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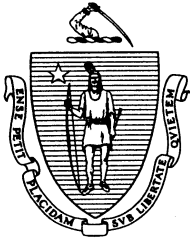
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Executive Summary

The total number of criminally sentenced individuals in DOC custody on January 1, 1998 was 10,218. The breakdown by gender was 9,619 males (94% of total population) and 599 females (6% of total population). The largest racial/ethnic group represented was Caucasian (47%), followed by African American (29%) and Hispanic (22%). The mean age of an inmate on January 1, 1998 was 35 years (for both males and females), ranging from 16 to 91 years of age. The mean age at incarceration was 30 years for the entire population and for males, 33 years for females.

Forty-five percent of the population was incarcerated for a Person offense, 21% for a Drug offense, 18% for a Sex offense, 11% for a Property offense, and 4% for an Other offense. For incarcerated females, the largest proportion of offenses fell under the Drug offense category (36%), while the largest category for incarcerated males was Person offenses (46%). Fourteen percent of the total population, or 1,403 offenders, were serving a Life sentence.

On January 1, 1998 the majority (83%) of the inmate population was incarcerated in high security level facilities (designated as security levels 4 - 6). The remaining 17% of the population was housed in lower security level facilities (security levels 1 - 3).

Highlights

- The January 1, 1998 total of 10,218 inmates represents the largest first of the year DOC custody population to date. The totals were also at their highest levels for both males and females.
- From 1989 to 1998, the first of the year DOC custody population rose by 3,461 inmates, which translates to an average annual growth rate of 5% for the 10 year period.
- The DOC custody population on January 1, 1998 of 10,218 represents a one percent increase from the previous year's population of 10,119 inmates.
- The number of male inmates in the population increased 53% from January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1998 as compared to 34% for females during the same time period.
- The 1998 racial and ethnic breakdown continues a trend of slight decrease in Caucasians of the total population since 1994 from 51% to 47%, and a slight increase among Hispanics as a percentage of the total population since 1989 from 16% to 22%.
- The number of Asian inmates increased 18% from 90 in 1997 to 106 in 1998 representing the largest percent increase of any race/ethnicity category for the years 1997 to 1998.
- Although the number of younger inmates in the population has increased from 1989 to 1998, the proportion continues to decrease as it has for several years, with 19% (N = 1,316) of the population less than 25 years of age in 1989 compared to 15% (N = 1,471) in 1998.
- Inmates from 40 to 64 years of age continue to rise in proportion to the overall custody population, comprising 17% of the population in 1989 compared to 27% in 1998.

- 64% of the population is serving time for a violent offense (Person or Sex offense).
- Over the 10 year period the number of Sex offenders has increased by 94% and the number of Drug offenders by 92%, representing the two largest growing offense categories in the population.
- While the number of Person offenders increased by 38% from 3,360 on January 1, 1989 to 4,648 on January 1, 1998, the percentage of Person offenders of the total population decreased over the 10 year period from 50% of the population in 1989 to 45% of the population in 1998.
- The number of First Degree Lifers in the population increased 45% from 1993 to 1998. First Degree and Second Degree Lifers overall increased 38% compared to a total population increase of 3% in the same time frame.

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Introduction

The “January 1, 1998 Inmate Statistics” report provides a statistical description of criminally sentenced inmates in Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) facilities. In an effort to convey information in a timely manner, the DOC opted to condense the report. Therefore, minimal descriptive text is included. The report consists of mostly data in the form of tables and charts with corresponding numbers, percentages and graphs.

The information in this report is a “snapshot” composition of the inmate population in DOC facilities on January 1, 1998. Throughout the rest of the body of this report, the phrase “in 1998” is substituted for “the population in the DOC on January 1, 1998”.

First, one needs to distinguish between inmates residing “in” DOC facilities and those committed by the courts to the DOC, but serving time in facilities outside of the DOC. The population described in this report is inmates incarcerated as a result of a *criminal* commitment who were in DOC *custody*. This includes **county**, **federal**, and **out-of-state** inmates transferred to a DOC facility who were in DOC *custody* on January 1, 1998 (N = **312**). The breakdown of the total DOC *custody* population (inmates *in* DOC facilities) is as follows:

10,218	Total DOC custody population
9,906	DOC
224	County
2	Federal
86	Out-of-State

Excluded from this report are individuals in DOC facilities on January 1, 1998, who were *not* serving a *criminal* sentence:

446	Total Civil Commitments at the DOC
238	Bridgewater State Hospital
105	Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous
96	Addiction Center at Southeastern Correctional Center
7	MCI-Framingham
245	Total Pre-Trial/Awaiting Trial at the DOC
109	Females at Awaiting Trial Unit at MCI-Framingham
136	Males awaiting trial in a DOC facility

Additionally, inmates criminally sentenced by the courts to the DOC, but serving time in federal, county, or out-of-state facilities are also excluded herein. Individuals falling outside of the “custody” population, but within DOC “jurisdiction” on January 1, 1998, *not* represented in this report are¹:

898

Total DOC Inmates Housed Outside of the DOC

(431 inmates in Federal prisons or other states’ facilities,
and 467 in Massachusetts county facilities).

This report is organized into three sections. The first section describes the demographic characteristics of DOC inmates in 1998. The second section depicts information about criminal offenses for the inmate population. The third section addresses data regarding sentencing, such as court from which committed, type of sentence, and sentence lengths. In addition, the final section shows the number and percentage of inmates in each DOC facility, by security level.

Tables and charts are presented in each section of the report. The trend tables have been expanded from previous years reports to cover a 10 year period, when possible. If data is unavailable for certain years, it is noted by “NA” (not available) in the table. The report Glossary beginning on page 23 provides definitions of terms used in this report and addresses some methodological issues.

¹ Source of data for jurisdiction and custody population excluded from report is the inmate database on 1/5/98.

Demographic Characteristics of DOC
January 1, 1998 Population

Table 1

Gender: January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1998

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
Male	N	6,310	7,042	7,737	8,506	9,336	9,413	9,258	9,154	9,522	9,619	(1%)
	(%)	(93%)	(93%)	(94%)	(94%)	(95%)	(95%)	(94%)	(94%)	(94%)	(94%)	
Female	N	447	511	528	569	515	539	596	582	597	599	(0%)
	(%)	(7%)	(7%)	(6%)	(6%)	(5%)	(5%)	(6%)	(6%)	(6%)	(6%)	
Total		6,757	7,553	8,265	9,075	9,851	9,952	9,854	9,736	10,119	10,218	(1%)

