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Section Twenty-one of Chapter 799 of the
Acts of 1985 directs the Commissioner of Correction
to report quarterly on the status of overcrowding
in state and county facilities.

"Such report shall include, by facility, the average daily census for the period of the report and the actual census on the first and last days of the report period. Said report shall also contain such information for the previous twelve months and a comparison to the rated capacity of such facility."

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Technical Notes: 2010 – Present (for previous years, please refer to reports prior to 2nd quarter 2015)

- MCI-Cedar Junction began double-bunking maximum security housing units 2 and 3 on March 17, 2011, and the Orientation Unit on March 29, 2011.
- Average Daily Population for the previous year was calculated by using the last day of each month.
- The ATU (Awaiting Trial Unit) houses both pre-trial and civilly committed females. The facility
 population count provided includes all pre-trial and civil females, some of whom might be housed
 elsewhere within MCI-Framingham other than the actual ATU.
- Average Daily Population for county facilities was calculated by using the figures provided during the last week of every month.
- Custody snapshot data is based on an end of the month count. Prior to 4th quarter 2011, custody snapshot data was taken based on the first of the month.
- Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center was opened in Hampden County in November 2011, housing most county sentenced females from the western half of the state.
- On July 1, 2012, the maximum number of days an individual could be civilly committed as a Section 35 at MASAC or MCI-Framingham was increased from 30 days to 90 days.
- On June 24, 2012 six pre-release beds were added to MCI-Plymouth. An additional four pre-release beds were added by the end of 2012.
- Chapter 192 of the Acts of 2012, known as the Crime Bill, was enacted on August 2, 2012 and resulted in an immediate change to sentence structure for dozens of inmates.
- Issues regarding the accuracy of testing at the Hinton Drug Lab resulted in several hundred releases "from court", most occurring during the months of September through December 2012.
- Effective April 1, 2013, Brooke House has three types of bed categories; DOC Reentry, Parole Transitional and Parole Halfway. Historically, Brooke House beds were only DOC Reentry.
- As of May 2013, 6 medium security beds were added to MCI-Cedar Junction.
- In May 2013, inmates housed at the Cambridge Jail in Middlesex County were temporarily housed elsewhere due to issues with the water system.
- On October 15, 2013, MCI-Plymouth increased its pre-release capacity to 15 beds while decreasing
 its minimum capacity to 212 beds. The overall operational capacity remained the same.
- On June 28, 2014 the Middlesex County Jail in Cambridge was officially closed.
- Effective June 30, 2014, the DOC terminated their contract with Spectrum Women and Children's Program which included 15 beds for female inmates.
- Inmates were temporarily moved out of NCCI-Gardner Minimum in October 2014 due to an energy conservation project.
- Throughout 2015, there were various changes reported for design capacity for numerous county facilities. All design capacities and occupancy data for Massachusetts Houses of Correction and jails reported herein is provided by the County, Federal, and Interstate Unit.
- Effective May 28, 2015, the DOC terminated their contract with Brooke House which included 20 beds for male inmates.

- Inmates are no longer housed at Bay State Correctional Center as of June 30, 2015. The transfer of inmates housed at BSCC to other facilities began in April 2015.
- Effective June 30, 2015, a unit of 48 beds was reallocated at Pondville Correctional Center to house those who have been granted parole and are currently in the Transitional Treatment Program (TTP). They are not considered part of the DOC's custody or jurisdiction populations.
- Due to the closing of facilities, the design capacity for the DOC decreased from 8,029 to 7,728 (301 beds). This change is reflected beginning in the third quarter 2015.
- During the fourth quarter of 2015, numerous units were inactivated within MCI-Concord resulting in the transferring of inmates to other facilities (including all 52A pre-trial inmates at this facility). The closing of units reduced the operational capacity of the facility.
- Effective October 2016, four housing units designated for criminally sentenced inmates at MCI-Framingham were disabled. As a result, these inmates were moved to other housing units within the facility, including units previously designated for pre-trial inmates.
- Effective December 5, 2016, the Transitional Treatment Program was relocated from Pondville Correctional Center to Boston Pre-Release Center. The transfer of parolees affected the number of beds allotted for inmates as well as the capacity figures at both facilities.
- Effective December 22, 2016, MCI-Plymouth was shuttered and remaining inmates were transferred to other DOC facilities.
- During the 1st quarter 2017, the design capacity was reduced by 151 inmates due to the shuttering of MCI-Plymouth.
- Effective May 1, 2017, Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center @ Plymouth opened at the former site of MCI-Plymouth, with a design capacity of 151.
- Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center was mothballed on May 6, 2017, resulting in a reduction of 236 from the design capacity.

