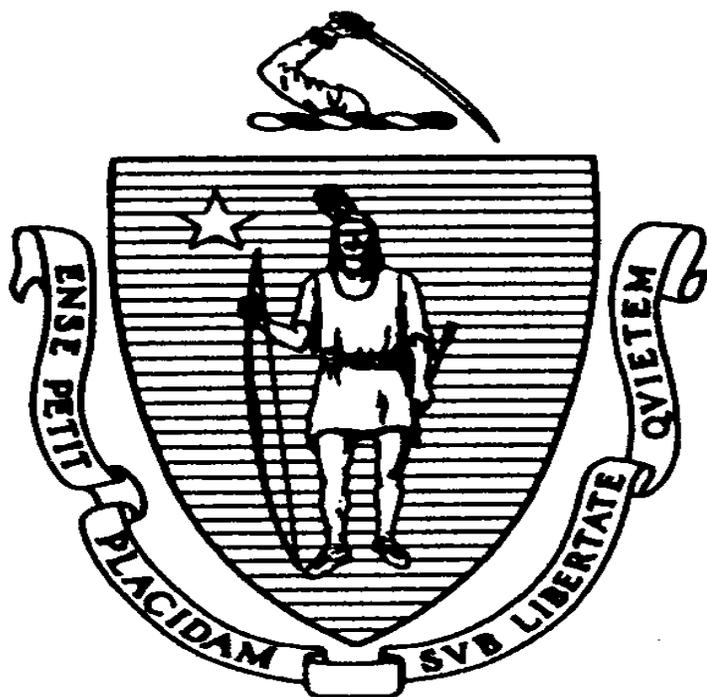


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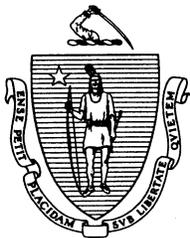
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## **The Massachusetts Department of Correction** **Jurisdiction Population**

The population covered in this report, termed the 'jurisdiction population', includes any criminally sentenced inmate released from a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility as well as DOC inmates released from other correctional facilities. Under this definition, DOC inmates released from Massachusetts' Houses of Correction, other states' correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2001 are also included in the population. The population described in this report includes the following:

- **Individuals released via parole or good conduct discharge to other jurisdictions including 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 sentenced to the Department of Correction, subsequently transferred to another correctional authority, and thereafter released**
- **Individuals transferred from another state, Federal authority, or county correctional facility and afterward released from a DOC facility**

## **Executive Summary**

### **Highlights of the MA DOC 2001 Jurisdiction Release Population**

- The total number of criminally sentenced individuals released from the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction in 2001 was 3,361, a decrease of 126 releases (4%) from 2000. The breakdown by gender was 2,497 males (74%) and 864 females (26%).
- The largest racial/ethnic group represented was White (69%), followed by Black (30%). These groups include individuals with Hispanic ethnicity.
- Of the 3,361 inmates released from the MA DOC in 2001, 805 (24%) reported having Hispanic ethnicity. Of those who reported Hispanic ethnicity 85% were White and 18% were Black.
- The mean (average) age of an inmate released in 2001 was 34.2 years, and ranged from 18 to 81 years of age. The mean (average) age at incarceration was 30.5 years, ranging from 15 to 77 years of age.
- Inmates reporting Catholic religion comprised 51% of the population. Agnostics and Protestants each represented eight percent of the jurisdiction population.
- The primary language of 85% of the 2001 release population was English, followed by 13% reporting Spanish as their primary language.
- Twenty percent of the release population for 2001 reported a last known address located in Suffolk County, followed by 16% from Worcester County, 14% from Middlesex County, and 11% from Essex County. Eighteen percent of the population listed the city of Boston as their prior residence.
- The majority of women (86%) released in 2001 were committed from district courts while most males were sentenced out of a superior court. Twenty-one percent of males were committed from Suffolk Superior Court followed by 14% from Middlesex Superior Court, 12% from Worcester Superior Court, and 11% from Hampden Superior Court.
- Forty-two percent of 2001 releases were serving a sentence for a Violent offense, 33% of which was for a Person Offense and 8% for a Sex Offense. Non-violent offenders made up the remaining 58% of the release population. Of these offenders 29% were incarcerated for a Drug offense, 18% were for Property offenses and 12% for Other offenses.
- Eighty-two percent of males released in 2001 were serving state sentences while the majority of women (89%) were serving county sentences.
- Thirty-six percent of 2001 releases were serving only one sentence, 35% were serving two or three sentences, and the remaining 29% were serving four or more sentences.

- Of the 3,361 releases in 2001, 2,692 (80%) were **releases to the street**. Fifty-four percent (1,816 inmates) were released to the street through good conduct discharge or expiration of sentence. The remaining 876 (26%) inmates released to the street were paroled.
- Excluding inmates with complex sentences, the average time served for females was 9.1 months, and 58.4 months for males.
- Seventy-four percent of releases were from secure facilities<sup>1</sup>, while the remaining 26% were from lower security facilities<sup>2</sup>, county facilities and other state/federal facilities.
- The overall release population decreased by 13% from 1997 to 2001. Compared to 2000 releases, the male release population remained stable decreasing by only 1 inmate while the female release population dropped by 13% from the previous year.
- During the 5-year span from 1997 to 2001 the percentage of the male release population released from a maximum security facility increased from 5% to 10% and the percentage released from a medium security facility increased from 50% to 58%. In turn with these increases there was a drop in the percentage of males released from lower security facilities dropping from 38% in 1997 to 27% in 2001. A similar trend was seen in the female release population with the percentage released from a medium security facility increasing from 82% to 92% and the percentage released from a lower security facility dropping from 16% to 8%.
- There was a 26% decrease in the percentage of males ages 20 to 29 released from the MA DOC since 1997 and a 13% decrease in the same category for females. During this same time period the number of inmates released between the ages of 40 and 49 increased, 18% amongst males and 13% for females.
- There was a 92% rise in the number of males released during 2001 who served county sentences in the MA DOC compared to the previous year. The percentage of females released who served state, county, and reformatory sentences remained generally consistent from 2000 to 2001.

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<sup>1</sup> Secure facilities include maximum and medium security facilities.

<sup>2</sup> Lower security facilities include minimum/pre-release facilities.

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## **Introduction**

This report is a statistical description of releases from the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) during the 2001 calendar year. 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 including 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 sentenced to the Department of Correction, subsequently transferred to another correctional authority, and thereafter released to the street**
- ⇒ **Individuals transferred from another state, Federal authority, or county correctional facility and afterward released from a DOC facility**

Excluded from this report are Bridgewater State Hospital and Massachusetts' Alcohol & Substance Abuse Center civil commitments and detainees who were released during the year. This population was excluded for the following reasons:

The reporting system for civilly committed inmates is not as extensive as that for the criminally sentenced population, therefore the majority of the data would fall into the "not reported" category in the tables.

Individuals who are awaiting trial or are pre-trial detainees have not been sentenced. They can not be considered jurisdiction population for this report. Also, because they are not sentenced limited information is available about this population.

Also excluded from this report are individuals who were released by a court order, those who may have escaped from a DOC facility, or inmates who died in custody. Individuals who were released more than once during 2001 are counted as separate cases.

This report presents tables that 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 within the MA DOC jurisdiction population over a five-year span from 1997 to 2001.

The data contained in this report was derived from the inmate database maintained by the Department of Correction. Please note that much of the personal background data of the offenders was **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. Also note that 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.

## **Descriptive Overview of the 2001 Release Population**

The tables on pages 10 through 29 describe the release population from the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction during 2001 by gender. Trend information for the release populations from 1997 through 2001 are shown in the tables on pages 31 through 36. Provided below is an overview of the data.

The data is divided into four sections. In the first section, the demographic characteristics are discussed. Again, please note that much of the demographic information is self-reported by the inmate at time of incarceration. The tables in section two are broken out by offense category and selected offenses. The third section of tables shows information regarding sentencing. The information in the fourth section displays trend information from 1997 to 2001.

### **I. Demographic Characteristics**

Of the inmates released during 2001, 2,497 (74%) were male and 864 (26%) were female totaling 3,361 releases. This represents a decrease of inmates released by 4% from 2000.

#### *Race/Ethnicity by Gender*\* (p.10)

The largest racial/ethnic group released in 2001 was White (69%), followed by Black (30%), and Asian (1%). There were a total of 9 American Indian/Alaskan Natives released in 2001. White males represented the highest percentage of releases (65%), followed by Black males comprising 33% of the male release population. Of the female population released in 2001, 81% were White and 19% were Black.

#### *Hispanic Ethnicity by Gender*(p.10)

Of the 3,361 inmates released in 2001, 805 (24%) reported having Hispanic ethnicity. Of those with Hispanic ethnicity, 86% of women and 81% of men represented the White/Hispanic group, followed by 14% of women and 19% of men comprising the Black/Hispanic group.

#### *Age at Incarceration and Release by Gender* (pps. 11-12)

The mean age at incarceration for the jurisdiction population released during 2001 was 30.5 years and ranged from 15 to 77 years. The female population was older than the male population at time of incarceration, 32.8 years and 29.7 years respectively. However, the mean age for the female population at time of release was 33.5 years, slightly lower than that of the male population, which had a mean age of 34.4 years. The mean age at release was 34.2 years for the entire jurisdiction population, ranging from 18 to 81 years.

#### *Culture and Religion by Gender* (p.13)

The three largest cultural groups represented in the 2001 release population were American (54%), Puerto Rican (13%), and Irish (8%). Twelve percent of female inmates reportedly had a French culture compared with only 1% of males. There was a much larger proportion of American males (64%) than American females (25%). Catholics represented the largest religious group making up 51% of the 2001 release population, followed by Agnostic (8%) and Protestant (8%).

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\* Please Note: This is the first year the expanded Race definition implemented by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy is demonstrated in the DOC Annual Release Report. Inmates reporting Hispanic ethnicity are included in the Race/Ethnicity table under one of the 5 official race categories listed and also reported separately in the Hispanic Ethnicity table.

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Primary Language by Gender (p.14)

Eighty-five percent of inmates reported English as their primary language. Spanish was listed as the primary language of 13% of inmates released in 2001. These numbers were relatively consistent for both the male and female populations. All other reported languages combined made up less than 1% of the population.

Last Known Address by MA Counties by Gender (p.14)

Twenty percent of the population listed Suffolk County as their address prior to incarceration followed by 16% from Worcester County, 14% from Middlesex County, and 11% from Essex County. There was a proportionately larger percentage of females with a prior address in Worcester County than males, 28% to 12%. More males (23%) reported Suffolk county as their last known address than females (11%). Five percent of the population reported an address outside Massachusetts.

Last Known Address: Top 10 Cities by Gender (p.15)

Eighteen percent of inmates released in 2001 reported Boston as their residence prior to incarceration. Second to Boston was Worcester (8%), followed by Springfield (6%), Brockton (4%), and Lowell (4%). The ten cities with the highest percentage of inmates claiming prior residency represent 54% of the release population. All other Massachusetts cities and towns combined made up 41% of the population. Five percent of inmates claim prior residency in a state other than Massachusetts.

