Department of Correction

Monthly Secure Adjustment Unit Report
Number of incarcerated individuals held in Secure Adjustment Units within each state correctional facility on January 1, 2026

Number of Incarcerated Individuals in Secure Adjustment Units by Facility and Housing Unit
Incarcerated individuals assessed as needing an immediate structured program intervention to support a reduction in risk for future disruptive or violent behavior are recommended for a reclassification hearing to consider placement in a Secure Adjustment Unit (SAU). Placement in a Secure Adjustment Unit is affirmed through the classification process outlined in 103 CMR 420.

This practice provides all incarcerated individuals the opportunity to participate in the classification hearing, appeal or support the classification board's decision and have final review completed by the commissioner's designee. The SAUs are separate from general population housing, however they are not Restrictive Housing as defined by G.L. c. 127, sec. 1, the American Correctional Association, or 103 CMR 423. In all SAUs, the incarcerated individual is provided access to cognitive behavioral treatment, education, programs, structured recreation, leisure time activities, and mental health services.

Each level of SAU provides a distinct program intervention that is used to respond to the individual's unique needs and level of risk. All SAUs follow a graduated phase system designed to encourage maximum participation and support progress for the individual, coupled with a weekly incentive program to encourage progress toward individualized program plan goals.

Male Facilities	**Maximum Security**	
Facility	**SAU Level**	**Count**
Souza Baranowski Correctional Center	**Level 4** Addresses serious violent behavior and security risks through programming that challenges antisocial cognition, builds emotional regulation skills, and increases awareness of antisocial associates. The use of restraints is individually determined and reviewed regularly.	47
Total		**47**

Male Facilities	**Maximum Security**	
Facility	**SAU Level**	**Count**
MCI - Shirley	**SAU Medium** The primary focus of this program intervention is to reframe the thoughts and beliefs that contribute to disruptive behavior through a cognitive behavioral program and increased structure to support their individual goals. Restraints are not used in this program.	38
Total		**38**

Female Facilities	**Maximum Security**	
Facility	**SAU Level**	**Count**
MCI - Framingham	**SAU** Aimed at developing awareness of the individual's role and impact within the community of the facility, improving interpersonal relationships with peers and prosocial decision-making. Restraints are not used in this program.	0
Total		**0**