

Massachusetts Department of Correction
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Communities Inmates Released to in 2011

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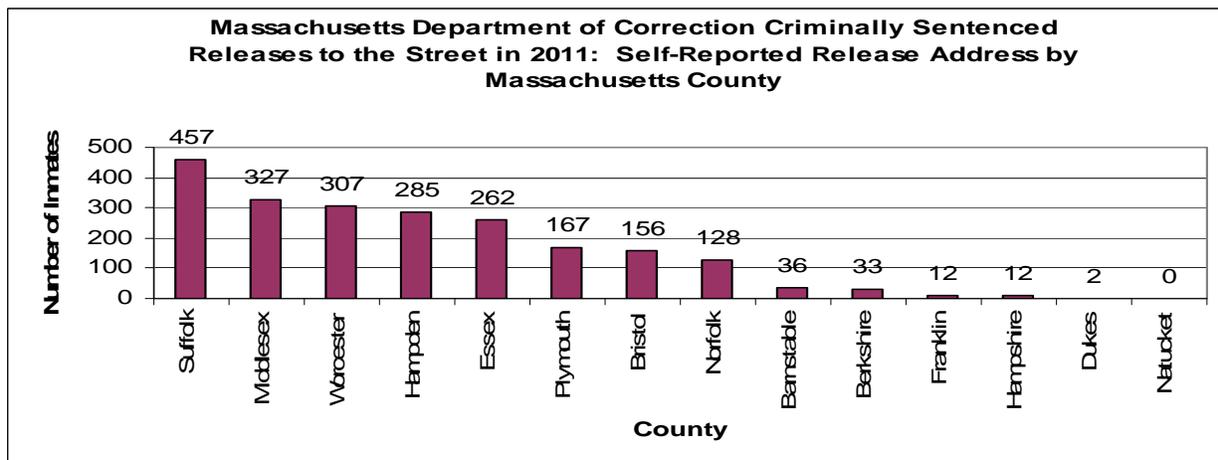
The population covered in this report, termed ‘release to the street population’, includes any criminally sentenced inmate released to the street from a Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) facility as well as DOC inmates released from other correctional facilities (jurisdiction). Under this definition, DOC inmates released from Massachusetts’ Houses of Correction, other states’ correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2011 are included in the population. The population described in this report includes the following:

- ✦ Criminally sentenced inmates released via parole or expiration of sentence to the street.

Introduction

Inmates under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) are released to many different communities throughout the state and in some cases outside of Massachusetts. This report is a statistical look at the communities criminally sentenced inmates releasing to the street via parole or expiration of sentence intend to reside after their release¹. For the purposes of this report communities may refer to counties, cities, towns or municipalities and locations outside of Massachusetts. It is important to note that there was a substantial decrease in releases to the street from 2010 to 2011. This decrease is reflected throughout this report.

Chart 1



Note: Excludes 97 inmates releasing to communities outside of Massachusetts

In the calendar year 2011, there were 2,281 inmates released to the street, which was a decrease of 446 (16%) from 2010². This decrease was driven by a reduction in male releases, 1,588; down 368 inmates from 2010 (19%). Female inmate releases also decreased by 78 (10%) in 2011, with 693 total releases.

¹ Information regarding release address is self-reported by inmates prior to their release. It is likely that some release addresses reflect temporary, even residential treatment locales, not necessarily long term homes in the community.

² The release to street population in *Communities Inmates Released to in 2010* included parole detainees. Parole detainees are no longer included in the release to street population. For the purposes of this report, 2010 numbers were adjusted to fit the new definition.

Table 1

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2011: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns)		
City	Total	%
1. Boston	414	18%
2. Springfield	203	9%
3. Worcester	141	6%
4. Brockton	76	3%
5. Lynn	74	3%
6. New Bedford	74	3%
7. Lawrence	51	2%
8. Lowell	46	2%
9. Fall River	39	2%
10. Framingham	37	2%
Sub-Total	1,155	51%
Other MA Cities/Towns	1,029	45%
Outside MA	97	4%
Total	2,281	100%

- ◆ Over half (51%) of the inmates released during 2011 reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns listed in Table 1.
- ◆ Similar to 2010, the release address with the highest number of releases reported was to the various communities in the city of Boston (18%) followed by Springfield (9%) and Worcester (6%).
- ◆ Despite having the greatest reduction in releases from 2010 (132) Boston still remained the number one release address in 2011.

