

## Arrests with PL 221 (Offenses Involving Marijuana) as Top Charge<sup>1</sup>, by County, by Race for New York State

2000-2018 DCJS Data, Compiled by NYCLU

### I. Statewide Arrests for Offenses Involving Marijuana

Table 1

	PL 221 ARRESTS, STATE TOTAL				
	Black	Hispanic	White	Black & Hispanic	Total
Resident population	2,783,857	3,416,922	11,304,247	6,200,779	19,378,102
% of state pop.	14%	18%	58%	32%	100%
PL 221 arrests	469,084	277,661	133,374	746,745	905,825
% of total PL 221 arrests	52%	31%	15%	82%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	6	12	85	8	21
X more likely than white to be arrested	14	7	-	10	-
Misdemeanor arrests	452,921	271,147	119,717	724,068	867,967

### II. Counties with Highest Enforcement and Racial Disparities for Offences Involving Marijuana

Table 2

Most PL 221 Top Charge Arrests, 2000-2018 (Excluding NYC Counties)		
Rank	County	N Arrests
1	Suffolk	29,372
2	Nassau	18,020
3	Westchester	17,296
4	Erie	14,193
5	Monroe	7,402
6	Albany	4,487
7	Orange	4,010
8	Onondaga	3,924
9	Rockland	1,830
10	Niagara	1,732

Most PL 221 Top Charge Arrests, 2000-2018		
Rank	County	N Arrests
1	Kings	240,219
2	Bronx	209,209
3	New York	186,745
4	Queens	118,386
5	Suffolk	29,372
6	Richmond	23,141
7	Nassau	18,020
8	Westchester	17,296
9	Erie	14,193
10	Monroe	7,402

<sup>1</sup> Note that these numbers do not include arrests where the top charge was PL 221.05 (violation level possession), as DCJS does not get data for this subsection. Similarly, these numbers do not include arrests where PL 221 was not the top charge.

Table 3

<b>Most PL 221 Top Charge Arrests, Controlling for Pop, 2000-2018 (Excluding NYC Counties)</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>1 in X ppl</b>
1	Suffolk	51
2	Westchester	55
3	Franklin	63
4	Erie	65
5	Albany	68
6	Nassau	74
7	Hamilton	90
8	St. Lawrence	92
9	Orange	93
10	Monroe	101

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1	Bronx	7
2	New York	8
3	Kings	10
4	Queens	19
5	Richmond	20
6	Suffolk	51
7	Westchester	55
8	Franklin	63
9	Erie	65
10	Albany	68

Table 4

<b>Most PL 221 Top Charge Arrests of Black People, Controlling for Pop, 2000-2018 (Excluding NYC Counties)</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>1 in X black ppl</b>
1	Suffolk	11
2	Erie	13
3	Delaware	13
4	Montgomery	14
5	Cortland	14
6	Westchester	14
7	Herkimer	16
8	Albany	16
9	Warren	17
10	Chautauqua	19

<b>Most PL 221 Top Charge Arrests of Black People, Controlling for Pop, 2000-2018</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>1 in X black ppl</b>
1	New York	3
2	Bronx	4
3	Richmond	5
4	Kings	5
5	Queens	7
6	Suffolk	11
7	Erie	13
8	Delaware	13
9	Montgomery	14
10	Cortland	14

Table 5

<b>Largest Black to White Disparities in PL 221 Top Charge Arrests, Controlling for Pop, 2000-2018 (Excluding NYC Counties)</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Black x times more likely than white</b>
1	Monroe	16
2	Herkimer	15
3	Delaware	15
4	Erie	13
5	Columbia	12
6	Cortland	11
7	Westchester	11
8	Montgomery	10
9	Chautauqua	10
10	Schenectady	10

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5	Columbia	12
6	New York	12
7	Cortland	11
8	Westchester	11
9	Montgomery	10
10	Chautauqua	10

### III. Counties That Have or Are Considering Passing Marijuana Sales Opt-Out Legislation

Table 6

	<b>CHEMUNG</b>				
	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black &amp; Hispanic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resident population	5,528	2,240	77,643	7,768	88,830
% of pop	6%	3%	87%	9%	100%
PL 221 arrests	161	14	316	175	496
% of arrests	32%	3%	64%	35%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	34	160	246	44	179
X times more likely than white to be arrested (controlling for pop)	7	2	-	6	-
Misdemeanor arrests	133	7	236	140	380

Table 7

	<b>MONROE</b>				
	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black &amp; Hispanic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resident population	107,448	54,005	542,034	161,453	744,344
% of pop	14%	7%	73%	22%	100%
PL 221 arrests	5,113	643	1,595	5,756	7,402
% of arrests	69%	9%	22%	78%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	21	84	340	28	101
X times more likely than white to be arrested (controlling for pop)	16	4	-	12	-
Misdemeanor arrests	4,516	542	1,134	5,058	6,226

Table 8

	<b>NASSAU</b>				
	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black &amp; Hispanic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resident population	141,305	195,355	877,309	336,660	1,339,532
% of pop	11%	15%	65%	25%	100%
PL 221 arrests	7,608	2,358	6,390	9,966	18,020
% of arrests	42%	13%	35%	55%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	19	83	137	34	74
X times more likely than white to be arrested (controlling for pop)	7	2	-	4	-
Misdemeanor arrests	7,222	2,306	5,939	9,528	17,062

Table 9

	<b>ONONDAGA</b>				
	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black &amp; Hispanic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resident population	48,696	18,829	370,040	67,525	467,026
% of pop	10%	4%	79%	14%	100%
PL 221 arrests	1,722	332	1,739	2,054	3,924
% of arrests	44%	8%	44%	52%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	28	57	213	33	119
X times more likely than white to be arrested (controlling for pop)	8	4	-	6	-
Misdemeanor arrests	1,529	285	1,174	1,814	3,055

Table 10

	<b>PUTNAM</b>				
	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black &amp; Hispanic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resident population	2,047	11,661	82,709	13,708	99,710
% of pop	2%	12%	83%	14%	100%
PL 221 arrests	61	65	379	126	512
% of arrests	12%	13%	74%	25%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	34	179	218	109	195
X times more likely than white to be arrested (controlling for pop)	7	1	-	2	-
Misdemeanor arrests	45	48	297	93	393

Table 11

	<b>ROCKLAND</b>				
	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black &amp; Hispanic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resident population	34,623	48,783	203,670	83,406	311,687
% of pop	11%	16%	65%	27%	100%
PL 221 arrests	782	368	644	1,150	1,830
% of arrests	43%	20%	35%	63%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	44	133	316	73	170
X times more likely than white to be arrested (controlling for pop)	7	2	-	4	-
Misdemeanor arrests	568	325	445	893	1,365

Table 12

	<b>SUFFOLK</b>				
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	<b>WESTCHESTER</b>				
	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black &amp; Hispanic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resident population	126,585	207,032	544,563	333,617	949,113
% of pop	13%	22%	57%	35%	100%
PL 221 arrests	9,111	4,370	3,497	13,481	17,296
% of arrests	53%	25%	20%	78%	100%
1 in every X people were arrested	14	47	156	25	55
X times more likely than white to be arrested (controlling for pop)	11	3	-	6	-
Misdemeanor arrests	8,592	4,086	3,141	12,678	16,103