

# January 1, 1997 Inmate Statistics

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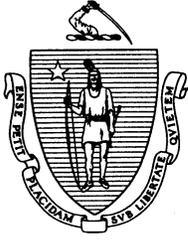
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## **Executive Summary**

The total number of criminally sentenced individuals in DOC custody on January 1, 1997 was 10,119. The breakdown by gender was 9,522 males (94% of total population) and 597 females (6% of total population). The largest racial/ethnic group represented was Caucasian (48%), followed by African American (29%) and Hispanics (22%). The average age of an inmate on January 1, 1997 was 34 years (for both males and females), ranging from 17 to 90 years of age. The average age at incarceration was 30 years overall and for males, 33 years for females.

## **Highlights**

- The January 1, 1997 total of 10,119 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.
- The total DOC custody population of 10,119 represents a four percent increase from the previous year.
- This year's racial and ethnic breakdown continues a trend of slight decrease in Caucasians and slight increase among Hispanics as a percentage of the total population, for the 5 year period covered in this report.
- The percent and number of younger inmates continues to decrease as it has been since for several years, with sixteen percent (N = 1,572) of the population less than 25 years of age compared to 21% (N = 2,185) on January 1, 1995.
- Inmates from 40-64 years of age continue to rise in proportion to the overall custody population, and increased by 11% from the previous year.
- 64% of the population were serving time for violent offenses. This represents the same percentage of the total population, but an increase in number of inmates from 6,253 to 6,493, totaling 240 additional violent offenders from the previous year.
- The number of First degree lifers in the population increased 36% from 1993 to 1997. Lifers, overall, increased 28% compared to a general population increase of three percent in the same time frame.

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## **Introduction**

The “January 1, 1997 Statistics Report” provides a statistical description of criminally sentenced inmates in Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) facilities. This report was previously titled “A Statistical Description of Inmates in Department of Correction Facilities, January 1, 19XX.” This year, in an effort to convey information in a timely manner, the DOC opted to present the information more concisely. Therefore, minimal descriptive text is included, 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. For consistency purposes, all attempts are made for this inmate profile to represent the inmate population on the first day of the calendar year. However, for a variety of reasons, this is not always possible. The date from which this data were collected is, in actuality, January 5, 1997. Throughout the rest of the body of this report, the phrase “in 1997” is substituted for “the population in the DOC on January 1, 1997”.

Furthermore, 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 in DOC *custody* on January 1, 1997 (N = **302**). The breakdown of DOC *custody* population (inmates in DOC facilities) is as follows:

DOC	=	9,817
County	=	229
Federal	=	3
Out-of-State	=	70
Total DOC <i>custody</i> population = 10,119		

Excluded from this report are individuals in DOC facilities (custody) on January 1, 1997, who were *not* serving a *criminal* sentence. Additionally, inmates 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, 1997, *not* represented in this report include:

### **446 = Total Civil Commitments at the DOC**

- 226 = Bridgewater State Hospital
- 95 = Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous
- 118 = Addiction Center at Southeastern Correctional Center
- 7 = MCI-Framingham

### **238 = Pre-Trial/Awaiting Trial at the DOC**

- 121 = females at Awaiting Trial Unit at MCI-Framingham
- 117 = males awaiting trial in a DOC facility

### **991 = Total DOC Inmates Housed Outside of the DOC**

(Federal prisons, Other states’ facilities, Massachusetts county facilities)

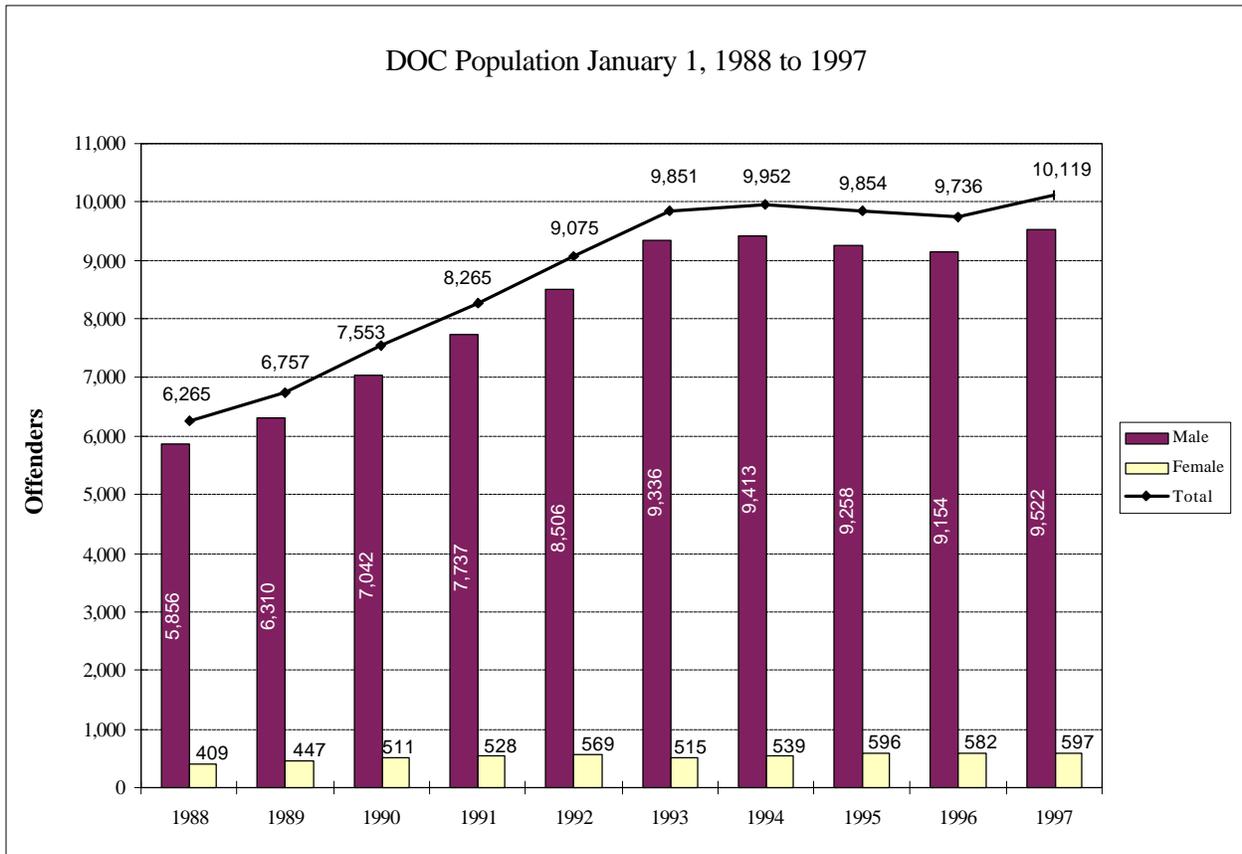
This report has been organized into three sections. The first section describes the demographic characteristics of 1997 inmates. The second section depicts information about criminal offenses for the inmate population. The third section addresses data regarding sentencing, such as court from which committed, type of sentence, and sentence lengths. In addition, the final section outlines how many and what percentage of inmates were in each DOC facility, by security level.

