

Quarterly Snapshot of the Prison Population

Massachusetts Department of Correction

On any given day, over 11,000 offenders reside in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities with even more offenders, who are the responsibility of the DOC, located in non-DOC facilities elsewhere. The attached table provides detailed statistics on the DOC prison population by type of commitment (criminal or civil sentence and awaiting trial detainees), original jurisdiction (county, state, federal or out-of-state) and the institutional location of those civilly committed. Below is a summary of the overall and various sub-populations based on **March 31, 2012**:

- 11,928 = DOC Jurisdiction Population¹:** an individual is under the Massachusetts (MA) DOC jurisdiction when the Commonwealth has legal authority over the individual regardless of where the inmate is being held to include those incarcerated in MA DOC facilities as well as those in correctional facilities outside of the MA DOC (County Houses of Corrections, other state's correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons). This includes inmates held under Section 52A awaiting trial, but located in contracted beds at the Plymouth House of Correction.
- 11,676 = DOC Custody Population:** an individual incarcerated in a MA DOC facility.
- 10,080 = State Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes all criminally sentenced state inmates located in DOC facilities.
- 248 = County Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes only those criminally sentenced inmates to respective counties being housed at the MA DOC. The vast majority are female offenders whose county of jurisdiction do not house sentenced females.
- 69 = Out-of-State and Federal Criminally Sentenced Population:** The majority of these offenders housed at the MA DOC from federal and other state prisons are part of the Interstate Compact, whereby we have a fairly even exchange of DOC inmates in correctional facilities out-of-state.
- 639 = Awaiting Trial Detainee Population:** Individuals detained prior to a trial and not yet convicted of a crime include mostly female county detainees and male county detainees transferred to state facilities under Massachusetts General Law Ch. 276, Sec. 52A. Detainees are also held by the DOC from federal, out-of-state and parole's jurisdiction.
- 640 = Civil Commitments:** The involuntary commitment of an individual via legal means to incarcerate an individual against their will. Generally, these break down to three overarching categories. Female civil commitments in the DOC are held at MCI-Framingham. Males are held in the facilities indicated corresponding to the civil commitment type: 1) "alcohol & substance abuse" or "Section 35's" (Massachusetts Alcohol & Substance Abuse Center; 2) "mental health" court ordered evaluations of competency (Bridgewater State Hospital for males); and 3) "sexually dangerous persons" (Massachusetts Treatment Center).

This data is produced by the DOC Office of Strategic Planning & Research and available on the Department's website at: www.mass.gov/doc

¹ The data herein does not include Massachusetts inmates serving concurrent sentences in non-Massachusetts state or county facilities (MASSCC).

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			9/30/2011			12/31/2011			3/31/2012		
Total MADOC Jurisdiction Population			Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MADOC Custody	Criminal Sentence										
	Type of Sentence	State Criminally Sentenced	322	9,530	9,852	330	9,600	9,930	324	9,756	10,080
		County Criminally Sentenced	287	34	321	225	25	250	224	24	248
		Federal Criminal Sentenced	0	4	4	0	5	5	0	5	5
		Out of State Criminal Sentenced	5	58	63	5	61	66	5	59	64
		Sub-Total	614	9,626	10,240	560	9,691	10,251	553	9,844	10,397
	Awaiting Trial										
	Jurisdiction of Origin	County	240	375	615	206	368	574	232	381	613
		Federal	1	29	30	0	24	24	0	19	19
		Out of State	0	14	14	0	9	9	0	4	4
		MA Parole	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	3
		Sub-Total	241	418	659	207	402	609	234	405	639
	Civil Commitments										
	Institution	Framingham	24	0	24	13	0	13	19	0	19
		MASAC	0	102	102	0	59	59	0	93	93
		1BSH	0	252	252	0	232	232	0	232	232
		MTC	0	306	306	0	303	303	0	295	295
Other Facility		0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Subtotal		24	662	686	13	594	607	19	621	640	
Total Custody Population		879	10,706	11,585	780	10,687	11,467	806	10,870	11,676	
CFI Facility Housing Inmate											
Non –Custody[*]	Criminal Sentence	2Plymouth County	0	92	92	0	83	83	0	75	75
		Other County Facilities	18	68	86	16	64	80	15	74	89
		Out of State	0	67	67	0	69	69	0	71	71
		Federal	0	8	8	0	8	8	0	8	8
		Sub-total	18	235	253	16	224	240	15	228	243
	Awaiting Trial	2Plymouth County (52A inmates)	0	15	15	0	14	14	0	8	8
		Other County Facilities	3	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	1
Total Non-Custody Inmates		21	250	271	18	238	256	16	236	252	
Total MADOC Jurisdiction Population		900	10,956	11,856	798	10,925	11,723	822	11,106	11,928	

¹The numbers provided for BSH represent only civil commitments, excluded are the cadre of criminally sentenced inmate work crew housed at BSH (n= 53), as well as those being treated in the BSH infirmary (n=7). Additionally, there are many criminally sentenced inmates temporarily civilly committed for mental health evaluations (MGL C.123, Sec.18A) at BSH (n=301). All of these inmates are counted among those criminally sentenced.

²Per Memorandum of Agreement among the DOC, the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, and the Plymouth County Sheriff, beds are set aside for DOC inmates at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

[*] MADOC inmates serving their sentence in a county/federal/interstate facility.