A Statistical Description of Releases From Institutions and the Jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction During 1998

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Executive Summary

The 1998 release report marks the second year in which an expanded definition of releases is utilized. Please see the introduction to this report for an explanation of this new definition. Due to this change, comparisons to past years are made on the basis of the prior definition, that is, releases to the street from DOC facilities only.

The total number of criminally sentenced individuals released from the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction in 1998 was 3,593. The breakdown by gender was 2,664 males (74%) and 929 females (26%). The largest racial/ethnic group represented was Caucasian (51%), followed by African American (27%) and Hispanic (22%). The mean age of an inmate released in 1998 was 34 years old, and ranged from 17 to 81 years of age. The mean age at incarceration was 30 years old.

Highlights

- Of the 3,593 releases in 1998, 2,829 (79%) of those were releases to the street from DOC facilities. This represents a five percent decrease of releases to the street and a seven percent decrease in total releases from 1997.
- There was a one percent decrease of female releases to the street and a six percent decrease of male releases to the street in 1998.
- In 1998, release by good conduct discharge and expiration of sentence to the street accounted for 53% of all releases, while 29% of releases were paroled to the street.
- Thirty-five percent of releases to the street from DOC facilities were paroled to the street, a decline from the 57 percent recorded in 1990. Also in 1998, 65 percent of those inmates released to the street from DOC facilities were by expiration of sentence or good conduct discharge as compared with 43 percent in 1990.
- Forty-five percent (N=932) of the males released to the street from DOC facilities in 1998 were from lower security compared to 47 percent (N=1,060) in 1997.
- Thirty-four percent of releases were serving a sentence for Person offenses. Twenty-seven percent of releases were serving a sentence for Drug offenses, 19 percent were for Property offenses, and 14 percent for Other offenses.
- In 1998, five percent of releases were Paroled to Immigration or had a Good Conduct Discharge to Immigration.
- The mean time served for an inmate released in 1998 was fifty-two months for Males and nine months for Females.
- Thirty-eight percent of 1998 releases were serving only one sentence, thirty-seven percent
 were serving two or three sentences, the remaining twenty-six percent were serving four or
 more sentences.

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Introduction

This report is a statistical description of releases from facilities and the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) during 1998. This report, in conformity with past release reports, includes those individuals who were released to the street by the authority of the Parole Board, by expiration of sentence, or by a certificate of discharge.

However, commencing with the 1997 report, the DOC release report also includes:

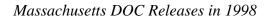
- ⇒ Individuals released via parole or good conduct discharge to other jurisdictions such as another state, federal authority, or immigration
- ⇒ Individuals released to another sentence at the Department of Correction or a Massachusetts House of Correction
- ⇒ Individuals released to a civil commitment at the Department of Correction
- ⇒ Individuals released to a warrant
- ⇒ Individuals who were sentenced to the Department of Correction, but transferred to another correctional authority and thereafter released
- \Rightarrow Individuals transferred from other authorities who were subsequently released to the street from a DOC facility

Excluded from this report are individuals who were released by a court order, those that may have escaped from a DOC facility or died in custody. Also excluded are individuals who were civilly committed and detainees who were released during the year. Individuals who were released more than once during 1998 are counted as separate cases.

The first three sections of this report present tables which contain information on all release types listed above with respect to personal background characteristics, the nature of the current offense, and release characteristics for these individuals. All tables are broken down by gender. The fourth section of this report displays trend information over the last ten years, 1989 to 1998. The information in this trend section is based on the 'old' definition of releases, that is, *releases to the street from DOC facilities only* (herein 'releases to the street').

The data contained in this report were derived from the inmate database maintained by the Department of Correction. Please note that much of the personal background data of the offenders are self-reported, and due to lack of reliable or complete information some variables reported in past years are not reported this year. Also, individuals may be incarcerated for multiple offenses. The offense reported is that which is associated with the sentence that governs the inmate's maximum discharge date. Finally, due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to 100%.

Please refer to the Glossary in the back of the report for the definition of terms and offenses used throughout the report.



Demographic Characteristics of the 1998 Release Population

Table 1

Gender

	Number of	
	Releases	(%)
Male	2,664	74
Female	929	26
Total	3,593	100

Table 2

Race/Ethnicity

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Caucasian	631	68	1,191	45	1,822	51
African American	154	17	808	30	962	27
Hispanic	140	15	639	24	779	22
Asian	4	0	20	1	24	1
American Indian	0	0	6	0	6	0
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Table 3

Marital Status (Self-Reported)

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Single	559	60	1,965	74	2,524	70
Married	110	12	394	15	504	14
Divorced	146	16	196	7	342	10
Separated	84	9	72	3	156	4
Widow-Widower	27	3	7	0	34	1
Partner/Live-in	0	0	9	0	9	0
Not Reported	3	0	21	1	24	1
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Table 4

Age at Incarceration

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
16 Years	0	0	6	0	6	0
17 Years	1	0	35	1	36	1
18 Years	10	1	114	4	124	3
19 Years	14	2	134	5	148	4
20 Years	17	2	164	6	181	5
21 Years	24	3	119	4	143	4
22 Years	27	3	136	5	163	5
23 Years	17	2	112	4	129	4
24 Years	23	2	140	5	163	5
25 to 29 Years	176	19	598	22	774	22
30 to 34 Years	238	26	458	17	696	19
35 to 39 Years	208	22	306	11	514	14
40 to 44 Years	97	10	177	7	274	8
45 to 49 Years	55	6	84	3	139	4
50 to 54 Years	13	1	41	2	54	2
55 to 59 Years	7	1	27	1	34	1
60 to 64 Years	1	0	9	0	10	0
65 to 69 Years	1	0	2	0	3	0
70 Years or Older	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Age at Incarceration:
The median age was 29.0 years.

The mean age was 30.2 years. The age range was 16 to 79 years.

Table 5

Age at Release

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
17 Years	1	0	2	0	3	0
18 Years	4	0	12	0	16	0
19 Years	12	1	19	1	31	1
20 Years	16	2	40	2	56	2
21 Years	16	2	57	2	73	2
22 Years	24	3	86	3	110	3
23 Years	22	2	80	3	102	3
24 Years	15	2	95	4	110	3
25 to 29 Years	161	17	596	22	757	21
30 to 34 Years	229	25	593	22	822	23
35 to 39 Years	217	23	451	17	668	19
40 to 44 Years	127	14	308	12	435	12
45 to 49 Years	59	6	155	6	214	6
50 to 54 Years	16	2	96	4	112	3
55 to 59 Years	8	1	38	1	46	1
60 to 64 Years	1	0	22	1	23	1
65 to 69 Years	1	0	9	0	10	0
70 Years or Older	0	0	5	0	5	0
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Age at Release:
The median age was 33.0 years.
The mean age was 33.8 years.
The age range was 17 to 81 years.