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Demographic Characteristics of DOC  
January 1, 1997 Population

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Figure 1

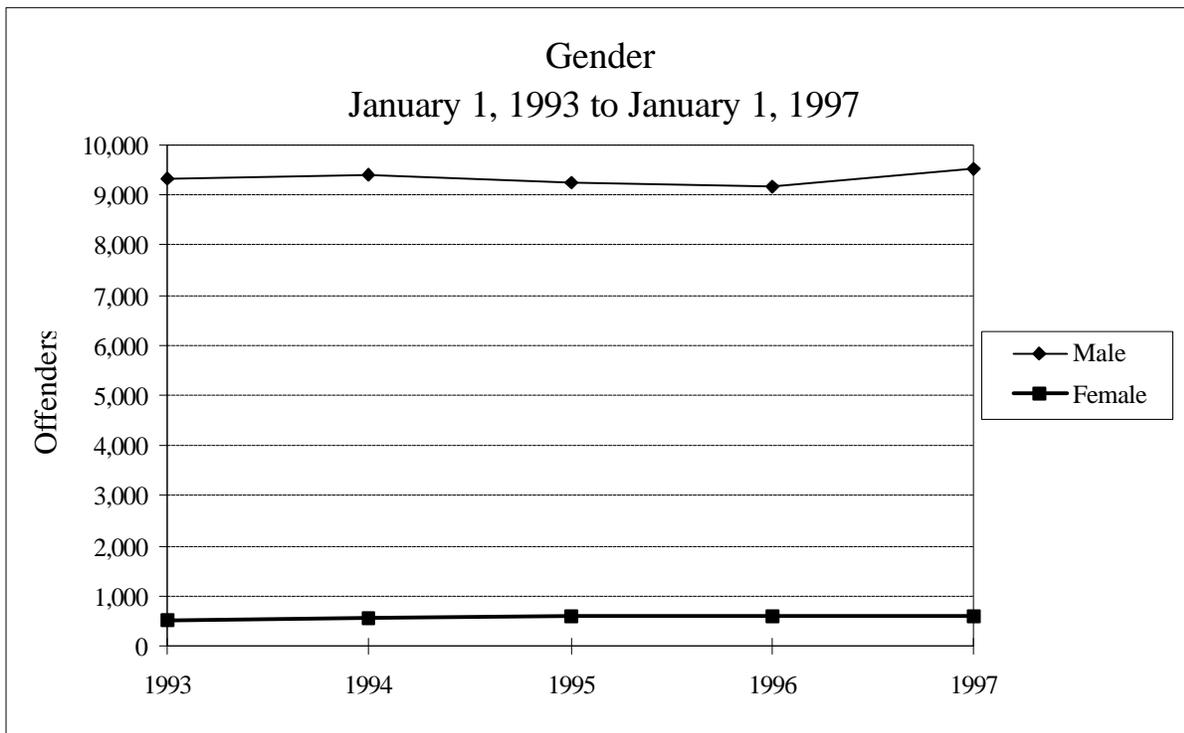


**Table 1**

**Gender: January 1, 1993 to 1997**

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Male	9,336	95	9,413	95	9,258	94	9,154	94	9,522	94	4
Female	515	5	539	5	596	6	582	6	597	6	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>

**Figure 2**

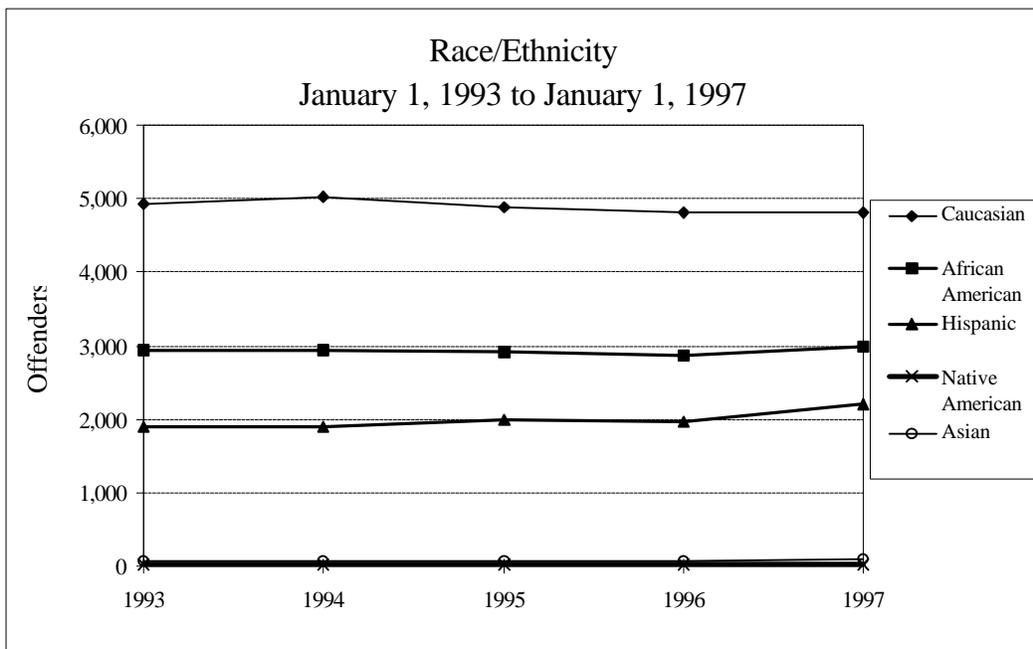


**Table 2**

**Race/Ethnicity: January 1, 1993 to 1997**

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	96 vs 97
Caucasian	4,942	50	5,034	51	4,881	50	4,804	49	4,807	48	0
African American	2,931	30	2,933	29	2,907	29	2,861	29	2,978	29	4
Hispanic	1,897	19	1,906	19	1,982	20	1,978	20	2,213	22	12
Native American	16	0	13	0	13	0	14	0	31	0	121
Asian	65	1	66	1	71	1	79	1	90	1	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>

