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Environmental Conservation Law Offenses: Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal 2025 Annual Report

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New York State Executive Law requires the state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to publish an annual report detailing arrests and prosecutions under state Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Articles 27, 37 and 40, and Titles 27 and 37 of Article 71.

These laws detail offenses related to the improper handling of hazardous waste and disposal of materials or substances characterized as hazardous or acutely hazardous to the public health, safety or to the environment.

These data are reported to DCJS by the police agency that made the arrest and maintained in the agency's Computerized Criminal History (CCH) database. DCJS compiles arrests data by top charge: the most serious charge an individual faced at the time of arrest. For example, if an arrest included one felony and one misdemeanor charge, that arrest is classified as a felony.

Police only report arrests to DCJS that require fingerprints to be taken (as defined in state Criminal Procedure Law). As a result, data in this report does not include arrests of individuals on charges where fingerprints are not required to be taken by police, nor does it include charges or actions brought against a business, corporation or other entity.

Table 1 details the number of statewide arrests for these crimes annually for the five-year period from 2021 through 2025.

Table 1
Arrests for ECL Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2021 to 2025

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		Total	
	Fel	Misd	Fel	Misd	Fel	Misd	Fel	Misd	Fel	Misd	Fel	Misd
New York State	2	1	4	2	1	1	4	0	4	0	15	4
New York City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-New York City	2	1	4	2	1	1	4	0	4	0	15	4

Source: DCJS Computerized Criminal History system (5/15/2026).

Tables 2 through 4 on Pages 3 through 5 detail the outcomes of arrests for Environmental Conservation Law offenses. Disposition data are reported to DCJS by the state Office of Court Administration.

The statewide and regional (New York City and Non-New York City) summaries present the data according to the year in which the final disposition occurred, not the year in which the arrest was made. For example, a 2021 arrest that resulted in a conviction in 2022 is included in the 2022 dispositions. In addition:

- An arrest made for an Environmental Conservation Law offense may result in a conviction to a different crime including those in a different state law, such as the Penal Law.
- An arrest made for a felony or misdemeanor charge may result in a conviction to the same category (felony arrest results in a felony conviction) or a different category of crime (for example, a felony arrest can result in a conviction to a misdemeanor offense).

TABLE 2
NEW YORK STATE
Disposition of ECL Arrests for Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2021 to 2025

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
Fel	Total Dispositions	1	1	1	2	2	7
	Convicted-Sentenced	1	1	0	2	2	6
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Dismissed-Not ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Convictions for:	1	1	0	2	2	6
	Felony	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Misdemeanor	1	0	0	0	2	3
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	1	0	1	0	2
	Sentences to:	1	1	0	2	2	6
	Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jail	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	1	1	2
	Fine	1	1	0	1	1	4
	Cond Discharge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misd	Total Dispositions	3	0	3	0	0	6
	Convicted-Sentenced	2	0	3	0	0	5
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dismissed-Not ACD	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Convictions for:	2	0	3	0	0	5
	Felony	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Misdemeanor	2	0	2	0	0	4
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Sentences to:	2	0	3	0	0	5
	Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jail	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fine	1	0	3	0	0	4
	Cond Discharge	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: DCJS Computerized Criminal History system (5/15/2026).
Includes convictions to felonies, misdemeanors and non-criminal offenses such as violations and infractions.
The regional designation is based on location of the disposition court.

TABLE 3
NEW YORK CITY
Disposition of ECL Arrests for Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2021 to 2025

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
Fel	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-Not ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Convictions for:	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Felony	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sentences to:	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jail	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-Not ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Convictions for:	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Felony	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sentences to:	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jail	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

Source: DCJS Computerized Criminal History system (5/15/2026).
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TABLE 4
NON-NEW YORK CITY
Disposition of ECL Arrests for Hazardous Waste and Waste Disposal Offenses
2021 to 2025

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
Fel	Total Dispositions	1	1	1	2	2	7
	Convicted-Sentenced	1	1	0	2	2	6
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Dismissed-Not ACD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Convictions for:	1	1	0	2	2	6
	Felony	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Misdemeanor	1	0	0	0	2	3
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	1	0	1	0	2
	Sentences to:	1	1	0	2	2	6
	Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jail	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	1	1	2
	Fine	1	1	0	1	1	4
	Cond Discharge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misd	Total Dispositions	3	0	3	0	0	6
	Convicted-Sentenced	2	0	3	0	0	5
	Covered by Another Case	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dismissed-Not ACD	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Convictions for:	2	0	3	0	0	5
	Felony	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Misdemeanor	2	0	2	0	0	4
	Non-Criminal Offenses	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Sentences to:	2	0	3	0	0	5
	Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jail	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Time Served	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fine	1	0	3	0	0	4
	Cond Discharge	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: DCJS Computerized Criminal History system (5/15/2026).
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