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Communities Inmates Released to in 2010

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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 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 2010 are also included in the population. The population described in this report includes the following:

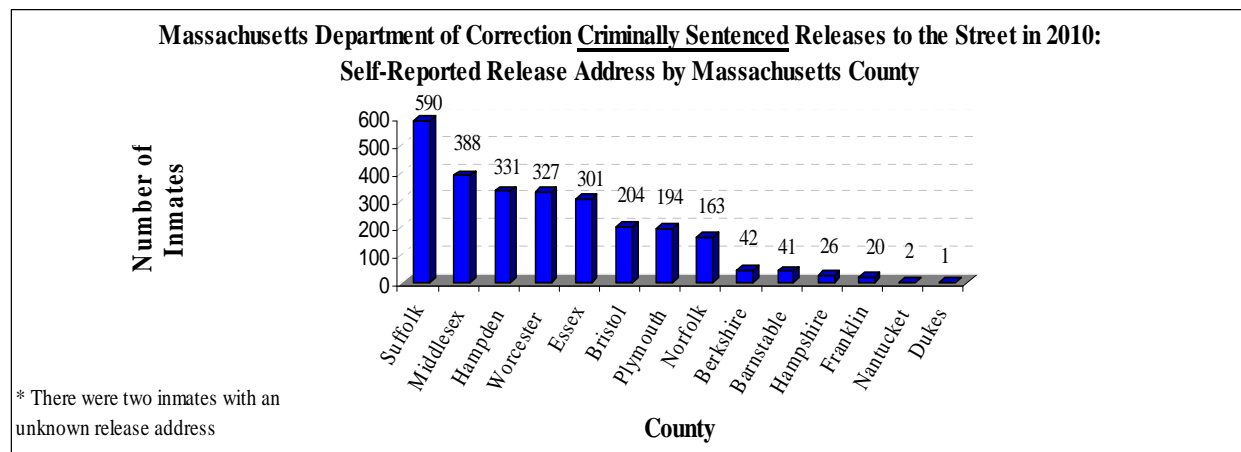
- ✦ Criminally sentenced inmates released via parole or expiration of sentence to the street.

Release address is self-reported by the inmate prior to release.

Introduction

Inmates under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction are released to many different communities throughout the state and in some cases outside of Massachusetts. This report is a statistical look at the communities criminally sentenced inmates releasing to the street via parole or expiration of sentence intend to reside after their release¹. For the purposes of this report communities may refer to counties, cities or towns, and locations outside of Massachusetts.

Chart 1



In calendar year 2010, there were 2,738 inmates released to the street, which was a decrease of 34 (1%) from 2009. This decrease was driven by a reduction in male releases, 1,962, down from 2009 by 57 (3%). However, female inmate releases did increase by 23 (3%) in 2010, with 776 releases.

¹ Information regarding release address is self-reported by inmates prior to their release.

