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Communities Inmates Released to in 2009

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Definition of the Report Population

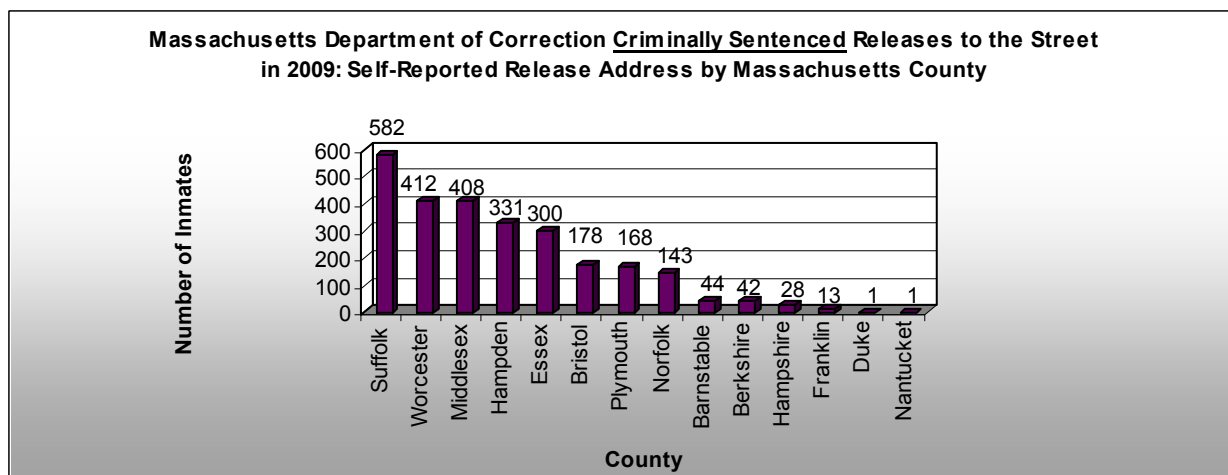
The population covered in this report, termed 'release to the street population', includes any criminally sentenced inmate released to the street from a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility as well as DOC inmates released from other correctional facilities (jurisdiction). Under this definition, DOC inmates released from Massachusetts' Houses of Correction, other states' correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2009 are also included in the population. The population described in this report includes the following:

- ✦ Criminally sentenced inmates released via parole or expiration of sentence to the street.

Introduction

Inmates under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction are released to many different communities throughout the state and in some cases outside of Massachusetts. This report is a statistical look at the communities criminally sentenced inmates releasing to the street via parole or expiration of sentence intend to reside after their release¹. For the purposes of this report communities may refer to counties, cities or towns, and locations outside of Massachusetts.

Chart 1



In calendar year 2009 there were 2,772 inmates released to the street, an increase of 53 (2%) from 2008. This increase was driven by males with 2,019 releasing in 2009 up from 1,823 in 2008. Females decreased 143, from 896 to 753 between 2008 and 2009.

¹ Information regarding release address is self-reported by inmates prior to their release.

Table 1

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street 2009: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns)			
City	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents*
1. Boston	541	20%	84
2. Worcester	232	8%	127
3. Springfield	225	8%	145
4. Framingham	95	3%	141
5. Lynn	86	3%	98
6. Brockton	85	3%	91
7. New Bedford	85	3%	93
8. Quincy	61	2%	67
9. Lowell	49	2%	47
10. Lawrence	47	2%	67
Sub-Total	1,506	54%	95
Other Massachusetts Cities/Towns	1,145	41%	26
Outside Massachusetts	121	4%	N/A
Total	2,772	100%	45

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 population estimate

Please note: Percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Over half (54%) of the inmates released during 2009 reported a release address in one of the top ten cities listed in Table 1. The highest number reported a community in the city of Boston (20%) as their intended release address, followed by Worcester and Springfield, both with 8%.

Looking at the concentration (the rate per 100,000 residents) of releases to the street presents a different outcome, with Springfield having the greatest concentration at 145, followed by Framingham at 141, and Worcester at 127. Boston becomes seventh on the list with 84 per 100,000 residents releasing there.

