



Massachusetts Sentencing Commission

Selected Race Statistics

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Uniform Crime Reports

Table 43A

Arrests

by Race, 2014

[12,320 agencies; 2014 estimated population 250,194,950]

Offense charged	Total arrests							Total arrests										
	Race						Percent distribution ¹						Ethnicity			Percent distribution ¹		
	Total	White	Black or African American	Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Total	White	Black or African American	Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Total ²	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Total	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino
TOTAL	8,730,665	6,056,687	2,427,683	135,599	100,067	10,629	100.0	69.4	27.8	1.6	1.1	0.1	6,541,125	1,234,324	5,306,801	100.0	18.9	81.1
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	8,230	3,807	4,224	83	107	9	100.0	46.3	51.3	1.0	1.3	0.1	6,045	1,308	4,737	100.0	21.6	78.4
Rape ³	16,326	10,977	4,888	212	222	27	100.0	67.2	29.9	1.3	1.4	0.2	11,508	3,126	8,382	100.0	27.2	72.8
Robbery	74,077	31,354	41,379	616	617	111	100.0	42.3	55.9	0.8	0.8	0.1	55,913	11,437	44,476	100.0	20.5	79.5
Aggravated assault	291,600	185,612	96,511	4,372	4,507	598	100.0	63.7	33.1	1.5	1.5	0.2	232,910	57,750	175,160	100.0	24.8	75.2
Burglary	186,794	126,242	56,504	1,703	1,999	346	100.0	67.6	30.2	0.9	1.1	0.2	152,261	30,669	121,592	100.0	20.1	79.9
Larceny-theft	971,199	671,260	271,788	15,869	11,355	927	100.0	69.1	28.0	1.6	1.2	0.1	725,373	112,745	612,628	100.0	15.5	84.5
Motor vehicle theft	53,456	35,551	16,391	668	677	169	100.0	66.5	30.7	1.2	1.3	0.3	40,946	10,471	30,475	100.0	25.6	74.4
Arson	7,298	5,338	1,709	142	98	11	100.0	73.1	23.4	1.9	1.3	0.2	5,520	1,022	4,498	100.0	18.5	81.5
Violent crime ⁴	390,233	231,750	147,002	5,283	5,453	745	100.0	59.4	37.7	1.4	1.4	0.2	306,376	73,621	232,755	100.0	24.0	76.0
Property crime ⁴	1,218,747	838,391	346,392	18,382	14,129	1,453	100.0	68.8	28.4	1.5	1.2	0.1	924,100	154,907	769,193	100.0	16.8	83.2
Other assaults	853,887	558,181	272,068	13,618	9,173	847	100.0	65.4	31.9	1.6	1.1	0.1	639,100	114,589	524,511	100.0	17.9	82.1
Forgery and counterfeiting	44,336	28,272	15,095	279	646	44	100.0	63.8	34.0	0.6	1.5	0.1	34,657	5,601	29,056	100.0	16.2	83.8
Fraud	109,576	72,424	34,853	1,116	1,124	59	100.0	66.1	31.8	1.0	1.0	0.1	88,004	8,784	79,220	100.0	10.0	90.0
Embezzlement	12,678	7,851	4,518	87	210	12	100.0	61.9	35.6	0.7	1.7	0.1	10,325	1,065	9,260	100.0	10.3	89.7
Stolen property; buying, receiving, possessing	69,912	45,816	22,538	662	812	84	100.0	65.5	32.2	0.9	1.2	0.1	54,153	10,604	43,549	100.0	19.6	80.4
Vandalism	154,755	108,531	41,723	2,761	1,556	184	100.0	70.1	27.0	1.8	1.0	0.1	122,943	23,350	99,593	100.0	19.0	81.0
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	109,891	62,920	44,705	803	1,307	156	100.0	57.3	40.7	0.7	1.2	0.1	81,630	19,194	62,436	100.0	23.5	76.5
Prostitution and commercialized vice	37,030	19,867	15,483	199	1,434	47	100.0	53.7	41.8	0.5	3.9	0.1	28,546	5,507	23,039	100.0	19.3	80.7
Sex offenses (except rape and prostitution)	43,125	31,279	10,462	640	688	56	100.0	72.5	24.3	1.5	1.6	0.1	31,963	8,173	23,790	100.0	25.6	74.4
Drug abuse violations	1,216,225	837,851	353,862	10,071	12,893	1,548	100.0	68.9	29.1	0.8	1.1	0.1	910,629	190,771	719,858	100.0	20.9	79.1
Gambling	4,363	1,560	2,568	16	192	27	100.0	35.8	58.9	0.4	4.4	0.6	2,059	403	1,656	100.0	19.6	80.4
Offenses against the family and children	79,075	50,912	26,048	1,521	574	20	100.0	64.4	32.9	1.9	0.7	*	51,746	6,051	45,695	100.0	11.7	88.3
Driving under the influence	863,598	722,451	112,107	12,048	15,938	1,054	100.0	83.7	13.0	1.4	1.8	0.1	646,288	151,675	494,613	100.0	23.5	76.5
Liquor laws	246,304	197,559	35,727	9,539	3,302	177	100.0	80.2	14.5	3.9	1.3	0.1	173,195	27,008	146,187	100.0	15.6	84.4
Drunkenness	327,325	264,906	51,485	6,952	3,552	430	100.0	80.9	15.7	2.1	1.1	0.1	305,049	72,574	232,475	100.0	23.8	76.2
Disorderly conduct	338,636	213,342	114,802	7,734	2,493	265	100.0	63.0	33.9	2.3	0.7	0.1	207,465	27,127	180,338	100.0	13.1	86.9
Vagrancy	21,577	14,819	6,116	443	182	17	100.0	68.7	28.3	2.1	0.8	0.1	16,903	2,656	14,247	100.0	15.7	84.3
All other offenses (except traffic)	2,546,822	1,726,091	750,488	42,980	23,946	3,317	100.0	67.8	29.5	1.7	0.9	0.1	1,876,766	323,498	1,553,268	100.0	17.2	82.8
Suspicion	1,057	557	472	15	13	0	100.0	52.7	44.7	1.4	1.2	0.0	157	7	150	100.0	4.5	95.5
Curfew and loitering law violations	41,513	21,357	19,169	450	450	87	100.0	51.4	46.2	1.1	1.1	0.2	29,071	7,159	21,912	100.0	24.6	75.4

