

Communities Inmates Released to in 2016

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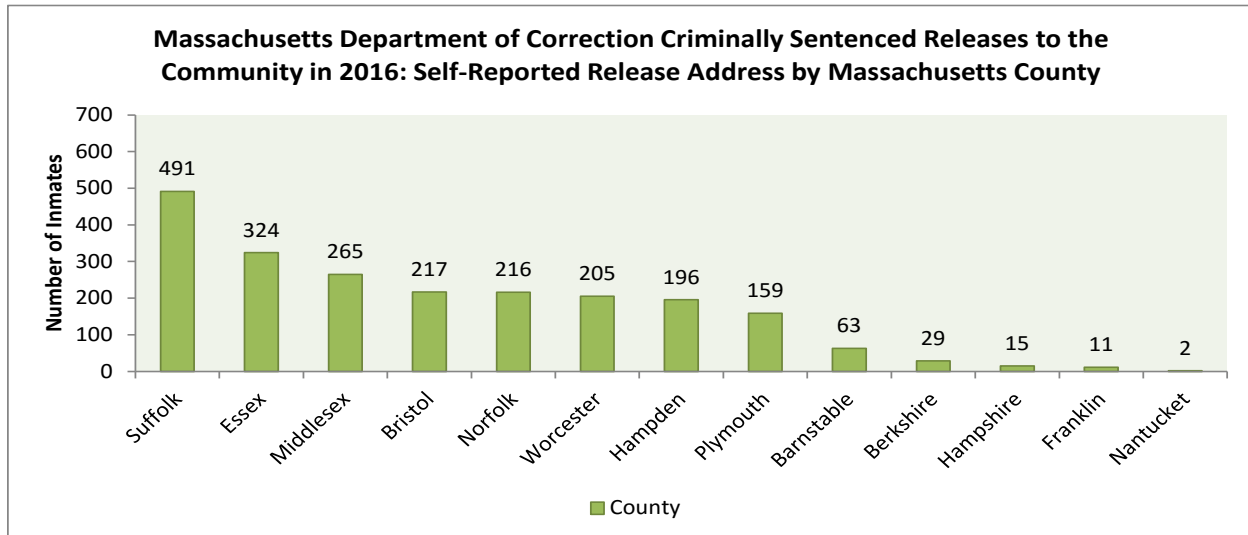
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The population covered in this report, termed 'release to the community population', includes any criminally sentenced inmate released to the community from a Massachusetts Department of Correction (MA DOC) facility as well as DOC inmates released 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 2016 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 135 inmates including 131 releasing to communities outside of Massachusetts and 4 unreported

During calendar year 2016, there were 2,328 releases to the community, which was a decrease of 252 releases (10%) from 2015. Males in particular saw an 11% decrease from the previous year in number of releases (n = 223) driven by a decrease in paroles to the community. Female releases also experienced a 5% decrease from 552 in 2015 to 523 in 2016 (n = 29), largely as a result of a decrease in females being released via 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. If a release address is not reported by the inmate, their last known address was used.

