

## **Student Safety Act Reporting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 (April 1 – June 30)

### **BACKGROUND**

The Student Safety Act (SSA) requires that the New York City Police Department publicly issue quarterly reports on arrests, summonses and other police-involved incidents in New York City public schools. The 2016 calendar year was the first in which the NYPD reported on activity by officers outside of the School Safety Division, giving a more complete picture of the enormous impact police have on the educational environment.<sup>1</sup>

### 3,122 incidents were reported in Q2 of 2018

### 336 Arrests

1,089 Children in crisis<sup>2</sup>

292 Juvenile reports<sup>3</sup>

1,185 Mitigations<sup>4</sup>

4 PINS/warrants<sup>5</sup>

216 Summonses

# 474 of the reported incidents resulted in the use of handcuffs

300 Arrests

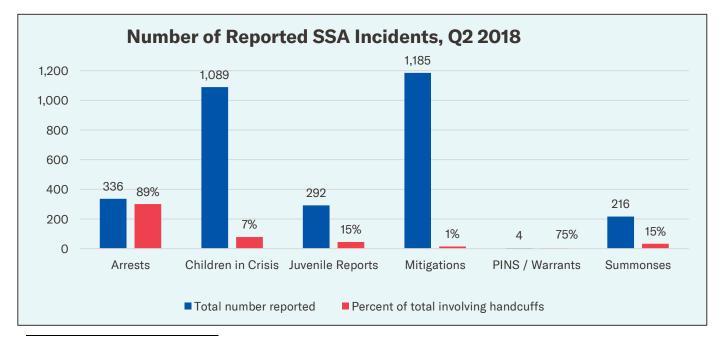
78 Children in crisis

45 Juvenile reports

15 Mitigations

3 PINS/warrants

33 Summonses



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NYC Local Law 093, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Child in crisis refers to incidents where a student "displaying signs of emotional distress" is removed from the classroom and taken to hospital for a psychological evaluation.

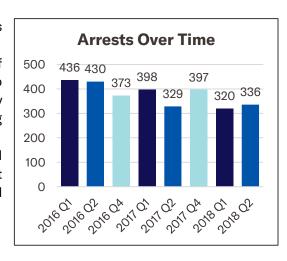
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>Juvenile report</u> is a report for a student under 16 who allegedly committed an offense that, if they were an adult, would be considered criminal. The report substitutes for an arrest or summons and students are detained during the time it takes to collect details.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>Mitigation</u> refers to incidents where a student commits an offense but the NYPD releases the student to the school for discipline.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> PINS refers to a family court warrant for a "Person in Need of Supervision."

### ARRESTS: There were 336 school-based arrests in Q2 2018.

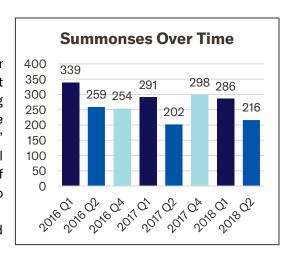
- 64% of arrests were for misdemeanors, 36% were for felonies and 1% were for violations.
- 20% of arrests were carried out by SSOs. The vast majority of activity in schools is carried out by NYPD officers with no special training in the school environment. This is a slightly higher proportion of arrests by SSOs than in past reporting periods.
- 97 arrests (29% of total arrests) were for non-school-related incidents that occured off school grounds, indicating that police are using school buildings as a place to locate and arrest young people.
- In 89% of arrests, students were placed in handcuffs.
- 72% of those arrested identified as male.



Top charges
40.8% Assault (137)
10.1% Robbery (34)
8.0% Criminal Possession of a Weapon (27)
5.4% Grand Larceny (18)
3.0% Forcible Touch (10)
Breakdown by age
23.2% 14 or under
58.6% 15-18
5.7% 19-21

# <u>SUMMONSES</u>: 216 summonses were issued in schools in Q2 2018.

- Only 7% of summonses were issued by SSOs. The remainder were issued by NYPD patrol and other uniformed enforcement officers. SSOs in some schools are permitted to give warning cards instead of summonses, but NYPD officers do not use the warning card program, even though it limits students' exposure to the criminal justice system. This year, SSOs in all schools will use warning cards, so we expect the bulk of summonses will continue to be issued by NYPD officers who have no special training to be in a school environment.
- 90% of those issued summonses were Black or Latino and 69% identified as male.



<sup>\*</sup> The disorderly conduct category includes a wide range of behaviors including unreasonable noise, fighting and obscene language.

Breakdown by borough	Top Charges
36.1% Bronx	30.6% Possession of marijuana (66)
24.1% Brooklyn	24.5% Disorderly conduct* (53)
19.4% Manhattan	18.5% Possession of a knife (40)
18.5% Queens	14.8% Possession of a box cutter (32)
1.9% Staten Island	5.1% Knife in public view (11)
Breakdown by race	Breakdown by age
51.9% Black students	91.7% 16-18
38.4% Latino students	7.9% 19-21
4.2% White students	

#### **JUVENILE REPORTS**

- 292 juvenile reports were issued in schools in Q2 2018. 93.8% of juvenile reports were issued to Black and Latino students.
- 15% of students were handcuffed during juvenile report investigations. 95.6% of these students were Black and Latino.

#### **CHILD-IN-CRISIS INCIDENTS**

- 1,089 child-in-crisis incidents were reported in Q2 2018, 7% of which involved handcuffs.
- Black and Latino students accounted for 91% of child-in-crisis incidents where handcuffs were used.

### **MITIGATED INCIDENTS**

- 1,185 mitigated incidents were reported in Q2 2018.
- Black and Latino students accounted for 89% of total mitigated incidents, and 100% of mitigate incidents where handcuffs were used.

### **HANDCUFFS (ALL INCIDENTS)**

- 474 incidents involving the use of handcuffs were reported in Q2 2018.
- 15% of incidents involving Black or Latino students resulted in handcuffing compared with 14% of those involving white students.
- 69% of those handcuffed identified as male.
- 38% of those handcuffed were under 16 years of age, 19 of whom were 12 or under.

Breakdown by intervention type
63.3% arrest
16.5% child-in-crisis
9.5% juvenile report
3.2% mitigation
7.0% summons
0.6% PINS

### **SCHOOL SAFETY AGENT COMPLAINTS**

In Q2 2018, 34 FADO complaints were made against school safety agents.

- 28 Force
- 1 Abuse of authority
- 15 **D**iscourtesy
- O Offensive language

DOE Enrollment K-12 Student population: 1,063,806

Male 51.4 %

Latino 40.5 %
Black 26.0 %
Asian 16.1 %
White 15.0 %

Source: DOE snapshot<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> DOE enrollment statistics were retrieved from the October 31, 2017 Audited Register.