



Student Safety Act Reporting

4th Quarter 2018 (October 1 – December 31)

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.¹

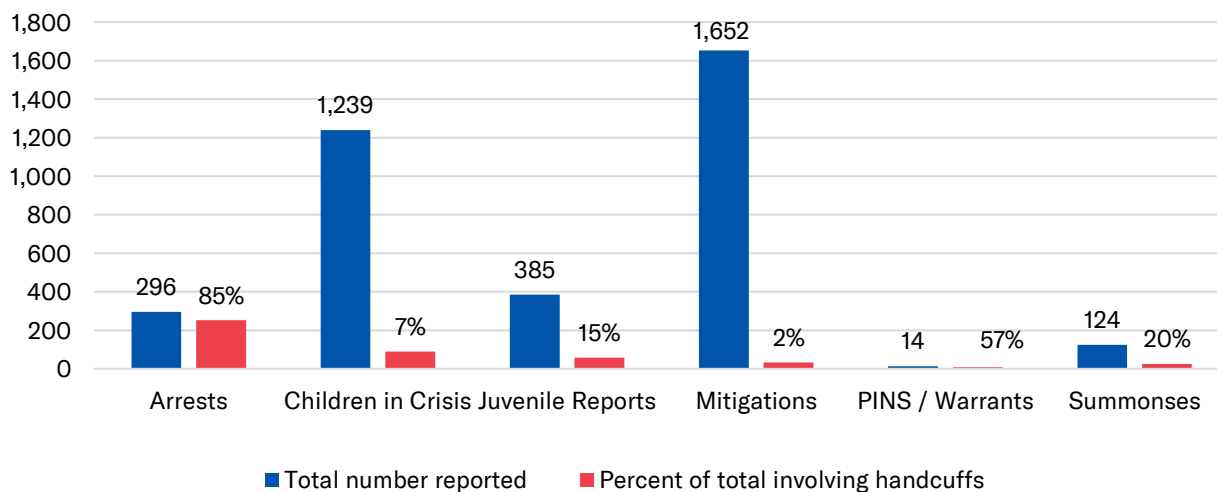
3,710 incidents were reported in Q4 of 2018

- 296 Arrests
- 1,239 Children in crisis²
- 385 Juvenile reports³
- 1,652 Mitigations⁴
- 14 PINS/warrants⁵
- 124 Summonses

466 of the reported incidents resulted in the use of handcuffs

- 252 Arrests
- 90 Children in crisis
- 58 Juvenile reports
- 33 Mitigations
- 8 PINS/warrants
- 25 Summonses

Number of Reported SSA Incidents, Q4 2018



¹ NYC Local Law 093, 2015.

² 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.

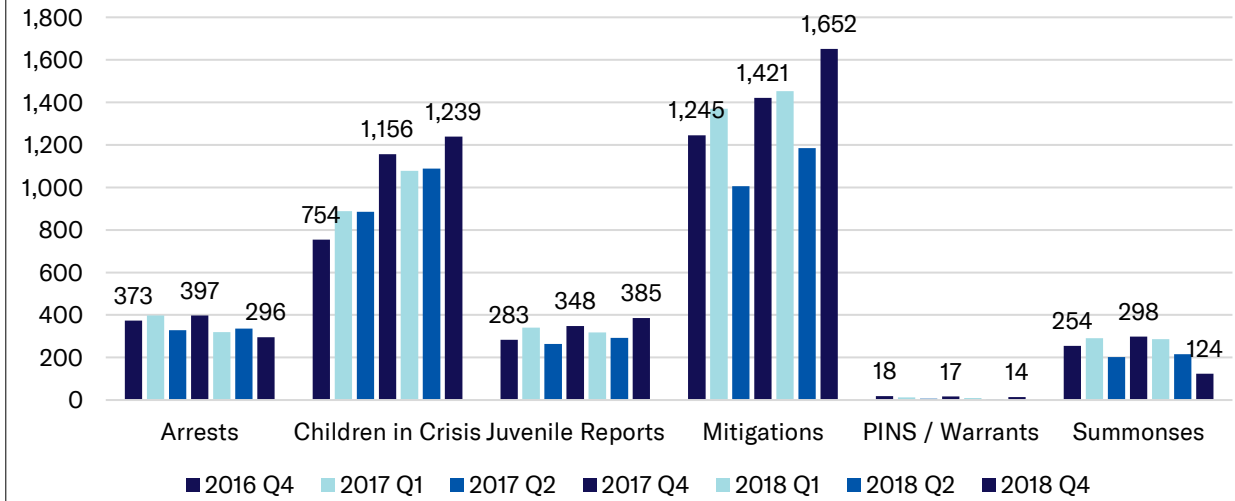
³ Juvenile report is a report for a student under 16 who allegedly committed an offense that, if they were an adult, would be considered criminal. The

