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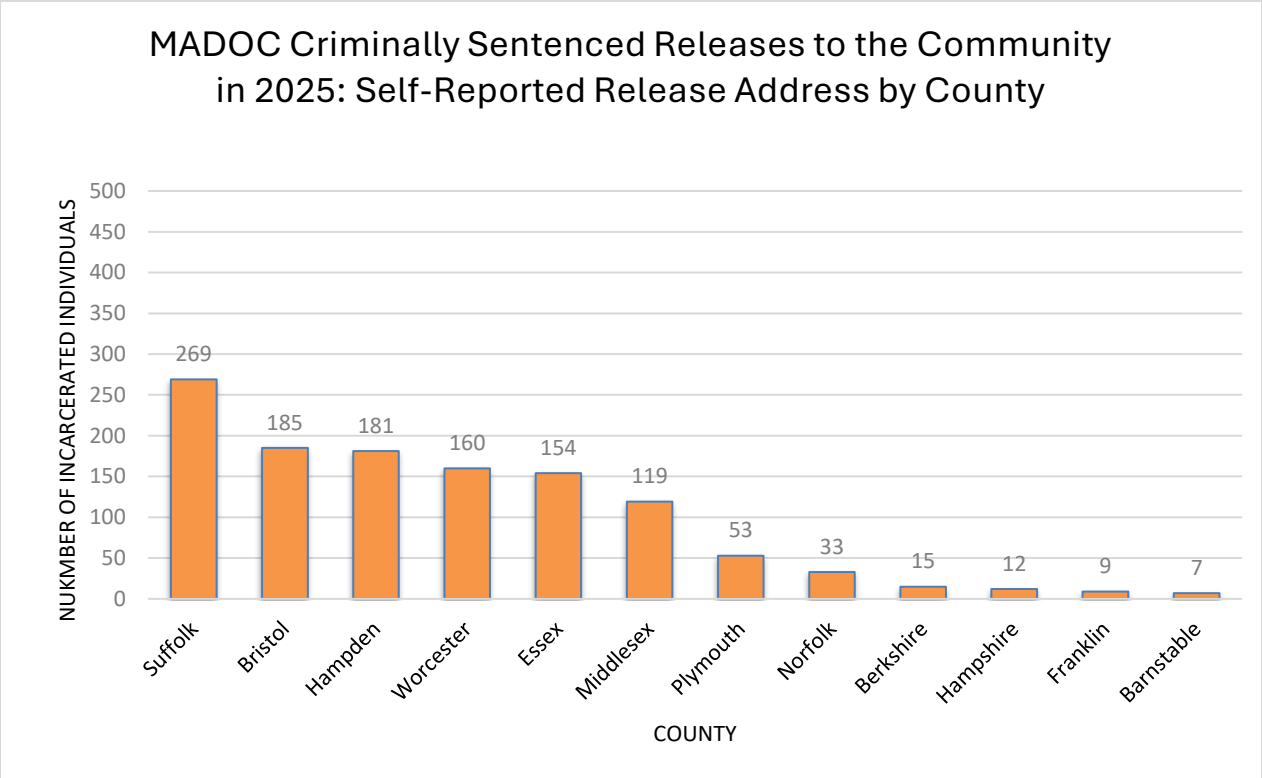
About the Data

- 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 individuals released from other correctional facilities (jurisdiction). Under this definition, DOC incarcerated individuals released from Massachusetts' Houses of Correction, other states' correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2025 are included in the population. The population described in this report includes criminally sentenced incarcerated individuals released via expiration of sentence, parole to the street, releases from parole detainers, court releases and payments/expirations of fine.
- Information regarding release address is self-reported by incarcerated individuals 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 incarcerated individual, their last known address is used.
- Not all Massachusetts counties house their female incarcerated individuals. 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 via Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center has increased their capacity to house county sentenced females for other western Massachusetts regions (including Worcester).
- Massachusetts county population distribution per 100,000 residents, based on 2026 World Population Review data.

Introduction

Incarcerated individuals 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 incarcerated individuals are being released. 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 43 incarcerated individuals released to communities outside of MA.

During calendar year 2025, there were 1,240 releases to the community, which was an increase of 17 releases (1%) from 2024. Males saw a 1% increase from the previous year in number of releases (n = 15). Female releases experienced a 2% increase from 72 in 2024 to 74 in 2025.

