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ANALYSIS OF OFFENSE CATEGORIES

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Introduction

The Massachusetts Department of Correction (MA DOC) offers programming with objectives and goals focused towards reducing recidivism for each of the five offender populations, *Person, Sex, Property, Drug, and 'Other'*, which represent MA DOC's criminally sentenced population. In order for the Department to continue improving programming capabilities and performance, descriptive statistics are necessary to identify the types of offenders committed to the MA DOC's criminally sentenced population. Fluctuations over time to an offender population can lead to the need for operational and programming alterations. This brief examines offense categories and details the offenses committed for both the January 1, 2011 and 2010 New Court Commitment criminally sentenced jurisdiction populations. A summary of ten year trends is also included for each population.

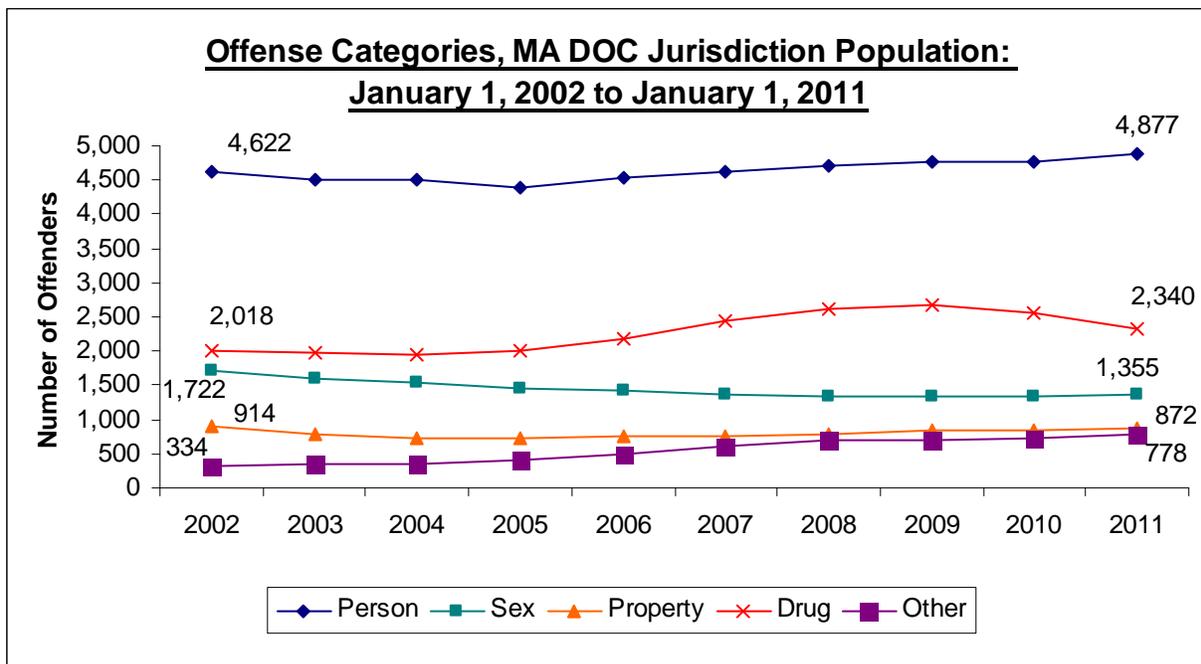
Notable Definitions

Criminally Sentenced or "Sentenced": An individual who has been found guilty of a criminal offense through legal means, and is required to be incarcerated.

New Court Commitments: Individuals committed by the courts to the MA DOC as a result of a criminal offense. All new court commitments and those individuals who began serving new sentences (e.g., From and After Sentences) during the year are included in this category even if there was no physical release from custody when they moved from one sentence to another. If an individual is committed to the MA DOC more than once, each court commitment for that individual is counted separately.

Offense Categories Ten Year Trend (2002-2011)