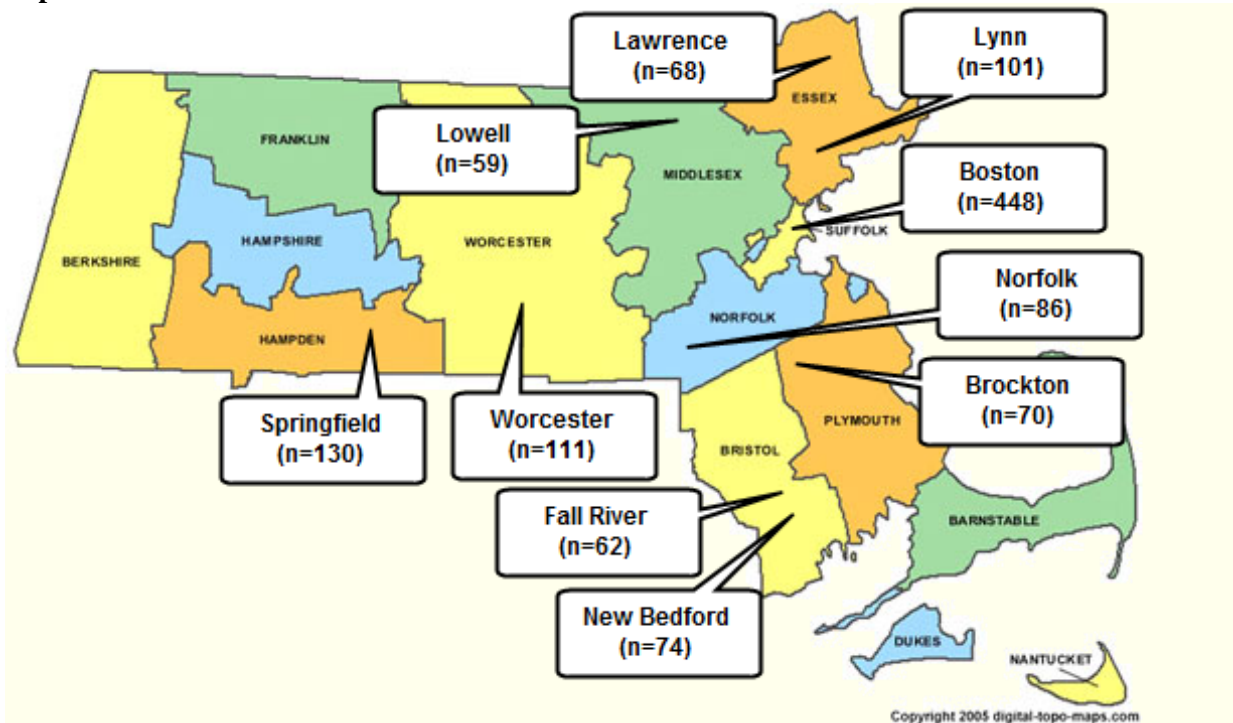
Table 1

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2016: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns)		
City	Total	%
1. Boston	448	19%
2. Springfield	130	6%
3. Worcester	111	5%
4. Lynn	101	4%
5. Norfolk	86	4%
6. New Bedford	74	3%
7. Brockton	70	3%
8. Lawrence	68	3%
9. Fall River	62	3%
10. Lowell	59	3%
Sub-Total	1,209	52%
Other MA Cities/Towns	984	42%
Outside MA	131	6%
Unknown	4	<1%
Total	2,328	100%

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

- The majority (52%) of the releases during 2016 had a reported release address in one of the top ten cities/towns listed in Table 1.
- Mirroring 2015, the release address with the highest number of releases reported was to the various communities in the city of Boston (19%) followed by Springfield (6%) and Worcester (5%).
- Despite change in rankings, the top 10 cities/towns remained the same from the previous year. It is important to note that Norfolk is in the top 10 due to the Transitional Treatment Program (TTP) within Pondville Correctional Center where numerous male inmates are housed temporarily upon being granted parole.

Map 1



**Massachusetts Department of Correction
Releases to the Community in 2016:
Top Ten Release Address Cities**

Table 2

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community 2016: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Males		
	Male	%
1. Boston	397	22%
2. Springfield	123	7%
3. Worcester	100	6%
4. Norfolk	86	5%
5. New Bedford	61	3%
6. Lynn	59	3%
7. Brockton	55	3%
8. Lawrence	52	3%
9. Fall River	50	3%
10. Lowell	42	2%
Sub-Total	1,025	57%
Other MA Cities/Towns	663	37%
Outside MA	114	6%
Unknown	3	<1%
Total	1,805	100%

- In contrast, the majority of females (58%) reported a Massachusetts release address outside one of the top ten cities/towns, while (38%) reported a release address in the top ten.
- Due to the higher volume of male inmates being paroled to the TTP, Norfolk for the second year in a row is listed in the top 10 release cities for males.
- Female releases by community are also somewhat skewed, due to the fact that not all counties house females.³

- Boston was the top city reported by both male (22%) and female (10%) inmates as their release address. The second most commonly reported city for males was Springfield (7%), followed by Worcester (6%) and Norfolk (5%).
- Similar to 2015, 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 Lynn (8%), followed by Lowell (3%) and Lawrence (3%).