Please Note: Percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Map 1

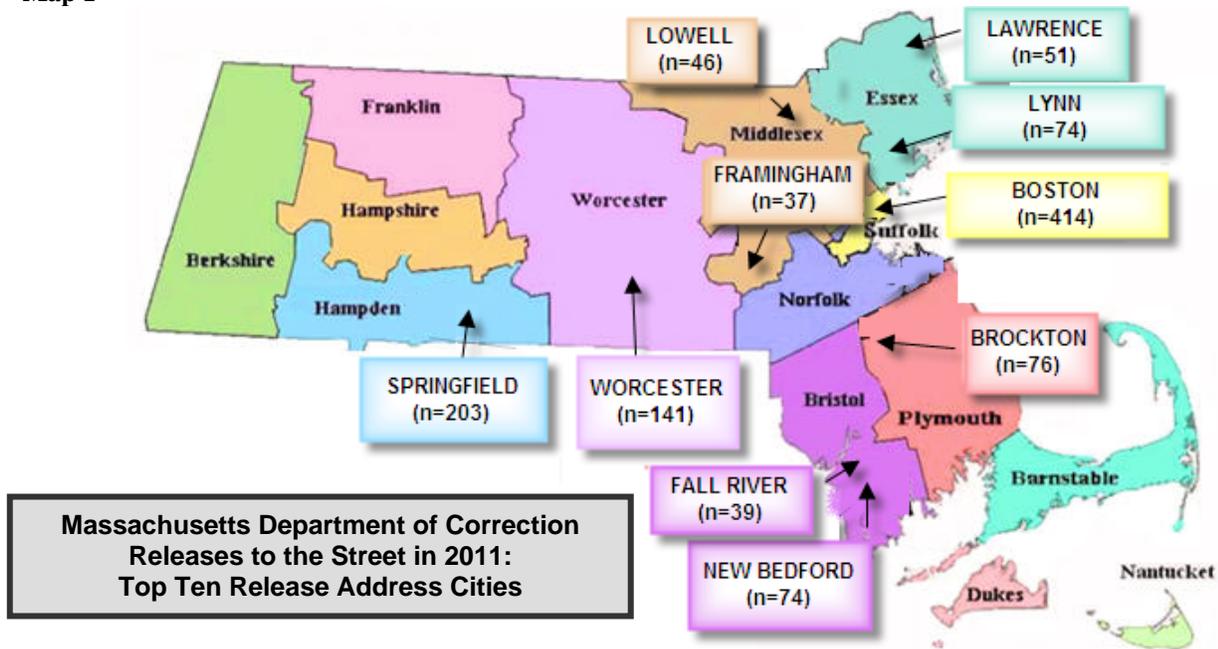


Table 2

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street 2011: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Males		
	Male	%
1. Boston	339	21%
2. Springfield	196	12%
3. Worcester	94	6%
4. New Bedford	56	4%
5. Brockton	52	3%
6. Lawrence	40	3%
7. Holyoke	36	2%
8. Lynn	36	2%
9. Fall River	32	2%
10. Lowell	28	2%
Sub-Total	909	57%
Other MA Cities	602	38%
Outside MA	77	5%
Total	1,588	100%

- ◆ Similar to 2010, a majority of the male releases (57%) reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns.
- ◆ In contrast, the majority of females (57%) reported a release address outside one of the top ten cities/towns, while (43%) reported a release address in the top ten.

