

Communities Inmates Released to in 2012

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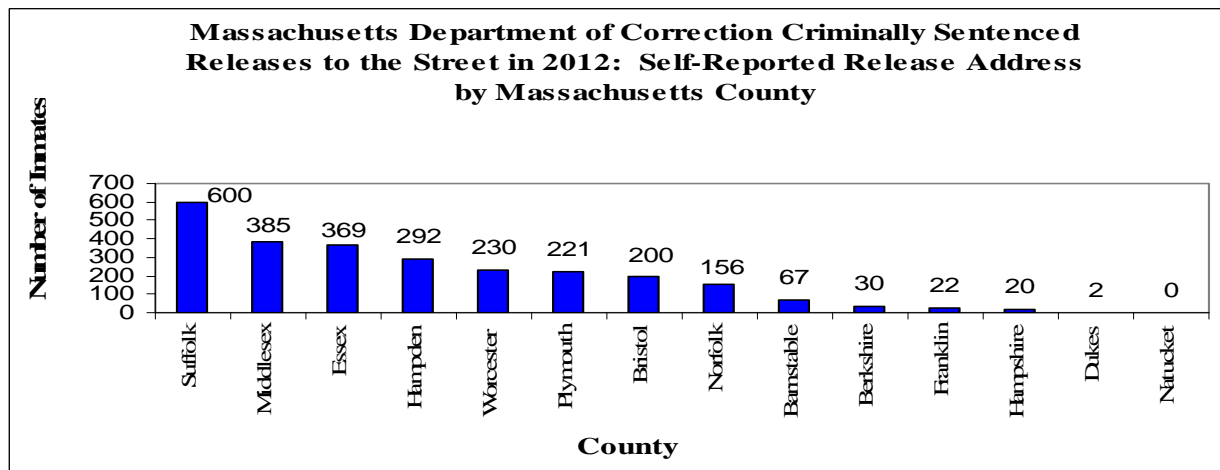
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The population covered in this report, termed ‘release to the street population’, includes any criminally sentenced inmate released to the street from a Massachusetts Department of Correction (MADOC) facility as well as DOC inmates released from other correctional facilities (jurisdiction). Under this definition, DOC inmates released from Massachusetts’ Houses of Correction, other states’ correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2012 are included in the population. The population described in this report includes criminally sentenced inmates released via expiration of sentence, parole to the street, release from parole detainer and court releases.

Introduction

Inmates under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (MADOC) are released to many different communities throughout the state and in some cases are released to communities outside of Massachusetts. This brief is a statistical look at the communities to which criminally sentenced inmates are being released¹. For the purposes of this report, communities may refer to counties, cities, towns or municipalities both in and outside of Massachusetts. As of 2012, releases from parole detainees as well as court releases were added to the definition of “release to the street”. This accounts for the substantial increase in releases to the street from 2011 to 2012 as shown in previous reports. This increase is reflected throughout this report.

Chart 1



Note: Excludes 111 inmates including 108 releasing to communities outside of Massachusetts and 3 unknown

In the calendar year 2012, there were 2,705 inmates released to the street, which was an increase of 328 (14%) from 2011². This increase was driven by a surge in male releases from 1,662 in

¹ Information regarding release address is self-reported by inmates prior to their release. It is likely that some release addresses reflect temporary, even residential treatment locales, not necessarily long term homes in the community.

² The release to street population in *Communities Inmates Released to in 2011* included those released via expiration of sentence and parole to the street. Releases from parole detainees and court releases are now included as well in the release to street population. For the purposes of this report, 2011 numbers were adjusted to fit the new definition.

2011 to 2,104 in 2012, an increase of 27%, due in large part to male court releases as a result of the crime lab situation (n = 253). Female releases, on the other hand, decreased by 114 (16%) in 2012, with 601 total releases to the street.