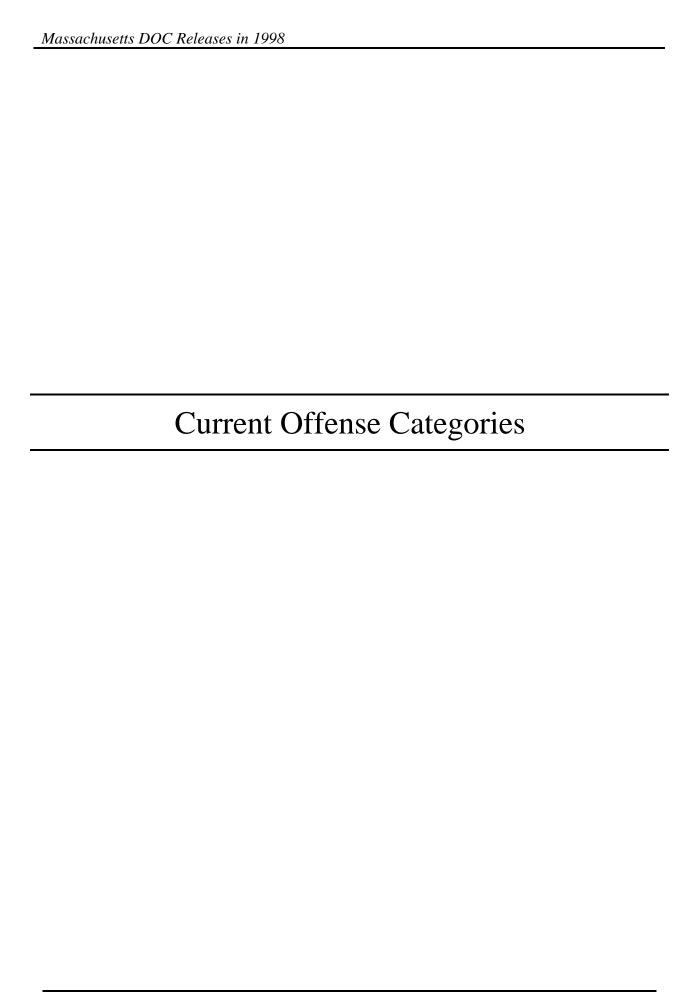


Table 6

Current Offense: General Categories

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Person	163	18	1,045	39	1,208	34
Sex	13	1	254	10	267	7
Property	234	25	432	16	666	19
Drug	228	25	736	28	964	27
Other	291	31	197	7	488	14
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Figure 1

General Offense Categories: Female

Figure 2

General Offense Categories: Male

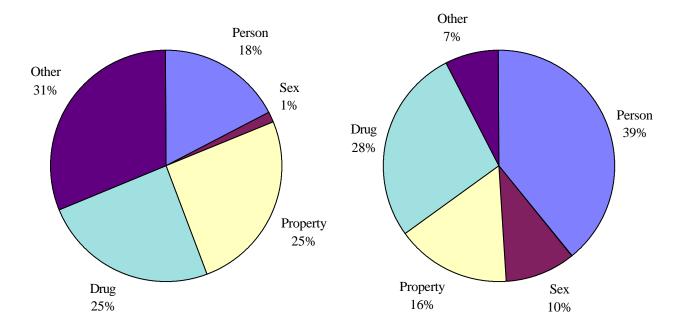


Table 7

Person Offenses

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Armed Robbery	15	9	387	37	402	33
A&B Dangerous Weapon	36	22	141	13	177	15
Unarmed Robbery	13	8	128	12	141	12
Armed Asslt W/Int to Rob/Murder	5	3	114	11	119	10
Assault and A&B	61	37	18	2	79	7
Manslaughter	10	6	67	6	77	6
Asslt Dangerous Weapon	7	4	28	3	35	3
Unarmed Robbery, Victim 60+	4	2	20	2	24	2
Vehicular Homicide	2	1	18	2	20	2
Armed Assault in Dwelling	0	0	19	2	19	2
Kidnapping	1	1	16	2	17	1
Mayhem	0	0	15	1	15	1
Murder 2	0	0	15	1	15	1
Other Person Offense	4	2	10	1	14	1
Assault W/Intent to Murder	0	0	13	1	13	1
Unarmed Assault to Rob	0	0	8	1	8	1
Carjacking	1	1	7	1	8	1
Accessory Before/After the Fact	1	1	5	0	6	0
Conspiracy	1	1	3	0	4	0
Extortion	0	0	4	0	4	0
A&B W/Injury, Child Under 14	1	1	3	0	4	0
Stalking	0	0	3	0	3	0
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	0	0	2	0	2	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	1	0	1	0
Civil Rights Violation	1	1	0	0	1	0
Total	163	100	1,045	100	1,208	100

Table 8

Sex Offenses

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Rape of Child <16, Statutory	1	8	64	25	65	24
Rape	0	0	58	23	58	22
Rape of Child <16, W/Force	1	8	49	19	50	19
Aggravated Rape	0	0	30	12	30	11
Indecent A&B, Victim 14+	3	23	26	10	29	11
Assault W/Intent to Rape	0	0	14	6	14	5
Indecent A&B on Child <14	2	15	7	3	9	3
Assault W/Intent to Rape, Child <16	0	0	4	2	4	1
Unnatural Act	4	31	0	0	4	1
Other Sex Offenses	2	15	2	1	4	1
Total	13	100	254	100	267	100

Table 9

Property Offenses

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking & Entering	32	14	258	60	290	44
Larceny	81	35	41	9	122	18
Vehicle Theft	8	3	47	11	55	8
Shoplifting	46	20	1	0	47	7
Arson	3	1	27	6	30	5
Forgery & Uttering	20	9	9	2	29	4
Receiving Stolen Goods	12	5	11	3	23	3
Larceny From Person	14	6	6	1	20	3
Armed Burglary	0	0	17	4	17	3
Fraud	10	4	2	0	12	2
Destruction of Property	4	2	5	1	9	1
Common & Notorious Thief	1	0	4	1	5	1
Larceny From Person Over 64	2	1	1	0	3	0
Possession of Burglary Tools	0	0	2	0	2	0
Embezzlement	1	0	1	0	2	0
Total	234	100	432	100	666	100