- ◆ Boston was the top city reported by both male (21%) and female (11%) inmates as their release address. The second most commonly reported city for males was Springfield (12%), followed by Worcester (6%) and New Bedford (4%).
- ◆ Females differed from the males where the second most commonly reported release address was Worcester (7%), followed by Lynn (5%) and Ashland (4%).
- ◆ Female releases by community are somewhat skewed due to the fact that some counties house females and some do not.³

Table 3

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2011: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Females		
	Female	%
1. Boston	75	11%
2. Worcester	47	7%
3. Lynn	38	5%
4. Ashland	29	4%
5. Brockton	24	3%
6. Haverhill	19	3%
7. Framingham	18	3%
8. Lowell	18	3%
9. New Bedford	18	3%
10. Fitchburg	13	2%
Sub-Total	299	43%
Other MA Cities	374	54%
Outside MA	20	3%
Total	693	100%

³ Not all Massachusetts counties house their female inmates. Massachusetts General Law dictates that females may be committed directly by the courts to the DOC for a House of Correction sentence. The counties of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Franklin, Hampden, and Suffolk house females in their county correctional facilities. Hampden County has increased their capacity to house county sentenced females for other western Massachusetts regions (including Worcester).

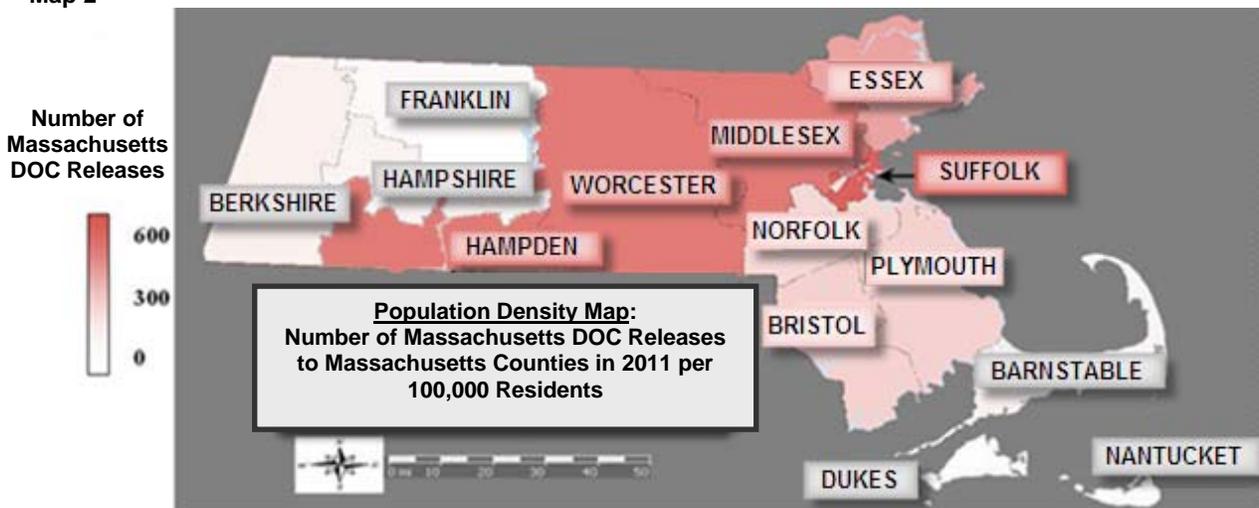
Table 4

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2011: Release Address by Massachusetts Counties by Gender (Self-Reported)							
	Female	%	Male	%	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents*
Suffolk County	82	12%	375	24%	457	20%	63
Middlesex County	166	24%	161	10%	327	14%	22
Worcester County	126	18%	181	11%	307	13%	38
Hampden County	14	2%	271	17%	285	12%	62
Essex County	116	17%	146	9%	262	11%	35
Plymouth County	69	10%	98	6%	167	7%	34
Bristol County	34	5%	122	8%	156	7%	29
Norfolk County	51	7%	77	5%	128	6%	19
Barnstable County	9	1%	27	2%	36	2%	17
Berkshire County	0	0%	33	2%	33	1%	25
Franklin County	2	0%	10	1%	12	1%	17
Hampshire county	3	0%	9	1%	12	1%	8
Dukes County	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%	6
Outside MA	20	3%	77	5%	97	4%	N/A
Total	693	100%	1,588	100%	2,281	100%	35