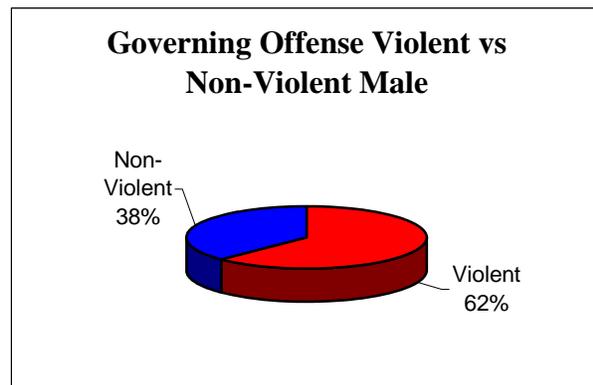
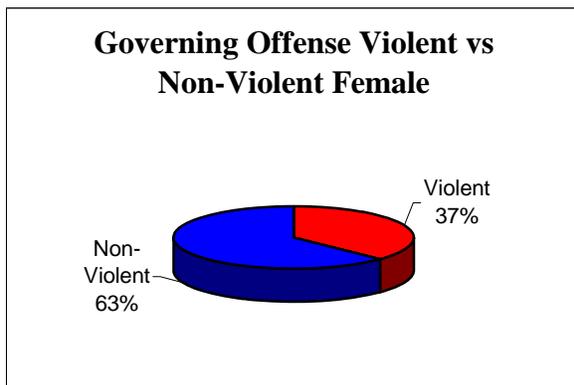
Ten Year Trend of MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Jurisdiction Population by Offense Categories January 1, 2002 to January 1, 2011													
Offense Category		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 2010 vs. 2011	% Change 2002 vs. 2011
Person	N=	4,622	4,499	4,493	4,388	4,533	4,610	4,704	4,773	4,772	4,877	3%	6%
	(%)	48%	49%	50%	49%	48%	47%	46%	46%	47%	48%		
Sex	N=	1,722	1,599	1,544	1,447	1,432	1,365	1,328	1,343	1,348	1,355	1%	-21%
	(%)	18%	17%	17%	16%	15%	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%		
Property	N=	914	790	722	727	760	744	791	834	845	872	3%	-5%
	(%)	10%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%		
Drug	N=	2,018	1,975	1,942	2,014	2,174	2,441	2,610	2,686	2,571	2,340	-9%	16%
	(%)	21%	21%	21%	22%	23%	25%	26%	26%	25%	23%		
Other	N=	334	360	359	403	506	618	699	706	723	778	8%	133%
	(%)	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%		
Total	N=	9,610	9,223	9,060	8,979	9,405	9,778	10,132	10,342	10,259	10,222	<1%	6%



From January 1, 2002 to January 1, 2011, the number of criminally sentenced inmates in the MA DOC jurisdiction population increased by 6% (n=612) from 9,610 in 2002 to 10,222 in 2011. During this trend period, the number of incarcerated ‘Other’ offenders experienced the greatest increase of 133% (n=444), followed by *Drug* offenders 16% (n=322), and *Person* offenders 6% (n=255). The number of incarcerated *Sex* offenders experienced the greatest decrease of 21% (n=367), followed by *Property* offenders with a decrease of 5% (n=42). With these fluctuations to offender populations, the number of violent offenders (*Person*, *Sex*) decreased by 2% (n=112), while the number of non-violent offenders (*Property*, *Drug*, *Other*) driven by ‘Other’ offenses increased by 22% (n=724).

Snapshot Population Offense Categories by Gender

MA DOC January 1, 2011 Criminally Sentenced Jurisdiction Population by Offense Category and Gender						
Offense Category	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Person	214	35%	4,663	48%	4,877	48%
Sex	12	2%	1,343	14%	1,355	13%
Total Violent Offenses	226	37%	6,006	62%	6,232	61%
Property	148	24%	724	8%	872	9%
Drug	161	27%	2,179	23%	2,340	23%
Other	70	12%	708	7%	778	8%
Total Non-Violent Offenses	379	63%	3,611	38%	3,990	39%
Total Offenses	605	100%	9,617	100%	10,222	100%



On January 1, 2011, 48% of criminally sentenced inmates in the MA DOC jurisdiction population were *Person* offenders, followed by *Drug* (23%), *Sex* (13%), *Property* (9%), and ‘*Other*’ (8%). However, disparity does exist between male and female inmate populations, most specifically the percentage of person, sex and property offenders. The most common offense categories for males were *Person* offenses (48%), followed by *Drug* (23%), *Sex* (14%), *Property* (8%), and ‘*Other*’ (7%). For females the most common offense categories were *Person* offenses (35%), *Drug* (27%), *Property* (24%), ‘*Other*’ (12%), and *Sex* (2%). These fluctuations within the offender categories led to a greater percentage of male inmates being violent offenders (62%), while a greater percentage of females were non-violent offenders (63%).