Table 1

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2012: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns)		
City	Total	%
1. Boston	551	20%
2. Springfield	207	8%
3. Worcester	116	4%
4. Brockton	105	4%
5. Lawrence	104	4%
6. Lynn	98	4%
7. New Bedford	78	3%
8. Lowell	75	3%
9. Fall River	51	2%
10. Haverhill	49	2%
Sub-Total	1,434	53%
Other MA Cities/Towns	1,160	43%
Outside MA	108	4%
Unknown	3	<1%
Total	2,705	100%

Please Note: Percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

- ◆ Over half (53%) of the inmates released during 2012 reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns listed in Table 1.
- ◆ Similar to 2011, the release address with the highest number of releases reported was to the various communities in the city of Boston (20%) followed by Springfield (8%) and Worcester (4%).
- ◆ Despite having the greatest reduction in releases from 2011 (n = 119) Boston still remained the number one release address in 2012.
- ◆ Forty-five percent of court releases due to the crime lab situation were released to Boston, driving overall increases in releases.

Map 1

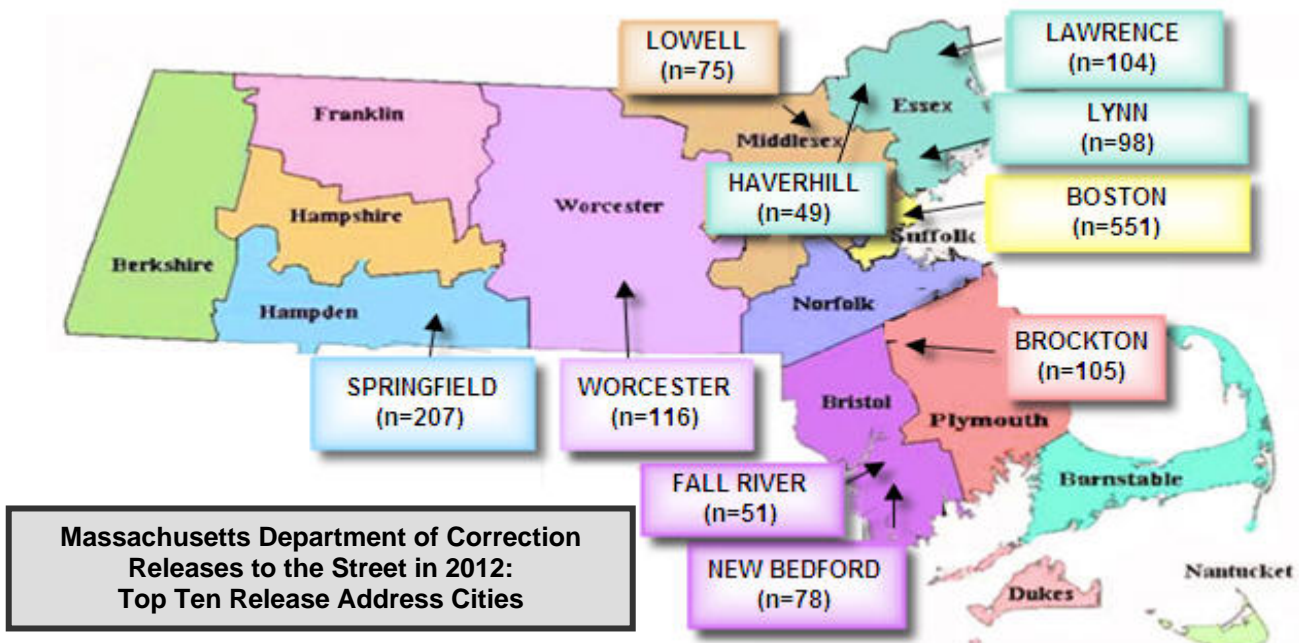


Table 2

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street 2012: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Males		
	Male	%
1. Boston	483	23%
2. Springfield	197	9%
3. Worcester	109	5%
4. Lawrence	84	4%
5. Brockton	72	3%
6. New Bedford	66	3%
7. Lynn	61	3%
8. Lowell	54	3%
9. Fall River	44	2%
10. Holyoke	41	2%
Sub-Total	1,190	57%
Other MA Cities	820	39%
Outside MA	92	4%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	2,104	100%