Table 3

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2016: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Females		
	Female	%
1. Boston	51	10%
2. Lynn	42	8%
3. Lowell	17	3%
4. Lawrence	16	3%
5. Brockton	15	3%
6. New Bedford	13	2%
7. Quincy	13	2%
8. Fall River	12	2%
9. Haverhill	11	2%
10. Worcester	11	2%
Sub-Total	201	38%
Other MA Cities/Towns	304	58%
Outside MA	17	3%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	523	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 2016: Release Address by Massachusetts Counties (Self-Reported)			
	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents*
Suffolk County	491	21%	63
Essex County	324	14%	42
Middlesex County	265	11%	17
Bristol County	217	9%	39
Norfolk County	216	9%	31
Worcester County	205	9%	25
Hampden County	196	8%	42
Plymouth County	159	7%	31
Barnstable County	63	3%	29
Berkshire County	29	1%	23
Hampshire County	15	1%	9
Franklin County	11	<1%	16
Nantucket County	2	<1%	18
Outside MA	131	6%	N/A
Unknown	4	<1%	N/A
Total	2,328	100%	32

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 county population count

Twenty-one 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 (14%) followed by Middlesex 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 63 followed by Essex and Hampden Counties, each with 42. Although 11% of releases reported an address in Middlesex County (third highest), the significantly higher density of residents compared to other Counties made it so that it had the third lowest concentration of releases with 17.