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 county population count

Twenty percent of the total population reported a release address located in Suffolk County. The greatest percentage of female releases were to Middlesex County (24%), followed by Worcester (18%) and Essex (17%) counties.³ The greatest percentage of males were released to Suffolk County (24%), followed by Hampden (17%) and Worcester (11%) counties. An examination of the concentration (the rate per 100,000 residents) of releases to the street presents a slightly different outcome with Suffolk County having the greatest concentration at 63 followed closely by Hampden County with 62, then Worcester County with 38.

Map 2



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Table 5

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2011: Locations Outside Massachusetts			
	Female	Male	Total
New York	1	21	22
New Hampshire	7	8	15
Rhode Island	4	9	13
Florida	2	6	8
California	1	7	8
Maine	1	6	7
Connecticut	2	2	4
New Jersey	0	4	4
Georgia	0	2	2
Pennsylvania	1	1	2
Puerto Rico	0	2	2
Texas	0	2	2
Alabama	0	1	1
Arkansas	0	1	1
Louisiana	0	1	1
Missouri	0	1	1
Mississippi	0	1	1
North Carolina	0	1	1
Oregon	0	1	1
Vermont	1	0	1
Total	20	77	97

Of the 2,281 inmates released to the street, 97 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. Sixty-four percent (62) of the inmates reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported releasing to a New England state or New York (22) which accounted for the majority of outside releases for 2011.

Appendix

The tables on pages 7 through 9 show the self-reported release address by county of inmates separated by the institution they were released from. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Institutions Housing Male Inmates

Bay State Correctional Center		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	12	27%
Middlesex County	7	16%
Bristol County	5	11%
Worcester County	5	11%
Plymouth County	4	9%
Hampden County	3	7%
Norfolk County	3	7%
Berkshire County	1	2%
Essex County	1	2%
Outside MA	4	9%
Total	45	100%

Boston Pre-Release Center		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	53	41%
Essex County	15	12%
Hampden County	15	12%
Middlesex County	14	11%
Worcester County	7	5%
Bristol County	5	4%
Plymouth County	4	3%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Norfolk County	3	2%
Barnstable County	2	2%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	5%
Total	128	100%

Brook House		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	12	46%
Middlesex County	3	12%
Norfolk County	3	12%
Essex County	2	8%
Hampden County	2	8%
Barnstable County	1	4%
Bristol County	1	4%
Outside MA	2	8%
Total	26	100%

Bridgewater State Hospital		
	Male	Total
Middlesex County	1	25%
Norfolk County	1	25%
Plymouth County	1	25%
Suffolk County	1	25%
Total	4	100%

Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center		
	Male	Total
Middlesex County	5	28%
Plymouth County	3	17%
Barnstable County	1	6%
Worcester County	1	6%
Suffolk County	1	6%
Norfolk County	1	6%
Hampshire County	1	6%
Hampden County	1	6%
Essex County	1	6%
Bristol County	1	6%
Outside MA	2	11%
Total	18	100%

Massachusetts Treatment Center		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	11	22%
Hampden County	8	16%
Worcester County	8	16%
Bristol County	4	8%
Plymouth County	4	8%
Barnstable County	3	6%
Middlesex County	3	6%
Berkshire County	2	4%
Essex County	2	4%
Franklin County	2	4%
Outside MA	3	6%
Total	50	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates - Continued

MCI-Cedar Junction		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	25	24%
Hampden County	19	18%
Middlesex County	12	12%
Essex County	10	10%
Plymouth County	10	10%
Bristol County	7	7%
Worcester County	7	7%
Norfolk County	4	4%
Franklin County	2	2%
Hampshire County	2	2%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	5	5%
Total	104	100%

MCI-Concord		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	63	32%
Middlesex County	34	17%
Hampden County	19	10%
Worcester County	19	10%
Essex County	18	9%
Bristol County	14	7%
Norfolk County	8	4%
Plymouth County	8	4%
Barnstable County	4	2%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Franklin County	2	1%
Outside MA	8	4%
Total	200	100%