Map 1

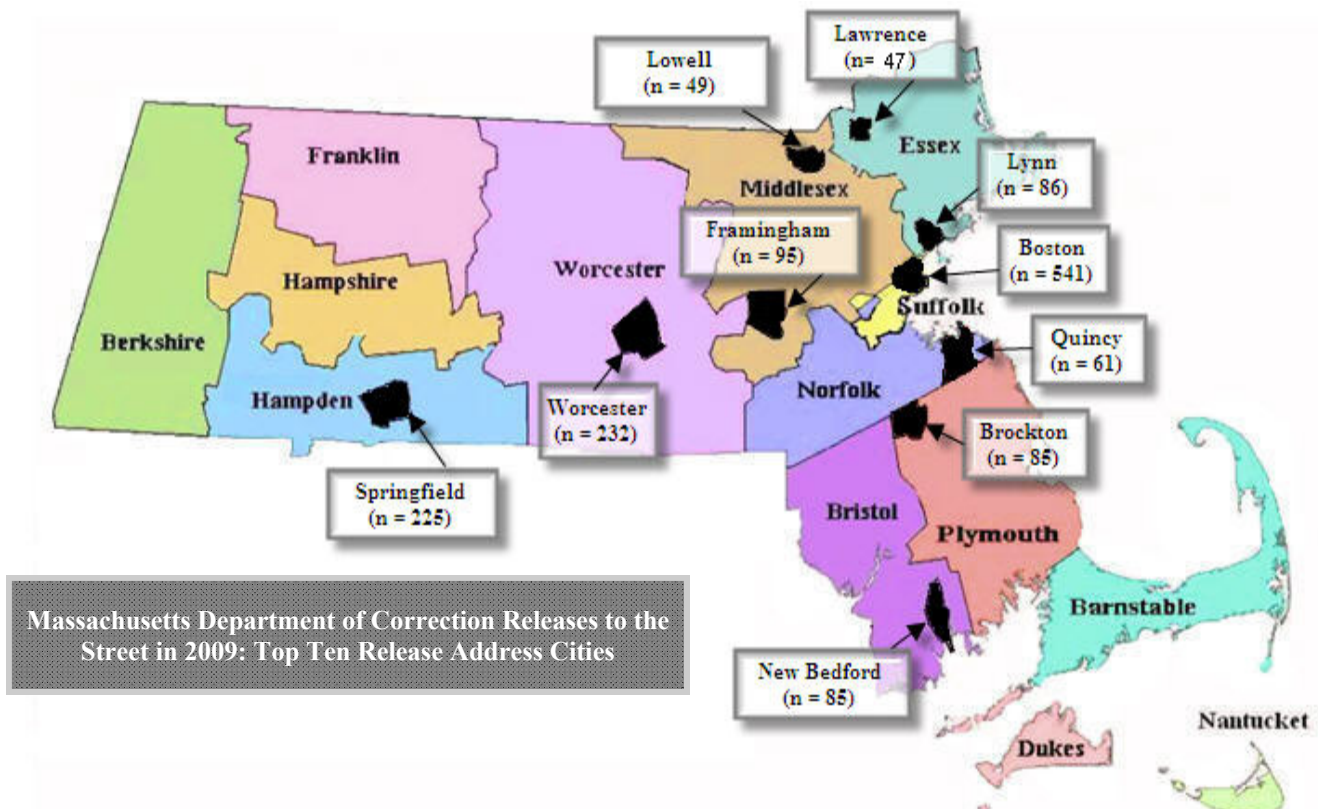


Table 2

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street 2009: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Males		
	Male	%
1. Boston	438	22%
2. Springfield	215	11%
3. Worcester	174	9%
4. New Bedford	76	4%
5. Framingham	62	3%
6. Lynn	52	2%
7. Brockton	50	2%
8. Quincy	45	2%
9. Fall River	43	2%
10. Holyoke	40	2%
Sub-total	1,195	59%
Other Massachusetts Cities/Towns	725	36%
Outside Massachusetts	99	5%
Total	2,019	100%

