

Communities Inmates Released to in 2015

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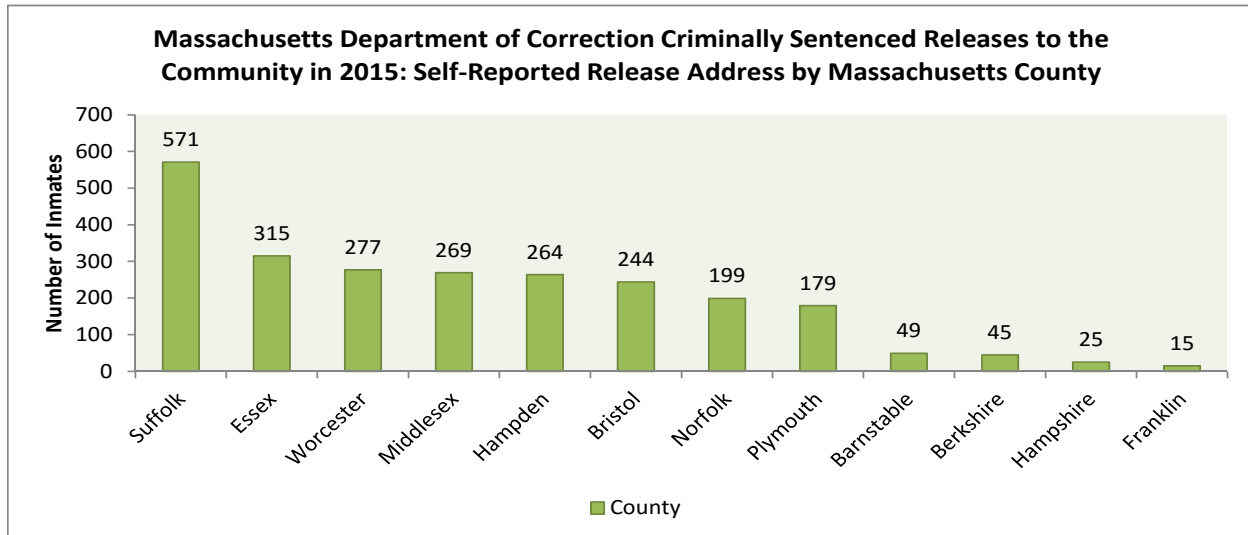
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The population covered in this report, termed ‘release to the community population’, includes any criminally sentenced inmate released to the community from a Massachusetts Department of Correction (MA DOC) facility as well as DOC inmates released 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 2015 are included in the population. The population described in this report includes criminally sentenced inmates released via expiration of sentence, parole to the street, releases from parole detainers, court releases and payments/expiration of fine.

Introduction

Inmates under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (MA DOC) 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.

Chart 1



Note: Excludes 130 inmates including 129 releasing to communities outside of Massachusetts and 1 unreported

During calendar year 2015, there were 2,582 releases to the community, which was an increase of 47 releases (2%) from 2014. Males in particular saw a 7% increase from the previous year in number of releases (n = 138) driven by an increase in parole and expiration of sentences. Female releases, on the other hand, experienced a 14% decrease from 645 in 2014 to 552 in 2015 (n = 93) as a result of a decrease in females being released via parole or expiration of sentence.

