



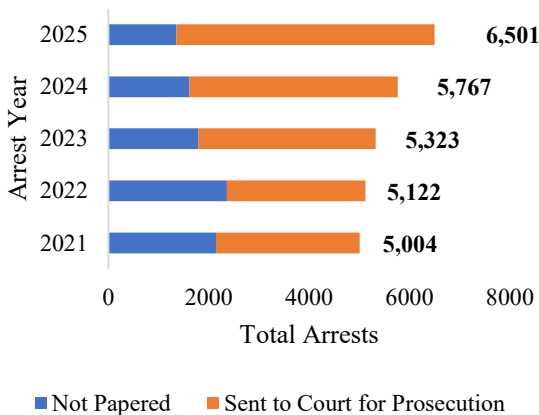
D.C. Sentencing Commission - Fast Facts

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2025 Felony Arrest-to-Sentencing Information

Based on frozen data used in the [Commission's 2025 Annual Report](#)
Data Sources: Metropolitan Police Department and D.C. Superior Court

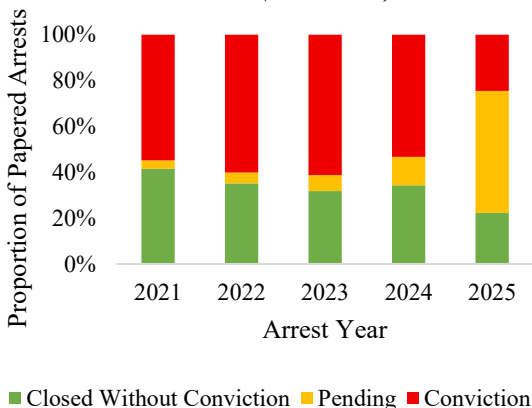
Disposition of Adult Felony Arrests Arrest Level (2021-2025)



D.C. arrests increased **30%** from 2021 to 2025.

Papering rates increased **22 percentage points** over the last five years, from 57% in 2021 to 79% in 2025.

Papered Arrests: Disposition of Filed Cases Case Level (2021-2025)



More than half of cases stemming from arrests made between 2021 and 2024 resulted in a conviction.

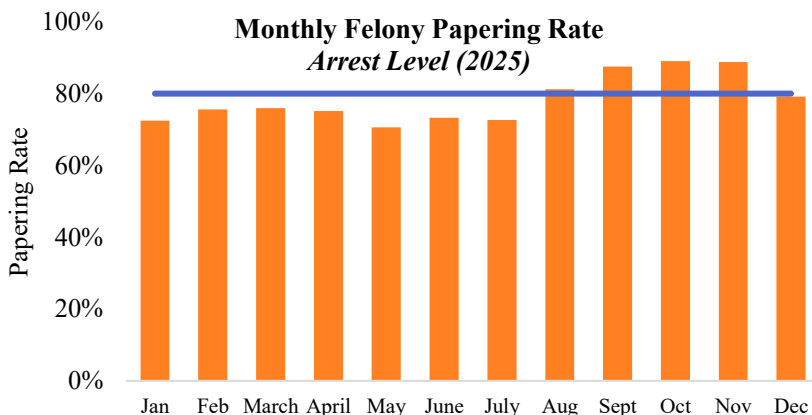
Although 53% of 2025 cases remain pending in the 2025 snapshot, that proportion is expected to be substantially lower by the time the 2026 Annual Report is published.

2025 Arrest Trends

- In 2025, there were **6,501** adult felony arrests in the District of Columbia, a **13%** increase from 2024 (n=5,767), and the greatest number of arrests since the Commission began reporting on arrest trends in 2018.

2025 Papering Trends

- 79%** (n=5,147) of adult felony arrests made in 2025 were papered, meaning the arrest resulted in a prosecuted D.C. Superior Court case.
 - This percentage does not account for cases that were initially not papered and later re-filed or cases transferred to U.S. District Court.
- Approximately **80%** of arrests made between August and November 2025 were papered, contributing significantly to the increased annual papering rate.



Disposition of Filed 2025 Cases

- The **5,147** papered arrests made in 2025 resulted in **5,420** non-fugitive D.C. Superior Court cases.
 - The number of cases filed will rarely match the number of papered arrests; a single arrest can generate multiple court cases, or an arrest may result only in a fugitive case, which is excluded from this analysis.

Papered Arrests: Disposition of Filed Cases Case Level (2025)