- ◆ In contrast, the majority of females (55%) reported a release address outside one of the top ten cities/towns, while (42%) reported a release address in the top ten.
- ◆ Though there are many repeat release communities from previous years' lists for females, Worcester is no longer in the top ten despite being the second most commonly reported in 2011. This is in large part due to county sentenced women from Worcester county and west no longer being housed in MADOC facilities.
- ◆ Female releases by community are also somewhat skewed due to the fact that some counties house females and some do not.³

³ Not all Massachusetts counties house their female inmates. Massachusetts General Law dictates that females may be committed directly by the courts to the DOC for a House of Correction sentence. The counties of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Franklin, Hampden, and Suffolk house females in their county correctional facilities. Hampden County has increased their capacity to house county sentenced females for other western Massachusetts regions (including Worcester).

- ◆ Boston was the top city reported by both male (23%) and female (11%) inmates as their release address. The second most commonly reported city for males was Springfield (9%), followed by Worcester (5%) and Lawrence (4%).
- ◆ Females differed from the males where the second most commonly reported release address was Lynn (6%), followed by Brockton (5%) and Haverhill (3%).
- ◆ Similar to 2011, a majority of the male releases (57%) reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns.

Table 3

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2012: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Females		
	Female	%
1. Boston	68	11%
2. Lynn	37	6%
3. Brockton	33	5%
4. Haverhill	21	3%
5. Lowell	21	3%
6. Lawrence	20	3%
7. Ashland	16	2%
8. Quincy	14	2%
9. Framingham	12	2%
10. New Bedford	12	2%
Sub-Total	254	42%
Other MA Cities	329	55%
Outside MA	16	3%
Unknown	2	<1%
Total	601	100%