Table 10

Drug Offenses

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Being Present Where Heroin Is Kept	1	0	0	0	1	0
Possession Of Hypodermic Instrument	11	5	0	0	11	1
Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law	11	5	22	3	33	3
Controlled Substance - No Class Specified	1	0	1	0	2	0
Controlled Substance - Class A	0	0	15	2	15	2
Controlled Substance - Class B	0	0	11	1	11	1
Controlled Substance - Class D	0	0	6	1	6	1
Fraudulent Prescriptions	2	1	0	0	2	0
Class A - Poss W/Int To Distribute	39	17	125	17	164	17
*Class A - Poss W/Int To Distribute, Subsequent	1	0	22	3	23	2
Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute	51	22	158	21	209	22
*Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute, Subsequent	3	1	23	3	26	3
*Class B - Distribution or Poss W/Int To Distribute to a Minor	1	0	0	0	1	0
*Specific Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute	10	4	83	11	93	10
*Specific Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute, Subsequent	0	0	6	1	6	1
Class C - Poss W/Int to Distribute	1	0	1	0	2	0
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	8	4	116	16	124	13
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	3	1	69	9	72	7
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	0	0	3	0	3	0
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 200+ Grams	0	0	8	1	8	1
*Class A - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	2	1	2	0	4	0
*Class A - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	0	0	4	1	4	0
*Class A - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	0	0	1	0	1	0
Class D - Poss W/Int To Distribute	0	0	3	0	3	0
*Drug Violation, School/Park	9	4	47	6	56	6
Induce Minors in Sale and Distribution of Drugs	0	0	3	0	3	0
Theft Of Drugs	1	0	1	0	2	0
Possession - No Class Specified	73	32	5	1	78	8
Possession of a Controlled Substance Class A	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	228	100	736	100	964	100

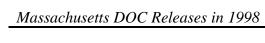
^{*} Denotes an offense which carries a mandatory sentence.

Please note: the offenses are arranged in order by drug violation category.

Table 11

Other Offenses

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs	82	28	103	52	185	38
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	61	21	5	3	66	14
Prostitution	58	20	0	0	58	12
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	37	13	0	0	37	8
Carry a Firearm W/Out License	1	0	35	18	36	7
Other Weapons Offense	4	1	28	14	32	7
Violation of Court Order	13	4	1	1	14	3
Escape	3	1	11	6	14	3
Leave Scene of Vehicular Accident	8	3	2	1	10	2
Attempt to Commit Crime	6	2	3	2	9	2
Resisting Arrest	8	3	1	1	9	2
Trespassing	6	2	0	0	6	1
Operating Under Influence W/Injury	1	0	3	2	4	1
Delivering/Receiving Articles to/from Inmates	1	0	1	1	2	0
Use of Firearm For Felony	0	0	1	1	1	0
Perjury/Contempt of Court	0	0	1	1	1	0
Bribery/Corruption	0	0	1	1	1	0
Possession of Alcohol Under 21	1	0	0	0	1	0
Habitual Criminal	0	0	1	1	1	0
Miscellaneous Other Offense	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total	291	100	197	100	488	100



Sentencing, Release Characteristics, and Security Levels

Table 12

Minimum Sentence

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Less Than 1 Year	0	0	1	0	1	0
1 to Less Than 2 Years	17	2	179	7	196	5
2 to Less Than 3 Years	21	2	316	12	337	9
3 to Less Than 4 Years	34	4	481	18	515	14
4 to Less Than 5 Years	13	1	152	6	165	5
5 to Less Than 6 Years	10	1	249	9	259	7
6 to Less Than 7 Years	8	1	185	7	193	5
7 to Less Than 8 Years	1	0	101	4	102	3
8 to Less Than 9 Years	5	1	92	3	97	3
9 to Less Than 10 Years	4	0	139	5	143	4
10 to Less Than 11 Years	1	0	96	4	97	3
11 to Less Than 12 Years	0	0	2	0	2	0
12 to Less Than 13 Years	2	0	55	2	57	2
13 to Less Than 14 Years	0	0	2	0	2	0
14 to Less Than 15 Years	0	0	7	0	7	0
15 to Less Than 16 Years	3	0	49	2	52	1
16 to Less Than 17 Years	0	0	1	0	1	0
17 to Less Than 18 Years	0	0	1	0	1	0
18 to Less Than 19 Years	0	0	22	1	22	1
19 to Less Than 20 Years	0	0	6	0	6	0
20 Years or More	0	0	8	0	8	0
Life	0	0	15	1	15	0
No Minimum	810	87	505	19	1,315	37
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Table 13

Maximum Sentence

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Less Than 1 Year	550	59	71	3	621	17
1 to Less Than 2 Years	169	18	130	5	299	8
2 to Less Than 3 Years	98	11	236	9	334	9
3 to Less Than 4 Years	26	3	359	13	385	11
4 to Less Than 5 Years	6	1	100	4	106	3
5 to Less Than 6 Years	31	3	402	15	433	12
6 to Less Than 7 Years	2	0	60	2	62	2
7 to Less Than 8 Years	8	1	160	6	168	5
8 to Less Than 9 Years	5	1	71	3	76	2
9 to Less Than 10 Years	3	0	55	2	58	2
10 to Less Than 11 Years	20	2	503	19	523	15
11 to Less Than 12 Years	0	0	3	0	3	0
12 to Less Than 13 Years	1	0	133	5	134	4
13 to Less Than 14 Years	0	0	2	0	2	0
14 to Less Than 15 Years	0	0	2	0	2	0
15 to Less Than 16 Years	6	1	151	6	157	4
16 to Less Than 17 Years	0	0	1	0	1	0
17 to Less Than 18 Years	0	0	3	0	3	0
18 to Less Than 19 Years	0	0	15	1	15	0
19 to Less Than 20 Years	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 Years or More	4	0	191	7	195	5
Life*	0	0	16	1	16	0
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

^{*} One individual released was serving a minimum term of years and a maximum term of life.

Table 14

Type of Sentence

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
State Prison	119	13	2,159	81	2,278	63
County	799	86	236	9	1,035	29
Reformatory	10	1	264	10	274	8
Other State, Federal	1	0	5	0	6	0
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Table 15

Sentence Count*

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
One	377	41	979	37	1,356	38
Two	210	23	622	23	832	23
Three	121	13	376	14	497	14
Four	74	8	238	9	312	9
Five to Nine	119	13	368	14	487	14
Ten to Nineteen	21	2	66	2	87	2
Twenty or More	7	1	15	1	22	1
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

^{*} Number of sentences for which an inmate is serving. Please see glossary definition for more detail.