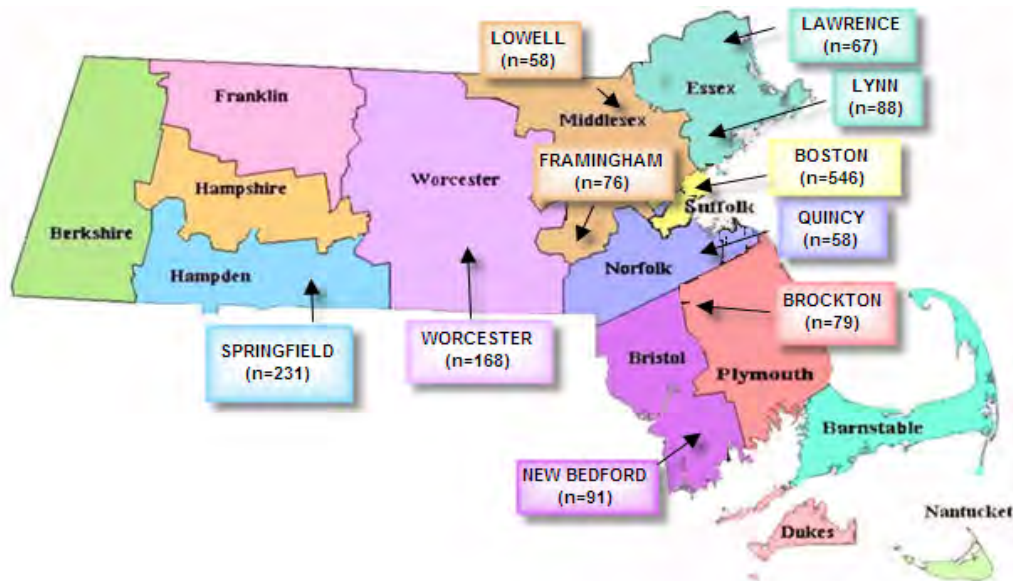
Table 1

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2010: Top Ten Release Addresses (Cities/Towns)		
City	Total	%
1. Boston	546	20%
2. Springfield	231	8%
3. Worcester	168	6%
4. New Bedford	91	3%
5. Lynn	88	3%
6. Brockton	79	3%
7. Framingham	76	3%
8. Lawrence	67	2%
9. Lowell	58	2%
10. Quincy	58	2%
Sub-Total	1,462	53%
Other MA Cities/Towns	1,168	43%
Outside MA	106	4%
Unknown	2	<1%
Total	2,738	100%

Over half (53%) of the inmates released during 2010 reported a release address in one of the top ten cities listed in Table 1. Similar to 2009, the highest number of releases reported a community in the city of Boston (20%) as their intended release address, followed by Springfield (8%), and Worcester (6%). Additionally, Worcester experienced the greatest decline in annual releases with a 38% reduction, 64 less releases than 2009.

Map 1

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



Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2010: Top Ten Release Address Cities

Table 2

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street 2010: Top Ten Release Addresses (Cities/Towns) for Males		
	Male	%
1. Boston	456	23%
2. Springfield	222	11%
3. Worcester	126	6%
4. New Bedford	79	4%
5. Lawrence	54	3%
6. Framingham	52	3%
7. Brockton	50	3%
8. Holyoke	50	3%
9. Fall River	39	2%
10. Lynn	38	2%
Sub-Total	1,166	59%
Other MA Cities/Towns	721	37%
Outside MA	73	4%
N/A missing	2	<1%
Total	1,962	100%

Similar to 2009, a majority of the male releases (59%) reported a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns. However, more than half of female releases (56%) reported a different city/town or a location outside of Massachusetts as their release address with only 44% reporting a release address in one of the top ten cities/towns.

Boston was the top city reported by both male (23%) and female (12%) inmates as their release address. The second most commonly reported cities for males were Springfield (11%) and Worcester (6%). However, from 2009 Worcester did incur a drastic decrease in male releases (48), which dropped the city from the second most common release city to third. Females differed from the males with a second most commonly reported release address of Lynn (6%). Female releases by community are somewhat skewed due to the fact that some counties house females and some do not.²

Table 3

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2010: Top Ten Release Addresses (Cities/Towns) for Females		
	Female	%
1. Boston	90	12%
2. Lynn	50	6%
3. Worcester	42	5%
4. Brockton	29	4%
5. Ashland	24	3%
6. Framingham	24	3%
7. Lowell	24	3%
8. Quincy	24	3%
9. Haverhill	22	3%
10. Fitchburg	13	2%
Sub-Total	342	44%
Other MA Cities/Towns	401	52%
Outside MA	33	4%
Total	776	100%

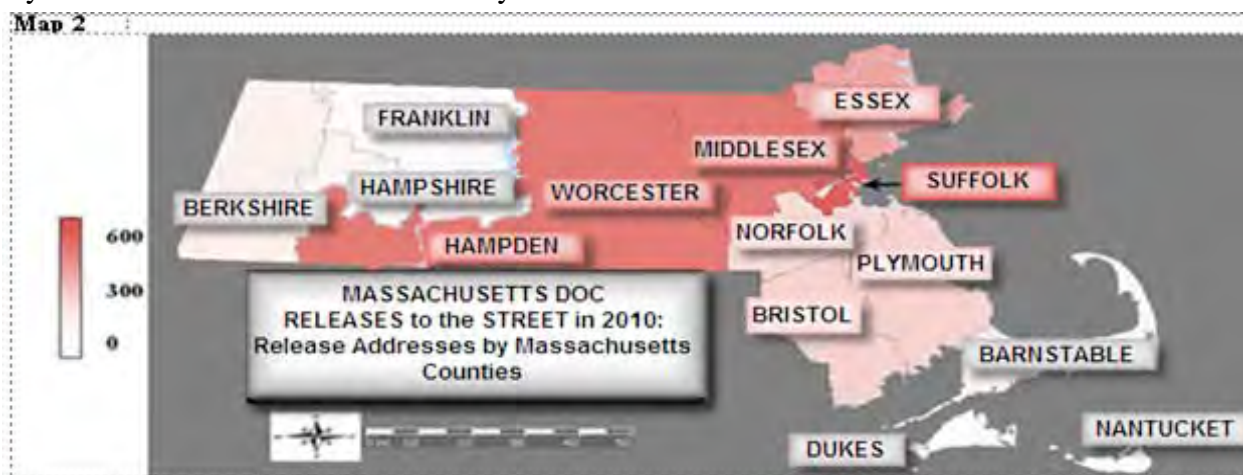
² Not all Massachusetts counties house their female inmates. Massachusetts General Law dictates that females may be committed directly by the courts to the DOC for a House of Correction sentence. The counties of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Franklin, Hampden, and Suffolk house females in their county correctional facilities.