**Figure 3**



**Table 3**

**Race/Ethnicity by Gender**

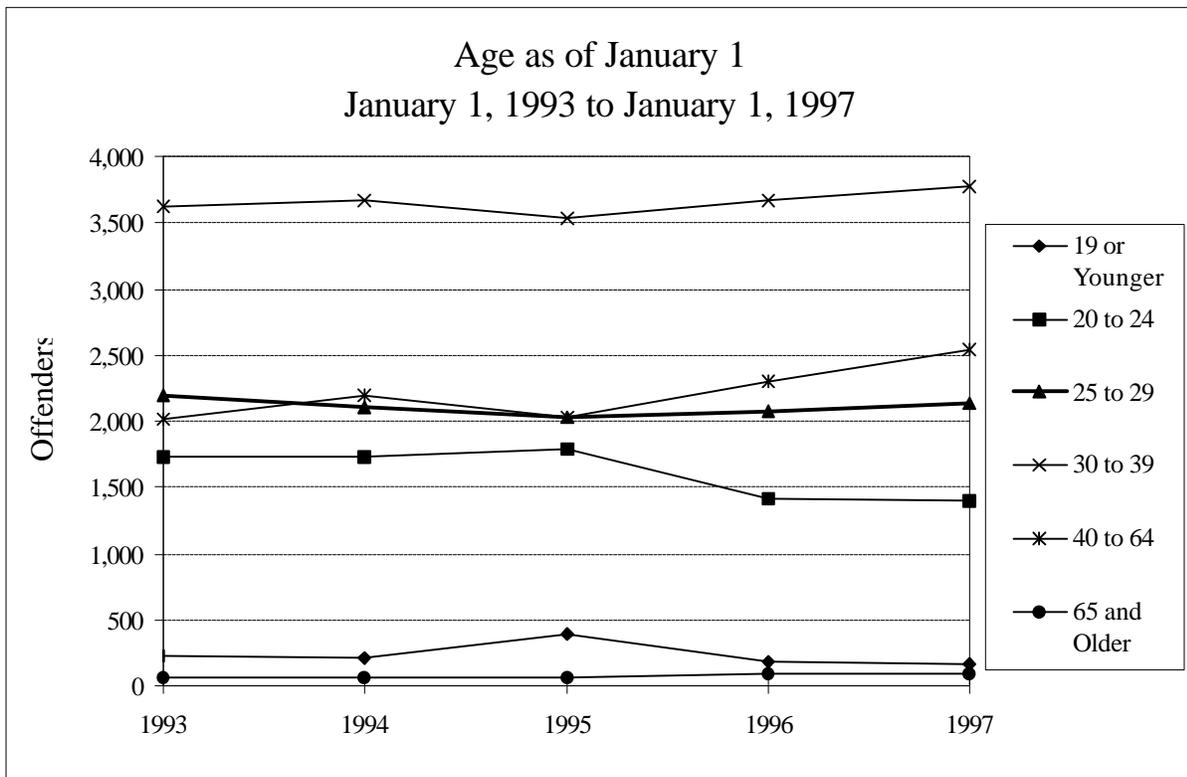
	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Caucasian	319	53	4,488	47	4,807	48
African American	129	22	2,849	30	2,978	29
Native American	2	0	29	0	31	0
Asian	2	0	88	1	90	1
Hispanic	145	24	2,068	22	2,213	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 4**

**Age as of January 1: January 1, 1993 to 1997**

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
19 or Younger	223	2	213	2	390	4	184	2	172	2	-7
20 to 24	1,728	18	1,723	17	1,795	17	1,421	15	1,400	14	-1
25 to 29	2,200	22	2,099	21	2,035	21	2,082	21	2,140	21	3
30 to 39	3,618	37	3,666	37	3,539	36	3,671	38	3,774	37	3
40 to 64	2,022	21	2,190	22	2,036	21	2,295	24	2,542	25	11
65 and Older	60	1	61	1	59	1	83	1	91	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>31 yrs.</b>		<b>31 yrs.</b>		<b>32 yrs.</b>		<b>32 yrs.</b>		<b>33 yrs.</b>		

**Figure 4**



**Table 5**

**Age as of January 1, 1997 by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>	<b>Male (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
17 yrs	0 0	6 0	6 0
18 yrs	1 0	44 1	45 0
19 yrs	7 1	114 1	121 1
20 yrs	9 2	178 2	187 2
21 yrs	6 1	231 2	237 2
22 yrs	7 1	300 3	307 3
23 yrs	13 2	298 3	311 3
24 yrs	16 3	342 4	358 4
25-29 yrs	128 21	2,012 21	2,140 21
30-34 yrs	136 23	1,886 20	2,022 20
35-39 yrs	138 23	1,614 17	1,752 17
40-44 yrs	70 12	1,063 11	1,133 11
45-49 yrs	39 7	645 7	684 7
50-54 yrs	20 3	410 4	430 4
55-59 yrs	5 1	184 2	189 2
60-64 yrs	0 0	106 1	106 1
65-69 yrs	2 0	56 1	58 1
70 yrs or Older	0 0	33 0	33 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597 100</b>	<b>9,522 100</b>	<b>10,119 100</b>

Age as of 1/1/97:

The median age was 33 years (for both females and males)

The average age was 34 years (for both females and males)

Age as of 1/1/97 - Ranges:

Females - 18 years to 66 years

Males - 17 years to 90 years

**Table 6**

**Age at Incarceration by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>	<b>Male (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
15 yrs	0 0	3 0	3 0
16 yrs	0 0	20 0	20 0
17 yrs	1 0	107 1	108 1
18 yrs	3 1	353 4	356 4
19 yrs	14 2	464 5	478 5
20 yrs	7 1	477 5	484 5
21 yrs	13 2	492 5	505 5
22 yrs	13 2	476 5	489 5
23 yrs	21 4	425 5	446 4
24 yrs	19 3	465 5	484 5
25-29 yrs	133 22	2,122 22	2,255 22
30-34 yrs	138 23	1,724 18	1,862 18
35-39 yrs	130 22	1,074 11	1,204 12
40-44 yrs	58 10	636 7	694 7
45-49 yrs	30 5	349 4	379 4
50-54 yrs	13 2	173 2	186 2
55-59 yrs	3 1	98 1	101 1
60-64 yrs	0 0	34 0	34 0
65-69 yrs	1 0	20 0	21 0
70 yrs or Older	0 0	10 0	10 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597 100</b>	<b>9,522 100</b>	<b>10,119 100</b>

Age at Incarceration:

The median age was 28 years (females - 32 years; males - 28 years)

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

Age at Incarceration - Ranges:

Females - 17 years to 65 years

Males - 15 years to 86 years

**Table 7**

**Last Grade Completed (Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
3rd or Less	0	0	70	1	70	1
4th	0	0	45	1	45	0
5th	3	1	54	1	57	1
6th	2	0	107	1	109	1
7th	7	1	183	2	190	2
8th	24	4	386	4	410	4
9th	28	5	670	7	698	7
10th	34	6	836	9	870	9
11th	39	7	776	8	815	8
High School Grad	66	11	1,538	16	1,604	16
GED	21	4	582	6	603	6
Some College	28	5	525	6	553	5
College Grad	8	1	131	1	139	1
Unknown	337	56	3,619	38	3,956	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

The median education level was 11th grade for both males and females.