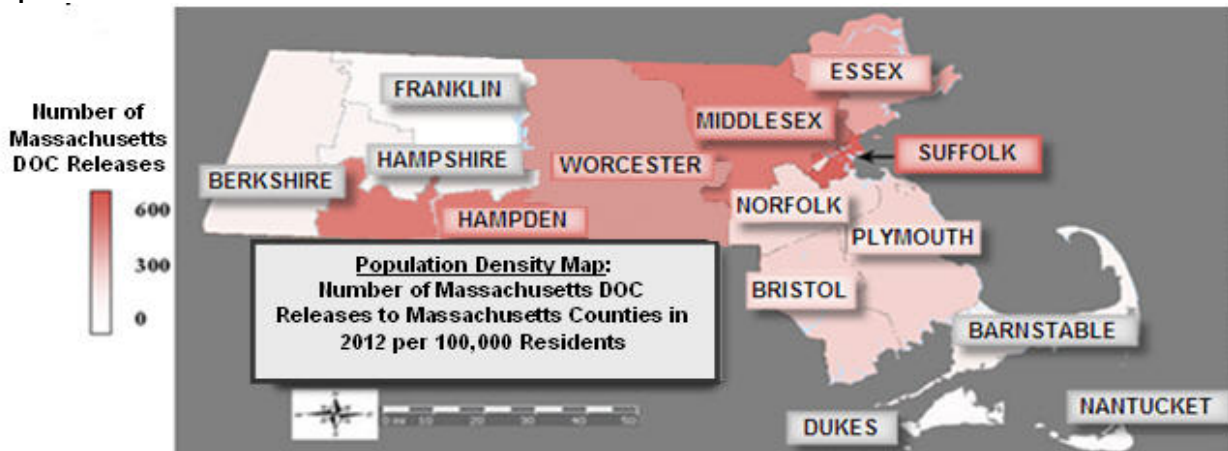
Table 4

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2012: Release Address by Massachusetts Counties by Gender (Self-Reported)							
	Female	%	Male	%	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents*
Suffolk County	77	13%	523	25%	600	22%	81
Middlesex County	124	21%	261	12%	385	14%	25
Essex County	128	21%	241	11%	369	14%	49
Hampden County	18	3%	274	13%	292	11%	63
Worcester County	33	5%	197	9%	230	8%	28
Plymouth County	85	14%	136	6%	221	8%	44
Bristol County	36	6%	164	8%	200	7%	36
Norfolk County	63	10%	93	4%	156	6%	23
Barnstable County	12	2%	55	3%	67	2%	31
Berkshire County	5	1%	25	1%	30	1%	23
Franklin County	1	<1%	21	1%	22	1%	31
Hampshire County	1	<1%	19	1%	20	1%	13
Dukes County	0	0%	2	<1%	2	<1%	12
Outside MA	16	3%	92	4%	108	4%	N/A
Unknown	2	<1%	1	<1%	3	<1%	N/A
Total	601	100%	2,104	100%	2,705	100%	41

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 county population count

Twenty-two percent of the total population reported a release address located in Suffolk County. The greatest percentage of female releases were to Essex and Middlesex Counties (21% each), followed by Plymouth (14%) and Suffolk (13%) counties.³ The greatest percentage of males were released to Suffolk County (25%), followed by Hampden (13%) and Middlesex (12%) counties. When looking at the concentration (the rate per 100,000 residents) of releases to the street, Suffolk County had the greatest concentration at 81 followed by Hampden County with 63, then Worcester County with 49.

Map 2



³ Not all Massachusetts counties house their female inmates. Massachusetts General Law dictates that females may be committed directly by the courts to the DOC for a House of Correction sentence. The counties of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Franklin, Hampden, and Suffolk house females in their county correctional facilities.

Table 5

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2012: Locations Outside Massachusetts			
	Female	Male	Total
New York	4	18	22
Rhode Island	3	13	16
New Hampshire	3	11	14
Connecticut	1	11	12
Florida	2	8	10
Maine	0	5	5
Vermont	1	4	5
Pennsylvania	1	4	5
North Carolina	0	5	5
New Jersey	0	3	3
Virginia	0	2	2
Puerto Rico	0	2	2
California	0	1	1
Georgia	0	1	1
Alabama	0	1	1
Louisiana	0	1	1
Arizona	1	0	1
Oklahoma	0	1	1
Tennessee	0	1	1
Total	16	92	108

Of the 2,705 inmates released to the street, 108 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. Sixty-nine percent of the inmates reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported releasing to a New England state (n = 52) or New York (n = 22) which accounted for the majority of outside releases for 2012.

Appendix

The tables on pages 7 through 9 show the self-reported release address by county of inmates separated by the institution they were released from. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Institutions Housing Male Inmates

Bay State Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	19	31%
Middlesex County	12	20%
Bristol County	6	10%
Norfolk County	5	8%
Essex County	5	8%
Plymouth County	5	8%
Barnstable County	3	5%
Hampden County	2	3%
Worcester County	2	3%
Outside MA	2	3%
Total	61	100%

Boston Pre-Release Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	52	33%
Middlesex County	25	16%
Essex County	23	15%
Hampden County	17	11%
Worcester County	10	6%
Norfolk County	8	5%
Bristol County	7	4%
Plymouth County	5	3%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	7	4%
Total	157	100%

Brook House		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	8	32%
Essex County	5	20%
Middlesex County	3	12%
Worcester County	3	12%
Bristol County	2	8%
Hampden County	1	4%
Norfolk County	1	4%
Plymouth County	1	4%
Outside MA	1	4%
Total	25	100%

Bridgewater State Hospital		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	1	50%
Bristol County	1	50%
Total	2	100%

Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	10	28%
Middlesex County	5	14%
Plymouth County	5	14%
Essex County	4	11%
Worcester County	3	8%
Bristol County	3	8%
Hampden County	2	6%
Norfolk County	1	3%
Outside MA	3	8%
Total	36	100%

Massachusetts Treatment Center		
	Males	Total
Worcester County	9	15%
Suffolk County	8	13%
Essex County	8	13%
Middlesex County	6	10%
Hampden County	6	10%
Plymouth County	6	10%
Norfolk County	3	5%
Bristol County	3	5%
Barnstable County	3	5%
Franklin County	3	5%
Berkshire County	2	3%
Outside MA	4	7%
Total	61	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates – Continued