Table 1: MADOC Top Ten Release Address (Cities/Towns)

City	Total	%
1. Boston	260	21%
2. Springfield	113	9%
3. Worcester	102	8%
4. New Bedford	89	7%
5. Lowell	56	5%
6. Lynn	50	4%
7. Fall River	32	3%
8. Brockton	30	2%
9. Lawrence	30	2%
10. Holyoke	26	2%
Sub-Total	**788**	**64%**
Other MA Cities/Towns	409	33%
Outside MA	43	3%
Total	**1,240**	**100%**

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

- The majority (64%) of the releases during 2025 had a reported release address in one of the top ten cities/towns listed in Table 1.
- Mirroring 2024, the release address with the highest number of releases reported was to the various communities in the city of Boston (21%) with Springfield (9%) and Worcester (8%) once again in the top three.

Map 1: MADOC Top Ten Release Address (Cities/towns)

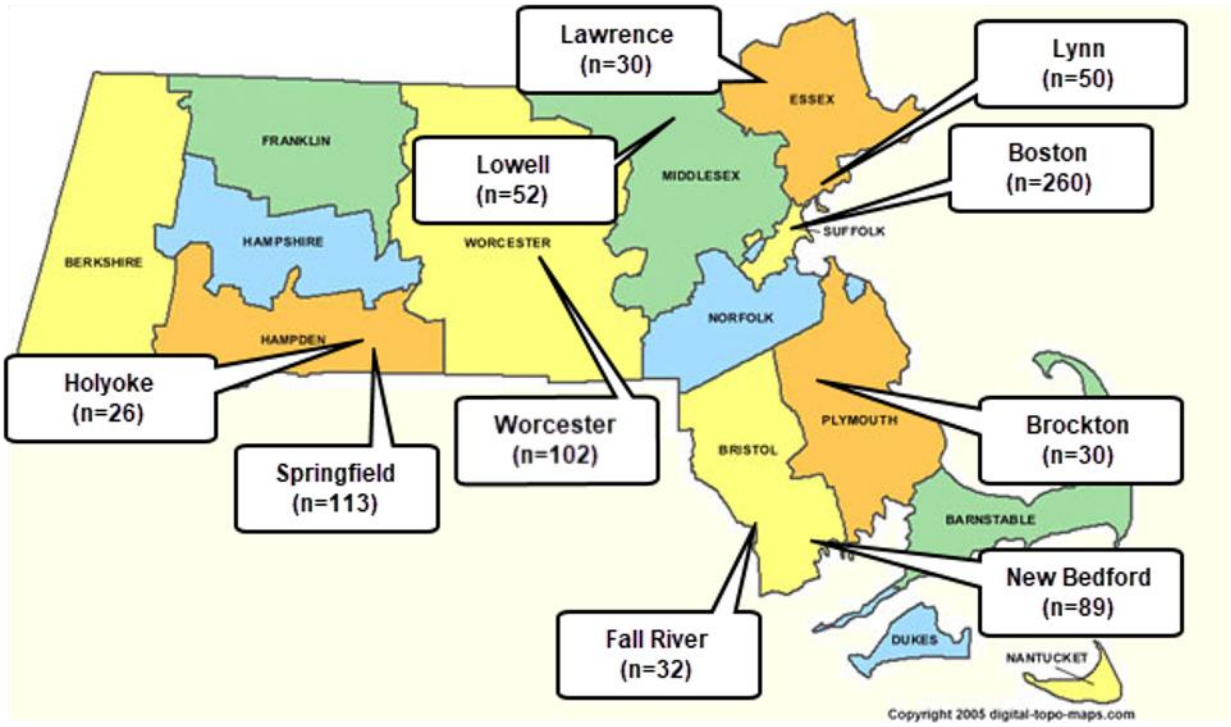


Table 2: MADOC Top Ten Release Address for Males

City	Male	%
1. Boston	241	21%
2. Springfield	111	10%
3. Worcester	100	9%
4. New Bedford	86	7%
5. Lowell	49	4%
6. Lynn	45	4%
7. Fall River	32	3%
8. Brockton	30	3%
9. Lawrence	28	2%
10. Holyoke	24	2%
Sub-Total	**746**	**64%**
Other MA Cities/Towns	382	33%
Outside MA	38	3%
Total	**1,166**	**100%**

- Boston was the top city reported by both male (21%) and female (26%) incarcerated individuals as their release address. The second most reported city for males was Springfield (10%), followed by Worcester (9%) and New Bedford (7%).
- Most of the male releases (64%) 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 Lowell (9%), followed by Lynn (6%) and Methuen (5%).