**Table 8**

**Citizenship Status (Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
US Citizen - Mass Born	348	58	5,539	58	5,887	58
US Citizen - Other State	127	21	1,996	21	2,123	21
US Citizen - US Territory	89	15	1,025	11	1,114	11
US Citizen - Foreign Born	16	3	616	7	632	6
Non Citizen	17	3	346	4	363	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 9**

**Marital Status (Self Reported) by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>	<b>Male (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Married	77 13	1,628 17	1,705 17
Single	365 61	6,815 72	7,180 71
Divorced	89 15	742 8	831 8
Widowed	13 2	70 1	83 1
Common Law	0 0	22 0	22 0
Separated	53 9	245 3	298 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>597 100</b>	<b>9,522 100</b>	<b>10,119 100</b>

**Table 10**

**Prior Address: Selected Cities and Towns  
(Self Reported) by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>	<b>Male (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Boston	88 15	2,424 26	2,512 25
Brockton	34 6	245 3	279 3
Cambridge	6 1	143 2	149 1
Fall River	6 1	191 2	197 2
Framingham	10 2	87 1	97 1
Holyoke	11 2	182 2	193 2
Lawrence	24 4	256 3	280 3
Lowell	25 4	362 4	387 4
Lynn	33 6	240 3	273 3
New Bedford	9 2	230 2	239 2
Quincy	7 1	74 1	81 1
Somerville	8 1	130 1	138 1
Springfield	24 4	718 8	742 7
Worcester	71 12	548 6	619 6
Other Mass Town	190 32	3,047 32	3,237 32
Out of State	51 9	644 7	695 7
Unknown	0 0	1 0	1 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597 100</b>	<b>9,522 100</b>	<b>10,119 100</b>

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**Current Offense**

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Table 11

**Current Offense Categories: January 1, 1993 to 1997**

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Person	4,618	47	4,724	47	4,634	47	4,633	48	4,803	47	4
Sex	1,690	17	1,759	18	1,758	18	1,620	17	1,690	17	4
Property	1,216	12	1,186	12	1,135	12	1,170	12	1,161	11	-1
Drug	1,973	20	1,931	19	2,002	20	1,942	20	2,079	21	7
Other	354	4	352	4	325	3	371	4	386	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>

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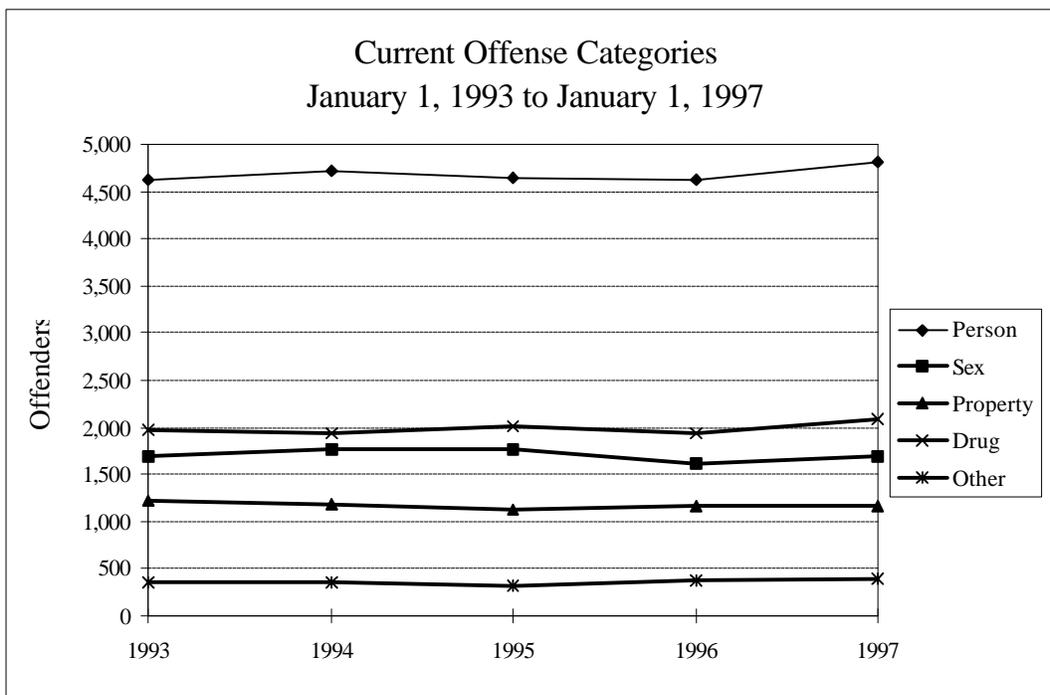


Table 12

**Current Offense Categories by Gender**

	Female (%)	Male (%)	Total (%)
Person	175 29	4,628 49	4,803 47
Sex	17 3	1,673 18	1,690 17
Property	95 16	1,066 11	1,161 11
Drug	225 38	1,854 20	2,079 21
Other	85 14	301 3	386 4
<b>Total</b>	<b>597 100</b>	<b>9,522 100</b>	<b>10,119 100</b>

**Table 13**

**Person Offenses by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not a Person Offense	422	71	4,894	51	5,316	53
Armed Robbery	23	4	1,286	14	1,309	13
Murder 2	12	2	645	7	657	6
Murder 1	16	3	570	6	586	6
A&B Dangerous Weapon	22	4	387	4	409	4
Manslaughter	26	4	380	4	406	4
Armed Asslt W/Intent to Rob/Murder	9	2	374	4	383	4
Unarmed Robbery	8	1	337	4	345	3
Armed Assault in Dwelling	2	0	102	1	104	1
Assault With Intent to Murder	1	0	74	1	75	1
Asslt Dangerous Weapon	10	2	63	1	73	1
Unarmed Robbery, Victim 60+	7	1	56	1	63	1
Assault/ A&B	21	4	41	0	62	1
Mayhem	2	0	53	1	55	1
Vehicular Homicide	5	1	45	1	50	0
Kidnapping	2	0	48	1	50	0
Accessory Before/After the Fact	3	1	26	0	29	0
Carjacking	1	0	22	0	23	0
Other Person Offense	0	0	23	0	23	0
Unarmed Assault to Rob	1	0	17	0	18	0
Intimidate to Steal from Depository	0	0	14	0	14	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	12	0	12	0
Stalking	2	0	8	0	10	0
Extortion	0	0	10	0	10	0
Armed Asslt W/Intent to Rob/Murder, Victim 60+	1	0	8	0	9	0
Conspiracy	1	0	7	0	8	0
A&B W/ Injury, Child Under 14	0	0	4	0	4	0
A&B Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	0	0	4	0	4	0
Violation Civil Rights	0	0	4	0	4	0
Home Invasion	0	0	4	0	4	0
Murder 1 - Juvenile Offender	0	0	2	0	2	0
Murder 2 - Juvenile Offender	0	0	1	0	1	0
Asslt Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Table 14**

**Sex Offenses by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Not a Sex Offense	580	97	7,849	82	8,429	83
Rape of Child <16, Statutory	9	2	510	5	519	5
Rape	1	0	302	3	303	3
Rape of Child <16, W/Force	1	0	290	3	291	3
Aggravated Rape	1	0	288	3	289	3
Indecent A&B on Child <14	2	0	125	1	127	1
Assault With Intent to Rape	0	0	94	1	94	1
Indecent A&B, Victim 14+	0	0	28	0	28	0
Assault W/Int to Rape, Child <16	0	0	23	0	23	0
Child Pornography	1	0	5	0	6	0
Indecent A&B, Mentally Retarded Victim	0	0	3	0	3	0
Unnatural Act	1	0	2	0	3	0
Incest	0	0	2	0	2	0
Unnatural Act, Child <16	1	0	0	0	1	0
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Table 15**

