

## 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  |
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| 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                 |
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| 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.  |

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| 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)            |