## **II. Current Offense**

An inmate can be incarcerated for more than one offense, but for this report only one offense is reported for each inmate and is based on certain criteria (see definition in glossary beginning on page 37). This offense is called the "Current Offense". Also, similar offenses may be combined in the offense tables. Refer to the Appendix beginning on page 40 for additional information on offense categories, combined offenses and abbreviated labels.

Current Offense by Gender (p.17)

Forty-two percent of the release population was incarcerated for a Violent offense (33% for a Person offense and 8% for a Sex offense). A much higher proportion of the male population (48%) was sentenced for a Violent offense than the female population (22%). For males, those incarcerated for a Person offense made up the largest proportion of the release population (38%), followed by Drug offenses (29%). For the female population, the largest proportion of offenders fell into the Other offense category (28%) and Drug offense category (27%).

Person Offenses by Gender (p.18)

The Person offense category represents Crimes Against the Person, primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265.

Thirty-three percent of the 2001 release population was incarcerated for a Person offense. This was the largest percentage of releases in an offense category. Of those inmates incarcerated for a Person offense, 29% were serving a sentence for Armed Robbery, followed by Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (20%), Assault/Assault and Battery (12%), and Armed Assault with Intent to Rob/Murder (9%). The breakdown within the Person Offense category differed by gender. For female inmates incarcerated for a Person offense, an overwhelming

percentage received a sentence of Assault/Assault and Battery (48%), followed by those sentenced for Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (25%). The largest percentage of males in this offense category was incarcerated for Armed Robbery or Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, (32%) and (18%) respectively.

*Sex Offense by Gender* (p.19)

The Sex offense category consists of Sex Offenses Against the Person, primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 (Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency, and Good Order).

Of the 3,361 inmates released from the jurisdiction of the DOC during 2001, 279 (8%) were incarcerated for a Sex offense. Twenty-nine percent of the inmates serving a sentence for a Sex offense were in for Rape of a Child Under 16/Statutory, all of which were male. Another 20% of males in this category served a sentence for Rape. There were only five females released who had been incarcerated for a sex offense.

*Property Offense by Gender* (p.19)

Crimes Against Property, primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266, are grouped into this category.

Eighteen percent of the release population had been sentenced for a Property offense. The most common Property offense was Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering (38%). Over half of the males (52%) serving sentences for Property offenses were incarcerated for this offense, compared to 11% of the female population. The majority of the female releases in the Property offense category were sentenced for Larceny (42%) and Shoplifting (16%)

*Drug Offense by Gender* (p.20)

Drug Offenses fall under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C.

Drug offenders comprised 29% of the 2001 release population. The largest percentage of inmates were sentenced for Class A Possession with Intent to Distribute (18%), followed by Class B Possession with Intent to Distribute (16%). Males had the highest percentage of drug offenders sentenced for Class A Possession with Intent to Distribute, (19%). For females, the largest percentage of drug offenders was incarcerated for Possession of a Controlled Substance, No Class Specified (37%). Forty-six percent of the drug offenders released from the jurisdiction of the DOC during 2001 were serving a mandatory drug sentence, 55% of the males, and 19% of the females.

*Other Offense by Gender* (p.21)

“Other” offenses are miscellaneous offenses that cannot be clearly categorized into a Person, Sex, Property, or Drug offense.

A total of twelve percent of the releases from the jurisdiction of the DOC during 2001, were incarcerated for an Other offense. However, the Other offense category accounted for 28% of the female release population. The largest portion of inmates incarcerated for an Other offense were for (OUI) Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs (33%), followed by Other Motor Vehicle Offenses (13%), and Decency/Public Peace Crimes (11%). For the females, the largest proportion of inmates were sentenced for OUI (31%), followed by Other Motor Vehicle

Offenses (18%), Decency/Public Peace Crimes (17%) and Prostitution (15%). The largest number of males in this category were sentenced for OUI (37%), Carrying a Firearm without a License (Bartley-Fox Gun Law) (19%), and Other Weapons Offenses (11%).

### **III. Sentencing and Security Levels**

The glossary beginning on page 37 defines important terms in relation to sentencing.

#### Minimum Sentence by Gender (p.23)

Depending on the type of sentence received by an inmate they may or may not have a minimum term. Inmates who are serving a House of Correction (County) sentence or a Reformatory sentence, and in some cases those who are serving a Federal or out of state sentence will have a maximum term with no minimum term. Refer to the glossary beginning on page 37 for more information on sentences.

Because the majority of females being released from the DOC jurisdiction during 2001 were serving a House of Correction sentence, which carries no minimum term, 777 of the 864 (90%) female releases had no minimum sentence term. In contrast only 18% of the male population did not have a minimum sentence. The largest proportion of males receiving a minimum sentence had a 3 to less than 4 year minimum term (23%). Ten percent of the male releases, including inmates with a minimum term of Second-Degree Life, were serving a minimum sentence of at least 10 years. There were twenty inmates (1%), all males, released in 2001 who had been serving sentences for Second-Degree Life.

#### Maximum Sentence by Gender (p.24)

Twenty of the 3,361 inmates released (1%) had a maximum sentence of Second-Degree Life. Although 19% of the total 2001 release population had a sentence of less than 1 year, only 3% of males fell into this category. Sixty-five percent of the females released during 2001 had a maximum sentence of less than one year. Fifteen percent of the female inmate population served a sentence of 1 to less than 2 years and 11% received maximum sentences of 2 to less than 3 years. Ninety-one percent of the females released during 2001 were serving a sentence of less than three years. This can be attributed to the large number of female inmates serving a House of Correction sentence at the Department of Correction. The largest portion of male inmates were serving a sentence of 5 to less than 6 years (17%), 3 to less than 4 years (15%), and 2 to less than 3 years (13%). Eight percent of males were serving sentences of 20 years or more, excluding those serving Second-Degree Life sentences.

#### Type of Sentence by Gender (p.25)

See the glossary beginning on page 37 for additional information on types of sentences. Sixty-three percent of the 2001 release population was serving a state prison sentence, 82% of the males and 10% of the females. Reformatory sentences accounted for only 4% of all the releases. The majority of women (89%) were serving county sentences, compared with 13% of males.

*Sentence Count by Gender* (p.25)

Inmates are often tried and convicted on numerous offenses and therefore can be serving more than one sentence at a time. The sentence count represents the number of *imposed* sentences for which an inmate is incarcerated. Sixty-four percent of the inmates released during 2001 were serving more than one sentence. Sixty-two percent of the female and 65% of the male release population was serving more than one sentence.

*Court from Which Committed by Gender* (p.26)

The majority of the release population (70%) was originally sentenced out of a superior court. The breakdown differed greatly by gender. For males, 89% were out of a superior court and 11% of the population was sentenced from a district court. Twenty-one percent of the male release population was sentenced out of Suffolk Superior Court followed by 14% from Middlesex Superior Court, 12% from Worcester Superior Court, and 11% from Hampden Superior Court. In contrast, 86% of the female population was sentenced out of a district court and 14% were sentenced out of a superior court.

*Jail Credit Days & Time Served with Jail Credits* (p.26 & p.27)

An inmate can receive jail credits for the time they are held while awaiting trial. These jail credits are considered in the time served calculation. Twenty-eight percent of the 2001 release population did not have any jail credits. Eight percent had between 1 and 10 jail credit days. Another 15% had between 11 and 50 jail credit days, followed by 10% with between 51 and 100 days. The remaining 39% had more than 100 jail credit days, 14% of which had 301 days or more. Jail credit days are subtracted from time served calculations. Inmates who served a complex sentence (see the glossary for additional information on complex sentences) are excluded from the time served calculation.

Of the 3,361 inmates released in 2001, **2,340 (70%) were included in the time served calculation.** Of the 2,340 inmates, the largest percentage (23%) served 3 to less than 5 years before being released, followed by those who served less than 6 months (20%), and 2 to less than 3 years (17%). The amount of time served varied greatly by gender. Of the 689 females included in the time served calculation 68% served less than 6 months prior to their release, compared with less than 1% of the males (N=6). The majority of the 1,651 male releases included in the time served calculation served 3 to less than 5 years (32%), followed by 23% who served 5 to less than 10 years, and 22% served 2 to less than 3 years. Ninety-five percent of the females included in the time served calculation served less than three years, compared to only 36% of the male population.

*Type of Release by Gender* (p.27)

Eighty percent (N=2,692) of the inmates released from the jurisdiction of the DOC during 2001 were released to the street; 1,816 were released to the street through Good Conduct Discharge or Expiration of Sentence and 876 were paroled to the street. The largest portion of releases (54%) were GCD/Expiration of Sentence to the street. Inmates paroled to the street comprised 26% of all releases. The percentages for releases to the street were consistent between the male and female release population. Inmates who were released or paroled from the DOC to other authorities made up the remaining 20% of the release population.

*Mean Time Served in Months, Until First Release, With Jail Credits, by Present Offense and Gender* (p.28)

Included in time served calculations are 2,340 inmates released in 2001 who were not serving complex sentences. Considering all offense categories, the average months served for females was 9.1 and 58.4 for males. The average months served for a Person offense was 14.2 months for females and 66.0 months for males. Of all those included in the time served calculation serving a sentence for a Sex offense the female population served an average of 7.5 months and the males served 86.2 months on average. As for Property offenses, females averaged 5.7 months and males served an average of 50.0 months. Drug offenders served an average of 13.9 months in the female population and 44.0 months for males. Those serving a sentence for an Other offense averaged 3.7 months for females and 42.2 months for males. This table (on p.28) also breaks out the most common offenses for which inmates were serving sentences and the average time served for that offense by gender.

*2001 Releases by Institution and Security Level by Gender* (p.29)

Seventy-four percent of the inmates released from the jurisdiction of the DOC during 2001 were released from a secure (maximum or medium security level) facility. The majority of males (58%) were released from a medium security facility. Twenty-seven percent of males were released from a minimum or minimum/pre-release facility, another 10% were released from a maximum security facility, and 5% were released from a county facility. Of the female population, 91% were released from a medium security facility. Eight percent of females were released from a lower security facility (minimum or minimum/pre-release), and 1% from a county facility. There is no maximum security facility for female inmates therefore there were no releases from that level of security.

#### **IV. Five-year Trends in the MA DOC Release Population**

The 2001 release population decreased by 508 inmates, or 13%, compared to the 1997 release population. Males decreased by 382 inmates, or 13%, during the five-year trend period. Female inmates also decreased by 13%, 126 inmates, during the same time span.

##### *Age at Release by Gender, 1997 to 2001* (p.32)

Although the number of inmates released from the Department of Correction has decreased by 508 inmates from 1997 to 2001, the number of inmates being released who are between 40 and 69 years of age has increased by 12%. Inmates in the 40 to 69 year old age group made up 20% of the 1997 release population, compared to 26% of the 2001 releases. The number of releases in the 19-year and younger age group increased by 7 inmates (14%) from 1997 to 2001. The number of male inmates in this category decreased by 4 inmates (14%), but the number of female inmates in this age group increased from 16 inmates in 1997 to 27 inmates in 2001. The number of releases in the 20 to 29-year category dropped from 1,394 inmates to 1,064, or 24%, when comparing the 1997 and 2001 release populations. The 30 to 39-year old category decreased by 296 inmates (18%) during the same time period.

