

Juvenile Justice System Data Breakdown (FY25)

Barnstable County, Massachusetts

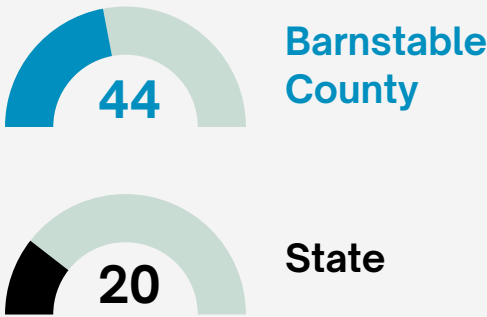
Learn more about juvenile justice data trends in your county and how they compare to the rest of the state

All data is for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025).
For additional data points, check out the OCA’s [Juvenile Justice County Level Data Brief](#).

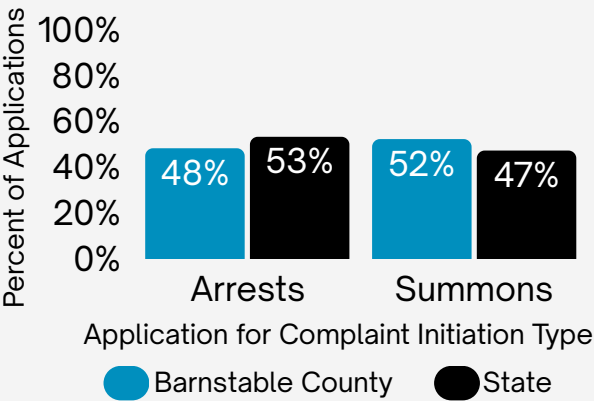
Applications for Complaint

Youth in Barnstable County were referred to the Juvenile Court at more than twice the state rate

Rate of applications for complaint per 1,000 youth



Use of Arrests vs Summons

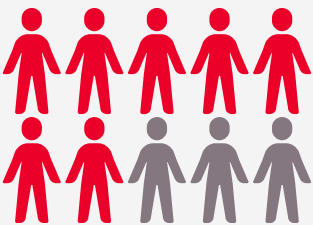


Barnstable County brought youth into the Juvenile Court via arrest and summons at nearly equal rates

Delinquency Filings

Delinquency filing rate on par with the state rate

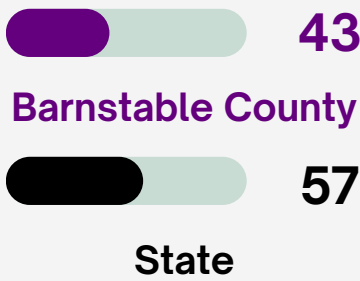
69 out of 100
applications for complaint resulted in a delinquency filing
(state rate: 67 out of 100)



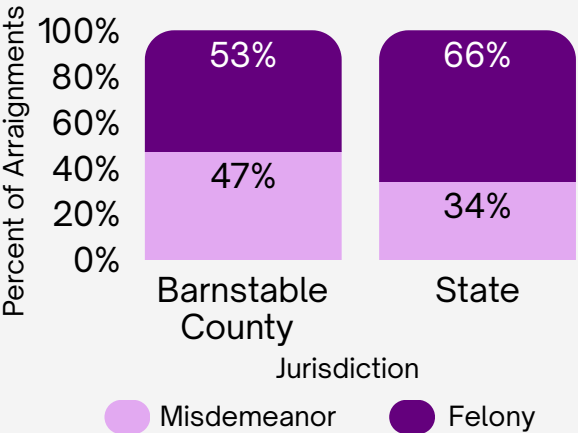
Arraignments

Cases were more frequently diverted or dismissed prior to arraignment in Barnstable County