Definitions:

<u>Custody Population:</u> Custody population refers to all inmates incarcerated in a Massachusetts DOC facility.

<u>Jurisdiction Population:</u> Jurisdiction population refers to all inmates considered to be under Massachusetts DOC jurisdiction when the Commonwealth has legal authority over the inmate regardless of where the inmate is being held. DOC jurisdiction includes those incarcerated in Massachusetts DOC facilities and those housed in correctional facilities outside of the Massachusetts DOC (i.e. Massachusetts Houses of Correction, other states' correctional facilities, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons).

<u>Design/Rated Capacity:</u> The number of inmates that planners or architects intended for the institution [as defined by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)]. Rated capacity is the number of beds or inmates assigned by a rating official to institutions within the jurisdiction, essentially formally updated from the original design capacity.

Security Levels:

In May 2012, new security level designations were established according to **103 DOC 101 Correctional Institutions/Security Levels** policy which states:

Pre-Release/Contracted Residential Placement – The perimeter is marked by non-secure boundaries. Physical barriers to inmate movement and interaction are either non-secure or non-existent. Inmate movements and interactions are controlled by rules and regulations only. Inmates may leave the institution daily for work and/or education in the community. Supervision while on the grounds of the facility

is intermittent. While in the community, supervision is occasional, although indirect supervision (e.g. contact with employer) may be more frequent. Inmates must be within eighteen (18) months of parole eligibility or release and not barred by sentencing restrictions for either placement in a pre-release facility or participation in work, education or program related activities (PRA) release programs.

Minimum – The perimeter is marked by non-secure boundaries. Physical barriers to movement and interaction are either non-secure or non-existent. Inmates may be housed in single, double or multiple occupancy areas. Inmate movements and interactions are controlled by rules and regulations only. Supervision is intermittent. Inmates may leave the perimeter under supervision. Contact visits and personal clothing are allowed.

Medium – The perimeter and physical barriers to control inmate movement and interaction are present. Inmates may be housed in single, double or multiple occupancy areas. Inmate movement and interaction are generally controlled by rules and regulations, as well as with physical barriers. Inmates are subject to direct supervision by staff. Work and program opportunities are available. Contact visits and personal clothing may be allowed. Inmates assigned to medium custody designation at MCI-Cedar Junction will receive contact visits.

Maximum – The perimeter is designed and staffed to prevent escapes and the introduction of contraband. Inmate movement and interaction are controlled by physical barriers. Inmates are housed in single and double cells. The design of the facility offers an ability to house some offenders separate from others without a limitation of work and/or program opportunities. Inmates are subject to direct supervision by staff. At the superintendent's discretion, contact visits may be allowed at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center and MCI Cedar Junction's reception beds (which are considered maximum security). Personal clothing is generally not allowed.

Abbreviations

ADP Average Daily Population
BSCC Bay State Correctional Center

BOS Boston Pre-Release

BSH Bridgewater State Hospital
CFI County, Federal and Interstate

CJ MCI-Cedar Junction

CON MCI-Concord

DOC Department of Correction
DYS Department of Youth Services

FRA MCI-Framingham
HOC House of Correction
LEM Lemuel Shattuck Hospital

MASAC Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center

MASPLY Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center @ Plymouth

MTC Massachusetts Treatment Center

NCCI NCCI-Gardner

NECC Northeastern Correctional Center

NOR MCI-Norfolk

OCCC Old Colony Correctional Center
PCC Pondville Correctional Center

SBCC Souza Baranowski Correctional Center

SHI MCI-Shirley

SMCC South Middlesex Correctional Center

Table 1 provides the DOC figures for the second quarter of 2018. The DOC custody population has decreased by 68 inmates, or less than one percent, since the beginning of the second quarter 2018. By the end of the quarter the DOC was operating with 8,754 inmates in the system. During the second quarter 2018, the DOC had an average daily custody population of 8,775, operating at 117% of the 7,492 design capacity.

DOC inmates housed in non-DOC facilities had an average daily population of 349 inmates. The majority of these inmates were in Massachusetts Houses of Correction.

Overall, the average daily total DOC jurisdiction population for the second quarter 2018 was 9,124. There was a decrease of 52 inmates, or less than one percent, over the guarter from 9,159 to 9,107.

