



**Massachusetts Department of Correction
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County Females in MADOC Custody
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There are 14 counties in Massachusetts, 13 of which have correctional facilities run by sheriffs. However, not all counties house their female offenders. Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Hampden, Hampshire and Suffolk County do house the majority of their female offenders, the rest are housed in a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility.

The data herein is based on counts from January 1, 2004 to January 1, 2010 and is broken out by awaiting trial females and criminally sentenced females housed in a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility.

An individual is considered to be in Massachusetts DOC custody when they are being held in a Massachusetts DOC facility.

Female County Awaiting Trial Detainees in MADOC Custody*							
County	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Barnstable							1
Berkshire							
Bristol					2	1	1
Dukes							
Essex	32	38	41	38	51	48	42
Franklin							
Hampden		1					
Hampshire	1						
Middlesex	34	36	46	42	39	37	37
Norfolk	16	8	22	16	21	13	18
Plymouth	7	7	8	18	15	24	15
Suffolk	1	6		1		1	
Worcester	33	35	30	62	39	32	30
Total	124	131	147	177	167	156	144

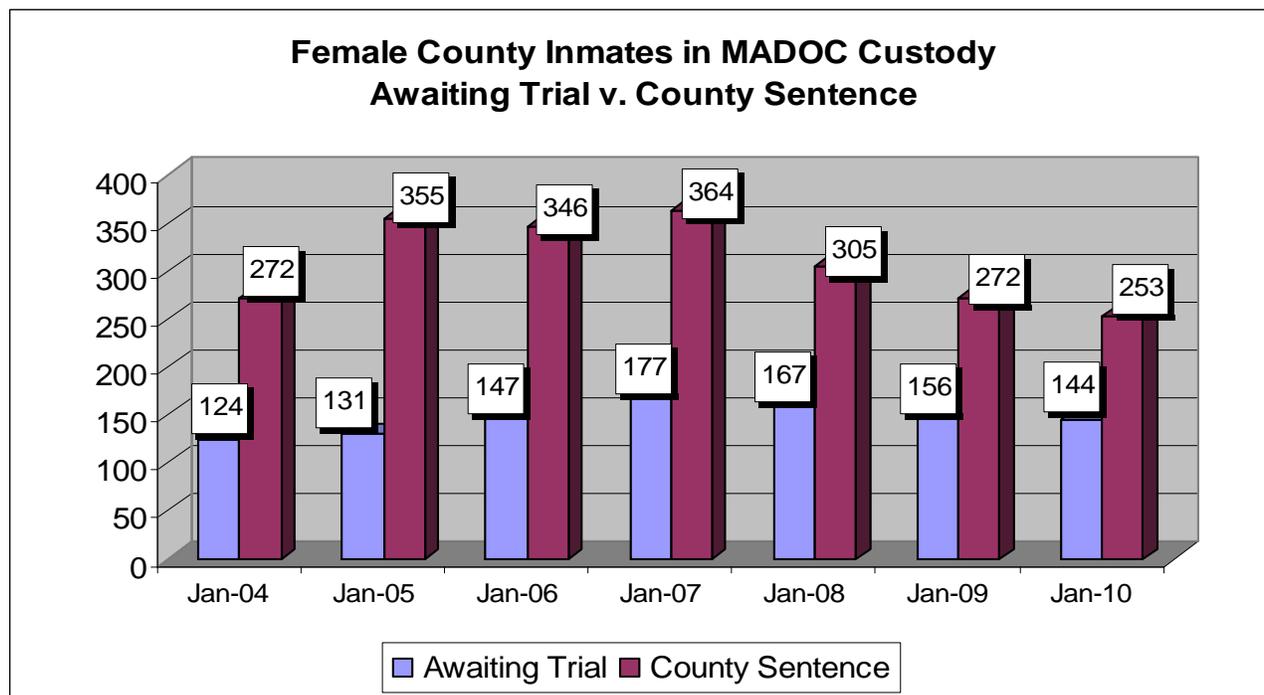
*Based on January 1st of each year.

An awaiting trial detainee is an individual who is detained prior to trial, but not yet convicted of a crime.

- ❖ The number of awaiting trial county females in DOC custody increased from 2004 to 2007 then declined each year from 2008 to 2010.
- ❖ Though the numbers began to decline in the last three years, the number of awaiting trial females in MADOC custody increased 16% from 2004 to 2010.
- ❖ The majority of awaiting trial females were from; Essex, Middlesex and Worcester counties.
- ❖ In this seven year time frame, the number of awaiting trial females was at its highest in 2007 at 177 detainees, an increase of 43% from 2004.

