

Juvenile Justice System Data Breakdown (FY25)

Essex 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](#).

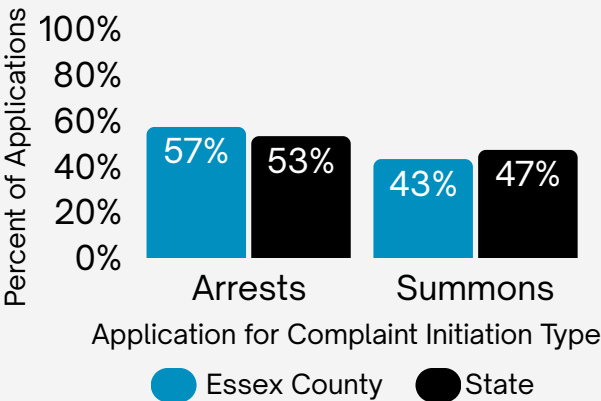
Applications for Complaint

Rate of applications for complaint equal to the state rate

Rate of applications for complaint per 1,000 youth



Use of Arrests vs Summons



Essex County brought youth into the Juvenile Court via arrest more than summons

Delinquency Filings

Highest rate of delinquency filings in the state

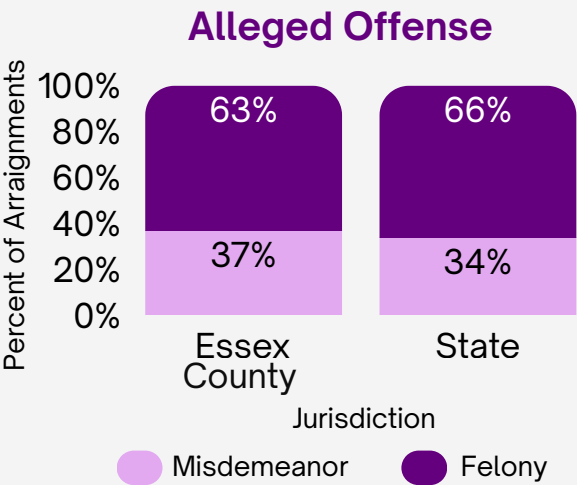
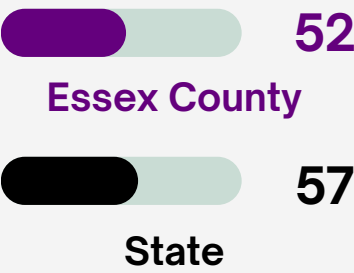
84 out of 100
applications for complaint resulted in a delinquency filing
(state rate: 67 out of 100)



Arraignments

Cases were diverted or dismissed prior to arraignment at slightly higher rates in Essex County, despite a high delinquency filing rate

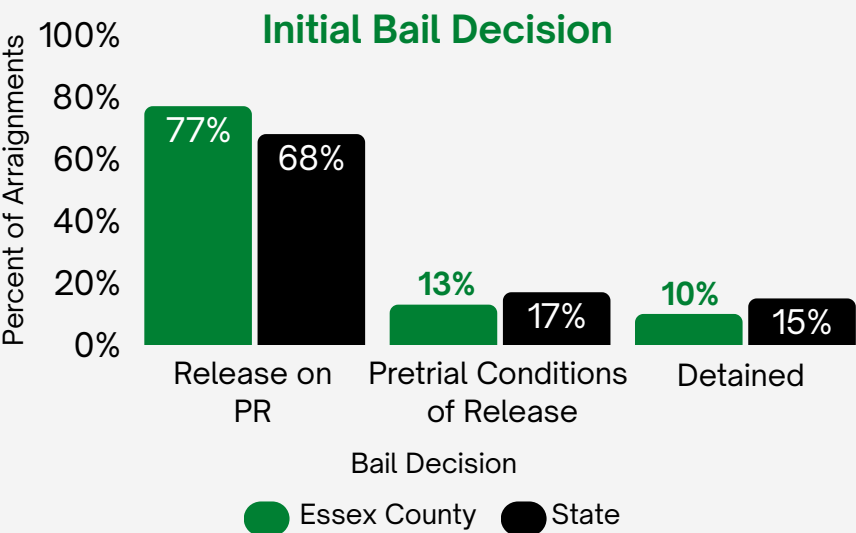
Rate of arraignments per 100 delinquency filings