**Property Offenses by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Not a Property Offense	502	84	8,456	89	8,958	89
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	18	3	625	7	643	6
Larceny	34	6	70	1	104	1
Vehicle Theft	5	1	98	1	103	1
Arson	3	1	89	1	92	1
Armed Burglary	0	0	70	1	70	1
Forgery and Uttering	10	2	23	0	33	0
Receiving Stolen Goods	6	1	25	0	31	0
Shoplifting	11	2	12	0	23	0
Possession of Burglary Tools	0	0	16	0	16	0
Common and Notorious Thief	2	0	10	0	12	0
Destruction of Property	0	0	11	0	11	0
Larceny From Person	1	0	9	0	10	0
Larceny From Person > 64	3	1	4	0	7	0
Fraud	2	0	4	0	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Table 16**

**Drug Offenses by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not a Drug Offense	372	62	7,668	81	8,040	79
Possession of Hypodermic Instrument	6	1	1	0	7	0
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law	5	1	35	0	40	0
Controlled Substance - No Class Specified	11	2	8	0	19	0
Controlled Substance - Class A	13	2	21	0	34	0
Controlled Substance - Class B	22	4	30	0	52	1
Controlled Substance - Class C	1	0	0	0	1	0
Controlled Substance - Class D	0	0	2	0	2	0
Fraudulent Prescriptions	0	0	1	0	1	0
Class A Poss W/Int to Dist	33	6	249	3	282	3
*Class A Poss W/Int to Dist, Subsequent	5	1	78	1	83	1
Class B Poss W/Int to Dist	44	7	232	2	276	3
*Class B Poss W/Int to Dist, Subsequent	2	0	64	1	66	1
*Class B Poss W/Int to Dist to Minor	1	0	0	0	1	0
*Specific C1 B - Poss W/Int to Dist	13	2	163	2	176	2
*Specific C1 B - Poss W/Int to Dist, Subsequent	2	0	46	1	48	0
Class C - Poss W/Int to Dist	1	0	1	0	2	0
*Class C - Poss W/Int to Dist, Subsequent	0	0	1	0	1	0
*Marijuana - Trafficking 50-100 Lbs	0	0	2	0	2	0
*Marijuana - Trafficking 100-2000 Lbs	1	0	0	0	1	0
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	19	3	207	2	226	2
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	16	3	319	3	335	3
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	4	1	132	1	136	1
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 200+ Grams	8	1	149	2	157	2
*Class A - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	2	0	3	0	5	0
*Class A - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	0	0	17	0	17	0
*Class A - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	1	0	3	0	4	0
*Class A - Trafficking 200+ Grams	1	0	3	0	4	0
Class D - Poss W/Int to Distribute	2	0	3	0	5	0
*Drug Violation, School/Park	12	2	78	1	90	1
Induce Minor in Sale and Distribution of Drugs	0	0	5	0	5	0
Theft of Drugs	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

\* Denotes an offense which carries a mandatory sentence.

**Table 17**

**Other Offenses by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Not an Other Offense	512	86	9,221	97	9,733	96
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs	38	6	110	1	148	1
Carry a Firearm W/Out License	3	1	112	1	115	1
Prostitution	26	4	1	0	27	0
Other Weapons Offense	0	0	20	0	20	0
Escape	0	0	18	0	18	0
Attempt to Commit Crime	4	1	12	0	16	0
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	6	1	3	0	9	0
Habitual Criminal	0	0	9	0	9	0
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	6	1	0	0	6	0
Violation of Court Order	1	0	2	0	3	0
Bribery/Corruption	0	0	3	0	3	0
Miscellaneous Other Offense	0	0	3	0	3	0
Use of a Firearm for Felony	0	0	2	0	2	0
Violation of Restraining Order	1	0	1	0	2	0
Delivering/Receiving Articles for Inmates	0	0	2	0	2	0
Deriving Support From Prostitute	0	0	1	0	1	0
Leave Scene of Vehicular Accident	0	0	1	0	1	0
Operating Under the Influence W/Injury	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

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

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## Sentencing and Security Levels

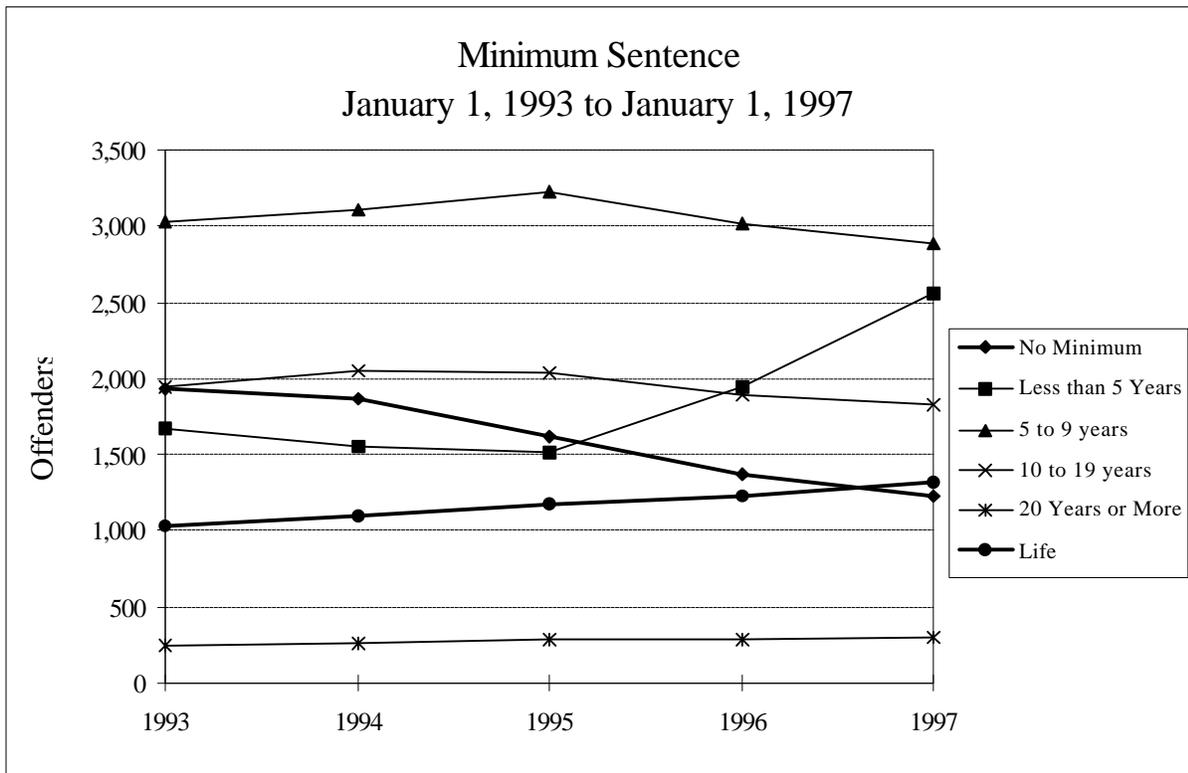
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Table 18

