

Juvenile Justice System Data Breakdown (FY25)

Norfolk County, Massachusetts

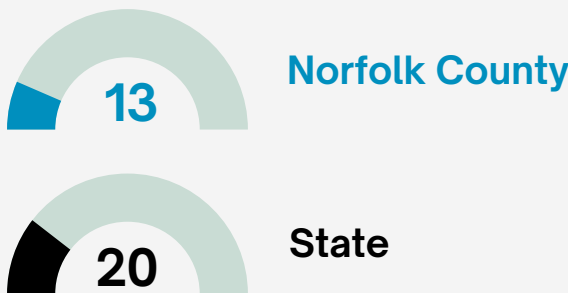
Learn more about juvenile justice data trends in your county and how they compare to the rest of the state

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](#).

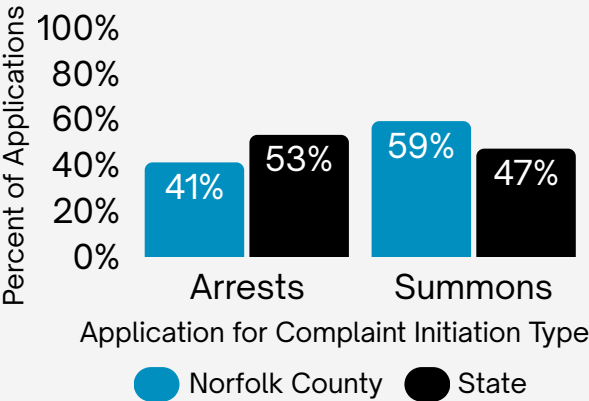
Applications for Complaint

Lower rate of applications for complaint than the state rate

Rate of applications for complaint per 1,000 youth



Use of Arrests vs Summons

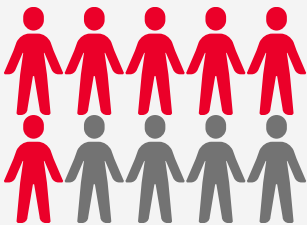


Norfolk County brought youth into the Juvenile Court via summons more than arrests

Delinquency Filings

Lower rate of delinquency filings than the state rate

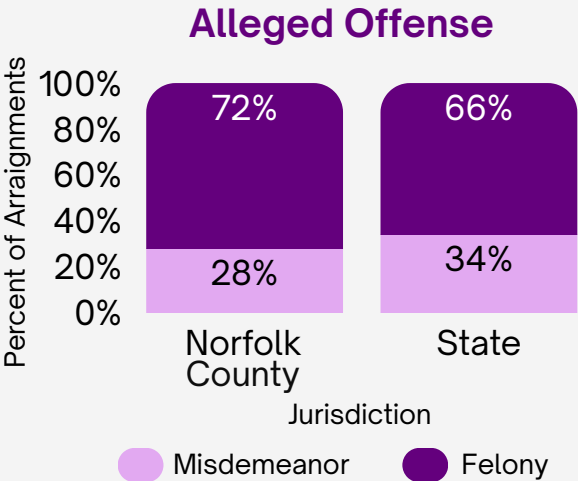
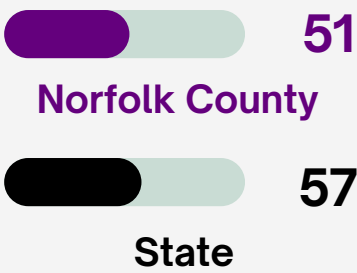
61 out of 100
applications for complaint resulted in a delinquency filing
(state rate: 67 out of 100)



