

Communities Incarcerated Individual Released to in 2018

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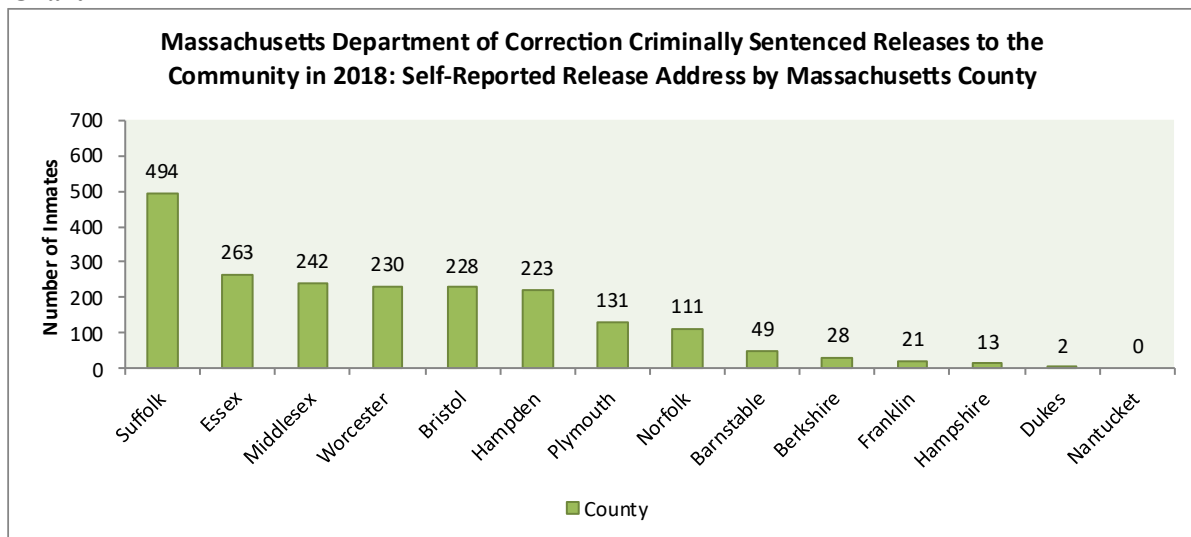
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The population covered in this report, termed ‘release to the community population’, includes any criminally sentenced incarcerated individual released to the community from a Massachusetts Department of Correction (MA DOC) facility as well as DOC incarcerated individual released from other correctional facilities (jurisdiction). Under this definition, DOC incarcerated individual released from Massachusetts’ Houses of Correction, other states’ correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2018 are included in the population. The population described in this report includes criminally sentenced incarcerated individual released via expiration of sentence, parole to the street, releases from parole detainers, court releases and payments/expiration of fine.

Introduction

Incarcerated individuals (I.I.) 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 I.I. 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 I.I. including 129 released to communities outside of Massachusetts and 1 unreported

During calendar year 2018, there were 2,165 releases to the community, which was a decrease of 16 releases (7%) from 2017. Males saw a 3% increase from the previous year in number of releases (n = 43) driven by an increase in paroles to the community. Female releases experienced a 13% decrease from 472 in 2017 to 413 in 2018 (n = 59), largely as a result of a decrease in females being released via expiration of sentence.