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

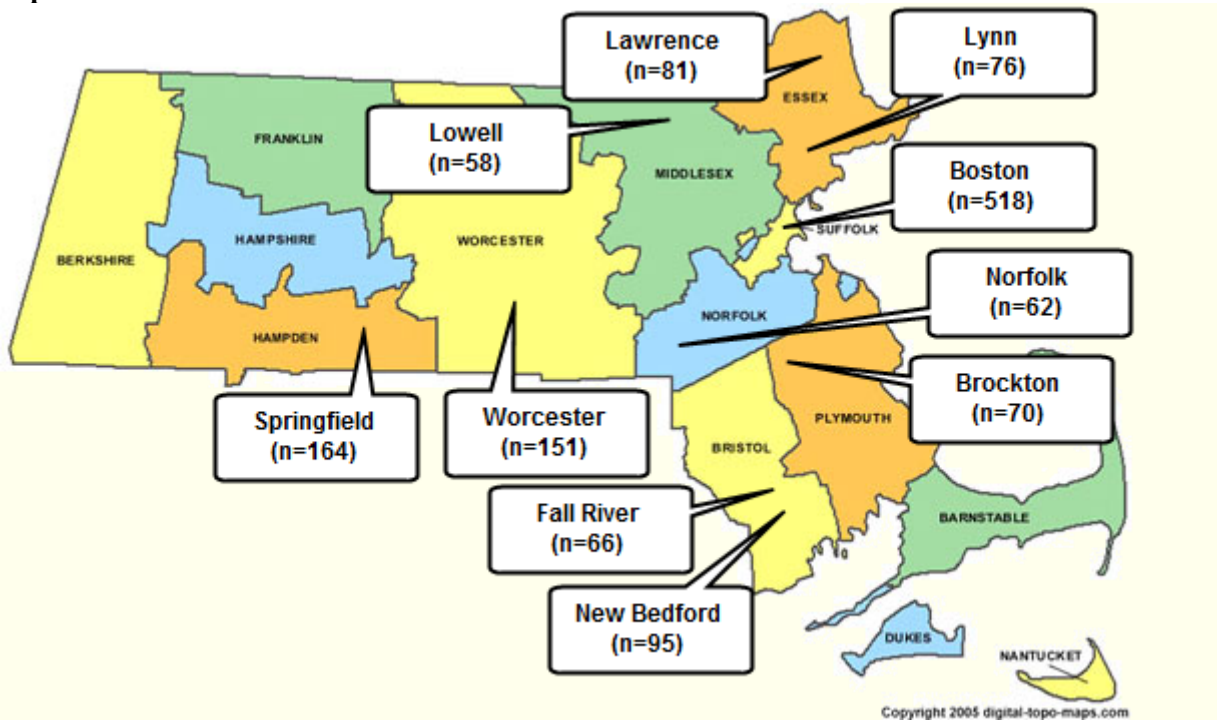
Table 1

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2015: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns)		
City	Total	%
1. Boston	518	20%
2. Springfield	164	6%
3. Worcester	151	6%
4. New Bedford	95	4%
5. Lawrence	81	3%
6. Lynn	76	3%
7. Brockton	70	3%
8. Fall River	66	3%
9. Norfolk	62	2%
10. Lowell	58	2%
Sub-Total	1,341	52%
Other MA Cities/Towns	1,111	43%
Outside MA	129	5%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	2,582	100%

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

- The majority (52%) of the releases during 2015 had a reported release address in one of the top ten cities/towns listed in Table 1.
- Mirroring 2014, the release address with the highest number of releases reported was to the various communities in the city of Boston (20%) followed by Springfield (6%) and Worcester (6%).
- Despite change in rankings, 9 of the top 10 cities/towns remained the same from the previous year, with the exception of Norfolk. This is likely due to the establishment of the Transitional Treatment Program (TTP) within Pondville Correctional Center where numerous male inmates who were recently granted parole are housed temporarily.

Map 1



**Massachusetts Department of Correction
Releases to the Community in 2015:
Top Ten Release Address Cities**

Table 2

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community 2015: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for MALES		
	Male	%
1. Boston	453	22%
2. Springfield	159	8%
3. Worcester	142	7%
4. New Bedford	82	4%
5. Norfolk	62	3%
6. Fall River	59	3%
7. Lawrence	54	3%
8. Brockton	53	3%
9. Holyoke	51	3%
10. Lynn	51	3%
Sub-Total	1,166	57%
Other MA Cities/Towns	752	37%
Outside MA	111	5%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	2,030	100%

- Boston was the top city reported by both male (22%) and female (12%) inmates as their release address. The second most commonly reported city for males was Springfield (8%), followed by Worcester (7%) and New Bedford (4%).
- Similar to 2014, a majority of the male releases (57%) reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns.
- Females differed from the males where the second most commonly reported release address was Lawrence (5%), followed by Lynn (5%) and Lowell (4%).

