New York County, New York

Summary Report: Felony and Misdemeanor Cases
Supreme Court and Criminal Court

ECCM
Effective Criminal
Case Management

Project Overview

The goal of the ECCM project is to discover, document, and disseminate effective criminal case management practices in state trial courts to help reduce delay and cost and improve the quality of justice. More than 90 courts are participating. Case-level information from the most recent 12-month period available was collected from each court for disposed felony and/or misdemeanor cases.

Case Types

Cases were classified into a set of case types determined by the most serious charge at filing.
In order of severity, the case types are:

- Homicide (e.g., murder, manslaughter)
- Person offense (e.g., assault, robbery)
- Property offense (e.g., burglary, larceny)
- Drugs (e.g., manufacture, sale, use)
- Weapons (e.g., illegal possession)
- Driving While Intoxicated (e.g., DUI)
- Other motor vehicle (e.g., reckless driving)
- Legal process (e.g., bail, probation violation)
- Public order (e.g., disorderly conduct, vagrancy)
- Other felony/other misdemeanor

Case Counting Rules

A case is defined as a single defendant and all charges arising from a single incident. The data set includes a single record for each case. For cases involving multiple charges against a single defendant, the data was condensed to produce a single record based on the most serious charge at filing and disposition.

Active Time to Disposition

The recommended measure of case processing time excludes those time periods over the life of a case where the case is out of court control and no progress can be made (inactive time). For criminal cases this typically arises when a defendant fails to appear in court. When possible, we show active time to disposition, calculated by subtracting the inactive time from the total case processing time.

New York Court Description

Population of County (2015): 1,644,518
Population Rank: 20th largest by population of the 3,142 U.S. counties
Type of Court & Data Available: Two-tier/GJ: felony data/LJ: misdemeanor data
Judge Selection: GJ: Partisan election/LJ: Mayoral appointment

Measuring Case Processing Time using the National Model Time Standards

Felonies
90% within 180 days
98% within 365 days
Misdemeanors
90% within 90 days
98% within 180 days

Time standards set expectations for timely case processing and provide a benchmark for assessing court performance. The **National Model Time Standards** (NCSC, 2011) for felony and misdemeanor cases are used here to provide time goals for resolving 90% and 98% of cases. In addition, the *mean* (average) and *median* (midpoint) days to disposition give insight into the more typical time taken to resolve cases. The *overall mean* for all ECCM sites is also included for comparison. When the % of cases within 90/180/365 days are the same, only one value is shown.
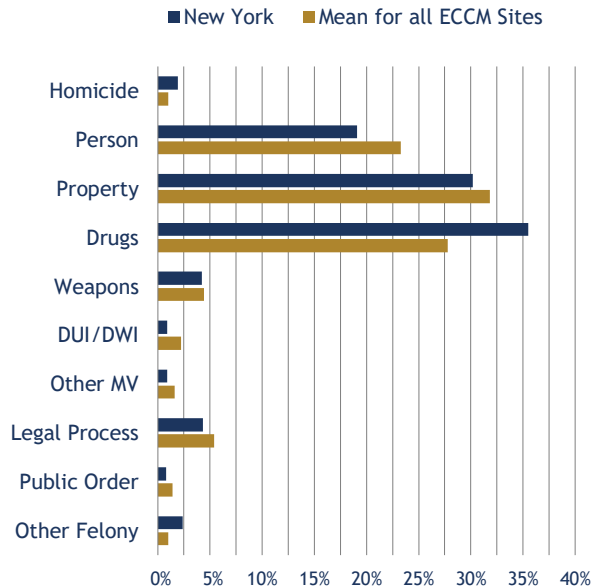
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Supreme Court - Felony Cases