Table 1

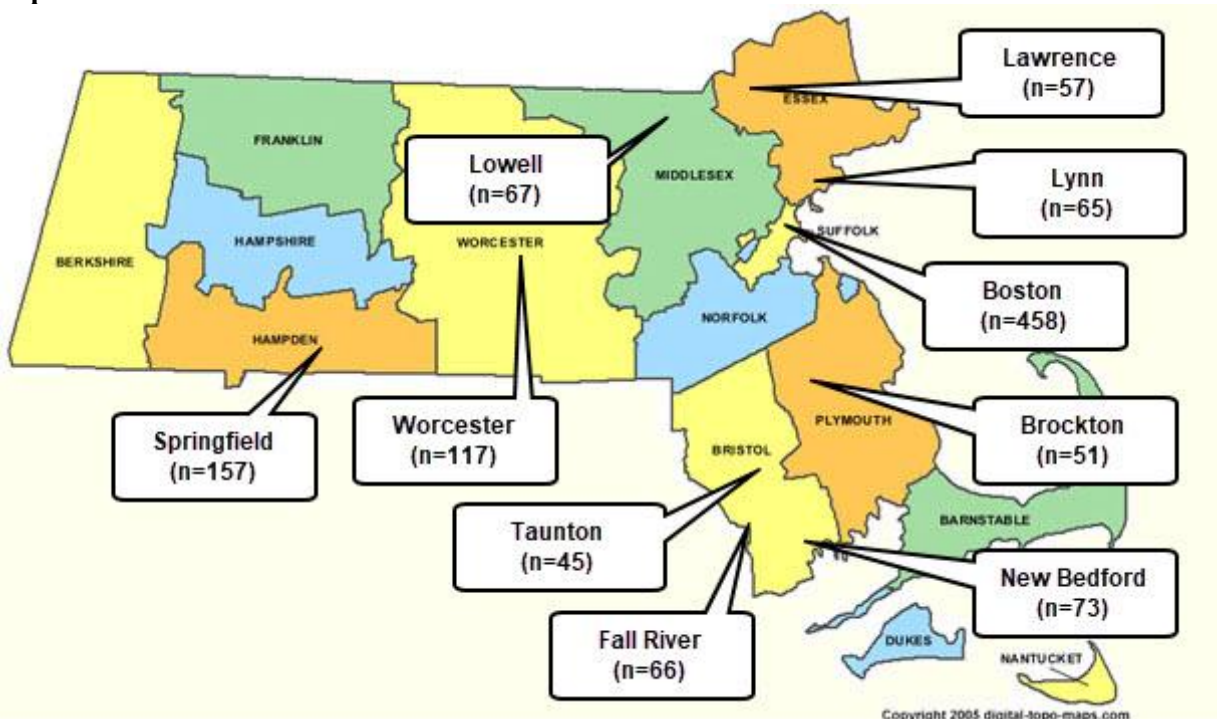
¹ Information regarding release address is self-reported by I.I. prior to their release. It is likely that some release addresses reflect temporary and residential treatment locales, and not necessarily long term residences in the community. If a release address is not reported by the I.I., their last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

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2018: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns)		
City	Total	%
1. Boston	458	21%
2. Springfield	157	7%
3. Worcester	117	5%
4. New Bedford	73	3%
5. Lowell	67	3%
6. Fall River	66	3%
7. Lynn	65	3%
8. Lawrence	57	3%
9. Brockton	51	2%
10. Taunton	45	2%
Sub-Total	1,156	53%
Other MA Cities/Towns	879	41%
Outside MA	129	6%
Unknown	1	0%
Total	2,165	100%

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

- The majority (53%) of the releases during 2018 had a reported release address in one of the top ten cities/towns listed in Table 1.
- Mirroring 2017, the release address with the highest number of releases reported was to the various communities in the city of Boston (21%) followed by Springfield (7%) and Worcester (5%).
- Despite change in rankings, the top 10 cities/towns remained the same from the previous year.

Map 1



**Massachusetts Department of Correction
Releases to the Community in 2018:
Top Ten Release Address Cities**

Table 2

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community 2018: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Males		
	Male	%
1. Boston	415	24%
2. Springfield	153	9%
3. Worcester	106	6%
4. New Bedford	61	3%
5. Fall River	59	3%
6. Lowell	55	3%
7. Lynn	46	3%
8. Brockton	40	2%
9. Lawrence	39	2%
10. Taunton	34	2%
Sub-Total	1008	58%
Other MA Cities/Towns	634	36%
Outside MA	110	6%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	1,752	100%

- In contrast, most females (55%) reported a Massachusetts release address outside one of the top ten cities/towns, while (40%) reported a release address in the top ten.
- The distribution of female releases by community may be uneven, as female incarcerated individuals are not housed in every county across the state.³

- Boston was the top city reported by both male (24%) and female (10%) inmates as their release address. The second most reported city for males was Springfield (9%), followed by Worcester (6%) and New Bedford (3%).
- Similar to 2017, most of the male releases (58%) reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns.
- Females differed from the males where the second most reported release address was Lynn (5%), followed by Lawrence (4%) and Plymouth (3%).