Map 2

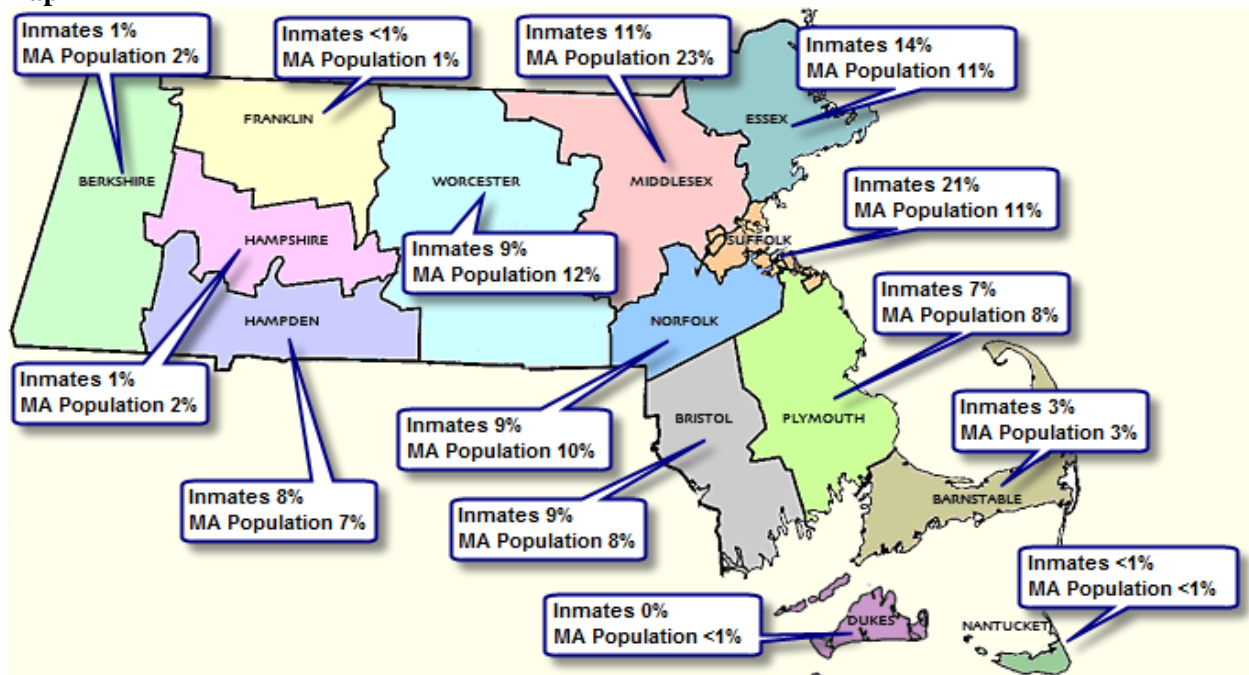


Table 5

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community 2016: Release Address by Massachusetts County for Males		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	432	24%
Essex County	198	11%
Hampden County	186	10%
Middlesex County	176	10%
Worcester County	175	10%
Bristol County	173	10%
Norfolk County	158	9%
Plymouth County	100	6%
Barnstable County	38	2%
Berkshire County	28	2%
Hampshire County	12	1%
Franklin County	10	1%
Nantucket County	2	<1%
Outside MA	114	6%
Unknown	3	<1%
Total	1,805	100%

- The greatest percentage of males were released to Suffolk County (24%), followed by Essex County (11%) and Hampden County (10%).
- The top Massachusetts County reported for male releases mirrors the top reported for those released to the community in 2015 (Suffolk County). Worcester County, the fifth highest in 2016, was the third highest in the previous year due a nearly 30% decrease in releases.
- No male releases reported a release address in Dukes County in 2016.

- The greatest percentage of females were released to Essex County (24%), followed by Middlesex County (17%) and Plymouth and Suffolk Counties (11% each).
- Though the list of top releases addresses by Massachusetts County remained almost identical with the top Counties reported in 2015 for females, there was some variation for the proportion of releases to each County. The top four release Counties accounted for 64% of releases to the community in 2016, whereas they accounted for 69% of releases in 2015.
- No female releases reported a release address in Dukes or Nantucket Counties in 2016.

Table 6

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2016: Release Address by Massachusetts County for Females		
	Female	%
Essex County	126	24%
Middlesex County	89	17%
Plymouth County	59	11%
Suffolk County	59	11%
Norfolk County	58	11%
Bristol County	44	8%
Worcester County	30	6%
Barnstable County	25	5%
Hampden County	10	2%
Hampshire County	3	1%
Berkshire County	1	<1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	17	3%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	523	100%

Table 7

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2016: Locations Outside Massachusetts			
	Female	Male	Total
New Hampshire	8	17	25
Rhode Island	3	19	22
New York	2	16	18
Florida	0	17	17
Connecticut	0	10	10
California	0	5	5
Maine	1	3	4
Pennsylvania	0	4	4
Puerto Rico	0	4	4
North Carolina	0	3	3
Vermont	1	2	3
Maryland	0	2	2
Mississippi	0	2	2
South Carolina	1	1	2
Alabama	0	1	1
Arizona	0	1	1
Georgia	1	0	1
Iowa	0	1	1
Illinois	0	1	1
New Jersey	0	1	1
Nevada	0	1	1
Ohio	0	1	1
Texas	0	1	1
Virginia	0	1	1
Total	17	114	131

Of the 2,328 inmates released to the community, 131 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. Sixty percent of the inmates reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported releasing to a New England state (n = 61) or New York (n = 18) which accounted for the majority of releases outside of Massachusetts for 2016. The proportion of inmates being released to a New England state or New York decreased from 64% to 60% when compared to the previous release year.

Appendix

The tables on pages 8 through 10 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

Boston Pre-Release Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	47	39%
Middlesex County	17	14%
Essex County	14	12%
Bristol County	9	7%
Plymouth County	8	7%
Norfolk County	7	6%
Worcester County	7	6%
Hampden County	3	3%
Outside MA	9	7%
Total	121	100%

Massachusetts Treatment Center		
	Males	Total
Essex County	11	20%
Suffolk County	9	17%
Worcester County	7	13%
Hampden County	6	11%
Middlesex County	5	9%
Bristol County	4	7%
Norfolk County	3	6%
Plymouth County	3	6%
Barnstable County	1	2%
Berkshire County	1	2%
Franklin County	1	2%
Outside MA	3	6%
Total	54	100%