Boston was the top city reported by both male (22%) and female (14%) inmates as their release address. The second most commonly reported city for males was Springfield (11%) followed by Worcester (9 %). Females varied from males with a second most commonly reported release address of Worcester (8%) followed by Brockton (5%). Female releases by community are somewhat skewed due to the fact that some counties house females and some do not.²

The majority of males (59%) reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns. More than half of the females (52%) reported another city/town or a location outside of Massachusetts as their release address with 48% reporting a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns.

Table 3

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street 2009: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Females		
	Female	%
1. Boston	103	14%
2. Worcester	58	8%
3. Brockton	35	5%
4. Lynn	34	5%
5. Framingham	33	4%
6. Ashland	27	4%
7. Lowell	18	2%
8. Westborough	18	2%
9. Haverhill	17	2%
10. Quincy	16	2%
Sub-total	359	48%
Other Massachusetts Cities/Towns	372	49%
Outside Massachusetts	22	3%
Total	753	100%

² Not all Massachusetts counties house their female inmates. Massachusetts General Law dictates that females may be committed directly by the courts to the DOC for a House of Correction sentence. The counties of Barnstable,

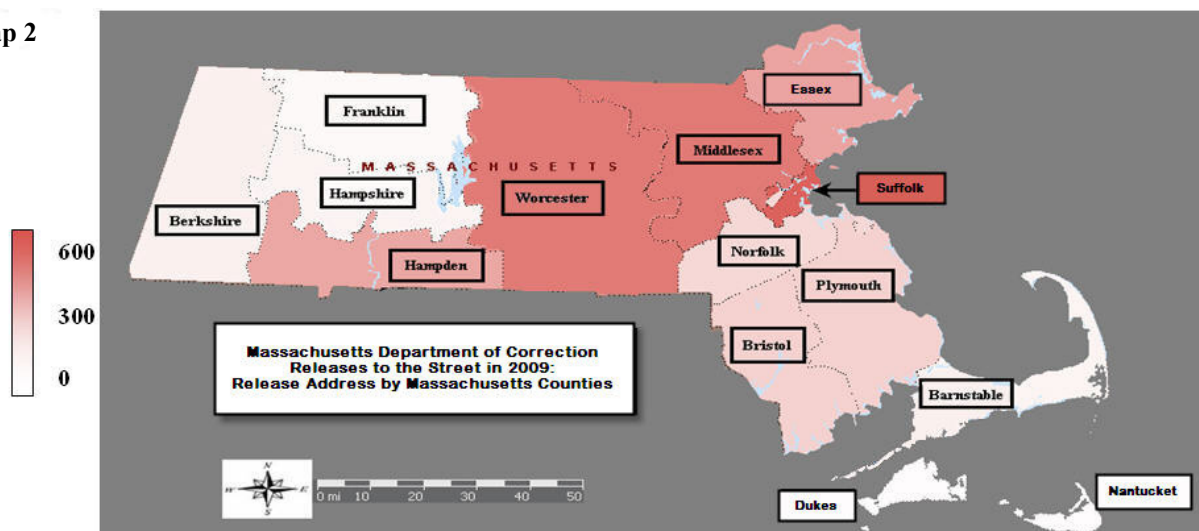
Table 4

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2009: Release Address by Massachusetts Counties by Gender (Self-Reported)							
County	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)		Per 100,000 Residents*
Suffolk County	109	15%	473	23%	582	21%	77
Worcester County	148	20%	264	13%	412	15%	51
Middlesex County	170	23%	238	12%	408	15%	27
Hampden County	17	2%	314	16%	331	12%	70
Essex County	122	16%	178	9%	300	11%	40
Bristol County	18	2%	160	8%	178	6%	33
Plymouth County	75	10%	93	5%	168	6%	34
Norfolk County	50	7%	93	5%	143	5%	21
Barnstable County	12	2%	32	2%	44	2%	20
Berkshire County	4	1%	38	2%	42	2%	32
Hampshire County	5	1%	23	1%	28	1%	18
Franklin County	1	0%	12	1%	13	1%	18
Dukes County	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	6
Nantucket County	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	9
Outside MA	22	3%	99	5%	121	4%	N/A
Total	753	100%	2,019	100%	2,772	100%	42