Table 3

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2018: Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns) for Females		
	Female	%
1. Boston	43	10%
2. Lynn	19	5%
3. Lawrence	18	4%
4. Plymouth	14	3%
5. Haverhill	13	3%
6. New Bedford	12	3%
7. Lowell	12	3%
8. Brockton	11	3%
9. Taunton	11	3%
10. Worcester	11	3%
Sub-Total	164	40%
Other MA Cities/Towns	229	55%
Outside MA	19	5%
Unknown	1	0%
Total	413	100%

³ Not all Massachusetts counties house their female I.I. 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 2018: Release Address by Massachusetts Counties (Self-Reported)			
	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents*
Suffolk County	494	23%	64
Essex County	263	12%	33
Middlesex County	242	11%	15
Worcester County	230	11%	27
Bristol County	228	11%	39
Hampden County	223	10%	36
Plymouth County	131	6%	25
Norfolk County	111	5%	15
Barnstable County	49	2%	21
Berkshire County	28	1%	22
Franklin County	21	1%	30
Hampshire County	13	1%	8
Dukes County	2	<1%	10
Outside MA	129	6%	N/A
Unknown	1	<1%	N/A
Total	2,165	100%	31

* Source: U.S. UMass Donahue Institute. U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, March 30, 2022.

Twenty-Three 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 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 64 followed by Bristol and Hampden Counties, each with 39 and 36 respectively. Although 11% of releases reported addresses in Middlesex County (second highest), the significantly higher density of residents compared to other Counties made it so that it had the third lowest concentration of releases with 15 per 100,000 residents.