MCI-Norfolk		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	35	27%
Bristol County	18	14%
Hampden County	15	11%
Worcester County	13	10%
Essex County	12	9%
Norfolk County	12	9%
Plymouth County	10	8%
Middlesex County	6	5%
Barnstable County	4	3%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Hampshire County	2	2%
Outside MA	2	2%
Total	132	100%

MCI-Plymouth		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	12	30%
Bristol County	7	18%
Plymouth County	6	15%
Hampden County	4	10%
Middlesex County	3	8%
Norfolk County	3	8%
Barnstable County	1	3%
Essex County	1	3%
Hampshire County	1	3%
Outside MA	2	5%
Total	40	100%

MCI-Shirley		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	43	20%
Hampden County	42	19%
Worcester County	39	18%
Essex County	21	10%
Bristol County	15	7%
Middlesex County	15	7%
Norfolk County	10	5%
Plymouth County	9	4%
Berkshire County	5	2%
Barnstable County	3	1%
Franklin County	1	0%
Hampshire County	1	0%
Outside MA	12	6%
Total	216	100%

NCCI-Gardner		
	Male	Total
Hampden County	27	23%
Essex County	18	16%
Suffolk County	17	15%
Worcester County	17	15%
Berkshire County	8	7%
Middlesex County	7	6%
Norfolk County	7	6%
Plymouth County	5	4%
Bristol County	3	3%
Outside MA	7	6%
Total	116	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates - Continued

Northeastern Correctional Center		
	Male	Total
Hampden County	22	22%
Middlesex County	20	20%
Suffolk County	19	19%
Essex County	13	13%
Worcester County	12	12%
Norfolk County	4	4%
Berkshire County	2	2%
Bristol County	2	2%
Plymouth County	2	2%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Outside MA	5	5%
Total	102	100%

Old Colony Correctional Center		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	28	21%
Hampden County	18	14%
Worcester County	16	12%
Bristol County	15	11%
Plymouth County	14	11%
Middlesex County	11	8%
Essex County	9	7%
Norfolk County	8	6%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Barnstable County	2	2%
Dukes County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	7	5%
Total	133	100%

Pondville Correctional Center		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	17	17%
Essex County	15	15%
Hampden County	14	14%
Bristol County	12	12%
Plymouth County	10	10%
Middlesex County	9	9%
Worcester County	8	8%
Norfolk County	5	5%
Outside MA	8	8%
Total	98	100%

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center		
	Male	Total
Worcester County	28	23%
Suffolk County	23	19%
Hampden County	20	16%
Bristol County	13	11%
Middlesex County	11	9%
Essex County	7	6%
Plymouth County	7	6%
Norfolk County	4	3%
Barnstable County	3	2%
Berkshire County	2	2%
Outside MA	4	3%
Total	122	100%

Lemuel Shattuck (8 North)		
	Male	Total
Suffolk County	1	50%
Worcester County	1	50%
Total	2	100%

Institutions Housing Female Inmates

MCI-Framingham		
	Female	Total
Middlesex County	102	22%
Essex County	91	19%
Worcester County	88	19%
Suffolk County	58	12%
Plymouth County	48	10%
Norfolk County	40	8%
Bristol County	21	4%
Hampden County	5	1%
Barnstable County	4	1%
Hampshire County	3	1%
Dukes County	1	0%
Franklin County	1	0%
Outside MA	11	2%
Total	473	100%

South Middlesex Correctional Center		
	Female	Total
Middlesex County	63	32%
Worcester County	29	15%
Suffolk County	24	12%
Essex County	23	12%
Plymouth County	21	11%
Bristol County	11	6%
Norfolk County	11	6%
Barnstable County	5	3%
Hampden County	3	2%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	7	4%
Total	198	100%

Spectrum Women and Children's Program		
	Female	Total
Worcester County	9	75%
Bristol County	1	8%
Essex County	1	8%
Outside MA	1	8%
Total	12	100%