report substitutes for an arrest or summons and students are detained during the time it takes to collect details.

⁴ Mitigation refers to incidents where a student commits an offense but the NYPD releases the student to the school for discipline.

⁵ PINS refers to a family court warrant for a “Person in Need of Supervision.”

Number of Reported SSA Incidents, Over Time



* Q3 is excluded from this figure because it falls during the summer months when there are very few students in schools.

ARRESTS: There were 296 school-based arrests in Q4 2018.

- 53% of arrests were for misdemeanors, 46% were for felonies and less than 1% were for violations.
- 21% 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.
- 94 arrests (32% of total arrests) were for non-school-related incidents that occurred off school grounds, indicating that police are using school buildings as a place to locate and arrest young people.
- In 85% of arrests, students were placed in handcuffs.
- 74% of those arrested identified as male.

Breakdown by borough	Breakdown by race	Breakdown by age
21.3% Bronx	58.4% Black students	17.2% 14 or under
33.1% Brooklyn	30.4% Latino students	61.1% 15-18
17.9% Manhattan	5.1% White students	6.8% 19-21
20.6% Queens		
7.1% Staten Island		

SUMMONSES

- 124 summonses were issued in schools in Q4 2018. This is a significant decrease at 58% fewer than in Q4 of the previous year.
- Only 6% of summonses were issued by SSOs. The remainder were issued by NYPD patrol and other uniformed enforcement officers.
- 90% of those issued summonses were Black or Latino and 69% identified as male.

CHILD-IN-CRISIS INCIDENTS

- 1,239 child-in-crisis incidents were reported in Q4 2018, 7% of which involved handcuffs.
- Black and Latino students accounted for 87% of child-in-crisis incidents, and 99% of child-in-crisis incidents where handcuffs were used.

JUVENILE REPORTS

- 385 juvenile reports were issued in schools in Q4 2018, 15% of which involve handcuffs
- Black and Latino students accounted for 92% of juvenile reports, and 95% of juvenile reports where handcuffs were used.

MITIGATED INCIDENTS

- 1,652 mitigated incidents were reported in Q4 2018, a 16% increase from Q4 of the previous year.
- Black and Latino students accounted for 90% of total mitigated incidents, and 100% of the 33 mitigate incidents where handcuffs were used.

HANDCUFFS (ALL INCIDENTS)

- 466 incidents involving the use of handcuffs were reported in Q4 2018.
- 13% of incidents involving Black or Latino students resulted in handcuffing compared with 8% of those involving white students.
- 67% of those handcuffed identified as male.
- 36% of those handcuffed were under 16 years of age, 18 of whom were 12 or under.

Breakdown by borough	Breakdown by intervention type
26.6% Bronx	54.1% Arrested
32.0% Brooklyn	19.3% Child in Crisis
13.3% Manhattan	12.4% Juvenile Report
20.0% Queens	7.1% Mitigated
8.2% Staten Island	1.7% PINS / Warrant
	5.4% Summons

SCHOOL SAFETY AGENT COMPLAINTS

In Q4 2018, 61 FADO complaints were made against school safety agents, compared with 35 in Q4 of the previous year.

- 44 Force
- 0 Abuse of authority
- 13 Discourtesy
- 4 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 ⁶	

⁶ DOE enrollment statistics were retrieved from the October 31, 2017 Audited Register. The 2018 audited register was not available at the time this factsheet was published.