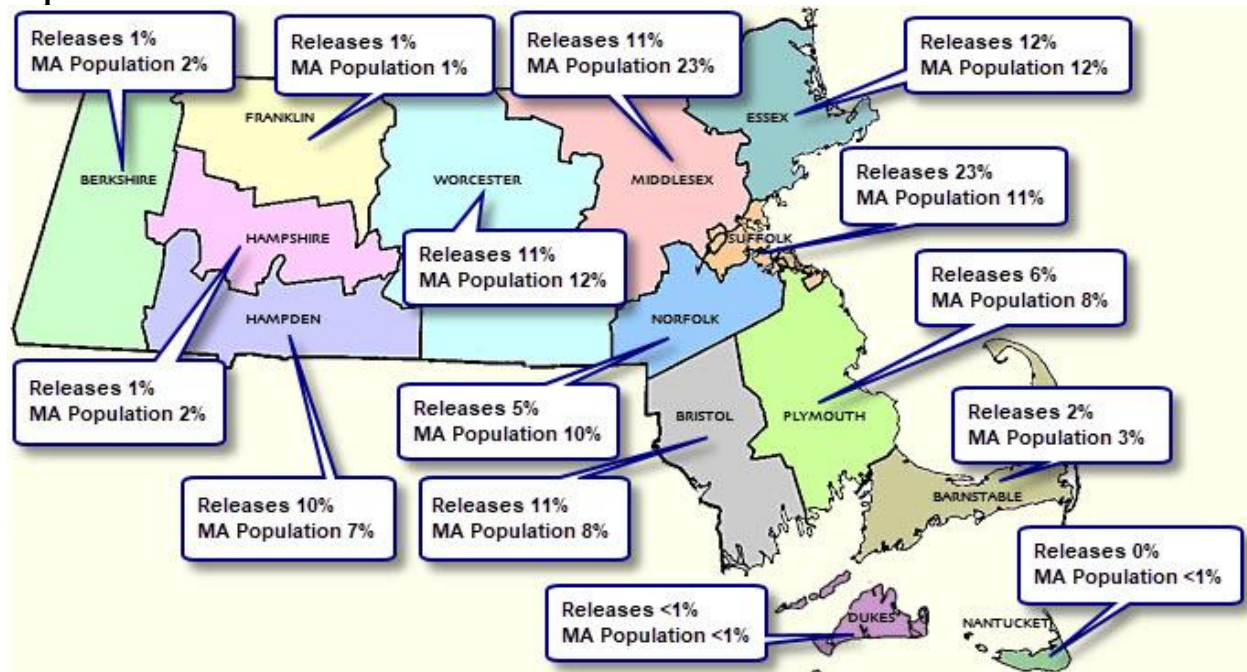
Map 2

Table 5

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community 2018: Release Address by Massachusetts County for Males		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	449	26%
Hampden County	217	12%
Worcester County	208	12%
Bristol County	191	11%
Middlesex County	171	10%
Essex County	166	9%
Plymouth County	77	4%
Norfolk County	68	4%
Barnstable County	34	2%
Berkshire County	27	2%
Franklin County	21	1%
Hampshire County	11	1%
Dukes County	2	<1%
Outside MA	110	6%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	1,752	100%

- The greatest percentage of males were released to Suffolk County (26%), followed by Hampden County (12%) and Worcester County (12%).
 - Suffolk County was the top Massachusetts county reported for male releases in 2018, mirroring the top county for community releases in 2017. Worcester County ranked third in 2018.
 - No male releases reported a release address in Nantucket County in 2018.
- The greatest percentage of females were released to Essex County (23%), followed by Middlesex County (17%) and Plymouth County (13%).
 - Though the list of top releases addresses by Massachusetts County remained almost identical with the top counties reported in 2017 for females, there was some variation for the proportion of releases to each county. The top four release counties accounted for 65% of releases to the community in 2018, with no change from 2017.
 - No female releases reported a release address in Dukes and Nantucket Counties in 2018.

Table 6

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2018: Release Address by Massachusetts County for Females		
	Female	%
Essex County	97	23%
Middlesex County	71	17%
Plymouth County	54	13%
Suffolk County	45	11%
Norfolk County	43	10%
Bristol County	37	9%
Worcester County	22	5%
Barnstable County	15	4%
Hampden County	6	1%
Hampshire County	2	<1%
Berkshire County	1	<1%
Outside MA	19	5%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	413	100%

Table 7

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Community in 2018: Locations Outside Massachusetts			
	Female	Male	Total
Florida	1	20	21
New Hampshire	10	10	20
New York	1	17	18
Rhode Island	3	14	17
Georgia	1	9	10
Connecticut	0	7	7
Maine	1	5	6
Vermont	0	5	5
North Carolina	0	4	4
Maryland	0	3	3
Arizona	0	3	3
New Jersey	0	2	2
Puerto Rico	0	2	2
South Carolina	0	2	2
Arkansas	0	1	1
Missouri	0	1	1
California	1	0	1
Tennessee	0	1	1
Nevada	0	1	1
Texas	0	1	1
Colorado	0	1	1
Alabama	1	0	1
Pennsylvania	0	1	1
Total	19	110	129

Of the 2,165 I.I. released to the community, 129 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. Fifty-One percent of the I.I. reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported releases to a New England state (n = 55) or New York (n = 11) which accounted for most releases outside of Massachusetts for 2018. The proportion of I.I. being released to a New England state or New York decreased from 64% to 51% when compared to the previous release year.