¹ Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to 100.0.

² The ethnicity totals are representative of those agencies that provided ethnicity breakdowns. Not all agencies provide ethnicity data; therefore, the race and ethnicity totals will not equal.

³ The rape figures in this table are aggregate totals of the data submitted based on both the legacy and revised Uniform Crime Reporting definitions.

⁴ Violent crimes are offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

* Less than one-tenth of 1 percent.



RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY FOR REFORM

Racial/Ethnic Disparity in Imprisonment in Massachusetts

Racial and ethnic disparities in the use of incarceration have been a growing concern in recent decades as prison populations have escalated. While the causes of these disparities are complex, there is increasing evidence of the impact of high incarceration rates on families and communities in disadvantaged neighborhoods. In its comprehensive assessment of the impact of incarceration, the National Research Council concluded that "there is little question that incarceration has become another strand in the complex combination of negative conditions that characterize high-poverty communities in U.S. cities."

The data analysis below is part of a larger project examining racial disparities in incarceration in all 50 states. Using 2014 data from the

Massachusetts Department of Corrections and the U.S. Bureau of the Census we have calculated the rate of incarceration for the three racial/ethnic groups of white, black, and Hispanic, per 100,000 in the population for each group. (Note that the race data are for non-Hispanic whites and non-Hispanic blacks.) The disparity ratio is then a measure of the relative likelihood of incarceration.

As can be seen, African Americans, incarcerated at a rate of 655 per 100,000 in Massachusetts are incarcerated at nearly eight times the rate of whites (82 per 100,000), while Hispanics, incarcerated at a rate of 401 per 100,000 are incarcerated at a rate that is 4.9 times greater than whites. In both of these measures, the disparities are considerably larger than the national averages for these groups.

