Adult Arrest Data Source Notes

The attached arrest data is derived from the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system. CCH contains adult arrests for offenses where fingerprints are required to be taken (Criminal Procedure Law 160.10). For calendar years up to and including 2017, state law defined an adult as anyone age 16 or older. State law also permits 13 to 15 year olds to be treated as adults if they are accused of certain serious crimes. These Juvenile Offender (JO) arrests are also included here.

Demographic characteristics including sex, race/ethnicity and age are recorded by police at the time of arrest as part of the fingerprint transaction. For race/ethnicity, five categories are displayed: White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Other. All arrestees of Hispanic ethnicity, regardless of race, are included in the Hispanic category. The White, Black, Asian, and Other categories include only persons of non-Hispanic origin. Arrests by age categories are based on the arrested individual's age at the time the crime was committed.

Arrests are displayed by the county/region where the arrest took place. If a police agency arrests an individual outside of the county where the agency is located, that arrest is included in the statistics for the county where the arrest occurred.

Arrest charges 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, that arrest is counted once and categorized as a felony. Arrests in these tables are shown using the following categories:

- Felony: Offenses for which a sentence of imprisonment of more than one year may be imposed (NYS 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 (NYS Penal Law Article 10.04).
- Drug: All offenses listed under Penal Law Articles 220 (controlled substances) and 221 (marijuana).
- Violent Felony: All offenses listed under Penal Law Article 70.02 and the Class A felonies of murder, arson, kidnapping and predatory sexual assault.
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI): All offenses listed under Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192.
- **Property**: All misdemeanor offenses listed under Penal Law Articles 140, 145, 150, 155, and 165.
- Other: Any offense not specified above.

Erie County Adult Arrests by Sex: 2017

	Total Arrests	Male	Female	Not Reported	
Total Arrests	20,922	15,220	5,699	3	
Felony Total	6,528	5,105	1,422	1	
Drug	1,033	825	208	0	
Violent	1,811	1,479	332	0	
DWI	318	236	82	0	
Other	3,366	2,565	800	1	
Misdemeanor Total	14,394	10,115	4,277	2	
Drug	3,057	2,268	788	1	
DWI	1,921	1,345	576	0	
Property	4,602	2,893	1,708	1	
Other	4,814	3,609	1,205	0	

Erie County Adult Arrests by Race/Ethnicity: 2017

	Total Arrests	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other- Unknown
Total Arrests	20,922	10,227	8,297	1,777	191	430
Felony Total	6,528	2,501	3,221	641	51	114
Drug	1,033	361	520	135	6	11
Violent	1,811	507	1,072	183	20	29
DWI	318	219	66	15	4	14
Other	3,366	1,414	1,563	308	21	60
Misdemeanor Total	14,394	7,726	5,076	1,136	140	316
Drug	3,057	1,839	848	277	21	72
DWI	1,921	1,489	280	73	30	49
Property	4,602	2,225	1,894	365	33	85
Other	4,814	2,173	2,054	421	56	110

Erie County Adult Arrests by Age at Crime: 2017

	Total Arrests	13-15 JO only	16-17*	18-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+
Total Arrests	20,922	21	1,083	2,206	3,170	3,987	2,946	2,225	1,478	1,367	1,081	1,358
Felony Total	6,528	21	307	708	1,028	1,296	894	742	464	436	304	328
Drug	1,033	0	18	94	193	249	150	116	80	58	31	44
Violent	1,811	21	148	247	333	346	218	162	100	90	59	87
DWI	318	0	0	0	21	50	51	57	42	38	34	25
Other	3,366	0	141	367	481	651	475	407	242	250	180	172
Misdemeanor Total	14,394	0	776	1,498	2,142	2,691	2,052	1,483	1,014	931	777	1,030
Drug	3,057	0	55	288	480	691	523	351	215	175	127	152
DWI	1,921	0	8	74	303	369	265	205	144	162	147	244
Property	4,602	0	479	641	617	770	550	415	289	281	266	294
Other	4,814	0	234	495	742	861	714	512	366	313	237	340

Source: DCJS, Computerized Criminal History system (as of 04/20/2018).