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***City Data: New York City Paid Over \$117 Million in 2025 to Resolve NYPD Misconduct Claims***

***Since 2019, Allegations of NYPD Misconduct Have Cost Taxpayers Nearly \$800 Million***

***Development Comes Amid City Grappling With Multibillion-Dollar Budget Deficit***

(NEW YORK, NY — The Legal Aid Society released an [analysis](#) of [City data](#) finding that New York City taxpayers paid \$117,251,230.82 in 2025 to resolve lawsuits alleging misconduct by members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD). The analysis further details that, since 2019, taxpayers have paid more than \$796 million to resolve such claims.

Total payouts for police misconduct are likely to be substantially higher because this data does not account for matters that were settled with the New York City Comptroller’s office prior to formal litigation.

This analysis comes after Mayor Zohran Mamdani announced that the City is facing a historic budget crisis and grappling with multibillion-dollar deficits.

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Total Lawsuits Disposed</b>	<b>Total Calendar Year Payout</b>
2025	1,044	\$117,251,230.82
2024	980	\$206,472,256.53
2023	811	\$115,852,780.64
2022	973	\$135,404,617.10
2021	753	\$87,405,727.13
2020	929	\$62,103,991.67
2019	1,276	\$71,723,242.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,766</b>	<b>\$796,213,846.51</b>

“New Yorkers are once again paying the price for alleged police misconduct, and the numbers from the full 2025 calendar year make clear that this pattern continues,” said **Jennvine Wong, Supervising Attorney with the Cop Accountability Project at The Legal Aid Society**. “The officers named in the data provided by the

City have collectively cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in settlements, jury awards, and legal fees. In most professions, conduct that repeatedly exposes an employer to that level of financial liability would trigger serious scrutiny and consequences. When meaningful accountability is absent, it reinforces a culture of impunity within the NYPD and further erodes trust among the communities the Department is meant to protect and serve.”

### **Case Examples**

#### [Shakim McKnight v. City of New York, et. al.](#)

Summary: In August 2024, Shakim McKnight filed a civil rights lawsuit against the City of New York stemming from a May 8, 2023, incident in Manhattan. According to the complaint, he was documenting police activity when officers allegedly arrested him without probable cause and used excessive force.

The lawsuit alleged that officers slammed him to the ground, piled on top of him, placed knees on his back, twisted his ankle, and applied excessively tight handcuffs despite complaints of pain. McKnight claimed he was detained for approximately eight hours and charged with offenses that were later dismissed in his favor. The complaint further alleged that false reports were prepared in connection with his arrest.

The filing stated that he suffered serious injuries, including injuries to his eye and wrist, as well as to his neck, back, and ankle; loss of consciousness; and other physical and emotional harm.

He asserted claims for false arrest, excessive force, malicious prosecution, and failure to intervene, among others. According to City data, the case was resolved in October 2025 for \$250,000.

#### [Ismail Abraham v. City of New York, et. al.](#)

Summary: In January 2022, Ismail Abraham was detained and taken to a Brooklyn police precinct for questioning. According to a civil lawsuit he later filed, after he invoked his right to remain silent and requested an attorney, an officer allegedly used force against him while he was in handcuffs, including forcefully grabbing him and striking his head against a metal locker. The complaint states that he was bleeding and was later transported to a hospital, where he received stitches for a facial laceration that he claims left a permanent scar and caused ongoing headaches.

The lawsuit further alleged that officers present failed to intervene and that there was a delay in providing medical attention. It also included claims that the City failed to properly train and supervise its officers. The matter was ultimately resolved last November with a \$100,000 settlement, according to City data.

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