

Juvenile Justice System Data Breakdown (FY25)

Middlesex County, Massachusetts

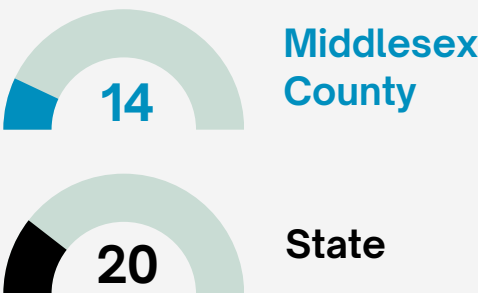
Learn more about juvenile justice data trends in your county and how they compare to the rest of the state

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](#).

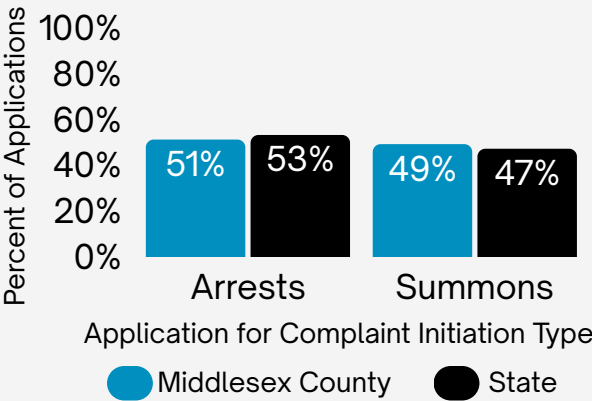
Applications for Complaint

Lower rate of applications for complaint than the state rate

Rate of applications for complaint per 1,000 youth



Use of Arrests vs Summons



Middlesex 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

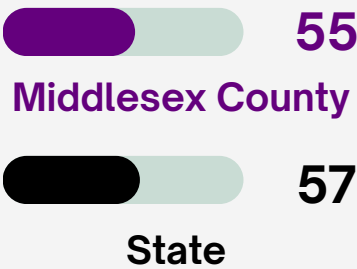
64 out of 100
applications for complaint resulted in a delinquency filing
(state rate: 67 out of 100)