Figure 1

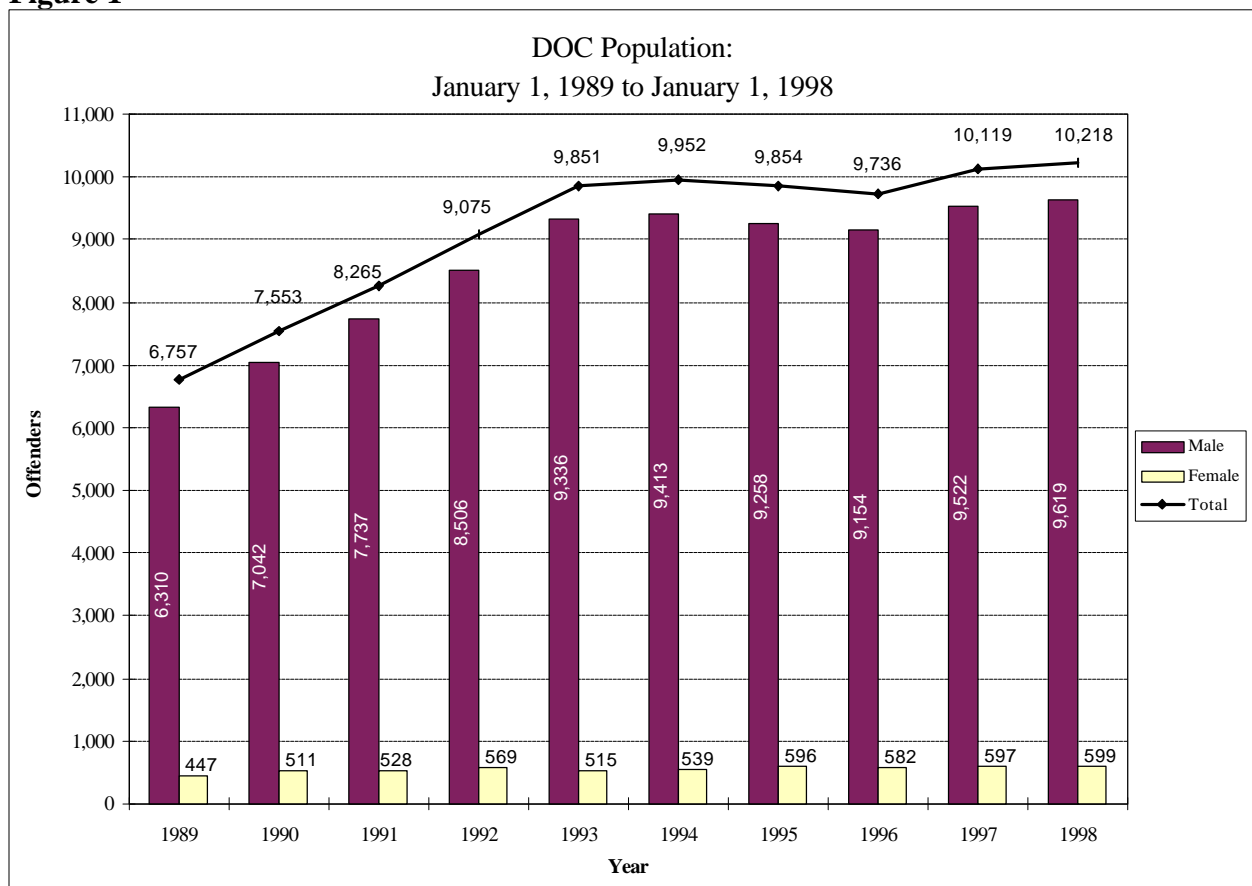


Table 2

Race/Ethnicity: January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1998

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
Caucasian	N	3,773	3,980	4,254	4,513	4,942	5,034	4,881	4,804	4,807	4,852	(1%)
	(%)	(56%)	(53%)	(51%)	(50%)	(50%)	(51%)	(50%)	(49%)	(48%)	(47%)	
African American	N	1,893	2,161	2,351	2,762	2,931	2,933	2,907	2,861	2,978	2,935	-(1%)
	(%)	(28%)	(29%)	(28%)	(30%)	(30%)	(29%)	(30%)	(29%)	(29%)	(29%)	
Hispanic	N	1,056	1,361	1,602	1,733	1,897	1,906	1,982	1,978	2,213	2,295	(4%)
	(%)	(16%)	(18%)	(19%)	(19%)	(19%)	(19%)	(20%)	(20%)	(22%)	(22%)	
Native American	N	12	12	12	14	16	13	13	14	31	30	-(3%)
	(%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	(0%)	
Asian	N	23	39	46	53	65	66	71	79	90	106	(18%)
	(%)	(0%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	
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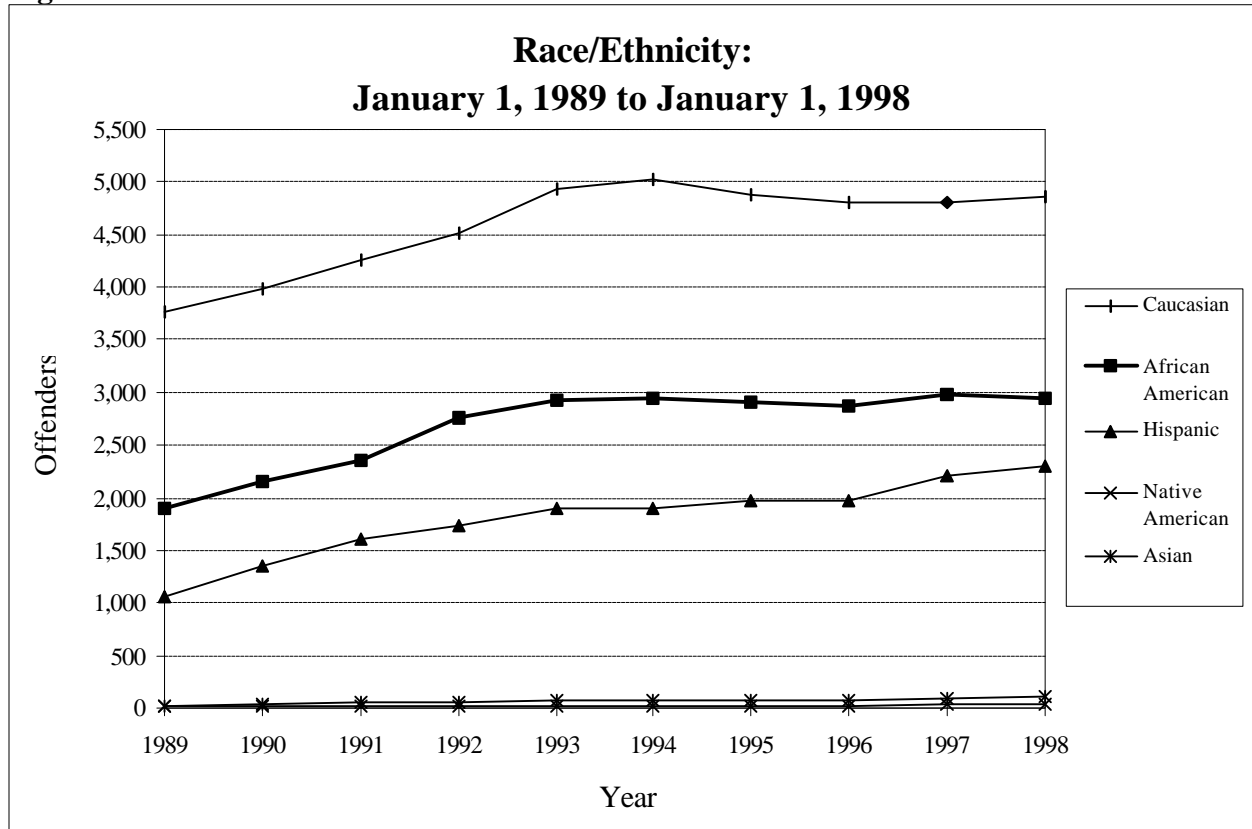


Table 3

Race/Ethnicity by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Caucasian	338	56	4,514	47	4,852	47
African American	130	22	2,805	29	2,935	29
Native American	0	0	30	0	30	0
Asian	4	1	102	1	106	1
Hispanic	127	21	2,168	23	2,295	22
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Table 4

Age as of January 1: January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1998

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
19 Yrs and Younger	N	128	159	203	211	232	213	390	184	172	171	-(1%)
	(%)	(2%)	(2%)	(2%)	(2%)	(2%)	(2%)	(4%)	(2%)	(2%)	(2%)	
20 to 24 Yrs	N	1,188	1,348	1,471	1,608	1,728	1,723	1,795	1,421	1,400	1,300	-(7%)
	(%)	(18%)	(18%)	(18%)	(18%)	(18%)	(17%)	(18%)	(15%)	(14%)	(13%)	
25 to 29 Yrs	N	1,718	1,905	2,036	2,143	2,200	2,099	2,035	2,082	2,140	2,006	-(6%)
	(%)	(25%)	(25%)	(25%)	(24%)	(22%)	(21%)	(21%)	(21%)	(21%)	(20%)	
30 to 39 Yrs	N	2,528	2,776	2,986	3,307	3,618	3,666	3,539	3,671	3,774	3,848	(2%)
	(%)	(37%)	(37%)	(36%)	(36%)	(37%)	(37%)	(36%)	(38%)	(37%)	(38%)	
40 to 64 Yrs	N	1,167	1,327	1,529	1,756	2,022	2,190	2,036	2,295	2,542	2,787	(10%)
	(%)	(17%)	(18%)	(18%)	(19%)	(21%)	(22%)	(21%)	(24%)	(25%)	(27%)	
65 Yrs and Older	N	28	38	40	50	60	61	59	83	91	106	(16%)
	(%)	(0%)	(1%)	(0%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	
Total		6,757	7,553	8,265	9,075	9,860	9,952	9,854	9,736	10,119	10,218	(1%)
Median Age (Years)		31	30	31	31	31	31	32	32	33	33	
Mean Age (Years)		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	34	35	