Arraignments

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

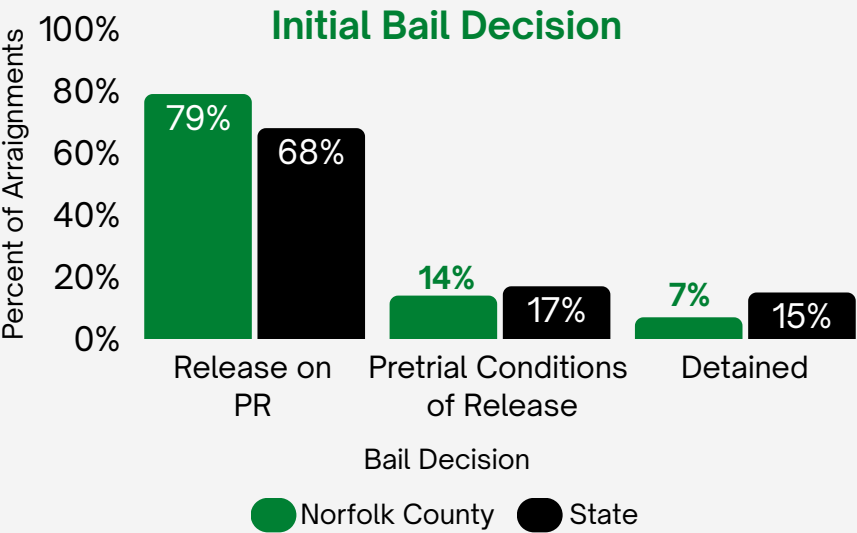
Rate of arraignments per 100 delinquency filings



Most arraignments (72%) involved an alleged **felony**, higher than the state rate (66%)

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

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

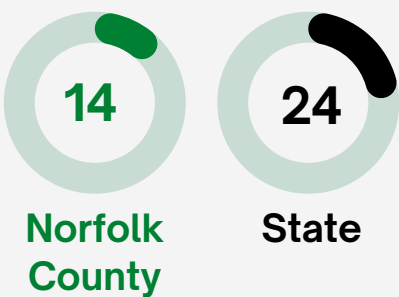


For more on statewide trends, findings, and recommendations, check out the [Juvenile Justice Policy & Data Board’s 2025 Annual Report](#).

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

Pretrial detention was driven by violations of court conditions and 58A Hearings

Rate of pretrial detention per 100 arraignments



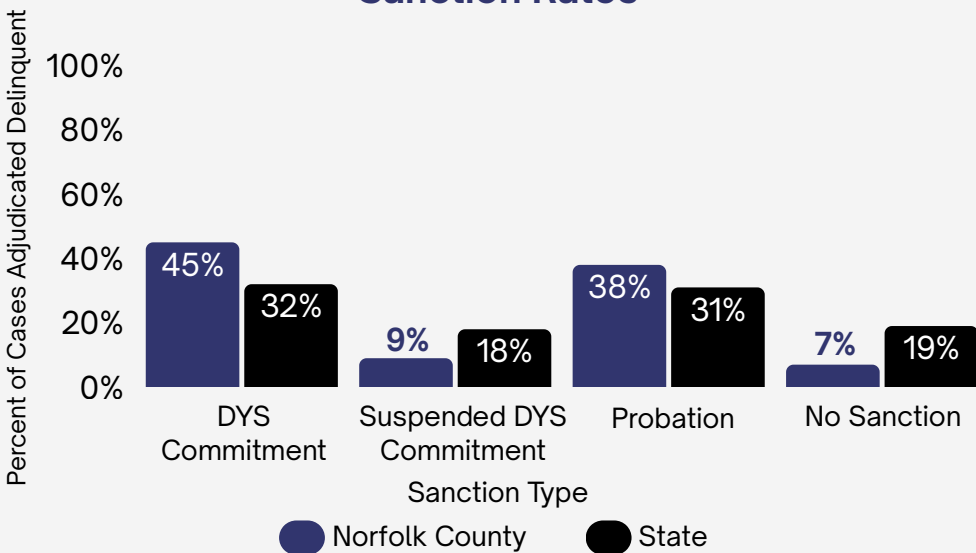
Reason Youth are Held at DYS Pretrial
Norfolk County vs. State

Cash bail	10%	vs.	23%
Probation violation hearing	10%	vs.	14%
Bail/PR revoked	37%	vs.	38%
58A Hearing	23%	vs.	15%
Unknown	20%	vs.	11%

Sanctions

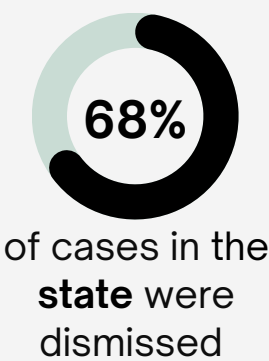
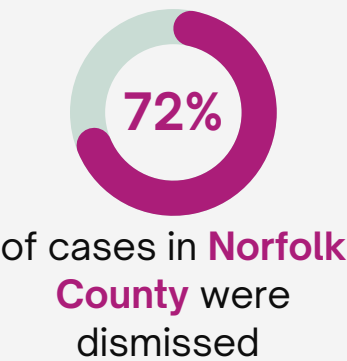
Higher use of commitment and probation than the state

Sanction Rates



Case Dismissals

Higher rate of case dismissals than the state rate



Demographic Breakdown

Compared to white youth in Norfolk County....

