

**1983 Yearly Statistical Report
of The Furlough Program**

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ABSTRACT

The furlough program has been in operation in the Massachusetts Department of Correction since November 6, 1972. A total of 88,532 furloughs have been granted between the inception of the program and December 31, 1983. During that period, 606 of those furloughs resulted in escapes (a resident failing to return to his/her correctional facility within two hours of the appointed time of return), thus yielding an overall furlough escape rate of 0.7 percent or 7 escapes per 1,000 furloughs granted. The present report contains a statistical description of the number, distribution and outcomes of furloughs for the year 1983 as well as a trend analysis of furloughs since the inception of the program in 1972.

From January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983, a total of 6,710 furloughs were granted. The number of individuals receiving furloughs in 1983 was 1,295. For every 1,000 furloughs granted in 1983 three ended in escape. Twenty individuals -- less than two percent of the inmates furloughed -- were declared on furlough escape during that period.

Since the inception of the furlough program a gradual decline has occurred in the actual number of furloughs granted, the number of individuals furloughed, and the percentage of the released population participating in the furlough program prior to release. In addition, the escape rate has shown a parallel decline during this period suggesting that greater selectivity may have been exercised in the granting of furloughs thereby reducing the likelihood of escape. While 1983 showed a slight upturn in each of the furlough statistics, the difference between the 1982 and 1983 rates is not great enough to signal a reversal in furlough trends.

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Introduction

This report presents a statistical description of furloughs granted by the Massachusetts Department of Correction for the year 1983. Contained in this report are trends of the number of furloughs per year and furlough outcomes from the inception of the program in 1972 until the end of the year 1983.

A furlough is considered by the Department of Correction to be an "extension of the limits of the place of confinement for a trustworthy resident" of a state correctional facility. The Department regards the furlough program as a means by which residents may maintain or reestablish direct ties with the communities from which they have come and, hence, consistent with its policy of community reintegration. Furloughs may be granted for medical purposes, for contacting prospective employers, for securing living accommodations preparatory to release, to visit a critically ill relative, or to attend the funeral of a relative. Residents meeting the general eligibility criteria are allowed 14 furlough days per furlough year, but they cannot take more than seven days consecutively. A resident's furlough year runs for 12 consecutive months from the date of the resident's initial furlough; each successive furlough year commences on the anniversary date of the initial furlough.

There are basically three types of furlough: earned, emergency and escorted. By far the most common type of furlough is the earned furlough. Emergency furloughs are approved for residents when a serious or personal situation arises that requires their immediate presence in the community. Escorted furloughs are emergency furloughs granted to a resident who requires close supervision while in

the community. In 1983, 97 percent of all furloughs were earned. The median number of hours furloughed was 24 hours, but the actual number of hours furloughed ranged from one to 89 hours.

The report is divided into two sections. The first section covers relevant furlough statistics for the year 1983. The second section presents a brief overview of the Massachusetts furlough program and provides comparisons of furlough characteristics over a ten to twelve year period. The tables which follow in the Appendix present the number of furloughs, the percent distribution of furloughs, and escape rates by inmates social characteristics, offense variables, criminal history variables and furlough variables for 1983. In these tables and throughout the document the escape rate refers to every 100 furloughs ending in escape. In most instances, less than one furlough in every 100 resulted in an escape producing extremely low escape rates such as 0.3 percent or three escapes per 1,000 furloughs.

The data for the tables in this report were derived from the computerized data base developed by the Correction and Parole Management Information System (CAPMIS) and were produced on the Massachusetts State College Computer Network (MSCCN).

**Statistical Fact Sheet on the Massachusetts Department
of Correction Furlough Program - 1983**

1983 Statistics

From January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983, a total of 6,710 furloughs were granted. The number of individuals furloughed in 1983 was 1,295. The average number of furloughs per furloughed offender was 5.2, while the actual number of furloughs ranged from one to 35. The median number of furloughs per inmate was 3.7 indicating that 50 percent of the furloughed population received more than three furloughs, and 50 percent received three or fewer furloughs in 1983.

Escape Rate by Furlough - 1983

Department of Correction policy defines a furlough escape as failure to return to a correctional facility within two hours of the designated time of return.¹ The Massachusetts Department of Correction, as a matter of policy, recognizes two statuses of escape: those which result in voluntary returns within 24 hours of the designated reporting time (technical escapes) and those which involve involuntary returns or failure to return after 24 hours. Out of the 6,710 furloughs granted in 1983, there were 21 incidents of official furlough escapes (both technical and actual escapes) resulting in an escape rate of 0.3 -- less than one furlough escape per 100 furloughs.

Escape Rate by Inmate Furloughed in 1983

Of the 1,295 inmates furloughed in 1983, 20 were declared on escape status. (One individual was declared on escape twice during the year; once for a technical

escape and once for an actual escape.) The furlough outcome for individuals results in an escape rate of 1.5 indicating that less than two individuals escaped for every 100 offenders furloughed. Fifteen (75 percent) of the 20 furloughed individuals declared on escape in 1983 returned voluntarily within 24 hours after their designated time of return. The average number of "successful" furloughs per inmate was 5.1, slightly less than the average number of total furloughs taken by inmates.