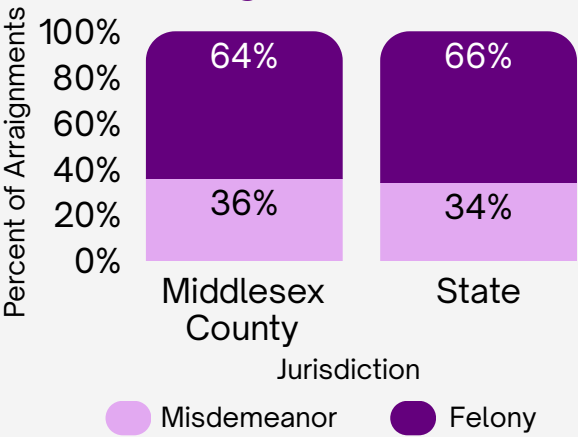
Arraignments

A similar rate of filings were arraigned in Middlesex County as across the state

Rate of arraignments per 100 delinquency filings



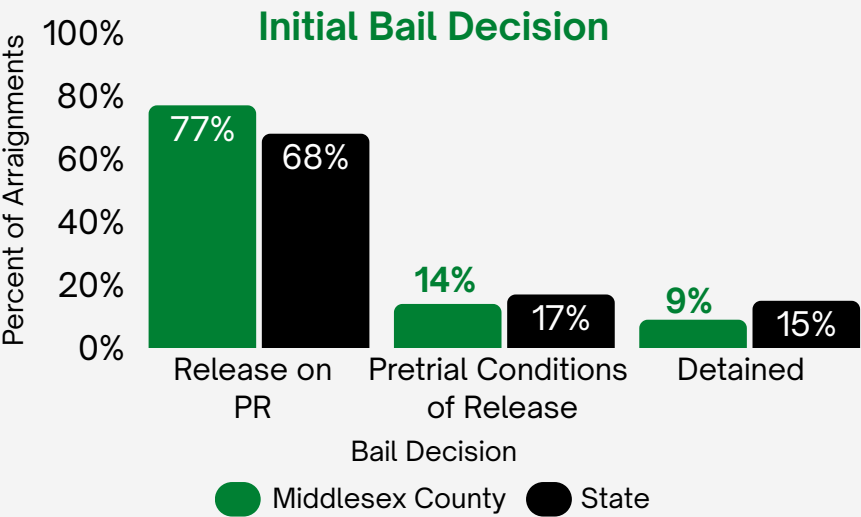
Alleged Offense



The distribution of arraignments by offense severity was in line with the state

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

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

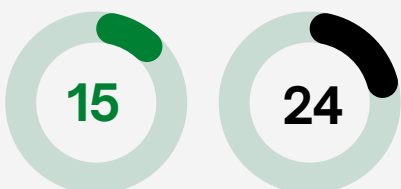


For more on statewide trends, findings, and recommendations, check out the [Juvenile Justice Policy & Data Board's 2025 Annual Report](#).

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

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

Rate of pretrial detention per 100 arraignments



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State

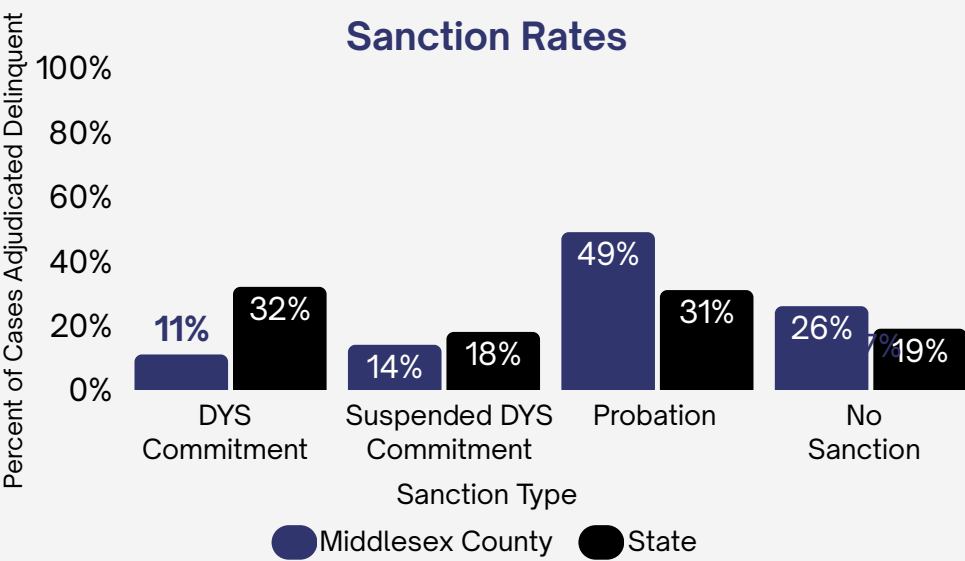
Reason Youth are Held at DYS Pretrial
Middlesex County vs. State

Cash bail	10%	vs.	23%
Probation violation hearing	15%	vs.	14%
Bail/PR revoked	24%	vs.	38%
58A Hearing	30%	vs.	15%
Unknown	21%	vs.	11%

