

## Under Custody - Data dictionary

### Data Summary

This dataset is a derivative of DOCCS' Under Custody Report and contains data from June 2014 to February 2025. The data contains information pertaining to the incarcerated population at a given report date and includes fields relating to the demographics of the individual, their facility, and their crime of conviction and sentence.

To ensure compliance with Correction Law § 9 and to align with the New York State Committee on Open Government's advisory opinion on case FOI-AO-18823, the data presented here has been deidentified by (1) removing the names and departmental identification numbers of the individuals in custody, (2) sharing only a selection of the fields available in the source data, (3) altering select fields to be less granular (e.g., "age range" in place of date of birth) and (4) aggregating the data such that one row of data can represent more than one individual. It is for this reason that we haven't published the source data along with the processed data.

Note that this data, obtained from DOCCS, does not align exactly with the data published by DOCCS in the Open NY data portal ("Individuals Under Custody: Beginning 2008"). For example, the data published in the data portal shows an incarcerated population of 30,413 (March 31, 2022), while our data shows a population of 30,220 (April 1, 2021); a difference of less than 1%.

The data table is shared as a CSV file, with a bar ("|") delimiter in place of a comma (","). Missing data is set to Null or "Missing/None".

Dictionary		
Field Name	Type	Description
REPORT_DATE	Date	Date at which the dataset population was defined. This date is shared as a month and year only, by default, we set it to the first of the month.
FACILITY_NAME	String	Facility in which the incarcerated individual is housed, defined using the first two digits of the DOCCS facility code. This name represents the commonplace naming for facilities and excludes references to specific buildings or units seen in the RAW_FACILITY_NAME.
FACILITY_CODE	String	Code representing the facility in which the incarcerated individual is housed. We believe that the first two digits refer to the facility and the third indicates the building or unit.
RAW_FACILITY_NAME	String	Facility in which the incarcerated individual is housed, using names exactly as reported in DOCCS' under custody report. This field sometimes indicates an individual's unit or building in addition to the facility.
FACILITY_REGION_NAME	String	Facility region, with regions defined by DOCCS as groups of adjacent counties.
FACILITY_HUB_NAME	String	Facility hub, with hubs defined by DOCCS as groups of facilities which are in close proximity. Hubs have an administrative function in DOCCS operations.
FACILITY_SECURITY_LEVEL	String	Security level of the facility the incarcerated individual is housed in, as designated in DOCCS public reporting or, if unavailable, in the NY Codes Rules and Regulations, Title 7. If there are multiple security levels for a given facility, the highest is reported here (Minimum, Medium, Maximum, Drug Treatment Center).
FACILITY_STATUS	String	Indicates if a facility is open or closed as of the publication of this data, Sept 2023 (Open, Closed)
FACILITY_GENDER	String	Gender-designation for a facility (Male, Female, Mixed), as defined in NY Codes Rules and Regulations, Title 7 (only available for open facilities). If not available in Title 7, the facility gender as noted in DOCCS public reporting is used.
SEX	String	Sex of the incarcerated individual, as defined by DOCCS' sex categories (Male, Female)
AGE_RANGE	String	Age range of the incarcerated individual as of the report date. The range is inclusive - for example, the range of '18 - 20' includes both 18 and 20 year-olds.
ETHNIC_GROUP	String	Ethnicity of the incarcerated individual, as defined by DOCCS' ethnicity categories (Hispanic, Not Hispanic, Unknown)
RACE	String	Race of the incarcerated individual, as defined by DOCCS' race categories (White, Black, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Other, Unknown)
CRIME_1_TYPE	String	Type of crime which the incarcerated individual was convicted and committed to serve time in a state correctional facility. If the individual was convicted of multiple crimes, this field refers to the crime with the longest sentence. The crime type is a grouping of crime codes and is defined in DOCCS' report "Releases and Discharges from Incarceration" from 2020 (VFO = Violent felony, CVO: Other coercive/violent crime not designated VFO, PDO = Property, drug, and other felonies, MIS = Misdemeanors, VIO = Violations)
CRIME_1_CLASS	String	Class of the crime with the longest sentence (A1, A2, A3, B, C, D, E Felonies, Misdemeanor, Unspecified)
CRIME_1_COMMITMENT_COUNTY	String	The county in which the incarcerated individual was convicted and committed to serve time in a state correctional facility. If the individual was convicted of multiple crimes, this field refers to the crime with the longest sentence.
CRIME_1_COUNTY_IS_NYC	Int	Indicator for CRIME_1_COMMITMENT_COUNTY which is in New York City (1 = NYC, 0 = Outside NYC)
TIME_SINCE_LATEST_RECEPTION_DATE	String	Time between the individual's latest reception date and the report date. This field is a proxy for time served in a sentence.
TIME_TO_EARLIEST_RELEASE_DATE	String	Time between the individual's earliest release date and the report date. This field is a proxy for minimum time remaining in a sentence.
MOST_SERIOUS_PRIOR	String	The earliest release date is an indication of the earliest date which an individual might be released. The determination of an individual's possible release date is calculated by DOCCS using a number of different inputs from an individual's file. Under certain circumstances, an incarcerated individual may be released prior to serving their minimum term and before the earliest release date shown. These include: Shock incarceration, sentences of parole supervision (at Willard Drug Treatment Campus), merit, medical parole, and early parole to deportation.
TOTAL_CRIMES_RANGE	String	Indicator for an individual's most serious prior conviction, if any (Felony, Misdemeanor conviction, Arrest, Missing/None)
POPULATION_IN_CUSTODY	Int	Number of crimes of which the incarcerated individuals was convicted in their current sentence. The range is inclusive - for example '2 - 3' includes both individuals with 2 and 3 total crimes.
		Number of incarcerated individuals in custody.