Late Returns for 1983

For 1983, there were 107 furloughs which were classified as late returns. The 107 late returns involved 98 individuals. These 98 individuals all returned voluntarily within two hours of their designated time of return. Nine individuals were reported to have multiple late returns from furloughs in 1983.

Furloughs by Security Level - 1983

During 1983, 57 furloughs were from maximum or medium security institutions, representing two percent of the furloughs granted in 1983. There were 2,166 furloughs (32 percent) granted from minimum security institutions and 4,387 furloughs (65 percent) granted from pre-release facilities in 1983. Table 1 presents information on furloughs by security level for 1983 along with the corresponding escape rates.²

Proportion of Releases Participating in Furlough Program - 1983

From January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983, the Department of Correction released 1,976 residents to the community. Of that total, 623 (32 percent) had received one or more furloughs before release. The remaining 69 percent of the

individuals released had not participated in the furlough program during their incarceration. The percent of released inmates furloughed before release to the community increased slightly from 30 percent in 1982 to 31 percent in 1983. However, the actual number of offenders receiving furloughs prior to release increased by 42 percent. The furlough participation of the 1983 released population varied according to the security level of the releasing institution as follows: 60 percent of those released from pre-release facilities had been furloughed prior to release; 36 percent of those released from minimum security facilities had been furloughed; and 11 percent of those released from medium or maximum security institutions had been furloughed before release.

Inmates Furloughed Per Average Monthly Population - 1983

Out of an average monthly population of 4,515, an average of 402 individuals per month received a furlough in 1983. The actual numbers of inmates furloughed ranged from a low of 345 in May to a high of 557 in December. Less than 10 percent (8.9 percent) of the average monthly population was furloughed per month. The majority of the population (72 percent) was housed in maximum or medium security institutions during an average month in 1983, and less than one half of one percent (0.3 percent) of the monthly maximum/medium security population received a furlough during 1983. Twenty-five percent of the minimum security population and 35 percent of the pre-release population received furloughs during a typical month in 1983. Table II presents the information on the number of individuals furloughed in proportion to the average population for 1983.

Table I

Furlough Statistics for the Year 1983 by Institution and Security Level

Institution	Furloughs	Escape Rate
I. <u>Maximum and Medium</u>		
Walpole	14	0.0
Concord	18	0.0
Framingham	32	0.0
Norfolk	42	0.0
SECC	35	0.0
Gardner	16	0.0
TOTAL	157	0.0
II. <u>Minimum</u>		
Plymouth	391	0.0
Warwick	235	0.0
Medfield	212	0.0
Bay State	925	0.3
NCC	403	1.2
Total	2166	0.4
III. <u>Pre-Release</u>		
Boston Pre-Release	427	0.0
Shirley	698	0.0
Brooke House	295	0.0
Coolidge I	448	0.2
THP	298	1.7
Norfolk Pre-Release	237	0.0
577 House	161	0.0
Coolidge II	188	1.1
Drug Rehabilitation	2	0.0
South Middlesex	334	0.3
Lancaster	656	0.3
Park Drive	367	0.3
Hillside	263	0.4
Charlotte House	13	0.0
TOTAL	4387	0.3
GRAND TOTAL	6710	0.3

Table II

Percent of Average Monthly Institutional Population Furloughed in 1983

Institution	Average Monthly Population	Average # of Inmates Furloughed Per Month	Percent of Population Furloughed
I. <u>Maximum and Medium</u>			
Walpole	706	1	(0.1)
Concord	568	2	(0.4)
Framingham	210	2	(1.0)
Norfolk	1006	3	(0.3)
SECC	254	2	(0.8)
Gardner	500	1	(0.2)
SUB TOTAL	3244	11	(0.3)
II. <u>Minimum</u>			
NCC	211	28	(13.3)
Bay State C.C.	140	53	(37.8)
Plymouth	116	27	(23.3)
Warwick	67	17	(25.4)
Medfield	33	14	(42.4)
SUB TOTAL	567	139	(24.5)
III. <u>Pre-Release</u>			
Boston State	58	25	(43.1)
Shirley	210	48	(22.8)
MHHI	107	58	(54.2)
Norfolk Pre-Release	47	14	(29.8)
Drug Rehabilitation	8	0	(0.0)
South Middlesex	68	22	(32.4)
Lancaster	136	47	(34.6)
Park Drive	49	20	(40.8)
Hillside	21	12	(57.1)
Charlotte House	8	6	(75.0)
SUB TOTAL	712	252	(35.4)
Total Monthly Average	4523	402	(8.9)

Furlough Statistics Since the Inception of the Program

The furlough program for residents of Massachusetts correctional facilities has been operating since November 6, 1972. Between that date and December 31, 1983, a total of 88,532 furloughs have been granted. In 606 incidents individuals have failed to return to their respective correctional facility within two hours of their prescribed time of return. Thus, since the inception of the program there has been an overall escape rate of seven escapes per 1,000 furloughs or 0.7 percent.

Table III presents a summary of furlough statistics for the years 1972 to 1983. Included in the table is information on the number of furloughs, the number of individuals furloughed, the number of escapes and corresponding escape rates. As Table III shows, the escape rates by furlough have gradually declined from almost two escapes per 100 furloughs in 1973 to less than one escape per 100 furloughs in 1983. Similarly, the escape rates by individual have also decreased during this period from a high of 7.6 to a low of 1.0.

