

Juvenile Justice System Data Breakdown (FY25)

Suffolk County, Massachusetts

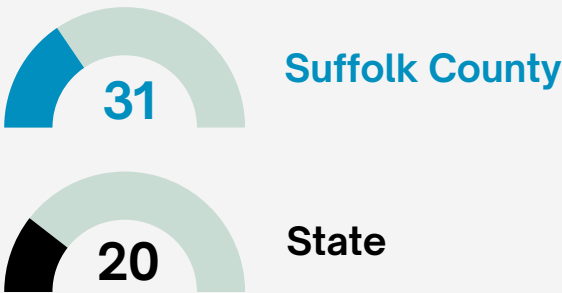
Learn more about juvenile justice data trends in your county and how they compare to the rest of the state

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](#).

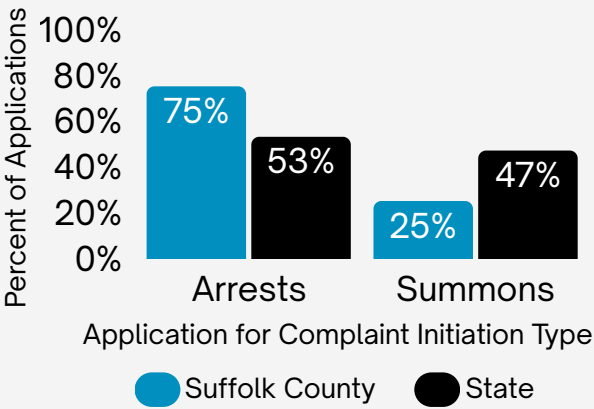
Applications for Complaint

Youth in Suffolk County were referred to the Juvenile Court at nearly 1.5 times the state rate

Rate of applications for complaint per 1,000 youth



Use of Arrests vs Summons

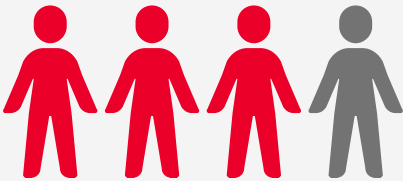


Suffolk County brought youth into the Juvenile Court via arrest far more often than the rest of the state

Delinquency Filings

Higher rate of delinquency filings than the state rate

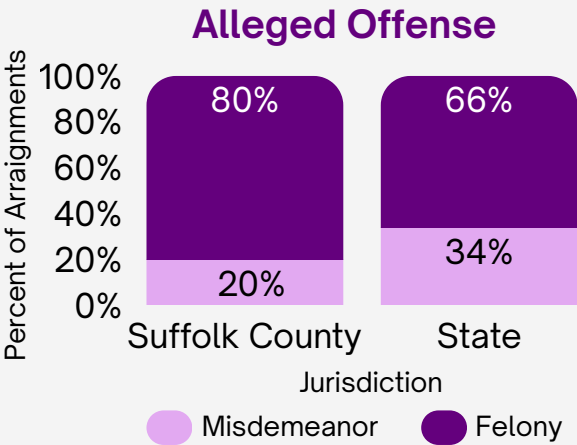
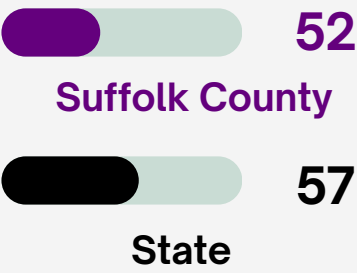
75 out of 100
applications for complaint resulted in a delinquency filing
(state rate: 67 out of 100)