Table 4

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2010: Release Address by Massachusetts Counties by Gender (Self-Reported)							
County	Female	%	Male	%	Total	%	Per 100,000 Residents*
Suffolk County	96	12%	494	25%	590	22%	82
Middlesex County	158	20%	230	12%	388	14%	26
Hampden County	20	3%	311	16%	331	12%	72
Worcester County	118	15%	209	11%	327	12%	41
Essex County	130	17%	171	9%	301	11%	40
Bristol County	34	4%	170	9%	204	7%	37
Plymouth County	91	12%	103	5%	194	7%	38
Norfolk County	73	9%	90	5%	163	6%	22
Berkshire County	3	<1%	39	2%	42	2%	32
Barnstable County	14	2%	27	1%	41	1%	19
Hampshire County	3	<1%	23	1%	26	1%	16
Franklin County	2	<1%	18	<1%	20	<1%	28
Nantucket County	0	0	2	<1%	2	<1%	20
Dukes County	1	<1%	0	0%	1	0	6
Outside MA	33	4%	73	4%	106	4%	N/A
Unknown	0	0%	2	<1%	2	<1%	N/A
Total	776	100%	1,962	100%	2,738	100%	42

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 county population count

Twenty-two percent of the total population reported a release address located in Suffolk County. The majority of female³ releases were to Middlesex (20%), Essex (17%), and Worcester (15%) counties. The majority of males were released to Suffolk (25%), followed by Hampden (16%), and Middlesex (12%) counties. An examination of the concentration (the rate per 100,000 residents) of releases to the street presents a slightly different outcome with Suffolk County having the greatest concentration at 82, while Hampden had the second greatest at 72 followed by Worcester at 41. Middlesex County becomes ninth on the list at 26.



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Table 5

Massachusetts Department of Correction Releases to the Street in 2010: Locations Outside of Massachusetts			
	Female	Male	Total
New Hampshire	9	11	20
New York	5	9	14
Rhode Island	5	9	14
Connecticut	2	10	12
Florida	2	6	8
Maine	2	3	5
New Jersey	2	2	4
California	0	3	3
Louisiana	2	1	3
Dominican Republic	0	2	2
Georgia	0	2	2
North Carolina	1	1	2
Ohio	0	2	2
Puerto Rico	1	1	2
Virginia	0	2	2
Arizona	0	1	1
Idaho	0	1	1
Illinois	1	0	1
Mississippi	0	1	1
Nebraska	1	0	1
Pennsylvania	0	1	1
South Carolina	0	1	1
Tennessee	0	1	1
Texas	0	1	1
Vermont	0	1	1
Washington	0	1	1
Total	33	73	106

Of the 2,738 inmates released to the street, 106 reported a release address outside of Massachusetts. Sixty-two percent (66) of the inmates reporting a release address outside of Massachusetts, reported a New England state or New York, with New Hampshire having the highest number (20) of inmates intending to reside there.

Appendix

The tables on pages 6 through 9 show the self-reported release address by county of inmates separated by the institution they released from. Please note: percentages do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Institutions Housing Male Inmates

Bay State Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	14	45%
Middlesex County	4	13%
Bristol County	2	6%
Essex County	2	6%
Norfolk County	2	6%
Worcester County	2	6%
Plymouth County	1	3%
Outside MA	4	13%
Total	31	100%

Brook House		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	12	31%
Hampden County	5	13%
Middlesex County	5	13%
Essex County	5	13%
Bristol County	5	13%
Norfolk County	4	10%
Hampshire County	1	3%
Outside MA	2	5%
Total	39	100%

Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center		
	Male	%
Worcester County	5	25%
Suffolk County	5	25%
Essex County	4	20%
Hampden County	2	10%
Bristol County	2	10%
Plymouth County	1	5%
Outside MA	1	5%
Total	20	100%