Massachusetts Rates of Incarceration Compared to the Nation

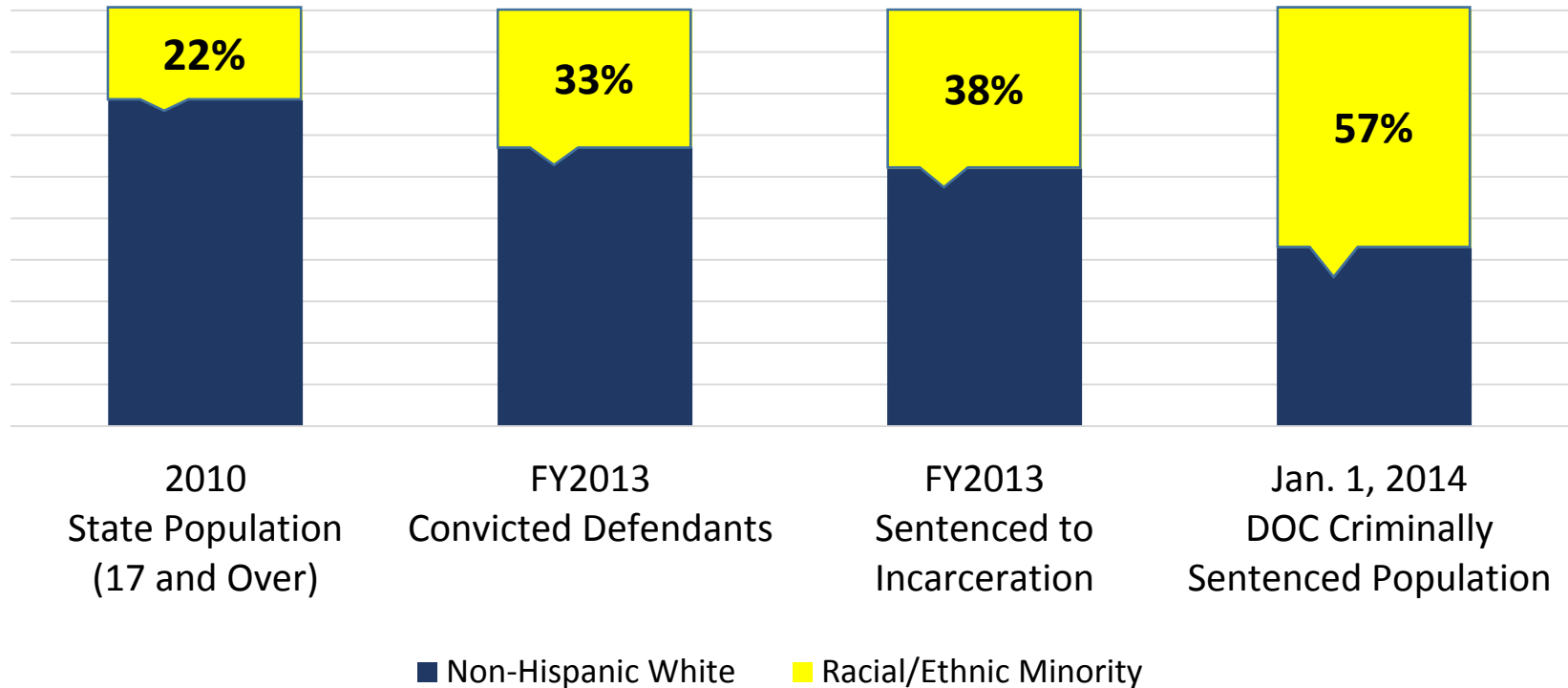
	White (Rate per 100,000)	Black (Rate per 100,000)	Hispanic (Rate per 100,000)	Black: White	Hispanic: White
Massachusetts	82	655	401	7.9:1	4.9:1
National	281	1627	362	5.8:1	1.3:1

Sources: Carson, E. Ann (2015). *Prisoners in 2014*. Washington, DC: U.S Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics; Massachusetts Department of Correction (2015). *Prison Population Trends 2014*. Concord, MA: DOC; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division (June 2014). *Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for the United States, States, and Counties: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013*. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau.

