

Middlesex County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Middlesex County Sheriff oversees these prisons and programs:

- Middlesex County house of correction (HOC), for people who have been convicted and sentenced, generally for up to 2½ years;
- Middlesex County jail, for people who have been arrested but have not yet gone to trial.

2015 salary: \$157, 544

2015 budget: \$66,780,000

No. of employees (2015): 643

- Prisoners who have been sentenced: 473 men 0 women
- Prisoners held pre-trial: 597 men 0 women

- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. There are no state prisoners at Middlesex County.

- Some counties are paid by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hold people being held (“detained”) for immigration violations. There are no ICE detainees at Middlesex County.

- Some county jails/HOC’s are overcrowded. What is the situation in Middlesex County?

Jail/HOC built for 1,501

Jail/HOC population 1,112 (74% occupancy)

- HOC’s/jails often hold prisoners in isolation (“solitary confinement”) as punishment for violating the rules. No information is available on the number of prisoners who can be held in solitary at one time; please ask the sheriff.

Classes and programs available to prisoners:

- Education – high school equivalency and pre-high school equivalency
- Vocational – culinary arts, computer literacy, custodial training, construction safety, food safety
- Treatment – addiction, anger management, parenting and victim impact.