Boston Pre-Release Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	85	40%
Hampden County	32	15%
Middlesex County	23	11%
Essex County	18	8%
Plymouth County	14	7%
Worcester County	11	5%
Norfolk County	10	5%
Bristol County	6	3%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Outside MA	7	3%
Total	212	100%

Bridgewater State Hospital		
	Male	%
Hampshire County	1	100%
Total	1	100%

Massachusetts Treatment Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	13	29%
Essex County	6	13%
Hampden County	6	13%
Plymouth County	5	11%
Middlesex County	4	9%
Worcester County	3	7%
Bristol County	2	4%
Hampshire County	2	4%
Barnstable County	2	4%
Norfolk County	1	2%
Outside MA	1	2%
Total	45	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates - Continued

MCI- Cedar Junction		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	30	20%
Hampden County	27	18%
Worcester County	18	12%
Bristol County	15	10%
Plymouth County	13	9%
Middlesex County	11	7%
Essex County	9	6%
Berkshire County	7	5%
Norfolk County	5	3%
Franklin County	4	3%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Nantucket County	1	<1%
Outside MA	3	2%
Total	147	100%

MCI-Concord		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	55	26%
Middlesex County	43	20%
Hampden County	26	12%
Worcester County	21	10%
Bristol County	16	8%
Essex County	14	7%
Norfolk County	10	5%
Plymouth County	9	4%
Berkshire County	3	1%
Barnstable County	3	1%
Franklin County	2	1%
Outside MA	8	4%
Total	210	100%

MCI-Norfolk		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	46	31%
Bristol County	18	12%
Hampden County	16	11%
Middlesex County	14	9%
Plymouth County	14	9%
Worcester County	11	7%
Essex County	9	6%
Norfolk County	7	5%
Hampshire County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Nantucket County	1	1%
Outside MA	11	7%
Total	150	100%

MCI-Plymouth		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	18	25%
Bristol County	16	23%
Plymouth County	7	10%
Hampden County	6	8%
Norfolk County	5	7%
Barnstable County	5	7%
Middlesex County	4	6%
Essex County	3	4%
Worcester County	2	3%
Franklin County	1	1%
Hampshire County	1	1%
Outside MA	3	4%
Total	71	100%

MCI-Shirley		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	77	23%
Hampden County	67	20%
Middlesex County	49	15%
Worcester County	47	14%
Essex County	34	10%
Bristol County	20	6%
Norfolk County	13	4%
Berkshire County	6	2%
Franklin County	5	1%
Hampshire County	5	1%
Plymouth County	4	1%
Barnstable County	3	1%
Outside MA	8	2%
Total	338	100%

MCI-Gardner		
	Male	%
Hampden County	30	24%
Worcester County	24	19%
Suffolk County	18	14%
Essex County	11	9%
Berkshire County	10	8%
Plymouth County	8	6%
Bristol County	7	6%
Middlesex County	6	5%
Hampshire County	4	3%
Norfolk County	2	2%
Barnstable County	2	2%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	2	2%
Total	125	100%

Institutions Housing Male Inmates - Continued

Northeastern Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Hampden County	24	20%
Essex County	23	19%
Suffolk County	22	18%
Middlesex County	19	16%
Worcester County	12	10%
Plymouth County	4	3%
Bristol County	4	3%
Berkshire County	3	3%
Hampshire County	2	2%
Norfolk County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	5%
Total	120	100%

Pondville Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	22	18%
Hampden County	17	14%
Essex County	14	12%
Bristol County	13	11%
Worcester County	12	10%
Norfolk County	12	10%
Middlesex County	11	9%
Plymouth County	11	9%
Barnstable County	1	1%
Berkshire County	1	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	4	3%
Total	119	100%

Lemuel Shattuck (8 North)		
	Male	%
Essex County	1	33%
Middlesex County	1	33%
Unknown	1	33%
Total	3	100%

Old Colony Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	33	23%
Bristol County	30	21%
Worcester County	16	11%
Hampden County	14	10%
Middlesex County	14	10%
Essex County	8	6%
Norfolk County	8	6%
Plymouth County	7	5%
Barnstable County	5	3%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Total	145	100%

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center		
	Male	%
Suffolk County	40	25%
Hampden County	27	17%
Worcester County	24	15%
Middlesex County	22	14%
Bristol County	13	8%
Norfolk County	10	6%
Essex County	7	4%
Berkshire County	5	3%
Plymouth County	4	2%
Barnstable County	2	1%
Franklin County	1	1%
Outside MA	6	4%
Unknown	1	1%
Total	162	100%

From 2009-2010, the DOC has continued to make progress towards releasing inmates from lower security facilities. Pre-release and minimum security facilities, such as Boston Pre-Release, Pondville Correctional Center, and MCI-Plymouth experienced increases in the number of releases; Boston Pre-Release experienced a 34% (54) increase, followed by MCI-Plymouth 31% (17), and Pondville Correctional Center 17% (17).

