

NEW YORK CITY STUDENT SAFETY ACT

4TH QUARTER 2019 REPORTING

OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31



Student Safety Act data from the fourth quarter of 2019 shows a 14% decrease in total NYPD interventions in City schools compared to the same period in 2018: from 3,578 interventions to 3,654. Nearly half (49%) of interventions were “mitigations,” where police refer incidents to school disciplinary procedures rather than processing an arrest or summons. Black students continue to be over-represented, representing 49% of all interventions when Black youth are only 26% of the student population.

NYPD Interventions in Schools

	Q4 2019	Q4 2018	Change	Percent Change
Arrested	142	296	-154	52.0%
Summons	51	124	-73	58.8%
Child in Crisis	1,045	1,239	-194	15.6%
Juvenile Report	518	385	+133	34.5%
Total	1,756	2,044	-288	14.0%

- During Q4 of 2019 there was a 14% decrease in NYPD interventions in schools from Q4 of 2018.
- There were 52% fewer arrests in schools during Q4 2019 from Q4 2018.
- During Q4 of 2019 there were 45 uses of force reported during a police intervention, while in Q4 of 2018 there were 35 uses of force.ⁱ

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 2019		Q4 2018		Q4 2017	
Black Students	497	47.5%	606	48.9%	557	48.2%
Latinx Students	416	39.8%	468	37.8%	474	41.0%
White Students	62	5.9%	92	7.4%	53	4.6%

- During Q4 2019, 89% of NYPD intervention in “Child in Crisis” required no use of restraints.
- From Q4 2018 to Q4 2019, there was a 1.4% decrease in “Child in Crisis” interventions for Black Students.
- 32.8% of incidents involved children age ten and under, including 26 students as young as five.
- 113 incidents (9%) involved restraints; 90 of those with metal handcuffs on children.

School-Based Arrests

	Q4 2019		Q4 2018	
Black Students	72	50.7%	173	58.4%
Latinx Students	53	37.3%	90	30.4%
White Students	8	5.6%	15	5.0%

- During Q4 of 2019, arrests decreased for all students.
- Black students still account for more than half of arrests.
- During Q4 of 2019, 45.2% of all arrests by patrol officers, and 25% by the detective bureau, who often enter schools to make a targeted arrest.
- During Q4 of 2019, 31.3% of arrests were charges of assault (57% of all assault charges were misdemeanors), while 14.3% of arrests were for robbery.

School-Based Summonses

	Q4 2019		Q4 2018		Q4 2017	
Black Students	28	54.9%	73	58.9%	158	53.4%
Latinx Students	20	39.2%	46	37.1%	110	37.2%
White Students	1	2.0%	4	3.2%	11	3.7%

- Black students account for more than half of summonses over the last three years.
- 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% were for disorderly conduct.

Juvenile Reports in Schools

	Q4 2019		Q4 2018		Q4 2017	
Black Students	265	51.1%	218	56.6%	166	47.7%
Latinx Students	200	38.6%	135	35.1%	141	40.5%
White Students	27	5.2%	16	4.2%	22	6.3%

- Reports increased among all students during Q4 of 2019.
- Black students account for more than half of reports.
- 68.6% of all juvenile reports were made by the School Safety Division, while 30.6% were by Patrol Officers.
- In Q4 2019, 67.5% of reports were for violations, while 32.5% were misdemeanors.

ⁱ NYPD, New York City Student Safety Act, 4th Quarter 2019 FADO Reporting, available at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/reports-analysis/school-safety.page>.