##### *Race/Ethnicity of Releases by Gender, 1997 to 2001\** (p.33)

Over the past five years the proportion of the release population that was Caucasian has dropped slightly. Fifty-one percent of the 1997 release population was Caucasian. That number dropped to 50% of the 2001 releases. The proportion of Hispanics increased over the five-year trend period. Hispanic inmates accounted for 21% of the 1997 release population, compared to 24% of the 2001 releases. The proportion of African American inmates in the release population decreased slightly from 26% to 25% from 1997 to 2001.

##### *Security Level of Releasing Institution by Gender, 1997 to 2001* (p.34)

The percentage of the male release population released from a maximum security facility has increased from 5% in 1997 to 10% in 2001. When comparing the 1997 and 2001 male release populations, the percentage released from a medium security facility increased 50% to 58%. During 2001, 662 male inmates (27%) were released from a lower security facility, compared to 1,090 male inmates (38%) during 1997, a decrease of 428 inmates (39%) over the five-year span. The percentage of females released from medium security facilities has increased from 82% in 1997 to 91% in 2001. Females released from lower security facilities decreased by 56% over the same five-year time span.

##### *Mean Time Served in Months, Until First Release, with Jail Credits, for Releases to the Street, by Committing Institution and Gender: 1997 to 2001* (p.35)

The mean time served calculation does not include inmates who had a complex sentence (see glossary beginning on page 37 for further information on complex sentences). For this specific table only inmates **released to the street** are included. Of the 3,361 inmates released during 2001, **1,805 (54%)** met the above criteria and **were included** in the time served calculation.

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\* Please Note: This is the first year the expanded Race definition is being used in the DOC Release Report and Hispanic ethnicity is represented in a separate table. For purposes of the 5-year trend section of this report, Race has been converted into the categories used in prior years in order to show continuing trends in the population.

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The average time served for those who served State Prison (Cedar Junction) sentences remained between 50 and 57 months over the past five years. The average time served for males released off of a Reformatory sentence increased from 51 months to 113 months over the five-year period. The average time served for females released off of a Framingham sentence increased from 8 months for 1997 releases to 10 months for 2001 releases.

*Type of Sentence by Gender, 1997 to 2001* (p.36)

On January 12, 1994 the Governor signed into law an Act to Promote the Effective Management of the Criminal Justice System. St.1993, c. 432, generally known as the “Truth in Sentencing” Law. This law significantly affects Sentencing for offenses committed after June 30, 1994. The new law eliminates “Concord” and “Framingham” Reformatory sentences (See Truth in Sentencing discussion under Sentence Types beginning on page 37 in the glossary).

The proportion of males in the release population serving a State Prison sentence has increased from 77% to 82% from 1997 to 2001. The proportion of female releases serving a State Prison sentence has remained near 11%. Due to the “Truth in Sentencing Law”, the number of inmates being released who were serving a Reformatory sentence has dropped 60% over the five-year trend period. Three hundred-fifty two inmates released during 1997 were serving a Reformatory sentence, compared to 140 during 2001. The percentage of females released between 1997 and 2001 serving County sentences have comprised between 86% and 89% of the female population. The amount of males serving a County sentence has hovered between 7% and 13% of the male release population.

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Demographic Characteristics  
of the MA DOC 2001  
Release Population

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Please Note: Due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to 100%.

Table 1

**MA DOC Releases in 2001 by Gender**

	Number of Releases (%)	
Male	2,497	74
Female	864	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 2

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Race/Ethnicity by Gender (Self-Reported)**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Asian	0	0	23	1	23	1
Black	160	19	835	33	995	30
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	9	0	9	0
White	704	81	1630	65	2,334	69
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

All race categories in the above table **include** inmates with hispanic ethnic indicators. Statistics regarding hispanic ethnic status are reported separately in the following table. Please note this is the first year the expanded race definition implemented by the U.S Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy is demonstrated in this report.

Table 3

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Hispanic Ethnicity by Gender (Self-Reported)**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black	20	14	126	19	146	18
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	2	0	2	0
White	124	86	533	81	657	82
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Hispanic*</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>100</b>

The above table includes **only** inmates who specify hispanic ethnicity. All inmates in the above table are also included in Table 2: Race/Ethnicity.

\*The total number of inmates reporting Hispanic ethnicity (N=805) accounts for 24% of the total population (N=3361).

**Table 4**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Age at Incarceration  
by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
15 Years	0	0	1	0	1	0
16 Years	0	0	2	0	2	0
17 Years	2	0	16	1	18	1
18 Years	13	2	96	4	109	3
19 Years	18	2	120	5	138	4
20 Years	33	4	149	6	182	5
21 Years	29	3	138	6	167	5
22 Years	20	2	114	5	134	4
23 Years	28	3	102	4	130	4
24 Years	29	3	126	5	155	5
25 to 29 Years	144	17	537	22	681	20
30 to 34 Years	178	21	431	17	609	18
35 to 39 Years	184	21	302	12	486	14
40 to 44 Years	118	14	184	7	302	9
45 to 49 Years	48	6	103	4	151	4
50 to 54 Years	14	2	39	2	53	2
55 to 59 Years	3	0	17	1	20	1
60 to 64 Years	2	0	11	0	13	0
65 to 69 Years	1	0	3	0	4	0
70 Years or Older	0	0	6	0	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Age at Incarceration Statistics</b>			
	<b>Totals</b>	Females	Males
Mean	<b>30.5</b>	32.8	29.7
Median	<b>29.0</b>	33	28
Minimum	<b>15</b>	17	15
Maximum	<b>77</b>	65	77

Table 5

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Age at Release by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
18 Years	10	1	6	0	16	0
19 Years	17	2	25	1	42	1
20 Years	29	3	34	1	63	2
21 Years	30	3	56	2	86	3
22 Years	20	2	71	3	91	3
23 Years	24	3	85	3	109	3
24 Years	23	3	106	4	129	4
25 to 29 Years	139	16	450	18	589	18
30 to 34 Years	168	19	526	21	694	21
35 to 39 Years	192	22	464	19	656	20
40 to 44 Years	125	14	345	14	470	14
45 to 49 Years	65	8	174	7	239	7
50 to 54 Years	16	2	68	3	84	2
55 to 59 Years	3	0	49	2	52	2
60 to 64 Years	2	0	20	1	22	1
65 to 69 Years	1	0	7	0	8	0
70 Years or Older	0	0	11	0	11	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Age at Release Statistics</b>			
	Totals	Females	Males
Mean	<b>34.2</b>	33.5	34.4
Median	<b>33.0</b>	34	33
Minimum	<b>18</b>	18	18
Maximum	<b>81</b>	65	81

Table 6

<b>MA DOC Releases in 2001: Culture by Gender (Self-Reported)</b>						
	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
American	212	25	1602	64	1814	54
Puerto Rican	105	12	319	13	424	13
Irish	207	24	59	2	266	8
*Other	73	8	99	4	172	5
African	24	3	97	4	121	4
French	102	12	17	1	119	4
Italian	69	8	38	2	107	3
Dominican	5	1	86	3	91	3
Spanish	27	3	17	1	44	1
Portuguese	11	1	31	1	42	1
English	16	2	13	1	29	1
Columbian	1	0	14	1	15	0
Jamaican	1	0	10	0	11	0
Haitian	0	0	8	0	8	0
Cambodian	0	0	7	0	7	0
Cuban	0	0	7	0	7	0
Not Reported	11	1	73	3	84	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Other category includes reported cultures not listed separately in the above table.

Table 7

<b>MA DOC Releases in 2001: Religion by Gender (Self-Reported)</b>						
	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Catholic	501	58	1219	49	1720	51
Agnostic	4	0	280	11	284	8
Protestant	75	9	182	7	257	8
*Christian	17	2	213	9	230	7
Baptist	56	6	152	6	208	6
Atheist	87	10	114	5	201	6
**Other	53	6	101	4	154	5
Pentecostal	28	3	83	3	111	3
Islam	1	0	105	4	106	3
Jewish	6	1	14	1	20	1
Not Reported	36	4	34	1	70	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Christian includes non-specified Christian religions.

\*\*Other includes reported religions not listed separately in the above table.

Table 8

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Primary Language by Gender (Self-Reported)**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
English	771	89	2088	84	2859	85
Spanish	77	9	360	14	437	13
Portuguese	3	0	11	0	14	0
Vietnamese	0	0	3	0	3	0
Chinese	0	0	2	0	2	0
French	0	0	2	0	2	0
Khmer	0	0	1	0	1	0
Not Reported	13	2	30	1	43	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 9

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Last Known Address:  
Top 10 Cities by Gender (Self-Reported)**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Boston	83	10	521	21	604	18
Worcester	107	12	162	6	269	8
Springfield	10	1	192	8	202	6
Brockton	68	8	77	3	145	4
Lowell	35	4	94	4	129	4
Lawrence	31	4	80	3	111	3
Lynn	32	4	66	3	98	3
Fall River	8	1	88	4	96	3
New Bedford	8	1	87	3	95	3
Fitchburg	21	2	51	2	72	2
Other MA	436	50	938	38	1374	41
*Out-of-State	24	3	140	6	164	5
Not Reported	1	0	1	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Includes 2 males reporting a last known address outside the U.S.

**Table 10**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Last Known Address  
by MA Counties by Gender (Self-Reported)**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Suffolk County	92	11	573	23	665	20
Worcester County	243	28	308	12	551	16
Middlesex County	157	18	330	13	487	14
Essex County	120	14	247	10	367	11
Hampden County	22	3	271	11	293	9
Bristol County	25	3	262	10	287	9
Plymouth County	117	14	127	5	244	7
Norfolk County	48	6	92	4	140	4
Barnstable County	6	1	56	2	62	2
Berkshire County	7	1	51	2	58	2
Hampshire County	0	0	22	1	22	1
Franklin County	2	0	15	1	17	1
Dukes County	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nantucket County	0	0	1	0	1	0
Out of State	24	3	138	6	162	5
Non-US	0	0	2	0	2	0
Not Reported	1	0	1	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

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Current Offense Categories  
of the MA DOC 2001 Release Population

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Table 11

**MA DOC Releases in 2001:  
Current Offense by Gender: General Categories**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Person	185	21	937	38	1,122	33
Sex	5	1	274	11	279	8
Property	200	23	393	16	593	18
Drug	236	27	724	29	960	29
Other	238	28	169	7	407	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

Figure A:

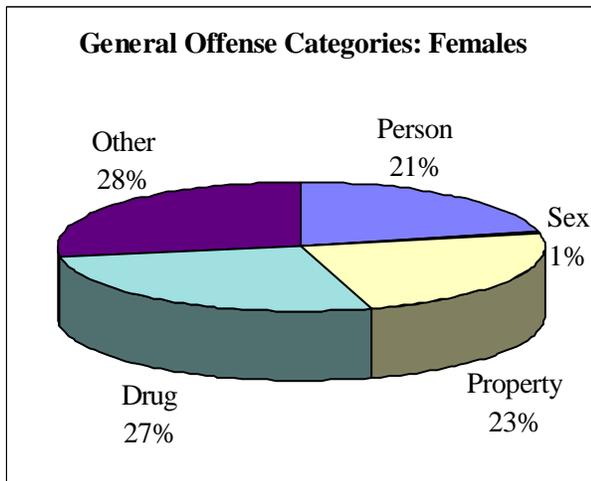
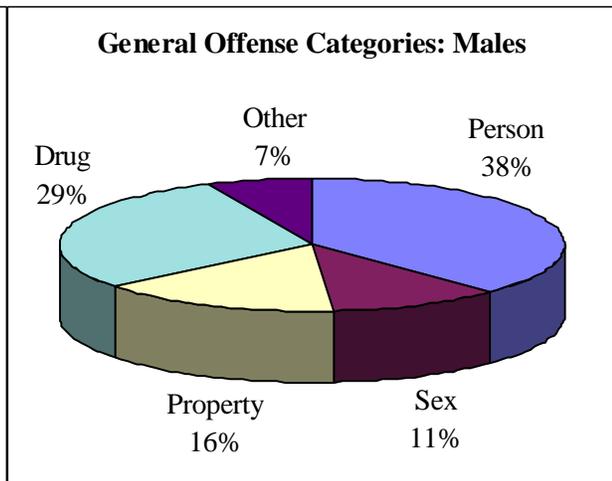


Figure B:



**Table 12**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Person Offenses by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Armed Robbery	17	9	303	32	320	29
Asslt/A&B Dangerous Weapon	47	25	172	18	219	20
Assault and A&B	88	48	44	5	132	12
Armed Asslt W/Int to Rob/Murder	2	1	101	11	103	9
Unarmed Robbery	6	3	89	9	95	8
Manslaughter	3	2	64	7	67	6
Unarmed Robbery, Victim 60+	2	1	18	2	20	2
Vehicular Homicide	4	2	15	2	19	2
Murder 2nd Degree	0	0	18	2	18	2
Mayhem	1	1	13	1	14	1
Kidnapping	3	2	9	1	12	1
Carjacking	0	0	12	1	12	1
Armed Assault in Dwelling	1	1	10	1	11	1
Stalking	0	0	11	1	11	1
Assault w/Intent to Murder	2	1	9	1	11	1
Conspiracy	3	2	7	1	10	1
Unarmed Assault to Rob	1	1	8	1	9	1
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	0	0	8	1	8	1
A&B Upon a Child	2	1	3	0	5	0
Assault w/Intent to Commit Felony	0	0	5	1	5	0
Accessory After the Fact	2	1	2	0	4	0
Accessory Before the Fact	0	0	3	0	3	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	3	0	3	0
Extortion	0	0	2	0	2	0
A&B Upon Elderly	0	0	2	0	2	0
Armed Asslt W/Int to Rob/Murder Victim 60+	0	0	2	0	2	0
Murder 2nd Degree - Juvenile Offender Law	0	0	2	0	2	0
Civil Rights Violation	0	0	2	0	2	0
A&B W/Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	1	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>100</b>

Please note: Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

**Table 13**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Sex Offenses by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Rape and Abuse of Child (Statutory)	0	0	80	29	80	29
Rape	0	0	54	20	54	19
Rape of Child <16, W/Force	0	0	45	16	45	16
Indecent A&B on Child <14	1	20	34	12	35	13
Aggravated Rape	0	0	31	11	31	11
Indecent A&B, Victim 14+	2	40	10	4	12	4
Assault W/Intent to Rape	0	0	11	4	11	4
Assault W/Intent to Rape, Child <16	0	0	5	2	5	2
Other Sex Offenses	1	20	3	1	4	1
Unnatural Act	1	20	0	0	1	0
Incest	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>100</b>

Please note: Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

**Table 14**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Property Offenses by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking & Entering	22	11	203	52	225	38
Larceny/Stealing	83	42	46	12	129	22
Vehicle Theft	12	6	39	10	51	9
Arson/Attempted Arson	8	4	29	7	37	6
Shoplifting	31	16	3	1	34	6
Receiving Stolen Goods	16	8	10	3	26	4
Larceny From Person	9	5	11	3	20	3
Armed Burglary	0	0	20	5	20	3
Destruction of Property	7	4	12	3	19	3
Forgery & Uttering	9	5	8	2	17	3
Larceny From Elder or Disabled Person	2	1	4	1	6	1
Fraud	1	1	3	1	4	1
Possession of Burglary Tools	0	0	3	1	3	1
Common & Notorious Thief	0	0	2	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>100</b>

Please note: Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

**Table 15**

<b>MA DOC Releases in 2001: Drug Offenses by Gender</b>						
	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Being Present Where Heroin Is Kept	6	3	0	0	6	1
Possession Of Hypodermic Instrument	17	7	2	0	19	2
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act	4	2	18	2	22	2
Distribute/Sell Drug Paraphernalia	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fraudulent Prescriptions	3	1	0	0	3	0
Possession of Controlled Substance - No Class Specified	88	37	10	1	98	10
Possession of Controlled Substance - Class A	1	0	15	2	16	2
Possession of Controlled Substance - Class B	3	1	0	0	3	0
Possession of Controlled Substance - Class D	0	0	1	0	1	0
Possession of Controlled Substance - Class E	0	0	1	0	1	0
Class A - Poss W/Int To Distribute	37	16	136	19	173	18
*Class A - Poss W/Int To Distribute, Subsequent	3	1	14	2	17	2
Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute	28	12	130	18	158	16
*Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute, Subsequent	1	0	49	7	50	5
*Specific Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute	12	5	62	9	74	8
*Specific Class B - Poss W/Int To Distribute, Subsequent	1	0	10	1	11	1
Class C - Poss W/Int to Distribute	0	0	1	0	1	0
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	8	3	106	15	114	12
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	2	1	61	8	63	7
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	1	0	21	3	22	2
*Specific Class B - Trafficking 200+ Grams	0	0	2	0	2	0
*Class A - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	0	0	1	0	1	0
*Class A - Trafficking 28-100 Grams	0	0	3	0	3	0
*Class A - Trafficking 100-200 Grams	0	0	1	0	1	0
Class D - Poss W/Int To Distribute	3	1	6	1	9	1
Class D - Poss W/Int To Distribute, Subsequent	0	0	1	0	1	0
*Drug Violation, School/Park	16	7	70	10	86	9
Induce Minors in Sale & Distribution of Drugs	0	0	3	0	3	0
Counterfeit Drugs, Poss W/Int To Distribute	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>100</b>

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

<p><b><u>Subtotals – *Mandatory Drug Offenses:</u></b>                  Females: 44 (19%)                  Males: 400 (55%)  <b>Total Mandatory Drug Offenses: 444 (46%)</b></p>
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**\* Denotes an offense which carries a mandatory minimum sentence.**

**Table 16**

<b>MA DOC Releases in 2001: Other Offenses by Gender</b>						
	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs	73	31	63	37	136	33
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	42	18	12	7	54	13
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	41	17	2	1	43	11
Prostitution	36	15	0	0	36	9
*Carry a Firearm W/Out License (Bartley-Fox Gun Law)	0	0	32	19	32	8
Other Weapons Offense	2	1	18	11	20	5
Domestic Abuse Prevention Act	11	5	5	3	16	4
Attempt to Commit Crime	5	2	9	5	14	3
Leave Scene of Vehicular Accident	9	4	2	1	11	3
Escape	3	1	8	5	11	3
Intimidation of a Witness	0	0	10	6	10	2
Resisting Arrest	4	2	4	2	8	2
Trespassing	7	3	0	0	7	2
Sale/Poss of Alcohol to Minor <21 yrs.	1	0	1	1	2	0
Violation of Labor Laws	1	0	1	1	2	0
Obstruction of Justice	1	0	0	0	1	0
Deriving Support from Prostitution	0	0	1	1	1	0
Perjury/Contempt of Court	1	0	0	0	1	0
Habitual Criminal	0	0	1	1	1	0
Miscellaneous Other Offense	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>100</b>

**\*Carries a mandatory sentence of 1 year.**

Please note: Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

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Sentencing, Release Characteristics,  
and Security Levels  
of the MA DOC 2001 Release Population

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Table 17

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Minimum Sentence by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Less Than 1 Year	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 to Less Than 2 Years	10	1	130	5	140	4
2 to Less Than 3 Years	26	3	343	14	369	11
3 to Less Than 4 Years	31	4	573	23	604	18
4 to Less Than 5 Years	4	0	214	9	218	6
5 to Less Than 6 Years	6	1	251	10	257	8
6 to Less Than 7 Years	2	0	119	5	121	4
7 to Less Than 8 Years	0	0	54	2	54	2
8 to Less Than 9 Years	0	0	39	2	39	1
9 to Less Than 10 Years	1	0	63	3	64	2
10 to Less Than 11 Years	4	0	77	3	81	2
11 to Less Than 12 Years	0	0	4	0	4	0
12 to Less Than 13 Years	2	0	49	2	51	2
13 to Less Than 14 Years	0	0	5	0	5	0
14 to Less Than 15 Years	0	0	6	0	6	0
15 to Less Than 16 Years	1	0	37	1	38	1
16 to Less Than 17 Years	0	0	1	0	1	0
17 to Less Than 18 Years	0	0	2	0	2	0
18 to Less Than 19 Years	0	0	34	1	34	1
19 to Less Than 20 Years	0	0	7	0	7	0
20 Years or More	0	0	10	0	10	0
2nd Degree Life*	0	0	20	1	20	1
No Minimum	777	90	459	18	1,236	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

\* Massachusetts Department of Correction inmates serving a Second Degree Life sentence must serve a minimum of 15 years before they are eligible for parole.

Table 18

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Maximum Sentence by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Less Than 1 Year	563	65	70	3	633	19
1 to Less Than 2 Years	132	15	176	7	308	9
2 to Less Than 3 Years	93	11	313	13	406	12
3 to Less Than 4 Years	21	2	387	15	408	12
4 to Less Than 5 Years	14	2	189	8	203	6
5 to Less Than 6 Years	21	2	424	17	445	13
6 to Less Than 7 Years	1	0	114	5	115	3
7 to Less Than 8 Years	1	0	130	5	131	4
8 to Less Than 9 Years	0	0	37	1	37	1
9 to Less Than 10 Years	0	0	20	1	20	1
10 to Less Than 11 Years	9	1	207	8	216	6
11 to Less Than 12 Years	0	0	7	0	7	0
12 to Less Than 13 Years	2	0	77	3	79	2
13 to Less Than 14 Years	0	0	3	0	3	0
14 to Less Than 15 Years	0	0	3	0	3	0
15 to Less Than 16 Years	2	0	105	4	107	3
16 to Less Than 17 Years	0	0	4	0	4	0
17 to Less Than 18 Years	0	0	7	0	7	0
18 to Less Than 19 Years	1	0	9	0	10	0
19 to Less Than 20 Years	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 Years or More	4	0	195	8	199	6
Second Degree Life*	0	0	20	1	20	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

\* Massachusetts Department of Correction inmates serving a Second Degree Life sentence must serve a minimum of 15 years before they are eligible for parole.