Person Offenses by Gender

MA DOC January 1, 2011 Jurisdiction Population of Person Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Armed Robbery w/ Firearm	30	14%	981	21%	1,011	21%
Murder 1st Degree	27	13%	957	21%	984	20%
Murder 2nd Degree	21	10%	668	14%	689	14%
Assault/A&B w/ a Dangerous Weapon	37	17%	438	9%	475	10%
Manslaughter	24	11%	358	8%	382	8%
Assault w/ Intent To Rob or Murder Being Armed	3	1%	369	8%	372	8%
Unarmed Robbery	14	7%	283	6%	297	6%
Kidnapping	4	2%	80	2%	84	2%
Home Invasion	2	1%	73	2%	75	2%
Assault/Assault and Battery	16	7%	55	1%	71	1%
Mayhem	4	2%	44	1%	48	1%
Armed Assault in Dwelling Houses	1	0%	45	1%	46	1%
Unarmed Robbery, Victim 60+	5	2%	35	1%	40	1%
Carjacking	0	0%	35	1%	35	1%
Attempted Murder	1	0%	33	1%	34	1%
A&B Upon a Child	3	1%	28	1%	31	1%
Vehicular Homicide	5	2%	23	0%	28	1%
Assault w/Intent Commit Murder	2	1%	24	1%	26	1%
Accessory After The Fact	5	2%	21	<1%	26	1%
Accessory Before The Fact	1	<1%	16	<1%	17	<1%
Assault To Rob Not Being Armed	1	<1%	16	<1%	17	<1%
Stalking	0	0%	17	<1%	17	<1%
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	0	0%	16	<1%	16	<1%
A&B w/Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	3	1%	11	<1%	14	<1%
Conspiracy	2	1%	8	<1%	10	<1%
Assault w/Intent to Commit Felony	0	0%	9	<1%	9	<1%
Armed Assault w/Intent Rob or Murder, Victim 60+	1	<1%	7	<1%	8	<1%
A/B Upon Elderly/Disabled	1	<1%	4	<1%	5	<1%
Extortion	0	0%	4	<1%	4	<1%
Murder 1st Degree, Juvenile Offender Law	0	0%	3	<1%	3	<1%
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	1	<1%	1	<1%	2	<1%
Murder 2nd Degree, Juvenile Offender Law	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Total	214	100%	4,663	100%	4,877	100%

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

Person offenders account for 48% of the MA DOC's criminally sentenced population. A majority (87%) of person offenses were related to the following seven offense types: Armed Robbery with a Firearm (21%), Murder 1st Degree (20%), Murder 2nd Degree (14%), Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (10%), Manslaughter (8%), Assault with Intent to Rob or Murder Being Armed (8%), and Unarmed Robbery (6%). The most common person offenses for male inmates were Armed Robbery with a Firearm (21%), Murder 1st Degree (21%), and Murder 2nd Degree (14%); for females, the most common offenses were Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (17%), Armed Robbery with a Firearm (14%), and Murder 1st Degree (13%).

Sex Offenses by Gender

MA DOC January 1, 2011 Jurisdiction Population of Sex Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Rape And Abuse Of Child	1	8%	388	29%	389	29%
Rape of a Child w/Force	2	17%	307	23%	309	23%
Aggravated Rape	1	8%	237	18%	238	18%
Rape	1	8%	188	14%	189	14%
Indecent Assault And Battery, Child Under 14	1	8%	89	7%	90	7%
Reckless Endangerment Of A Child	4	33%	36	3%	40	3%
Assault w/Intent To Commit Rape	0	0%	33	2%	33	2%
Indecent Assault And Battery, Victim 14 Or Older	1	8%	17	1%	18	1%
Violations Of Sex Offender Registry	0	0%	18	1%	18	1%
Sexual Assault	1	8%	6	<1%	7	1%
Incest	0	0%	7	1%	7	1%
Other Sex Offenses	0	0%	7	1%	7	1%
Assault w/Intent To Commit Rape, Child Under 16	0	0%	6	<1%	6	<1%
Unnatural Acts w/Child Under 16	0	0%	3	<1%	3	<1%
Indecent A&B On Mentally Disabled Victim	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Total	12	100%	1,343	100%	1,355	100%

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Sex offenders, the majority of which are male, account for 13% of the MA DOC's criminally sentenced population. The four most common sex offenses pertain to a rape offense, in which 84% of sex offenders committed Rape and Abuse of a Child (29%), Rape of a Child with Force (23%), Aggravated Rape (18%), and Rape (14%). Similar to the total sex offender population, the most common sex offenses among male inmates were Rape and Abuse of a Child (29%), Rape of a Child with Force (23%), Aggravated Rape (18%), and Rape (14%). For females, the most common offenses were Reckless Endangerment of a Child (33%) and Rape of a Child with Force (17%).

