

Crime in Middlesex County is substantially down from pre-pandemic levels. For example, in calendar year 2019, there were 21,405 cases arraigned in District Court, 434 cases arraigned in Superior Court, and 416 cases arraigned in Juvenile Court, as well as 11 youthful offender cases arraigned, for a total of 22,266 arraigned cases. By contrast, in calendar year 2021, there were there were 15,193 cases arraigned in District Court, 409 cases arraigned in Superior Court, 265 cases arraigned in Juvenile Court, as well as 6 youthful offender cases arraigned, for a total of 15,873 arraigned cases. This reflects a 28.71 percent decrease in crime.

Most cases involve multiple charges and many cases from prior years remain unresolved but actively managed as a result of the COVID pandemic. The 15,873 cases arraigned in 2021 involved 39,252 charges. The breakdown of those charges is reflected in the chart below.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021						
Charge Type	Superior Court			District Court		
	Arrestment	Disposed	Actively Managed	Arrestment	Disposed	Actively Managed
Animal Cruelty	4	0	5	56	60	117
Child Abuse	220	41	620	166	147	303
Child Pornography	8	4	23	49	38	115
Crimes Involving Property	214	122	671	4480	4781	9918
Crimes Involving Administration of Justice	65	47	195	1122	1235	2364
Crimes Against Morality	0	2	17	0	3	4
Crimes Against Person	425	183	1024	3681	3864	7561
Crimes Against Public Policy	119	144	506	1101	1086	2090
Crimes Against Public Order	16	29	81	766	798	1574
Domestic Violence & 209A Violations	100	46	248	3636	3755	6879
Drugs (c.94C)	325	163	978	2080	1854	4339
Elder and Disabled Persons Abuse	26	9	96	324	299	641
Firearms (c.140)	495	113	1111	1074	847	2062
Homicide	27	18	101	33	22	60
Motor Vehicle-related (c.90)	30	23	96	17416	16682	25894
Sexual Assault	80	46	286	173	155	389
Totals	2154	990	6058	36157	35626	64310

Other	Superior Court	District Court
Number of Cases Actively Managed	1245	29110

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021 Case Type	Superior Court/Youthful Offender			Juvenile Court		Diversion	Actively Managed
	Arrestment	Disposed	Actively Managed	Arrestment	Disposed		
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	1	2	5	2
Child Abuse	0	4	4	76	51	5	83
Child Pornography	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Crimes Involving Property	2	1	3	249	320	655	501
Crimes Involving Administration of Justice	0	0	2	32	39	69	66
Crimes Against Morality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Person	14	1	37	214	303	555	467
Crimes Against Public Policy	9	6	42	44	58	107	89
Crimes Against Public Order	0	0	0	22	33	84	51
Domestic Violence & 209A Violations	0	0	0	26	32	51	50
Drugs (c.94C)	0	0	0	11	21	221	34
Elder and Disabled Persons Abuse	0	0	0	6	11	28	12
Firearms (c.140)	2	8	19	56	36	4	116
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle-related (c.90)	1	1	1	171	184	109	284
Sexual Assault	0	0	2	5	3	4	14
Totals	28	21	110	913	1094	1898	1771

Other	Superior Court / Youthful Offender	Juvenile Court	Diversion
Number of Cases Actively Managed	20	768	959

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021	Trial Court	Appeals Courts	Supreme Judicial Court	SJC & Appeals Court Single Justice	Other
Review Suppression/Dismissal Orders	-	39	-	-	-
Prepare/Filing of Rule 15 Petitions	-	-	-	0	-
Prepare/Filing Oppositions to Rule 15 Petitions	-	-	-	11	-
Prepare/Filing of c. 211, s. 3 Petitions	-	-	-	6	-
Prepare/Filing of Opposition to c. 211, s. 3 Petitions	-	-	-	9	-
Preparing Position Statements for Post-Conviction Motions (not MNT)	51	-	-	-	-
Preparing Position Statements for Motions for New Trials	31	-	-	-	-
Sentencing Appeals Hearings	11	-	-	-	-
Arguments	0	64	10	0	-
Number of Briefs Filed	0	65	7	0	-
Preparation of Position Statements for Parole Hearings	-	-	-	-	28
Preparation of Position Statements for Executive Clemency Petitions	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	93	168	17	26	29

Other	Total
Direct Appellate Review Applications	3
Further Appellate Review Applications	59
Gatekeeper Petitions	2
Reported Questions	7

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021					
Cases Reviewed - Not Charged	Juvenile	District	Superior	Unknown	Total
51A Reviews	-	-	1758	-	1758
51B Reviews	-	-	565	-	565
Bomb Threats/School Threats	-	-	-	-	0
Child Fatality Investigations	-	-	38	-	38
Civil Rights Violation Investigations	-	-	-	-	0
Disabled Abuse	-	-	-	134	134
DV High Risk Assessment	-	-	-	10	10
Elder Abuse	-	-	-	114	114
Grand Jury Investigatons - No Bills	-	-	7	-	7
Grand Jury Investigatons - True Bills	-	-	2079	-	2079
Homicide Responses	-	-	22	-	22
SAIN TEAM Interviews	-	-	274	-	274
Sexually Dangerous Person Filings and Investigations	-	-	-	129	129
Unattended Death Investigations	-	-	-	489	489
Other Non-Charged Investigations (No Specific Charges)	0	1	0	0	1
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Total	-	1	4743	876	5620

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021					
Other Work	Juvenile	District	Superior	Appeals	Total
Administrative Warrants	-	-	1206	-	1206
Bail Reviews	-	-	120	-	120
Civil Litigation Involving Forfeitures	-	-	149	-	149
Coordinate Defense of Civil Suits	-	-	-	10	10
Oppose Summons/Subpoenas	-	-	-	7	7
Post-conviction Hearings	-	-	-	33	33
Rendition and Fugitive Proceedings	-	-	533	-	533
Review/Respond to Public Records Requests	-	-	-	234	234
Search Warrants	-	-	-	758	758
Support Services to Law Enforcement Functions	-	-	-	493	493
Total	0	0	2008	1535	3543