

## Quarterly Snapshot of the Prison Population *Massachusetts Department of Correction*

On any given day, nearly 8,000 inmates are housed in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities with even more inmates, who are under the jurisdiction of the DOC, located in non-DOC facilities elsewhere. The attached table provides detailed statistics on the DOC prison population by type of commitment (criminally sentenced, civil commitments and pre-trial detainees), original jurisdiction (county, state, federal or out-of-state) and institution. Below is a summary of the overall and various sub-populations based on **Dec. 31, 2019**:

- 8,292 = DOC Jurisdiction Population<sup>1</sup>:** An individual is under the Massachusetts (MA) DOC jurisdiction when the Commonwealth has legal authority over the individual regardless of where the inmate is being held to include those incarcerated in MA DOC facilities as well as those in correctional facilities outside of the MA DOC (County Houses of Correction, other state's correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons).
- 7,923 = DOC Custody Population<sup>2</sup>:** An individual incarcerated in a MA DOC facility.
- 7,197 = State Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes all criminally sentenced state inmates located in DOC facilities.
- 42 = County Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes only those criminally sentenced inmates to respective counties being housed at the MA DOC. The vast majority are female inmates whose county of jurisdiction do not house sentenced females.
- 80 = Out-of-State and Federal Criminally Sentenced Population:** The majority of these inmates housed at the MA DOC from federal and other states' prisons are part of the Interstate Compact, whereby we have a fairly even exchange of DOC inmates in correctional facilities out-of-state.
- 109 = Pre-Trial Detainee Population:** Individuals in MA DOC custody detained prior to a trial and not yet convicted of a crime. Detainees are also held by the DOC from federal, out-of-state and parole's jurisdiction.
- 495 = Civil Commitments:** A civil commitment includes a male who has been committed by a court to Bridgewater State Hospital pursuant to G.L. c. 123, section 7 and 8, 15, 16 or 18; or to the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center pursuant to G.L. c. 123, § 35; or to the Massachusetts Treatment Center pursuant to G.L. c. 123A; a female who, prior to April 24, 2016, was committed to MCI-Framingham pursuant to G.L. c. 123, § 35; or a female who has been committed to MCI-Framingham, a branch of the Massachusetts Treatment Center, pursuant to G.L. c. 123A.

*This data is produced by the DOC Office of Strategic Planning & Research and available on the Department's website at: [www.mass.gov/doc](http://www.mass.gov/doc)*

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<sup>1</sup> The data herein does not include Massachusetts inmates serving concurrent sentences in non-Massachusetts state or county facilities (MASSCC).

<sup>2</sup> As of July 7, 2015, a unit within Pondville Correctional Center had been allocated for inmates who have been granted parole and are in the Transitional Treatment Program. The unit was relocated to Boston Pre-Release as of December 7, 2016. They are considered parolees and are not part of our active count. On December 31, 2019, there were 13 parolees being housed in this program.

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		6/30/2019			9/30/2019			12/31/2019			
<b>Total MA DOC Custody Population</b>		Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
<b>MADOC Custody</b>	<b>Criminally Sentenced</b>										
	<b>Type of Sentence</b>	State Criminally Sentenced	209	7246	7455	207	7128	7335	202	6,995	7,197
		County Criminally Sentenced	119	6	125	100	7	107	35	7	42
		Federal Criminally Sentenced	0	6	6	0	5	5	0	4	4
		Out of State Criminally Sentenced	3	75	78	3	76	79	3	73	76
		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>7,333</b>	<b>7,664</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>7216</b>	<b>7,526</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>7,079</b>	<b>7,319</b>
	<b>Pre-Trial</b>										
	<b>Jurisdiction of Origin</b>	County	183	29	212	177	26	203	39	25	64
		Federal	7	35	42	6	32	38	6	32	38
		Out of State	1	9	10	0	6	6	0	7	7
		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>109</b>
	<b>Civil Commitments</b>										
	<b>Institution</b>	Framingham	7	0	7	10	0	10	5	0	5
		MASAC/MASAC@PLYMOUTH	0	135	135	0	165	165	0	111	111
		BSH	0	204	204	0	233	233	0	221	221
		MTC	0	147	147	0	152	152	0	158	158
		Other Facility	0	3	3	0	2	2	0	0	0
		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>495</b>
	<b>Total Custody Population</b>		<b>529</b>	<b>7,895</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>7,832</b>	<b>8,335</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>7,633</b>	<b>7,923</b>
<b>CFI Facility Housing Inmate</b>											
		Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
<b>Non -Custody[*]</b>	<b>Criminally Sentenced</b>										
	<b>Institution</b>	<sup>1</sup> Plymouth County	0	80	80	0	77	77	0	62	62
		Other County Facilities	16	119	135	17	131	148	14	114	128
		Out of State	0	85	85	0	82	82	0	80	80
		Federal	0	13	13	0	13	13	0	12	12
		Department of Youth Services	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>283</b>
	<b>Pre-Trial</b>										
	<b>Institution</b>	<sup>1</sup> Plymouth County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Other County Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Civil Commitments</b>										
	<b>Insti-tution</b>	<sup>2</sup> Plymouth County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Other County Facilities	0	99	99	0	127	127	0	86	86
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86</b>	
<b>Total Non-Custody Inmates</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>369</b>	
<b>Total MA DOC Jurisdiction Population</b>		<b>545</b>	<b>8,292</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>8,263</b>	<b>8,783</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>7,988</b>	<b>8,292</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Per Memorandum of Agreement among the DOC, the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, and the Plymouth County Sheriff, beds are set aside for DOC inmates at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

[\*] MA DOC inmates housed in a county/federal/interstate facility.