**Table 19**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Type of Sentence by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
State Prison	87	10	2,038	82	2,125	63
County	769	89	327	13	1,096	33
Reformatory	8	1	132	5	140	4
Other State, Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 20**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Sentence Count\* by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
One	327	38	883	35	1,210	36
Two	203	23	538	22	741	22
Three	95	11	341	14	436	13
Four	91	11	237	9	328	10
Five to Nine	115	13	479	19	594	18
Ten to Nineteen	29	3	13	1	42	1
Twenty or More	4	0	6	0	10	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Table 21**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Court From Which Committed by Gender**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Suffolk Superior	20	2	529	21	549	16
Middlesex Superior	29	3	339	14	368	11
Worcester Superior	18	2	310	12	328	10
Hampden Superior	14	2	274	11	288	9
Essex Superior	7	1	214	9	221	7
Bristol Superior	9	1	196	8	205	6
Plymouth Superior	8	1	108	4	116	3
Norfolk Superior	8	1	83	3	91	3
Berkshire Superior	7	1	68	3	75	2
Barnstable Superior	0	0	49	2	49	1
Hampshire Superior	0	0	26	1	26	1
Franklin Superior	3	0	18	1	21	1
Nantucket Superior	0	0	2	0	2	0
Dukes Superior	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Courts	741	86	273	11	1,014	30
Probate & Family Courts	0	0	1	0	1	0
Juvenile Courts	0	0	3	0	3	0
Other Jurisdiction	0	0	4	0	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 22**

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Jail Credit Days by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
None	365	42	571	23	936	28
1 to 10 Days	97	11	165	7	262	8
11 to 50 Days	264	31	253	10	517	15
51 to 100 Days	67	8	260	10	327	10
101 to 150 Days	36	4	263	11	299	9
151 to 200 Days	14	2	246	10	260	8
201 to 250 Days	9	1	169	7	178	5
251 to 300 Days	2	0	123	5	125	4
301 or More	10	1	447	18	457	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 23

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Type of Release by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
GCD/Release to Street	476	55	1,340	54	1,816	54
Parole to Street	221	26	655	26	876	26
GCD/Release to Warrant	132	15	103	4	235	7
GCD/Release to Immigration	5	1	91	4	96	3
GCD/Release to F&A at DOC	15	2	71	3	86	3
GCD/Release to Civil Commit	0	0	81	3	81	2
Parole to Immigration	2	0	64	3	66	2
GCD/Release to F&A at HOC	8	1	52	2	60	2
GCD/Release to Other State	2	0	13	1	15	0
Parole to Warrant	2	0	10	0	12	0
GCD/Release to Federal Authority	1	0	9	0	10	0
Parole to Federal Authority	0	0	6	0	6	0
Parole to Out of State	0	0	1	0	1	0
Parole to Civil Commit	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

**Subtotals – Releases to the Street:**

Females: 697 (81%)

Males: 1,995 (80%)

**Total Releases to the Street: 2,692 (80%)**

Table 24

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Time Served With Jail Credits by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Less Than 6 Months	471	55	6	0	477	14
6 Months to Less Than 1 Year	97	11	33	1	130	4
1 to Less Than 2 Years	50	6	187	7	237	7
2 to Less Than 3 Years	38	4	367	15	405	12
3 to Less Than 5 Years	15	2	528	21	543	16
5 to Less Than 10 Years	16	2	386	15	402	12
10 to Less Than 15 Years	2	0	109	4	111	3
15 or More Years	0	0	35	1	35	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>70</b>
Complex Sentence	175	20	846	34	1,021	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 25

**MA DOC Releases in 2001: Mean Time Served in Months, Until First Release, With Jail Credits, by Present Offense and Gender**

Offense	Females		Males	
	Mean	N	Mean	N
All Offenses	9.1	689	58.4	1651
Person	14.2	148	66.0	640
Sex	7.5	3	86.2	205
Property	5.7	156	50.0	203
Drug	13.9	185	44.0	539
Other	3.7	197	42.2	64
<b>Selected Person Offenses</b>				
Armed Robbery	41.3	17	67.0	213
Asslt/A&B Dangerous Weapon	6.5	30	46.5	124
Assault/ A&B	3.9	73	23.8	6
Armed Asslt W/Int to Rob/Murder	70.5	2	60.0	80
<b>Selected Sex Offenses</b>				
Rape of Child <16, Statutory	-	0	74.3	61
Rape	-	0	97.2	33
Rape of Child <16, W/Force	-	0	105.6	39
Indecent A&B on Child <14	16.4	1	65.0	26
<b>Selected Property Offenses</b>				
Unarmed Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	5.6	18	51.0	114
Larceny/Stealing	4.6	64	38.7	25
Vehicle Theft	5.5	8	39.5	20
Arson/Attempted Arson	31.4	5	60.2	17
<b>Selected Drug Offenses</b>				
CL A - Poss W/Int to Distribute	19.0	26	36.0	105
CL B - Poss W/Int to Distribute	17.4	20	30.9	98
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 14-18 Grams	36.0	7	40.9	95
Possession of Controlled Sub. No Class Spec	5.2	73	25.5	3
<b>Selected Other Offenses</b>				
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs	4.8	53	43.2	7
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	1.7	38	-	0
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	3.0	37	-	0
Prostitution	4.2	30	-	0

**Selected Offenses:** Indicates top four offenses in each category with the most releases.

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

\* Denotes an offense which carries a mandatory minimum sentence.

Table 26

<b>MA DOC Releases in 2001: Releasing Institution and Security Level by Gender</b>							
		<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
<b>Level 6</b>	MCI-Cedar Junction	-	-	101	4	101	3
	Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center	-	-	140	6	140	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	-	<b>241</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Level 5</b>	Old Colony Correctional Center	-	-	126	5	126	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	-	<b>126</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	MCI-Concord	-	-	259	10	259	8
	MCI-Framingham	785	91	-	-	835	25
	MCI-Norfolk	-	-	184	7	184	5
	North Central Correctional Institution	-	-	172	7	172	5
	*Southeastern Correctional Center (Medium)	-	-	237	9	237	7
	Bay State Correctional Center	-	-	25	1	25	1
	MCI-Shirley (Medium)	-	-	300	12	300	9
	Massachusetts Treatment Center	-	-	125	5	125	4
	Bridgewater State Hospital	-	-	17	1	17	1
	Shattuck Hospital	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>63</b>	
<b>Level 3</b>	MCI-Plymouth	-	-	70	3	70	2
	Northeastern Correctional Center	-	-	45	2	45	1
	MCI-Shirley (Minimum)	-	-	92	4	92	3
	Pondville Correctional Center	-	-	40	2	40	1
	*Massachusetts Boot Camp/Longwood TC	-	-	129	5	129	4
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Level 3/2</b>	MCI-Lancaster	35	4	51	2	86	3
	South Middlesex Correctional Center	-	-	128	5	128	4
	Hodder House	5	-	-	-	5	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Level 2</b>	*Boston Pre-Release Center	-	-	66	3	66	2
	*Park Drive Pre-Release Center	-	-	28	1	28	1
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	*Charlotte House	24	3	-	-	24	1
	Houston House	4	0	-	-	4	0
	*Pre-Parole Residential Environment Phase	3	0	20	1	23	1
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Maximum/Medium Security Subtotal (levels 4, 5, 6)</b>		<b>786</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Minimum/Pre-Release Subtotal (levels 3, 3/2, 2, 1)</b>		<b>71</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>County Facilities</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Other State/Federal Facilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>100</b>

**\* Notes:**

As of September 15, 2000 **Longwood Treatment Center** program for males was moved to a new location at the **Massachusetts Boot Camp**. The women were transferred to facilities housing females populations. As of September 22, 2000 **Mass Boot Camp** no longer housed medium security (Level 4) inmates.

**Charlotte House** closed on November 9, 2001. Inmates were released from the facility up until this date.

**Pre-Parole Residential Environment Phase (P.P.R.E.P)** closed on July 6, 2001. Inmates were released from the facility up until this date.

**Park Drive Pre-Release** closed on December 31, 2001. Inmates were released from the facility up until this date.

**Boston Pre-Release Center** began housing Level 3 in addition to Level 2 inmates effective December 5, 2000. Prior to this date only Level 2 inmates were housed and/or released from the institution.

**Southeastern Correctional Center** minimum security inmates were released from Southeastern Correctional Center (Med)

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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Five-Year Trends in the  
MA DOC Release Population

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Table 27

<b>MA DOC Releases by Gender 1997 to 2001</b>							<b>% Chng</b>
		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>'00 vs '01</b>
Male	N	2,879	2,664	2,768	2,498	2,497	0%
	%	74%	74%	74%	72%	74%	
Female	N	990	929	958	989	864	-13%
	%	26%	26%	26%	28%	26%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,869</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>3,726</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>-4%</b>

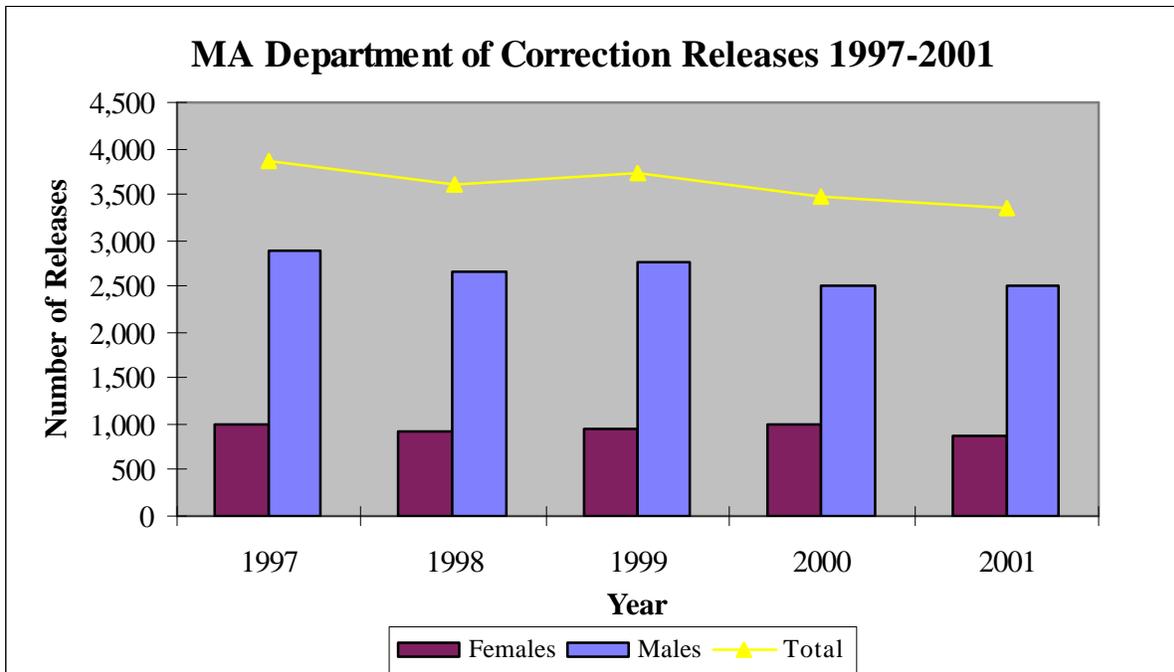


Table 28

**MA DOC Releases: Age at Release by Gender 1997 to 2001**

Males		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	% Chng '00 vs '01
19 Yrs and Younger	N	35	33	31	28	31	11%
	%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
20 to 29 Yrs	N	1,090	954	954	855	802	-6%
	%	38%	36%	34%	34%	32%	
30 to 39 Yrs	N	1,169	1,044	1,127	949	990	4%
	%	41%	39%	41%	38%	40%	
40 to 49	N	438	463	484	511	519	2%
	%	15%	17%	17%	20%	21%	
50 to 59	N	120	134	149	126	117	-7%
	%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
60 to 69	N	22	31	15	23	27	17%
	%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
70 and older	N	5	5	8	6	11	83%
	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,879</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>0%</b>