MCI-Cedar Junction		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	40	28%
Essex County	16	11%
Bristol County	16	11%
Worcester County	15	11%
Middlesex County	14	10%
Hampden County	14	10%
Plymouth County	13	9%
Norfolk County	6	4%
Franklin County	1	1%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	5	4%
Total	142	100%

MCI-Concord		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	60	25%
Essex County	32	13%
Middlesex County	31	13%
Worcester County	24	10%
Bristol County	21	9%
Plymouth County	18	8%
Hampden County	14	6%
Norfolk County	12	5%
Barnstable County	7	3%
Berkshire County	4	2%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	2	1%
Outside MA	11	4%
Total	238	100%

MCI-Norfolk		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	58	34%
Bristol County	22	13%
Middlesex County	21	12%
Worcester County	14	8%
Hampden County	10	6%
Plymouth County	10	6%
Essex County	8	5%
Norfolk County	8	5%
Barnstable County	8	5%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Outside MA	7	4%
Total	170	100%

MCI-Plymouth		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	20	22%
Bristol County	18	20%
Essex County	12	13%
Plymouth County	12	13%
Norfolk County	9	10%
Worcester County	5	6%
Middlesex County	4	4%
Barnstable County	4	4%
Hampden County	3	3%
Dukes County	1	1%
Outside MA	2	2%
Total	90	100%

MCI-Shirley		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	57	20%
Hampden County	46	16%
Essex County	40	14%
Middlesex County	38	13%
Worcester County	34	12%
Norfolk County	10	4%
Bristol County	10	4%
Plymouth County	10	4%
Franklin County	7	2%
Barnstable County	6	2%
Berkshire County	3	1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Outside MA	20	7%
Total	282	100%

NCCI-Gardner		
	Males	Total
Hampden County	27	23%
Worcester County	20	17%
Middlesex County	17	14%
Suffolk County	16	13%
Essex County	15	13%
Barnstable County	5	4%
Franklin County	4	3%
Berkshire County	4	3%
Hampshire County	3	3%
Bristol County	3	3%
Plymouth County	3	3%
Norfolk County	1	1%
Outside MA	2	2%
Total	120	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates – Continued

Northeastern Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Middlesex County	28	20%
Hampden County	25	18%
Suffolk County	24	17%
Essex County	24	17%
Worcester County	15	11%
Norfolk County	5	4%
Berkshire County	5	4%
Bristol County	4	3%
Plymouth County	4	3%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Outside MA	5	4%
Total	140	100%

Old Colony Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	60	28%
Middlesex County	24	11%
Bristol County	23	11%
Plymouth County	23	11%
Worcester County	20	11%
Essex County	19	9%
Hampden County	16	7%
Barnstable County	9	4%
Norfolk County	7	3%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Dukes County	1	<1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	9	4%
Total	214	100%

Pondville Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	38	32%
Essex County	13	11%
Middlesex County	12	10%
Bristol County	11	9%
Plymouth County	10	9%
Hampden County	8	7%
Norfolk County	8	7%
Worcester County	7	6%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	8	7%
Total	117	100%

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	45	29%
Middlesex County	21	13%
Hampden County	19	12%
Worcester County	15	10%
Bristol County	13	8%
Essex County	12	8%
Norfolk County	9	6%
Plymouth County	6	4%
Barnstable County	4	3%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Total	156	100%

Lemuel Shattuck (8 North)		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	2	50%
Plymouth County	1	25%
Outside MA	1	25%
Total	4	100%

Institutions Housing Female Inmates

MCI-Framingham		
	Females	Total
Essex County	95	24%
Middlesex County	78	20%
Suffolk County	58	15%
Plymouth County	58	15%
Norfolk County	40	10%
Bristol County	21	5%
Worcester County	17	4%
Barnstable County	7	2%
Hampden County	6	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Outside MA	8	2%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	391	100%

South Middlesex Correctional Center		
	Females	Total
Middlesex County	45	25%
Essex County	31	17%
Plymouth County	26	14%
Norfolk County	23	13%
Suffolk County	17	9%
Bristol County	15	8%
Worcester County	8	4%
Barnstable County	5	3%
Hampden County	3	2%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	7	4%
Total	181	100%