Bridgewater State Hospital		
	Males	Total
Norfolk County	1	33%
Plymouth County	1	33%
Worcester County	1	33%
Total	3	100%

MCI-Cedar Junction		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	33	24%
Bristol County	25	18%
Norfolk County	17	12%
Essex County	14	10%
Worcester County	11	8%
Hampden County	9	7%
Middlesex County	7	5%
Plymouth County	6	4%
Berkshire County	5	4%
Barnstable County	3	2%
Outside MA	7	5%
Total	137	100%

Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center		
	Males	Total
Bristol County	3	20%
Norfolk County	3	20%
Suffolk County	3	20%
Essex County	2	13%
Middlesex County	2	13%
Berkshire County	1	7%
Plymouth County	1	7%
Total	15	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates – Continued

MCI-Concord		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	35	25%
Hampden County	15	11%
Norfolk County	15	11%
Essex County	12	9%
Middlesex County	12	9%
Bristol County	9	6%
Plymouth County	9	6%
Worcester County	8	6%
Barnstable County	4	3%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Franklin County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Nantucket County	1	1%
Outside MA	17	12%
Total	142	100%

MCI-Plymouth		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	18	32%
Bristol County	12	21%
Plymouth County	7	13%
Essex County	5	9%
Middlesex County	4	7%
Barnstable County	2	4%
Norfolk County	2	4%
Berkshire County	1	2%
Franklin County	1	2%
Hampden County	1	2%
Nantucket County	1	2%
Worcester County	1	2%
Outside MA	1	2%
Total	56	100%

MCI-Norfolk		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	44	29%
Bristol County	20	13%
Plymouth County	15	10%
Worcester County	15	10%
Middlesex County	14	9%
Essex County	12	8%
Norfolk County	12	8%
Hampden County	5	3%
Barnstable County	4	3%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Total	150	100%

MCI-Shirley		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	54	22%
Norfolk County	34	14%
Essex County	30	12%
Hampden County	28	11%
Worcester County	26	10%
Middlesex County	24	10%
Bristol County	23	9%
Plymouth County	12	5%
Barnstable County	6	2%
Berkshire County	3	1%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	8	3%
Total	251	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates – Continued

NCCI-Gardner		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	22	18%
Worcester County	19	16%
Hampden County	15	12%
Essex County	13	11%
Middlesex County	12	10%
Bristol County	10	8%
Plymouth County	6	5%
Norfolk County	4	3%
Franklin County	2	2%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	16	13%
Total	122	100%

Pondville Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	24	25%
Norfolk County	12	13%
Middlesex County	10	10%
Bristol County	9	9%
Hampden County	8	8%
Worcester County	7	7%
Essex County	4	4%
Plymouth County	4	4%
Barnstable County	2	2%
Berkshire County	2	2%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	13	14%
Total	96	100%

Northeastern Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Hampden County	25	18%
Suffolk County	24	17%
Worcester County	23	17%
Middlesex County	22	16%
Essex County	20	14%
Norfolk County	11	8%
Bristol County	4	3%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Plymouth County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Total	139	100%

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	42	26%
Middlesex County	23	14%
Hampden County	18	11%
Essex County	17	10%
Worcester County	17	10%
Bristol County	12	7%
Norfolk County	11	7%
Barnstable County	6	4%
Plymouth County	6	4%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	10	6%
Total	164	100%

Old Colony Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	49	26%
Bristol County	27	14%
Norfolk County	20	11%
Worcester County	16	9%
Middlesex County	14	8%
Essex County	13	7%
Hampden County	12	6%
Plymouth County	11	6%
Barnstable County	7	4%
Franklin County	3	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	12	6%
Total	187	100%

Institutions Housing Female Inmates

MCI-Framingham		
	Females	Total
Essex County	79	27%
Middlesex County	51	17%
Norfolk County	35	12%
Suffolk County	32	11%
Plymouth County	31	11%
Bristol County	21	7%
Worcester County	20	7%
Barnstable County	12	4%
Hampden County	3	1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Outside MA	8	3%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	295	100%