Table 3: MADOC Top Ten Release Address for Females

- Similarly to males, most females (65%) reported a Massachusetts release address inside one of the top ten cities/towns, while 28% reported a release address outside the top ten.
- The top ten release addresses for males remained identical to the total releases to top ten cities/towns. However, the top ten cities/towns varied significantly for females, with Framingham, Methuen, and West Springfield entering the top ten.
- Female releases by community are also somewhat skewed, since not all counties house females.

City	Female	%
1. Boston	19	26%
2. Lowell	7	9%
3. Lynn	5	7%
4. Methuen	4	5%
5. New Bedford	3	4%
6. Framingham	2	3%
7. Lawrence	2	3%
8. Springfield	2	3%
9. West Springfield	2	3%
10. Worcester	2	3%
Sub-Total	**48**	**65%**
Other MA Cities/Towns	21	28%
Outside MA	5	7%
Total	**74**	**100 %**

Table 4: MADOC Release Address by Massachusetts Counties (Self-Reported)

County	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents
Suffolk County	269	22%	33
Bristol County	185	15%	31
Hampden County	181	15%	37
Worcester County	160	13%	18
Essex County	154	12%	18
Middlesex County	119	10%	7
Plymouth County	53	4%	10
Norfolk County	33	3%	4
Berkshire County	15	1%	12
Hampshire County	12	1%	7
Franklin County	9	<1%	13
Barnstable County	7	<1%	3
Outside MA	43	4%	N/A
Total	**1,240**	**100%**	**32**

Twenty-two percent of the total population reported a release address located in Suffolk County, the highest of all Massachusetts Counties. Bristol County had the joint-second highest percentage of releases (15%) alongside Hampden County. When looking at the concentration (the rate per 100,000 residents) of releases to the community, Hampden County had the greatest concentration at 37 followed by Suffolk and Bristol Counties, with 33 and 31, respectively. Middlesex County accounted for 10% of releases, but its population size explains its rank as its tied for the third lowest concentration.

Map 2: MADOC Release Address by Massachusetts Counties (Self-Reported)