Most arraignments (63%) involved an alleged **felony**, slightly lower than the state rate (66%)

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

Greater reliance on personal recognizance (PR), lower use of detention than the state

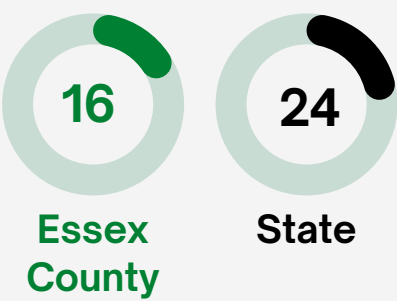


For more on statewide trends, findings, and recommendations, check out the [Juvenile Justice Policy & Data Board's 2025 Annual Report](#).

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

Pretrial detention was driven by bail/PR revocations and 58A Hearings

Rate of pretrial detention per 100 arraignments

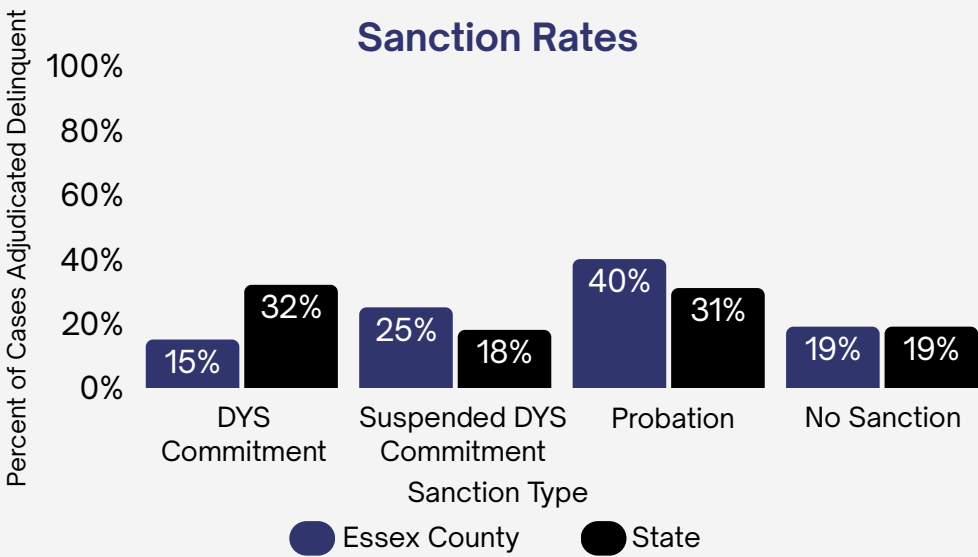


Reason Youth are Held at DYS Pretrial

Essex County vs. State			
Cash bail	5%	vs.	23%
Probation violation hearing	18%	vs.	14%
Bail/PR revoked	38%	vs.	38%
58A Hearing	21%	vs.	15%
Unknown	19%	vs.	11%

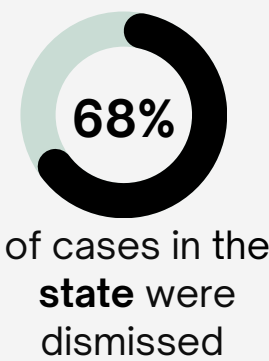
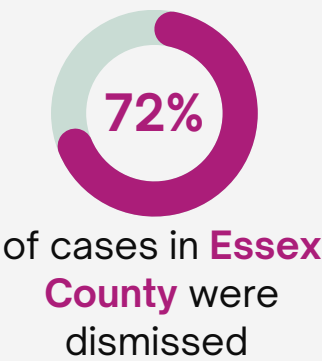
Sanctions

