

Where to Find Information on Crime

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Police Department. The New York Police Department published *Complaints and Arrests* yearly from 1972 to 1975 and semiannually from 1979 to 2001. From 2001 to present, statistics can be found in the *CompStat Weekly Report*. These are useful publications for locating figures on arrests, complaints and summonses by type of offense and by police precinct. *Annual Reports* may offer some information as well. Holdings are from 1860 to 1991/92. Check the catalogue for reports from the Police Department on related issues.

Department of Investigation. The New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) investigates corruption and fraud by city employees and those who do business with the city. Many of their reports can be found in the City Hall Library. These include publications on check fraud at the Department of Social Services, investigation of practices at the Parking Violations Bureau, etc. DOI has also prepared materials on corruption prevention.

Juvenile Delinquency. The New York City Youth Board was established in 1947. Since that time, various agencies have taken over management of the Board and related departments. As of 1996, youth programs are administered by Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Youth Board publications such as *Ten-Year Delinquency Trends in New York City (1953-1962)* and *Indices of Social Problems* (1960, 1962), offer historical statistics and background information on juvenile crime. More recent reports from Department of Youth and Community Development and Department of Juvenile Justices discuss programs aimed at preventing and curbing juvenile crime.

Other Sources. The Municipal Archives maintains a collection of court records, including indictment papers and docket books, spanning the time period 1684 to 1966. District Attorney Records from 1895 to 1971 may also be found in the Archives. See the link at www.nyc.gov/records/html/collections/home.shtml for further information. Organizations such as the New York City Criminal Justice Agency and Center for New York City Law may issue reports and bulletins on criminal justice topics. Check the Department of Records “**Publications**” website under such topics as “**Public Safety**” and “**Government Policy**” for current city agency publications in electronic format. The website can be accessed at: www.nyc.gov/records/html/govpub/home.shtml.