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 population estimate

Twenty-one percent of the total population reported a release address located in Suffolk County. The Majority of female³ releases were to Middlesex (23%), Worcester (20%), and Essex (16%) counties. The majority of males were released to Suffolk County (23%), followed by Hampden (16%) and Worcester (13%) counties.

Map 2



³ Not all Massachusetts counties house their female inmates. Massachusetts General Law dictates that females may be committed directly by the courts to the DOC for a House of Correction sentence. The counties of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Franklin, Hampden, and Suffolk house females in their county correctional facilities.

Table 5

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2009: Locations Outside of Massachusetts			
	Female	Male	Total
New Hampshire	11	10	21
Rhode Island	4	13	17
New York	0	15	15
Maine	2	10	12
Connecticut	1	9	10
Florida	2	7	9
Puerto Rico	0	6	6
New Jersey	0	5	5
Illinois	0	3	3
South Carolina	0	3	3
California	1	1	2
Maryland	0	2	2
Ohio	0	2	2
Virginia	0	2	2
Vermont	0	2	2
Alabama	0	1	1
Arizona	0	1	1
Colorado	0	1	1
Georgia	0	1	1
Iowa	1	0	1
Louisiana	0	1	1
Mississippi	0	1	1
North Carolina	0	1	1
Tennessee	0	1	1
Washington	0	1	1
Total	22	99	121

Of the 2,772 inmates released to the street, 121 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. Sixty-two percent of the inmates reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported a New England state or New York (62%), with New Hampshire having the highest number (21) of inmates intending to reside there.

Appendix

The tables on pages 6 through 9 show the self-reported release address by county of inmates separated by the institution they released from. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Institutions Housing Male Inmates

Bay State Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	8	25%
Bristol County	5	16%
Middlesex County	4	13%
Hampden County	3	9%
Barnstable County	2	6%
Essex County	2	6%
Norfolk County	2	6%
Worcester County	2	6%
Plymouth County	1	3%
Outside Massachusetts	3	9%
Total	32	100%

Brook House		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	15	48%
Hampden County	4	13%
Norfolk County	4	13%
Essex County	3	10%
Barnstable County	1	3%
Bristol County	1	3%
Middlesex County	1	3%
Plymouth County	1	3%
Outside Massachusetts	1	3%
Total	31	100%

Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center		
	Male	%
Middlesex County	3	25%
Bristol County	2	17%
Plymouth County	2	17%
Suffolk County	2	17%
Berkshire County	1	8%
Hampden County	1	8%
Worcester County	1	8%
Total	12	100%

Boston Pre-Release Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	60	38%
Middlesex County	21	13%
Essex County	15	9%
Hampden County	15	9%
Norfolk County	13	8%
Worcester County	8	5%
Bristol County	4	3%
Barnstable County	3	2%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Hampshire County	3	2%
Plymouth County	3	2%
Outside Massachusetts	10	6%
Total	158	100%

Bridgewater State Hospital		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	3	33%
Essex County	2	22%
Worcester County	2	22%
Bristol County	1	11%
Middlesex County	1	11%
Total	9	100%

Massachusetts Treatment Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	17	29%
Worcester County	9	15%
Hampden County	7	12%
Middlesex County	7	12%
Bristol County	4	7%
Barnstable County	3	5%
Berkshire County	2	3%
Essex County	2	3%
Franklin County	2	3%
Plymouth County	2	3%
Dukes County	1	2%
Norfolk County	1	2%
Outside Massachusetts	2	3%
Total	59	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates - Continued