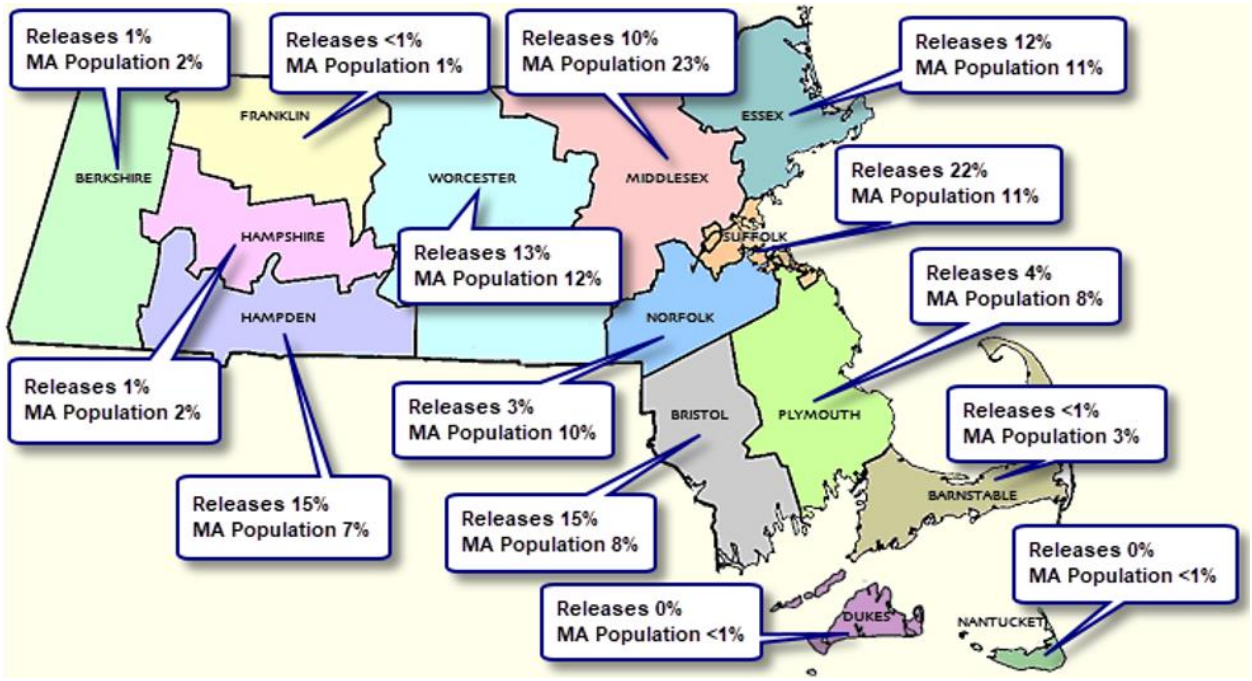


Table 5:Release Address by Massachusetts County for Males

County	Male	%
Bristol County	182	16%
Worcester County	158	14%
Middlesex County	104	9%
Norfolk County	32	3%
Hampshire County	12	1%
Barnstable County	6	<1%
Total	**1,166**	**100%**

- The greatest percentage of males were released to Suffolk County (21%), followed by Bristol County (16%) and Hampden County (15%).
- The top Massachusetts County reported for male releases mirrors the top reported for those released to the community in 2024 (Suffolk County).
- No male releases reported a release address in Dukes or Nantucket Counties in 2025.

Table 6: Release Address by Massachusetts County for Females

- The greatest percentage of females were released to Suffolk County (27%), followed by Essex and Middlesex counties (20%).
- The list of top release addresses by Massachusetts County remained identical with males but varied significantly with females. Similarly to 2024, there were no reported female releases to Hampshire County.
- No female releases reported a release address in Dukes or Nantucket Counties in 2025.

County	Female	%
Suffolk County	20	27%
Essex County	15	20%
Middlesex County	15	20%
Hampden County	7	10%
Bristol County	3	4%
Berkshire County	2	3%
Franklin County	2	3%
Worcester County	2	3%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Norfolk County	1	1%
Plymouth County	1	1%
Hampshire County	0	0%
Outside MA	5	7%
Total	**74**	**100%**

Table 7: MADOC Releases to the Community to Locations Outside Massachusetts

States	Female	Male	Total
New Hampshire	1	8	9
Florida	1	4	5
Rhode Island	1	4	5
Maine	2	2	4
New York	0	4	4
Connecticut	0	3	3
Georgia	0	2	2
Maryland	0	2	2
Pennsylvania	0	2	2
Alabama	0	1	1
Arizona	0	1	1
California	0	1	1
Michigan	0	1	1
North Carolina	0	1	1
South Carolina	0	1	1
Virginia	0	1	1
Total	**5**	**38**	**43**

Of the 1,240 incarcerated individuals released to the community, 43 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. 58% percent of the incarcerated individuals reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported releasing to a New England state (21) or New York (n=4). The proportion of incarcerated individuals being released to a New England state or New York increased from 54% to 58% when compared to the previous release year.

Appendix

The tables on pages 10 through 14 show the self-reported release address by county of incarcerated individuals 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 Individuals – Tables 1 and 2

Boston Prerelease Center

County	Males	%
Suffolk County	16	30%
Bristol County	9	18%
Essex County	6	12%
Worcester County	6	12%
Plymouth County	3	6%
Hampden County	2	4%
Berkshire County	1	2%
Hampshire County	1	2%
Middlesex County	1	2%
Norfolk County	1	2%
Outside MA	5	10%
Total	**51**	**100%**

Massachusetts Treatment Center

County	Males	%
Bristol County	17	20%
Essex County	15	18%
Suffolk County	14	17%
Hampden County	10	12%
Worcester County	9	10%
Middlesex County	8	9%
Plymouth County	4	5%
Berkshire County	3	4%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Norfolk County	1	1%
Outside MA	1	1%
Total	**85**	**100%**

