

Middlesex County Juvenile Court

Lowell, Massachusetts

State Structure

Delinquency services in Massachusetts are organized at the both the state and local level. Secure detention and state commitments are both administered by the Department of Youth Services (DYS) within the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services, a state-level executive agency. Community supervision is administered by the Office of Commissioner of Probation a state judicial agency, across 11 local divisions. Aftercare services for youth leaving state facilities are administered at both the state and local level by either DHS or local juvenile courts.

Upper, Lower, and Extended Age of Jurisdiction

	Delinquency			Status (CHINS*)	
State	Lower age	Upper age	Extended age	Lower age	Upper age
Massachusetts	7	16	20	6	17

*children in need of services

Status Offenses

In Massachusetts, running away from home, repeatedly disobeying the lawful commands of a parent or guardian, truancy, and failing to obey school regulations are status offense behaviors. Status offense cases are classified as children in need of service. The juvenile court has jurisdiction over status offenders and delinquents.

Yearly Case Count

County	2010 Population Estimates			Delinquency		Status		Dependency
	Total	10 Through Upper Age	0 Through Upper Age	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned
Middlesex	1,505,700	128,000	301,000	3,207	--	648	--	397

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts

1. Delinquency figures are complaints disposed and include motor vehicle violations.
2. Status figures are petitions disposed.
3. Dependency figures are cases disposed.
4. A charge is a single count alleged in a juvenile complaint

School Districts (56)

Acton School District	Bedford School District	Concord School District	Groton-Dunstable School District
Acton-Boxborough School District	Belmont School District	Concord-Carlisle School District	Holliston School District
Arlington School District	Billerica School District	Dover-Sherborn School District	Hopkinton School District
Ashland School District	Boxborough School District	Dracut School District	Hudson School District
Ayer School District	Burlington School District	Everett School District	Lexington School District
Ayer/Lunenburg School Districts in Shirley	Cambridge School District	Framingham School District	Lincoln School District
	Carlisle School District		
	Chelmsford School District		

Lincoln-Sudbury School District	Melrose School District	Sherborn School District	Waltham School District
Littleton School District	Nashoba School District	Shirley School District	Watertown School District
Lowell School District	Natick School District	Somerville School District	Wayland School District
Malden School District	Newton School District	Stoneham School District	Westford School District
Marlborough School District	North Middlesex School District	Sudbury School District	Weston School District
Maynard School District	North Reading School District	Tewksbury School District	Wilmington School District
Medford School District	Reading School District	Tyngsborough School District	Winchester School District
		Wakefield School District	Woburn School District

Estimated arrests of persons under age 18 in Middlesex County, Massachusetts

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Coverage Indicator	83%	95%	100%	100%	98%
Total Arrests	see notes	1,984	2,610	2,303	2,087
Violent Crime Index		174	224	222	219
Murder/nonneg. mans.		1	3	0	0
Forcible rape		3	3	4	1
Robbery		57	49	58	45
Aggravated assault		113	169	160	173
Property Crime Index		485	635	584	451
Burglary		74	87	88	74
Larceny-theft		369	522	470	353
Motor vehicle theft		35	20	22	17
Arson		7	6	4	7
Nonindex					
Other assaults		224	330	363	338
Forgery and counterfeiting		2	2	0	3
Fraud		3	4	7	9
Embezzlement		2	0	0	1
Stolen property		17	46	38	40
Vandalism		106	125	133	120
Weapons		17	28	26	38
Prostitution/ commercialized vice		1	2	1	0
Sex offenses (other)		4	10	4	6
Drug abuse violations		302	300	102	91
Gambling		0	0	0	2
Offenses against family		33	23	16	27
Driving under influence		36	22	19	19
Liquor laws		131	124	174	168
Drunkenness		42	53	37	29
Disorderly conduct		115	192	172	119
Vagrancy		0	0	0	0
All other offenses		274	471	387	389
Suspicion		0	0	0	0
Curfew and loitering		0	4	2	1
Runaways		16	15	16	17
Population Ages 10 to 17	150,007	148,716	148,119	148,403	146,971

These statistics are estimates that account for missing data and may differ from other published sources. The county-level files which are the source of this information are not official FBI releases and are being provided for research purposes.

The Coverage Indicator refers to the relative size of the sample from which these estimates are based. A coverage indicator of 90% means that data covering 10% of the jurisdiction's population are estimated and that data from 90% of the jurisdiction's population are based on actual reports. Only jurisdictions with a coverage indicator at or above 90% are displayed in this application.

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