Minimum Sentence: January 1, 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%
No Minimum	1,933	20	1,872	19	1,619	16	1,377	14	1,230	12		-11
Less than 5 Years	1,671	17	1,553	16	1,517	15	1,943	20	2,566	25		32
5 to 9 years	3,027	31	3,113	31	3,220	33	3,013	31	2,885	29		-4
10 to 19 years	1,946	20	2,055	21	2,040	21	1,888	19	1,823	18		-3
20 Years or More	247	3	264	2	289	3	285	3	297	3		4
Life	1,027	10	1,095	11	1,169	12	1,230	13	1,318	13		7
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>4</b>

Figure 6



**Table 19**

**Minimum Sentence by Gender**

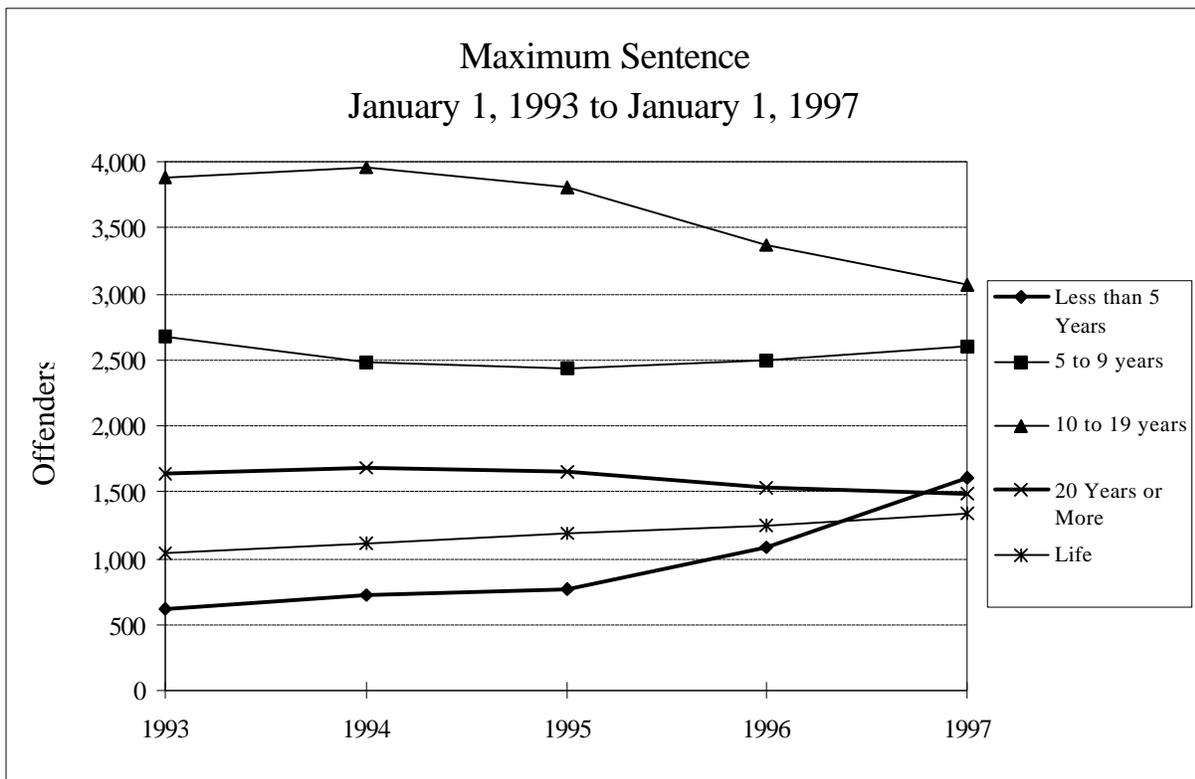
	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
1 - 2 Years	16	3	201	2	217	2
2 - 3 Years	23	4	505	5	528	5
3 - 4 Years	49	8	1,136	12	1,185	12
4 - 5 Years	22	4	614	6	636	6
5 - 6 Years	39	7	958	10	997	10
6 - 7 Years	13	2	594	6	607	6
7 - 8 Years	8	1	420	4	428	4
8 - 9 Years	12	2	367	4	379	4
9 - 10 Years	16	3	458	5	474	5
10 - 11 Years	12	2	523	6	535	5
11 - 12 Years	0	0	40	0	40	0
12 - 13 Years	12	2	370	4	382	4
13 - 14 Years	1	0	30	0	31	0
14 - 15 Years	2	0	33	0	35	0
15 - 16 Years	15	3	468	5	483	5
16 - 17 Years	0	0	36	0	36	0
17-18 Years	0	0	21	0	21	0
18-19 Years	4	1	210	2	214	2
19-20 Years	0	0	46	1	46	0
20+ Years	1	0	296	3	297	3
Life	28	5	1,290	14	1,318	13
No Minimum	324	54	906	10	1,230	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 20

Maximum Sentence: January 1, 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	96 vs 97
Less than 5 Years	622	20	722	19	772	16	1,089	14	1,609	16	48
5 to 9 years	2,670	17	2,485	16	2,436	15	2,491	20	2,608	26	5
10 to 19 years	3,875	31	3,950	31	3,812	33	3,373	31	3,069	30	-9
20 Years or More	1,645	20	1,687	21	1,647	21	1,536	19	1,494	15	-3
Life	1,039	3	1,108	2	1,187	3	1,247	3	1,339	13	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>