Females		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	% Chng '00 vs '01
19 Yrs and Younger	N	16	17	35	39	27	-31%
	%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	
20 to 29 Yrs	N	304	254	261	299	265	-11%
	%	31%	27%	27%	30%	31%	
30 to 39 Yrs	N	477	446	473	447	360	-19%
	%	48%	48%	49%	45%	42%	
40 to 49 Yrs	N	168	186	161	176	190	8%
	%	17%	20%	17%	18%	22%	
50 to 59	N	25	24	27	24	19	-21%
	%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	
60 to 69	N	0	2	1	3	3	0%
	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
70 and older	N	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>990</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>-13%</b>

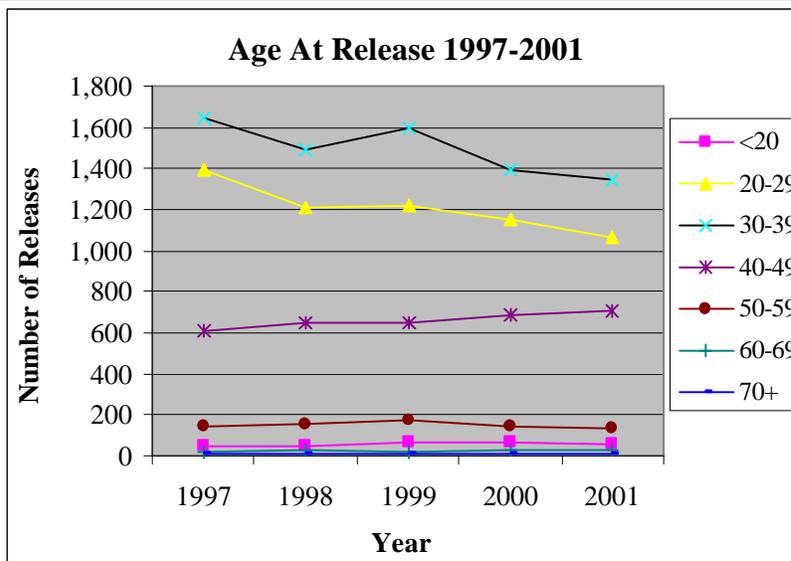
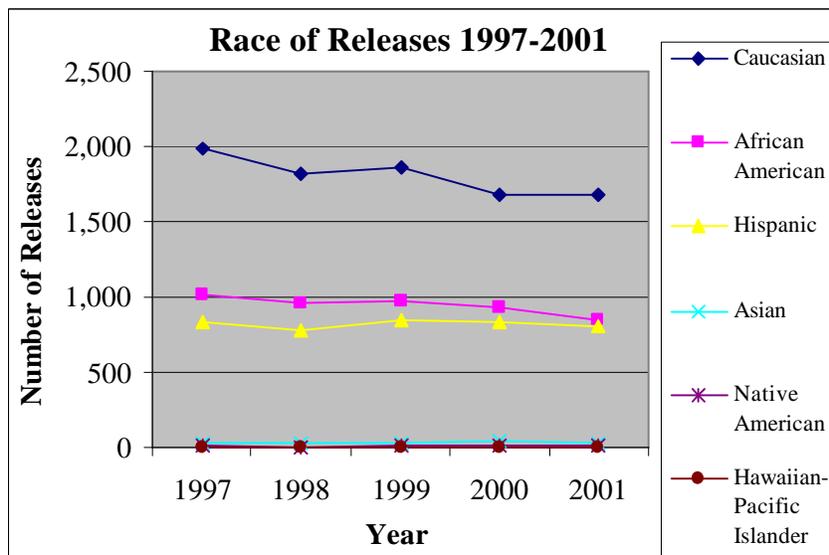


Table 29

**MA DOC Releases: Race by Gender (Self-Reported), 1997 to 2001**

Males		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	% Change '00 vs '01
Caucasian	N	1,336	1,191	1,242	1,023	1,097	7%
	%	46%	45%	45%	41%	44%	
African American	N	852	808	798	770	709	-8%
	%	30%	30%	29%	31%	28%	
Hispanic	N	658	639	695	661	659	0%
	%	23%	24%	25%	26%	26%	
Asian	N	27	20	29	34	23	-32%
	%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Native American	N	6	6	4	9	9	0%
	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Hawaiian-Pacific Isl.	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	-100%
	%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,879</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>0%</b>

Females		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	% Change '00 vs '01
Caucasian	N	646	631	624	661	580	-12%
	%	65%	68%	65%	67%	67%	
African American	N	165	154	179	154	140	-9%
	%	17%	17%	19%	16%	16%	
Hispanic	N	171	140	149	167	144	-14%
	%	17%	15%	16%	17%	17%	
Asian	N	6	4	3	1	0	-100%
	%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Native American	N	2	0	3	6	0	-100%
	%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	
Hawaiian-Pacific Isl.	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A
	%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>990</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>-13%</b>



\*Please Note: This is the first year the expanded Race definition is being used in the DOC Release Report and Hispanic ethnicity is represented in a separate table. For purposes of the 5-year trend section of this report, Race has been converted into the categories used in prior years in order to show continuing trends in the population.

Table 30

**MA DOC Releases: Security Level of Releasing Institution by Gender  
1997 to 2001**

<b>Males</b>		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% Change '00 vs '01</b>
Maximum	N	142	176	261	246	241	-2%
	%	5%	7%	9%	10%	10%	
Medium	N	1,441	1,370	1,385	1,416	1,452	3%
	%	50%	51%	50%	57%	58%	
Lower	N	1,090	954	1,000	719	662	-8%
	%	38%	36%	36%	29%	27%	
*CFI	N	206	164	122	117	142	21%
	%	7%	6%	4%	5%	6%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,879</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>0%</b>

<b>Females</b>		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% Change '00 vs '01</b>
Maximum	N	-	-	-	-	-	-
	%	-	-	-	-	-	
Medium	N	816	753	800	835	786	-6%
	%	82%	81%	84%	84%	91%	
Lower	N	161	168	143	140	71	-49%
	%	16%	18%	15%	14%	8%	
*CFI	N	13	8	15	14	7	-50%
	%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>990</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>-13%</b>

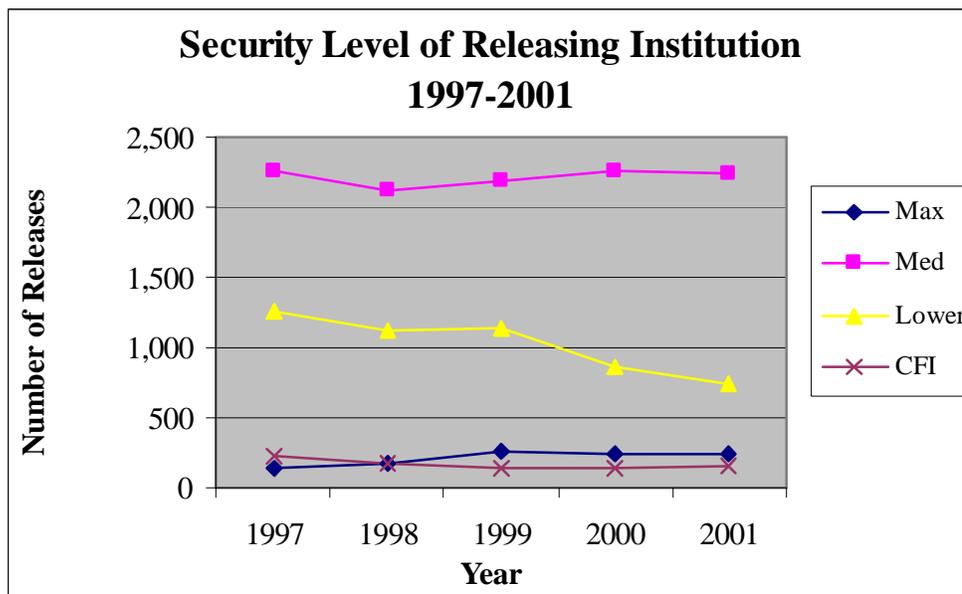
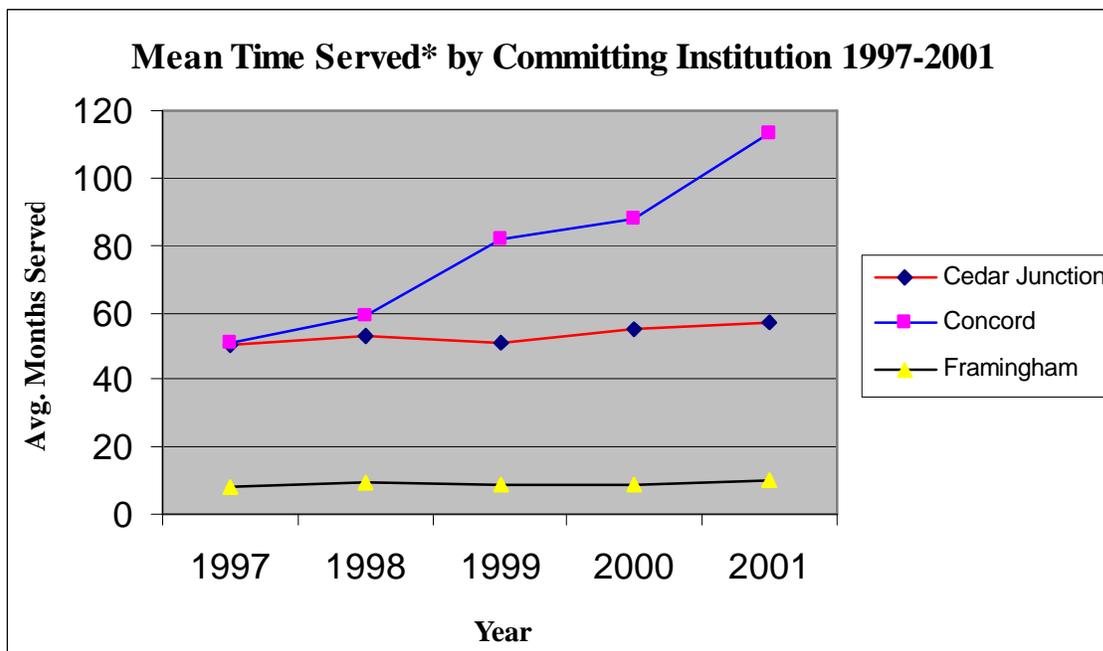


