



Department of Correction

Monthly Behavior Assessment Unit Report

Number of incarcerated individuals held in Behavior Assessment Units within each state correctional facility on August 1, 2026

While in a Behavior Assessment Unit (B-A-U), incarcerated individuals are not housed in restrictive housing, as defined by G.L. c. 127, sec. 1, the American Correctional Association, or 103 CMR 423. The B-A-U houses individuals removed from general population due to unacceptable risk to facility safety and operations. While in the B-A-U, 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.

In the table, Refusing to Leave Behavior Assessment Unit Counts denotes the number of individuals who are in B-A-U due only to their refusal to accept a housing assignment in general population or a Secure Adjustment Unit. These individuals continue to be appraised to understand the reasons for their refusal, to work to resolve any challenges related to their refusal, and/or to make an appropriate recommendation for a placement to meet the identified reasons/needs for refusal.

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. This report is based on data in IMS as of 6 AM on the first of the month.

Male Facility - Maximum		
	Behavior Assessment Unit Count	Refusing to Leave B-A-U Count
Souza Baranowski Correctional Center	64	9

Male Facilities - Medium Security		
	Behavior Assessment Unit Count	Refusing to Leave Count
MA Treatment Center	8	1
MCI - Norfolk	15	Not Applicable
MCI - Shirley	46	1
NCCI - Gardner	8	1
Old Colony Correctional Center	14	3

Female Facility - Medium Security		
	Behavior Assessment Unit Count	Refusing to Leave Count
MCI - Framingham	4	Not Applicable

Total Behavior Assessment Unit Count	159	15
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