- In contrast, the majority of females (54%) reported a Massachusetts release address outside one of the top ten cities/towns, while (42%) reported a release address in the top ten.
- This is the first year that Lowell did not appear in the top ten communities of release for males since 2010. Due to the higher volume of inmates being paroled to the TTP located in the town of Norfolk, Lowell was knocked down to the eleventh spot on the list.
- Female releases by community are also somewhat skewed, due to the fact that not all counties house females.³

Table 3

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2015: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for FEMALES		
	Female	%
1. Boston	65	12%
2. Lawrence	27	5%
3. Lynn	25	5%
4. Lowell	20	4%
5. Haverhill	19	3%
6. Plymouth	19	3%
7. Brockton	17	3%
8. Quincy	17	3%
9. New Bedford	13	2%
10. Wareham	12	2%
Sub-Total	234	42%
Other MA Cities/Towns	300	54%
Outside MA	18	3%
Total	552	100%

³ Not all Massachusetts counties house their female inmates. Massachusetts General Law dictates that females may be committed directly by the courts to the MA 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).

Table 4

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2015: Release Address by Massachusetts Counties (Self-Reported)			
	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents*
Suffolk County	571	22%	74
Essex County	315	12%	41
Worcester County	277	11%	34
Middlesex County	269	10%	17
Hampden County	264	10%	56
Bristol County	244	10%	44
Norfolk County	199	8%	29
Plymouth County	179	7%	35
Barnstable County	49	2%	23
Berkshire County	45	2%	35
Hampshire County	25	1%	16
Franklin County	15	1%	21
Outside MA	129	5%	N/A
Unknown	1	<1%	N/A
Total	2,582	100%	36

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 county population count

Twenty-two percent of the total population reported a release address located in Suffolk County, the highest of all Massachusetts Counties. Essex County had the second highest percentage of releases (12%) followed by Worcester County with 11%. When looking at the concentration (the rate per 100,000 residents) of releases to the community, Suffolk County had the greatest concentration at 74 followed by Hampden County with 56 and Bristol County with 44. Although 10% of releases reported an address in Middlesex County (fourth highest), the significantly higher density of residents compared to other Counties made it so that it had the second lowest concentration of releases with 17.

