

NYPD Complaints Incident Level Data Footnotes

1. Information is accurate as of the date it was queried from the system of record, but should be considered a close approximation of current records, due to complaint revisions and updates.
2. Data is available as of the date that technological enhancements to information systems allowed for data capture. Null values appearing frequently in certain fields may be attributed to changes on official department forms where data was previously not collected. Null values may also appear in instances where information was not available or unknown at the time of the report and should be considered as either "Unknown/Not Available/Not Reported."
3. Crime complaints which involve multiple offenses are classified according to the most serious offense. Attempted crimes are recorded regardless of whether or not the criminal act was successful, except in the instance of Attempted Murder, which is recorded as Felony Assault.
4. When a complaint contains only a From Datetime, this represents the exact datetime when the crime incident was reported to occur. In the event a complaint has both a From Datetime and a To Datetime, a time range (rather than an exact time) was specified for the occurrence of the crime. In rare cases, records containing only a To Datetime indicate only a known endpoint to the crime.
5. The Report Date represents the date the incident was actually reported to the NYPD. This dataset is released based on the date the incident was *reported*, not necessarily when it occurred. Some crimes may have occurred years before they were reported.
6. There is one exception to the above report date rule: if an incident eventually results in a victim's death, the incident is upgraded to a murder and the report date is recorded as the date of the victim's death, rather than the original report date of the incident.
7. The Complaint Time is based on the 24-hour clock. 00:01:00 hours represents 12:01am, 13:59:00 hours represents 1:59pm, etc.
8. Arrests occurring near an intersection are represented by the X coordinate and Y coordinates of the intersection. Arrests occurring anywhere other than at an intersection are geo-located to the middle of the nearest street segment where appropriate.

9. Any attempt to match the approximate location of the incident to an exact address or link to other datasets is not recommended.
10. To further protect victim identities, rape and sex crime offenses have been located as occurring at the police station house within the precinct of occurrence.
11. Many other offenses that were not able to be geo-coded (for example, due to an invalid address) have been located as occurring at the police station house within the precinct of occurrence.
12. Offenses occurring in open areas such as parks or beaches may be geo-coded as occurring on streets or intersections bordering the area.
13. Offenses occurring on a moving train on transit systems are geo-coded as occurring at the train's next stop.
14. The NYC subway system is divided by transit district boundaries which behave similar to precinct boundaries. Staten Island Rapid Transit does not fall under the NYPD transit jurisdiction but instead falls under MTA jurisdiction.
15. All offenses occurring within the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction have been geo-coded as occurring on Riker's Island.
16. X and Y Coordinates are in NAD 1983 State Plane New York Long Island Zone Feet (EPSG 2263).
17. Latitude and Longitude Coordinates are provided in Global Coordinate System WGS 1984 decimal degrees (EPSG 4326).
18. These data represent criminal offenses according to New York State Penal Law definitions, not FBI Uniform Crime Report definitions, and are therefore not comparable to UCR reported crime.
19. Errors in data transcription may result in nominal data inconsistencies.
20. The CSV file should be opened using an appropriate tool for data exploration, e.g. SPSS, SAS, Tableau, etc. If using MS Excel, be sure to use the tools for importing external data, otherwise inconsistencies may occur when viewing the data.
21. Only valid complaints are included in this release. Complaints deemed unfounded due to reporter error or misinformation are excluded from the data set, as they are not reflected in official figures nor are they considered to have

actually occurred in a criminal context. Similarly, complaints that were voided due to internal error are also excluded from the data set.

22. Investigation reports have been excluded to better ensure relevance and reduce extraneous material. These represent complaint reports taken that do not indicate or imply that any criminal activity has occurred; for example, a natural death of an elderly person in a nursing home or a report of lost property that has not been stolen.
23. Some *mala prohibita* offenses do not require a complaint report and may not be represented accurately, or at all, in this dataset. These incidents are generally tracked using other Department forms, including arrests and summonses. These include (but are not limited to) certain drug, trespassing, theft of service, and prostitution offenses.
24. Field Names and Descriptions are as follows:

Field Name	Description
CMPLNT_NUM	Randomly generated persistent ID for each complaint
ADDR_PCT_CD	The precinct in which the incident occurred
BORO	The name of the borough in which the incident occurred
CMPLNT_FR_DT	Exact date of occurrence for the reported event (or starting date of occurrence, if CMPLNT_TO_DT exists)
CMPLNT_FR_TM	Exact time of occurrence for the reported event (or starting time of occurrence, if CMPLNT_TO_TM exists)
CMPLNT_TO_DT	Ending date of occurrence for the reported event, if exact time of occurrence is unknown
CMPLNT_TO_TM	Ending time of occurrence for the reported event, if exact time of occurrence is unknown

CRM_ATPT_CPTD_CD	Indicator of whether crime was successfully completed or attempted, but failed or was interrupted prematurely
HADEVELOPT	Name of NYCHA housing development of occurrence, if applicable
HOUSING_PSA	Development Level Code
JURISDICTION_CODE	Jurisdiction responsible for incident. Either internal, like Police(0), Transit(1), and Housing(2); or external(3), like Correction, Port Authority, etc.
JURIS_DESC	Description of the jurisdiction code
KY_CD	Three digit offense classification code
LAW_CAT_CD	Level of offense: felony, misdemeanor, violation
LOC_OF_OCCUR_DESC	Specific location of occurrence in or around the premises; inside, opposite of, front of, rear of
OFNS_DESC	Description of offense corresponding with key code
PARKS_NM	Name of NYC park, playground or greenspace of occurrence, if applicable (state parks are not included)
PATROL_BORO	The name of the patrol borough in which the incident occurred
PD_CD	Three digit internal classification code (more granular than Key Code)
PD_DESC	Description of internal classification corresponding with PD code (more granular than Offense Description)
PREM_TYP_DESC	Specific description of premises; grocery store, residence, street, etc.

RPT_DT	Date event was reported to police
STATION_NAME	Transit station name
SUSP_AGE_GROUP	Suspect's Age Group
SUSP_RACE	Suspect's Race Description
SUSP_SEX	Suspect's Sex Description
TRANSIT_DISTRICT	Transit district in which the offense occurred.
VIC_AGE_GROUP	Victim's Age Group
VIC_RACE	Victim's Race Description
VIC_SEX	Victim's Sex Description (D=Business/Organization, E=PSNY/People of the State of New York, F=Female, M=Male)
X_COORD_CD	X-coordinate for New York State Plane Coordinate System, Long Island Zone, NAD 83, units feet (FIPS 3104)
Y_COORD_CD	Y-coordinate for New York State Plane Coordinate System, Long Island Zone, NAD 83, units feet (FIPS 3104)
Latitude	Midblock Latitude coordinate for Global Coordinate System, WGS 1984, decimal degrees (EPSG 4326)
Longitude	Midblock Longitude coordinate for Global Coordinate System, WGS 1984, decimal degrees (EPSG 4326)