Since the inception of the furlough program, the number of individuals furloughed per year has decreased. From 1973 to 1983, the number of individuals furloughed decreased from 1,868 to 1,295 (a decline of 31 percent) with even fewer inmates furloughed per year between 1978 and 1982. The escape rate by individual furloughed followed a similar declining pattern over the 11 year period except for the slight increase in the rate of escapes in 1981. While these trends were occurring, the percentage of offenders being released who had participated in the furlough program prior to their release was decreasing. Table IV presents the data for the percentage of released offenders who participated in the furlough program

Table III

Summary Furlough Statistics for the Years 1972 to 1983

Year	Number of Furloughs	Individuals Furloughed	Number of Escapes	Escape Rate by Individual ³	Escape Rate by Furlough
1972 ⁴	1182	793	8	1.0	0.7
1973	7195	1868	134	7.2	1.9
1974	8322	1668	127	7.6	1.5
1975	8680	1482	88	5.9	1.0
1976	7985	1305	40	3.1	0.5
1977	8199	1355	42	3.1	0.5
1978	9062	1248	38	3.0	0.4
1979	8040	1232	38	3.1	0.5
1980	8654	1193	24	2.0	0.3
1981	8196	1248	34	2.7	0.4
1982	6307	1198	12	1.0	0.2
1983	6710	1295	21	1.6	0.3
TOTAL	88,532	8011⁵	606	7.6	0.7

Table IV

Releases by Furlough Participation 1973-1983 6

Releasing Year	Number of Releases	Percent Furloughed Prior to Release
1973	966	(69)
1974	911	(74)
1975	926	(59)
1976	1029	(51)
1977	1193	(50)
1978	1133	(49)
1979	1124	(42)
1980	1015	(40)
1981	1118	(41)
1982	1440	(30)
1983	1976	(32)

prior to their release. From 1973 to 1983, the number of releases more than doubled. However, during this time the percentage of individuals released who had participated in the furlough program decreased from 69 percent to 32 percent.

The low percentage of the population furloughed before release in 1983 can be attributed, in part, to the increasing proportion of women in the released population over the past few years. In 1975 ten percent of the released population were women; their percentage has gradually increased until women represented 33 percent of the released population in 1982 and 29 percent in 1983. Historically a disproportionate number of women have been released without the benefit of furloughs because of their short prison terms; this is especially true of women released from Framingham after serving county sentences. In 1983, five percent of the released women received furloughs prior to release in contrast to 42 percent of the released men. Thus, these two factors--the increasing proportion of women in the released population and the disproportionate number of them that are released without furlough experience--help to account for the low overall furlough rate (32 percent) among 1983 releases in Table IV.

Tables V and VI give furlough statistics by institution from which furloughed for the years 1973 to 1978, and 1979 to 1983, respectively. The number of furloughs granted inmates in maximum and medium security institutions has steadily decreased over the years, while the number of furloughs to residents of pre-release centers has generally increased except for 1981 when the number peaked and then declined slightly after that date. The number of furloughs to residents in minimum security institutions has fluctuated over the 11 year period as a result of opening and closing of institutions designated as minimum security. In general the number

Table V

Comparative Furlough Statistics by Institution for Years 1973 - 1978

	1973		1974		1975		1976		1977		1978	
	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate
Maximum & Medium												
Walpole	107	3.7	310	2.3	338	1.5	398	1.5	166	0.0	70	0.0
Concord	1254	3.5	923	4.2	812	3.3	430	0.7	352	1.4	134	2.2
Framingham	562	1.6	741	0.9	805	1.0	642	0.5	775	1.0	788	0.3
Norfolk	1811	2.2	1466	2.2	1200	1.2	741	0.7	560	0.2	238	0.0
SECC	244	5.3	283	1.4	196	3.1	165	0.6	233	1.7	210	1.4
RDC	-	-	4	0.0	2	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3978	2.8	3727	2.4	3353	1.8	2376	0.8	2086	0.9	1440	0.6
Minimum												
Plymouth	451	1.1	416	1.0	500	1.6	385	0.8	413	0.2	398	0.0
Warwick	321	1.2	209	2.9	55	1.8	0	0.0	252	1.6	234	2.6
Monroe	342	0.6	306	2.3	274	1.8	233	3.4	223	2.7	52	7.7
Medfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	157	0.0	264	0.0	257	0.0
Bay State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	168	1.2	945	0.3
NCC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	418	0.7
TOTAL	1114	1.0	931	1.8	829	1.7	775	1.4	1320	1.0	2304	0.7
Pre-Release												
Boston State	1333	0.6	2061	0.3	1804	0.3	1241	0.1	1073	0.2	1602	0.3
Shirley	709	0.8	494	2.4	715	1.3	574	0.9	295	1.0	352	0.6
Charlotte	61	0.0	86	2.3	83	0.0	126	0.8	103	0.0	97	0.0
Roxbury Multi-Service	-	-	130	0.0	444	0.0	80	0.0	-	-	-	-
Brooke House	-	-	422	0.2	509	0.0	578	0.0	272	0.0	419	0.0
Coolidge I	-	-	471	0.0	583	0.0	331	0.0	269	0.0	230	0.0
THP	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	150	0.0	154	0.0	59	0.0
Norfolk Pre-Release	-	-	-	-	96	0.0	334	0.0	309	0.3	348	0.0
577 House	-	-	-	-	85	0.0	619	0.0	786	0.2	538	0.0
Coolidge II	-	-	-	-	138	0.0	136	0.7	144	0.0	136	0.0
BOSP/METAC	-	-	-	-	40	0.0	203	0.5	220	0.0	148	0.0
Drug Rehab	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	0.0	55	0.0	18	0.0
South Middlesex	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	2.3	379	0.3	317	0.6
Lancaster	-	-	-	-	-	-	404	0.2	513	0.4	425	0.7
Park Drive	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221	0.0	460	0.0
Western Avenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169	0.2
TOTAL	2103	0.7	3664	0.6	4498	0.3	4834	0.2	4793	0.2	5318	0.2
GRAND TOTAL	7195	1.9	8322	1.5	8680	1.0	7985	0.5	8199	0.5	9062	0.4

