

Racial Disparities in the Steuben County Criminal Justice System

Arrests/Sentencing Comparison by Race

2018

- Black people in Steuben County represented 1% of the population, 9% of the arrests, 14% of the felony arrests, and 22% of the people sentenced to prison.
- White people in Steuben County represented 94% of the population, 86% of the arrests, 82% of the felony arrests, and 73% of the people sentenced to prison.

2017

- Black people in Steuben County represented 1% of the population, 9% of the arrests, 13% of the felony arrests, and 24% of the people sentenced to prison.
- White people in Steuben County represented 94% of the population, 88% of the arrests, 85% of the felony arrests, and 73% of the people sentenced to prison.

2016

- Black people in Steuben County represented 1% of the population, 9% of the arrests, 13% of the felony arrests, and 26% of the people sentenced to prison.
- White people in Steuben County represented 94% of the population, 87% of the arrests, 83% of the felony arrests, and 67% of the people sentenced to prison (New York State, Division of Criminal Justice Services, 2020).

Marijuana Arrests 2018

- In New York State in 2018, Black people were 2.6 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana than white people. In Steuben County, Black people were 19.1 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana than white people. Steuben county had the most extreme level of racial disparity in marijuana arrests across the entire state of New York (American Civil Liberties Union, 2020).

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