Total Felony Cases: 5,935

Caseload Composition
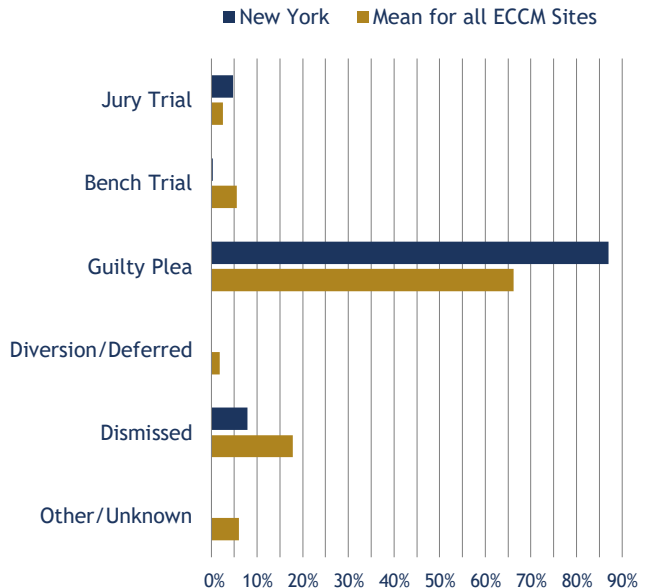
■ New York ■ Mean for all ECCM Sites

Categories (top to bottom): Homicide, Person, Property, Drugs, Weapons, DUI/DWI, Other MV, Legal Process, Public Order, Other Felony

Axis: 0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40%

Manner of Disposition

■ New York ■ Mean for all ECCM Sites

Categories (top to bottom): Jury Trial, Bench Trial, Guilty Plea, Diversion/Deferred, Dismissed, Other/Unknown

Axis: 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90%
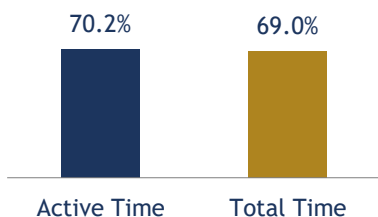
Active Time from Filing to Disposition
All ECCM Sites in New York

County/Site	Total Cases	% within 180 days	% within 365 days	Mean # of days	Median # of days
Bronx	4,591	30%	51%	433	362
Kings	4,026	40%	65%	364	240
New York	5,935	41%	70%	329	226
Queens	3,084	63%	78%	211	45
Richmond	569	71%	85%	152	40
Mean for All ECCM Sites	3,676	63%	86%	213	135

% Disposed within 365 Days
Active Time vs. Total Time

Active Time: 70.2%
Total Time: 69.0%

% Difference between Active and Total Time

1.2% New York

Low: 0%   High: 11%

Range for all ECCM Sites

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% Disposed Within 180 and 365 Days by Case Type (Active Time)

◆ % within 365 days   ● % within 180 days   ▬ % within 365 days all ECCM sites

Disposed Cases: Mean and Median Days by Case Type (Active Time)
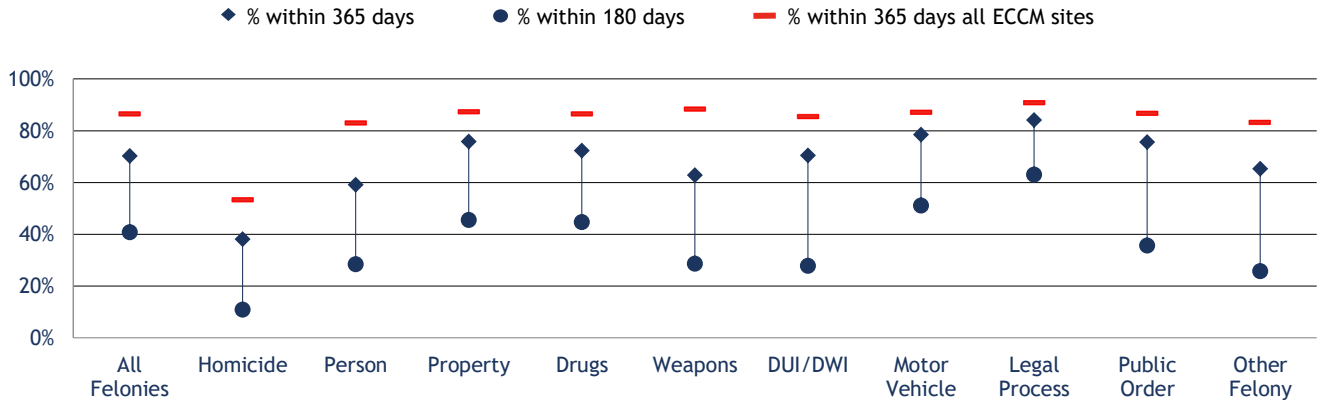
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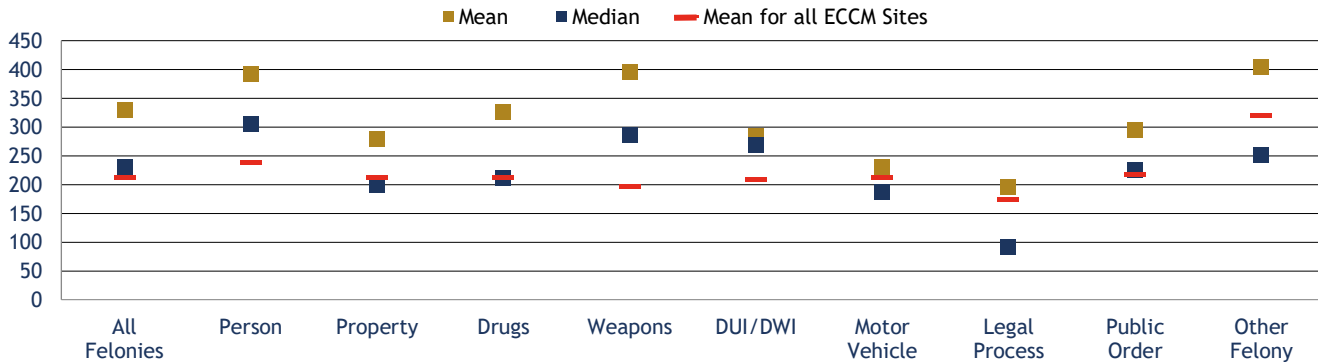
Note: Homicide mean = 692; median = 495. Mean for all ECCM sites = 468.