TABLE VI

Comparative Furlough Statistics by Institution for Years 1979 - 1983

	1979		1980		1981		1982		1983	
	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate	Furloughs	Escape Rate
Maximum & Medium										
Walpole	51	0.0	44	0.0	27	0.0	34	0.0	14	0.0
Concord	20	0.0	14	0.0	20	0.0	28	0.0	18	0.0
Framingham	676	0.9	306	1.3	197	1.5	31	0.0	32	0.0
Norfolk	223	0.9	230	0.4	151	0.0	83	0.0	42	0.0
SECC	232	0.9	168	0.0	85	0.0	45	0.0	35	0.0
Gardner	50	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.0	8	0.0	16	0.0
TOTAL	1252	0.8	762	0.7	483	0.6	229	0.0	157	0.0
Minimum										
Plymouth	400	0.2	539	0.4	431	0.9	403	0.5	391	0.0
Warwick	289	2.1	268	0.4	152	0.0	210	0.0	235	0.0
Medfield	232	1.3	287	0.0	366	0.3	245	0.0	212	0.0
Bay State	732	0.1	741	0.1	689	0.3	672	0.0	925	0.3
NCC	646	0.6	695	0.1	555	0.0	365	0.8	403	1.2
TOTAL	2299	0.5	2530	0.2	2193	0.3	1895	0.3	2166	0.4
Pre-Release										
Boston State	1279	0.3	1281	0.0	1055	0.3	528	0.0	427	0.0
Shirley	421	0.7	524	0.4	800	0.5	553	0.5	698	0.0
Charlotte	108	0.0	130	0.8	15	0.0	-	-	13	0.0
Brooke House	283	0.0	316	0.3	561	0.4	197	1.0	295	0.0
Coolidge I	232	0.9	311	0.3	420	0.0	438	0.5	448	0.2
THP	193	1.0	148	0.0	385	0.3	275	0.0	298	1.7
Norfolk Pre-Release	269	0.0	346	0.0	226	0.0	180	0.0	237	0.0
577 House	277	0.7	257	0.0	331	0.6	251	0.0	161	0.0
Coolidge II	93	0.0	298	1.3	300	0.3	232	0.0	188	1.1
Drug Rehab	1	0.0	27	0.0	1	0.0	47	0.0	2	0.0
South Middlesex	367	0.0	627	0.3	383	0.5	295	0.0	334	0.3
Lancaster	290	0.7	407	0.0	515	0.8	532	0.0	656	0.3
Park Drive	588	0.0	639	0.0	331	0.0	341	0.0	367	0.3
Hillside	88	0.0	51	5.9	197	2.5	314	0.0	263	0.4
TOTAL	4489	0.4	5362	0.3	5520	0.4	4183	0.2	4387	0.3
GRAND TOTAL	8040	0.5	8654	0.3	8196	0.4	6307	0.2	6710	0.3

of furloughs to residents at all levels of security dropped precipitously in 1982. The corresponding escape figures indicate that the escape rate also has decreased since the inception of the furlough program, and this is especially apparent in minimum and maximum/medium security institutions. A constantly low overall escape rate has prevailed in pre-release centers from 1975 to the present.

Table VII compares the proportion of the average monthly population receiving furloughs for the years 1974 through 1983. The proportion of the population furloughed each year is figured for the total average monthly population and the security level of the institutions from which the furlough occurred.

As Table VII indicates, the percentage of the population in maximum and medium security institutions who received furloughs in a typical month decreased from 15.2 percent in 1974 to only 0.3 percent in 1983. The 1982 and 1983 percentages of minimum security populations furloughed monthly are the lowest since the inception of the program, and the percentage from pre-release facilities reflect a drop of 30.4 percentage points between 1980 and 1983. Moreover, the 1983 figure of 8.9 percent of the total institutional population represents one of the lowest percents of monthly population furloughed since the inception of the program.