Institutions Housing Male Incarcerated Individuals – Tables 3-6

MCI-Shirley

County	Males	%
Suffolk County	65	27%
Bristol County	44	18%
Worcester County	34	14%
Essex County	29	12%
Hampden County	24	10%
Middlesex County	21	9%
Plymouth County	8	3%
Norfolk County	5	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	2	1%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Outside MA	8	3%
Total	**244**	**100%**

MCI Norfolk

County	Males	%
Suffolk County	30	21%
Bristol County	21	15%
Worcester County	21	15%
Essex County	18	13%
Hampden County	17	12%
Middlesex County	16	11%
Plymouth County	8	5%
Hampshire County	4	3%
Norfolk County	4	3%
Outside MA	3	2%
Total	**142**	**100%**

NCCI-Gardner

County	Males	%
Worcester County	14	18%
Hampden County	12	15%
Bristol County	11	14%
Essex County	11	14%
Middlesex County	8	10%
Suffolk County	6	8%
Plymouth County	4	5%
Berkshire County	3	4%
Norfolk County	3	4%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	5	7%
Total	**78**	**100%**

Pondville Correctional Center

County	Males	%
Suffolk County	34	25%
Bristol County	24	18%
Worcester County	18	13%
Essex County	15	11%
Hampden County	15	11%
Middlesex County	11	8%
Plymouth County	9	7%
Norfolk County	3	2%
Barnstable County	1	<1%
Outside MA	5	4%
Total	**135**	**100%**

Institutions Housing Male Incarcerated Individuals – Tables 7-10

Northeastern Correctional Center

County	Males	%
Suffolk County	26	23%
Worcester County	21	18%
Hampden County	15	13%
Essex County	14	12%
Middlesex County	14	12%
Bristol County	10	9%
Norfolk County	4	4%
Plymouth County	4	4%
Barnstable County	1	<1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Outside MA	3	3%
Total	**114**	**100%**

Old Colony Correctional Center

County	Males	%
Bristol County	15	29%
Suffolk County	11	21%
Hampden County	8	15%
Worcester County	6	12%
Middlesex County	4	8%
Essex County	3	6%
Norfolk County	2	4%
Plymouth County	1	2%
Berkshire County	1	2%
Outside MA	1	2%
Total	**52**	**100%**

Shattuck Hospital

County	Males	%
Suffolk County	1	50%
Middlesex County	1	50%
Total	**2**	**100%**

Souza Baranowski Correctional Center

County	Males	%
Suffolk County	43	21%
Hampden County	33	16%
Bristol County	30	15%
Worcester County	26	13%
Essex County	24	12%
Middlesex County	18	9%
Plymouth County	10	5%
Norfolk County	8	4%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Outside MA	5	3%
Total	**203**	**100%**

Institutions Housing Female Incarcerated Individuals

MCI-Framingham

County	Females	%
Suffolk County	18	31%
Middlesex County	12	20%
Essex County	11	19%
Hampden County	4	7%
Berkshire County	2	3%
Bristol County	2	3%
Worcester County	2	3%
Franklin County	1	2%
Norfolk County	1	2%
Plymouth County	1	2%
Outside MA	5	9%
Total	**59**	**100%**

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

County	Females	%	Males	%	Total	%
Hampden County	3	20%	38	63%	41	55%
Essex County	4	27%	4	7%	8	11%
Middlesex County	3	20%	2	3%	5	7%
Suffolk County	2	13%	3	5%	5	7%
Franklin County	1	7%	2	3%	3	4%
Worcester County	0	0%	3	5%	3	4%
Barnstable County	1	7%	1	2%	2	3%
Bristol County	1	7%	1	2%	2	3%
Berkshire County	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%
Hampshire County	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%
Norfolk County	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%
Plymouth County	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%
Outside MA	0	0%	2	3%	2	3%
Total	**15**	**100%**	**60**	**100%**	**75**	**100%**

Massachusetts Counties

The tables on pages 12 through 15 show the self-reported release address by city/town in each Massachusetts county.

