In order to produce a fairer criminal justice system for all New Yorkers, the City worked with District Attorneys and other partners to clear more than 644,000 warrants for minor, non-violent offenses.

**Background on Warrants:**
- There were more than 1.6 million outstanding warrants in New York City.
- Of the outstanding warrants, 1.3 million were for criminal summonses, which included offenses like drinking alcohol in public or littering.
- In 2016, 39% of criminal summonses resulted in warrants, compared to 21% of misdemeanors and 13% of felonies.
- Warrants are typically issued when someone fails to show up to court. An open warrant can lead to an arrest in cases where otherwise the police officer might issue a ticket.

**Warrants over 10 years:**
- Approximately 810,000 of the outstanding warrants were for summonses that were over 10 years old.

**Sources:** Top right chart; NYPD, Totals as of 1.6.16. Bottom; NYPD data as of 1.6.16
• Summons warrants that were over 10 years old were mostly for violations.

• Alcohol in public, disorderly conduct and other administrative code violations were among the highest numbers of warrants that were older than 10 years.

• Four district attorneys, in partnership with the City, have cleared 644,494 summons warrants that were over 10 years old.

![Diagram showing Criminal Summonses 2007-2016]