Sanctions

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

Sanction Rates

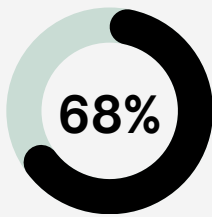


Case Dismissals

Higher rate of case dismissals than the state rate



of cases in
Middlesex County
were dismissed



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Demographic Breakdown

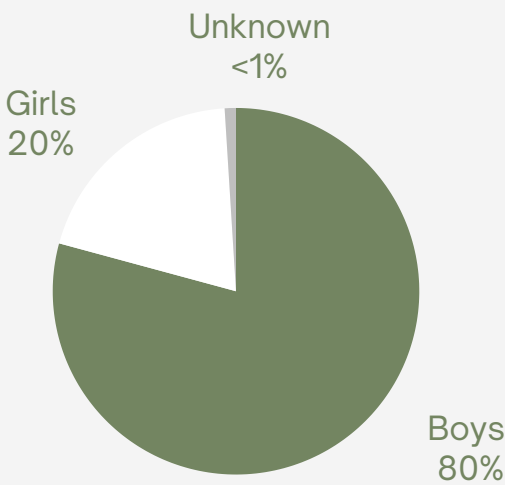
Compared to white youth in Middlesex County....

Black youth were...
4.8x more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 4.2x)

Latino/Hispanic youth were...
5.8x more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 2.7x)

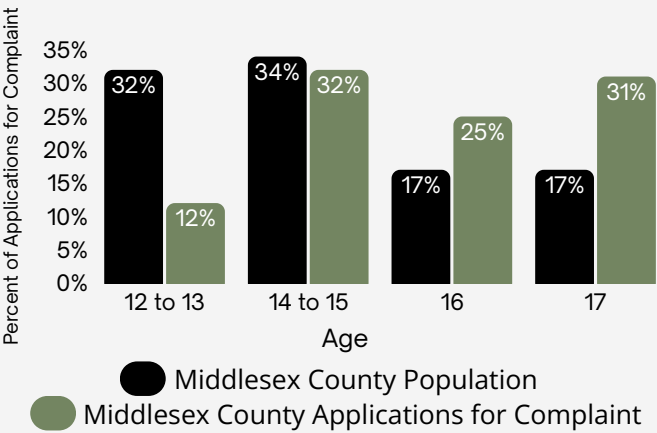
Boys accounted for a larger share of arrests than girls

Arrests, by Gender



Applications for complaint were concentrated in mid to late adolescence

Applications for Complaint by Age



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Data Appendix			
Process Point	Outcome/Measure	Count	Percent
Applications for Complaint (n=1,521)*	Applications for Complaint	1,521*	100%
	Age - 12 to 13	176	12%
	Age - 14 to 15	473	32%
	Age - 16	375	25%
	Age - 17	464	31%
	Summons	744	49%
	Arrests	777	51%
	Gender - Boy	623	80%
	Gender - Girl	152	20%
	Gender - None reported	2	<1%
	Race/Ethnicity - Black	139	18%
	Race/Ethnicity - Hispanic/Latino	286	37%
	Race/Ethnicity - White	260	33%
	Race/Ethnicity - Another race	55	7%
	Race/Ethnicity - None reported	37	5%
Delinquency Filings (n=971)	Delinquency Filings	971	100%
Arraignments (n=530)	Arraignments	530	100%
	Felony	337	64%
	Misdemeanor	193	36%
Pretrial Conditions of Release (n=513)** and Detention (n=82)***	Initial Bail Decision	513	100%
	Released on PR****	394	77%
	Detained at Arraignment	48	9%
	Pretrial Conditions of Release (COR)	71	14%
	Pretrial Detention - Held Reason	82	100%
	Cash Bail	8	10%
	Probation violation hearing	12	15%
	Bail/PR revoked	20	24%
	58A Hearing	25	30%
	Unknown	17	21%
Dispositions (n=189) and Dismissals (n=667)	Cases Disposed	189	100%
	Cases Resolved via CWOFF or Adjudicated Not Delinquent	104	55%
	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	85	45%
	Judicial Dismissals	667	100%
Sanctions (n=85)	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	85	100%
	DYS Commitment	9	11%
	Suspended DYS Commitment	12	14%
	Probation	42	49%
	No Sanction	22	26%

*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.