Barnstable County

City/Town	Female	Male	Total
Barnstable	0	5	5
Harwich	0	1	1
Mashpee	1	0	1
Total	**1**	**6**	**7**

Berkshire County

City/Town	Female	Male	Total
Adams	1	0	1
North Adams	0	1	1
Pittsfield	1	11	12
Savoy	0	1	1
Total	**2**	**13**	**15**

Bristol County

City/Town	Female	Male	Total
Acushnet	0	1	1
Attleboro	0	11	11
Dartmouth	0	2	2
Dighton	0	2	2
Fall River	0	32	32
Freetown	0	3	3
Mansfield	0	4	4
New Bedford	3	86	89
North Attleboro	0	11	11
Norton	0	1	1
Rehoboth	0	2	2
Seekonk	0	1	1
Somerset	0	1	1
Swansea	0	1	1
Taunton	0	24	24
Total	**3**	**182**	**185**

Essex County

City/Town	Female	Male	Total
Beverly	0	7	7
Boxford	0	1	1
Danvers	0	1	1
Gloucester	0	3	3
Haverhill	1	23	24
Lawrence	2	28	30
Lynn	5	45	50
Marblehead	1	2	3
Methuen	4	10	14
Peabody	0	6	6
Salem	1	11	12
Salisbury	1	0	1
Saugus	0	1	1
Swampscott	0	1	1
Total	**15**	**139**	**154**

Franklin County

City/Town	Females	Males	Total
Greenfield	2	5	7
Montague	0	1	1
Northfield	0	1	1
Total	**2**	**7**	**9**

Hampden County

City/Town	Females	Males	Total
Agawam	1	2	3
Chicopee	0	9	9
East Longmeadow	0	1	1
Holyoke	2	24	26
Ludlow	0	1	1
Palmer	0	1	1
Springfield	2	111	113
West Springfield	2	21	23
Westfield	0	4	4
Total	**7**	**174**	**181**

Hampshire County

City/Town	Females	Males	Total
Amherst	0	1	1
Belchertown	0	2	2
Granby	0	1	1
Northampton	0	8	8
Total	**0**	**12**	**12**

Middlesex County

City/Town	Female	Male	Total
Ayer	0	1	1
Bedford	1	5	6
Belmont	0	1	1
Billerica	2	3	5
Burlington	0	2	2
Cambridge	0	2	2
Dracut	1	4	5
Everett	0	8	8
Framingham	2	2	4
Lowell	7	49	56
Malden	0	4	4
Marlborough	0	3	3
Maynard	0	2	2
Medford	0	3	3
Newton	0	1	1
Pepperell	0	1	1
Reading	0	1	1
Somerville	1	3	4
Stoneham	0	1	1
Tewksbury	0	3	3
Waltham	0	2	2
Watertown	0	2	2
Woburn	1	1	2
Total	**15**	**104**	**119**

Norfolk County

City/Town	Female	Male	Total
Braintree	0	3	3
Brookline	0	1	1
Foxborough	0	1	1
Holbrook	0	2	2
Millis	0	2	2
Milton	0	2	2
Norwood	0	1	1
Plainville	0	1	1
Quincy	1	11	12
Randolph	0	6	6
Weymouth	0	2	2
Total	**1**	**32**	**33**

Plymouth County

City/Town	Females	Males	Total
Abington	1	1	2
Bridgewater	0	3	3
Brockton	0	30	30
Carver	0	1	1
Hanover	0	1	1
Hull	0	1	1
Kingston	0	2	2
Marshfield	0	1	1
Middleborough	0	1	1
Plymouth	0	5	5
Rockland	0	1	1
Scituate	0	1	1
Wareham	0	2	2
West Bridgewater	0	1	1
Whitman	0	1	1
Total	**1**	**52**	**53**

Suffolk County

City/Town	Females	Males	Total
Boston	19	241	260
Revere	0	5	5
Chelsea	1	3	4
Total	**20**	**249**	**269**

Worcester County

City/Town	Females	Males	Total
Athol	0	4	4
Auburn	0	1	1
Brookfield	0	1	1
Charlton	0	2	2
Clinton	0	2	2
Fitchburg	0	10	10
Gardner	0	2	2
Leominster	0	1	1
North Brookfield	0	1	1
Oakham	0	4	4
Shrewsbury	0	2	2
Southborough	0	1	1
Southbridge	0	9	9
Spencer	0	1	1
Templeton	0	1	1
Webster	0	3	3
West Boylston	0	1	1
West Brookfield	0	1	1
Winchendon	0	11	11
Worcester	2	100	102
Total	**2**	**158**	**160**