Property Offenses by Gender

MA DOC January 1, 2011 Jurisdiction Population of Property Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking And Entering	14	9%	426	59%	440	50%
Larceny/Stealing	53	36%	64	9%	117	13%
Burglary, Armed or an Assault	3	2%	55	8%	58	7%
Arson/Attempted Arson	4	3%	52	7%	56	6%
Theft of Motor or Non-Motor Vehicle	4	3%	50	7%	54	6%
Forgery and Uttering	18	12%	19	3%	37	4%
Receiving Stolen Goods	14	9%	17	2%	31	4%
Fraud	11	7%	4	1%	15	2%
Destruction Of Property	6	4%	7	1%	13	1%
Larceny from the Person	4	3%	8	1%	12	1%
Shoplifting	11	7%	0	0%	11	1%
Possession of Burglary Tools	0	0%	8	1%	8	1%
Common and Notorious Thief	2	1%	6	1%	8	1%
Larceny from Elder or Disabled Person	2	1%	5	1%	7	1%
Embezzlement	2	1%	3	<1%	5	1%
Total	148	100%	724	100%	872	100%

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Property offenders account for 9% of the MA DOC's criminally sentenced population. Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering represents 50% of all property offenses, followed by Larceny/Stealing (13%), and Burglary Armed or an Assault (7%). The most common property offenses amongst males were Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering (59%), Larceny/stealing (9%), and Burglary Armed or an Assault (8%). For females, the most common offenses were Larceny/Stealing (36%), Forgery and Uttering (12%), Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering (9%), and Receiving Stolen Goods (9%).

Drug Offenses by Gender

MA DOC January 1, 2011 Jurisdiction Population of Drug Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 28-100 Grams	11	7%	380	17%	391	17%
Class B: Manf, Dist, Disp or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	28	17%	320	15%	348	15%
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 14-28 Grams	21	13%	311	14%	332	14%
Class A: Manf, Dist, Disp or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	22	14%	273	13%	295	13%
*Specific Class B: Manf, Dist, Disp or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	15	9%	181	8%	196	8%
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 100-200 Grams	6	4%	158	7%	164	7%
*Drug Violation School/Park	16	10%	90	4%	106	5%
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 200+ Grams	3	2%	93	4%	96	4%
*Specific Class B: Subs. Offense Manf, Dist, Disp or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	3	2%	83	4%	86	4%
*Class B: Subs. Offense Manf, Dist, Disp or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	5	3%	74	3%	79	3%
*Class A: Subs. Offense Manf, Dist, Disp or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	1	1%	58	3%	59	3%
*Class A: Trafficking 14-28 Grams	4	2%	52	2%	56	2%
*Class A: Trafficking 28-100 Grams	1	1%	45	2%	46	2%
Possession-No Class Specified	16	10%	5	0%	21	1%
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act	2	1%	17	1%	19	1%
*Class A: Trafficking 200+ Grams	1	1%	13	1%	14	1%
*Class A: Trafficking 100-200 Grams	0	0%	13	1%	13	1%
Fraudulent Prescriptions	4	2%	0	0%	4	<1%
*Marijuana Trafficking 100-2,000lbs	0	0%	3	<1%	3	<1%
Class C: Manf, Dist, Disp or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	1	1%	1	<1%	2	<1%
*Marijuana Trafficking 50-100 Lbs	0	0%	2	<1%	2	<1%
Possession of Controlled Substance Class A	0	0%	2	<1%	2	<1%
Being Present Where Heroin Kept	1	1%	0	0%	1	<1%
*Class C: Subs. Offense Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
*Cocaine Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp to a Minor	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Theft Of Drug, Larceny Of Drugs	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Counterfeit Drugs: Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Possession of Controlled Substance Class B	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Total	161	100%	2,179	100%	2,340	100%

* Denotes an offense with a mandatory restriction. Please note: The offenses are arranged in descending order by total count of the offense.

Drug offenders account for 23% of the MA DOC's criminally sentenced population. The most common drug offenses amongst the total and male populations were Specific Class B Trafficking 28-100 Grams (17%), Class B Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (15%), and Specific Class B Trafficking 14-28 grams (14%). For females, the most common offenses were Class B Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (17%), Class A Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (14%), and Specific Class B 14-28 grams (13%). Drug trafficking, which included Class A, Class B, and marijuana, accounted for almost half of all drug offenses. Furthermore, 87 (54%) female drug offenders and 1,558 (72%) male drug offenders were serving a mandatory minimum sentence, totaling 1,645 (70%) drug offenders with a mandatory minimum sentence.

