Department of Correction

Monthly Behavior Assessment Unit Report[1]

Number of inmates held in Behavior Assessment Units within each state correctional facility on August 1, 2023

Number of Inmates in Behavior Assessment Units by Facility and Housing Unit

Male Facilities | **Maximum Security**

Facility	Behavior Assessment Unit	Count
MCI - Cedar Junction	BAU	0
Souza Baranowski Correctional Center	J3 BAU	0
	K3 BAU	32
	L3 BAU	33

Facilities | **Medium Security**

Facility	Behavior Assessment Unit	Count
MA Treatment Center	BAU	3
MCI – Concord	BAU	21
MCI - Framingham	BAU	8
MCI - Norfolk	BAU	22
MCI - Shirley	BAU	25
NCCI - Gardner	BAU	3
Old Colony Correctional Center	BAU	11
Total		**158**

[1]As of May 18, 2022 at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center and April 4, 2022 at the other facilities, the Department ceased utilizing Restrictive Housing (with the exception of the DDU) and transitioned to a Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) model of intervention. MCI-Cedar Junction concluded housing operations including the DDU on June 16, 2023.

MCI-Framingham opened a BAU for female offenders on February 6, 2023. While in a BAU, inmates are not housed in restrictive housing, as defined by G.L. c. 127, sec. 1, the American Correctional Association, or 103 CMR 423. The BAU houses individuals removed from general population due to unacceptable risk to facility safety and operations. While in the BAU, an interdisciplinary appraisal team identifies the underlying causes of behavior, identifies the individual's potential needs, and refers for placement to an appropriate setting required to meet those needs and create safer facilities. Additionally, individuals are offered a minimum of three hours out-of-cell time daily, a weekly wellness group, access to core general population programs (e.g., education and recidivism reduction programming) through tablets or packet work as applicable, and program tablets for self-directed enrichment work.

[2]Operational capacity will no longer be reported as of July 1 2023.

As part of the Department's continuous quality improvement process, the Department assesses past and present reports to ensure that accurate data has been and continues to be reported.

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