Table 16

Court From Which Committed

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Barnstable Superior	2	0	50	2	52	1
Berkshire Superior	1	0	59	2	60	2
Bristol Superior	8	1	187	7	195	5
Dukes Superior	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex Superior	20	2	205	8	225	6
Franklin Superior	1	0	22	1	23	1
Hampden Superior	21	2	362	14	383	11
Hampshire Superior	0	0	31	1	31	1
Middlesex Superior	31	3	355	13	386	11
Nantucket Superior	0	0	1	0	1	0
Norfolk Superior	7	1	100	4	107	3
Plymouth Superior	8	1	79	3	87	2
Suffolk Superior	26	3	576	22	602	17
Worcester Superior	28	3	332	12	360	10
District Courts	749	81	9	0	758	21
Other Jurisdictions	10	1	235	9	245	7
Not Available*	17	2	61	2	78	2
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

^{*} Not Available denotes From and After sentences where the court which imposed the sentence can not be determined from the data.

Table 17

Jail Credit Days

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
None	461	50	570	21	1,031	29
1 to 10 Days	84	9	167	6	251	7
11 to 50 Days	208	22	305	11	513	14
51 to 100 Days	74	8	284	11	358	10
101 to 150 Days	37	4	304	11	341	9
151 to 200 Days	24	3	306	11	330	9
201 to 250 Days	9	1	190	7	199	6
251 to 300 Days	8	1	116	4	124	3
301 or More	24	3	422	16	446	12
Total	929	100		100	3,593	

Table 18

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
GCD/Release to Street	519	56	1,390	52	1,909	53
Parole to Street	223	24	809	30	1,032	29
GCD/Release to Warrant	141	15	66	2	207	6
GCD/Release to Immigration	8	1	111	4	119	3
GCD/Release to F&A at HOC	10	1	66	2	76	2
Parole to Immigration	4	0	76	3	80	2
GCD/Release to F&A at DOC	16	2	75	3	91	3
GCD/Release to Federal Authority	2	0	14	1	16	0
Parole to Out of State	1	0	9	0	10	0
GCD/Release to Other State	1	0	15	1	16	0
GCD/Release to Civil Commit	0	0	10	0	10	0
Parole to Warrant	2	0	14	1	16	0
Parole to Federal Authority	1	0	4	0	5	0
Parole to F&A at HOC	1	0	5	0	6	0
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Table 19

Time Served With Jail Credits

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Less Than 6 Months	424	46	3	0	427	12
6 Months to Less Than 1 Year	95	10	33	1	128	4
1 to Less Than 2 Years	56	6	230	9	286	8
2 to Less Than 3 Years	30	3	412	15	442	12
3 to Less Than 5 Years	20	2	393	15	413	11
5 to Less Than 10 Years	10	1	352	13	362	10
10 to Less Than 15 Years	0	0	56	2	56	2
15 or More Years	0	0	16	1	16	0
Complex Sentence	294	32	1,169	44	1,463	41
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

Mean Time Served in Months, Until First Release, With Jail Credits
by Present Offense and Committing Institution, 1998 Releases

	Cedar Ju	nction	Conco	rd	Framingham	
Offense	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
All Offenses	52.1	1457	57.6	38	8.9	635
Person	58.6	594	62.0	19	15.6	108
Sex	80.4	140	69.4	7	29.1	9
Property	42.8	190	64.7	5	4.9	161
Drug	41.1	481	31.7	6	14.3	145
Other	37.0	52	12.1	1	3.9	212
Selected Offenses						
Armed Robbery	56.8	192	74.5	7	33.0	10
A&B Dangerous Weapon	42.3	91	65.5	2	7.9	24
Armed Assault W/Int to Rob/Murder	63.0	77	64.5	1	57.8	3
Unarmed Robbery	45.9	66	56.8	4	19.8	9
Rape of Child <16, Statutory	69.0	32	74.7	3	79.0	1
Rape	76.6	29	55.8	1	-	-
Rape of Child <16, W/Force	91.4	26	68.6	3	_	-
Aggravated Rape	107.4	20	-	-	-	-
Unarmed Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	44.9	104	-	-	8.5	16
Larceny	24.5	22	-	_	4.8	59
Shoplifting	-	_	_	_	2.5	43
Vehicle Theft	37.7	26	-	-	4.6	6
CL B - Poss W/Int to Distribute	29.0	97	12.0	1	12.0	26
CL A - Poss W/Int to Distribute	33.6	80	14.7	2	16.1	25
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	39.8	96	-	_	35.5	7
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	65.4	62	60.0	1	60.0	3
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs	32.8	7	-	-	4.0	50
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	36.1	1	-	_	2.2	54
Prostitution	_	_	_	_	3.2	43
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	_	_	-	_	3.3	30

Selected Offenses: indicates four offenses in each category with the most releases.

Note: *Time served analysis does not include all releases*. Individuals who were parole violators, were originally committed to another authority or serving complex sentences (forthwith, split, fines, or from and after sentences) were excluded from the analysis.

^{*} Denotes an offense which carries a mandatory sentence.

Table 21

Releases from DOC Facilities by Institution and Security Level

Level 6 MCI-Cedar Junction	Female	(%)	Male 148	(%) 6	Total 148	(%)
Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center	<u> </u>	_	28	1	28	1
Subtotal	-	-	176	7	176	5
Level 5 Old Colony Correctional Center	_	_	101	4	101	3
Subtotal	-	-	101	4	101	3
Level 4 MCI-Concord	-	-	254	10	254	7
MCI-Framingham	753	81	-	-	753	21
MCI-Norfolk	-	_	167	6	167	5
North Central Correctional Institution	-	-	187	7	187	5
Southeastern Correctional Center (Medium)	-	_	240	9	240	7
Bay State Correctional Center	-	-	7	0	7	0
Massachusetts Boot Camp	-	-	79	3	79	2
MCI-Shirley (Medium)	-	-	271	10	271	8
Massachusetts Treatment Center	-	-	48	2	48	1
Bridgewater State Hospital	_	-	14	1	14	0
Shattuck Hospital Correctional Unit	_	_	2	0	2	0
Subtotal	753	81	1,269	48	2,022	56
Level 3 MCI-Plymouth	-	-	81	3	81	2
Northeastern Correctional Center	-	-	89	3	89	2
*Southeastern Correctional Center (Minimum)	-	_	-	-	-	-
MCI-Shirley (Minimum)	-	-	119	4	119	3
Pondville Correctional Center	-	-	70	3	70	2
Longwood Treatment Center	23	2	135	5	158	4
Massachusetts Boot Camp	-	_	40	2	40	1
Subtotal	23	2	534	20	557	16
Level 3/2 MCI-Lancaster	61	7	70	3	131	4
South Middlesex Correctional Center	-	_	172	6	172	5
Subtotal	61	7	242	9	303	8
Level 2 Boston Pre-Release Center	-	-	72	3	72	2
Park Drive Pre-Release Center	-	-	41	2	41	1
Hodder House	49	-	-	-	49	1
Subtotal	49	0	113	4	162	5
Level 1 Charlotte House	24	3	-	-	24	1
Houston House	8	1	-	-	8	0
Pre-Parole Residential Environment Phase	3	0	65	2	68	2
Subtotal	35	4	65	2	100	3
Maximum/Medium Security Subtotal (levels 4, 5, 6)	753	81	1,546	58	2,299	64
Minimum/Pre-Release Subtotal (levels 3, 3/2, 2, 1)	168	18	954	36	1,122	31
County Facilities	6	1	151	6	157	4
Other State/Federal Facilities	2	0	13	0	15	0
Total	929	100	2,664	100	3,593	100

^{*} Southeastern Correctional Center (Minimum) inmates are released from Southeastern Correctional Center (Medium)

Please Note: Cells denoted in the table with a hyphen (-) mean that males or females are not housed in that particular institution, therefore the information is "Not Applicable".