Arraignments

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

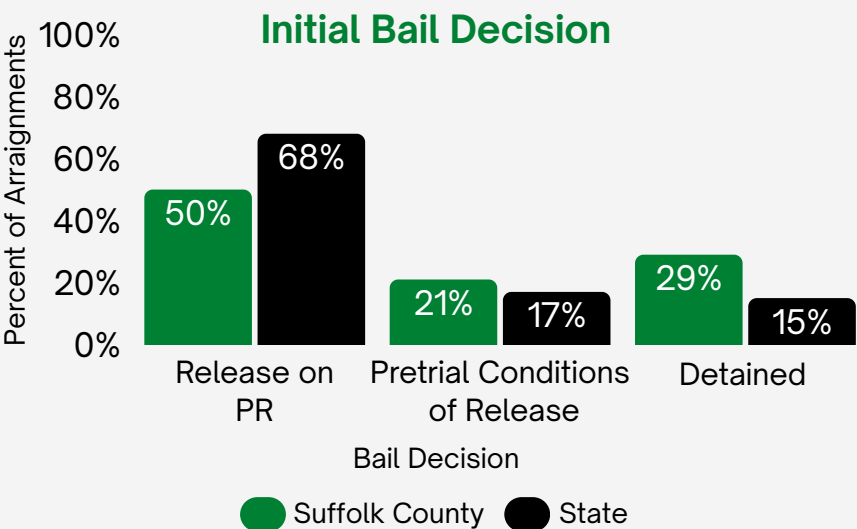
Rate of arraignments per 100 delinquency filings



Most arraignments (80%) involved an alleged **felony**, higher than the state rate (66%)

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

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

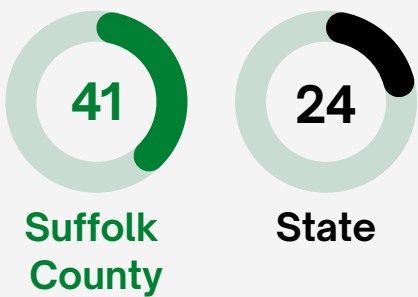


For more on statewide trends, findings, and recommendations, check out the Juvenile Justice Policy & Data Board's 2025 Annual Report ([LINK](#)).

Pretrial Conditions of Release and Detention

Higher rate of pretrial detention, largely driven by cash bail and revocations of bail/PR

Rate of pretrial detention per 100 arraignments

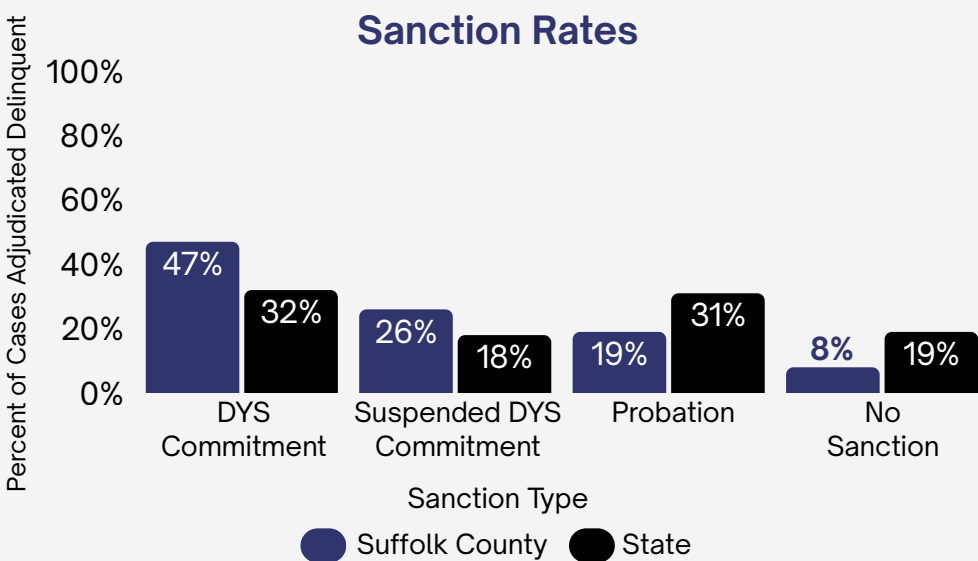


Reason Youth are Held at DYS Pretrial
Suffolk County vs. State

Cash bail	37%	vs.	23%
Probation violation hearing	11%	vs.	14%
Bail/PR revoked	31%	vs.	38%
58A Hearing	14%	vs.	15%
Unknown	8%	vs.	11%