Appendix

The tables on pages 8 through 10 show the self-reported release address by county of I.I. separated by the institution they were released from. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Institutions Housing Male Incarcerated Individual

Boston Pre-Release Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	30	33%
Essex County	11	12%
Bristol County	10	11%
Norfolk County	7	8%
Middlesex County	7	8%
Hampden County	5	5%
Worcester County	4	4%
Barnstable County	3	3%
Plymouth County	3	3%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	10	11%
Grand Total	92	100%

Massachusetts Treatment Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	66	38%
Bristol County	23	13%
Worcester County	19	11%
Middlesex County	16	9%
Hampden County	14	8%
Essex County	11	6%
Norfolk County	9	5%
Berkshire County	4	2%
Plymouth County	4	2%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	3%
Grand Total	174	100%

MASAC at Plymouth		
	Males	Total
Middlesex County	3	38%
Suffolk County	1	13%
Barnstable County	1	13%
Worcester County	1	13%
Bristol County	1	13%
Hampden County	1	13%
Grand Total	8	100%

MCI-Cedar Junction		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	66	38%
Bristol County	23	13%
Worcester County	19	11%
Middlesex County	16	9%
Hampden County	14	8%
Essex County	11	6%
Norfolk County	9	5%
Berkshire County	4	2%
Plymouth County	4	2%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	3%
Grand Total	174	100%

Institutions Housing Male Incarcerated Individual – Continued

MCI-Concord		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	58	37%
Bristol County	18	12%
Essex County	18	12%
Middlesex County	15	10%
Worcester County	14	9%
Hampden County	14	9%
Plymouth County	5	3%
Barnstable County	3	2%
Norfolk County	3	2%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Grand Total	155	100%

MCI-Shirley		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	92	29%
Worcester County	38	12%
Bristol County	36	11%
Hampden County	36	11%
Middlesex County	30	10%
Essex County	29	9%
Plymouth County	20	6%
Barnstable County	6	2%
Norfolk County	6	2%
Berkshire County	5	2%
Outside MA	17	5%
Grand Total	315	100%

MCI-Norfolk		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	40	26%
Middlesex County	19	13%
Worcester County	17	11%
Essex County	13	9%
Hampden County	13	9%
Bristol County	12	8%
Norfolk County	9	6%
Plymouth County	6	4%
Barnstable County	5	3%
Hampshire County	3	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Outside MA	12	8%
Grand Total	151	100%

NCCI-Gardner		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	15	18%
Hampden County	11	13%
Bristol County	10	12%
Worcester County	8	10%
Essex County	8	10%
Middlesex County	7	8%
Franklin County	6	7%
Plymouth County	4	5%
Norfolk County	3	4%
Berkshire County	2	2%
Barnstable	1	1%
Outside MA	8	10%
Grand Total	83	100%

Institutions Housing Male Incarcerated Individual – Continued

Northeastern Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Worcester County	25	20%
Suffolk County	23	18%
Bristol County	15	12%
Essex County	15	12%
Middlesex County	14	11%
Hampden County	9	7%
Plymouth County	6	5%
Norfolk County	6	5%
Berkshire County	3	2%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	10	8%
Grand Total	128	100%

Old Colony Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	36	28%
Worcester County	15	12%
Bristol County	15	12%
Middlesex County	14	11%
Hampden County	11	9%
Essex County	9	7%
Plymouth County	9	7%
Norfolk County	7	5%
Franklin County	2	2%
Barnstable County	2	2%
Outside MA	9	7%
Grand Total	129	100%

Pondville Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	30	28%
Worcester County	15	14%
Bristol County	13	12%
Middlesex County	11	10%
Norfolk County	9	8%
Plymouth County	8	7%
Essex County	7	6%
Hampden County	6	6%
Barnstable County	3	3%
Berkshire County	2	2%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	3	3%
Grand Total	109	100%

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Suffolk County	36	20%
Bristol County	25	14%
Worcester County	23	13%
Middlesex County	21	12%
Hampden County	17	10%
Essex County	17	10%
Barnstable County	7	4%
Norfolk County	6	3%
Plymouth County	5	3%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Dukes County	2	1%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	2	1%
Outside MA	11	6%
Grand Total	176	100%

Institutions Housing Female Incarcerated Individual

MCI-Framingham		
	Females	Total
Essex County	62	25%
Middlesex County	44	18%
Plymouth County	35	14%
Suffolk County	29	12%
Norfolk County	28	11%
Bristol County	19	8%
Worcester County	8	3%
Barnstable County	6	2%
Hampden County	1	<1%
Unknown	1	<1%
Outside MA	13	5%
Grand Total	246	100%