Map 2

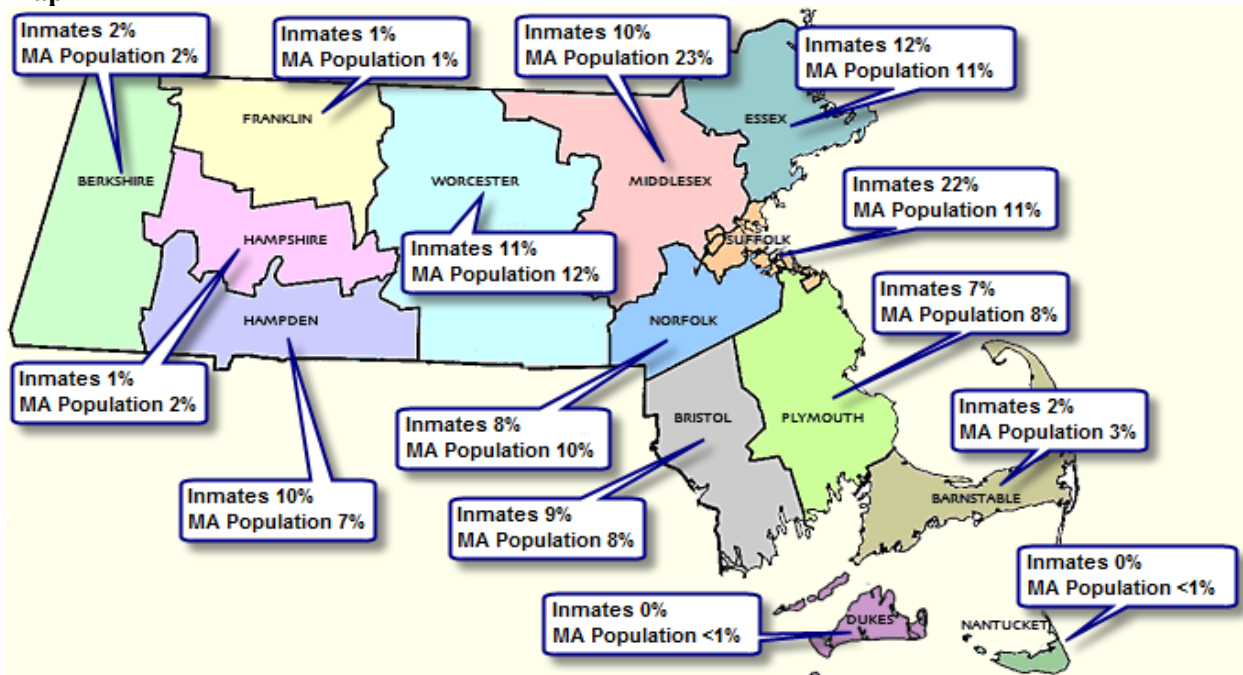


Table 5

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community 2015: Release Address by Massachusetts County for MALES		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	492	24%
Hampden County	255	13%
Worcester County	245	12%
Bristol County	206	10%
Essex County	200	10%
Middlesex County	171	8%
Norfolk County	151	7%
Plymouth County	91	5%
Berkshire County	43	2%
Barnstable County	27	1%
Hampshire County	23	1%
Franklin County	14	1%
Outside MA	111	6%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	2,030	100%

- The greatest percentage of males were released to Suffolk County (24%), followed by Hampden County (13%) and Worcester County (12%).
- The top three Massachusetts Counties reported for male releases mirror the top three reported for those released to the community in 2014.
- No male releases reported a release address in Dukes or Nantucket Counties in 2015.

- The greatest percentage of females were released to Essex County (21%), followed by Middlesex County (18%) and Plymouth County (16%).
- The top four Massachusetts Counties reported are identical with the top four reported for those released to the street in 2014 for females with Essex County reporting the highest (21%), followed by Middlesex (18%), Plymouth (16%) and Suffolk (14%).
- Similarly to males, no female releases reported a release address in Dukes or Nantucket Counties in 2015.

Table 6

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2015: Release Address by Massachusetts County for FEMALES		
	Female	%
Essex County	115	21%
Middlesex County	98	18%
Plymouth County	88	16%
Suffolk County	79	14%
Norfolk County	48	9%
Bristol County	38	7%
Worcester County	32	6%
Barnstable County	22	4%
Hampden County	9	2%
Berkshire County	2	<1%
Hampshire County	2	<1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	18	3%
Total	552	100%

Table 7

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2015: Locations Outside Massachusetts			
	Female	Male	Total
Rhode Island	3	21	24
New Hampshire	7	16	23
New York	0	19	19
Florida	2	13	15
Connecticut	1	9	10
Pennsylvania	1	4	5
Maine	2	2	4
Puerto Rico	1	3	4
Texas	0	3	3
Vermont	0	3	3
Idaho	0	2	2
Illinois	0	2	2
North Carolina	0	2	2
New Jersey	0	2	2
Ohio	0	2	2
South Carolina	0	2	2
Arizona	1	0	1
California	0	1	1
Georgia	0	1	1
Indiana	0	1	1
Jamaica	0	1	1
Tennessee	0	1	1
Virginia	0	1	1
Total	18	111	129

Of the 2,582 inmates released to the community, 129 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. Sixty-four percent of the inmates reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported releasing to a New England state (n = 64) or New York (n = 23) which accounted for the majority of outside releases for 2015. The proportion of inmates being released to a New England state or New York remained exactly the same compared to the previous release year.

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	3	25%
Bristol County	2	17%
Essex County	2	17%
Hampden County	2	17%
Middlesex County	1	8%
Plymouth County	1	8%
Outside MA	1	8%
Total	12	100%

Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	9	32%
Bristol County	6	21%
Middlesex County	6	21%
Norfolk County	3	11%
Essex County	1	4%
Franklin County	1	4%
Hampshire County	1	4%
Plymouth County	1	4%
Total	28	100%

Boston Pre-Release Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	60	35%
Middlesex County	23	13%
Essex County	22	13%
Worcester County	14	8%
Hampden County	13	8%
Bristol County	11	6%
Plymouth County	8	5%
Norfolk County	7	4%
Barnstable County	4	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	3%
Total	172	100%