Figure 3

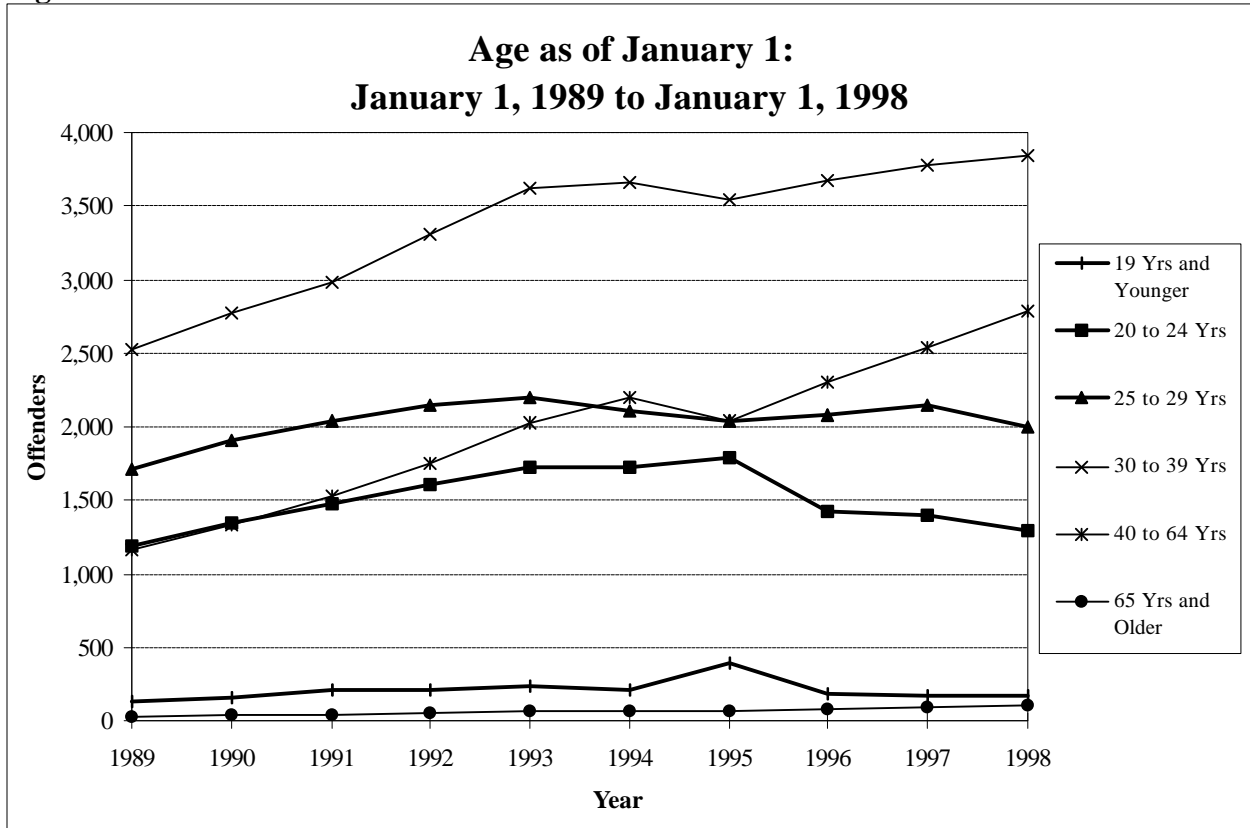


Table 5**Age as of January 1, 1998 by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
16 Yrs	0	0	1	0	1	0
17 Yrs	0	0	12	0	12	0
18 Yrs	2	0	54	1	56	1
19 Yrs	8	1	94	1	102	1
20 Yrs	6	1	159	2	165	2
21 Yrs	9	2	218	2	227	2
22 Yrs	7	1	257	3	264	3
23 Yrs	12	2	307	3	319	3
24 Yrs	13	2	312	3	325	3
25 to 29 Yrs	93	16	1,913	20	2,006	20
30 to 34 Yrs	154	26	1,901	20	2,055	20
35 to 39 Yrs	139	23	1,654	17	1,793	18
40 to 44 Yrs	88	15	1,174	12	1,262	12
45 to 49 Yrs	40	7	681	7	721	7
50 to 54 Yrs	17	3	451	5	468	5
55 to 59 Yrs	7	1	222	2	229	2
60 to 64 Yrs	2	0	105	1	107	1
65 to 69 Yrs	2	0	62	1	64	1
70 Yrs and Older	0	0	42	0	42	0
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Age as of 1/1/98:

The median age was 33 years (females - 34 years; males - 33 years)

The mean age was 35 years (for both males and females)

Age as of 1/1/98 - Ranges:

Females - 18 years to 67 years

Males - 16 years to 91 years

Table 6

Age at Incarceration by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
15 Yrs	0	0	3	0	3	0
16 Yrs	0	0	18	0	18	0
17 Yrs	0	0	107	1	107	1
18 Yrs	7	1	345	4	352	3
19 Yrs	14	2	457	5	471	5
20 Yrs	6	1	491	5	497	5
21 Yrs	13	2	462	5	475	5
22 Yrs	15	3	454	5	469	5
23 Yrs	16	3	402	4	418	4
24 Yrs	14	2	476	5	490	5
25 to 29 Yrs	111	19	2,092	22	2,203	22
30 to 34 Yrs	155	26	1,744	18	1,899	19
35 to 39 Yrs	135	23	1,140	12	1,275	12
40 to 44 Yrs	62	10	705	7	767	8
45 to 49 Yrs	34	6	369	4	403	4
50 to 54 Yrs	11	2	186	2	197	2
55 to 59 Yrs	4	1	101	1	105	1
60 to 64 Yrs	1	0	35	0	36	0
65 to 69 Yrs	1	0	18	0	19	0
70 Yrs and Older	0	0	14	0	14	0
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Age at Incarceration:

The median age was 28 years (females - 33 years; males - 28 years)

The mean age was 30 years (females - 33 years; males - 30 years)

Age at Incarceration - Ranges:

Females - 18 years to 65 years

Males - 15 years to 86 years

Table 7

Marital Status (Self-Reported) by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Married	77	13	1,614	17	1,691	17
Single	359	60	6,802	71	7,161	70
Divorced	92	15	815	8	907	9
Widowed	12	2	68	1	80	1
Partner/Livein	0	0	32	0	32	0
Separated	58	10	287	3	345	3
Not Reported	1	0	1	0	2	0
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Current Offense

Table 8

Current Offense Categories: January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1998

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
Person	N	3,360	3,520	3,764	4,214	4,618	4,724	4,634	4,633	4,803	4,648	-(3%)
	(%)	(50%)	(47%)	(46%)	(46%)	(47%)	(47%)	(47%)	(48%)	(47%)	(45%)	
Sex	N	966	1,131	1,229	1,402	1,690	1,759	1,758	1,620	1,690	1,872	(11%)
	(%)	(14%)	(15%)	(15%)	(15%)	(17%)	(18%)	(18%)	(17%)	(17%)	(18%)	
Property	N	1,022	1,076	1,097	1,168	1,216	1,186	1,135	1,170	1,161	1,154	-(1%)
	(%)	(15%)	(14%)	(13%)	(13%)	(12%)	(12%)	(12%)	(12%)	(11%)	(11%)	
Drug	N	1,103	1,502	1,816	1,939	1,973	1,931	2,002	1,942	2,079	2,119	(2%)
	(%)	(16%)	(20%)	(22%)	(21%)	(20%)	(19%)	(20%)	(20%)	(21%)	(21%)	
Other	N	306	324	359	352	354	352	325	371	386	425	(10%)
	(%)	(5%)	(4%)	(4%)	(4%)	(4%)	(4%)	(3%)	(4%)	(4%)	(4%)	
Total		6,757	7,553	8,265	9,075	9,851	9,952	9,854	9,736	10,119	10,218	(1%)