Table 31

**MA DOC Releases: Mean Time Served in Months, Until First Release, With Jail Credits, For Releases to the Street, By Committing Institution and Gender: 1997 to 2001**

		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Cedar Junction	Avg. Months Served	50	53	51	55	57
	Number Included	1,046	1,084	1,263	1,666	1,237
Concord	Avg. Months Served	51	59	82	88	113
	Number Included	47	32	20	24	19
Framingham	Avg. Months Served	8	9	9	9	10
	Number Included	516	497	538	756	549



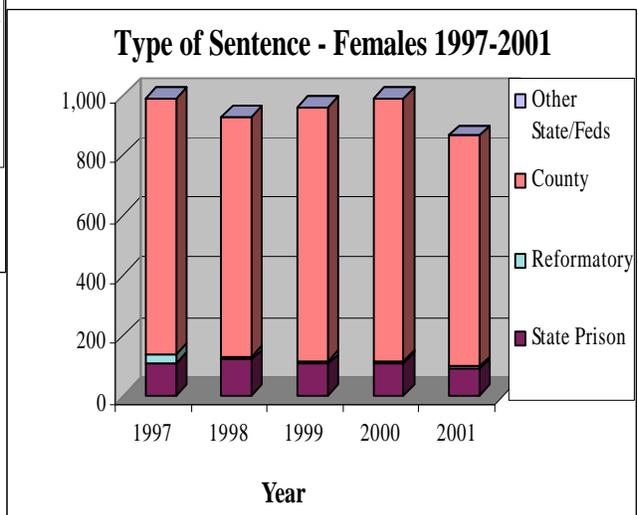
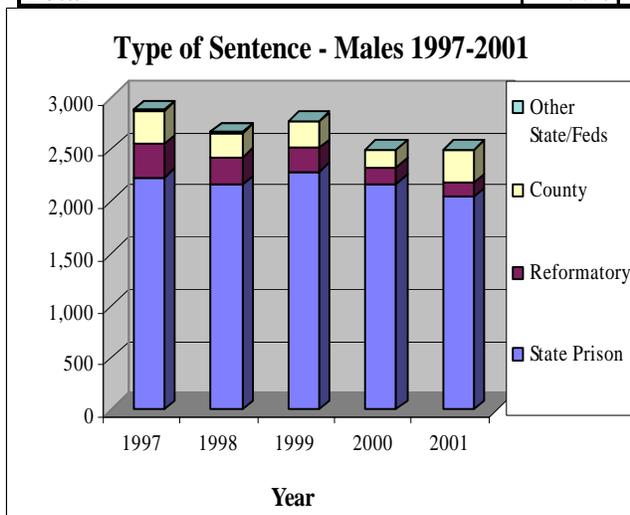
\*Mean time served until first release with jail credits for releases to the street.

Table 32

**MA DOC Releases: Type of Sentence by Gender 1997 to 2001**

<b>Males</b>		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% Change '00 vs '01</b>
State Prison	N	2,225	2,159	2,286	2,175	2,038	-6%
	%	77%	81%	83%	87%	82%	
Reformatory	N	324	264	223	155	132	-15%
	%	11%	10%	8%	6%	5%	
County	N	328	236	255	166	327	97%
	%	11%	9%	9%	7%	13%	
Other State/Feds	N	2	5	4	2	0	-100%
	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,879</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>0%</b>

<b>Females</b>		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% Change '00 vs '01</b>
State Prison	N	110	119	103	107	87	-19%
	%	11%	13%	11%	11%	10%	
Reformatory	N	28	10	13	11	8	-27%
	%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
County	N	852	799	842	871	769	-12%
	%	86%	86%	88%	88%	89%	
Other State/Feds	N	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>990</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>-13%</b>



## **Glossary**

<b>Age At Incarceration</b>	Age at incarceration for current sentence. Jail credits are not considered when calculating age at incarceration.
<b>Committing Institution</b>	For males, designates type of sentence received (i.e. state prison or reformatory) not the actual institution to which committed.
<b>Complex Sentence</b>	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.
<b>Court from Which Committed</b>	The court listed is the court from which an inmate was originally sentenced not necessarily the court associated with the sentenced served (i.e. From & After Sentences). Inmates serving county sentences are included in the appropriate court from which they were originally sentenced. Boston Municipal Court is included with the District Court category, as well as other former Municipal courts; District courts are lower courts of all counties.
<b>Current Offense</b>	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.
<b>Culture</b>	The Other category includes the following cultures (each separately represent less than 1% of the population): Arab, Afghan, Algerian, Native American, Azorean, Armenian, Australian, Barbadian, Brazilian, Canadian, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, El Salvadorian, European, Ecuadorian, French Canadian, Finnish, German, Greek, Guatemalan, Guyanese, Honduran, Hungarian, Indian, Israeli, Japanese, Liberian, Lithuanian, Lebanese, Laotian, Multi-Cultural, Mexican, Norwegian, Panamanian, Polish, Peruvian, Samoian, Swedish, Scottish, Thai, Trinidadian, Turkish, Vietnamese, West Indian, and 2 inmates reported a culture Other than those listed above or included in the table.
<b>DOC</b>	Massachusetts Department of Correction.
<b>Expiration</b>	Expiration of Sentence.
<b>F&amp;A</b>	From and After sentence.
<b>GCD</b>	Good Conduct Discharge.
<b>HOC</b>	House of Correction - Massachusetts.
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	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.
<b>Marital Status</b>	The categories "Common Law", "Cohabitant", and "Life Partner" are combined into the category labeled "Partner/Live-in" for this report.

<b>Mean</b>	The sum of the values of all the observations in a data set divided by the number of observations.
<b>Median</b>	The point in an array of data which has an equal number of observations above and below it.
<b>Minimum Sentence</b>	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.
<b>Not Available/NA</b>	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”.
<b>Not Reported</b>	For self-reported variables such as marital status, education, race, place of birth, and address missing information is noted as “Not Reported”.
<b>PV</b>	Parole violation.
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	During 2000, the Department of Correction implemented an expanded definition of race in order to comply with the new U.S. Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive No 15. This directive established five official race categories for use in official statistics. They are White, Black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and Asian. Additionally, all statistics must have a Hispanic ethnic indicator. Statistics regarding Hispanic ethnic status are reported separately.
<b>Religion</b>	The Other category includes the following religions (each separately represent less than 1% of the population): Born Again Christian, Buddhist, Christian Scientist, Episcopalian, Greek Orthodox, Hindu, Jehovah Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Mormon, Muslim, Native American, Presbyterian, Quaker, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, Unitarian, Wiccan, and 10 inmates reported a religion Other than those listed above or included in the table.
<b>Sentence Count</b>	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.
<b>Sentence/Sentence Type</b>	
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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Reformatory Sentence	<p>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.</p> <p>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 misdemeanor offenders as well as those who commit felonies.</p> <p>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 misdemeanor offenders.</p> <p>The “new” law eliminates “Concord” (or Framingham) sentences to the state reformatory.</p>
House of Correction Sentences	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Other State, Federal	<p>This category is used for inmates who were received by the DOC from another state correctional agency or the Federal Bureau of Prisons, whose sentences are not relevant to the Massachusetts General Laws.</p>
<b>Type of Sentence</b>	<p>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, and house of correction) is reported.</p>
<b>Violent Offense</b>	<p>Any offense that falls under the person or sex offense categories.</p>

## Appendix

Offenses are listed in alphabetical order by category. If more than one offense is combined into the same label or an offense label was shortened to fit in the report table, the offense is listed in this Appendix. Abbreviated offense labels are printed in **bold** letters. Arithmetic signs have been used to abbreviate where relevant and represent the following: > (greater than), < (less than), + (and over).

### Drug Offense

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C Offenses.

Class A Distribution or Possession w/Intent to Distribute

**Class A: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense** (no mandatory minimum term).

Class A Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist, Subsequent

**Class A: Subsequent Offense, Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense** (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class A Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist to Minor

**Class A: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense to a Minor** (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class B Distribution or Possession w/Intent to Distribute

**Class B: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense** (no mandatory minimum term).

Class B - Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist, Subsequent

**Class B: Subsequent Offense, Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense** (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class B Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist to Minor

**Class B: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense to a Minor** (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class C Distribution or Possession w/Int to Distribute

**Class C: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense** (no mandatory minimum term).

Class C Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist, Subsequent

**Class C: Subsequent Offense, Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense** (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class C Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist to Minor

**Class C: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense to a Minor** (mandatory minimum term specified).

Class D Distribution or Possession w/Intent to Distribute

**Class D: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense** (no mandatory minimum term).

Class D Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist, Subsequent	<b>Class D: Subsequent Offense, Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense</b> (no mandatory minimum term).
Distribute/Sell Drug Paraphernalia	Distribute or possess drug paraphernalia with intent to sell; sell drug paraphernalia.
Drug Violation, School/Park	Drug violation near a school or park.
Fraudulent Prescriptions	Includes uttering false prescriptions and subsequent offenses; drugs obtained by fraud.
Induce Minors in Sale and Dist of Drugs	<b>Induce Minors in Sales and Distribution of Drugs.</b> Includes drug funds, induce minors to possess, induce minors to distribute.
Possession of Controlled Substance	<b>Unlawful Possession of Particular Controlled Substances Including Heroin and Marijuana.</b> The following are the controlled substance categories:  Heroin and morphine; Cocaine; opium, amphetamines, barbiturates, and PCP; Hallucinogens (LSD, hashish); Marijuana; Prescription drugs; Type of drug is not indicated by the sentence.
Class A Class B Class C Class D Class E No Class Specified	
Possession of Hypodermic Syringe/Instrument	Includes possession of hypodermic needle or any instrument adapted for the administration of narcotic drugs; hypodermic violation.
Possession w/Int to Distribute Cocaine to Minor	<b>Cocaine Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute to a Minor</b> (mandatory minimum term).
Specific Class B Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist	<b>Specific Class B: Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense</b> (mandatory minimum term specified). Specific Class B drugs are Cocaine and Phenmetrazine.
Specific Cl B Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist, Subsequent	<b>Specific Class B: Subsequent Offense, Manufacturing, Distribution, Dispensing or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, Dispense</b> (mandatory minimum term specified). Specific Class B drugs are Cocaine and Phenmetrazine. Methamphetamine.
Specific Class B Trafficking	Trafficking categories are broken out by amount. Specific Class B drugs are Cocaine and Phenmetrazine.
<u>Other Offense</u>	Miscellaneous offenses that are not clearly categorized into one of the other offense categories of Person, Property, Sex or Drug.
Bribery/Corruption	Includes corrupt gifts/offers to influence; bribery; corrupt gifts/offers to influence acts; solicitation of gifts; corruption; financial interest of state employees; giving or receiving gifts; fiduciary; threatening economic injury.

