

Quarterly Report on the Status of Prison Overcrowding, Fourth Quarter of 1992

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Section twenty-one of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1985 directs the Commissioner of Correction to report quarterly on the status of overcrowding in state and county correctional facilities. This statute calls for the following information:

Such report shall include, by facility, the average daily census for the period of the report and the actual census on the first and last days of the report period. Said report shall also contain such information for the previous twelve months and a comparison to the rated capacity of each such facility.

This report presents the required statistics for the fourth quarter of 1992.

Table 1 provides the DOC figures for the fourth quarter of 1992. As this table indicates, the DOC population (excluding Bridgewater State Hospital, SDPTC, AC and Longwood T.C.) decreased by 60 inmates during the fourth quarter, or minus 1 percent. At the end of the quarter, the DOC operated with 9,503 inmates in the system, and the average daily population was 9,551 with a design capacity of 6,880 -i.e., the DOC operated at 139 percent of design capacity.

Table 2 provides the DOC figures for the previous twelve months - i.e., for the period October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992. These figures indicate that the DOC population increased by 766 or 8.7 percent over this twelve-month period, from 8,791 in October 1991 to 9,557 in September, 1992.

This report was prepared by Ramon Raagas of the Research Division and is based on daily count sheets prepared by the Classification Division. Table 5 is based on Admission and Release rosters submitted by the institutions.

Table 3 presents the county figures for the fourth quarter of 1992. The county population increased by 372 inmates during this quarter, an increase of 5 percent. At the end of the quarter, the county system operated with 8,368 inmates, and the average daily population was 8,362 in facilities with a total design capacity of 7,207, - i.e., the county system operated at 116 percent of design capacity.

Table 4 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months. These figures indicate that the county population increased by 968 inmates or 14 percent over this twelve-month period, from 7,048 in October 1991 to 8,016 in September 1992.

Table 5 provides statistics on court commitments to the DOC in 1991 and 1992. Overall, there has been a decrease of 360, or minus 9 percent, in commitments for 1992 in comparison with the number of commitments for in 1991, from 3,797 to 3,437. Commitments to Cedar Junction for the fourth quarter of 1992 were down by 3, or minus 1 percent when compared to the same period of 1991. Commitments to Concord for the fourth quarter of 1992 decreased by 69, or minus 43 percent compared to the 1991 figure. Overall, male commitments were down by 248, or minus 9 percent from 1991. Commitments to Framingham decreased by 112, or minus 11 percent compared to the number of commitments during 1991.

Figure 1 provides a graphical representation of the numbers of court commitments to the DOC committing institutions during the fourth quarter of 1991 and the fourth quarter of 1992.

Table 1
Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
October 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	823	802	845	693	119%
Concord	1267	1287	1273	514	246%
Framingham-ATU	67	98	51	64	105%
Framingham	392	406	397	388	101%
Norfolk	1249	1253	1246	1019	123%
Bay State	266	266	266	266	100%
NCCI	1027	1030	1030	568	181%
OCCC	720	702	723	488	148%
SECC	573	573	580	356	161%
Shirley-Medium	1024	974	1044	720	142%
Sub-Total	7408	7391	7455	5076	146%
NCC	263	260	249	150	175%
SECC-Minimum	196	202	193	200	98%
Lancaster-Male	203	202	194	94	216%
Lancaster-Female	74	79	75	59	125%
Plymouth	264	283	254	151	175%
Pondville	192	189	189	100	192%
Shirley-Lower	416	409	406	403	103%
SMCC	191	198	179	125	153%
Hodder	29	27	27	35	83%
Boston State	97	101	92	55	176%
Park Drive	66	64	73	50	132%
Mass. Boot Camp	48	57	18	256	19%
MHHI	40	35	40	50	80%
WSATP	2	3	2	4	50%
Drug Rehab	0	0	0	1	0%
Hillside	38	39	38	40	95%
Charlotte	14	15	12	15	93%
Houston House	10	9	7	15	67%
Day Reporting Center	0	0	0	1	0%
Sub-Total	2143	2172	2048	1804	119%
TOTAL	9551	9563	9503	6880	139%
Bridgewater SH	323	315	323	337	96%
Bridgewater TC	223	223	223	216	103%
Bridgewater AC	259	234	256	430	60%
Longwood TC	109	98	118	125	87%
Sub-Total	914	870	920	1108	82%
GRAND TOTAL	10465	10433	10423	7988	131%
Houses of Correction	881	841	931	n.a.	n.a.
Federal Prisons	32	33	32	n.a.	n.a.
Inter-State Contract	60	62	58	n.a.	n.a.