South Middlesex Correctional Center		
	Males	Total
Essex County	35	22%
Middlesex County	26	17%
Plymouth County	19	12%
Bristol County	18	12%
Suffolk County	16	10%
Norfolk County	15	10%
Barnstable County	9	6%
Worcester County	9	6%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Grand Total	156	100%

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

County, Federal, Interstate						
	Females	%	Males	%	Total	%
Hampden County	5	45%	72	46%	77	46%
Essex County	0	0%	23	15%	23	14%
Worcester County	5	45%	10	6%	15	9%
Suffolk County	0	0%	15	9%	15	9%
Franklin County	0	0%	8	5%	8	5%
Middlesex County	1	9%	6	4%	7	4%
Berkshire County	0	0%	5	3%	5	3%
Bristol County	0	0%	5	3%	5	3%
Plymouth County	0	0%	5	3%	5	3%
Hampshire County	0	0%	5	3%	5	3%
Norfolk County	0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
Barnstable County	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
Outside MA	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
Grand Total	11	100%	158	100%	169	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	8	10	18
Falmouth	4	5	9
Mashpee	0	5	5
Yarmouth	0	5	5
Bourne	1	2	3
Dennis	1	2	3
Harwich	1	2	3
Provincetown	0	1	1
Brewster	0	1	1
Sandwich	0	1	1
Grand Total	15	34	49

Release Address Cities/Towns in Berkshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Pittsfield	1	17	18
North Adams	0	3	3
Adams	0	2	2
Dalton	0	2	2
Cheshire	0	1	1
Lanesborough	0	1	1
Great Barrington	0	1	1
Grand Total	1	27	28

Release Address Cities/Towns in Bristol County			
	Females	Males	Total
New Bedford	12	61	73
Fall River	7	59	66
Taunton	11	34	45
Norton	0	6	6
Dartmouth	0	6	6
Easton	2	3	5
North Attleboro	0	4	4
Raynham	1	3	4
Berkley	2	2	4
Westport	0	4	4
Attleboro	1	3	4
Freetown	1	2	3
Mansfield	0	1	1
Fairhaven	0	1	1
Dighton	0	1	1
Seekonk	0	1	1
Grand Total	37	191	228

Release Address Cities/Towns in Dukes County			
	Females	Males	Total
West Tisbury	0	2	2
Grand Total	0	2	2

Release Address Cities/Towns in Essex County			
	Females	Males	Total
Lynn	19	46	65
Lawrence	18	39	57
Haverhill	13	22	35
Salem	7	14	21
Methuen	4	11	15
Gloucester	9	2	11
Peabody	3	7	10
Beverly	6	3	9
Saugus	1	7	8
Salisbury	6	1	7
Danvers	1	4	5
Amesbury	3	2	5
Newburyport	2	1	3
Andover	0	3	3
North Andover	2	1	3
Swampscott	0	1	1
Groveland	1	0	1
Topsfield	1	0	1
Middleton	0	1	1
Hamilton	1	0	1
Marblehead	0	1	1
Grand Total	97	166	263

Release Address Cities/Towns in Franklin County			
	Females	Males	Total
Greenfield	0	11	11
Orange	0	5	5
Deerfield	0	1	1
Northfield	0	1	1
Warwick	0	1	1
Charlemont	0	1	1
Montague	0	1	1
Grand Total	0	21	21

Release Address Cities/Towns in Middlesex County			
	Females	Males	Total

Release Address Cities/Towns in Hampden County			
	Females	Males	Total
Springfield	4	153	157
Holyoke	1	26	27
Chicopee	0	17	17
Westfield	0	6	6
Wilbraham	0	4	4
Ludlow	0	4	4
West Springfield	0	3	3
Longmeadow	0	2	2
Brimfield	1	0	1
Southwick	0	1	1
Palmer	0	1	1
Grand Total	6	217	223