Other Offenses by Gender

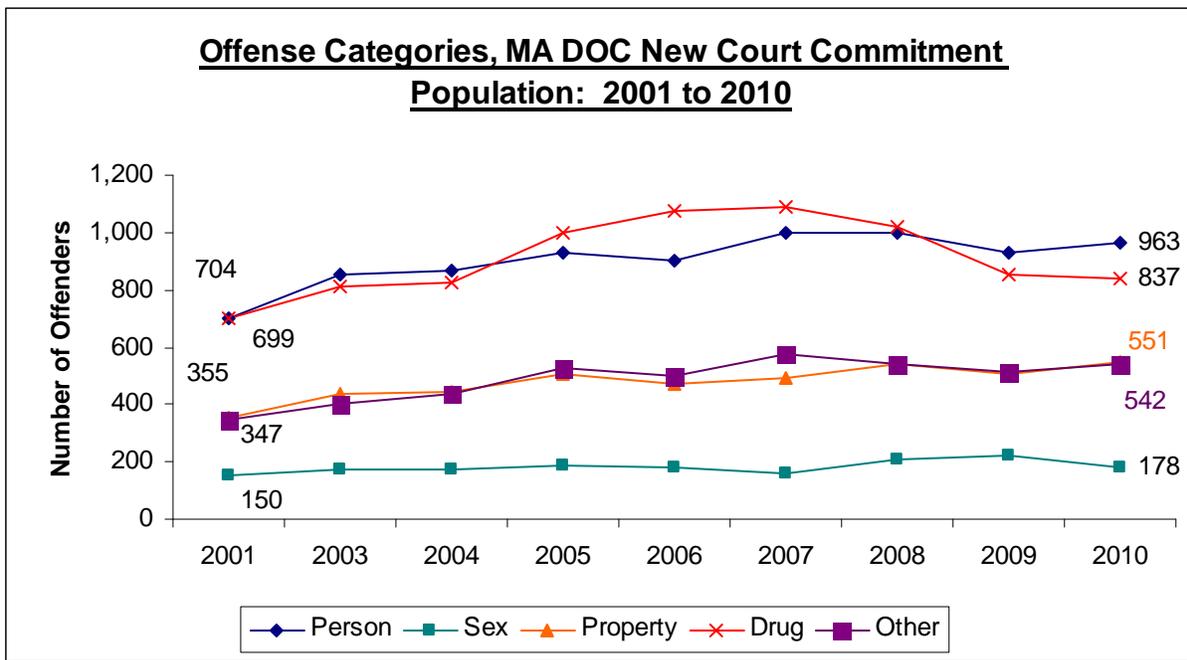
MA DOC January 1, 2011 Jurisdiction Population of 'Other' Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Other Weapon Offenses	2	3%	417	59%	419	54%
Bartley-Fox Gun Law	3	4%	117	17%	120	15%
OUI Alcohol or Drugs w/ or w/out Injury	25	36%	90	13%	115	15%
Intimidation of Witness/Juror	5	7%	39	6%	44	6%
Attempt to Commit Crime	3	4%	20	3%	23	3%
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	7	10%	6	1%	13	2%
Prostitution	9	13%	0	0%	9	1%
Perjury/Contempt of Court	2	3%	6	1%	8	1%
Domestic Abuse Prevention	4	6%	2	<1%	6	1%
Leaving The Scene	6	9%	0	0%	6	1%
Escapes	0	0%	4	1%	4	1%
Deriving Support from Prostitution	0	0%	3	<1%	3	<1%
Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes	2	3%	0	0%	2	<1%
Possession F/A Removed	0	0%	1	0%	1	<1%
Non-Support or Abandonment of Child	1	1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Bribery/Corruption	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Delivering/Receiving Articles to Inmates	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Other	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Resisting Arrest	1	1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Total	70	100%	708	100%	778	100%

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

'Other' offenders account for 8% of the MA DOC's criminally sentenced population. Other Weapon Offenses represented 54% of 'Other' offender's charges, followed by Bartley-Fox Gun Law (15%), and operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs with or without injury (15%). Weapon related offenses (Other Weapon Offenses and Bartley-Fox Gun Law) represented 69% of 'Other' offense charges. The most common offenses for males were Other Weapon Offenses (59%), Bartley-Fox Gun Law (17%), and Operating under the Influence (OUI) (13%). For females, the most common offenses were OUI (36%), Prostitution (13%), and Other Motor Vehicle Offenses (10%).

