

Adult Arrests by Age, Race/Ethnicity and Sex

Data Source Notes

The attached arrest data is derived from the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system. CCH contains arrests 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, electronically transmitted to DCJS. Arrests shown involve individuals who were 18 or older when the crime was committed.

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 to a term of imprisonment in excess of one year may be imposed (NYS Penal Law Article 10.00 (05)).
- Misdemeanor: Offenses for which a sentence of imprisonment between 15 days and one year may be imposed (NYS Penal Law Article 10.00 (04)). Traffic infractions are not included.
- Drug: Offenses detailed in Penal Law Articles 220 (controlled substances), 221 (marijuana), and 222 (cannabis).
- Violent Felony: Offenses detailed in Penal Law Article 70.02 and the Class A felonies of murder, arson, kidnapping, and predatory sexual assault.
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI): Offenses include all charges listed under Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192.
- Property: Offenses include all misdemeanor charges listed under Penal Law Articles 140 (burglary and related offenses), 145 (criminal mischief and related offenses), 150 (arson), and 165 (other offenses related to theft).
- Other: All offenses in state law not specified above that require fingerprints to be taken upon arrest.