24.6%	26.3%
2015	263	9.5%	14.8%	19.0%	23.6%	26.2%
2016	269	13.8%	19.3%	22.7%	23.0%	
2017	222	11.3%	16.2%	19.4%		
2018	251	13.5%	17.5%			
2019	194	5.7%				