Black youth were...

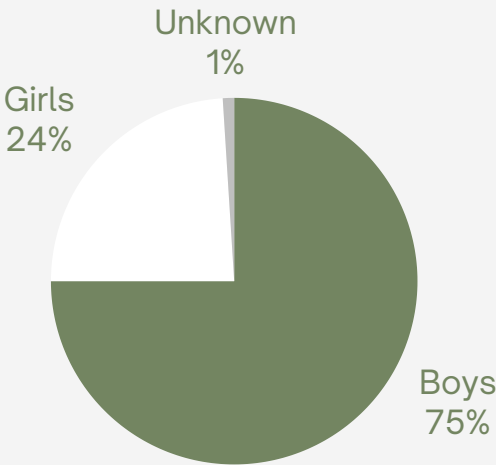
6.6x more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 4.2x)

Latino/Hispanic youth were...

5.8x more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 2.7x)

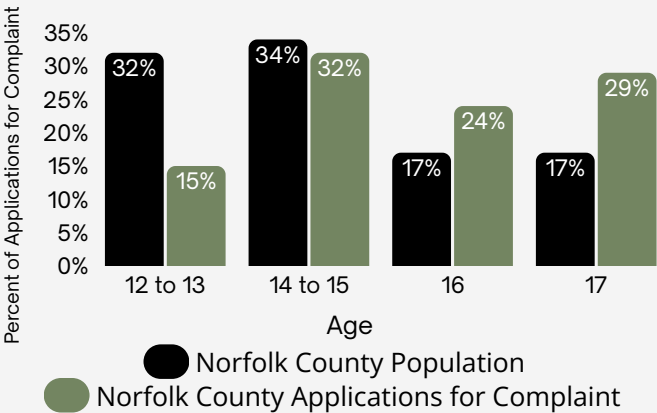
The arrest rate for girls is higher than the rest of the state, despite a smaller base county population of girls

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=702)	Applications for Complaint	702*	100%
	Age - 12 to 13	106	15%
	Age - 14 to 15	221	32%
	Age - 16	162	24%
	Age - 17	198	29%
	Summons	414	59%
	Arrests	288*	41%
	Gender - Boy	218	75%
	Gender - Girl	68	24%
	Gender - None reported	3	1%
	Race/Ethnicity - Black	92	32%
	Race/Ethnicity - Hispanic/Latino	61	21%
	Race/Ethnicity - White	99	34%
	Race/Ethnicity - Another race	12	4%
	Race/Ethnicity - None reported	24	8%
Delinquency Filings (n=429)	Delinquency Filings	429	100%
Arraignments (n=220)	Arraignments	220	100%
	Felony	159	72%
	Misdemeanor	61	28%
Pretrial Conditions of Release (n=215)** and Detention (n=30)***	Initial Bail Decision	215	100%
	Released on PR****	170	79%
	Detained at Arraignment	14	7%
	Pretrial Conditions of Release (COR)	31	14%
	Pretrial Detention - Held Reason	30	100%
	Cash Bail	3	10%
	Probation violation hearing	3	10%
	Bail/PR revoked	11	37%
	58A Hearing	7	23%
	Unknown	6	20%
Dispositions (n=130) and Dismissals (n=340)	Cases Disposed	130	100%
	Cases Resolved via CWOFF or Adjudicated Not Delinquent	75	58%
	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	55	42%
	Judicial Dismissals	340	100%
Sanctions (n=55)	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	55	100%*
	DYS Commitment	25	45%
	Suspended DYS Commitment	5	9%
	Probation	21	38%
	No Sanction	4	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.