

NEW YORK CITY STUDENT SAFETY ACT

1ST QUARTER 2020 REPORTING

OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31



An analysis of the Student Safety Act data from the first quarter of 2020 shows a 20% decrease in total NYPD interventions in New York City schools from the same time last year. The majority (52.1%) 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. Black students continue to be disproportionately represented across all intervention categories.

NYPD Interventions in Schools

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019	Change	Percent Change
Arrested	154	230	-76	33%
Summons	42	129	-87	67%
Child in Crisis	906	1125	-219	19.4%
Juvenile Report	462	477	-15	3%
Total	1564	1961	-397	20%

- During the first quarter (Q1) of 2020 there was a 20% decrease in NYPD interventions in schools from Q1 2019.
- There were 33% fewer arrests in schools in Q1 2020 from the same time period in 2019.
- All categories of NYPD interventions in school decreased, with the largest change occurring among summons.

Department of Education Student Population

	2018	2017
Black Students	26.0%	26.5%
Latinx Students	41.0%	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.

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019
Black Students	400 44.2%	517 46.0%
Latinx Students	385 42.5%	465 41.3%
White Students	51 5.6%	71 6.3%

- 30% of “Child in Crisis” interventions involved very young children under the age of 11.
- 91% of “Child in Crisis” interventions required no use of restraints, while 8% of those incidents required metal restraints.
- Among Black youth, “Child in Crisis” interventions decreased 22.6%.

School-Based Arrests

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019
Black Students	95 61.7%	133 57.8%
Latinx Students	45 29.2%	70 30.4%
White Students	3 2%	12 5.2%

- Arrests decreased for all students between Q1 2019 and Q1 2020.
- Black students still account for more than half of School-Based Arrests.
- Only 16% of all arrests were carried out by School Safety Agents who are school-based officers and in schools full-time.

School-Based Summonses

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019
Black Students	22 61.7%	79 61.2%
Latinx Students	18 29.2%	40 31%
White Students	1 2.4%	7 5.4%

- More than a third (38%) of all summonses were given for possession of marijuana, while 9% were for disorderly conduct.

Juvenile Reports in Schools

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019
Black Students	232 50.2%	265 55.6%
Latinx Students	187 40.5%	160 33.5%
White Students	27 5.8%	33 6.9%

- Juvenile Reports in schools decreased in all categories from Q1 2019 to Q1 2020.
- Black students account for more than half (50.2%) of Juvenile Reports in schools.

¹ NYPD, New York City Student Safety Act, 1st Quarter 2020 Reporting, available at:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/reports-analysis/school-safety.page>.