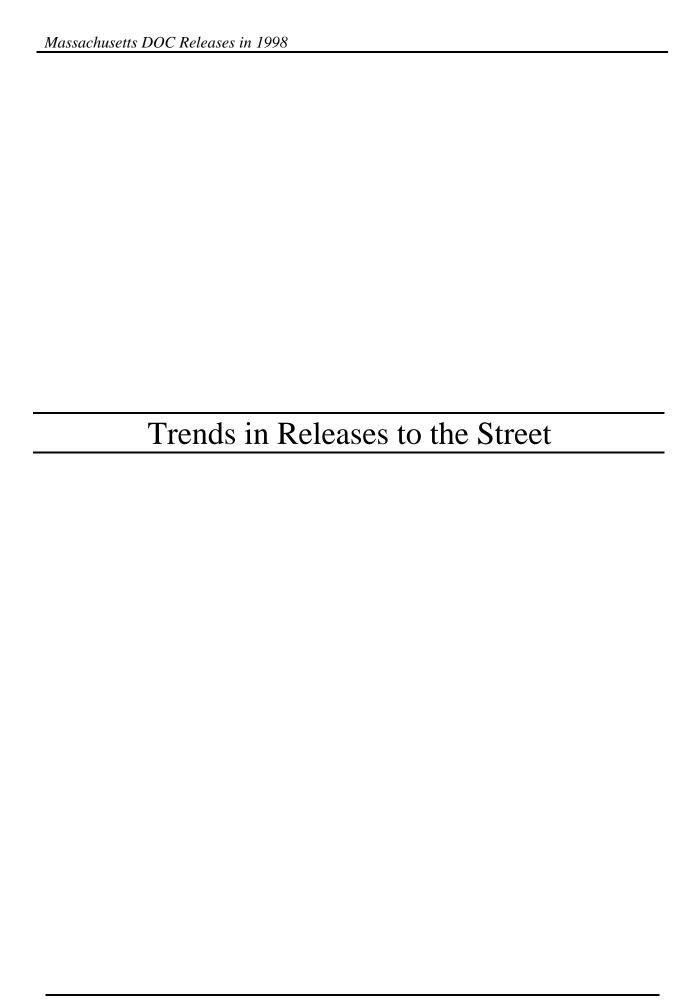


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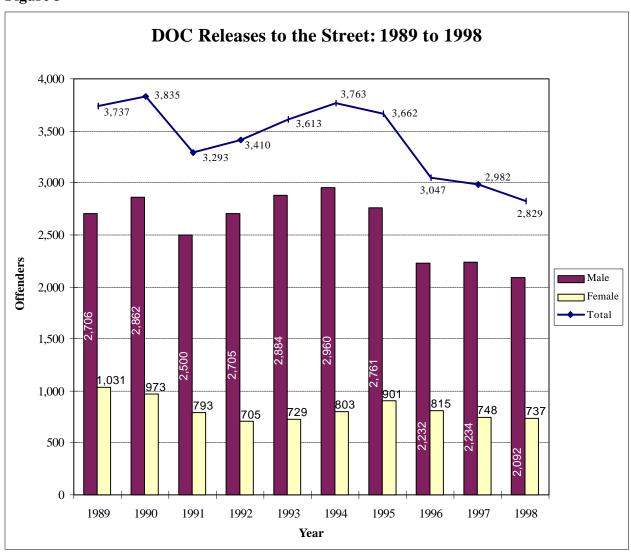


Table 22

Gender of Releases to Street: 1989 to 1998

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Chng 97 vs 98
Male N	2,706	2,862	2,500	2,705	2,884	2,960	2,761	2,232	2,234	2,092	-(6%)
(%)	(72%)	(75%)	(76%)	(79%)	(80%)	(79%)	(75%)	(73%)	(75%)	(74%)	
Female N	1,031	973	793	705	729	803	901	815	748	737	-(1%)
(%)	(28%)	(25%)	(24%)	(21%)	(20%)	(21%)	(25%)	(27%)	(25%)	(26%)	
Total	3,737	3,835	3,293	3,410	3,613	3,763	3,662	3,047	2,982	2,829	-(5%)

Table 23

Type of Sentence of Releases to the Street: 1989 to 1998

Males		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change '97 vs '98
State Prison	N	1,263	1,436	1,356	1,593	1,714	1,796	1,796	1,543	1,673	1,638	-(2%)
	%	(47%)	(50%)	(54%)	(59%)	(59%)	(61%)	(65%)	(69%)	(75%)	(78%)	
Reformatory	N	1,055	1,053	827	809	797	742	562	396	261	222	-(15%)
	%	(39%)	(37%)	(33%)	(30%)	(28%)	(25%)	(20%)	(18%)	(12%)	(11%)	
County	Ν	388	373	317	303	373	422	403	293	299	229	-(23%)
	%	(14%)	(13%)	(13%)	(11%)	(13%)	(14%)	(15%)	(13%)	(13%)	(11%)	
Other State/Feds	N	NA	1	3	(200%)							
	%	NA	(0%)	(0%)								
Total		2,706	2,862	2,500	2,705	2,884	2,960	2,761	2,232	2,234	2,092	-(6%)

Females		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change '97 vs '98
State Prison	N	55	63	89	107	113	100	106	83	81	101	(25%)
	%	(5%)	(6%)	(11%)	(15%)	(16%)	(12%)	(12%)	(10%)	(11%)	(14%)	
Reformatory	N	73	80	76	69	78	50	56	40	22	9	-(59%)
	%	(7%)	(8%)	(10%)	(10%)	(11%)	(6%)	(6%)	(5%)	(3%)	(1%)	
County	N	903	830	628	529	538	653	739	692	645	626	-(3%)
	%	(88%)	(85%)	(79%)	(75%)	(74%)	(81%)	(82%)	(85%)	(86%)	(85%)	
Other State/Feds	N	NA	0	1	NA*							
	%	NA	(0%)	(0%)								
Total		1,031	973	793	705	729	803	901	815	748	737	-(1%)

^{*} Please note: the Percent Change is not available for female releases from Other State/Feds due to the fact that it is mathematically impossible to divide by zero.