Figure 4

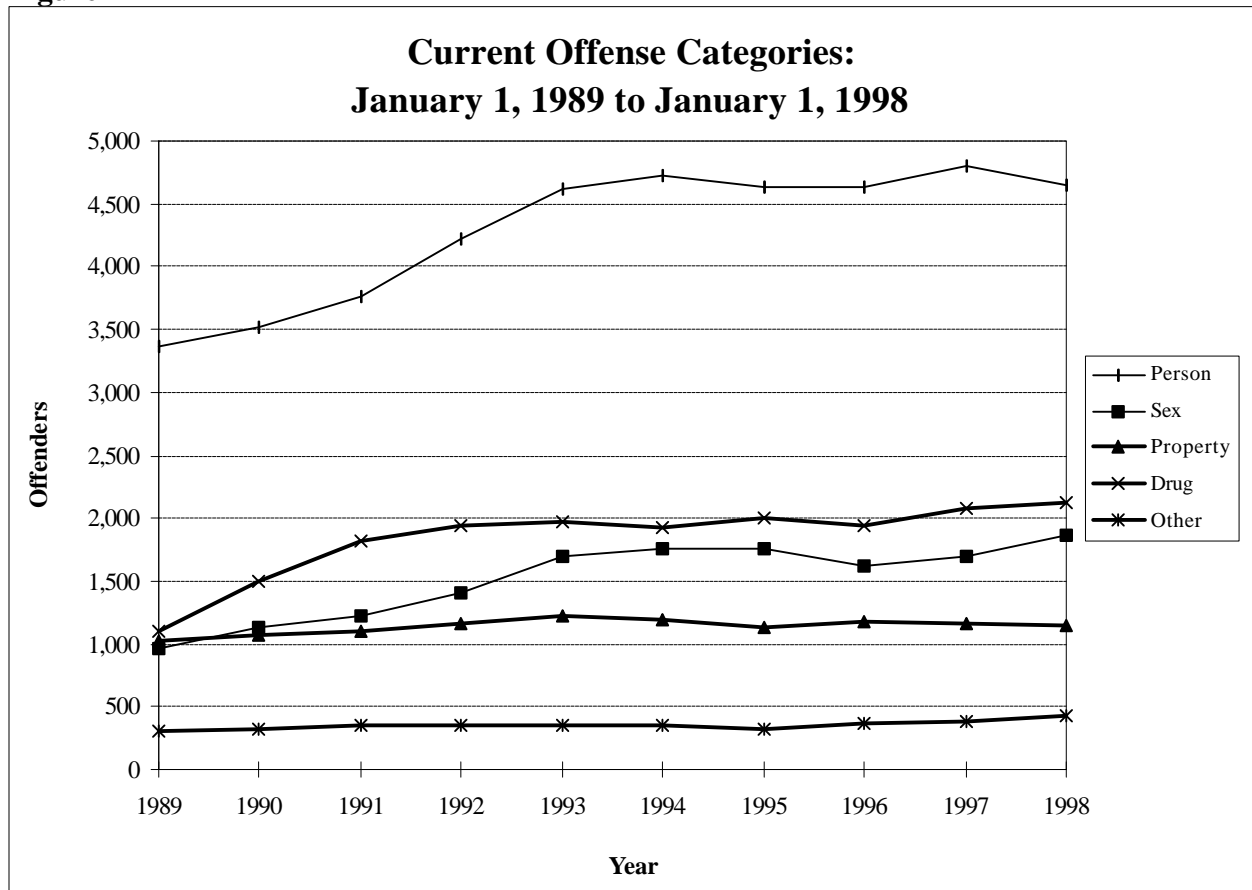


Table 9

Current Offense Categories by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Person	194	32	4,454	46	4,648	45
Sex	19	3	1,853	19	1,872	18
Property	91	15	1,063	11	1,154	11
Drug	215	36	1,904	20	2,119	21
Other	80	13	345	4	425	4
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Table10

Person Offenses by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Armed Robbery	27	14	1,125	25	1,152	25
Murder 2	13	7	683	15	696	15
Murder 1	14	7	600	13	614	13
Manslaughter	32	16	369	8	401	9
Armed Asslt W/Intent to Rob/Murder	13	7	388	9	401	9
A&B Dangerous Weapon	23	12	367	8	390	8
Unarmed Robbery	7	4	303	7	310	7
Armed Assault in Dwelling	2	1	91	2	93	2
Asslt Dangerous Weapon	7	4	71	2	78	2
Unarmed Robbery, Victim 60+	9	5	53	1	62	1
Assault/ A&B	26	13	34	1	60	1
Kidnapping	1	1	53	1	54	1
Mayhem	2	1	48	1	50	1
Vehicular Homicide	5	3	43	1	48	1
Other Person Offense	3	2	36	1	39	1
Assault With Intent to Murder	0	0	30	1	30	1
Carjacking	1	1	27	1	28	1
Unarmed Assault to Rob	2	1	17	0	19	0
Accessory Before the Fact	1	1	17	0	18	0
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	0	0	16	0	16	0
A&B W/ Injury, Child Under 14	2	1	14	0	16	0
Conspiracy	2	1	9	0	11	0
Extortion	0	0	9	0	9	0
Accessory After the Fact	2	1	7	0	9	0
Home Invasion	0	0	8	0	8	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	7	0	7	0
Stalking	0	0	6	0	6	0
Armed Asslt W/Intent to Rob/Murder, Victim 60+	0	0	6	0	6	0
Murder 1 - Juvenile Offender	0	0	5	0	5	0
Violation Civil Rights	0	0	4	0	4	0
Murder 2 - Juvenile Offender	0	0	3	0	3	0
Asslt Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	0	0	3	0	3	0
A&B Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total	194	100	4,454	100	4,648	100

Please note: the offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Table 11

Sex Offenses by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Rape of Child <16, Statutory	6	32	488	26	494	26
Rape of Child <16, W/Force	3	16	395	21	398	21
Rape	0	0	366	20	366	20
Aggravated Rape	1	5	290	16	291	16
Indecent A&B on Child <14	5	26	140	8	145	8
Assault With Intent to Rape	0	0	115	6	115	6
Indecent A&B, Victim 14+	1	5	24	1	25	1
Assault W/Int to Rape, Child <16	0	0	21	1	21	1
Child Pornography	1	5	6	0	7	0
Indecent A&B, Mentally Retarded Victim	0	0	2	0	2	0
Unnatural Act	1	5	1	0	2	0
Incest	0	0	2	0	2	0
Unnatural Act, Child <16	1	5	1	0	2	0
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total	19	100	1,853	100	1,872	100

Please note: the offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Table 12

Property Offenses by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	19	21	618	58	637	55
Vehicle Theft	4	4	104	10	108	9
Arson	6	7	86	8	92	8
Larceny	25	27	65	6	90	8
Armed Burglary	0	0	59	6	59	5
Forgery and Uttering	11	12	24	2	35	3
Receiving Stolen Goods	6	7	29	3	35	3
Shoplifting	6	7	17	2	23	2
Destruction of Property	0	0	17	2	17	1
Possession of Burglary Tools	0	0	16	2	16	1
Larceny From Person	7	8	9	1	16	1
Common and Notorious Thief	2	2	9	1	11	1
Fraud	3	3	5	0	8	1
Larceny From Person > 64	2	2	2	0	4	0
Common Receiver	0	0	3	0	3	0
Total	91	100	1,063	100	1,154	100

Please note: the offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Table 13

Drug Offenses by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Being Present Where Heroin Kept	1	0	0	0	1	0
Possession of Hypodermic Instrument	3	1	1	0	4	0
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law	2	1	36	2	38	2
Controlled Substance - No Class Specified	29	13	11	1	40	2
Controlled Substance - Class A	1	0	28	1	29	1
Controlled Substance - Class B	0	0	17	1	17	1
Controlled Substance - Class D	0	0	11	1	11	1
Class A Poss W/Int to Distribute	37	17	230	12	267	13
*Class A Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent	5	2	87	5	92	4
Class B Poss W/Int to Distribute	35	16	262	14	297	14
*Class B Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent	5	2	76	4	81	4
*Class B Poss W/Int to Distribute to Minor	1	0	0	0	1	0
*Specific Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute	16	7	141	7	157	7
*Specific Cl B - Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent	4	2	57	3	61	3
Class C - Poss W/Int to Distribute	1	0	0	0	1	0
*Marijuana - Trafficking 50-100 Lbs	0	0	1	0	1	0
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	18	8	255	13	273	13
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	14	7	254	13	268	13
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	7	3	150	8	157	7
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 200+ Grams	8	4	150	8	158	7
*Class A - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	2	1	5	0	7	0
*Class A - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	0	0	20	1	20	1
*Class A - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	0	0	7	0	7	0
*Class A - Trafficking 200+ Grams	0	0	4	0	4	0
Class D - Poss W/Int to Distribute	2	1	3	0	5	0
*Drug Violation, School/Park	23	11	89	5	112	5
Induce Minor in Sale and Distribution of Drugs	0	0	8	0	8	0
Theft of Drugs	1	0	1	0	2	0
Total	215	100	1,904	100	2,119	100

* Denotes an offense which carries a mandatory sentence.

Please note the offenses are arranged in order by drug violation category.