New Court Commitment Offense Categories Ten Year Trend

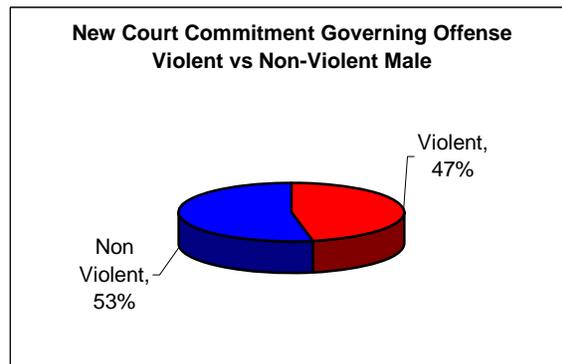
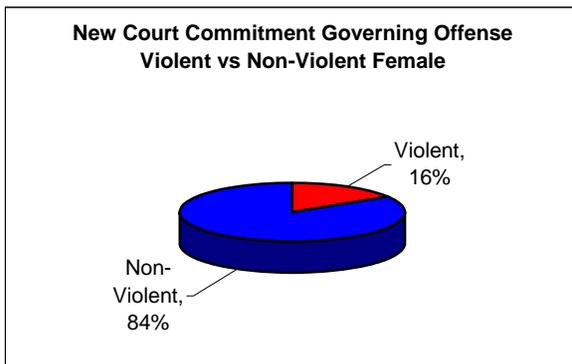
Ten Year Trend of MA DOC New Court Commitments by Offense Categories 2001 to 2010													
Offense Category		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 2009 vs 2010	% Change 2001 vs 2010
Person	N=	704	780	853	869	932	905	997	1,002	932	963	3%	37%
	(%)	31%	31%	32%	32%	30%	29%	30%	30%	31%	31%		
Sex	N=	150	181	175	171	186	181	158	207	222	178	-20%	19%
	(%)	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%		
Property	N=	355	434	436	446	509	474	490	543	505	551	9%	55%
	(%)	16%	17%	16%	16%	16%	15%	15%	16%	17%	18%		
Drug	N=	699	774	813	824	996	1,074	1,087	1,023	852	837	-2%	20%
	(%)	31%	30%	30%	30%	32%	34%	33%	31%	28%	27%		
Other	N=	347	379	405	436	526	502	576	544	513	542	6%	56%
	(%)	15%	15%	15%	16%	17%	16%	17%	16%	17%	18%		
Total	N=	2,255	2,548	2,682	2,746	3,149	3,136	3,308	3,319	3,024	3,071	2%	36%



From 2001 to 2010, the number of new court commitments increased in all five offense categories, with a total increase of 36% (816), from 2,255 in 2001 to 3,071 in 2010. During the trend period, the largest increase in number of new court commitments occurred in the 'Other' offense category (56%), followed by *Property* offenders (55%), *Person* offenders (37%), *Drug* offenders (20%), and *Sex* offenders (19%). Therefore, the number of new court commitment violent offenders (*Person*, *Sex*) increased by 34% from 854 in 2001 to 1,141 in 2010 and the number of new court commitment non-violent offenders (*Drug*, *Property*, *Other*) increased by 38% from 1,401 in 2001 to 1,930 in 2010.

2010 New Court Commitments Offense Categories by Gender

MA DOC 2010 New Court Commitment Population by Offense Category and Gender						
Offense Category	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Person	153	16%	810	39%	963	31%
Sex	6	<1%	172	8%	178	6%
Total Violent Offenses	159	16%	982	47%	1,141	37%
Property	333	34%	218	10%	551	18%
Drug	184	19%	653	31%	837	27%
Other	299	31%	243	12%	542	18%
Total Non-Violent Offenses	816	84%	1,114	53%	1,930	63%
Total Offenses	975	100%	2,096	100%	3,071	100%



Thirty-one percent of new court commitments to the MA DOC were *Person* offenders, followed by *Drug* (27%), *Property* (18%), ‘*Other*’ (18%), and *Sex* (6%). The most common offense category for new court commitment males were *Person* offenses (39%), followed by *Drug* (31%), ‘*Other*’ (12%), *Property* (10%), and *Sex* (8%). For female new court commitments the most common offense category were *Property* offenses (34%), followed by ‘*Other*’ (31%), *Drug* (19%), *Person* (16%), and *Sex* (<1%).

Overall, the majority of new court commitments were non-violent offenders (63%), 53% of males and 84% of females. This differs slightly from the January 1, 2011 population where 61% of all criminally sentenced offenders and 61% of male offenders on this date were violent offenders. Like the new court commitment females, the majority of January 1, 2011 females were non-violent offenders.

New Court Commitment Person Offenses by Gender

MA DOC 2010 New Court Commitment Jurisdiction Population of Person Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Armed Robbery w/ Firearm	16	10%	227	28%	243	25%
Assault/A&B w/ Dangerous Weapon	44	29%	153	19%	197	20%
Unarmed Robbery	12	8%	87	11%	99	10%
Assault w/Intent to Rob or Murder Being Armed	2	1%	81	10%	83	9%
Assault/A&B	52	34%	22	3%	74	8%
Manslaughter	4	3%	37	5%	41	4%
Murder, 1st Degree	1	1%	37	5%	38	4%
Kidnapping	1	1%	33	4%	34	4%
Murder, 2nd Degree	2	1%	24	3%	26	3%
Vehicular Homicide	6	4%	8	1%	14	1%
Accessory After the Fact	2	1%	11	1%	13	1%
Unarmed Robbery, Victim 60+	0	0%	12	1%	12	1%
Stalking	1	1%	10	1%	11	1%
A/B Upon a Child	1	1%	9	1%	10	1%
Assault to Rob Not Being Armed	0	0%	9	1%	9	1%
Mayhem	1	1%	8	1%	9	1%
Armed Assault in Dwelling Houses	0	0%	8	1%	8	1%
Attempted Murder	0	0%	7	1%	7	1%
Carjacking	0	0%	6	1%	6	1%
A&B w/Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	1	1%	5	1%	6	1%
A&B Upon Elderly/Disabled	4	3%	1	<1%	5	1%
Conspiracy	1	1%	4	<1%	5	1%
Extortion	0	0%	4	<1%	4	<1%
Assault w/Intent to Commit Murder	0	0%	3	<1%	3	<1%
Accessory Before the Fact	1	1%	1	<1%	2	<1%
Assault w/Intent to Commit Felony	0	0%	2	<1%	2	<1%
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	1	1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Total	153	100%	810	100%	963	100%