Cruelty to Animals	Includes rabies vaccination penalty; killing or injury to domestic animals; cruelty to animals; willfully injuring police dogs or horses.
Delivering/Receiving Articles for Inmates	Includes delivering drugs to prisoners; inmates bringing drugs/weapons into facilities.
Deriving Support from Prostitution	Includes keeping and maintaining house of prostitution or house of ill fame; deriving support from a prostitute (pimping); procuring a person to practice prostitution.
Domestic Abuse Prevention	Includes orders to vacate marital home and orders of restraint; domestic abuse prevention.
Environmental Offenses	Includes discharge of pollutants into waters; illegal dumping; illegal taking of shellfish; violation of wetlands protection act.
Escape	Includes attempts, aiding an escape, accessory to escape. Escapes from work, education, program release activity, prison camp, jail.
False Alarm of Fire/Removal of Fire Devices	<b>False Alarm of Fire/Removal of Fire Protective Devices.</b> Includes tampering with fire protection device; false alarm of fire.
Gaming	Includes organizing gambling syndicates; place for registering bets.
Habitual Criminal	Sentence if no punishment is provided by statute; punishment of habitual criminal.
Leave the Scene of Vehicular Accident	Motor vehicle accident, personal injury, damage.
Miscellaneous Other Offense	Includes violation of a civil ordinance, inhaling toxic vapors; tax evasion, threatening tax collector, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, home improvement contractor violation/unlicensed; procuring miscarriage, dies in consequence of miscarriage; disinterring bodies.
Non-Support or Abandonment of Child	Infant abandonment and death from abandonment; abandonment and non-support; the illegal refusal to support a child.
Obstruction of Justice	Includes obstruction of justice; compounding or concealing felonies; false report of crime to police officer.
Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes	Includes promoting of anarchy, inciting a riot; common night walker, brawlers, disorderly acts, indecent exposure, lewd, wanton and lascivious behavior, idle and disorderly; threat to commit a crime; recognizance to keep the peace; affray, threats, disturbing of peace in presence of justice.
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	Does <b>not include</b> vehicular homicide, OUI, OUI with injury, or leaving the scene. Includes violation of Automobile Law, violation of Motor Vehicle Law; failure to yield right away to emergency vehicles; operating unregistered; operating after suspension; operating motor vehicle after

	suspension or revocation of license (this includes operating after revocation, habitual offender, illegally attaching plates, operating); after suspension using motor vehicle without authority, leaving scene after motor vehicle homicide; refusal to submit to police officer; leasing motor vehicle on mileage basis fraud violation; operating motor vehicle without liability policy, bond.
Other Weapons Offense	Includes shooting across highway near dwelling; firearm license violation - purchase for use of another; throwing or shooting of missiles; use of a firearm during commission of a felony; possession of infernal machine; carrying dangerous weapon first or subsequent; sale of silencers for firearms, knife, dagger, etc. with prior felony; tear gas use in commission of crime; possession of machine or shot guns; use of body armor in commission of crime; quantity of firearms; firearms sales, distribution or transfer; selling firearm without registering of serial number; possess firearm without ID; possession of firearm on school grounds; possession of large capacity weapon without firearm identification; possession of defaced firearm in a felony; defacing a firearm, discharge of firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling; possession of explosives or other dangerous substances; weapons violation with prior.
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs, With or Without Injury	<b>Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs With or Without Injury.</b> Includes operating under the influence; operating under the influence with injury resulting.
Perjury/Contempt of Court	Includes contempt; perjury; attempt to procure another to commit perjury; disruption of court proceedings; perjury, statements alleging motor vehicle thefts; penalties for violation of confidentiality and for perjury; failure to appear.
Prostitution	Includes soliciting for prostitute; prostitution; engaging in sex for a fee.
Sale/Possession of Alcohol to Minor < 21	<b>Sale or Possession of Alcohol to Minor Under 21.</b> Includes sale, delivery or furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21, employment of persons under 18; persons under 21 purchase or attempt to purchase; open container.
Violation of Labor Laws	Includes illegal payment of wages; frivolous proceedings, costs; failure to provide payment/compensation.
Weapons Violation, Bartley-Fox Gun Law	Carrying a firearm without a license (mandatory 1 year sentence).
<u>Person Offense</u>	Crimes Against the Person (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 offenses).
Accessory Before the Fact	Includes aiders, accessory before the fact; prosecution as accessory before the fact.
Armed Assault in Dwelling Houses	Includes armed assault in dwelling houses. The act may be an actual assault or an attempt.

Assault to Rob not Being Armed	Includes assault to rob not being armed, assault to rob, assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to rob by force and violence.
Assault with Intent to Commit Felony	Includes assault with intent to commit felony, injury to firefighter, assault with intent to intimidate, assault and battery for intimidation with bodily injury, causing injury during physical training.
Assault with Intent to Commit Murder	Includes assault with intent to murder, maim, etc.; assault to commit murder; assault with intent to kill.
Assault with Intent to Rob or Murder, Being Armed	Includes assault with intent to rob or murder being armed; assault with a deadly weapon with intent to rob.
Assault/Assault and Battery	Includes assault, assault and battery, assault and battery on an officer, E.M.T. or a public servant, assault and battery to collect loan.
Assault/A&B with a Dangerous Weapon	<b>Assault/assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.</b> Includes assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; assault with a dangerous weapon.
Attempted Murder	Includes all attempts to commit murder, other than assaults: attempted murder, attempts to commit murder by poisoning, drowning, or strangling, poisoning with intent to kill/injure.
A&B Upon an Elderly or Disabled Person	<b>Assault and Battery on an Elderly or Disabled Person.</b> Includes assault and Battery upon elderly or disabled causing injury, serious injury, permanent bodily injury.
A&B with a Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	<b>Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60 and Over.</b> Includes assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, victim 60 or older.
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.
Kidnapping	Includes abduction, holding a correction officer hostage, kidnapping with intent to extort, kidnapping of minor by relative.
Manslaughter	Includes negligent homicide, voluntary or involuntary manslaughter.
Stalking	Includes stalking in violation of a restraining order (1st offense), stalking as a subsequent offense, harassing or making threats.
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	<b>Confining or Putting in Fear a Person for the Purpose of Stealing.</b> Includes breaking, burning or blowing up a safe; intimidate to steal from a depository.

Unarmed Robbery	Includes robbery, robbery not being armed, robbery by force and violence.
Violation of Civil Rights	Includes civil rights violation, civil rights violation with bodily injury, violation of civil rights with injury.
<u>Property Offense</u>	Crimes Against Property (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266 offenses).
Arson and Attempted Arson	Includes burning or aiding to burn a dwelling, other buildings, personal property; attempting to burn building; injury or destruction of woods by fire; injury due to negligent use of fire; negligent use of fire in towns; burning insured property with intent to defraud; injury to fire engines; destruction or injury by explosives; throwing explosives at property or persons; use or possession of flammable liquid in breakable container.
Burglary, Armed or an Assault	Includes armed burglary, breaking and entering with intent to assault with or without dangerous weapon.
Destruction of Property	Includes injury or destruction of electrical utility property, boundary markings, historical monuments, schoolhouse or church, building, personal property; defacement or injury of county building; throwing oil of vitriol; destroying timber; breaking glass or injury to fences; defacement of property with paint; injury to religious, educational, etc., institutions; destruction of property by inmate at correctional institution; destruction of property by prisoners; damaging irrigation machinery; destruction or alteration of motor vehicle identification numbers; alteration of identifying numbers.
Embezzlement	Includes bank officers, fraud or embezzlement; embezzlement by brokers/agents; fiduciaries fraud; defraud company's assets.
Forgery and Uttering	Includes forgery or alteration of lottery tickets; stealing, forging or falsifying; making false certificate of title, learning permits, licenses, registration or inspection stickers; obtaining signature under false pretenses; unlawful use of credit cards; publishing code of non-existing credit cards; false/forged records, certificates, returns; railroad tickets, passes or badges, injures, defrauds, falsely makes, alters, forges or counterfeits; uttering false records; possession of 10 or more counterfeit bills; uttering false instrument; possession of false/forged counterfeit bills, tools/materials to make counterfeit notes.
Fraud	Includes false representation; securities violations; provider making false representations; fraud of telecommunication service; fraudulent use of telecommunication; obtaining goods by fraud; stock, fraudulent issue or transfer; corporation, books false entries with intent to defraud; presentation of false claims; obtaining goods under false pretenses; false invoice of cargo, intent to defraud insurer; insurance policy, penalty/fraud claims; interception of wire and oral communications.

Larceny From Elder or Disabled Person	Includes larceny from person 65 or older; larceny from person 60 or older, or disabled.
Larceny/Stealing	Includes stealing in building, vessel or railroad car, stealing in a truck, tractor/semi-trailer or freight container; larceny - general provision and penalties; larceny by check; unlawful taking of money by transporter; larceny of bicycle; concealing leased or rented property.
Receiving Stolen Goods	Includes receiving and buying stolen goods; common receiver of stolen goods (habitual).
Shoplifting	Includes shoplifting as a third offense.
Theft of Motor Vehicle or non-Motor Vehicle	Removal of motor vehicle with intent to defraud insurer; theft of motor vehicle or trailer; concealment of motor vehicle or trailer thief; unlawful taking or use of transportation media.
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	Includes unarmed breaking and entering in night time; breaking and entering a building, vessel or vehicle in night time with intent to commit a misdemeanor or felony, entering by daytime or breaking and entering by night time a building, vehicle or vessel with intent to commit a felony; entering dwelling in night time or breaking and entering in a building, vehicle or vessel in daytime with intent to commit a felony; breaking and entering or entering railroad car with intent to commit a felony; breaking and entering trucks, tractors or trailers.
<u>Sex Offense</u>	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 Commit Rape	Includes attempts to rape.
Assault with Intent to Rape, Child < 16	<b>Assault with Intent to Commit Rape, Child Under 16 Years.</b>
Crimes Against Nature	The abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or beast.
Indecent Asslt & Battery on Child Under 14	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Child Under 14.</b> Includes indecent assault and battery on a minor.
Indecent A&B on Mentally Retarded Victim	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Mentally Retarded Victim.</b>
Indecent Asslt & Battery on Victim 14 or Older	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Victim 14 or Older.</b>
Other Sex Offenses	Includes adultery, fornication, open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior, drugging persons for unlawful intercourse, dissemination of obscene matter.
Rape	Age of victim not specified, or does not fall under a rape of child category.
Rape and Abuse of a Child	Statutory rape, victim under 16 years old.

Rape of a Child with Force

Age of victim under 16 years old.

Sex Offenses Involving a Minor

Includes enticing person under 16 away for marriage, inducing person under 18 to have sexual intercourse, inducing a minor into prostitution, prostitutes deriving support from a child, distribution of obscene articles to minors, child pornography, dissemination of materials of child in state of nudity, dissemination of visual materials of child engaged in sexual conduct, knowingly purchasing or possession of visual material of child depicted in sexual conduct.

Sexual Assault - Out of State/Federal Inmates

Used for sexual assault cases for out-of-state or federally sentenced inmates whose offense does not fit in another sex offense category.

Unnatural Acts

Includes unnatural acts, lascivious acts, assault to commit unnatural sex acts.

Violation of Sex Offender Registry

Failure to register as a sex offender' misuse of sex offender registry information.