Table 14

Other Offenses by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs	35	44	104	30	139	33
Carry a Firearm W/Out License	1	1	92	27	93	22
Other Weapons Offense	2	3	66	19	68	16
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	12	15	11	3	23	5
Escape	0	0	17	5	17	4
Prostitution	14	18	1	0	15	4
Attempt to Commit Crime	3	4	12	3	15	4
Violation of Court Order	2	3	11	3	13	3
Habitual Criminal	0	0	9	3	9	2
Deriving Support From Prostitute	1	1	7	2	8	2
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	7	9	0	0	7	2
Operating Under the Influence W/Injury	0	0	7	2	7	2
Miscellaneous Other Offense	0	0	2	1	2	0
Delivering/Receiving Articles for Inmates	0	0	2	1	2	0
Leave Scene of Vehicular Accident	0	0	2	1	2	0
Bribery/Corruption	0	0	1	0	1	0
Use of a Firearm for Felony	0	0	1	0	1	0
Perjury/Contempt of Court	1	1	0	0	1	0
Trespassing	1	1	0	0	1	0
Resisting Arrest	1	1	0	0	1	0
Total	80	98	345	100	425	100

Please note: the offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Sentencing and Security Levels

Table 15

Minimum Sentence: January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1998

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
No Minimum	N	1,812	1,827	1,742	1,915	1,933	1,872	1,619	1,377	1,230	1,115	-(9%)
	(%)	(27%)	(24%)	(21%)	(21%)	(20%)	(19%)	(16%)	(14%)	(12%)	(11%)	
Less than 5 Yrs	N	1,121	1,405	1,546	1,648	1,671	1,553	1,517	1,943	2,566	2,849	(11%)
	(%)	(17%)	(19%)	(19%)	(18%)	(17%)	(16%)	(15%)	(20%)	(25%)	(28%)	
5 to Less Than 10 Yrs	N	1,798	2,044	2,424	2,714	3,027	3,113	3,220	3,013	2,885	2,683	-(7%)
	(%)	(27%)	(27%)	(29%)	(30%)	(31%)	(31%)	(33%)	(31%)	(29%)	(26%)	
10 to Less Than 20 Yrs	N	1,100	1,287	1,513	1,684	1,946	2,055	2,040	1,888	1,823	1,852	(2%)
	(%)	(16%)	(17%)	(18%)	(19%)	(20%)	(21%)	(21%)	(19%)	(18%)	(18%)	
20 Yrs or More	N	155	172	186	197	247	264	289	285	297	316	(6%)
	(%)	(2%)	(2%)	(2%)	(2%)	(3%)	(3%)	(3%)	(3%)	(3%)	(3%)	
Life	N	771	818	854	917	1,027	1,095	1,169	1,230	1,318	1,403	(6%)
	(%)	(11%)	(11%)	(10%)	(10%)	(10%)	(11%)	(12%)	(13%)	(13%)	(14%)	
Total		6,757	7,553	8,265	9,075	9,851	9,952	9,854	9,736	10,119	10,218	(1%)

Figure 5

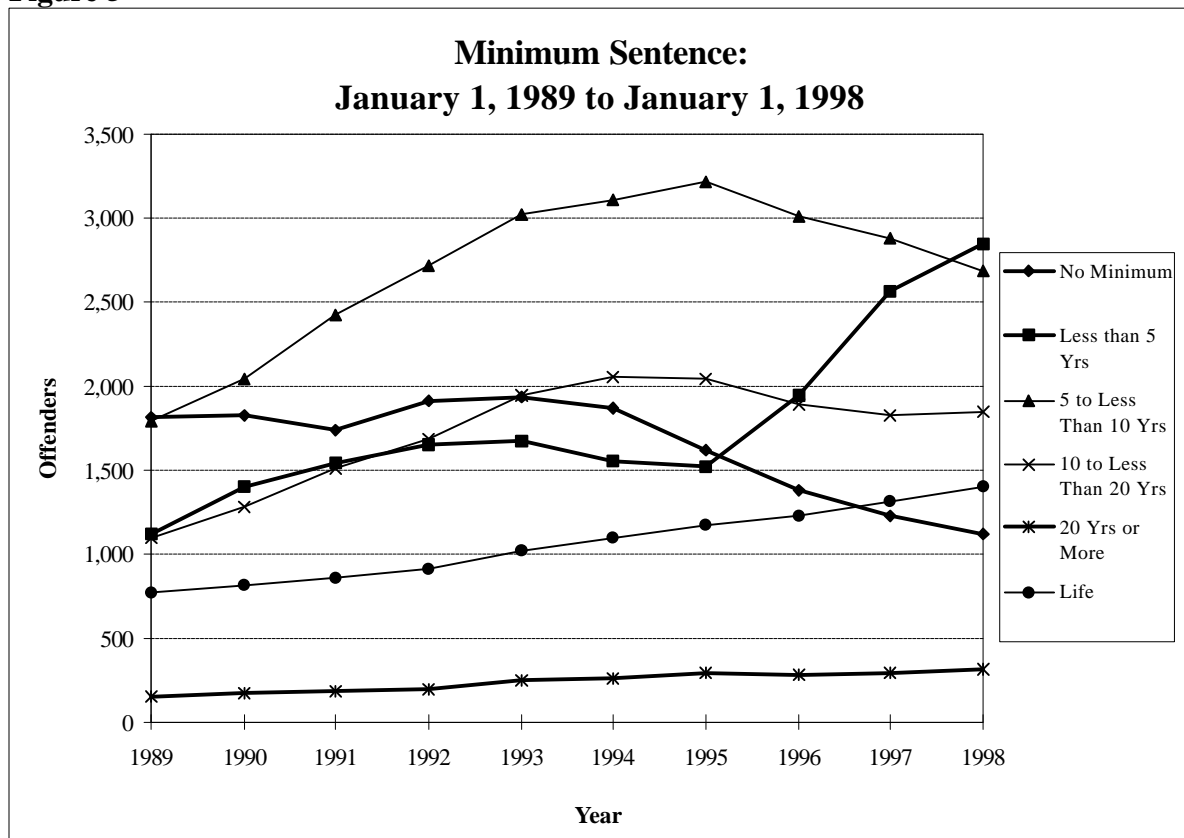


Table 16

Minimum Sentence by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Less Than 1 Yr	0	0	5	0	5	0
1 to Less Than 2 Yrs	15	3	194	2	209	2
2 to Less Than 3 Yrs	36	6	635	7	671	7
3 to Less Than 4 Yrs	60	10	1,263	13	1,323	13
4 to Less Than 5 Yrs	28	5	613	6	641	6
5 to Less Than 6 Yrs	31	5	978	10	1,009	10
6 to Less Than 7 Yrs	13	2	525	5	538	5
7 to Less Than 8 Yrs	10	2	385	4	395	4
8 to Less Than 9 Yrs	12	2	341	4	353	3
9 to Less Than 10 Yrs	13	2	375	4	388	4
10 to Less Than 11 Yrs	15	3	535	6	550	5
11 to Less Than 12 Yrs	0	0	31	0	31	0
12 to Less Than 13 Yrs	10	2	366	4	376	4
13 to Less Than 14 Yrs	0	0	36	0	36	0
14 to Less Than 15 Yrs	1	0	37	0	38	0
15 to Less Than 16 Yrs	16	3	473	5	489	5
16 to Less Than 17 Yrs	0	0	33	0	33	0
17 to Less Than 18 Yrs	0	0	20	0	20	0
18 to Less Than 19 Yrs	5	1	221	2	226	2
19 to Less Than 20 Yrs	1	0	52	1	53	1
20 Yrs or More	2	0	314	3	316	3
Life	27	5	1,376	14	1,403	14
No Minimum	304	51	811	8	1,115	11
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Table 17

Maximum Sentence: January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1998

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
Less than 5 Yrs	N	594	652	701	682	622	722	772	1,089	1,609	1,966	(22%)
	(%)	(9%)	(9%)	(8%)	(8%)	(6%)	(7%)	(8%)	(11%)	(16%)	(19%)	
5 to Less Than 10 Yrs	N	1,750	2,094	2,364	2,607	2,670	2,485	2,436	2,491	2,608	2,590	-(1%)
	(%)	(26%)	(28%)	(29%)	(29%)	(27%)	(25%)	(25%)	(26%)	(26%)	(25%)	
10 to Less Than 20 Yrs	N	2,551	2,781	3,060	3,459	3,875	3,950	3,812	3,373	3,069	2,754	-(10%)
	(%)	(38%)	(37%)	(37%)	(38%)	(39%)	(40%)	(39%)	(35%)	(30%)	(27%)	
20 Yrs or More	N	1,083	1,198	1,274	1,396	1,645	1,687	1,647	1,536	1,494	1,483	-(1%)
	(%)	(16%)	(16%)	(15%)	(15%)	(17%)	(17%)	(17%)	(16%)	(15%)	(15%)	
Life	N	779	828	866	931	1,039	1,108	1,187	1,247	1,339	1,425	(6%)
	(%)	(12%)	(11%)	(10%)	(10%)	(11%)	(11%)	(12%)	(13%)	(13%)	(14%)	
Total		6,757	7,553	8,265	9,075	9,851	9,952	9,854	9,736	10,119	10,218	(1%)