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

Person offenders accounted for 31% of MA DOC's new court commitment population. The most common person offenses for new court commitment males were Armed Robbery with a Firearm (28%), Assault/Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (19%), Unarmed Robbery (11%), and Assault with Intent to Rob or Murder being Armed (10%); for females, the most common offenses were Assault/Assault and Battery (34%), Assault/Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (29%), Armed Robbery with a Firearm (10%), and Unarmed Robbery (8%).

New Court Commitment Sex Offenses by Gender

MA DOC 2010 New Court Commitment Jurisdiction Population of Sex Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Rape And Abuse Of Child	0	0%	57	33%	57	32%
Rape Of Child w/Force	0	0%	26	15%	26	15%
Rape	0	0%	24	14%	24	13%
Aggravated Rape	1	17%	20	12%	21	12%
Indecent A&B on Child Under 14	0	0%	14	8%	14	8%
Violations of Sex Offender Registry	0	0%	9	5%	9	5%
Reckless Endangerment Of A Child	3	50%	3	2%	6	3%
Indecent A&B on Victim 14 or Older/Elderly or Disabled	0	0%	5	3%	5	3%
Incest	0	0%	5	3%	5	3%
Assault w/Intent to Commit Rape	0	0%	4	2%	4	2%
Other Sex Offenses	0	0%	4	2%	4	2%
Unnatural Acts	2	33%	0	0%	2	1%
Assault w/Intent to Commit Rape, Child Under 16	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
Total	6	100%	172	100%	178	100%

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

Sex offenders accounted for 6% of MA DOC's new court commitment population. Similar to the January 1, 2011 population, the majority of new court commitment sex offenders were male (97%). The most common sex offenses amongst the total and male new court commitments were Rape and Abuse of a Child (33%), Rape of a Child with Force (15%), Rape (14%), and Aggravated Rape (12%); for females, the most common offenses were Reckless Endangerment of a Child (50%), Unnatural Acts (33%), and Aggravated Rape (17%).

New Court Commitment Property Offenses by Gender

MA DOC 2010 New Court Commitment Jurisdiction Population of Property Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Larceny/Stealing	149	45%	32	15%	181	33%
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	35	11%	125	57%	160	29%
Shoplifting	40	12%	0	0%	40	7%
Receiving Stolen Goods	29	9%	11	5%	40	7%
Forgery or Uttering	25	8%	8	4%	33	6%
Arson and Attempted Arson	5	2%	13	6%	18	3%
Destruction of Property	13	4%	5	2%	18	3%
Theft of Motor or Non-Motor Vehicle	4	1%	13	6%	17	3%
Larceny from the Person	11	3%	3	1%	14	3%
Fraud	13	4%	0	0%	13	2%
Larceny from Elder or Disabled Person	4	1%	2	1%	6	1%
Embezzlement	2	1%	3	1%	5	1%
Burglary, Armed, or an Assault	2	1%	2	1%	4	1%
Common and Notorious Thief	1	<1%	1	<1%	2	<1%
Total	333	100%	218	100%	551	100%

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

Property offenders accounted for 18% of MA DOC's new court commitment population. The most common property offenses amongst male new court commitments were Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering (57%), Larceny/Stealing (15%), Arson and Attempted Arson (6%), and Theft of Motor or Non-Motor Vehicle (6%); for females, the most common offenses were Larceny/Stealing (45%), Shoplifting (12%), Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering (11%), and Receiving Stolen Goods (9%).