Rate of arraignments per 100 delinquency filings



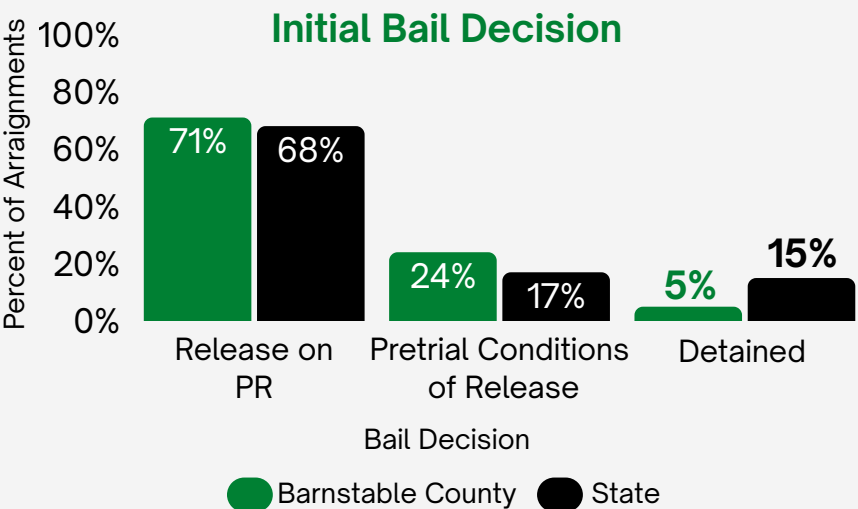
Alleged Offense



A higher share of arraignments (47%) involved an alleged misdemeanor than the state rate (34%)

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

Greater reliance on conditions of release, less use of detention than the state

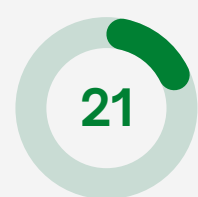


For more on statewide trends, findings, and recommendations, check out the [Juvenile Justice Policy & Data Board’s 2025 Annual Report](#).

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

Pretrial detention was driven by violations of court conditions and bail/PR revocations

Rate of pretrial detention per 100 arraignments



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State

Reason Youth are Held at DYS Pretrial

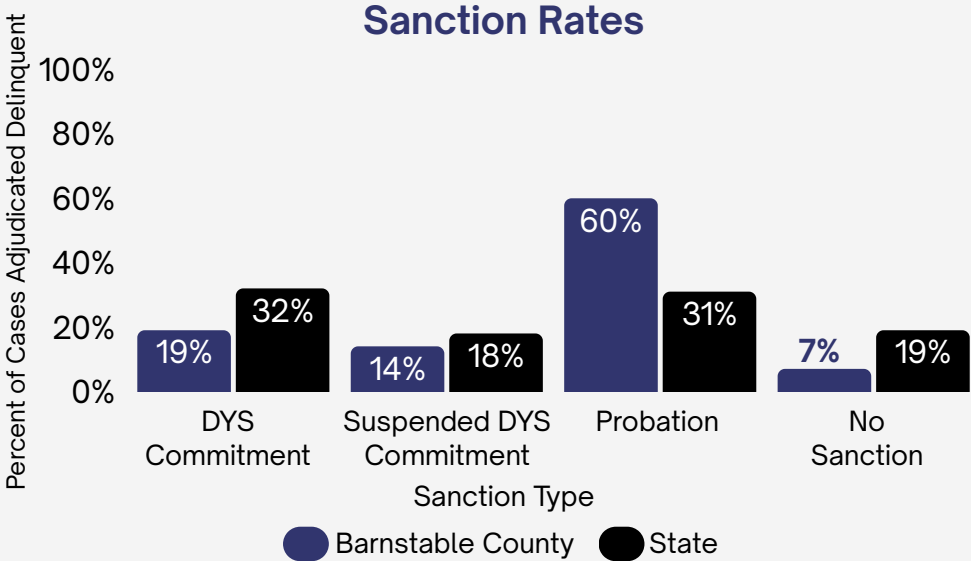
Barnstable County vs. State

Cash bail	8%	vs.	23%
Probation violation hearing	36%	vs.	14%
Bail/PR revoked	41%	vs.	38%
58A Hearing	3%	vs.	15%
Unknown	13%	vs.	11%

Sanctions

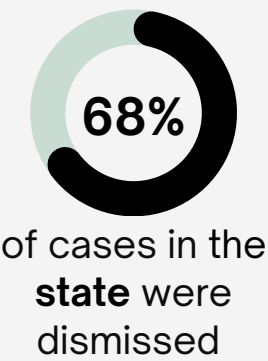
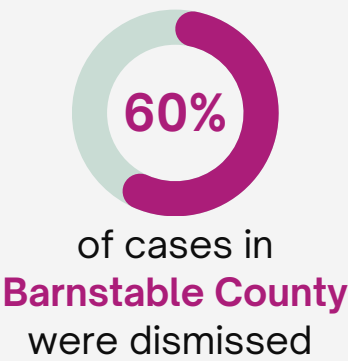
Higher use of probation, lower use of DYS Commitment than the state

Sanction Rates



Case Dismissals

Lower rate of case dismissals than the state rate



Demographic Breakdown

Compared to white youth in Barnstable County...

Black youth were...