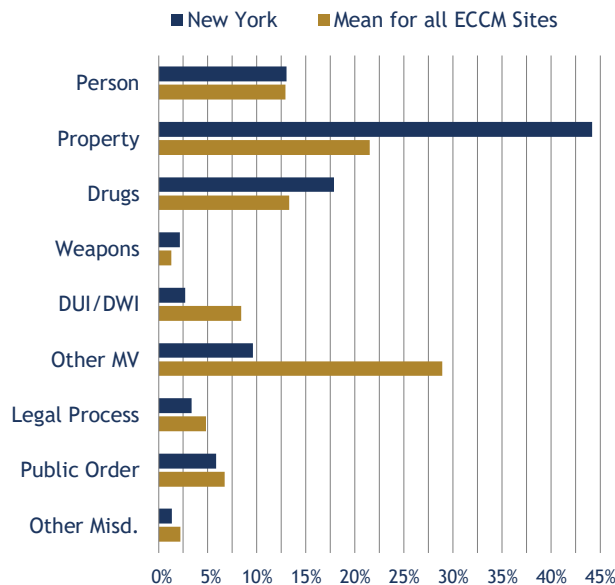### Mean and Median Days by Manner of Disposition (Active Time)
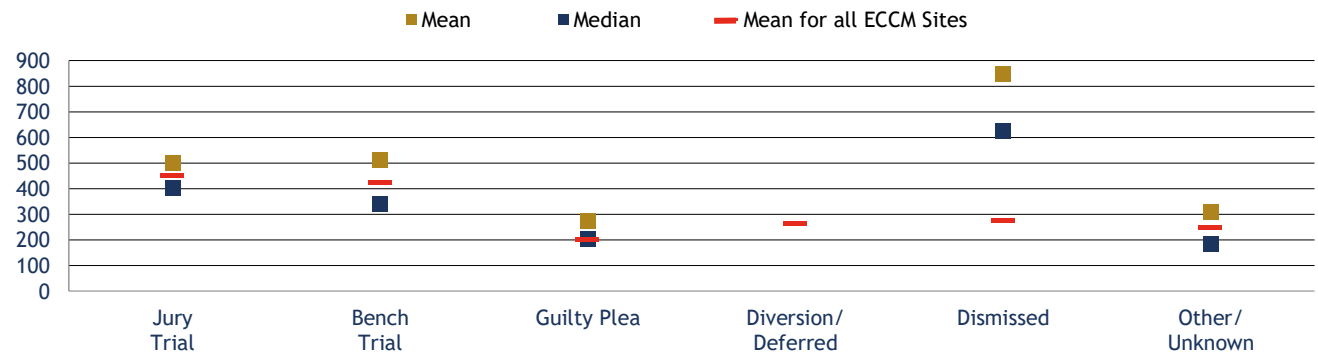
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Criminal Court - Misdemeanor Cases

