

Youth Probation Supervision Cases Opened and Closed

Data Notes

Probation supervision may be imposed by the Family Court after a delinquency finding or by the Youth Part of Criminal Court after a criminal conviction or youthful offender adjudication. Probation supervision allows these youth to remain in the community under conditions specified by the court and supervised by the local probation department.

Counts represent the number of supervision cases opened and closed, not unique individuals. Supervision cases are shown in the county and region where the cases were opened, regardless of where the arresting agency or court of adjudication are located¹.

Cases Opened

Supervision cases opened reflect the number of cases opened that involved youth who were younger than 18², with most of them originating in Family Court. These cases were disposed by the Family Court or the Youth Part and the youth was to remain in the community under conditions specified by the court and supervised by the local probation department. The disposition charge represents the category – felony or misdemeanor – of the most serious sustained charge. For a small number of cases, the charge category is missing or is not a felony or misdemeanor (e.g., PL 265.05). These cases are shown in the not reported category. Supervision cases opened are shown for the year in which the youth was received by the probation department.

Cases are shown by three age categories (7 through 11, 12 through 15, 16 and 17), which reflect age at the time of the delinquent act or crime, and by sex and race/ethnicity. For race/ethnicity, four categories are displayed: White, Black, Hispanic, and Other. All cases involving youth of Hispanic ethnicity are reported in the Hispanic category regardless of race. The Other category includes cases involving youth who are Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Other, and those who do not have a race/ethnicity category reported.

Cases Closed

Supervision cases closed show the number of cases closed during the year. Cases are shown for the year in which the closure occurred, which may be different from the year the case was opened. Cases are shown by race/ethnicity and closure type.

- 1) Maximum Expiration:** Cases where the probation supervision term was successfully completed after the entire court-ordered term was served.

¹ Data are reported through a case management system used by probation departments in New York State. Washington County recently began using this system and as a result, 2024 Washington County data will be available in 2025.

² Due to the state's Raise the Lower Age (RTL) law and effective Dec. 29, 2022, 7- to 11-year-olds are no longer considered juvenile delinquents, unless those youth are charged with homicide offenses detailed in Family Court Act §301.2. There are a small number of cases in 2023 that involve 7- to 11-year-olds with offenses committed prior to Dec. 29, 2022.

- 2) **Early Discharge:** Cases where probation supervision was terminated by the court prior to the end of the court-ordered term due to a youth's successful compliance with the conditions of probation.
- 3) **Probation Revoked:** Cases that were closed before the probation supervision term was completed due to a new offense or non-compliance with the conditions of probation supervision. Revocations may result in the placement of a youth outside of their home.
- 4) **Transfer Out:** Cases that were transferred to another county or out-of-state probation department for continued supervision.