MCI-Cedar Junction		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	50	24%
Worcester County	32	15%
Hampden County	31	15%
Middlesex County	26	13%
Bristol County	22	11%
Essex County	18	9%
Plymouth County	10	5%
Norfolk County	8	4%
Berkshire County	4	2%
Barnstable County	3	1%
Nantucket County	1	0%
Outside Massachusetts	3	1%
Total	208	100%

MCI-Concord		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	50	22%
Middlesex County	45	19%
Worcester County	45	19%
Hampden County	37	16%
Plymouth County	11	5%
Essex County	10	4%
Norfolk County	9	4%
Bristol County	8	3%
Hampshire County	4	2%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Berkshire County	1	0%
Franklin County	1	0%
Outside Massachusetts	8	3%
Total	231	100%

MCI-Norfolk		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	48	35%
Hampden County	16	12%
Bristol County	14	10%
Essex County	12	9%
Middlesex County	12	9%
Norfolk County	12	9%
Worcester County	11	8%
Plymouth County	4	3%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside Massachusetts	4	3%
Total	137	100%

MCI-Plymouth		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	10	19%
Bristol County	9	17%
Plymouth County	9	17%
Middlesex County	6	11%
Worcester County	5	9%
Essex County	4	7%
Barnstable County	3	6%
Hampden County	3	6%
Berkshire County	2	4%
Norfolk County	2	4%
Outside Massachusetts	1	2%
Total	54	100%

MCI-Shirley		
	Male	%
Hampden County	65	19%
Suffolk County	65	19%
Worcester County	64	19%
Middlesex County	40	12%
Essex County	39	12%
Bristol County	23	7%
Plymouth County	9	3%
Norfolk County	8	2%
Berkshire County	3	1%
Hampshire County	3	1%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Outside Massachusetts	16	5%
Total	337	100%

NCCI-Gardner		
	Male	%
Hampden County	39	25%
Suffolk County	26	16%
Worcester County	23	14%
Essex County	16	10%
Middlesex County	12	8%
Norfolk County	9	6%
Berkshire County	8	5%
Bristol County	6	4%
Barnstable County	3	2%
Hampshire County	3	2%
Plymouth County	3	2%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside Massachusetts	10	6%
Total	159	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates - Continued

Northeastern Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Middlesex County	28	21%
Hampden County	26	19%
Essex County	19	14%
Worcester County	19	14%
Suffolk County	16	12%
Berkshire County	6	4%
Bristol County	3	2%
Franklin County	3	2%
Plymouth County	3	2%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Norfolk County	2	1%
Outside Massachusetts	8	6%
Total	135	100%

Old Colony Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Hampden County	15	15%
Suffolk County	15	15%
Worcester County	14	14%
Bristol County	11	11%
Middlesex County	9	9%
Essex County	8	8%
Norfolk County	7	7%
Plymouth County	6	6%
Hampshire County	4	4%
Franklin County	3	3%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Outside Massachusetts	9	9%
Total	102	100%

Pondville Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Hampden County	15	15%
Suffolk County	15	15%
Worcester County	14	14%
Bristol County	11	11%
Middlesex County	9	9%
Essex County	8	8%
Norfolk County	7	7%
Plymouth County	6	6%
Hampshire County	4	4%
Franklin County	3	3%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Outside Massachusetts	9	9%
Total	102	100%

Souza Baranowski Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	33	23%
Hampden County	23	16%
Bristol County	19	13%
Plymouth County	15	10%
Essex County	13	9%
Middlesex County	13	9%
Worcester County	13	9%
Norfolk County	4	3%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Outside Massachusetts	10	7%
Total	146	100%

Shattuck Correctional Unit		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	3	100%
Total	3	100%

Institutions Housing Female Inmates

MCI-Framingham		
	Female	%
Worcester County	113	21%
Middlesex County	104	20%
Essex County	97	18%
Suffolk County	72	14%
Plymouth County	59	11%
Norfolk County	37	7%
Bristol County	11	2%
Barnstable County	7	1%
Hampden County	6	1%
Hampshire County	5	1%
Berkshire County	3	1%
Outside Massachusetts	16	3%
Total	530	100%