Figure 4

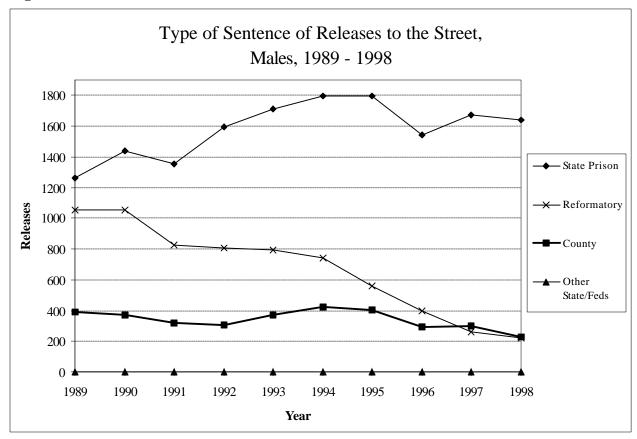


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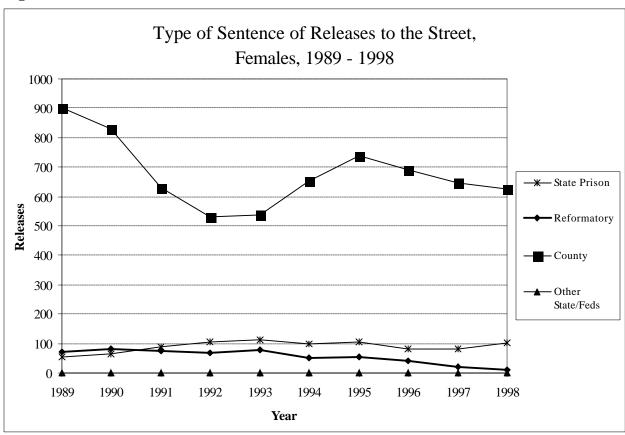


Table 24

Type of Release to the Street: 1989 to 1998

Males		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change '97 vs '98
Parole to Street	N	1,703	1,848	1,367	1,263	1,149	1,337	1,079			774	-(4%)
	%	(63%)	(65%)	(55%)	(47%)	(40%)	(45%)	(39%)	(38%)	(36%)	(37%)	
Exp/Discharge to Street	N	1,003	1,014	1,133	1,442	1,735	1,623	1,682	1,378	1,431	1,318	-(8%)
	%	(37%)	(35%)	(45%)	(53%)	(60%)	(55%)	(61%)	(62%)	(64%)	(63%)	
Total		2,706	2,862	2,500	2,705	2,884	2,960	2,761	2,232	2,234	2,092	-(6%)

Females		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change '97 vs '98
Parole to Street	Ν	315	329	208	196	244	251	253	277	249	222	-(11%)
	%	(31%)	(34%)	(26%)	(28%)	(33%)	(31%)	(28%)	(34%)	(33%)	(30%)	
Exp/Discharge to Street	Ν	716	644	585	509	485	552	648	538	499	515	(3%)
	%	(69%)	(66%)	(74%)	(72%)	(67%)	(69%)	(72%)	(66%)	(67%)	(70%)	
Total		1,031	973	793	705	729	803	901	815	748	737	-(1%)

Figure 6

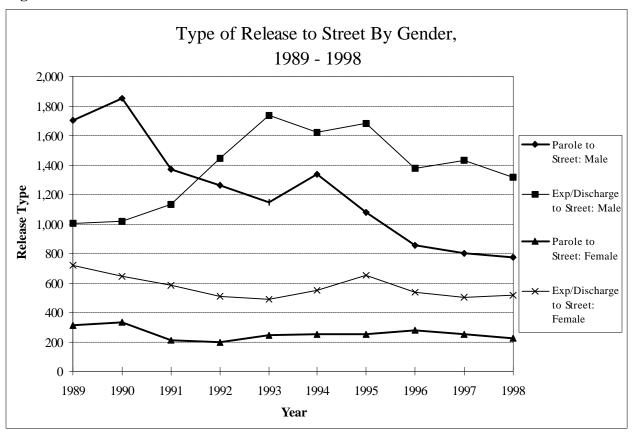


Table 25
Security Level of Releasing Institution of Releases to the Street: 1989 to 1998

Males	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change '97 vs '98
Maximum N	144	139	94	86	110	94	87	77	100	213	(113%)
9/6	(5%)	(5%)	(4%)	(3%)	(4%)	(3%)	(3%)	(3%)	(4%)	(10%)	
Medium N	1,104	1,101	937	1,218	1,221	1,239	1,201	945	1,074	947	-(12%)
9/6	(41%)	(38%)	(37%)	(45%)	(42%)	(42%)	(43%)	(42%)	(48%)	(45%)	
Lower N	1,458	1,622	1,469	1,401	1,553	1,627	1,473	1,210	1,060	932	-(12%)
9/6	(54%)	(57%)	(59%)	(52%)	(54%)	(55%)	(53%)	(54%)	(47%)	(45%)	
Total	2,706	2,862	2,500	2,705	2,884	2,960	2,761	2,232	2,234	2,092	-(6%)

Females		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	% Change '97 vs '98
Maximum	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Medium	N	846	802	624	551	568	627	729	664	590	570	-(3%)
	%	(82%)	(82%)	(79%)	(78%)	(78%)	(78%)	(81%)	(81%)	(79%)	(77%)	
Lower	N	185	171	169	154	161	176	172	151	158	167	(6%)
	%	(18%)	(18%)	(21%)	(22%)	(22%)	(22%)	(19%)	(19%)	(21%)	(23%)	
Total		1,031	973	793	705	729	803	901	815	748	737	-(1%)