Institutions Housing Female Inmates

MCI-Framingham		
	Female	%
Essex County	115	20%
Middlesex County	112	20%
Worcester County	93	16%
Plymouth County	68	12%
Suffolk County	67	12%
Norfolk County	51	9%
Bristol County	19	3%
Hampden County	10	2%
Barnstable County	9	2%
Hampshire County	2	<1%
Dukes County	1	<1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	25	4%
Total	573	100%

South Middlesex Correctional Center		
	Female	%
Middlesex County	43	23%
Suffolk County	29	16%
Plymouth County	23	12%
Norfolk County	22	12%
Worcester County	19	10%
Essex County	14	8%
Bristol County	14	8%
Barnstable County	5	3%
Hampden County	4	2%
Berkshire County	2	1%
Hampshire County	1	<1%
Franklin County	1	<1%
Outside MA	8	4%
Total	185	100%

Spectrum Women and Children's Program		
	Female	%
Middlesex County	2	40%
Hampden County	2	40%
Worcester County	1	20%
Total	5	100%

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

County, Federal, Interstate			
	Female	Male	Total
Hampden County	4	12	16
Worcester County	5	1	6
Essex County	1	3	4
Suffolk County	0	4	4
Bristol County	1	1	2
Berkshire County	1	0	1
Franklin County	0	1	1
Middlesex County	1	0	1
Plymouth County	0	1	1
Outside MA	0	1	1
Total	13	24	37

Communities Inmates Released to in 2010

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 <i>Barnstable County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Barnstable	2	9	11
Bourne	4	1	5
Cataumet	0	1	1
Chatham	0	1	1
Dennis	0	1	1
Eastham	0	1	1
Falmouth	5	2	7
Harwich	1	2	3
Mashpee	0	6	6
Sandwich	1	2	3
Yarmouth	1	1	2
Total	14	27	41

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Berkshire County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Clarksburg	0	1	1
Dalton	0	1	1
North Adams	1	6	7
Pittsfield	2	29	31
Williamstown	0	1	1
Windsor	0	1	1
Total	3	39	42

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Bristol County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Acushnet	0	1	1
Attleboro	3	6	9
Berkley	0	1	1
Dartmouth	1	4	5
Easton	0	1	1
Fairhaven	1	1	2
Fall River	8	39	47
Freetown	0	1	1
Mansfield	1	1	2
New Bedford	12	79	91
Norton	0	10	10
Raynham	0	2	2
Somerset	0	2	2
Swansea	0	2	2
Taunton	8	20	28
Total	34	170	204

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Dukes County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Oak Bluffs	1	0	1
Total	1	0	1

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Essex County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Amesbury	6	3	9
Andover	0	2	2
Beverly	4	4	8
Danvers	2	3	5
Gloucester	3	6	9
Hamilton	1	0	1
Haverhill	22	11	33
Ipswich	0	1	1
Lawrence	13	54	67
Lynn	50	38	88
Lynnfield	1	0	1
Marblehead	0	1	1
Merrimac	0	1	1
Metheun	1	12	13
Newburyport	1	1	2
North Andover	0	1	1
Peabody	6	7	13
Salem	10	8	18
Salisbury	5	2	7
Saugus	4	16	20
West Newbury	1	0	1
Total	130	171	301

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Franklin County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Greenfield	1	10	11
Montague	0	4	4
Northfield	1	0	1
Orange	0	3	3
South Deerfield	0	1	1
Total	2	18	20

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Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Hampden County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Agawam	0	2	2
Blandford	0	1	1
Chicopee	3	10	13
East Longmeadow	0	2	2
Hampden	1	1	2
Holyoke	4	50	54
Longmeadow	0	1	1
Ludlow	0	1	1
Palmer	1	3	4
Russell	0	1	1
Springfield	9	222	231
Wales	0	1	1
West Springfield	1	10	11
Westfield	1	5	6
Wilbraham	0	1	1
Total	20	311	331