South Middlesex Correctional Center		
	Female	%
Middlesex County	64	32%
Suffolk County	37	18%
Essex County	25	12%
Worcester County	22	11%
Plymouth County	14	7%
Norfolk County	13	6%
Bristol County	7	3%
Hampden County	6	3%
Barnstable County	5	2%
Berkshire County	1	0%
Franklin County	1	0%
Outside Massachusetts	6	3%
Total	201	100%

Woman and Children Program		
	Female	%
Worcester County	12	92%
Middlesex County	1	8%
Total	13	100%

Inmates Housed in a County, Federal, or another State's Correctional Facility

County, Federal, Interstate			
	Female	Male	Total
Hampden County	5	15	20
Worcester County	1	4	5
Berkshire County	0	4	4
Essex County	0	3	3
Plymouth County	2	1	3
Suffolk County	0	3	3
Barnstable County	0	1	1
Bristol County	0	1	1
Hampshire County	0	1	1
Middlesex County	1	0	1
Outside Massachusetts	0	2	2
Total	9	35	44

Communities Inmates Released to in 2009

The tables on pages 11 through 14 show the self-reported release address by city/town in each county. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Barnstable County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Barnstable	5	10	15
Bourne	0	4	4
Chatham	1	0	1
Dennis	1	4	5
Falmouth	3	2	5
Harwich	0	1	1
Mashpee	0	1	1
Orleans	0	2	2
Sandwich	0	5	5
Yarmouth	2	3	5
Total	12	32	44

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Berkshire County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Adams	3	3	6
Becket	0	1	1
Clarksburg	0	1	1
Dalton	0	2	2
Great Barrington	0	1	1
Hinsdale	0	1	1
Lanesborough	0	2	2
New Marlborough	0	1	1
North Adams	0	7	7
Pittsfield	1	16	17
Richmond	0	1	1
Williamstown	0	2	2
Total	4	38	42

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Bristol County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Acushnet	0	1	1
Attleboro	0	6	6
Dartmouth	0	3	3
Dighton	0	2	2
Easton	0	1	1
Fall River	2	43	45
New Bedford	9	76	85
North Attleboro	0	1	1
Norton	0	8	8
Raynham	1	4	5
Somerset	1	1	2
Taunton	5	12	17
Westport	0	2	2
Total	18	160	178

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Dukes County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
West Tisbury	0	1	1
Total	0	1	1

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Essex County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Amesbury	9	4	13
Andover	3	0	3
Beverly	4	2	6
Danvers	0	3	3
Gloucester	5	2	7
Haverhill	17	23	40
Ipswich	0	1	1
Lawrence	12	35	47
Lynn	34	52	86
Manchester by the Sea	1	0	1
Marblehead	2	0	2
Merrimac	0	1	1
Methuen	5	11	16
Newburyport	1	2	3
North Andover	1	1	2
Peabody	3	6	9
Rockport	0	1	1
Rowley	1	1	2
Salem	7	8	15
Salisbury	8	1	9
Saugus	7	23	30
Swampscott	1	1	2
West Newbury	1	0	1
Total	122	178	300

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Franklin County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Greenfield	0	5	5
Montague	1	5	6
Orange	0	2	2
Total	1	12	13

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Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Hampden County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Agawam	0	3	3
Chicopee	3	27	30
East Longmeadow	0	1	1
Hampden	0	3	3
Holland	0	1	1
Holyoke	3	40	43
Ludlow	0	2	2
Palmer	0	3	3
Southwick	0	2	2
Springfield	10	215	225
West Springfield	0	6	6
Westfield	1	8	9
Wilbraham	0	3	3
Total	17	314	331

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Hampshire County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Amherst	0	2	2
Belchertown	0	2	2
Chesterfield	1	0	1
Easthampton	0	3	3
Granby	2	1	3
Northampton	1	10	11
South Hadley	0	1	1
Southampton	0	1	1
Ware	1	2	3
Williamsburg	0	1	1
Total	5	23	28