Table 3
Population in County Correctional Facilities,
October 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	170	149	155	110	155%
Berkshire	188	174	188	126	149%
Bristol	916	895	904	696	132%
Dukes	20	23	21	19	105%
Essex	1119	1126	1069	635	176%
Franklin	102	104	97	63	162%
Hampden	871	642	1028	1178	74%
Hampden-OUI	124	127	121	125	99%
Hampshire	269	262	268	263	102%
Middlesex	1003	1009	998	792	127%
Norfolk	453	444	435	379	120%
Plymouth	521	479	504	307	170%
Suffolk-Nashua Street	437	419	427	453	96%
Suffolk-South Bay	1134	1145	1130	1146	99%
Worcester	926	900	905	790	117%
Longwood TC	109	98	118	125	87%
TOTAL	8362	7996	8368	7207	116%

Table 2

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	757	735	793	693	109%
Concord	1232	1196	1280	514	240%
Framingham-ATU	74	91	96	64	116%
Framingham	415	392	411	388	107%
Norfolk	1243	1298	1254	1019	122%
Bay State	264	230	266	266	99%
NCCI	966	995	1027	568	170%
OSCC	670	669	701	488	137%
SECC	640	751	575	356	180%
Shirley-Med	752	236	978	720	104%
Sub-Total	7013	6593	7381	5076	138%
NCC	270	274	263	150	180%
SECC-Minimum	167	111	204	200	84%
Lancaster-Male	161	150	204	94	171%
Lancaster-Female	90	92	79	59	153%
Plymouth	260	278	286	151	172%
Pondville	200	199	190	100	200%
Shirley-Lower	429	464	406	403	106%
SMCC	196	205	198	125	157%
Warwick (Closed July '92)	64	87	0	0	0%
Hodder	24	33	27	35	69%
Boston State	100	100	99	55	182%
Park Drive	66	68	65	50	132%
Ma. Boot Camp (Op. 8/92)	37	0	58	256	14%
MHHI	60	76	32	81	74%
WSATP	2	2	3	4	50%
Drug Rehab	0	0	0	1	0%
Hillside	39	40	38	40	98%
Charlotte	14	14	15	15	93%
Houston House	5	4	9	15	27%
Day Reporting Center	1	1	0	1	100%
Sub-Total	2185	2198	2176	1835	119%
TOTAL	9198	8791	9557	6911	133%
Bridgewater SH	311	317	312	337	92%
Bridgewater TC	226	239	223	216	105%
Bridgewater AC	293	361	238	430	68%
Longwood TC	114	127	95	125	91%
Sub-Total	944	1044	868	1108	85%
GRAND TOTAL	10142	9835	10425	8019	126%
Houses of Correction	849	803	843	n.a.	n.a.
Federal Prisons	37	38	33	n.a.	n.a.
Interstate Contract	58	56	62	n.a.	n.a.

Table 4
Population in County Correctional Facilities,
October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992

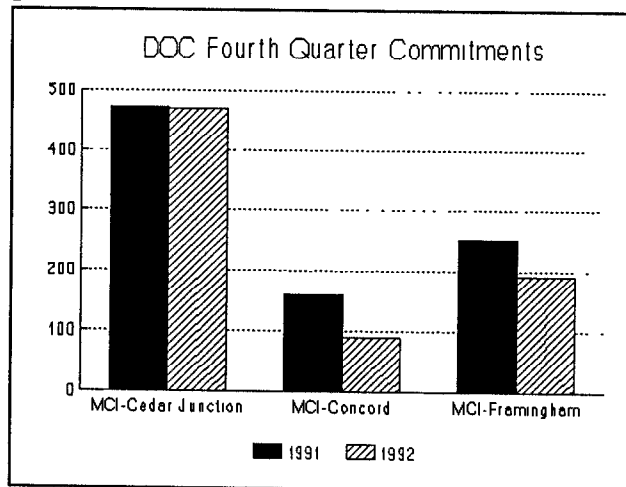
Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	153	147	154	110	139%
Berkshire	158	151	176	126	125%
Bristol	854	757	897	696	123%
Dukes	18	18	23	19	95%
Essex	1075	1008	1113	635	169%
Franklin	98	80	104	63	156%
Hampden	568	509	608	372	153%
Hampden-OUI	124	125	124	125	99%
Hampshire	268	255	268	263	102%
Middlesex	989	1005	999	792	125%
Norfolk	359	253	454	379	95%
Plymouth	504	508	483	307	164%
Suffolk-Nashua Street	427	416	434	453	94%
Suffolk-South Bay	986	819	1186	1146	86%
Worcester	899	880	898	790	114%
Longwood	114	117	95	125	91%
TOTAL	7594	7048	8016	6401	119%