The tables that follow in the Appendix contain furlough frequencies and escape rates by characteristics of the population furloughed during 1983. Offense variables, personal background characteristics, criminal history and furlough experience were originally examined to determine whether characteristics of the individual could be identified that were indicative of escape risk. However the small number of actual furlough escapes in 1983 (21 escapes out of 6,710 furloughs) rendered significance tests of difference in escape rates meaningless. Nonetheless the tables in the Appendix are informative in terms of the characteristics of

inmates furloughed and the distribution of escape rates. It is important for the reader to note that the figures in these tables refer to the number of furloughs, not the number of individuals furloughed; hence, the characteristics of individuals receiving more than one furlough during the year figure more heavily in the statistics than the attributes of inmates receiving a single furlough in 1983. This type of analysis does not create any serious statistical bias because the modal number of furloughs per inmate in 1983 was one, and 50 percent of the furlough population received three or fewer furloughs.

Table VII

Percentage of Average Monthly Population Furloughed by Security Level1974 - 1983⁷

Year	Maximum Or Medium Security	Minimum Security	Pre-Release	Total Population
1974	(15.2)	(55.2)	(79.9)	(21.9)
1975	(13.8)	(59.6)	(74.6)	(20.8)
1976	(7.6)	(44.9)	(55.9)	(14.7)
1977	(6.2)	(60.2)	(54.5)	(15.5)
1978	(4.5)	(54.2)	(64.6)	(16.8)
1979	(4.0)	(47.1)	(59.6)	(15.5)
1980	(2.0)	(43.7)	(66.2)	(14.1)
1981	(1.3)	(37.2)	(59.5)	(12.6)
1982	(0.5)	(24.0)	(37.9)	(8.8)
1983	(0.3)	(24.5)	(35.8)	(8.9)

FOOTNOTES

1. The Department of Correction furlough statistics define an "escape from furlough" in accordance with Department Order 467.1 entitled, "Furloughs - Rules and Regulations." According to Section 10.4 (c): "Failure of the resident to return to the correctional facility after the two hour period set forth in Section 10.4 (b) shall be considered an escape regardless of prior notification to the facility by the resident that he would be late. The superintendent or his designee shall notify, forthwith, appropriate law enforcement officials of the escape."
2. Several tables in this report present furlough statistics by the security level of the institution from which the furlough occurred. Four of the lower security institutions -- Plymouth, Warwick, Shirley, and Lancaster -- are mixed security. That is, they accept inmates in pre-release as well as minimum security status. Within these institutions offenders may move from minimum security classification to pre-release before discharge or release. These four facilities officially started reporting the minimum security and pre-release populations separately in September 1983. To maintain continuity with past furlough reports, the present report continues to classify Warwick and Plymouth as minimum security facilities and Shirley and Lancaster as pre-release security facilities. Retaining the former security classification does not greatly alter the calculation of furlough statistics.
3. These figures may differ from prior departmental reports due to multiple counting of individuals furloughed from different institutions.
4. The figures for 1972 represent totals for only two months of 1972. Therefore, the number of furloughs and individuals furloughed is much lower than subsequent years.
5. The figure for the total number of individuals furloughed since the inception of the program is not the sum of the individuals furloughed each year. Since the same individual may be furloughed in more than one year, adding the yearly totals for individuals participating in the program results in multiple counting of participants.
6. The figures in this table were taken from yearly Research Unit reports on A Statistical Description of Releases from the Massachusetts Department of Correction, Massachusetts Department of Correction Publication Numbers 89, 109, 117, 137, 163, 177, 204, 234, 242, 259, and 273.
7. The figure in this table were taken from yearly furlough reports by the Research Unit entitled, A Yearly Statistical Report of the Furlough Program, Massachusetts Department of Correction Publication Numbers 95, 97, 115, 145, 162, 176, 206, 233, 243, and 257.

APPENDIX

Furlough Escape Rates by Furlough Variables, Offense Characteristics, Personal Background, and Criminal History, 1983

Furlough Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
<u>Type of Furlough</u>			
Earned	6540	(97)	0.3
Emergency	59	(1)	0.0
Escorted	111	(2)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Month Furloughed

January	544	(8)	0.4
February	442	(7)	0.5
March	477	(7)	0.0
April	614	(9)	0.3
May	531	(8)	0.0
June	477	(7)	0.4
July	618	(9)	0.5
August	494	(7)	0.0
September	509	(8)	0.0
October	517	(8)	0.6
November	682	(10)	0.7
December	805	(12)	0.2
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Hours Furloughed

6 or Less	389	(6)	0.0
7 to 12	1562	(23)	0.1
13 to 18	357	(5)	0.3
19 to 24	1584	(24)	0.1
25 to 30	376	(6)	1.3
31 to 36	707	(10)	0.1
37 to 42	152	(2)	0.0
43 to 48	1043	(16)	0.1
More Than 48	534	(8)	0.6
Escape or Arrest	6	(0)	100.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Present Offense Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
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<u>Commitment Institution</u>			
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Walpole	4899	(73)	0.2
Concord	1656	(25)	0.5
Framingham	155	(2)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

<u>Jail Credits</u>			
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None	1827	(27)	0.3
1 to 10 days	795	(12)	0.3
11 to 50 days	984	(15)	0.1
51 to 100 days	763	(11)	0.1
101 to 150 days	587	(9)	1.0
151 to 200 days	592	(9)	0.0
Over 200 days	1162	(17)	0.5
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

<u>Present Offense - General Categories</u>			
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Person	4476	(67)	0.3
Sex	764	(11)	0.3
Property	943	(14)	0.3
Drug	443	(7)	0.2
Other	84	(1)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Present Offense Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
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Present Offense - Person