Total Misdemeanor Cases: 61,843

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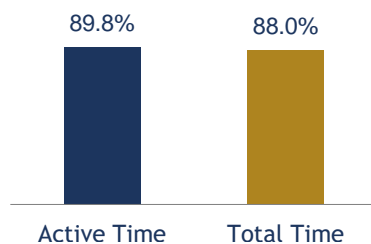
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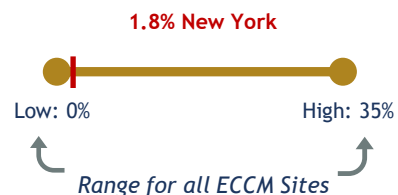

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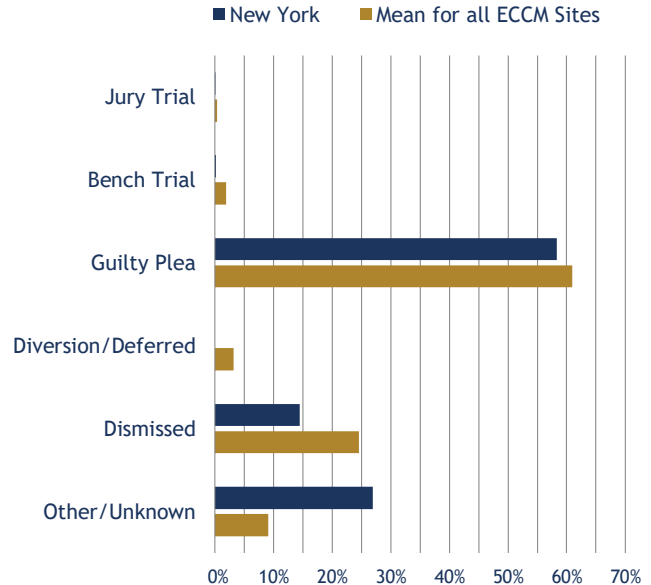
Active Time from Filing to Disposition
All ECCM Sites in New York

County/Site	Total Cases	% within 90 days	% within 180 days	Mean # of days	Median # of days
Bronx	43,445	75%	89%	69	0
Kings	61,738	70%	92%	60	12
New York	61,843	75%	90%	92	0
Queens	46,285	73%	92%	65	27
Richmond	8,518	58%	78%	117	66
Mean for all ECCM Sites	12,186	52%	75%	158	91

% Disposed within 180 Days
Active Time vs. Total Time

89.8% 88.0%

Active Time   Total Time

% Difference between
Active and Total Time

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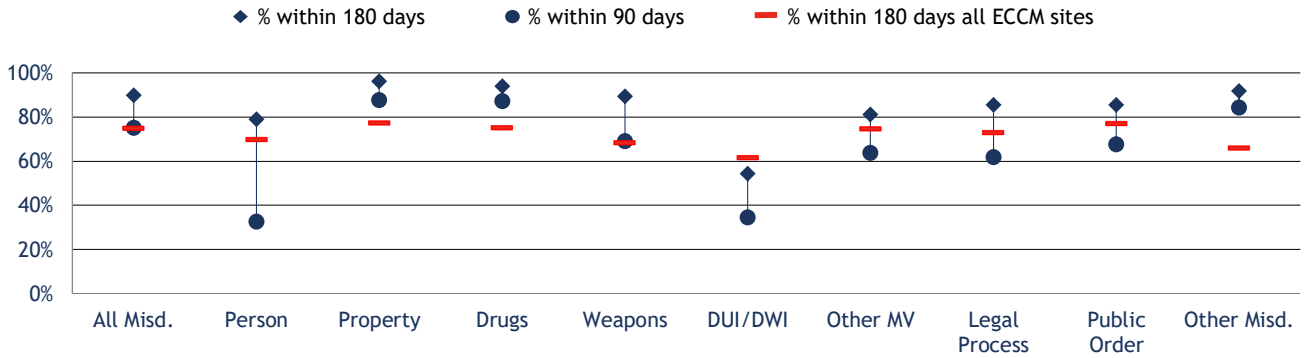
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% Disposed Within 90 and 180 Days by Case Type (Active TIme)

◆ % within 180 days ● % within 90 days ▬ % within 180 days all ECCM sites

Disposed Cases: Mean and Median Days by Case Type (Active Time)

■ Mean ■ Median ▬ Mean for all ECCM Sites

Mean and Median Days by Manner of Disposition (Active Time)

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