Table 5

Court Commitments to the DOC

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Cedar Junction</u>			
First Quarter	589	539	-8%
Second Quarter	602	556	-8%
Third Quarter	341	425	25%
Fourth Quarter	472	469	-1%
Sub-Total Males	2004	1989	-1%
<u>Concord</u>			
First Quarter	259	145	-44%
Second Quarter	199	154	-23%
Third Quarter	145	140	-3%
Fourth Quarter	159	90	-43%
Sub-Total Males	762	529	-31%
Total Males	2766	2518	-9%
<u>Framingham</u>			
First Quarter	287	243	-15%
Second Quarter	272	275	1%
Third Quarter	219	209	-5%
Fourth Quarter	253	192	-24%
Sub-Total Females	1031	919	-11%
TOTAL	3797	3437	-9%

Figure 1.



Technical Notes

1. The official capacity or security level designation for each facility can change for a number of reasons, e.g. expansion of facility beds, decrease of facility beds due to fire, or changes in contracts with vendors. In all tables the capacity and security level reflects the status at the end of the reporting period. The design capacity is reported for correctional facilities in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4.
2. The population figures for Cedar Junction include DSU, DDU and open population.
3. The population figures for Norfolk include both DSU and open population.
4. The population figures for all facilities include both male and female inmates.
5. State inmates housed in the Hampshire county contract program are included in the county population tables as are all other state inmates housed in county facilities.
6. Norfolk includes Braintree, Dedham, and Norfolk Contract. Middlesex includes both Billerica and Cambridge. Berkshire includes the pre-release facility. Suffolk-South Bay includes the contract facility. Essex includes Middleton, and the Lawrence Alternative Center. Bristol includes Dartmouth, Eastern Mass. Alternative Center and Pre-release.
7. Nashua Street inmates housed at other facilities are reported in the counts for the facilities in which they were in custody.
8. The counts reported for MHHI include pre-release inmates and exclude parole inmates housed in those facilities.
9. Longwood Treatment Center is a specialized DOC facility for individuals incarcerated for O.U.I. Because the inmates are county sentenced inmates, the inmate count and bed capacity are included in Tables 3 and 4.
10. Pondville Correctional Center is a minimum/pre-release security facility formerly known as Norfolk Pre-Release Center.
11. The Massachusetts Boot Camp opened on August 17, 1992, and is located at the Bridgewater Correctional complex in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

11. Abbreviations and Definitions:

AC	- Addiction Center
ADP	- Average Daily Population
ATU	- Awaiting Trial Unit
BCC	- Boston Correctional Center
DOC	- Department of Correction
Drug Rehab	- Includes Meridian House and Spectrum House
LCAC	- Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center
N.A.	- Not Applicable
MHHI	- Massachusetts Halfway Houses Inc. includes Temporary Housing Project, McGrath House and Brooke House
NCC	- Northeastern Correctional Center
NCCI	- North Central Correctional Institution at Gardner
OCCC	- Old Colony Correctional Center
OUI	- Operating Under the Influence
PRC	- Pre-Release Center
SECC	- Southeastern Correctional Center
SDPTC	- Sexually Dangerous Person Treatment Center
SH	- State Hospital
SMCC	- South Middlesex Correctional Center (formerly SMPRC)
SDP	- Sexually Dangerous Person
TC	- Treatment Center
WSATP	- Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Program includes Faith House and Griffin House