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



Case Dismissals

Higher rate of case dismissals than the state rate



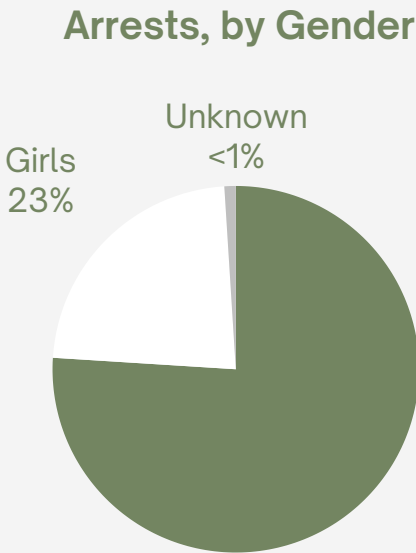
Demographic Breakdown

Compared to white youth in Essex County....

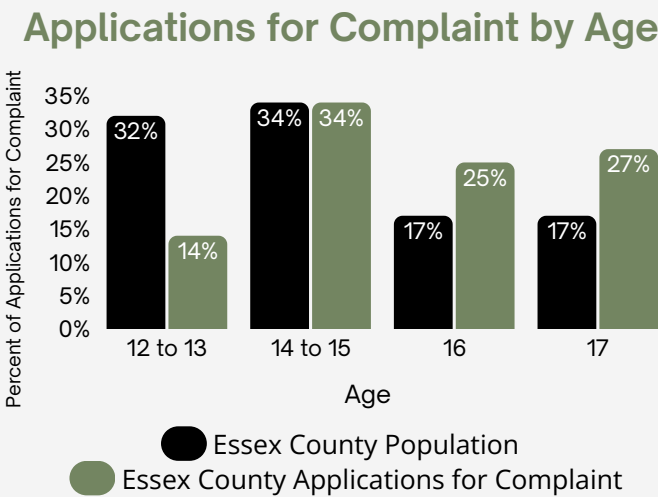
Black youth were... **3.2x** more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 4.2x)

Latino/Hispanic youth were... **1.7x** more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 2.7x)

Boys accounted for a larger share of arrests than girls



Applications for complaint were concentrated in mid to late adolescence



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=1,164)	Applications for Complaint	1,164*	100%
	Age - 12 to 13	160	14%
	Age - 14 to 15	390	34%
	Age - 16	290	25%
	Age - 17	305	27%
	Summons	506	43%
	Arrests	658	57%*
	Gender - Boy	501	76%
	Gender - Girl	154	23%
	Gender - None reported	3	<1%
	Race/Ethnicity - Black	79	12%
	Race/Ethnicity - Hispanic/Latino	253	38%
	Race/Ethnicity - White	258	39%
	Race/Ethnicity - Another race	24	4%
	Race/Ethnicity - None reported	44	7%
Delinquency Filings (n=975)	Delinquency Filings	975	100%
Arraignments (n=505)	Arraignments	505	100%
	Felony	317	63%
	Misdemeanor	188	37%
Pretrial Conditions of Release (n=495)** and Detention (n=80)***	Initial Bail Decision	495	100%
	Released on PR****	381	77%
	Detained at Arraignment	48	10%
	Pretrial Conditions of Release (COR)	66	13%
	Pretrial Detention - Held Reason	80	100%
	Cash Bail	4	5%
	Probation violation hearing	14	18%
	Bail/PR revoked	30	38%
	58A Hearing	17	21%
	Unknown	15	19%
Dispositions (n=267) and Dismissals (n=679)	Cases Disposed	267	100%
	Cases Resolved via CWO or Adjudicated Not Delinquent	195	73%
	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	72	27%
	Judicial Dismissals	679	100%
Sanctions (n=72)	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	72	100%*
	DYS Commitment	11	15%
	Suspended DYS Commitment	18	25%
	Probation	29	40%
	No Sanction	14	19%

*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.