Table 1
Second Quarter 2018
Population in DOC Facilities, April 30, 2018 to June 31, 2018

Security Level/Facility	Avg. Daily	Beginning	Ending	Design/Rated	% ADP
B4	Population	Population	Population	Capacity	Capacity
Maximum	070	070	004		4040/
MCI-Cedar Junction	670	676	664	555	121%
SBCC	1,003	1,014	998	1,024	98%
Sub-Total, Maximum	1,673	1,690	1,662	1,579	106%
Medium	F7.4		504	504	4000/
Massachusetts Treatment Center	574	577	564	561	102%
MCI-Cedar Junction	71	71	71	78	91%
MCI-Concord	631	635	628	614	103%
MCI-Framingham (Female)	437	436	438	452	97%
MCI-Norfolk	1,326	1,333	1,323	1,084	122%
MCI-Shirley	1,124	1,124	1,125	720	156%
NCCI-Gardner	935	932	944	568	165%
OCCC	619	626	614	480	129%
Shattuck Correctional Unit	26	26	26	24	108%
State Hospital @ Bridgewater	225	237	225	227	99%
Sub-Total, Medium	5,968	5,997	5,958	4,808	124%
<u>Minimum</u>					
MASPLY	193	202	184	151	128%
MCI-Shirley	306	303	306	299	102%
NCCI-Gardner	13	13	13	30	43%
OCCC	94	99	91	100	94%
Minimum/Pre-Release					
Boston Pre-Release Center	100	107	95	150	67%
NECC	184	183	184	150	123%
Pondville Correctional Center	160	150	169	100	160%
SMCC (Female)	84	78	92	125	67%
Sub-Total, Minimum/Pre-Release	1,134	1,135	1,134	1,105	103%
Total Custody	8,775	8,822	8,754	7,492	117%
DOC Inmates in Non-DOC Facilities	•	•		•	
Houses of Correction	262	252	264	n.a.	n.a.
Department of Youth Services	1	1	1	n.a.	n.a.
Federal Prisons	6	6	7	n.a.	n.a.
Inter-State Compact	80	78	81	n.a.	n.a.
Sub-Total, Non-DOC Facilities	349	337	353	n.a.	n.a.
Total Jurisdiction	9,124	9,159	9,107	7,492	122%
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Table 2 provides the DOC figures for the previous twelve months (April 30, 2017 to March 31, 2018). The figures below indicate that the DOC custody population decreased by 212 inmates, or two percent, over the twelve-month period from 9,019 in April 2017 to 8,807 in March 2018.

DOC inmates housed in non-DOC facilities had an average daily population of 361 inmates. Of these inmates, 272 were in Houses of Correction, 82 inmates were in a facility outside of Massachusetts through the Interstate Compact, 6 inmates were in a Federal Prison and 1 inmate was in a Department of Youth Services facility.

The DOC jurisdiction population decreased from 9,440 to 9,139 over the twelve month period, a decrease of 301 inmates, or three percent. The average daily population during this time period was 9,352 inmates.

Note that the design capacity changed in the middle of the trend period and thus the capacity rate is not provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2
Previous Twelve Months
Population in DOC Facilities, April 30, 2017 to March 31, 2018

Security Level/Facility	Avg. Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design/Rated Capacity
Maximum	Population	Population	Fopulation	Сараспу
MCI-Cedar Junction	683	709	717	555
SBCC	1,065	1,064	1,021	1,024
Sub-Total, Maximum	1,748	1,773	1,738	1,579
Medium	-,	-,	-,	.,
Massachusetts Treatment Center	546	512	576	561
MCI-Cedar Junction	71	72	71	78
MCI-Concord	672	732	637	614
MCI-Framingham (Female)	461	451	450	452
MCI-Norfolk	1,371	1,416	1,330	1,084
MCI-Shirley	1,138	1,130	1,116	720
NCCI-Gardner	945	944	936	568
OCCC	597	577	618	480
Shattuck Correctional Unit	25	16	25	24
State Hospital @ Bridgewater	200	201	220	227
Sub-Total, Medium	6,026	6,051	5,979	4,808
<u>Minimum</u>				
MASAC/MASPLY	211	159	175	151
MCI-Shirley	300	306	292	299
NCCI-Gardner	11	13	12	30
OCCC	128	124	100	100
Minimum/Pre-Release				
Boston Pre-Release Center	117	116	106	150
NECC	193	206	186	150
Pondville Correctional Center	151	144	143	100
SMCC (Female)	106	127	76	125
Sub-Total: Minimum/Pre-Release	1,217	1,195	1,090	1,105
Total Custody	8,991	9,019	8,807	7,492
DOC Inmates in Non-DOC Facilities				
Houses of Correction	272	330	245	n.a.
Department of Youth Services	1	1	1	n.a.
Federal Prisons	6	6	6	n.a.
Inter-State Compact	82	84	80	n.a.
Sub-Total, Non-DOC Facilities	361	421	332	n.a.
Total Jurisdiction	9,352	9,440	9,139	7,492

Table 3 presents the county figures for the second quarter of 2018. During the second quarter, the county population decreased by 74 inmates, or less than one percent, beginning the quarter with 9,355 inmates and ending with 9,281. The average daily population was 9,306 with a design capacity of 11,226. On average, the county facilities operated at 83% of design capacity.

