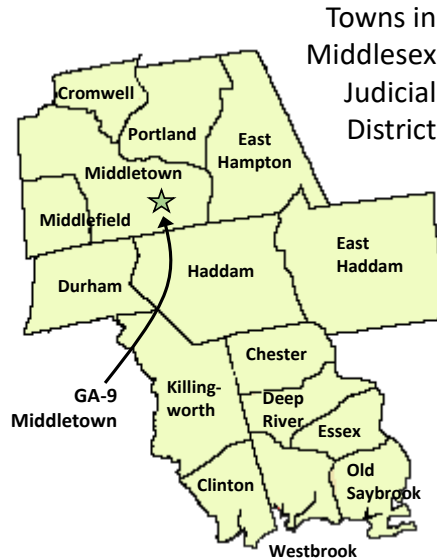




CT DCJ Fact Sheet:

The Middlesex Judicial District

The Middlesex Judicial District (JD) serves roughly 165,000 people who reside in 15 towns in south-central Connecticut. GA-9, the local superior court, is located in Middletown.



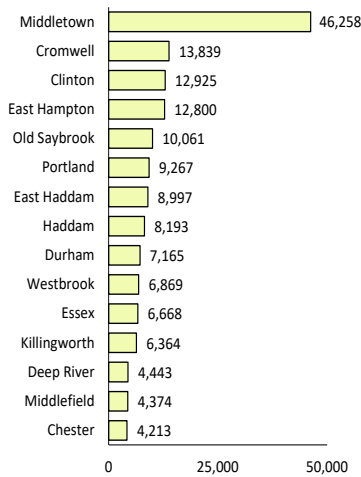
Towns in Middlesex Judicial District

Each year, the FBI releases its Uniform Crime Report (UCR) which details the number of major crimes that were reported by state and local jurisdictions in the previous calendar year. In the report, murders, manslaughter, robberies, aggravated assaults and rape are grouped as violent crimes. Property crimes include larcenies, burglaries and motor vehicle theft.

While crime is always a concern, the Middlesex JD is fortunate to have a low violent crime rate. At 5.5 violent crimes per 10,000 residents in 2018, the District had

one of the lowest violent crime rate among the state's 13 Judicial Districts. In 2018, 50% of the District's violent crimes were reported in Middletown and East Hampton. 712% of the JD's property crimes were reported in Middletown, Cromwell and Clinton.

Population, 2019



Source: CT DPH, est.

Most Middlesex Judicial District towns are solidly middle class and suburban. Per capita income in Middletown, the JD's largest town, was \$37,400 in 2018. Statewide, per capita income was \$43,056. In Essex, Durham and Westbrook, the most affluent towns in the District, per capita income ranged from \$55,566 to \$62,714.

CT DPH estimated that less than 15% of residents in the Middlesex JD towns identify as members of racial or ethnic minority groups. Some 60% of the District's minority residents live in Middletown. Eighty-five percent (85%) of the District's Black-non Hispanic residents lived in either Middletown or Cromwell.

Crime and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

| Town | Violent crimes | Violent crime rate | Property crimes | Property crime rate |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Middletown | 34 | 7.5 | 584 | 128.6 |
| East Hampton | 11 | 7.8 | 123 | 87.5 |
| Haddam | 8 | 10.6 | 24 | 31.9 |
| Cromwell | 7 | 5.2 | 251 | 185.3 |
| Portland | 7 | 7.6 | 60 | 65.3 |
| Durham | 5 | 7.2 | 27 | 38.7 |
| Old Saybrook | 5 | 4.6 | 49 | 44.9 |
| Westbrook | 4 | 6.0 | 44 | 66.5 |
| East Haddam | 3 | 3.4 | 39 | 44.5 |
| Clinton | 2 | 1.5 | 325 | 235.8 |
| Essex | 2 | 2.9 | 25 | 36.5 |
| Killingworth | 1 | 1.6 | 21 | 33.2 |
| Chester | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 27.9 |
| Deep River | 0 | 0.0 | 16 | 33.0 |
| Middlefield | 0 | 0.0 | 24 | 54.3 |
| Middlesex JD | 89 | 5.5 | 1623 | 99.5 |

Source: CT DESPP, 2018 UCR data

According to Judicial Branch data, police departments in the Middlesex Judicial District combined to make over 2,600 criminal arrests in 2019.

Arrests in the Middlesex JD

| Year | Criminal | |
|------|----------|------------|
| | arrests | MV arrests |
| 2018 | 2,549 | 2,136 |
| 2019 | 2,657 | 1,934 |
| 2020 | 1,985 | 1,194 |

In terms of criminal arrests, the Middletown Police Department is the most active law enforcement agency in the Judicial District. In 2019, the Middletown police made 39% of district-wide criminal arrests and 29% of the District's motor vehicle arrests. State police officers wrote about three-quarters of the District's motor vehicle infractions.