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Nantucket County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Nantucket	0	1	1
Total	0	1	1

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Middlesex County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Acton	2	0	2
Arlington	1	3	4
Ashland	27	1	28
Ayer	2	1	3
Bedford	1	0	1
Belmont	1	1	2
Billerica	4	5	9
Burlington	0	1	1
Cambridge	2	11	13
Carlisle	2	0	2
Chelmsford	2	2	4
Concord	1	1	2
Dracut	1	1	2
Everett	5	15	20
Framingham	33	62	95
Hopkinton	4	1	5
Hudson	1	1	2
Lexington	1	0	1
Littleton	1	0	1
Lowell	18	31	49
Malden	6	15	21
Marlborough	7	4	11
Maynard	0	5	5
Medford	2	11	13
Melrose	0	4	4
Natick	5	3	8
Newton	3	3	6
North Reading	1	1	2
Pepperell	1	2	3
Reading	1	3	4
Shirley	0	2	2
Somerville	10	15	25
Stoneham	0	4	4
Sudbury	1	0	1
Tewksbury	4	9	13
Townsend	1	0	1
Tyngsborough	0	1	1
Wakefield	4	5	9
Waltham	6	2	8
Watertown	2	2	4
Westford	0	1	1
Wilmington	2	2	4
Winchester	1	0	1
Woburn	4	7	11
Total	170	238	408

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Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Norfolk County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Avon	0	2	2
Braintree	2	6	8
Brookline	0	2	2
Canton	0	2	2
Dedham	4	4	8
Foxborough	2	2	4
Franklin	1	1	2
Holbrook	2	1	3
Millis	1	0	1
Milton	0	2	2
Needham	1	1	2
Norfolk	0	1	1
Norwood	4	1	5
Plainville	1	1	2
Quincy	16	45	61
Randolph	5	11	16
Stoughton	2	3	5
Walpole	1	1	2
Wellesley	1	0	1
Weymouth	7	7	14
Total	50	93	143

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Plymouth County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Abington	1	5	6
Bridgewater	4	4	8
Brockton	35	50	85
Carver	0	1	1
Duxbury	1	0	1
East Bridgewater	2	1	3
Halifax	1	0	1
Hanover	0	2	2
Hanson	1	0	1
Hingham	1	1	2
Hull	2	3	5
Kingston	0	1	1
Marshfield	2	2	4
Middleborough	5	2	7
Pembroke	1	1	2
Plymouth	3	11	14
Plympton	1	0	1
Rockland	2	3	5
Scituate	0	1	1
Wareham	11	5	16
West Bridgewater	1	0	1
Whitman	1	0	1
Total	75	93	168

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Suffolk County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Boston	103	438	541
Chelsea	1	10	11
Revere	3	11	14
Winthrop	2	14	16
Total	109	473	582

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Release Address Cities/Towns in Worcester County			
	Female	Male	Total
Ashburnham	1	0	1
Athol	1	3	4
Auburn	1	2	3
Blackstone	0	3	3
Boylston	0	1	1
Brookfield	1	0	1
Charlton	6	2	8
Clinton	4	9	13
Douglas	0	1	1
Dudley	1	0	1
Fitchburg	6	19	25
Gardner	4	4	8
Grafton	1	1	2
Holden	0	5	5
Hubbardston	0	1	1
Lancaster	0	1	1
Leominster	5	3	8
Lunenburg	1	0	1
Milford	2	7	9
Millbury	3	0	3
New Braintree	1	1	2
Northbridge	1	3	4
Oakham	0	1	1
Oxford	2	1	3
Phillipston	0	1	1
Shrewsbury	3	4	7
Southbridge	7	3	10
Spencer	4	0	4
Sterling	1	0	1
Templeton	1	3	4
Upton	2	0	2
Uxbridge	1	2	3
Webster	3	1	4
West Boylston	1	0	1
West Brookfield	1	0	1
Westborough	18	5	23
Westminster	1	0	1
Winchendon	6	3	9
Worcester	58	174	232
Total	148	264	412