Massachusetts Treatment Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	10	17%
Bristol County	9	15%
Essex County	7	12%
Hampden County	7	12%
Middlesex County	3	5%
Norfolk County	3	5%
Plymouth County	3	5%
Worcester County	3	5%
Barnstable County	2	3%
Hampshire County	2	3%
Berkshire County	1	2%
Outside MA	9	15%
Total	59	100%

Brooke House		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	3	30%
Middlesex County	2	20%
Hampden County	1	10%
Worcester County	1	10%
Outside MA	3	30%
Total	10	100%

MCI-Cedar Junction		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	41	26%
Worcester County	23	15%
Hampden County	21	14%
Norfolk County	16	10%
Bristol County	13	8%
Essex County	13	8%
Plymouth County	9	6%
Middlesex County	7	5%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Total	155	100%

Bridgewater State Hospital		
	Males	Total
Essex County	2	67%
Middlesex County	1	33%
Total	3	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates – Continued

MCI-Concord		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	47	24%
Bristol County	27	14%
Middlesex County	26	13%
Worcester County	23	12%
Hampden County	18	9%
Essex County	16	8%
Norfolk County	13	7%
Plymouth County	11	6%
Barnstable County	3	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	9	5%
Total	196	100%

MCI-Shirley		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	78	26%
Worcester County	46	16%
Hampden County	38	13%
Essex County	31	11%
Bristol County	30	10%
Norfolk County	24	8%
Middlesex County	23	8%
Plymouth County	7	2%
Barnstable County	5	2%
Franklin County	4	1%
Berkshire County	1	<1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Outside MA	7	2%
Total	295	100%

MCI-Norfolk		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	42	27%
Bristol County	20	13%
Worcester County	17	11%
Essex County	14	9%
Middlesex County	13	8%
Plymouth County	12	7%
Norfolk County	11	8%
Hampden County	9	6%
Barnstable County	5	3%
Hampshire County	3	2%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Total	154	100%

NCCI-Gardner		
	Males	Total
Worcester County	31	26%
Suffolk County	21	18%
Essex County	14	12%
Hampden County	11	9%
Middlesex County	7	6%
Norfolk County	6	5%
Plymouth County	5	4%
Hampshire County	4	3%
Berkshire County	3	3%
Bristol County	3	3%
Outside MA	14	12%
Total	119	100%

MCI-Plymouth		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	24	22%
Bristol County	21	20%
Norfolk County	12	19%
Middlesex County	5	10%
Plymouth County	5	7%
Worcester County	5	4%
Essex County	4	4%
Berkshire County	3	3%
Hampden County	2	1%
Outside MA	2	7%
Total	83	100%

Northeastern Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Worcester County	35	22%
Hampden County	24	15%
Suffolk County	22	14%
Middlesex County	21	13%
Essex County	15	10%
Norfolk County	12	8%
Berkshire County	5	3%
Bristol County	5	3%
Plymouth County	4	3%
Franklin County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	11	7%
Total	156	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates – Continued

Old Colony Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	55	22%
Bristol County	27	19%
Worcester County	19	11%
Norfolk County	14	10%
Hampden County	13	9%
Essex County	11	7%
Plymouth County	10	7%
Middlesex County	8	4%
Barnstable County	2	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Outside MA	15	4%
Total	178	100%

Pondville Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	23	22%
Norfolk County	18	17%
Bristol County	13	12%
Essex County	9	9%
Middlesex County	9	9%
Hampden County	6	6%
Plymouth County	6	6%
Worcester County	6	6%
Barnstable County	2	2%
Berkshire County	2	2%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	10	10%
Total	105	100%

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	25	26%
Worcester County	16	13%
Hampden County	13	13%
Bristol County	9	12%
Middlesex County	8	10%
Essex County	6	9%
Norfolk County	5	6%
Plymouth County	5	3%
Berkshire County	2	2%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	9	4%
Total	99	100%

Institutions Housing Female Inmates

MCI-Framingham		
	Females	Total
Essex County	72	21%
Middlesex County	65	19%
Plymouth County	55	16%
Suffolk County	54	16%
Norfolk County	31	9%
Bristol County	21	6%
Worcester County	20	6%
Barnstable County	8	2%
Berkshire County	1	<1%
Hampden County	1	<1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Outside MA	11	3%
Total	340	100%