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Race/Ethnicity, Selected Population and Criminal Justice Cohorts



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Massachusetts Sentencing Commission, *Survey of Sentencing Practices*, and Department of Correction, *Inmate Statistics*. Excludes cases with missing information.



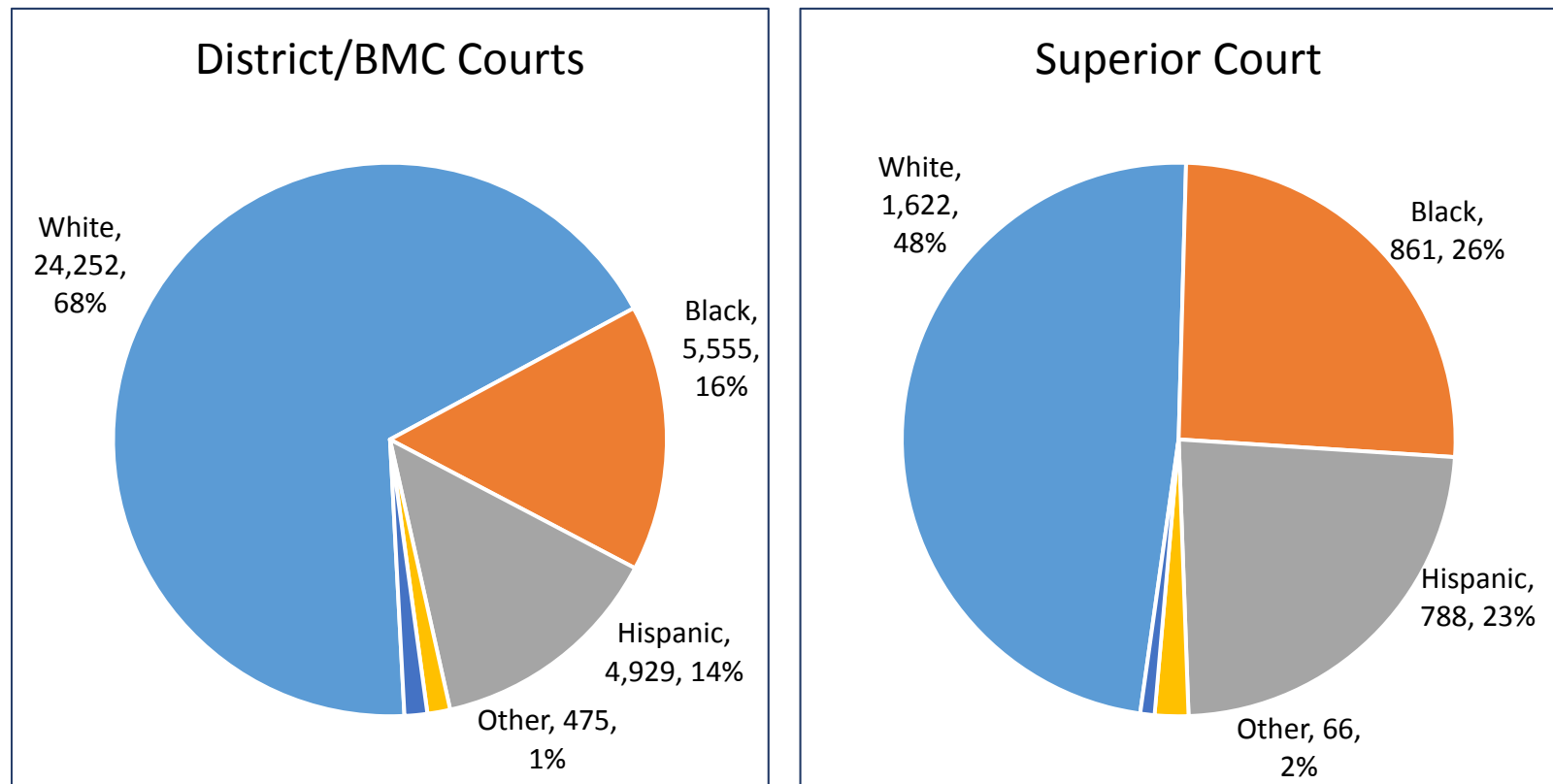
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Number of Adults Charged with CSA School/Park/Playground in CY2014
(through November 14, 2014)