Figure 7



**Table 21**

**Maximum Sentence by Gender**

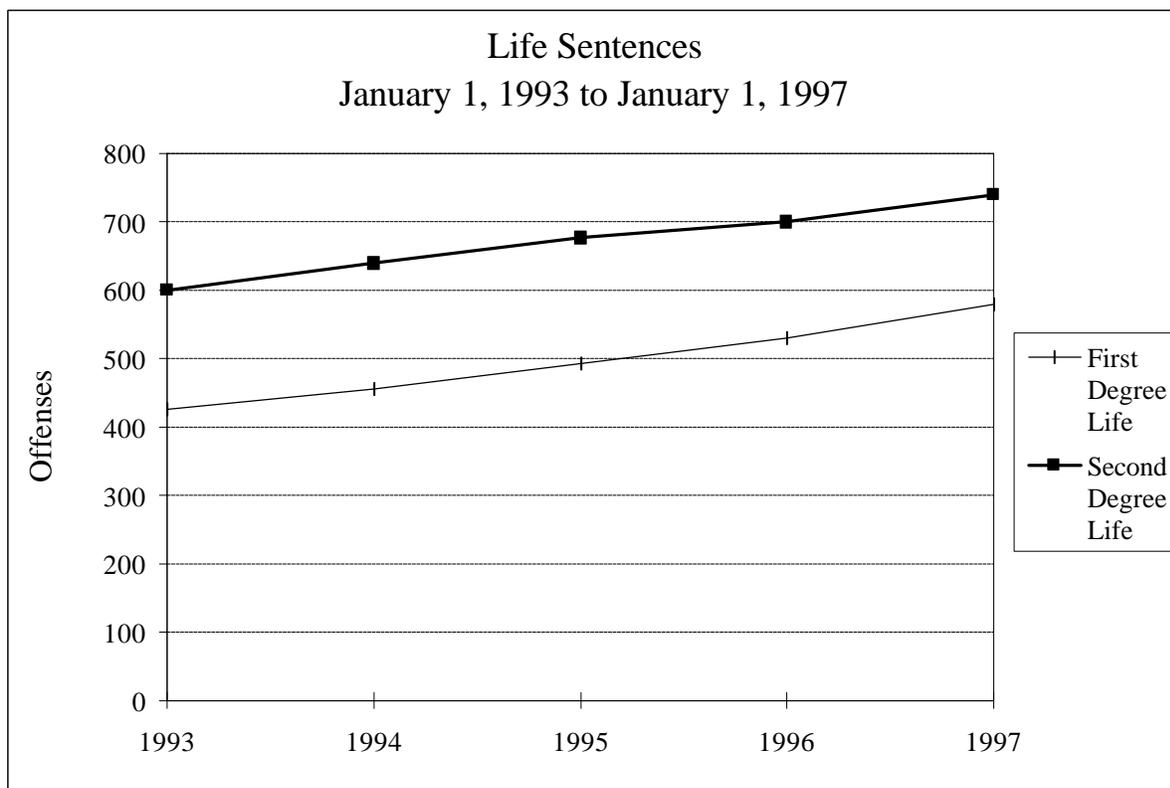
	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Fine	1	0	0	0	1	0
< 1 Year	105	18	33	0	138	1
1 - 2 Years	126	21	120	1	246	2
2 - 3 Years	79	13	289	3	368	4
3 - 4 Years	35	6	565	6	600	6
4 - 5 Years	13	2	243	3	256	3
5 - 6 Years	58	10	1,214	13	1,272	13
6 - 7 Years	10	2	297	3	307	3
7 - 8 Years	18	3	580	6	598	6
8 - 9 Years	7	1	243	3	250	2
9 - 10 Years	7	1	174	2	181	2
10 - 11 Years	47	8	1,516	16	1,563	15
11 - 12 Years	1	0	34	0	35	0
12 - 13 Years	12	2	499	5	511	5
13 - 14 Years	1	0	25	0	26	0
14 - 15 Years	0	0	19	0	19	0
15 - 16 Years	23	4	692	7	715	7
16 - 17 Years	0	0	35	0	35	0
17 - 18 Years	3	1	38	0	41	0
18 - 19 Years	3	1	113	1	116	1
19 - 20 Years	1	0	7	0	8	0
20+ Years	19	3	1,475	16	1,494	15
Life	28	5	1,311	14	1,339	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 22**

**Life Sentences: January 1, 1993 to 1997**

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	96 vs 97
First Degree Life	426	41	456	42	492	42	530	43	578	44	9
Second Degree Life	601	59	639	58	677	58	700	57	740	56	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7</b>

**Figure 8**



Please note: First Degree Life and Second Degree Life categories include only those inmates serving a sentence with a minimum term of "Life". This excludes sentences which have been revised to a minimum term of years via a commutation or court order.

**Table 23**

**Court From Which Committed by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Barnstable	2	0	200	2	202	2
Berkshire	7	1	232	2	239	2
Bristol	21	4	669	7	690	7
Dukes	0	0	4	0	4	0
Essex	32	5	832	9	864	9
Franklin	3	1	86	1	89	1
Hampden	42	7	1,100	12	1,142	11
Hampshire	4	1	112	1	116	1
Middlesex	34	6	1,495	16	1,529	15
Nantucket	0	0	1	0	1	0
Norfolk	9	2	388	4	397	4
Plymouth	15	3	428	5	443	4
Suffolk	69	12	2,357	25	2,426	24
Worcester	48	8	1,132	12	1,180	12
District Courts	296	50	39	0	335	3
Other Jurisdictions	6	1	292	3	298	3
From and After	9	2	155	2	164	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 24**

**Type of Sentence by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Simple	195	33	3,326	35	3,521	35
Concurrent	280	47	4,667	49	4,947	49
Aggregate	54	9	431	5	485	5
Forthwith	1	0	223	2	224	2
Forthwith - HOC	0	0	257	3	257	3
From and After	8	1	163	2	171	2
From and After - HOC	1	0	29	0	30	0
Split	57	10	426	5	483	5
Fine	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 25

**Committing Institution: January 1, 1993 to 1997**

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	96 vs 97
Cedar Junction	7,619	77	7,783	78	7,939	81	8,050	83	8,563	85	6
Concord	1,454	15	1,270	13	1,022	10	809	8	663	7	-18
Framingham	513	5	530	5	586	6	576	6	591	6	3
Other Jurisdiction	265	3	369	4	307	3	301	3	302	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>

Figure 9

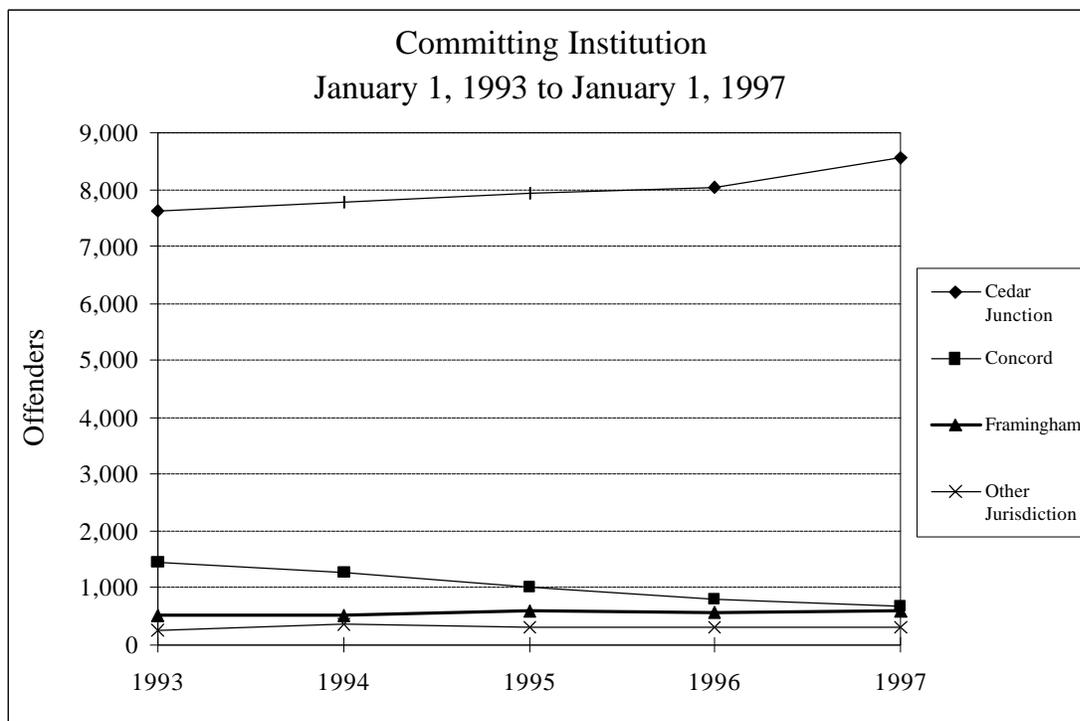


Table 26

**Committing Institution by Gender**

	Female (%)	Male (%)	Total (%)
Concord	0 0	663 7	663 7
Framingham	591 99	0 0	591 6
Walpole	0 0	8,563 90	8,563 85
Other Jurisdiction	6 1	296 3	302 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>597 100</b>	<b>9,522 100</b>	<b>10,119 100</b>