Spectrum Women and Children's Program		
	Females	Total
Worcester County	8	50%
Suffolk County	2	13%
Essex County	1	6%
Middlesex	1	6%
Plymouth County	1	6%
Franklin County	1	6%
Berkshire County	1	6%
Unknown	1	6%
Total	16	100%

Massachusetts DOC Inmates Housed in a County, Federal, or another State's Correctional Facility

County, Federal, Interstate			
	Females	Males	Total
Hampden County	9	64	73
Hampshire County	0	7	7
Essex County	1	5	6
Suffolk County	0	5	5
Plymouth County	0	4	4
Berkshire County	2	0	2
Worcester County	0	1	1
Barnstable County	0	1	1
Bristol County	0	1	1
Franklin County	0	1	1
Unknown	0	1	1
Total	12	90	102

The tables on pages 11 through 14 show the self-reported release address by city/town in each county. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Release Address Cities/Towns in Barnstable County			
	Females	Males	Total
Barnstable	4	23	27
Bourne	3	2	5
Brewster	0	3	3
Chatham	0	1	1
Dennis	0	5	5
Falmouth	1	9	10
Harwich	0	2	2
Mashpee	0	2	2
Sandwich	2	0	2
Truro	0	1	1
Yarmouth	2	7	9
Total	12	55	67

Release Address Cities/Towns in Dukes County			
	Females	Males	Total
Edgartown	0	1	1
Oak Bluffs	0	1	1
Total	0	2	2

Release Address Cities/Towns in Berkshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Cheshire	0	1	1
Lenox	1	0	1
New Marlborough	0	1	1
North Adams	2	4	6
Pittsfield	2	17	19
Williamstown	0	2	2
Total	5	25	30

Release Address Cities/Towns in Essex County			
	Females	Males	Total
Amesbury	5	5	10
Andover	2	2	4
Beverly	1	6	7
Boxford	0	1	1
Danvers	2	3	5
Georgetown	0	2	2
Gloucester	7	3	10
Haverhill	21	28	49
Ipswich	1	2	3
Lawrence	20	84	104
Lynn	37	61	98
Lynnfield	1	2	3
Marblehead	0	2	2
Merrimac	1	0	1
Methuen	3	8	11
Newbury	0	2	2
Newburyport	1	1	2
Peabody	7	8	15
Rowley	0	1	1
Salem	6	9	15
Salisbury	10	3	13
Saugus	3	7	10
Swampscott	1	0	1
Total	128	241	369

Release Address Cities/Towns in Bristol County			
	Females	Males	Total
Acushnet	0	3	3
Attleboro	1	2	3
Dartmouth	0	4	4
Dighton	1	0	1
Easton	2	1	3
Fairhaven	0	1	1
Fall River	7	44	51
Freetown	1	1	2
Mansfield	2	3	5
New Bedford	12	66	78
North Attleboro	0	1	1
Norton	0	8	8
Raynham	0	1	1
Seekonk	0	2	2
Somerset	1	3	4
Swansea	0	2	2
Taunton	9	21	30
Westport	0	1	1
Total	36	164	200

Release Address Cities/Towns in Franklin County			
	Females	Males	Total
Erving	0	1	1
Greenfield	1	12	13
Montague	0	4	4
Orange	0	3	3
Sunderland	0	1	1
Total	1	21	22

Release Address cities/Towns in Hampden County			
	Females	Males	Total
Agawam	0	3	3
Blandford	1	1	2
Chicopee	4	16	20
Holyoke	1	41	42
Longmeadow	0	1	1
Ludlow	0	2	2
Palmer	0	1	1
Springfield	10	197	207
West Springfield	2	6	8
Westfield	0	6	6
Total	18	274	292

Release Address Cities/Towns in Hampshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Amherst	0	3	3
Belchertown	0	1	1
Easthampton	0	1	1
Granby	0	2	2
Northampton	1	7	8
Ware	0	4	4
Williamsburg	0	1	1
Total	1	19	20

