



CENSUS OF MASSACHUSETTS FIRST DEGREE LWOP PRISONERS 1/1/2009 to 12/31/2021<sup>a</sup>

Year:	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
LWOP Census on January 1	938	957	987	1017	1042	1070	1030	1035	1056	1070	1081	1083	1053	
# of New LWOP Commitments	39	38	26	41	40	35	24	35	21	25	24	6	13	367
LWOP Prisoner Deaths	11	4	7	6	8	10	8	12	4	8	8	6	13	105
LWOP Medical Parole	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17 <sup>b</sup>	8	25
LWOP Court Releases <sup>c</sup>	2	7	1	4	4	0	8	4	6	3	10	13	9	71
End of Year Census	957	987	1017	1042	1070	1030 <sup>d</sup>	1035	1056	1070	1081	1083	1053	1036	

<sup>a</sup> Criminally sentenced jurisdiction population (DOC public records requests 2011-2022).

<sup>b</sup> Includes 2 LWOP prisoners granted medical parole only 1-2 days before dying while hospitalized with terminal Covid-19 infection (D. Becker, WBUR, Nov. 30, 2020).

<sup>c</sup> Sentence or verdict vacated or revoked due to false or erroneous conviction (DOC public records requests, 2011 to 2022).

<sup>d</sup> 65 juvenile first degree LWOP prisoners reclassified in 2014 based on "Diatchenko v District Attorney for Suffolk County", 466 Mass. 655 (2014), revising sentences to ones with parole eligibility.

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