Table 27

**Population in DOC Facilities by Institution and Security Level**

		Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
<b>Level 6</b>	MCI-Cedar Junction	-	-	814	9	814	8
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Level 5</b>	Old Colony Correctional Center	-	-	698	7	698	7
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	MCI-Concord	-	-	1,089	11	1,089	11
	MCI-Framingham	474	79	-	-	474	5
	MCI-Norfolk	-	-	1,523	16	1,523	15
	North Central Correctional Institution	-	-	1,014	11	1,014	10
	Southeastern Correctional Center (Medium)	-	-	842	9	842	8
	Bay State Correctional Center	-	-	294	3	294	3
	Massachusetts Boot Camp	-	-	112	1	112	1
	MCI-Shirley (Medium)	-	-	1,103	12	1,103	11
	Massachusetts Treatment Center	-	-	153	2	153	2
	Bridgewater State Hospital	-	-	126	1	126	1
	Shattuck Hospital Correctional Unit	-	-	7	0	7	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>6,263</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6,737</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Level 3</b>	MCI-Plymouth	-	-	186	2	186	2
	Northeastern Correctional Center	-	-	250	3	250	2
	Southeastern Correctional Center (Minimum)	-	-	103	1	103	1
	MCI-Shirley (Minimum)	-	-	338	4	338	3
	Pondville Correctional Center	-	-	188	2	188	2
	Longwood Treatment Center	15	3	122	1	137	1
	Massachusetts Boot Camp	-	-	48	1	48	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Level 3/2</b>	MCI-Lancaster	63	11	199	2	262	3
	South Middlesex Correctional Center	-	-	163	2	163	2
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Level 2</b>	Boston Pre-Release Center	-	-	89	1	89	1
	Park Drive Pre-Release Center	-	-	50	1	50	0
	Hodder House	30	5	-	-	30	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	Charlotte House	8	1	-	-	8	0
	Houston House	6	1	-	-	6	0
	Pre-Parole Residential Environment Phase	1	0	11	0	12	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>
Maximum/Medium Security Subtotal (levels 4, 5, 6)		<b>474</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>7,775</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>8,249</b>	<b>82</b>
Minimum/Pre-Release Subtotal (levels 3, 3/2, 2, 1)		<b>123</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>597</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>100</b>

## **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.
DOC	Massachusetts Department of Correction.
Expiration	Expiration of sentence.
GCD	Good conduct discharge.
HOC	House of Correction - Massachusetts.
Minimum Sentence	Cases with no minimum term are county or reformatory sentences; and in a small number of cases may be out of state or federal sentences.
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Federal Bureau of Census.
Current Offense	Inmates may be incarcerated for multiple offenses. The offense reported is that associated with the sentence which governs the inmate's maximum discharge date.  Offense labels can be found in the Appendix and are listed in alphabetical order by offense category.
PV	Parole violation.
PPREP	Pre-Parole Residential Environment Program.

## **Sentence**

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
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than two and a half years. All sentences which have a maximum term (other than life sentences) are eligible to have a maximum term reduced by statutory good time, except for sex offenses and crimes committed while confined.

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. Under the “old” system, 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.

#### 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 District Court cannot impose a sentence in either Framingham/Concord if the defendant has been previously sentenced for a felony more than three times. The “new” law eliminates “Concord” (or Framingham) sentences to the state reformatory.

House of Correction Sentences

Prior to the “truth in sentencing” law, if an offender is sentenced to the House of Correction, the term shall be less than two and a half years. 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.

**Sentence Type**

Aggregate

Multiple sentences received for more than one offense. These sentences will be served consecutively. The sentence length reported reflects the total of all sentences.

Concurrent

Multiple sentences received for more than one offense. These sentences will be served simultaneously.

Fine

Offender was given a fine, but because he or she was unwilling or unable to pay the fine, is serving time in prison.

Forthwith

A sentence that is to be served effective immediately, regardless of other sentences for which the individual is currently incarcerated.

From & After

A sentence which the offender must begin serving upon completion of his/her existing sentence.

Simple

One sentence received for a single offense.

Split

A sentence that is divided between a specified period of incarceration followed by probation supervision. Split sentences to the State Prison have been eliminated due to the “truth in sentencing” law for offenses committed after June 30, 1994.

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. 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 Dist

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

Class A - Poss W/Int to Dist, Subsequent

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

Class B - Poss W/Int to Dist

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

Class B - Poss W/Int to Dist, Subsequent

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

Class B - Poss W/Int to Dist to Minor

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

Class C - Poss W/Int to Dist

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

Class C- Poss W/Int to Dist, Subsequent

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

Class D - Poss W/Int to Dist

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

Specific CI B - Poss W/Int to Dist

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

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

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

Specific Class B - Trafficking	Trafficking categories are broken out by amount. Specific CI B drugs are PCP, Cocaine, Methamphetamine.
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law	<b>Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act.</b>
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; a drug 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).
Accessory Before/After Fact	Includes accessory after the fact, accessory before the fact, conspiracy to commit murder.
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	<b>Assault and Battery Upon a Child.</b>
Assault/A&B	<b>Assault and Assault and Battery.</b> 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.
Intimidate to Steal from Depository	<b>Confining or Putting in Fear a Person for the Purpose of Stealing.</b> 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	<b>Burglary, Armed or an Assault.</b> Includes armed burglary, breaking and entering with intent to assault with or without dangerous weapon.
Arson	<b>Arson and Attempted Arson.</b> 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	<b>Theft of a Motor Vehicle.</b> 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	<b>Weapons Violation of Bartley-Fox Gun Law</b> (mandatory 1 year sentence for carrying a firearm without a license.
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	<b>Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes.</b> 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	<b>Deriving Support from Prostitution (pimping).</b> 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	<b>Leaving the Scene;</b> 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	<b>Operating Under the Influence with Injury Resulting;</b> 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	<b>Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.</b>
Prostitution	Includes sexual conduct for fee, solicit for prostitution.
Use of a Firearm for Felony	<b>Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony.</b> 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	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Child under 14.</b> Includes indecent assault and battery on a minor.
Indecent A&B, Victim 14+	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Victim, 14 or Older.</b>
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.**