Figure 6

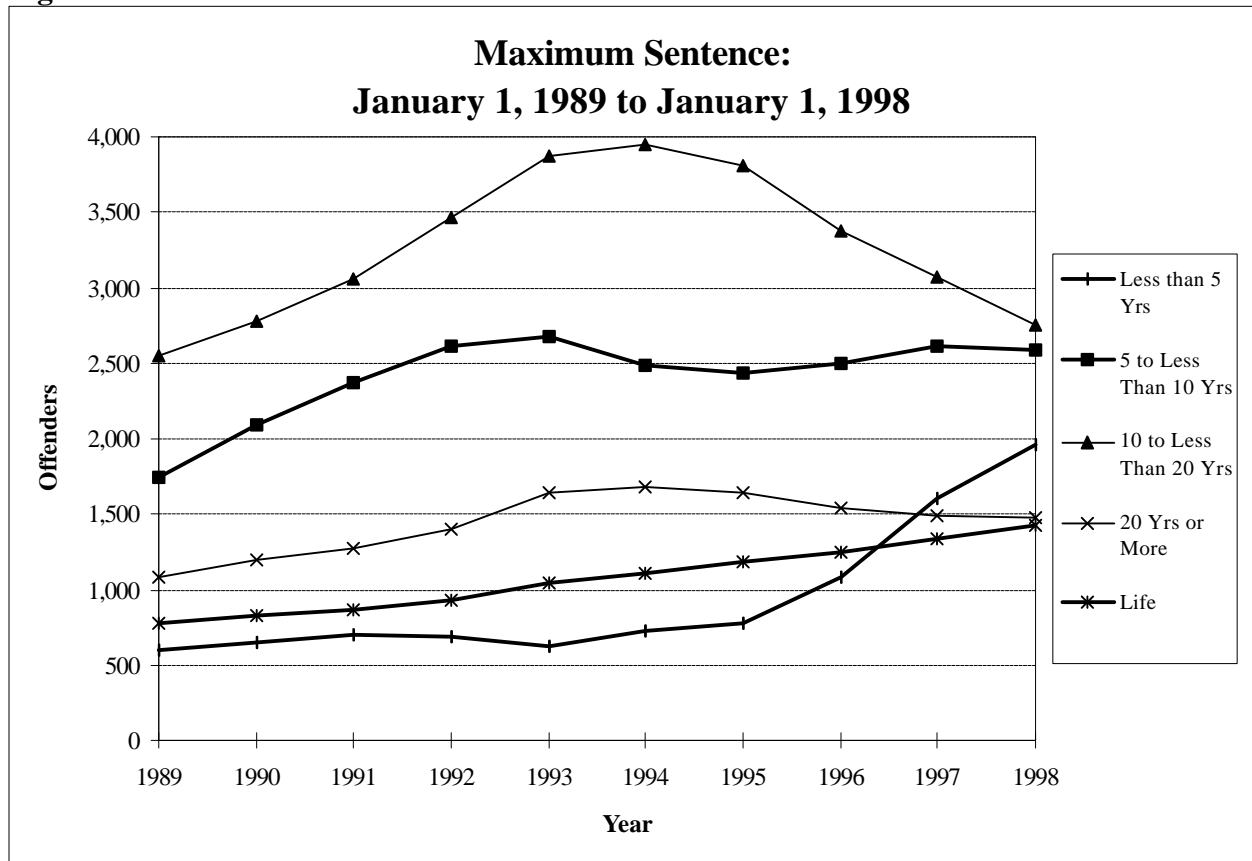


Table 18

Maximum Sentence by Gender

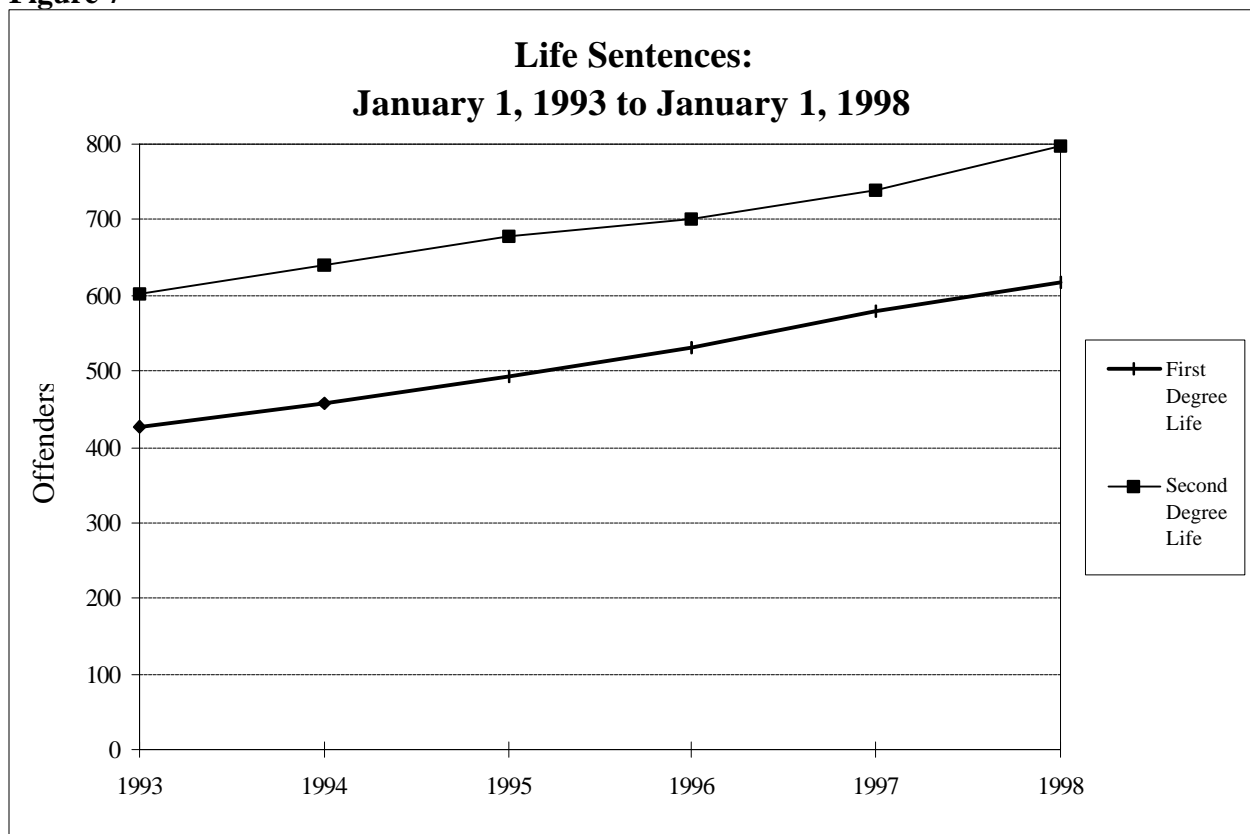
	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Less Than 1 Year	110	18	50	1	160	2
1 to Less Than 2 Yrs	94	16	125	1	219	2
2 to Less Than 3 Yrs	91	15	342	4	433	4
3 to Less Than 4 Yrs	46	8	701	7	747	7
4 to Less Than 5 Yrs	16	3	391	4	407	4
5 to Less Than 6 Yrs	65	11	1,252	13	1,317	13
6 to Less Than 7 Yrs	8	1	314	3	322	3
7 to Less Than 8 Yrs	19	3	537	6	556	5
8 to Less Than 9 Yrs	5	1	224	2	229	2
9 to Less Than 10 Yrs	8	1	158	2	166	2
10 to Less Than 11 Yrs	48	8	1,267	13	1,315	13
11 to Less Than 12 Yrs	1	0	31	0	32	0
12 to Less Than 13 Yrs	10	2	465	5	475	5
13 to Less Than 14 Yrs	1	0	27	0	28	0
14 to Less Than 15 Yrs	0	0	23	0	23	0
15 to Less Than 16 Yrs	22	4	661	7	683	7
16 to Less Than 17 Yrs	0	0	34	0	34	0
17 to Less Than 18 Yrs	1	0	39	0	40	0
18 to Less Than 19 Yrs	3	1	113	1	116	1
19 to Less Than 20 Yrs	0	0	8	0	8	0
20 Yrs or More	24	4	1,459	15	1,483	15
Life	27	5	1,398	15	1,425	14
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Table 19

Life Sentences: January 1, 1993 to January 1, 1998

		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
First Degree Life	N	426	456	492	530	578	618	(7%)
	(%)	(41%)	(42%)	(42%)	(43%)	(44%)	(44%)	
Second Degree Life	N	601	639	677	700	740	798	(8%)
	(%)	(59%)	(58%)	(58%)	(57%)	(56%)	(56%)	
Total		1,027	1,095	1,169	1,230	1,318	1,416	(7%)

Figure 7



Note: First Degree Life and Second Degree Life categories include only those inmates serving a sentence with a minimum term of "Life 1" or "Life 2" regardless of whether their sentence was changed due to a commutation. For the years 1996 and previous, sentences which have been revised to a minimum term of years via a commutation or court order are excluded from the reported figures.