Table 3
Second Quarter 2018
Population in County Correctional Facilities by County,
April 30, 2018 to June 25, 2018

Facility	Avg. Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design/Rated Capacity*	% ADP Capacity
Barnstable	320	318	313	300	107%
Berkshire	210	214	206	292	72%
Bristol	1,080	1,118	1,082	566	191%
Dukes	19	20	17	19	100%
Essex	1,455	1,419	1,489	1,654	88%
Franklin	228	219	231	144	158%
Hampden	1,111	1,089	1,150	1,632	68%
Hampshire	225	235	218	287	78%
Middlesex	806	811	794	1,501	54%
Norfolk	439	451	411	620	71%
Plymouth	965	981	956	1,140	85%
Suffolk	1,497	1,505	1,498	2,249	67%
Worcester	951	975	916	822	116%
Total	9,306	9,355	9,281	11,226	83%

^{*}Design capacity is provided by the County, Federal, and Interstate Unit.

Table 4 presents the breakdown of the county population for the second quarter of 2018 for the counties which operate more than one facility.

Table 4
Second Quarter 2018
Population in County Correctional Facilities by Facility,
April 30, 2018 to June 25, 2018

Facility	Avg. Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design/Rated Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Bristol County	_				
Bristol Ash Street	161	175	160	206	78%
Bristol Dartmouth	857	865	867	304	282%
Bristol Women's Center	62	78	55	56	111%
Essex County					
Essex Middleton	1,188	1,155	1,216	1,291	92%
Essex W.I.T.	38	38	37	23	164%
Essex LCAC	230	226	236	340	68%
Hampden County					
Hampden HOC	821	800	860	1,178	70%
Hampden WMCAC	85	82	77	148	57%
Hampden Women's Center	206	207	213	306	67%
Suffolk County					
Suffolk Nashua Street	604	600	611	453	133%
Suffolk South Bay	891	900	887	1,796	50%

Table 5 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months (April 30, 2017 to March 26, 2018). The figures below show that the county population decreased by 1,060 inmates over this twelvemonth period, or twelve percent, from 10,532 in April 2017 to 9,472 in March 2018.

Table 5

Previous Twelve Months Population in County Correctional Facilities by County, April 24 2017 to March 26, 2018

Facility	Avg. Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design/Rated Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Barnstable	333	373	324	300	111%
Berkshire	212	222	206	292	73%
Bristol	1,215	1,275	1,131	566	215%
Dukes	20	17	22	19	105%
Essex	1,497	1,539	1,447	1,654	91%
Franklin	222	237	221	144	154%
Hampden	1,274	1,369	1,100	1,632	78%
Hampshire	243	258	232	287	85%
Middlesex	932	990	819	1,501	62%
Norfolk	461	475	454	620	74%
Plymouth	1,042	1,058	1,010	1,140	91%
Suffolk	1,651	1,645	1,513	2,249	73%
Worcester	1,030	1,065	993	822	125%
Total	10,132	10,523	9,472	11,226	90%

Table 6 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months. The following table presents a breakdown of facility population and capacity for counties that operate more than one facility.

Table 6

Previous Twelve Months Population in County Correctional Facilities by Facility, April 24, 2017 to March 26, 2018

Facility	Avg. Daily	Beginning	Ending	Design/Rated	% ADP
•	Population	Population	Population	Capacity	Capacity
Bristol County	_				
Bristol Ash Street	175	190	136	206	85%
Bristol Dartmouth	953	1005	910	304	313%
Women's Center	88	80	85	56	156%
Essex County					
Essex Middleton	1,213	1,217	1,194	1,291	94%
Essex W.I.T.	30	28	33	23	130%
Essex LCAC	254	294	220	340	75%
Hampden County					
Hampden HOC	919	1,001	795	1,178	78%
Hampden WMCAC	115	117	111	148	78%
Hampden Women's Center	240	251	194	306	78%
Suffolk County					
Suffolk Nashua Street	650	667	593	453	143%
Suffolk South Bay	1,002	978	920	1,796	56%