Figure 7

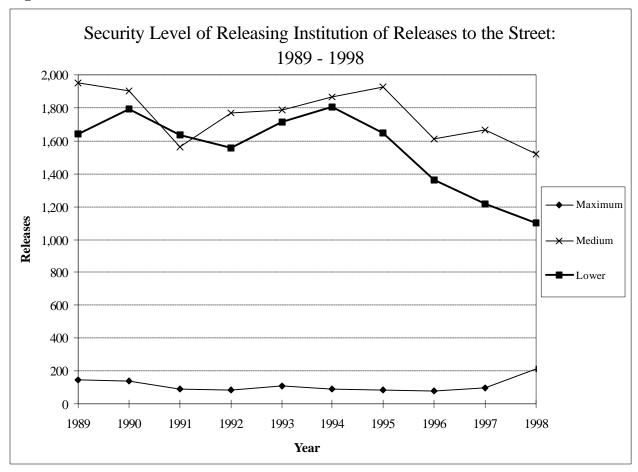


Table 26

Mean Time Served in Months, Until First Release, With Jail Credits

For Releases to the Street, By Committing Institution: 1989 to 1998

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Cedar Junction		54	51	48	59	51	53	54	54	50	53
	(N)	646	731	817	977	903	945	958	783	1,046	1,084
Concord		27	24	27	33	38	43	51	40	51	59
	(N)	460	499	455	384	380	330	210	77	47	32
Framingham		8	7	8	9	11	9	9	9	8	9
	(N)	669	565	512	426	460	517	624	518	516	497

Glossary

Age At Incarceration Jail credits are not included in the calculation of

age at incarceration.

Committing Institution For males, designates type of sentence received (i.e.

state prison or reformatory) not the actual

institution to which committed.

Complex Sentence For the 'time served' variable, this category

includes parole and probation violators, offenders

who were originally committed to another authority, and offenders serving a forthwith, split,

fine, or from and after sentence.

Court from Which CommittedBoston Municipal Court is included with the

District Court category, as well as other former Municipal courts; District courts are lower courts

of all counties.

CRS Correctional Residential Services.

Current Offense Inmates may be incarcerated for multiple offenses.

The offense reported is that associated with the

longest maximum discharge date.

Offense labels can be found in the Appendix and are listed in alphabetical order by offense category.

DOC Massachusetts Department of Correction.

Expiration Expiration of Sentence.

F&A From and After sentence.

GCD Good Conduct Discharge.

HOC House of Correction - Massachusetts.

Jurisdiction For the purposes of this report, refers to inmates

released from DOC custody, and inmates originally sentenced to the DOC, but transferred to and subsequently released from another correctional

authority.

Marital Status The categories "Common Law", "Cohabitant", and

"Life Partner" are combined into the category labeled "Partner/Live-in" for this report.

Mean The sum of the values of all the observations in a

data set divided by the number of observations.

Median The point in an array of data which has an equal

number of observations above and below it.

Minimum Sentence Some inmates do not have a minimum sentence,

only a maximum sentence. Cases with "No Minimum" term are inmates serving House of Correction (County) or Reformatory sentences and can also be those serving out of state or federal

sentences.

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the

Federal Bureau of Census.

Not Available/NA

Information that is unavailable for previous years

due to changes to definitions/reporting are noted as "Not Available". Also, missing information is

considered "Not Available".

Not ReportedFor self-reported variables such as marital status,

education, race, place of birth, and address missing information is noted as "Not Reported".

PPREP Pre-Parole Residential Environment Program.

PV Parole violation.

Race/Ethnicity Inmates who self-report their race as "White

Hispanic" or "Black Hispanic" are combined into

the "Hispanic" category for this report.

Sentence Count An inmate is often serving more than one sentence

at the same time. This variable is a count of the number of sentences <u>imposed</u> that are entered into the database per inmate. Consecutive sentences that can be identified in the data are subtracted

from the count.

Sentence/Sentence Type

State Prison Sentence Prior to the "Truth in Sentencing" law, if an

offender is sentenced to the State Prison, except for life or as an habitual criminal, the court shall not fix the term of imprisonment, but shall fix a maximum and minimum term for which he/she may be imprisoned. The minimum term shall not be less than two and a half years. All sentences which have a finite maximum term are eligible to have the term reduced by statutory good time, except for most sex offenses, crimes committed while confined and certain "mandatory" sentences.

In the "new law", all state sentences have a minimum and a maximum term, unless an inmate is sentenced for life or as a habitual criminal. The minimum term is used to determine parole eligibility, and the maximum term is used to determine discharge.

Under both the "old" and "new" sentencing systems, an inmate is discharged from his/her sentence at the expiration of his term, less any statutory or earned good time. Under the "new" system none of the reduction will be attributable to statutory good time.

Prior to the "Truth in Sentencing" law, males and females can be sentenced to a Reformatory sentence (an indefinite term) indicated by a maximum term.

For MCI- Concord, a male not previously sentenced for felony more than three times, convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in any correctional institution of the Commonwealth or by imprisonment in a jail or House of Correction may be sentenced for an indefinite term. Concord may confine misdemeanant offenders as well as those who commit felonies.

A female convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in a House of Correction, may be sentenced to the Massachusetts Correctional Institution-Framingham. In addition to those women who commit felonies, MCI-Framingham may confine female misdemeanant offenders.

The "new" law eliminates "Concord" (or Framingham) sentences to the state reformatory.

Also known as "County Sentences". Prior to the "Truth in Sentencing" law, if an offender is sentenced to the House of Correction, the term shall be two and a half years or less. Parole eligibility and discharge are based on the maximum term of a sentence.

Under the "new" law, discharge on this sentence will change because of the elimination of statutory good time. There is no change in the parole eligibility date.

This category is used for inmates who were received by the DOC from another state

Reformatory Sentence

House of Correction Sentences

Other State, Federal

correctional agency or the Federal Bureau of Prisons, whose sentences are not relevant to the Massachusetts General Laws.

Type of Sentence

In past reports, this variable represented the type of sentence received by the inmate such as Aggregate, Concurrent, Fine, Forthwith, From and After, Simple, or Split. Due to changes in the database, the Type of Sentence variable is no longer available in such detail. Consequently it is no longer reported. However, the variable sentence type (i.e. state prison, reformatory, house of correction) is reported.

Violent Offense

Any offense that falls under the person or sex offense categories.

Appendix

Offenses are listed if they combine more than one offense into the same label, or as is the case with bolded labels, represent an offense name which has been shortened to fit in the report table. Arithmetic signs have been used to abbreviate where relevant and represent the following: > (greater than), < (less than), + (and over).

<u>Drug Offense</u>	Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C Offenses.
Class A - Poss W/Int to Distribute	Class A: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).
Class A - Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent	Class A: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified).
Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute	Class B: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).
Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent	Class B: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified).
Class B - Distribution or Poss W/Int to Distribute to a Minor	Class B: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute to a Minor (mandatory minimum term specified).
Class C - Poss W/Int to Distribute	Class C: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).
Class C- Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent	Class D: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified).
Class D - Poss W/Int to Distribute	Class D: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (no mandatory minimum term).
Specific Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute	Specific Class B: Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified). Specific Cl B drugs are PCP, Cocaine, Methamphetamine.
Specific Class B - Poss W/Int to Distribute, Subsequent	Specific Class B: Subsequent Offense, Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute (mandatory minimum term specified). Specific Cl B drugs are PCP, Cocaine, Methamphetamine.