Not Applicable	2234	(33)	0.3
Murder - 1	311	(5)	0.0
Murder - 2	889	(13)	0.2
Manslaughter	587	(9)	0.0
Assault w/intent to Murder	160	(2)	0.6
Armed Robbery	1608	(24)	0.4
Unarmed Robbery	396	(6)	0.5
Armed Assault	322	(5)	1.0
Unarmed Assault	31	(1)	0.0
Put in Fear	26	(0)	0.0
Mayhem	29	(0)	0.0
Extortion	50	(1)	0.0
Kidnapping	37	(1)	0.0
Conspiracy	30	(0)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Present Offense - Sex

Not Applicable	5747	(89)	0.3
Rape	485	(7)	0.2
Assault/Rape	57	(1)	0.0
Rape of Minor	214	(3)	0.0
Assault/Rape of Minor	8	(0)	12.5
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Present Offense Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
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Present Offense Property

Not Applicable	5767	(86)	0.3
Arson	71	(1)	0.0
Burglary - Armed	59	(1)	1.7
Burglary	547	(8)	0.0
Possession of Tools	24	(0)	4.2
Larceny from Person	14	(0)	0.0
Larceny	51	(1)	2.0
Vehicle Theft	33	(0)	0.0
Forgery and Uttering	32	(1)	0.0
Stolen Goods	102	(2)	0.0
Property Injuries	10	(0)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Present Offense - Drug

Not Applicable	6267	(93)	0.3
Possession of Heroin	3	(0)	0.0
Sale of Heroin	3	(0)	0.0
Sale of Narcotics	1	(0)	0.0
Controlled Substance	91	(1)	1.1
Class - A	158	(2)	0.0
Class - B	156	(2)	0.0
Class - C	12	(0)	0.0
Class - D	7	(0)	0.0
Intent to Sell	11	(0)	0.0
Syringe	1	(0)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Present Offense Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
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<u>Present Offense - Other</u>			
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Not Applicable	6626	(99)	0.3
Escape	5	(0)	0.0
Weapons Offense	62	(1)	0.0
Pimping	5	(0)	0.0
Operating Under the Influence	11	(0)	0.0
Other	1	(0)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

<u>Minimum Sentence</u>			
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1 Year	9	(0)	0.0
2 Years	76	(1)	0.0
3 Years	333	(5)	0.3
4 Years	409	(6)	0.2
5 Years	457	(7)	0.4
6 Years	532	(8)	0.0
7 Years	313	(5)	0.6
8 Years	234	(3)	0.0
9 Years	215	(3)	0.5
10 Years	315	(5)	0.6
11 to 12 Years	237	(3)	0.0
13 to 15 Years	321	(5)	0.0
16 to 19 Years	181	(3)	0.6
20 to 24 Years	43	(1)	0.0
25 or More Years	32	(0)	0.0
Life	1275	(19)	0.2
Indeterminate	1728	(26)	0.5
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Present Offense Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
<u>Maximum Sentence</u>			
Less Than 1 Year	27	(0)	0.0
1 Year	13	(0)	0.0
2 Years	115	(2)	0.0
3 Years	37	(0)	0.0
4 Years	1	(0)	0.0
5 Years	494	(7)	1.2
6 Years	175	(3)	0.0
7 Years	396	(6)	0.0
8 Years	155	(2)	0.6
9 Years	77	(1)	0.0
10 Years	1460	(22)	0.3
11 to 12 Years	446	(7)	0.4
13 to 15 Years	589	(9)	0.3
16 to 19 Years	181	(3)	0.6
20 to 24 Years	1054	(16)	0.2
25 or More Years	213	(3)	0.5
Life	1277	(19)	0.2
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Age at Incarceration

Sixteen	4	(0)	0.0
Seventeen	47	(1)	0.0
Eighteen	284	(4)	0.4
Nineteen	390	(6)	0.0
Twenty	365	(5)	0.8
Twenty-One	491	(7)	0.2
Twenty-Two	343	(5)	0.9
Twenty-Three	470	(7)	1.1
Twenty-Four	362	(5)	0.0
Twenty-Five	348	(5)	0.3
26 to 29	1340	(20)	0.3
30 to 39	1669	(25)	0.1
40 or Older	597	(9)	0.2
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Personal Background
Variables****Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Race/Ethnicity**

White	4643	(69)	0.1
Black	1710	(26)	0.6
Hispanic	335	(5)	1.2
Other	22	(0)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Marital Status

Married	1951	(29)	0.1
Single	3437	(51)	0.6
Divorced	720	(11)	0.1
Widowed	128	(2)	0.0
Common Law	34	(0)	0.0
Separated	440	(7)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Military Discharge

No Service	4327	(64)	0.4
Honorable	921	(14)	0.1
Dishonorable	6	(0)	0.0
Bad Conduct	161	(2)	0.0
Medical	51	(1)	0.0
Discharge Unknown	507	(8)	0.2
Unknown	737	(11)	0.3
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Personal Background
Variables****Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Prior Address - Selected Towns**