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Hampshire County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Amherst	0	2	2
Belchertown	0	2	2
Chesterfield	0	1	1
Cummington	0	1	1
East Hampton	1	3	4
Granby	0	1	1
North Hampton	1	10	11
Plainfield	0	1	1
South Hadley	1	2	3
Total	3	23	26

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Nantucket County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Nantucket	0	2	2
Total	0	2	2

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Middlesex County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Acton	1	0	1
Arlington	5	6	11
Ashby	0	1	1
Ashland	24	2	26
Ayer	0	2	2
Belmont	0	1	1
Billerica	2	5	7
Boxborough	1	0	1
Burlington	1	4	5
Cambridge	7	13	20
Chelmsford	2	1	3
Concord	1	0	1
Dracut	2	1	3
Everett	4	19	23
Framingham	24	52	76
Holliston	1	0	1
Hopkinton	9	0	9
Hudson	1	0	1
Littleton	2	2	4
Lowell	24	34	58
Malden	8	22	30
Marlborough	5	5	10
Maynard	2	0	2
Medford	5	13	18
Natick	3	2	5
Newton	2	3	5
North Reading	2	2	4
Pepperell	3	0	3
Reading	1	3	4
Shirley	0	1	1
Somerville	4	15	19
Stoneham	0	1	1
Sudbury	1	1	2
Tewksbury	2	1	3
Townsend	2	0	2
Tyngsborough	0	1	1
Wakefield	3	1	4
Waltham	1	4	5
Watertown	0	3	3
Westford	0	1	1
Wilmington	0	3	3
Woburn	3	5	8
Total	158	230	388

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Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Norfolk County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Bellingham	0	2	2
Braintree	4	6	10
Brookline	0	3	3
Canton	1	2	3
Dedham	1	0	1
Dover	1	0	1
Foxborough	1	0	1
Franklin	0	2	2
Holbrook	4	3	7
Medway	1	0	1
Milton	2	3	5
Needham	1	1	2
Norfolk	1	1	2
Norwood	5	0	5
Plainville	0	2	2
Quincy	24	34	58
Randolph	7	13	20
Sharon	1	0	1
Stoughton	5	4	9
Walpole	2	1	3
Wellesley	2	0	2
Westwood	0	1	1
Weymouth	10	12	22
Total	73	90	163

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Plymouth County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Abington	1	0	1
Bridgewater	1	5	6
Brockton	29	50	79
Carver	3	1	4
Duxbury	0	1	1
Hanover	3	0	3
Hanson	0	2	2
Hingham	3	0	3
Hull	5	1	6
Kingston	1	0	1
Lakeville	1	1	2
Marion	3	0	3
Marshfield	5	1	6
Middleborough	10	7	17
Norwell	2	0	2
Pembroke	1	2	3
Plymouth	5	12	17
Plympton	1	1	2
Rochester	0	2	2
Rockland	5	4	9
Scituate	1	2	3
Wareham	11	11	22
Total	91	103	194

Release Address Cities/Towns in <i>Suffolk County</i>			
	Female	Male	Total
Boston	90	456	546
Chelsea	2	12	14
Revere	1	11	12
Winthrop	3	15	18
Total	96	494	590

Release Address Cities/Towns in Worcester County			
	Female	Male	Total
Ashburnham	1	0	1
Auburn	0	1	1
Blackstone	1	0	1
Brookfield	0	1	1
Charlton	2	2	4
Clinton	3	2	5
Douglas	0	1	1
Dudley	2	3	5
East Brookfield	1	0	1
Fitchburg	13	10	23
Gardner	1	6	7
Grafton	2	3	5
Holden	0	1	1
Hopedale	0	1	1
Lancaster	1	1	2
Leicester	0	3	3
Leominster	12	8	20
Lunenburg	0	1	1
Milford	1	5	6
Millbury	2	0	2
Northbridge	4	2	6
Oakham	0	3	3
Oxford	1	2	3
Phillipston	0	1	1
Shrewsbury	0	1	1
Southboro	1	0	1
Southbridge	5	5	10
Spencer	5	0	5
Sterling	0	1	1
Sutton	1	0	1
Templeton	1	2	3
Upton	1	0	1
Uxbridge	0	2	2
Webster	4	5	9
West Boylston	2	1	3
Westborough	6	5	11
Whittinsville	1	0	1
Winchendon	2	4	6
Worcester	42	126	168
Total	118	209	327

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