Release Address Cities/Towns in Hampshire County			
	Females	Males	Total
Northampton	0	4	4
Easthampton	0	2	2
Belchertown	1	1	2
Amherst	1	1	2
South Hadley	0	1	1
Williamsburg	0	1	1
Ware	0	1	1
Grand Total	2	11	13

Lowell	12	55	67
Cambridge	3	11	14
Waltham	5	7	12
Malden	2	9	11
Tewksbury	6	4	10
Framingham	2	8	10
Everett	1	8	9
Medford	2	6	8
Billerica	2	5	7
Wakefield	4	3	7
Bedford	0	7	7
Woburn	3	4	7
Hopkinton	5	1	6
Wilmington	3	2	5
Newton	1	4	5
Somerville	3	2	5
Arlington	0	5	5
Marlborough	3	2	5
Ashland	2	1	3
Westford	2	1	3
Watertown	1	2	3
Chelmsford	0	3	3
Reading	0	3	3
Dracut	1	2	3
Stoneham	1	1	2
Maynard	0	2	2
Natick	1	1	2
Acton	1	1	2
Hudson	1	1	2
Ayer	1	1	2
Tyngsborough	2	0	2
Concord	0	1	1
Watland	0	1	1
Lexington	0	1	1
Shirley	0	1	1
Melrose	0	1	1
Pepperell	0	1	1
Winchester	0	1	1
Burlington	1	0	1
Ashby	0	1	1
Carlisle	0	1	1
Grand Total	71	171	242

Release Address Cities/Towns in Norfolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Quincy	10	20	30
Randolph	4	19	23
Weymouth	7	8	15
Millis	3	4	7
Braintree	2	3	5
Dedham	1	3	4
Canton	2	2	4
Stoughton	2	1	3
Brookline	2	1	3
Holbrook	1	2	3
Plainville	1	2	3
Wellesley	2	0	2
Walpole	1	1	2
Franklin	1	0	1
Norfolk	1	0	1
Sharon	1	0	1
Wrentham	0	1	1
Milton	1	0	1
Bellingham	0	1	1
Needham	1	0	1
Grand Total	43	68	111

Release Address Cities/Towns in Plymouth County			
	Females	Males	Total
Brockton	11	40	51
Plymouth	14	6	20
Wareham	4	4	8
Middleborough	3	3	6
Carver	1	5	6
East Bridgewater	2	3	5
Rockland	3	2	5
Pembroke	1	3	4
Marshfield	2	2	4
Whitman	3	0	3
Kingston	2	1	3
Abington	3	0	3
Scituate	1	1	2
Hull	2	0	2
Bridgewater	0	2	2
Halifax	1	1	2
Duxbury	0	2	2
Hanson	0	1	1
Hanover	1	0	1
Hingham	0	1	1
Grand Total	54	77	131

Release Address Cities/Towns in Suffolk County			
	Females	Males	Total
Boston	43	415	458
Revere	2	15	17
Chelsea	0	13	13
Winthrop	0	6	6
Grand Total	45	449	494

Release Address Cities/Towns in Worcester County			
	Females	Males	Total
Worcester	11	106	117
Fitchburg	1	23	24
Leominster	2	13	15
Winchendon	1	10	11
Westborough	2	6	8
Southbridge	0	7	7
Webster	0	6	6
Auburn	0	5	5
Spencer	0	4	4
Milford	0	4	4
Grafton	0	3	3
Shrewsbury	0	3	3
Hardwick	0	2	2
Leicester	0	2	2
Clinton	0	2	2
Uxbridge	1	1	2
Barre	0	2	2
Dudley	1	1	2
Princeton	0	2	2
Oxford	0	1	1
West Boylston	1	0	1
Rutland	0	1	1
East Brookfield	0	1	1
Gardner	0	1	1
Lancaster	1	0	1
Northbridge	0	1	1
Royalston	0	1	1
Millbury	1	0	1
Grand Total	22	208	230