Table 20

Court From Which Committed by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Barnstable Superior	7	1	204	2	211	2
Berkshire Superior	10	2	239	2	249	2
Bristol Superior	24	4	683	7	707	7
Dukes Superior	0	0	1	0	1	0
Essex Superior	38	6	850	9	888	9
Franklin Superior	5	1	97	1	102	1
Hampden Superior	40	7	1,134	12	1,174	11
Hampshire Superior	6	1	110	1	116	1
Middlesex Superior	49	8	1,482	15	1,531	15
Nantucket Superior	0	0	2	0	2	0
Norfolk Superior	11	2	406	4	417	4
Plymouth Superior	23	4	455	5	478	5
Suffolk Superior	68	11	2,340	24	2,408	24
Worcester Superior	44	7	1,122	12	1,166	11
District Courts	261	44	38	0	299	3
Juvenile Courts	0	0	2	0	2	0
Other Jurisdictions	5	1	307	3	312	3
Not Available	8	1	147	2	155	2
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Please note: "Not Available" denotes From and After sentences where the court which imposed the sentence can not be determined from the data.

Table 21

Sentence Type by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
County	284	48	274	3	558	6
Reformatory	18	3	518	5	536	5
State Prison	295	49	8,743	92	9,038	89
Other State, Federal	2	0	84	1	86	1
Total	597	100	9,535	100	10,132	100

Table 22

Sentence Count by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
One	234	39	3,409	35	3,643	36
Two	129	22	2,190	23	2,319	23
Three	85	14	1,318	14	1,403	14
Four	44	7	882	9	926	9
Five to Nine	88	15	1,384	14	1,472	14
Ten to Nineteen	15	3	343	4	358	4
Twenty or More	4	1	93	1	97	1
Total	599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Table 23

Population in DOC Facilities by Institution and Security Level

		Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Level 6	MCI-Cedar Junction	-	-	814	8	814	8
	Subtotal	-	-	814	8	814	8
Level 5	Old Colony Correctional Center	-	-	695	7	695	7
	Subtotal	-	-	695	7	695	7
Level 4	MCI-Concord	-	-	1,194	12	1,194	12
	MCI-Framingham	498	83	-	-	498	5
	MCI-Norfolk	-	-	1,514	16	1,514	15
	North Central Correctional Institution	-	-	930	10	930	9
	Southeastern Correctional Center (Medium)	-	-	806	8	806	8
	Bay State Correctional Center	-	-	294	3	294	3
	Massachusetts Boot Camp	-	-	110	1	110	1
	MCI-Shirley (Medium)	-	-	1,101	11	1,101	11
	Massachusetts Treatment Center	-	-	421	4	421	4
	Bridgewater State Hospital	-	-	128	1	128	1
	Shattuck Hospital Correctional Unit	-	-	6	0	6	0
	Subtotal	498	83	6,504	68	7,002	69
Level 3	MCI-Plymouth	-	-	171	2	171	2
	Northeastern Correctional Center	-	-	206	2	206	2
	Southeastern Correctional Center (Minimum)	-	-	88	1	88	1
	MCI-Shirley (Minimum)	-	-	292	3	292	3
	Pondville Correctional Center	-	-	181	2	181	2
	Longwood Treatment Center	6	1	131	1	137	1
	Massachusetts Boot Camp	-	-	66	1	66	1
	Subtotal	6	1	1,135	12	1,141	11
Level 3/2	MCI-Lancaster	52	9	116	1	168	2
	South Middlesex Correctional Center	-	-	196	2	196	2
	Subtotal	52	9	312	3	364	4
Level 2	Boston Pre-Release Center	-	-	98	1	98	1
	Park Drive Pre-Release Center	-	-	49	1	49	0
	Hodder House	33	6	-	-	33	0
	Subtotal	33	6	147	2	180	2
Level 1	Charlotte House	8	1	-	-	8	0
	Houston House	2	0	-	-	2	0
	Pre-Parole Residential Environment Phase	-	0	12	0	12	0
	Subtotal	10	2	12	0	22	0
Maximum/Medium Security Subtotal (levels 4, 5, 6)		498	83	8,013	83	8,511	83
Minimum/Pre-Release Subtotal (levels 3, 3/2, 2, 1)		101	17	1,606	17	1,707	17
Total		599	100	9,619	100	10,218	100

Note: Cells denoted in the table with a hyphen (-) mean that males or females are not housed in that particular institution, therefore the information is "Not Applicable".

Glossary

Age At Incarceration	Jail credits are not included in the calculation of age at incarceration.
Court from Which Committed	Boston Municipal Court is included with the District Court category, as well as other former Municipal courts; District courts are lower courts of all counties.
CRS	Correctional Residential Services.
Current Offense	<p>Inmates may be incarcerated for multiple offenses. The offense reported is that associated with the longest maximum discharge date.</p> <p>Offense labels can be found in the Appendix and are listed in alphabetical order by offense category.</p>
DOC	Massachusetts Department of Correction.
Expiration	Expiration of Sentence.
GCD	Good Conduct Discharge.
HOC	House of Correction - Massachusetts.
Marital Status	The categories "Common Law", "Cohabitant", and "Life Partner" are combined into the category labeled "Partner/Live-in" for this report.
Mean	The sum of the values of all the observations in a data set divided by the number of observations.
Median	The point in an array of data which has an equal number of observations above and below it.
Minimum Sentence	Some inmates do not have a minimum sentence, only a maximum sentence. Cases with "No Minimum" term are inmates serving House of Correction (County) or Reformatory sentences and can also be those serving out of state or federal sentences.
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Federal Bureau of Census.

Not Available/NA

Information that is unavailable for previous years due to changes to definitions/reporting are noted as “Not Available”. Also, missing information is considered “Not Available”.

Not Reported

For self-reported variables such as marital status, education, race, place of birth, and address missing information is noted as “Not Reported”.

PV

Parole Violation.

PPREP

Pre-Parole Residential Environment Program.

Race/Ethnicity

Inmates who self-report their race as “White Hispanic” or “Black Hispanic” are combined into the “Hispanic” category for this report.

Sentence/Sentence Type

State Prison Sentence

Prior to the “Truth in Sentencing” law, if an offender is sentenced to the State Prison, except for life or as an habitual criminal, the court shall not fix the term of imprisonment, but shall fix a maximum and minimum term for which he/she may be imprisoned. The minimum term shall not be less than two and a half years. All sentences which have a finite maximum term are eligible to have the term reduced by statutory good time, except for most sex offenses, crimes committed while confined and certain “mandatory” sentences.

In the “new law”, all state sentences have a minimum and a maximum term, unless an inmate is sentenced for life or as a habitual criminal. The minimum term is used to determine parole eligibility, and the maximum term is used to determine discharge.

Under both the “old” and “new” sentencing systems, an inmate is discharged from his/her sentence at the expiration of his term, less any statutory or earned good time. Under the “new” system none of the reduction will be attributable to statutory good time

Reformatory Sentence

Prior to the “Truth in Sentencing” law, males and females can be sentenced to a Reformatory sentence, an indefinite term, indicated by a maximum term.

For MCI- Concord, a male not previously sentenced for felony more than three times, convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in any correctional institution of the Commonwealth or by imprisonment in a jail or House of Correction may be sentenced for an indefinite term. Concord may confine misdemeanor offenders as well as those who commit felonies.