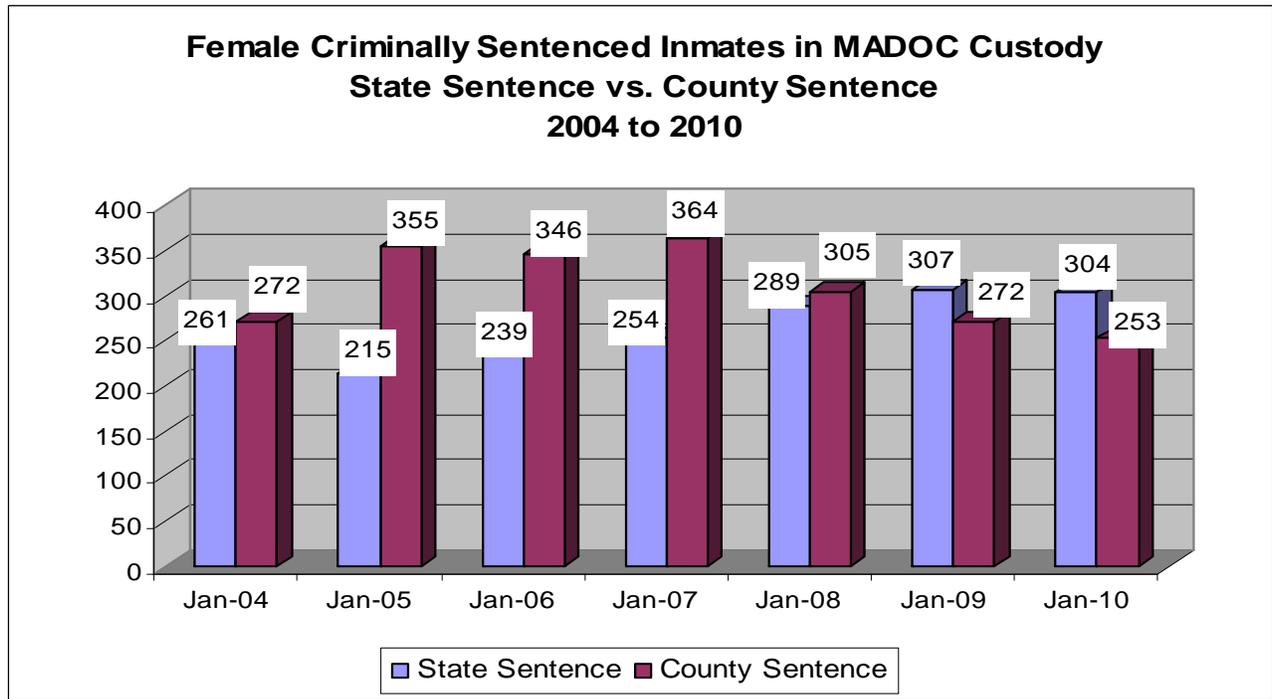
Below is a chart of female inmates in a MADOC facility who are serving a county criminal sentence. County sentences can be up to 2 1/2 years in duration (per offense), are determinate (no minimum sentence given) in nature, whereby inmates can be released earlier i.e. due to earned good time or parole).

Female County Sentence Inmates in MADOC Custody							
County	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Barnstable	10	4	1	4	3	1	1
Berkshire	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bristol	3	13	9	5	3	0	0
Dukes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	57	72	71	90	69	75	62
Franklin	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Hampden	6	12	7	5	4	0	1
Hampshire	0	3	3	1	1	1	0
Middlesex	49	65	82	85	70	77	56
Norfolk	41	45	44	36	41	43	38
Plymouth	44	45	46	59	38	30	38
Suffolk	4	4	6	4	0	2	4
Worcester	55	90	76	74	76	43	52
TOTAL	272	355	346	364	305	272	253



- ❖ The number of female county sentenced inmates in DOC custody fluctuated from 2004 to 2007 then began to decline in 2008 to a seven year low of 253 in 2010.
- ❖ Similar to the awaiting trial females, the county sentenced female population was at its highest in 2007 at 364; a 34% increase from 2004.

The graph below compares female criminally sentenced inmates with a state sentence to female criminally sentenced inmates with a county sentence.



- ❖ The number of county sentenced females out-numbered the state sentenced females housed in DOC Custody from 2004 to 2008.
- ❖ In 2008, the number of county sentenced female inmates in MADOC Custody began to decrease. This may be due to the opening of the Western MA Regional Women’s Correctional Center in Chicopee MA on October 1, 2007.
- ❖ In this time frame, female state sentenced inmates were at a low of n=215 in January 2005 where female county sentenced inmates hit their low in January 2010 n=253.
- ❖ From January 2004 to January 2010, female state sentenced inmates increased 16% and female county sentenced inmates decreased seven percent.

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