South Middlesex Correctional Center		
	Females	Total
Essex County	43	21%
Plymouth County	33	16%
Middlesex County	32	16%
Suffolk County	24	12%
Norfolk County	17	8%
Bristol County	16	8%
Barnstable County	14	7%
Worcester County	11	5%
Hampden County	5	2%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	7	3%
Total	205	100%

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

County, Federal, Interstate						
	Females	%	Males	%	Total	%
Hampden County	3	43%	77	38%	80	38%
Essex County	0	0%	33	16%	33	16%
Suffolk County	1	14%	28	14%	29	14%
Berkshire County	0	0%	17	8%	17	8%
Bristol County	1	14%	10	5%	11	5%
Middlesex County	1	14%	8	4%	9	4%
Norfolk County	0	0%	7	3%	7	3%
Worcester County	1	14%	6	3%	7	3%
Franklin County	0	0%	4	2%	4	2%
Hampshire County	0	0%	4	2%	4	2%
Plymouth County	0	0%	4	2%	4	2%
Barnstable County	0	0%	3	2%	3	1%
Outside MA	0	0%	3	2%	3	1%
Unknown	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
Total	7	100%	205	100%	212	100%

The tables on pages 12 through 15 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	8	12	20
Bourne	2	0	2
Brewster	0	2	2
Chatham	0	1	1
Dennis	0	4	4
Eastham	0	1	1
Falmouth	3	4	7
Harwich	3	1	4
Mashpee	3	1	4
Yarmouth	3	1	4
Total	22	27	49

Release Address Cities/Towns in Essex County			
	Females	Males	Total
Amesbury	3	0	3
Andover	0	2	2
Beverly	2	3	5
Danvers	1	5	6
Georgetown	3	0	3
Gloucester	3	2	5
Groveland	1	1	2
Haverhill	19	23	42
Ipswich	0	2	2
Lawrence	27	54	81
Lynn	25	51	76
Manchester	0	1	1
Merrimac	2	1	3
Methuen	1	9	10
Middleton	0	2	2
Newbury	0	1	1
Newburyport	2	2	4
North Andover	1	0	1
Peabody	7	10	17
Salem	9	11	20
Salisbury	5	0	5
Saugus	3	13	16
Swampscott	0	6	6
Topsfield	1	0	1
Wenham	0	1	1
Total	115	200	315

Release Address Cities/Towns in Berkshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Adams	1	3	4
Clarksburg	0	1	1
Dalton	0	1	1
Great Barrington	0	1	1
Lee	0	2	2
North Adams	0	6	6
Pittsfield	1	29	30
Total	2	43	45

Release Address Cities/Towns in Bristol County			
	Females	Males	Total
Acushnet	1	2	3
Attleboro	1	10	11
Dartmouth	0	4	4
Easton	0	1	1
Fairhaven	0	1	1
Fall River	7	59	66
Freetown	0	2	2
Mansfield	1	1	2
New Bedford	13	82	95
North Attleboro	0	3	3
Norton	0	7	7
Raynham	2	0	2
Somerset	1	4	5
Swansea	1	2	3
Taunton	11	26	37
Westport	0	2	2
Total	38	206	244

Release Address Cities/Towns in Franklin County			
	Females	Males	Total
Deerfield	0	1	1
Greenfield	1	6	7
Montague	0	1	1
Northfield	0	3	3
Orange	0	1	1
Shutesbury	0	1	1
Wendell	0	1	1
Total	1	14	15

Release Address cities/Towns in Hampden County			
	Females	Males	Total
Agawam	0	3	3
Chicopee	1	18	19
Granville	0	1	1
Holyoke	2	51	53
Longmeadow	0	1	1
Ludlow	0	5	5
Monson	0	1	1
Palmer	0	3	3
Southwick	1	1	2
Springfield	5	159	164
West Springfield	0	6	6
Westfield	0	5	5
Wilbraham	0	1	1
Total	9	255	264

