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Ahead of City Council Oversight Hearing, Legal Aid Releases Report Which Shows that Broken Windows Policing Continues to Overwhelmingly Target Communities of Color

In 2021, 91 Percent of the Broken Windows Arrests Reviewed by Legal Aid were of Black, Latinx, and other non-white New Yorkers

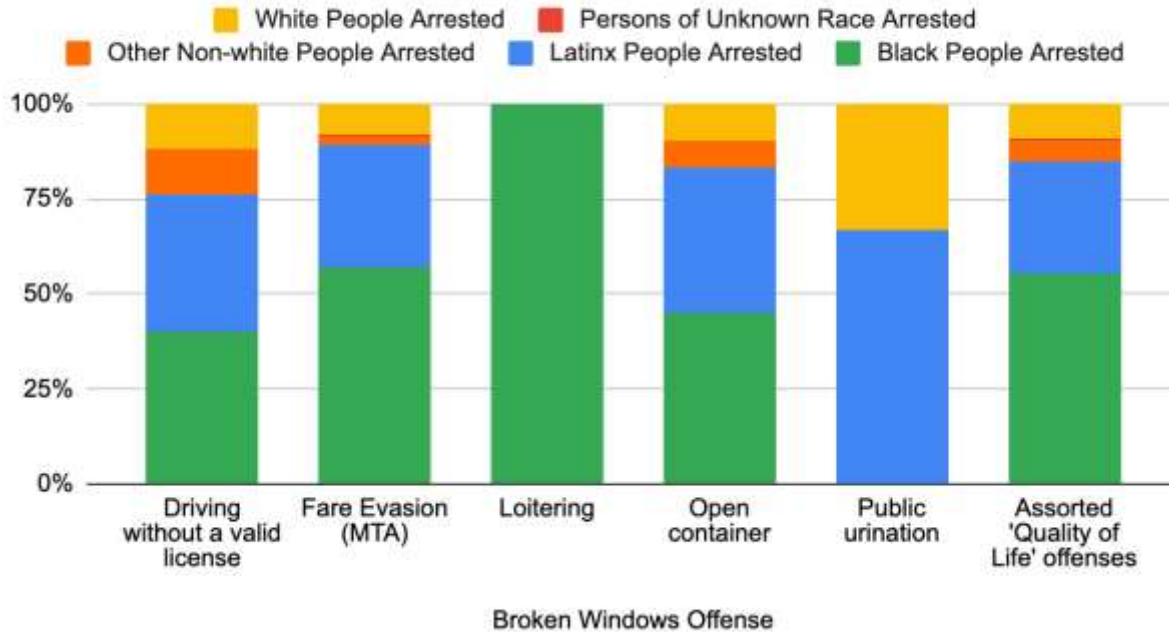
(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society, ahead of a City Council [oversight hearing](#) on Mayor Eric Adams' regressive blueprint to further public safety, released an [analysis](#) of NYPD data which reveals that broken-windows policing continues to target communities of color at a disproportionate rate. According to arrest data from 2021, 91 percent of the 1,524 broken windows arrests reviewed by The Legal Aid Society were of Black, Latinx, and other non-white New Yorkers. The arrests were for charges including driving without a valid license, loitering, MTA fare evasion, open container, public urination, and other assorted broken-windows offenses charged as violations.

Total Broken Windows Arrests Reviewed:

Table 1.

Total Broken Windows arrests reviewed by Legal Aid, 2021		
Race	People Arrested	Percentage
Black, Latinx, and/or other Non-white	1387	91%
Unknown	8	1%
White	129	8%
Total	1524	

NYPD Broken Windows Arrests by Race, 2021



The full report can be found [here](#).

Link to Legal Aid's testimony for today's City Council hearing: <https://tinyurl.com/2nntnanw>.

“The NYPD’s racially disparate broken windows enforcement raises serious concerns about whether the Department can carry out this new Quality of Life Initiative in a lawful manner and without further alienating the residents of predominantly Black and Latinx neighborhoods targeted for the most aggressive enforcement,” said **Molly Griffard, Staff Attorney with the Cop Accountability Project at The Legal Aid Society**. “The NYPD should not be doubling down on this debunked policing strategy that doesn’t make us any safer and only further exacerbates racial disparities in New York’s criminal legal system.”

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