

NEW YORK CITY STUDENT SAFETY ACT

4TH QUARTER 2018 REPORTING

OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018



An analysis of the Student Safety Act data from the fourth quarter of 2018 shows a small, 2.1% increase in total NYPD interventions in New York City schools compared to the same period in 2017 – from 3,578 interventions to 3,654. The majority (44.9%) of reported interventions continue to take the form of “mitigations,” where police refer incidents to school disciplinary procedures rather than processing an arrest or summons. While the proportion of mitigations increased from 39% of all incidents to 45%, Black students continue to be disproportionately represented across all intervention categories. Black students were targeted for 56% of all interventions while representing only 26% of the student population and were 5.5 times more likely to experience a police intervention in school than white students during this period.

NYPD Interventions in Schools

	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Change	Percent Change
Arrested	252	349	-97	-27.8%
Summons	124	296	-172	-58.1%
Child in Crisis	1,239	1,156	+83	+7.2%
Juvenile Report	385	348	+37	+10.6%
Total	2,000	2,149	-149	-6.9%

- In the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2018, there were 424 uses of metal handcuffs and 35 uses of force reported during a police intervention, while in Q4 of 2017 there were 545 and 69 respectively.
- 41% of incidents occurred in schools with scanning equipment, whether full-time metal detector use, unannounced or random scanning.
- 870 unique sites are listed in the data, including individual schools, school campuses, and district offices.

Department of Education Student Population

	2018	2017
Black Students	26.0%	26.5%
Latinx Students	40.5%	40.4%
White Students	15.0%	14.9%

School-Based “Child in Crisis” Incidents

As defined by the NYPD, “child in crisis” describes a student who is removed from school to the hospital for psychological evaluation due to perceived emotional distress.

	Q4 2018		Q4 2017	
Black Students	606	48.9%	557	48.2%
Latinx Students	468	37.8%	474	41.0%
White Students	92	7.4%	53	4.6%

- 32.8% of incidents involved children age ten and under, with five students as young as four and 26 students as young as five.
- 113 incidents (9%) involved restraints; 23 incidents with Velcro handcuffs and 90 incidents with metal handcuffs on children.

School-Based Arrests

	Q4 2018		Q4 2017	
Black Students	151	59.9%	224	64.2%
Latinx Students	75	29.8%	96	27.5%
White Students	12	4.8%	14	4.0%

- 70.2% of all arrests were carried out by members of the NYPD not positioned in schools. 45.2% of all arrests were carried out by patrol officers, who are most often called in to intervene, and 25.0% by the detective bureau, who often enter schools to make a targeted arrest. Only 22.6% of all arrests were carried out by School Safety Agents who are school-based officers and in schools full-time.
- 31.3% of arrests were charges of assault (57% of all assault charges were misdemeanors), while 14.3% of arrests were charges of robbery.
- In 2018, 35.3% of all school-based arrests occurred in response to incidents that happened outside of schools, while in 2017 it was 33%.

School-Based Summonses

	Q4 2018		Q4 2017	
Black Students	73	58.9%	158	53.4%
Latinx Students	46	37.1%	110	37.2%
White Students	4	3.2%	11	3.7%

- 49.2% of all summonses were distributed by NYPD patrol officers, while 50.8% were carried out by the School Safety Division of the NYPD.
- 30.6% of all summonses were given for possession of marijuana, while 29% of all summonses were given for disorderly conduct.

Juvenile Reports in Schools

	Q4 2018		Q4 2017	
Black Students	218	56.6%	166	47.7%
Latinx Students	135	35.1%	141	40.5%
White Students	16	4.2%	22	6.3%

- 68.6% of all juvenile reports were made by the School Safety Division of the NYPD, while 30.6% were carried out by Patrol Officers.
- 67.5% were classified as violations, while 32.5% were considered misdemeanors.
- 15.1% of all juvenile reports included the use of metal handcuffs on children.

Data referenced above can be accessed here:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/reports-analysis>
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