Release Address Cities/Towns in Hampshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Amherst	0	1	1
Belchertown	0	2	2
Easthampton	1	2	3
Granby	0	4	4
Northampton	1	9	10
South Hadley	0	1	1
Ware	0	4	4
Total	2	23	25

Release Address Cities/Towns in Middlesex County			
	Females	Males	Total
Acton	0	1	1
Arlington	0	7	7
Ashby	0	1	1
Ashland	10	0	10
Ayer	1	0	1
Bedford	0	2	2
Belmont	0	2	2
Billerica	5	8	13
Burlington	0	1	1
Cambridge	5	13	18
Chelmsford	2	1	3
Dracut	2	1	3
Everett	2	19	21
Framingham	11	4	15
Hopkinton	10	0	10
Hudson	0	2	2
Lexington	0	1	1
Lowell	20	38	58
Malden	4	12	16
Marlborough	1	1	2
Maynard	0	1	1
Medford	2	9	11
Melrose	0	4	4
Natick	0	1	1
Newton	0	2	2
North Reading	0	1	1
Pepperell	0	4	4
Reading	0	2	2
Sherborn	0	1	1
Somerville	6	10	16
Stoneham	3	5	8
Stow	1	1	2
Sudbury	1	0	1
Tewksbury	3	3	6
Tyngsborough	0	2	2
Wakefield	2	5	7
Waltham	3	2	5
Wayland	0	1	1
Westford	1	0	1
Wilmington	2	2	4
Woburn	1	1	2
Total	98	171	269

Release Address Cities/Towns in Norfolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Avon	1	1	2
Bellingham	0	1	1
Braintree	1	0	1
Brookline	0	4	4
Canton	3	2	5
Dedham	2	3	5
Foxborough	1	2	3
Franklin	2	1	3
Holbrook	0	2	2
Medway	1	0	1
Millis	2	1	3
Milton	3	1	4
Needham	0	2	2
Norfolk	0	62	62
Norwood	1	2	3
Plainville	2	0	2
Quincy	17	28	45
Randolph	0	16	16
Sharon	2	2	4
Stoughton	2	7	9
Walpole	0	2	2
Westwood	1	0	1
Weymouth	6	12	18
Wrentham	1	0	1
Total	48	151	199

Release Address Cities/Towns in Plymouth County			
	Females	Males	Total
Bridgewater	6	4	10
Brockton	17	53	70
Carver	1	2	3
East Bridgewater	5	1	6
Halifax	2	0	2
Hanover	2	2	4
Hanson	3	1	4
Hingham	1	1	2
Hull	2	1	3
Kingston	1	0	1
Lakeville	0	1	1
Marshfield	7	1	8
Middleborough	3	5	8
Norwell	1	0	1
Pembroke	1	2	3
Plymouth	19	4	23
Plympton	0	1	1
Rockland	3	2	5
Scituate	1	1	2
Wareham	12	7	19
Whitman	1	2	3
Total	88	91	179

Release Address Cities/Towns in Suffolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Boston	65	453	518
Chelsea	0	19	19
Revere	11	12	23
Winthrop	3	8	11
Total	79	492	571

Release Address Cities/Towns in Worcester County			
	Females	Males	Total
Ashburnham	0	1	1
Athol	2	4	6
Auburn	0	1	1
Berlin	0	2	2
Blackstone	0	1	1
Charlton	0	2	2
Clinton	0	2	2
Douglas	0	1	1
Dudley	0	2	2
Fitchburg	6	23	29
Gardner	0	9	9
Grafton	0	2	2
Holden	1	0	1
Leicester	0	1	1
Leominster	1	12	13
Lunenburg	0	1	1
Milford	2	1	3
Millbury	3	1	4
Northborough	1	0	1
Northbridge	1	2	3
Oxford	0	1	1
Shrewsbury	0	2	2
Southbridge	0	5	5
Spencer	0	3	3
Sturbridge	0	2	2
Sutton	0	1	1
Templeton	0	2	2
Uxbridge	0	2	2
Webster	1	7	8
Westborough	4	4	8
Westminster	0	3	3
Winchendon	1	3	4
Worcester	9	142	151
Total	32	245	277

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