Major arresting agencies in the Middlesex JD

| Agency | 2019 arrests | | 2020 arrests | |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| | Criminal | MV | Criminal | MV |
| Middletown PD | 1,029 | 552 | 780 | 326 |
| Cromwell PD | 411 | 163 | 349 | 122 |
| State Police Troop F | 378 | 509 | 288 | 328 |
| Clinton PD | 288 | 202 | 222 | 112 |
| Old Saybrook PD | 399 | 363 | 218 | 199 |
| East Hampton PD | 94 | 94 | 81 | 80 |
| Portland PD | 54 | 47 | 42 | 27 |

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Because the district contains a large number of smaller towns which do not employ their own police departments, the State Police play a large public safety role in the JD. Only six towns have fully autonomous police forces: Middletown, Cromwell, Clinton, East Hampton, Old Saybrook and Portland. The remaining communities rely either entirely on the State Police or on a State Police-supervised local force.

Arraignments from lock-ups

| Judicial District | Arraignments from lock-up |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Hartford JD | 6,143 |
| New Haven JD | 5,397 |
| Waterbury JD | 3,637 |
| Fairfield JD | 2,986 |
| New Britain JD | 2,781 |
| New London JD | 2,757 |
| Ansonia-Milford JD | 1,897 |
| Stamford-Norwalk | 1,812 |
| Middlesex JD | 1,075 |
| Windham JD | 1,040 |
| Litchfield JD | 892 |
| Danbury JD | 754 |
| Tolland JD | 634 |

Source: CT Judicial Branch

Most people arrested in CT are released on a promise-to-appear (PTA) agreement or after paying a bond. About 20% of people are unable to meet these conditions, and as a result they are held until arraignment. At arraignment, a judge may impose new release conditions.

The GA-9 court in Middletown regularly disposes over 3,000 cases a year. The figures for 2020 reflect the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Cases - GA-3 Middletown

| | Added | Disposed |
|---------|-------|----------|
| FY 2016 | 3,276 | 3,409 |
| FY 2017 | 3,250 | 3,091 |
| FY 2018 | 3,152 | 3,358 |
| FY 2019 | 3,147 | 3,164 |
| FY 2020 | 2,137 | 1,750 |

Source: CT Judicial Branch

The most serious cases in the JD are typically transferred to the Part-A court in the District.

Cases that are transferred typically require more investigative and prosecutorial resources. They are also most likely to go to trial.

Part A cases, Middlesex JD

| Fiscal Year | Cases disposed | | Cases disposed | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| | Added | w/o Trial | w/trial | Cases disposed |
| FY 2016 | 77 | 69 | 3 | 72 |
| FY 2017 | 67 | 86 | 1 | 87 |
| FY 2018 | 82 | 83 | 1 | 84 |
| FY 2019 | 78 | 68 | 6 | 74 |
| FY 2020 | 55 | 40 | 4 | 43 |

Source: CT Judicial Branch

In 2019, only about 3% of criminal cases were disposed in the Part-A court in the Middlesex JD. The part-A court, however, disposed over 70% of A-felony dockets and 60% of B-felony dockets in the District.

The Middlesex JD ranked 12th in terms of its violent crime rate and 9th for its property crime rate in 2018.

Crimes and crime rates per 10,000 residents, 2018

| | Violent crimes | Violent crime rate | Property crimes | Property crime rate |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Hartford JD | 1,815 | 30.4 | 13,211 | 221.6 |
| New Haven JD | 1,642 | 34.1 | 10,698 | 222.2 |
| Fairfield JD | 1,129 | 34.9 | 5,843 | 180.5 |
| Waterbury JD | 554 | 24.1 | 5,768 | 251.4 |
| New Britain JD | 524 | 16.6 | 6,154 | 194.8 |
| Stamford-Norwa | 491 | 13.2 | 4,724 | 127 |
| New London JD | 385 | 15 | 2,593 | 100.8 |
| Ansonia-Milford | 248 | 10.8 | 4,000 | 174.8 |
| Danbury JD | 157 | 8.1 | 1,702 | 88.2 |
| Windham JD | 130 | 11.3 | 643 | 56 |
| Litchfield JD | 108 | 7.2 | 1,309 | 87.8 |
| Middlesex JD | 89 | 5.5 | 1,623 | 99.5 |
| Tolland JD | 76 | 5.3 | 846 | 59 |
| Statewide | 7,348 | 20.6 | 59,114 | 165.7 |

Source: CT DESPP, UCR

The District ranked 9th among JDs for the number of criminal arrests and population.

Arrests by JD, 2019

| Judicial District | Criminal arrests | MV arrests | JD pop., 2019 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| Waterbury JD | 6,954 | 3,627 | 223,414 |
| Hartford JD | 16,918 | 10,390 | 589,513 |
| New Haven JD | 11,308 | 8,041 | 472,223 |
| New London JD | 5,550 | 4,435 | 265,206 |
| New Britain JD | 6,427 | 4,737 | 311,685 |
| Fairfield JD | 5,570 | 3,488 | 320,921 |
| Ansonia-Derby JD | 3,949 | 2,862 | 231,329 |
| Litchfield JD | 2,317 | 2,278 | 139,775 |
| Middlesex JD | 2,657 | 1,934 | 162,436 |
| Windham JD | 1,480 | 1,173 | 116,782 |
| Danbury JD | 2,334 | 2,302 | 200,941 |
| Stamford-Norwalk | 4,393 | 2,720 | 380,341 |
| Tolland JD | 1,680 | 1,814 | 150,721 |

Source: CJIS