Boston	2061	(31)	0.3
Brockton	176	(3)	0.6
Cambridge	132	(2)	0.8
Fall River	94	(1)	0.0
Framingham	65	(1)	0.0
Holyoke	90	(1)	1.1
Lawrence	90	(1)	0.0
Lowell	144	(2)	0.7
Lynn	86	(1)	0.0
New Bedford	158	(2)	1.9
Quincy	137	(2)	0.0
Somerville	102	(2)	1.0
Springfield	328	(5)	0.6
Worcester	348	(5)	0.3
Other Mass. Towns	2348	(35)	0.2
Out of State	351	(5)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Prior Address - County

Worcester	676	(10)	0.3
Franklin	47	(1)	0.0
Middlesex	1140	(17)	0.4
Suffolk	2158	(32)	0.3
Norfolk	376	(6)	0.5
Bristol	384	(6)	0.8
Plymouth	366	(5)	0.3
Essex	435	(6)	0.0
Hampshire	46	(1)	0.0
Hampden	595	(9)	0.5
Berkshire	61	(1)	0.0
Barnstable	75	(1)	0.0
Out of State	351	(5)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Personal Background
Variables****Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Prior Address - SMSA**

Boston	3640	(54)	0.3
Brockton	207	(3)	0.5
Fall River	111	(2)	0.0
Fitchburg-Leominster	70	(1)	0.0
Lawrence-Haverhill	165	(3)	0.0
Lowell	187	(3)	0.5
New Bedford	192	(3)	1.6
Pittsfield	28	(0)	0.0
Providence-Pawtucket-Warwick	75	(1)	0.0
Springfield	619	(9)	0.5
Worcester	436	(7)	0.2
Other Mass. Places	629	(9)	0.2
Out of State	351	(5)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Time at Most Skilled Position

Less Than One Month	377	(6)	0.0
1-2 Months	438	(6)	0.7
3-4 Months	742	(11)	0.4
5-6 Months	515	(8)	0.4
7-9 Months	363	(5)	0.3
10-12 Months	383	(6)	0.3
1-2 Years	970	(15)	0.2
2-5 Years	1244	(18)	0.0
More Than 5 Years	880	(13)	0.0
Unknown	798	(12)	1.1
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Personal Background Variables**Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Occupation**

Professional	90	(1)	1.1
Semi-Professional	118	(2)	0.0
Business	390	(6)	0.0
Sales, Clerical	447	(7)	0.2
Manual	3492	(52)	0.3
Services	1472	(22)	0.2
Agriculture	14	(0)	7.1
Armed Services	46	(1)	0.0
Housekeeper	6	(0)	0.0
Student	104	(1)	0.0
Unemployment	69	(1)	0.0
Unknown	462	(7)	0.9
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Time at Job of Longest Duration

Less Than One Month	367	(6)	0.0
1-2 Months	340	(5)	0.6
3-4 Months	709	(11)	0.4
5-6 Months	540	(8)	0.6
7-9 Months	365	(5)	0.3
10-12 Months	366	(5)	0.3
1-2 Years	1006	(15)	0.2
2-5 Years	1330	(20)	0.0
More Than 5 Years	931	(14)	0.0
Unknown	756	(11)	1.2
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Personal Background
Variables****Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Last Grade Completed**

Fifth or Less	209	(3)	0.8
Sixth	107	(2)	0.0
Seventh	340	(5)	0.3
Eighth	667	(10)	0.9
Ninth	881	(13)	0.2
Tenth	859	(13)	0.3
Eleventh	670	(10)	0.1
High School Graduate	2206	(33)	0.2
Some College	463	(7)	0.0
College Graduate	162	(2)	0.0
Unknown	146	(2)	2.1
TOTAL	670	(100)	0.3

Known Drug Use

None	4270	(64)	0.4
Non-Specific	375	(6)	0.0
Heroin	979	(15)	0.2
Marijuana	431	(6)	0.5
Other	460	(7)	0.0
Unknown	195	(3)	0.5
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Criminal History
Variables****Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Total Number of Court Appearances**

First Offense	506	(7)	0.2
Two	475	(7)	0.0
Three	511	(8)	0.2
Four	316	(5)	0.0
Five	444	(7)	0.0
6 to 8	1065	(16)	0.6
9 to 11	941	(14)	0.3
12 to 15	732	(11)	0.3
16 to 20	600	(9)	0.3
More Than 20	1000	(15)	0.5
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Number of Charges for Person Offenses

None	514	(8)	0.0
One	1170	(17)	0.2
Two	997	(15)	0.1
Three	740	(11)	0.7
Four	717	(11)	0.4
Five	655	(10)	0.3
6 to 8	961	(14)	0.3
More Than Eight	836	(12)	0.5
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Criminal History Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
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Number of Charges for Property Offenses

None	1649	(25)	0.1
One	746	(11)	0.3
Two	504	(7)	0.0
Three	390	(6)	0.3
Four	333	(5)	0.3
Five	279	(4)	0.7
6 to 8	928	(14)	0.2
More Than Eight	1761	(26)	0.6
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Number of Charges for Sex Offenses

None	5298	(79)	0.3
One	637	(10)	0.6
Two	362	(5)	0.0
Three	129	(2)	0.8
Four	70	(1)	0.0
Five	12	(0)	0.0
6 to 8	65	(1)	0.0
More Than Eight	17	(0)	0.0
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Indicator of Juvenile Commitment