Specific Class B - Trafficking Trafficking categories are broken out by amount.

Specific Cl B drugs are PCP, Cocaine,

Methamphetamine.

Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act.

Controlled Substance Includes the manufacturing, distribution,

dispensing or possession with intent to

manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled substance. The following are the controlled

substance categories:

Class A Heroin and morphine;

Class B Cocaine; opium, amphetamines, barbiturates, and

PCP;

Class C Hallucinogens (LSD, hashish);

Class D Marijuana;

Class E Prescription drugs;

No Class Specified Type of drug is not indicated by the sentence.

Drug Violation, School/Park

Drug violation near a school or park.

Fraudulent Prescriptions Includes uttering false prescriptions and subsequent

offense; a drug obtained by fraud.

Induce Minor in Sale and Distribution Includes drug funds, induce minors

of Drugs

to possess, and induce minors to distribute.

Possession of Hypodermic Instrument Includes possession of hypodermic needle, or any

instrument adapted for the administration of

narcotic drugs, hypodermic violation.

Theft of Drugs Includes larceny of drugs.

<u>Person Offense</u> Crimes Against the Person (primarily

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 offenses).

Accessory Before/After Fact Includes accessory after the fact, accessory before

the fact, conspiracy to commit murder.

Armed Assault W/Intent to Rob/Murder Includes assault with intent to rob, murder being

armed; assault with a deadly weapon with intent to

rob.

Armed Assault in Dwelling Includes armed assault in dwelling houses; act may

be an actual assault or an attempt.

Assault With Intent to Murder Includes assault with intent to murder, maim, etc.;

assault to commit murder; assault with intent to

kill.

A&B W/Injury, Child Under 14 Assault and Battery Upon a Child.

Assault and Assault and Battery. Includes

assault, assault and battery, assault on an officer or

a public employee.

Attempted Murder Includes all attempts to commit murder, other than

assaults: attempted murder, attempts to commit murder by poisoning, drowning, or strangling.

Conspiracy If crime is specified, (i.e., conspiracy to commit

larceny), the offense is listed under the specified crime. If crime is not specified, the offense is listed

under this category.

Extortion Includes attempts to extort money, threats, threat to

commit crime.

Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear Confining or Putting in Fear a Person for the

Purpose of Stealing. Includes breaking, burning or blowing up a safe; intimidate to steal from a

depository.

Kidnapping Includes abduction, holding hostage, for extortion,

minor by relative, person in custody.

Manslaughter Includes negligent homicide, voluntary/involuntary

manslaughter.

Other Person Offense Includes assault to intimidate, injury to a

firefighter as a result of a criminal offense, assault

with intent to commit manslaughter-felony.

Stalking Includes stalking in violation of a restraining order;

stalking as a subsequent offense.

Unarmed Assault to Rob Includes assault to rob, not being armed, assault to

rob, assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to

rob by force and violence.

Unarmed Robbery Includes robbery, robbery not being armed, robbery

by force and violence.

<u>Property Offense</u> Crimes Against Property (primarily Massachusetts

General Law Chapter 266 offenses).

Armed Burglary, Armed or an Assault. Includes armed

burglary, breaking and entering with intent to assault with or without dangerous weapon.

Arson Arson and Attempted Arson. Includes using and

or possession of explosives, obstruction of fire

fighting.

Larceny Includes stealing in a building, ship, or at a fire.

Receiving Stolen Goods Includes the receiving and buying of stolen goods.

Shoplifting Includes shoplifting as a third offense.

Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering Includes breaking and entering (both night and

day), attempt to break and enter, breaking and entering and larceny, burglary, breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.

Vehicle Theft Theft of a Motor Vehicle. Includes larceny of a

motor vehicle, boat.

Other Offense Miscellaneous offenses that are not clearly

categorized into one of the other offense categories

of Person, Property, Sex or Drug.

Bribery/Corruption Includes conflict of interest, corruption of public

employee.

Carry a Firearm W/Out License Weapons Violation of Bartley-Fox Gun Law

(mandatory 1 year sentence for carrying a firearm

without a license.

Decency/Public Peace Crimes Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes. Includes

idle and disorderly, affray, annoying phone calls, disturbing the peace, accosting and annoying persons of the opposite sex, lewd and lascivious, indecent exposure, threat to commit crime, common

night walker.

Delivering/Receiving Articles for Inmates Includes drugs or weapons.

Deriving Support from Prostitute Deriving Support from Prostitution (pimping).

Includes keeping and maintaining house of ill fame, inducing minor to prostitution, prostitutes deriving

support from a child.

Escape Includes attempts, assisting in, accessory to escape.

Leave Scene of Vehicular Accident Leaving the Scene; motor vehicle accident,

personal injury, damage.

Miscellaneous Other Offense Includes jumping bail, contributing to the delinquency

of a minor, threatening tax collector, tax evasion, violation of a civil ordinance, inhaling toxic vapors, home improvement contractor violation/unlicensed,

promoting of anarchy, inciting a riot.

Operating Under the Influence W/Injury

Operating Under the Influence with Injury

Resulting; liquor, drugs, negligent or recklessness

all with serious injury.

Other Motor Vehicle Offenses Includes violation of automobile law, violation of

motor vehicle law, operation without authority of owner after suspension, operation without authority of owner, use without authority, failure to yield right

of way to emergency vehicles.

Other Weapons Offense Includes selling a firearm without a serial number.

OUI, Alcohol or Drugs Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of

Alcohol or Drugs.

Prostitution Includes sexual conduct for fee, solicit for

prostitution.

Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony. Includes

possession of a defaced firearm in a felony.

Violation of Restraining Order Violation of Massachusetts General Law Chapter

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Sex Offenses Against the Person. Consist of

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 (crimes against the person) and Chapter 272 offenses (crimes against chastity, morality, decency and good order).

Assault With Intent to Rape Includes attempts to rape.

Indecent A&B on Child < 14 Indecent Assault and Battery on Child under 14.

Includes indecent assault and battery on a minor.

Indecent A&B, Victim 14+ Indecent Assault and Battery on Victim, 14 or

Older.

Other Sex Offenses Includes adultery, fornication, open and gross

lewdness, drugging for sex.

Rape Age of victim not specified, or does not fall under a

rape of child category.

Unnatural Act Includes unnatural acts, lascivious acts, assault to

commit unnatural sex acts.

Unnatural Act, Child < 16 Unnatural Acts with Child Under 16