	Race	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Asian	18	1.8	1.8
	Black	274	26.7	27.0
	Cape Verdean	8	0.8	0.8
	Hispanic	359	34.9	35.4
	White	355	34.5	35.0
	Total	1,014	98.6	100.0
Missing	Unknown	14	1.4	
Total		2,042	100.0	

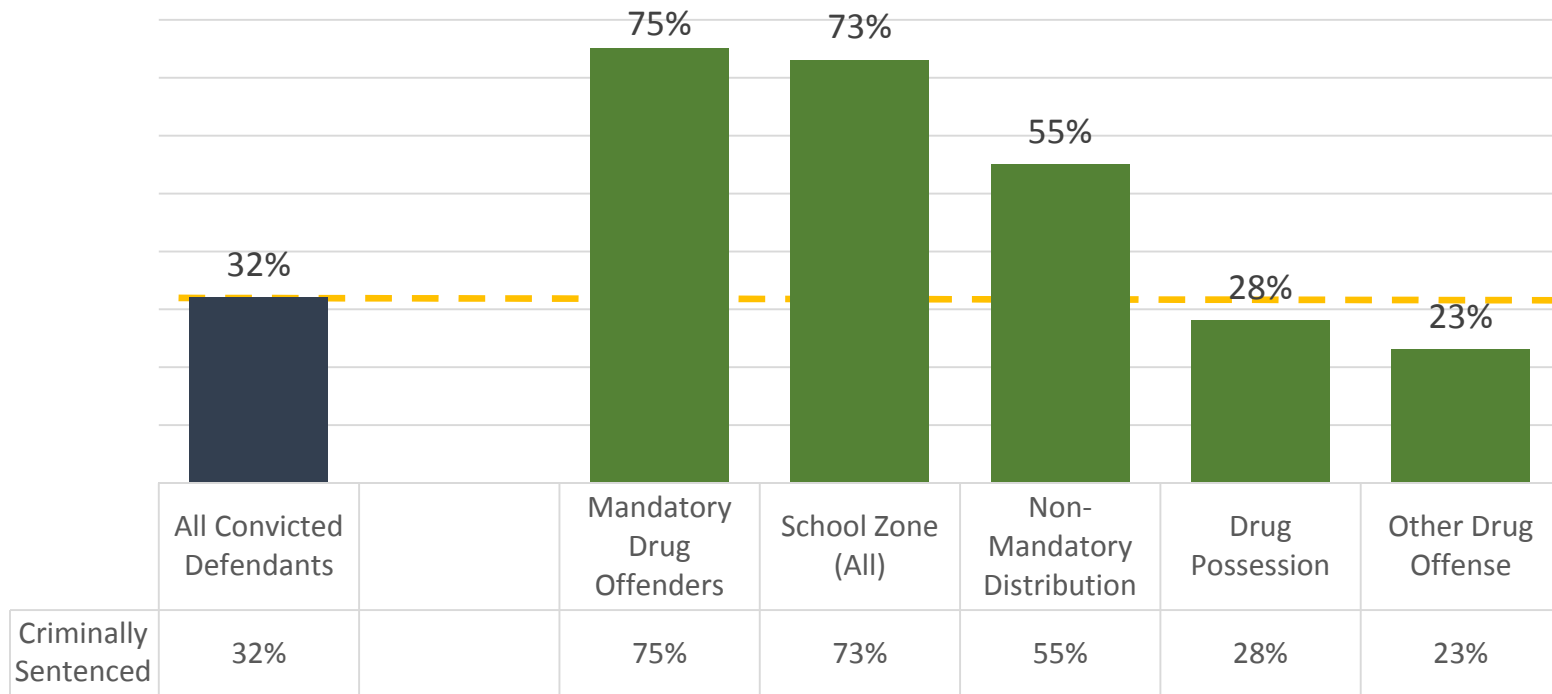


Race/Ethnicity of Convicted Defendants by Court Department, FY2013





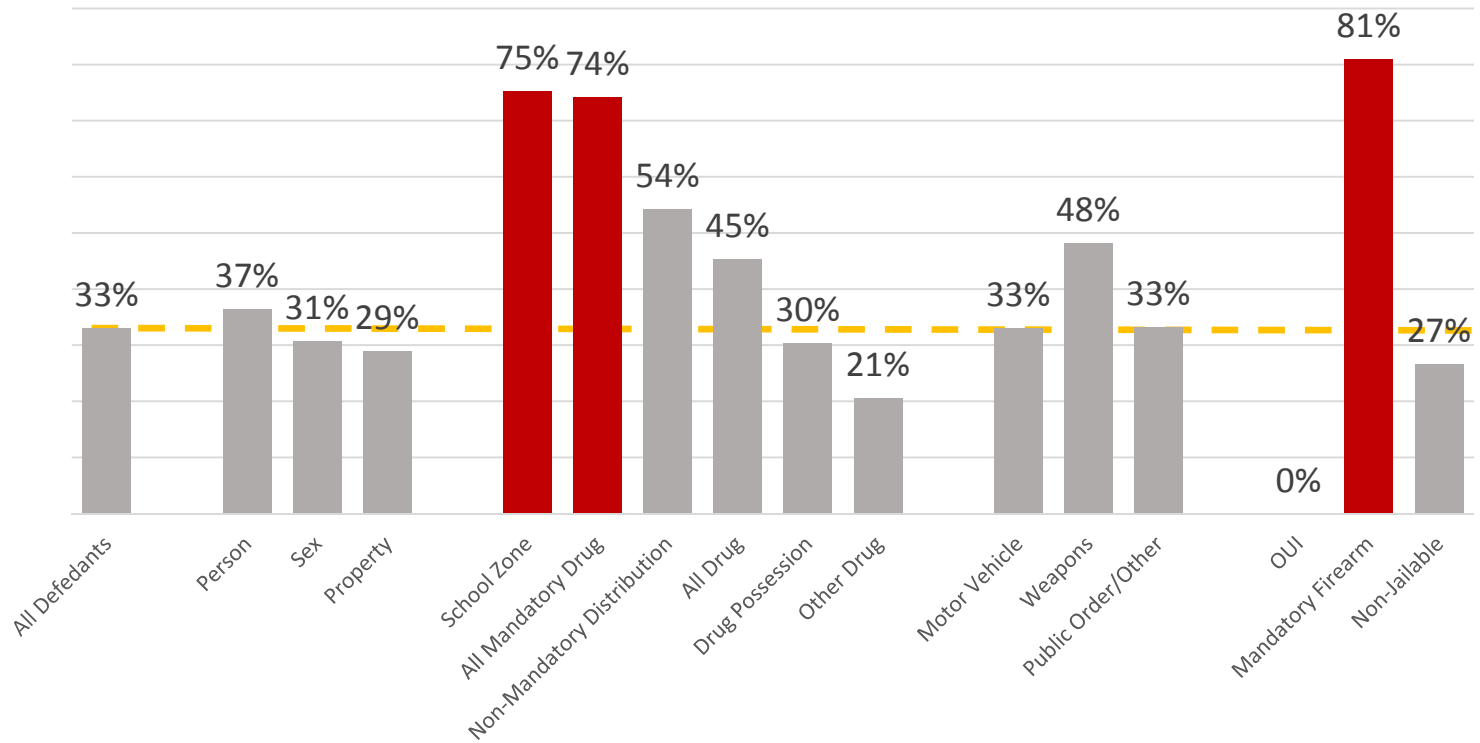
Selected Findings on Mandatory Drug Sentencing and Correctional Population %Race/Ethnic Minority by Offense Type, Convicted Offenders, FY2013



Massachusetts Sentencing Commission, *Survey of Sentencing Practices, FY2013*



Convicted Defendants, % Non-White by Offense Type, FY2012



Massachusetts DOC Jurisdiction Population, January 1, 2016 by Race/Ethnicity, Criminally Sentenced

