



Department of Correction

Monthly Behavior Assessment Unit Report¹

Number of incarcerated individuals held in Behavior Assessment Units within each state correctional facility on January 1, 2026²

Number of incarcerated individuals in Behavior Assessment Units by Facility and Housing Unit

Male Facilities		Maximum Security	
Facility	Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU)	Count	Refusing to Leave BAU ³
Souza Baranowski Correctional Center	BAU	70	6

Male Facilities		Medium Security	
MA Treatment Center	BAU	4	1
MCI - Norfolk	BAU	24	n/a
MCI - Shirley	BAU	41	3
NCCI - Gardner	BAU	8	n/a
Old Colony Correctional Center	BAU	12	1

Female Facilities		Medium Security	
MCI - Framingham	BAU	9	n/a
Total		168	11

¹ While in a Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU), 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 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 This report is based on data in IMS as of 6 AM on the first of the month.

³ Refusing to leave BAU denotes the number of individuals who are in the BAU 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.

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