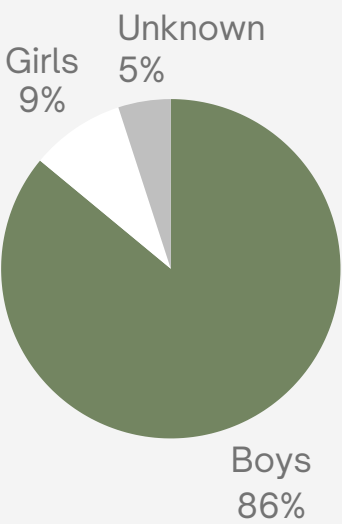
1.5x more likely to be arraigned
(state rate: 1.3x)

Latino/Hispanic youth were...

2.2x more likely to be arraigned
(state rate: 1.2x)

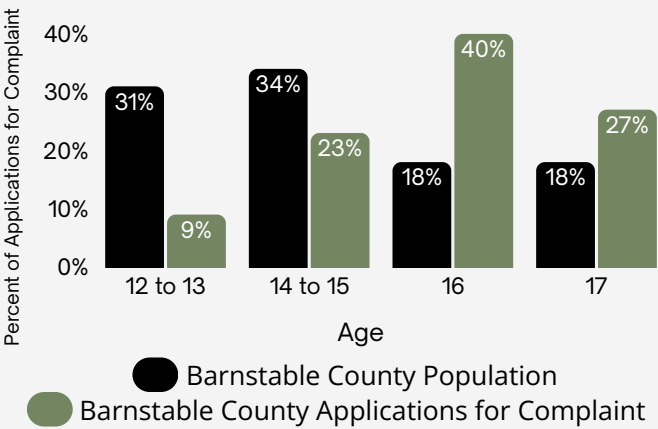
Boys accounted for a larger share of arrests than girls

Arrests, by Gender



Applications for complaint were concentrated in late adolescence

Applications for Complaint by Age



For more on trends in the juvenile justice system, check out the rest of our data brief series [here](#).

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Data Appendix

Process Point	Outcome/Measure	Count	Percent
Applications for Complaint (n=640)*	Applications for Complaint	640*	100%
	Age - 12 to 13	60	9%
	Age - 14 to 15	147	23%
	Age - 16	255	40%
	Age - 17	171	27%
	Summons	332	52%
	Arrests	308	48%
	Gender - Boy	266	86%
	Gender - Girl	27	9%
	Gender - None reported	15	5%
Delinquency Filings (n=439)	Delinquency Filings	439	100%
Arraignments (n=187)	Arraignments	187	100%
	Felony	100	53%
	Misdemeanor	87	47%
	Race/Ethnicity - Black	16	9%
	Race/Ethnicity - Hispanic/Latino	21	11%
	Race/Ethnicity - White	133	71%
	Race/Ethnicity - Another race	11	6%
	Race/Ethnicity - None reported	6	3%
Pretrial Conditions of Release (n=185)** and Detention (n=39)***	Initial Bail Decision	185	100%
	Released on PR****	131	71%
	Detained at Arraignment	9	5%
	Pretrial Conditions of Release (COR)	45	24%
	Pretrial Detention - Held Reason	39	100%
	Cash Bail	3	8%
	Probation violation hearing	14	36%
	Bail/PR revoked	16	41%
	58A Hearing	1	3%
	Unknown	5	13%
Dispositions (n=137) and Dismissals (n=201)	Cases Disposed	137	100%
	Cases Resolved via CWOFF or Adjudicated Not Delinquent	95	69%
	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	42	31%
	Judicial Dismissals	201	100%
Sanctions (n=42)	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	42	100%
	DYS Commitment	8	19%
	Suspended DYS Commitment	6	14%
	Probation	25	60%
	No Sanction	3	7%

*Differences in reporting practices, timing of data extraction, and privacy-related cell suppression may cause the sum of categories to differ slightly from the total counts reported above for each process point. Some percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.

**Conditions of release cases are assigned to either the state Pretrial Unit to be “monitored” or to the local county probation office to be “supervised.” Cases reported here only include the cases assigned to be “supervised” at the local county probation office.

***Youth can also be held for 68A evaluations. Data on 68A evaluations is omitted due to cell suppression.

****Personal recognizance (PR) counts were estimated by subtracting the number of youth detained at initial arraignment and youth placed on condition of release (primarily Category B, and in limited cases, Category A) from the total number of initial detention decisions reported during the year. Therefore, PR counts at the county level may include youth released on Category A conditions.