

Quarterly Snapshot of the Prison Population

Massachusetts Department of Correction

On any given day, about 6,100 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 **Mar. 31, 2025**:

- 6,286 = 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 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).
- 6,106 = DOC Custody Population²:** An individual incarcerated in a MA DOC facility.
- 5,562 = State Criminally Sentenced Population:** Includes all criminally sentenced state inmates located in DOC facilities.
- 18 = 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.
- 69 = 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.
- 60 = 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.
- 397 = 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 inmates 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 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 March 31, 2025, no parolees were housed in this program.

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			9/30/2024			12/31/2024			3/31/2025		
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	147	5,331	5478	154	5,327	5,481	157	5,405	5,562
		County Criminally Sentenced	12	7	19	8	8	16	11	7	18
		Federal Criminally Sentenced	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3
		Out of State Criminally Sentenced	2	59	61	2	62	64	2	64	66
		Sub-Total	161	5,400	5,561	164	5,400	5,564	170	5,479	5,649
	Pre-Trial										
	Jurisdiction of Origin	County	52	8	60	31	9	40	49	11	60
		Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Out of State	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
		Sub-Total	52	10	62	31	11	42	49	11	60
	Civil Commitments										
	Institution	Framingham	13	0	13	11	0	11	16	0	16
		MASAC/MASAC@PLYMOUTH	0	76	76	0	47	47	0	55	55
		BSH	0	246	246	0	229	229	0	233	233
		MTC	0	89	89	0	92	92	0	90	90
		Other Facility	0	4	4	0	3	3	0	3	3
		Sub-Total	13	415	428	11	371	382	16	381	397
	Total Custody Population		226	5,825	6,051	206	5,782	5,988	235	5,871	6,106
	Non-DOC Facility Housing Inmate		Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Non -Custody*[1]	Criminally Sentenced										
	Institution	1Plymouth County	0	19	19	0	23	23	0	24	24
		Other County Facilities	30	56	86	24	61	85	27	56	83
		Out of State	0	61	61	0	61	61	0	59	59
		Federal	0	9	9	0	8	8	0	8	8
		Department of Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		4MA DOC Electronic Monitoring	0	2	2	0	3	3	0	6	6
		Department of Youth Services	30	147	177	24	156	180	27	153	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 Inmates		30	147	177	24	156	180	27	153	180
	Total MA DOC Jurisdiction Population		256	5,972	6,228	230	5,938	6,168	262	6,024	6,286

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 inmates at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

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

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