No	5514	(82)	0.2
Yes	1076	(16)	0.8
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Criminal History Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
<u>Number of Charges for Drug Offenses</u>			
None	4020	(60)	0.3
One	827	(12)	0.2
Two	514	(8)	0.0
Three	258	(4)	1.2
Four	230	(3)	0.4
Five	152	(2)	0.0
6 to 8	309	(5)	0.6
More Than Eight	280	(4)	0.4
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Number of Charges for Drunkenness Offenses

None	4857	(72)	0.4
One	903	(14)	0.0
Two	288	(4)	0.7
Three	189	(3)	0.0
Four	77	(1)	0.0
Five	79	(1)	0.0
6 to 8	109	(2)	0.0
More Than Eight	88	(1)	0.0
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Number of Charges for Escape Offenses

None	6176	(92)	0.3
One	324	(5)	0.0
Two	48	(1)	0.0
Three	12	(0)	0.0
Four or More	30	(0)	0.0
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Criminal History
Variables****Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Number of Prior County Incarcerations**

None	4311	(64)	0.3
One	1075	(16)	0.5
Two	472	(7)	0.2
Three	325	(5)	0.0
Four	258	(4)	0.4
Five	69	(1)	0.0
Six or More	80	(1)	0.0
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Number of Prior State or Federal Incarcerations

None	5307	(79)	0.3
One	681	(10)	0.3
Two	287	(4)	0.3
Three	157	(2)	0.6
Four	65	(1)	0.0
Five	62	(1)	1.6
Six or More	31	(1)	0.0
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Number of Juvenile Paroles

None	5935	(88)	0.3
One	317	(5)	0.9
Two	106	(2)	0.9
Three	165	(2)	0.0
More Than Three	67	(1)	1.5
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Criminal History Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
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<u>Total Number of Prior Adult Incarcerations</u>			
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None	3675	(55)	0.2
One	1248	(19)	0.6
Two	582	(9)	0.3
Three	327	(5)	0.3
Four	287	(4)	0.3
Five	232	(3)	0.4
Six or More	239	(3)	0.0
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

<u>Number of Juvenile Parole Violations</u>			
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Never Paroled	5935	(88)	0.3
None	317	(5)	0.9
One	155	(2)	0.6
Two	117	(2)	0.9
Three or More	66	(1)	0.0
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(1000)	0.3

<u>Number of Adult Paroles</u>			
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None	5288	(79)	0.3
One	833	(7)	0.2
Two	171	(9)	1.2
Three	178	(2)	0.0
More Than Three	120	(1)	0.8
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Criminal History Variables	Number	Percent	Escape Rate
<u>Number of Adult Parole Violations</u>			
Never Paroled	5288	(79)	0.3
None	477	(7)	0.4
One	610	(9)	0.3
Two	132	(2)	0.0
Three or More	83	(1)	1.2
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3
<u>Total Number of Paroles</u>			
None	4958	(74)	0.2
One	775	(12)	0.1
Two	342	(5)	1.5
Three	223	(3)	0.0
More Than Three	292	(4)	0.7
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3
<u>Total Number of Parole Violations</u>			
Never Paroled	4958	(74)	0.2
None	611	(9)	0.5
One	606	(9)	0.5
Two	185	(3)	0.5
Three	144	(2)	0.0
More Than Three	86	(1)	1.2
Unknown	120	(2)	0.8
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Criminal History
Variables**
Number
Percent
Escape Rate
Age at First Court Appearance

Ten or Younger	256	(4)	2.0
Eleven	166	(2)	0.0
Twelve	206	(3)	1.9
Thirteen	400	(6)	0.5
Fourteen	491	(7)	0.0
Fifteen	604	(9)	0.2
Sixteen	609	(9)	0.5
Seventeen	955	(14)	0.1
Eighteen	678	(10)	0.1
Nineteen	429	(6)	0.0
Twenty	313	(5)	0.0
Twenty-one	236	(4)	0.4
Twenty-two	176	(3)	0.0
Twenty-three	134	(2)	0.7
Twenty-four	147	(2)	0.0
Twenty-five	113	(2)	0.0
26 to 29	240	(4)	0.0
30 to 39	307	(5)	0.3
40 or Older	80	(1)	0.0
Unknown	170	(2)	0.6
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

**Criminal History
Variables****Number****Percent****Escape Rate****Age at First Court Appearance for Drunkenness Offense**

Not Applicable	4984	(74)	0.4
8 to 14	42	(1)	0.0
15 to 17	312	(5)	0.3
18 to 19	469	(7)	0.2
20 to 21	322	(5)	0.0
22 to 24	277	(4)	0.0
25 to 29	203	(3)	0.0
30 to 39	65	(1)	0.0
40 or Older	36	(0)	0.0
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3

Age at First Court Appearance for Drug Offense

Not Applicable	4157	(62)	0.3
8 to 14	30	(0)	0.0
15 to 17	467	(7)	0.6
18 to 19	562	(8)	0.4
20 to 21	409	(6)	0.7
22 to 24	441	(7)	0.0
25 to 29	345	(5)	0.0
30 to 39	245	(4)	0.0
40 or Older	54	(1)	1.9
TOTAL	6710	(100)	0.3