

## Quarterly Snapshot of the Prison Population

### Massachusetts Department of Correction

On any given day, nearly 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 pre-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 **June 30, 2015**:

- 10,618 = DOC Jurisdiction Population<sup>1</sup>:** 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 pre-trial, but located in contracted beds at the Plymouth House of Correction.
- 10,197 = DOC Custody Population:** an individual incarcerated in a MA DOC facility.
- 8,821 = State Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes all criminally sentenced state inmates located in DOC facilities.
- 203 = 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.
- 72 = 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.
- 554 = Pre-Trial Detainee Population:** Individuals in MA DOC custody 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.
- 547 = 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](http://www.mass.gov/doc)*

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

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			12/31/2014			3/31/2015			6/30/2015		
Total MADOC Jurisdiction Population			Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
			N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MADOC Custody	Criminally Sentenced										
	Type of Sentence	State Criminally Sentenced	276	8,736	9,012	274	8,639	8,913	273	8,548	8,821
		County Criminally Sentenced	224	27	251	197	26	223	180	23	203
		Federal Criminally Sentenced	0	3	3	0	2	2	0	4	4
		Out of State Criminally Sentenced	5	66	71	5	65	70	5	63	68
		Sub-Total	505	8,832	9,337	476	8,732	9,208	458	8,638	9,096
	Pre-Trial										
	Jurisdiction of Origin	County	203	342	545	203	330	533	222	299	521
		Federal	3	13	16	4	10	14	1	16	17
		Out of State	1	11	12	1	13	14	0	14	14
		MA Parole	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2
		Sub-Total	207	366	573	209	353	562	225	329	554
	Civil Commitments										
	Institution	Framingham	8	0	8	12	0	12	11	0	11
		MASAC	0	119	119	0	119	119	0	118	118
		1BSH	0	182	182	0	171	171	0	189	189
		MTC	0	225	225	0	229	229	0	225	225
		Other Facility	0	3	3	1	4	5	0	4	4
		Sub-Total	8	529	537	13	523	536	11	536	547
Total Custody Population		720	9,727	10,447	698	9,608	10,306	694	9,503	10,197	
CFI Facility Housing Inmate											
Non –Custody[*]	Criminally Sentenced	2Plymouth County	0	99	99	0	118	118	0	113	113
		Other County Facilities	8	139	147	9	153	162	11	151	162
		Out of State	1	80	81	1	82	83	1	87	88
		Federal	0	6	6	0	5	5	0	5	5
		Department of Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
		Sub-Total	9	324	333	10	358	368	12	359	371
	Pre- Trial	2Plymouth County (52A inmates)	0	29	29	0	37	37	0	44	44
		Other County Facilities	4	0	4	5	0	5	6	0	6
	Total Non-Custody Inmates		13	353	366	15	395	410	18	403	421
Total MADOC Jurisdiction Population		733	10,080	10,813	713	10,003	10,716	712	9,906	10,618	

<sup>1</sup>The 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. Additionally, there are many criminally sentenced inmates temporarily civilly committed for mental health evaluations.

<sup>2</sup>Per 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.