Release Address Cities/Towns in Middlesex County			
	Females	Males	Total
Acton	1	2	3
Arlington	1	6	7
Ashby	2	0	2
Ashland	16	2	18
Ayer	1	2	3
Bedford	0	2	2
Belmont	1	2	3
Billerica	3	9	12
Burlington	0	4	4
Cambridge	9	20	29
Chelmsford	1	2	3
Dracut	0	2	2
Everett	2	30	32
Framingham	12	33	45
Groton	2	0	2
Holliston	2	1	3
Hopkinton	7	1	8
Hudson	0	4	4
Lexington	1	0	1
Lowell	21	54	75
Malden	4	19	23
Marlborough	0	4	4
Maynard	1	1	2
Medford	2	12	14
Melrose	3	2	5
Natick	3	1	4
Newton	0	1	1
North Reading	1	0	1
Pepperell	1	2	3
Reading	2	0	2
Shirley	0	3	3
Somerville	5	10	15
Stoneham	1	1	2
Stow	1	0	1
Sudbury	1	1	2
Tewksbury	4	0	4
Townsend	0	1	1
Tyngsborough	0	1	1
Wakefield	0	7	7
Waltham	5	7	12
Watertown	0	3	3
Wilmington	3	1	4
Winchester	0	3	3
Woburn	5	5	10
Total	124	261	385

Release Address Cities/Towns in Norfolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Avon	1	0	1
Bellingham	1	1	2
Braintree	6	10	16
Brookline	0	1	1
Canton	2	1	3
Dedham	3	4	7
Foxborough	1	4	5
Franklin	4	1	5
Holbrook	1	1	2
Millis	0	1	1
Milton	1	1	2
Norfolk	0	1	1
Norwood	5	3	8
Plainville	1	0	1
Quincy	14	32	46
Randolph	7	10	17
Stoughton	2	6	8
Walpole	3	1	4
Westwood	1	1	2
Weymouth	10	13	23
Wrentham	0	1	1
Total	69	93	156

Release Address Cities/Towns in Plymouth County			
	Females	Males	Total
Abington	2	2	4
Bridgewater	4	1	5
Brockton	33	72	105
Carver	2	3	5
East Bridgewater	3	2	5
Halifax	0	1	1
Hanover	0	1	1
Hanson	3	1	4
Hingham	2	1	3
Hull	1	2	3
Kingston	1	0	1
Lakeville	1	1	2
Marion	1	2	3
Marshfield	1	2	3
Mattapoisett	1	2	3
Middleborough	3	7	10
Norwell	0	3	3
Pembroke	2	1	3
Plymouth	7	12	19
Plympton	0	2	2
Rockland	4	4	8
Scituate	3	1	4
Wareham	8	10	18
West Bridgewater	3	0	3
Whitman	0	3	3
Total	85	136	221

Release Address Cities/Towns in Suffolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Boston	68	483	551
Chelsea	1	20	21
Revere	7	16	23
Winthrop	1	4	5
Total	77	523	600

Release Address Cities/Towns in Worcester County			
	Females	Males	Total
Ashburnham	0	1	1
Athol	0	3	3
Auburn	1	1	2
Blackstone	1	1	2
Clinton	1	1	2
Dudley	0	1	1
Fitchburg	4	20	24
Gardner	0	4	4
Hardwick	0	1	1
Hubbardston	0	1	1
Lancaster	0	1	1
Leicester	0	3	3
Leominster	0	8	8
Lunenburg	2	2	4
Milford	0	3	3
Millbury	2	1	3
Northbridge	0	2	2
Oakham	0	2	2
Oxford	0	3	3
Paxton	0	1	1
Southbridge	0	7	7
Spencer	1	2	3
Sturbridge	0	1	1
Templeton	0	1	1
Uxbridge	0	3	3
Webster	0	4	4
Westborough	11	8	19
Westminster	0	1	1
Winchendon	3	1	4
Worcester	7	109	116
Total	33	197	230

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