

Quarterly Snapshot of the Prison Population

Massachusetts Department of Correction

On any given day, nearly 6,000 incarcerated individuals are housed in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities with even more individuals, 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, 2024**:

- 6,168 = DOC Jurisdiction Population¹:** An individual is under the Massachusetts (MA) DOC jurisdiction when the Commonwealth has legal authority over the individual regardless of where the incarcerated individual 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).
- 5,988 = DOC Custody Population²:** An individual incarcerated in a MA DOC facility.
- 5,481 = State Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes all criminally sentenced state incarcerated individuals located in DOC facilities.
- 16 = County Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes only those criminally sentenced incarcerated individuals to respective counties being housed at the MA DOC. The vast majority are female incarcerated individuals whose county of jurisdiction do not house sentenced females.
- 67 = Out-of-State and Federal Criminally Sentenced Population:** The majority of these incarcerated individuals 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 incarcerated individuals in correctional facilities out-of-state.
- 42 = 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.
- 382 = 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

¹ The data herein does not include Massachusetts incarcerated individuals serving concurrent sentences in non-Massachusetts state or county facilities (MASSCC).

² As of July 7, 2015, a unit within Pondville Correctional Center had been allocated for incarcerated individuals 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, 2024, no parolees were housed in this program.

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		6/30/2024			9/30/2024			12/31/2024			
Total MA DOC Custody Population		Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
MADOC Custody	Criminally Sentenced										
	Type of Sentence	State Criminally Sentenced	142	5,383	5525	147	5,331	5,478	154	5,327	5,481
		County Criminally Sentenced	12	7	19	12	7	19	8	8	16
		Federal Criminally Sentenced	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3
		Out of State Criminally Sentenced	2	62	64	2	59	61	2	62	64
		Sub-Total	156	5,455	5,611	161	5,400	5,561	164	5,400	5,564
	Pre-Trial										
	Jurisdiction of Origin	County	46	8	54	52	8	60	31	9	40
		Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Out of State	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2
		Sub-Total	46	10	56	52	10	62	31	11	42
	Civil Commitments										
	Institution	Framingham	10	12	0	13	0	13	11	0	11
		MASAC/MASAC@PLYMOUTH	0	0	65	0	76	76	0	47	47
		BSH	0	0	251	0	246	246	0	229	229
		MTC	0	0	92	0	89	89	0	92	92
		Other Facility	0	0	6	0	4	4	0	3	3
Sub-Total		10	12	414	13	415	428	11	371	382	
Total Custody Population		212	5,477	6,081	226	5,825	6,051	206	5,782	5,988	
	Non-DOC Facility Housing Incarcerated Individual	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
Non -Custody*1	Criminally Sentenced										
	Institution	1Plymouth County	0	10	10	0	19	19	0	23	23
		Other County Facilities	27	41	68	30	56	86	24	61	85
		Out of State	0	64	64	0	61	61	0	61	61
		Federal	0	9	9	0	9	9	0	8	8
		Department of Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		4MA DOC Electronic Monitoring	0	3	3	0	2	2	0	3	3
		Department of Youth Services	27	127	154	30	147	177	24	156	180
	Pre-Trial										
	Institution	1Plymouth County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Other County Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Sub-Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Civil Commitments										
	Insti-tution	2Plymouth County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Other County Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Sub-Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Non-Custody Incarcerated Individuals		27	127	154	30	147	177	24	156	180
	Total MA DOC Jurisdiction Population	239	5,604	6,235	256	5,972	6,228	230	5,938	6,168	

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

²Previously included in the category of "Other County Facilities".

[*] MA DOC incarcerated individuals housed in a county/federal/interstate facility or in electronic monitoring program.