Massachusetts DOC Inmates Housed in a County, Federal, or another State's Correctional Facility

County, Federal, Interstate			
	Female	Male	Total
Hampden County	6	42	48
Barnstable County	0	2	2
Essex County	1	1	2
Hampshire County	0	2	2
Suffolk County	0	2	2
Bristol County	1	0	1
Franklin County	0	1	1
Middlesex County	1	0	1
Norfolk County	0	1	1
Plymouth County	0	1	1
Outside MA	1	0	1
Total	10	52	62

The tables on pages 11 through 14 show the self-reported release address by city/town in each county. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Release Address Cities/Towns in Barnstable County			
	Female	Male	Total
Barnstable	5	8	13
Bourne	0	4	4
Chatham	0	1	1
Falmouth	3	7	10
Harwich	0	1	1
Mashpee	1	3	4
Sandwich	0	1	1
Yarmouth	0	2	2
Total	9	27	36

Release Address Cities/Towns in Dukes County			
	Female	Male	Total
Chilmark	0	1	1
Oak Bluffs	1	0	1
Total	1	1	2

Release Address Cities/Towns in Berkshire County			
	Female	Male	Total
Adams	0	1	1
Cheshire	0	1	1
Dalton	0	1	1
Great Barrington	0	1	1
Lanesborough	0	2	2
Lenox	0	2	2
New Marlborough	0	1	1
North Adams	0	4	4
Pittsfield	0	19	19
Windsor	0	1	1
Total	0	33	33

Release Address Cities/Towns in Essex County			
	Female	Male	Total
Amesbury	2	4	6
Andover	2	2	4
Beverly	2	4	6
Boxford	0	1	1
Danvers	4	4	8
Georgetown	1	0	1
Gloucester	4	3	7
Groveland	0	1	1
Hamilton	1	0	1
Haverhill	19	11	30
Ipswich	0	1	1
Lawrence	11	40	51
Lynn	38	36	74
Lynnfield	0	1	1
Marblehead	1	0	1
Merrimac	1	0	1
Methuen	3	7	10
Newbury	1	0	1
North Andover	2	1	3
Peabody	4	10	14
Salem	3	5	8
Salisbury	12	3	15
Saugus	4	11	15
Swampscott	0	1	1
Wenham	1	0	1
Total	116	146	262

Release Address Cities/Towns in Bristol County			
	Female	Male	Total
Acushnet	1	1	2
Attleboro	1	2	3
Dighton	0	1	1
Easton	1	1	2
Fairhaven	0	2	2
Fall River	7	32	39
Freetown	0	1	1
New Bedford	18	56	74
North Attleboro	1	1	2
Norton	0	7	7
Raynham	2	1	3
Somerset	1	1	2
Swansea	0	1	1
Taunton	2	14	16
Westport	0	1	1
Total	34	122	156

Release Address Cities/Towns in Franklin County			
	Female	Male	Total
Gill	1	0	1
Greenfield	0	6	6
Leverett	0	1	1
Leyden	1	0	1
Montague	0	2	2
Sunderland	0	1	1
Total	2	10	12

Release Address cities/Towns in Hampden County			
	Female	Male	Total
Agawam	0	3	3
Blandford	0	1	1
Brimfield	1	0	1
Chicopee	3	18	21
East Longmeadow	0	2	2
Holyoke	1	36	37
Ludlow	0	3	3
Russell	0	1	1
Springfield	7	196	203
West Springfield	0	5	5
Westfield	2	6	8
Total	14	271	285

Release Address Cities/Towns in Hampshire County			
	Female	Male	Total
Belchertown	1	0	1
Easthampton	0	1	1
Granby	1	0	1
Hadley	0	1	1
Northampton	1	3	4
South Hadley	0	1	1
Ware	0	3	3
Total	3	9	12

