

Criminal Justice Statistical Report

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Executive Law §837 and §837-a requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to report on the number of persons charged with offenses violating Articles 27, 37 and 40, and Titles 27 and 37 of Article 71 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) regarding hazardous waste and waste disposal. These laws concern the collection, treatment and disposal of refuse or other solid waste and the regulation of substances characterized as hazardous or acutely hazardous to the public health, safety or to the environment.

Table 1 provides information about the numbers of arrests for ECL offenses from 2014 to 2018. The arrest counts are derived from information about fingerprintable adult arrests transmitted by law enforcement agencies to the DCJS Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system and are based on the most serious charge in the arrest event. Because CCH is a fingerprint-based database, prosecutions of corporations or other entities are not identified.

TABLE 1
Arrests for ECL Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2014 to 2018

	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		Total	
	Felony	Misd										
NEW YORK STATE	3	5	2	1	4	13	3	10	1	11	13	40
NEW YORK CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
REST OF STATE	3	5	2	1	4	13	3	10	0	11	12	40

Source: DCJS, Computerized Criminal History File (5/17/2019).

Tables 2 through 4 provide information about the dispositions of arrests for these offenses. Statewide and regional summaries are displayed according to the year in which the final disposition occurred, regardless of when the arrest actually occurred. For example, a 2014 arrest which resulted in a conviction in 2015 is displayed in the 2015 column.

TABLE 2
NEW YORK STATE
Disposition of ECL Arrests for Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2014 to 2018

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
Felony	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	0	2	3	3	2	10
	Convicted-Sentenced	0	2	2	2	1	7
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Dismissed-ACD	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Acquitted	0	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	2	2	2	1	7
	Misdemeanors	0	2	1	2	0	5
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	1	0	1	2
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	2	2	2	1	7
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Probation	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Fine	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Cond Discharge	0	0	2	1	0	3
Misd	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	1	0	1	5	3	10
	Convicted-Sentenced	1	0	1	5	2	9
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Dismissed-ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL SENTENCES	1	0	1	5	2	9
	Misdemeanors	1	0	1	5	1	8
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL SENTENCES	1	0	1	5	2	9
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Fine	0	0	0	4	2	6
	Cond Discharge	1	0	1	0	0	2

Source: Computerized Criminal History File (5/17/2019).

Includes convictions for felonies, misdemeanors and non-criminal offenses such as violations and infractions

Regional designation based on location of the disposition court.

TABLE 3
NEW YORK CITY
Disposition of ECL Arrests for Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2014 to 2018

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
Felony	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Convicted-Sentenced	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dismissed-ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Acquitted	0	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fine	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cond Discharge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misd	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Convicted-Sentenced	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dismissed-ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fine	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cond Discharge	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 4
REST OF STATE
Disposition of ECL Arrests for Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2014 to 2018

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
Felony	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	0	2	3	3	1	9
	Convicted-Sentenced	0	2	2	2	1	7
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Dismissed-ACD	0	0	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	2	2	2	1	7
	Misdemeanors	0	2	1	2	0	5
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	1	0	1	2
	TOTAL SENTENCES	0	2	2	2	1	7
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Probation	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Fine	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Cond Discharge	0	0	2	1	0	3
Misd	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	1	0	1	5	3	10
	Convicted-Sentenced	1	0	1	5	2	9
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Dismissed-ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL SENTENCES	1	0	1	5	2	9
	Misdemeanors	1	0	1	5	1	8
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL SENTENCES	1	0	1	5	2	9
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Fine	0	0	0	4	2	6
	Cond Discharge	1	0	1	0	0	2

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