South Middlesex Correctional Center		
	Females	Total
Essex County	47	22%
Middlesex County	38	18%
Plymouth County	28	13%
Suffolk County	24	11%
Bristol County	22	10%
Norfolk County	21	10%
Barnstable County	13	6%
Worcester County	7	3%
Hampden County	2	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	9	4%
Total	212	100%

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

County, Federal, Interstate						
	Females	%	Males	%	Total	%
Hampden County	5	31%	41	25%	46	25%
Essex County	0	0%	31	19%	31	17%
Suffolk County	3	19%	27	16%	30	16%
Worcester County	3	19%	17	10%	20	11%
Middlesex County	0	0%	10	6%	10	5%
Plymouth County	0	0%	10	6%	10	5%
Norfolk County	2	13%	6	4%	8	4%
Bristol County	1	6%	6	4%	7	4%
Berkshire County	1	6%	4	2%	5	3%
Hampshire County	1	6%	4	2%	5	3%
Barnstable County	0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
Franklin County	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
Outside MA	0	0%	5	3%	5	3%
Unknown	0	0%	3	2%	3	2%
Total	16	100%	167	100%	183	100%

The tables on pages 12 through 15 show the self-reported release address by city/town in each Massachusetts 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	5	19	24
Bourne	7	3	10
Brewster	0	1	1
Eastham	1	0	1
Falmouth	7	4	11
Harwich	1	2	3
Mashpee	0	2	2
Orleans	1	0	1
Sandwich	0	2	2
Wellfleet	1	0	1
Yarmouth	2	5	7
Total	25	38	63

Release Address Cities/Towns in Berkshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Adams	0	1	1
Clarksburg	0	1	1
Dalton	0	1	1
Lanesborough	0	1	1
Lee	0	1	1
North Adams	1	1	2
Pittsfield	0	22	22
Total	1	28	29

Release Address Cities/Towns in Bristol County			
	Females	Males	Total
Acushnet	0	3	3
Attleboro	0	3	3
Berkley	0	1	1
Dartmouth	1	2	3
Dighton	0	1	1
Easton	2	1	3
Fairhaven	0	4	4
Fall River	12	50	62
Freetown	1	2	3
Mansfield	2	3	5
New Bedford	13	61	74
North Attleboro	2	3	5
Norton	1	6	7
Raynham	1	1	2
Somerset	0	5	5
Swansea	0	3	3
Taunton	8	24	32
Westport	1	0	1
Total	44	173	217

Release Address Cities/Towns in Essex County			
	Females	Males	Total
Amesbury	6	1	7
Andover	1	1	2
Beverly	7	6	13
Danvers	5	1	6
Georgetown	0	1	1
Gloucester	3	4	7
Groveland	0	1	1
Haverhill	11	26	37
Ipswich	1	1	2
Lawrence	16	52	68
Lynn	42	59	101
Lynnfield	1	0	1
Marblehead	4	0	4
Methuen	6	8	14
Middleton	1	0	1
Peabody	2	7	9
Rockport	0	1	1
Rowley	2	0	2
Salem	6	12	18
Salsbury	5	0	5
Saugus	7	13	20
Swampscott	0	4	4
Total	126	198	324

Release Address Cities/Towns in Franklin County			
	Females	Males	Total
Deerfield	0	1	1
Greenfield	1	4	5
Montague	0	4	4
Northfield	0	1	1
Total	1	10	11

Release Address cities/Towns in Hampden County			
	Females	Males	Total
Agawam	0	3	3
Chicopee	1	11	12
Holyoke	2	37	39
Ludlow	0	4	4
Springfield	7	123	130
West Springfield	0	3	3
Westfield	0	4	4
Wilbraham	0	1	1
Total	10	186	196

Release Address Cities/Towns in Hampshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Amherst	0	1	1
Belchertown	1	0	1
Easthampton	0	2	2
Northampton	1	7	8
South Hadley	1	1	2
Ware	0	1	1
Total	3	12	15