Release Address Cities/Towns in Middlesex County			
	Female	Male	Total
Acton	4	1	5
Arlington	2	1	3
Ashby	0	1	1
Ashland	29	0	29
Ayer	0	1	1
Bedford	1	6	7
Belmont	3	1	4
Billerica	4	4	8
Boxborough	0	1	1
Burlington	1	0	1
Cambridge	10	17	27
Chelmsford	1	0	1
Dracut	2	4	6
Everett	4	13	17
Frammingham	18	19	37
Holliston	1	0	1
Hopkinton	11	0	11
Hudson	2	2	4
Littleton	1	3	4
Lowell	18	28	46
Malden	9	14	23
Marlborough	6	1	7
Maynard	2	4	6
Medford	5	3	8
Melrose	1	3	4
Newton	2	0	2
North Reading	0	1	1
Pepperell	2	1	3
Reading	0	1	1
Shirley	1	0	1
Somerville	8	12	20
Stoneham	0	2	2
Sudbury	1	0	1
Tewksbury	2	2	4
Townsend	1	0	1
Wakefield	3	2	5
Waltham	2	6	8
Watertown	2	1	3
Wayland	2	0	2
Wilmington	0	1	1
Winchester	2	0	2
Woburn	3	5	8
Total	166	161	327

Release Address Cities/Towns in Norfolk County			
	Female	Male	Total
Bellingham	0	3	3
Braintree	8	6	14
Canton	2	1	3
Dedham	0	1	1
Franklin	2	4	6
Holbrook	1	3	4
Medway	1	1	2
Millis	1	1	2
Milton	1	0	1
Needham	2	1	3
Norwood	2	3	5
Plainville	2	2	4
Quincy	10	23	33
Randolph	4	15	19
Stoughton	10	4	14
Walpole	1	0	1
Weymouth	4	9	13
Total	51	77	128

Release Address Cities/Towns in Plymouth County			
	Female	Male	Total
Abington	3	0	3
Bridgewater	4	4	8
Brockton	24	52	76
Carver	3	2	5
East Bridgewater	3	1	4
Halifax	1	0	1
Hanson	2	1	3
Hingham	1	1	2
Hull	1	1	2
Kingston	1	2	3
Lakeville	1	1	2
Marion	0	1	1
Marshfield	2	2	4
Mattapoisett	0	1	1
Middleborough	2	3	5
Pembroke	3	2	5
Plymouth	9	7	16
Rochester	0	1	1
Rockland	2	1	3
Scituate	1	3	4
Wareham	3	11	14
Whitman	3	1	4
Total	69	98	167

Release Address Cities/Towns in Suffolk County			
	Female	male	Total
Boston	75	339	414
Chelsea	1	18	19
Revere	5	13	18
Winthrop	1	5	6
Total	82	375	457

Release Address Cities/Towns in Worcester County			
	Female	Male	Total
Athol	0	1	1
Berlin	0	1	1
Blackstone	1	1	2
Boylston	0	1	1
Charlton	1	0	1
Clinton	3	5	8
Douglas	1	0	1
Dudley	2	2	4
Fitchburg	13	23	36
Gardner	5	3	8
Grafton	2	2	4
Harvard	0	1	1
Holden	0	1	1
Hopedale	0	1	1
Lancaster	1	0	1
Leicester	1	2	3
Leominster	2	7	9
Lunenburg	2	1	3
Milford	3	6	9
Millbury	3	0	3
Millville	2	0	2
Northborough	2	0	2
Northbridge	3	2	5
Oakham	1	5	6
Oxford	0	3	3
Shrewsbury	2	1	3
Southborough	0	1	1
Southbridge	4	5	9
Spencer	1	0	1
Sturbridge	2	2	4
Templeton	0	1	1
Warren	0	1	1
Webster	4	3	7
West Boylston	2	0	2
West Brookfield	3	0	3
Westborough	13	4	17
Winchendon	0	1	1
Worcester	47	94	141
Total	126	181	307

This brief was written and prepared by Alexander Winks, Matthew Moniz, Research Analyst I, and Susan McDonald, Senior Research Analyst. Any comments or questions can be addressed by e-mail: research@doc.state.ma.us.

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