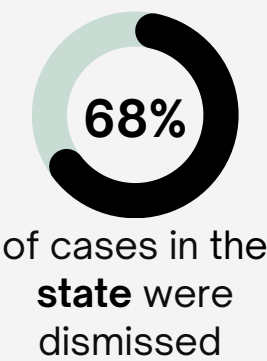
Sanctions

Of youth who were adjudicated delinquent, nearly half (47%) were committed to DYS



Case Dismissals

Higher rate of case dismissals than the state rate



Demographic Breakdown

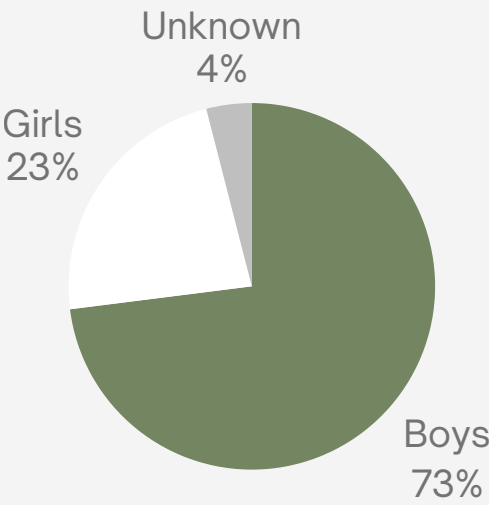
Compared to white youth in Suffolk County....

Black youth were...
3.5x more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 4.2x)

Latino/Hispanic youth were...
1.3x more likely to be arrested
(state rate: 2.7x)

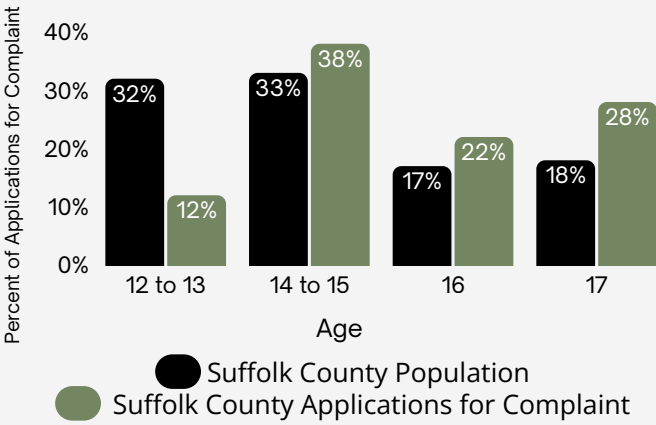
Boys accounted for a larger share of arrests than girls

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=1,218)	Applications for Complaint	1,218*	100%
	Age - 12 to 13	140	12%
	Age - 14 to 15	455	38%
	Age - 16	267	22%
	Age - 17	340	28%
	Summons	310	25%
	Arrests	909	75%
	Gender - Boy	662	73%
	Gender - Girl	212	23%
	Gender - None reported	35	4%
	Race/Ethnicity - Black	423	47%
	Race/Ethnicity - Hispanic/Latino	217	24%
	Race/Ethnicity - White	112	12%
	Race/Ethnicity - Another race	11	1%
	Race/Ethnicity - None reported	146	16%
Delinquency Filings (n=912)	Delinquency Filings	912	100%
Arraignments (n=478)	Arraignments	478	100%
	Felony	384	80%
	Misdemeanor	94	20%
Pretrial Conditions of Release (n=478)** and Detention (n=197)***	Initial Bail Decision	478*	100%
	Released on PR****	238	50%
	Detained at Arraignment	139	29%
	Pretrial Conditions of Release (COR)	100	21%
	Pretrial Detention - Held Reason	197	100%
	Cash Bail	72	37%
	Probation violation hearing	21	11%
	Bail/PR revoked	61	31%
	58A Hearing	27	14%
	Unknown	16	8%
Dispositions (n=124) and Dismissals (n=887)	Cases Disposed	124	100%
	Cases Resolved via CWO or Adjudicated Not Delinquent	62	50%
	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	62	50%
	Judicial Dismissals	887	100%
Sanctions (n=62)	Cases Adjudicated Delinquent	62	100%
	DYS Commitment	29	47%
	Suspended DYS Commitment	16	26%
	Probation	12	19%
	No Sanction	5	8%

*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.