New Court Commitment Drug Offenses by Gender

MA DOC 2010 New Court Commitment Jurisdiction Population of Drug Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Class B: Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	41	22%	156	24%	197	24%
Class A: Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	19	10%	102	16%	121	14%
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 14-28 Grams	4	2%	89	14%	93	11%
*Specific Class B: Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/Int to Manf, Dist, Disp	11	6%	70	11%	81	10%
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 28-100 Grams	4	2%	67	10%	71	8%
Possession-No Class Specified	69	38%	2	0%	71	8%
*Drug Violation School/Park	14	8%	51	8%	65	8%
*Class A: Trafficking 14-28 Grams	2	1%	26	4%	28	3%
*Class B: Subsequent Offense Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	1	<1%	18	3%	19	2%
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 100-200 Grams	1	<1%	17	3%	18	2%
*Specific Class B: Subs. Offense Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	0	0%	17	3%	17	2%
*Class A: Subs. Offense Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	0	0%	11	2%	11	1%
Fraudulent Prescriptions	9	5%	0	0%	9	1%
*Class A: Trafficking 28-100 Grams	0	0%	8	1%	8	1%
*Specific Class B: Cocaine and Phenmetrazine Trafficking 200+ Grams	0	0%	7	1%	7	1%
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act	2	1%	4	1%	6	1%
Being Present Where Heroin Kept	3	2%	0	0%	3	<1%
*Marijuana Trafficking 100-2,000 Lbs	0	0%	3	<1%	3	<1%
*Class A: Trafficking 100-200 Grams	0	0%	2	<1%	2	<1%
Class C: Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/ Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
*Class C: Subs. Offense Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
*Cocaine Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp to a Minor	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
*Class A: Trafficking 200+ Grams	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Class D: Manf, Dist, Disp, or Poss w/Int. to Manf, Dist, Disp	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Theft of Drug, Larceny of Drugs	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Prescription and Pharmaceutical Drug Violation	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Total	184	100%	653	100%	837	100%

*Denotes an offense with a mandatory restriction. Please note: The offenses are arranged in descending order by total count of the offense.

Drug offenders accounted for 27% of MA DOC's new court commitment population. The most common offenses amongst males were Class B Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (24%), Class A Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (16%), and Specific Class B Trafficking 14-28 grams (14%). For females, the most common offenses were Possession No Class Specified (38%), Class B Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (22%), and Class A Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (10%). Furthermore, 37 females (20%) and 389 males (60%) were serving a mandatory minimum sentence, totaling 426 (51%) new court commitment drug offenders serving a mandatory minimum sentence.

New Court Commitment Other Offenses by Gender

MA DOC 2010 New Court Commitment Jurisdiction Population of 'Other' Offenders by Governing Offense Description and Gender						
	FEMALE	(%)	MALE	(%)	TOTAL	(%)
Other Weapon Offenses	2	1%	118	49%	120	22%
OUI Alcohol or Drugs w/ or w/out Injury	92	31%	28	12%	120	22%
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	61	20%	4	2%	65	12%
Bartley-Fox Gun Law/Mandatory	4	1%	56	23%	60	11%
Prostitution	40	13%	0	0%	40	7%
Intimidation of a Witness/Juror	6	2%	18	7%	24	4%
Resisting Arrest	19	6%	1	0%	20	4%
Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes	19	6%	0	0%	19	4%
Leaving The Scene	18	6%	0	0%	18	3%
Attempt to Commit Crime	4	1%	13	5%	17	3%
Perjury/Contempt of Court	10	3%	4	2%	14	3%
Domestic Abuse Prevention	8	3%	0	0%	8	1%
Trespassing	7	2%	0	0%	7	1%
Obstruction of Justice	4	1%	0	0%	4	1%
Escapes	2	1%	0	0%	2	<1%
Non-Support or Abandonment of Child	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Bribery/Corruption	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Delivering/Receiving Articles to Inmates	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
False Alarm of Fire/Removal of Fire Protective Devices	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Total	299	100%	243	100%	542	100%

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

'Other' offenders accounted for 18% of MA DOC's new court commitment population. The most common offenses amongst male new court commitments were Other Weapon Offenses (49%), Bartley-Fox Gun Law (23%), and OUI (12%). For females, the most common offenses were OUI (31%), Other Motor Vehicle Offenses (20%), and Prostitution (13%).

Summary and Implications

On January 1, 2011, 61% of MA DOC's criminally sentenced inmates were violent offenders, while 39% were non-violent offenders. From 2002 to 2011, the MA DOC's criminally sentenced violent offender population decreased in number by 2%; while the number of non-violent offenders increased by 22%. The decline in violent offenders was related to the number of *Sex* offenders experiencing a 21% decrease in the ten year trend period. The increase in number of non-violent offenders was related to a prodigious increase in the number of '*Other*' offenders (133%), and *Drug* offenders (16%). However from 2001 to 2010, the percentage of new court commitment violent offenders ranged from 35% to 39%, while the percentage of non-violent offenders ranged from 61% to 65%. Thus, offenders entering the DOC are more likely to be non-violent offenders; however, this analysis is unable to determine whether any changes will occur over time to the DOC's violent and non-violent offender populations due to the different sentence lengths for offender populations, in which violent offenders are usually incarcerated for longer periods than non-violent offenders.

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