Trends in Crime and Justice
Reflections on the New York City Story, 1980-2017

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Realities and Reflections

Five New York Realities

1. Low Crime Rates
2. Low Enforcement Rates
3. Low Incarceration and Supervision Rates
4. The Consequences of Drug Enforcement
5. Persistent Racial Disparities

Reflections
Reality Number One: Low Crime Rates
Number of Reported Crimes in New York City, 1980-2017

Violent Crime
1984-1990: 29.5% Increase
1990-2017: 76.1% Decline

Data Source: New York City Police Department (NYPD)
Number of Reported Crimes in New York City, 1980-2017

Property Crime
1981-2017: 87.0% Decline

Data Source: New York City Police Department (NYPD)
Reality Number Two: Low Enforcement Rates
Enforcement Actions in New York City

Felony Arrests
1980-1989: 73.2% Increase
1989-2017: 46.2% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Enforcement Actions in New York City

Misdemeanor Arrests
1980-2010: 283.3% Increase
2010-2017: 36.9% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Enforcement Actions in New York City

![Graph showing arrests and summonses from 1981 to 2017.](image)

**Criminal Summonses**
- 2003-2006: 8.4% Increase
- 2006-2017: 72.7% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and Office of Court Administration (OCA)
Enforcement Actions in New York City

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Office of Court Administration (OCA), and New York City Police Department (NYPD)

**Stops**

2003-2011: 346.1% Increase
2011-2017: 98.2% Decline
Reality Number Three: Low Incarceration and Supervision Rates
Pretrial Admissions in New York City, 1995-2016

Pretrial Admissions
1995-1996: 8.0% Increase
1996-2016: 55.6% Decline

Data Source: New York City Department of Correction (DOC)
Probation Sentences in New York City, 1983-2017

Probation Sentences
1985-1991: 42.7% Increase
1991-2017: 73.2% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Prison Sentences in New York City, 1983-2017

Prison Sentences
1984-1991: 101.0% Increase
1991-2017: 68.5% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Parole Violations in New York City, 1995-2016

Parole Violations
1997-2001: 21.1% Increase
2001-2016: 47.6% Decline

Data Source: New York City Department of Correction (DOC)
Incarceration and Supervision in New York City

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and New York City Department of Correction (DOC)

Prison Sentences
Probation Sentences
Pretrial Admissions
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Reality Number Four: The Consequences of Drug Enforcement
Felony Arrests for Drug Charges in New York City, 1980-2017

Felony Drug Arrests
1980-1989: 436.9% Increase
1989-2017: 72.3% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Misdemeanor Arrests for Drug Charges in New York City, 1980-2017

Misdemeanor Drug Arrests
1980-2000: 1071.2% Increase
2000-2017: 64.3% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Pretrial Admissions for Drug Charges in New York City, 1995-2016

Pretrial Drug Admissions
1995-1996: 5.9% Increase
1996-2016: 77.4% Decline

Data Source: New York City Department of Correction (DOC)
Probation Sentences for Drug Charges in New York City, 1983-2017

Probation Drug Sentences
1984-1991: 240.2% Increase
1991-2017: 87.7% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Prison Drug Sentences for Drug Charges in New York City, 1983-2017

Prison Drug Sentences
1983-1991: 583.9% Increase
1991-2017: 84.1% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Reality Number Five: Persistent Racial Disparities
Felony Arrest Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

- **Black**: 1990-2017: 63.0% Decline
- **Hispanic**: 1990-2017: 68.7% Decline
- **White**: 1990-2017: 76.3% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Felony Arrest Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

Table: Racial Disparities in Felony Arrests

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Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Misdemeanor Arrest Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

Black
2010-2017: 53.5% Decline

Hispanic
2010-2017: 48.8% Decline

White
2011-2017: 61.6% Decline
Misdemeanor Arrest Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

Table: Racial Disparities in Misdemeanor Arrests

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Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Pedestrian Stop Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 2003-2017

Data Source: New York City Police Department (NYPD)

Black
2011-2017: 98.4% Decline

Hispanic
2011-2017: 98.6% Decline

White
2011-2017: 99.0% Decline
Pedestrian Stop Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 2003-2017

Table: Racial Disparities in Stops

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Data Source: New York City Police Department (NYPD)
Pretrial Admission Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1995-2016

Black
1998-2016: 63.5% Decline

Hispanic
1996-2016: 64.9% Decline

White
1995-2016: 68.3% Decline

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Data Source: New York City Department of Correction (DOC)
Probation Sentence Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

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1991-2017: 84.1% Decline

Hispanic
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Probation Sentence Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

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Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Prison Sentence Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

Black
1990-2017: 74.5% Decline
Hispanic
1991-2017: 80.0% Decline
White
1990-2017: 86.9% Decline

Data Source: Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Prison Sentence Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1990-2017

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Parole Violation Rates for Young Men (18-24) by Race in New York City, 1995-2016

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