Release Address Cities/Towns in Middlesex County			
	Females	Males	Total
Arlington	0	2	2
Ashby	1	1	2
Ashland	8	0	8
Ayer	2	2	4
Bedford	0	3	3
Belmont	1	2	3
Billerica	4	7	11
Burlington	1	1	2
Cambridge	1	12	13
Chelmsford	1	2	3
Dracut	1	3	4
Everett	4	21	25
Framingham	4	7	11
Hopkinton	8	2	10
Hudson	0	3	3
Lowell	17	42	59
Malden	2	9	11
Marlborough	0	3	3
Maynard	2	2	4
Medford	4	9	13
Melrose	0	4	4
Natick	1	1	2
Newton	1	3	4
North Reading	0	3	3
Pepperell	0	1	1
Reading	1	2	3
Shirley	0	1	1
Somerville	3	9	12
Stoneham	2	0	2
Stow	1	0	1
Sudbury	1	0	1
Tewksbury	1	3	4
Townsend	1	3	4
Tyngsborough	1	1	2
Wakefield	2	1	3
Waltham	5	3	8
Watertown	3	3	6
Wayland	1	0	1
Wilmington	1	0	1
Winchester	1	0	1
Woburn	2	5	7
Total	89	176	265

Release Address Cities/Towns in Nantucket County			
	Females	Males	Total
Nantucket	0	2	2
Total	0	2	2

Release Address Cities/Towns in Norfolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Avon	1	1	2
Braintree	2	3	5
Brookline	0	1	1
Canton	3	2	5
Cohasset	1	0	1
Dedham	2	2	4
Foxborough	1	2	3
Franklin	2	0	2
Holbrook	4	3	7
Medfield	1	0	1
Medway	1	1	2
Millis	3	0	3
Milton	1	1	2
Needham	0	1	1
Norfolk	0	86	86
Norwood	5	1	6
Plainville	0	2	2
Quincy	13	16	29
Randolph	5	17	22
Sharon	1	0	1
Stoughton	2	4	6
Walpole	1	6	7
Westwood	0	1	1
Weymouth	9	8	17
Total	58	158	216

Release Address Cities/Towns in Plymouth County			
	Females	Males	Total
Abington	3	1	4
Bridgewater	2	1	3
Brockton	15	55	70
Carver	3	2	5
East Bridgewater	2	3	5
Halifax	1	0	1
Hanson	3	1	4
Hingham	0	1	1
Hull	2	2	4
Kingston	3	0	3
Lakeville	1	0	1
Marshfield	3	1	4
Middleborough	4	5	9
Norwell	0	1	1
Pembroke	2	0	2
Plymouth	8	8	16
Plympton	0	2	2
Rockland	3	3	6
Scituate	1	0	1
Wareham	3	12	15
West Bridgewater	0	1	1
Whitman	0	1	1
Total	59	100	159

Release Address Cities/Towns in Suffolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Boston	51	397	448
Chelsea	1	14	15
Revere	5	14	19
Winthrop	2	7	9
Total	59	432	491

Release Address Cities/Towns in Worcester County			
	Females	Males	Total
Athol	0	4	4
Auburn	0	1	1
Blackstone	0	1	1
Boylston	0	1	1
Brookfield	0	2	2
Charlton	0	2	2
Clinton	1	0	1
Dudley	0	1	1
East Brookfield	0	2	2
Fitchburg	3	17	20
Gardner	0	1	1
Grafton	0	2	2
Holden	0	1	1
Leicester	1	0	1
Leominster	1	10	11
Lunenburg	0	2	2
Milford	1	2	3
Millbury	5	2	7
Millville	0	1	1
Northborough	1	0	1
Northbridge	1	2	3
Oakham	0	1	1
Oxford	1	0	1
Rutland	0	1	1
Southbridge	0	5	5
Spencer	1	4	5
Uxbridge	0	1	1
Webster	0	2	2
Westborough	2	2	4
Westminster	0	2	2
Winchendon	1	3	4
Worcester	11	100	111
Total	30	175	205

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