A female convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in a House of Correction, may be sentenced to the Massachusetts Correctional Institution-Framingham. In addition to those women who commit felonies, MCI-Framingham may confine female misdemeanor offenders.

The “new” law eliminates “Concord” (or Framingham) sentences to the state reformatory.

House of Correction Sentence

Also known as a “County Sentence”. Prior to the “Truth in Sentencing” law, if an offender is sentenced to the House of Correction, the term shall be two and a half years or less. Parole eligibility and discharge are based on the maximum term of a sentence.

Under the “new” law, discharge on this sentence will change because of the elimination of statutory good time. There is no change in the parole eligibility date.

Other State, Federal

This category is used for inmates who were received by the DOC from another state correctional agency or the Federal Bureau of Prisons and are not sentenced under Massachusetts General Law.

Sentence Count

An inmate is often serving more than one sentence at the same time. This variable is a count of the number of sentences imposed that are entered into the database per inmate. Consecutive sentences that can be identified in the data are subtracted from the count.

Type of Sentence

In past reports, this variable has represented the type of sentence received by the court such as Aggregate, Concurrent, Fine, Forthwith, From and After, Simple, or Split. Due to a changes in the database, the Type of Sentence is no longer available in such detail, consequently it is no longer reported. This variable is different from “Sentence Type” which is presented in this report and defined earlier in the Glossary.

Violent Offense

Any offense that falls under the Person or Sex Offense categories.

Appendix

Offenses are listed if they combine more than one offense into the same label, or as is the case with bolded labels, represent an offense name which has been shortened to fit in the report table. Arithmetic signs have been used to abbreviate where relevant and represent the following: > (greater than), < (less than), + (and over).

Drug Offense

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C
Offenses.

Class A - Poss W/Int to Distribute

Class A: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).

Class A - Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent

Class A: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute

Class B: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).

Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent

Class B: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute to Minor

Class B: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute to a Minor (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class C - Poss W/Int to Distribute

Class C: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).

Class C- Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent

Class D: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class D - Poss W/Int to Distribute

Class D: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).

Specific Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute

Specific Class B: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified). Specific Class B drugs are PCP, Cocaine, Methamphetamine.

Specific Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute,
Subsequent

Specific Class B: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified). Specific Class B drugs are PCP, Cocaine, Methamphetamine.

Specific Class B - Trafficking	Trafficking categories are broken out by amount. Specific Class B drugs are PCP, Cocaine, Methamphetamine.
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law	Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act.
Controlled Substance	Includes the manufacturing, distribution, dispensing or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled substance. The following are the controlled substance categories:
Class A	Heroin and morphine;
Class B	Cocaine; opium, amphetamines, barbiturates, and PCP;
Class C	Hallucinogens (LSD, hashish);
Class D	Marijuana;
Class E	Prescription drugs;
No Class Specified	Type of drug is not indicated by the sentence.
Drug Violation, School/Park	Drug violation near a school or park.
Fraudulent Prescriptions	Includes uttering false prescriptions and subsequent offense; drugs obtained by fraud.
Induce Minor in Sale and Distribution of Drugs	Includes drug funds, induce minors to possess, and induce minors to distribute.
Possession of Hypodermic Instrument	Includes possession of hypodermic needle, or any instrument adapted for the administration of narcotic drugs, hypodermic violation.
Theft of Drugs	Includes larceny of drugs.
<u>Person Offense</u>	Crimes Against the Person (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 offenses).
Armed Assault W/Intent to Rob/Murder	Includes assault with intent to rob, murder being armed; assault with a deadly weapon with intent to rob.
Armed Assault in Dwelling	Includes armed assault in dwelling houses; act may be an actual assault or an attempt.
Assault With Intent to Murder	Includes assault with intent to murder, maim, etc.; assault to commit murder; assault with intent to kill.
A&B W/Injury, Child Under 14	Assault and Battery Upon a Child.

Assault/A&B	Assault and Assault and Battery. Includes assault, assault and battery, assault on an officer or a public employee.
Attempted Murder	Includes all attempts to commit murder, other than assaults: attempted murder, attempts to commit murder by poisoning, drowning, or strangling.
Conspiracy	If crime is specified, (i.e., conspiracy to commit larceny), the offense is listed under the specified crime. If crime is not specified, the offense is listed under this category.
Extortion	Includes attempts to extort money, threats, threat to commit crime.
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	Confining or Putting in Fear a Person for the Purpose of Stealing. Includes breaking, burning or blowing up a safe; intimidate to steal from a depository.
Kidnapping	Includes abduction, holding hostage, for extortion, minor by relative, person in custody.
Manslaughter	Includes negligent homicide, voluntary/involuntary manslaughter.
Other Person Offense	Includes assault to intimidate, injury to a firefighter as a result of a criminal offense, assault with intent to commit manslaughter- felony.
Stalking	Includes stalking in violation of a restraining order; stalking as a subsequent offense.
Unarmed Assault to Rob	Includes assault to rob, not being armed, assault to rob, assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to rob by force and violence.
Unarmed Robbery	Includes robbery, robbery not being armed, robbery by force and violence.
<u>Property Offense</u>	Crimes Against Property (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266 offenses).
Armed Burglary	Burglary, Armed or an Assault. Includes armed burglary, breaking and entering with intent to assault with or without dangerous weapon.
Arson	Arson and Attempted Arson. Includes using and or possession of explosives, obstruction of fire fighting.

Larceny	Includes stealing in a building, ship, or at a fire.
Receiving Stolen Goods	Includes the receiving and buying of stolen goods.
Shoplifting	Includes shoplifting as a third offense.
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	Includes breaking and entering (both night and day), attempt to break and enter, breaking and entering and larceny, burglary, breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.
Vehicle Theft	Theft of a Motor Vehicle. Includes larceny of a motor vehicle, boat.
<u>Other Offense</u>	Miscellaneous offenses that are not clearly categorized into one of the other offense categories of Person, Property, Sex or Drug.
Bribery/Corruption	Includes conflict of interest, corruption of public employee.
Carry a Firearm W/Out License	Weapons Violation of Bartley-Fox Gun Law (mandatory 1 year sentence for carrying a firearm without a license.
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes. Includes idle and disorderly, affray, annoying phone calls, disturbing the peace, accosting and annoying persons of the opposite sex, lewd and lascivious, indecent exposure, threat to commit crime, common night walker.
Delivering/Receiving Articles for Inmates	Includes drugs or weapons.
Deriving Support from Prostitute	Deriving Support from Prostitution (pimping). Includes keeping and maintaining house of ill fame, inducing minor to prostitution, prostitutes deriving support from a child.
Escape	Includes attempts, assisting in, accessory to escape.
Leave Scene of Vehicular Accident	Leaving the Scene; motor vehicle accident, personal injury, damage.

Miscellaneous Other Offense	Includes jumping bail, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, threatening tax collector, tax evasion, violation of a civil ordinance, inhaling toxic vapors, home improvement contractor violation/unlicensed, promoting of anarchy, inciting a riot.
Operating Under the Influence W/Injury	Operating Under the Influence with Injury Resulting; liquor, drugs, negligent or recklessness all with serious injury.
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	Includes violation of automobile law, violation of motor vehicle law, operation without authority of owner after suspension, operation without authority of owner, use without authority, failure to yield right of way to emergency vehicles.
Other Weapons Offense	Includes selling a firearm without a serial number.
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs	Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.
Prostitution	Includes sexual conduct for fee, solicit for prostitution.
Use of a Firearm for Felony	Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony. Includes possession of a defaced firearm in a felony.
Violation of Restraining Order	Violation of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 209A
<u>Sex Offense</u>	Sex Offenses Against the Person. Consist of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 (crimes against the person) and Chapter 272 offenses (crimes against chastity, morality, decency and good order).
Assault With Intent to Rape	Includes attempts to rape.
Indecent A&B on Child < 14	Indecent Assault and Battery on Child under 14. Includes indecent assault and battery on a minor.
Indecent A&B, Victim 14+	Indecent Assault and Battery on Victim, 14 or Older.
Other Sex Offenses	Includes adultery, fornication, open and gross lewdness, drugging for sex.
Rape	Age of victim not specified, or does not fall under a rape of child category.

Unnatural Act

Includes unnatural acts, lascivious acts, assault to commit unnatural sex acts.

Unnatural Act, Child < 16

Unnatural Acts with Child Under 16.