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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JULY 1, 2022 MA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION'S INSTITUTIONAL FACT CARDS¹

1. The total number of prisoners under Massachusetts (MA) jurisdiction² on July 1, 2022 was 6,202, a decrease of 369 (6%) from July 1, 2021. (Table 1, p. 4)
2. Of the 6,202 prisoners under MA jurisdiction, the number actually incarcerated in MA facilities was 5,950. Thus 252 prisoners were housed in prisons outside the Commonwealth, a decrease of 47 prisoners (16%) from July 1, 2021. (Table 1, p. 4)
3. The number of prisoners housed in MA on July 1, 2022 (5,950) was 322 below the number housed in MA prisons on July 1, 2021, a decrease of 5%. (Table 8, p. 11)
4. The number of criminally sentenced prisoners housed in MA on July 1, 2022 was 5,466, 91.9% of those housed in MA. Of the remaining 484 prisoners confined in MA facilities, civil commitments accounted for 5.9%, pre-trial prisoners - 8%, and prisoners under observation - 1.4%. (Table 1, p. 4)
5. The number of criminally sentenced prisoners housed in MA facilities on July 1, 2022 (5,466) was 229 below the number of criminally sentenced prisoners housed in MA facilities on July 1, 2021 (5,695), a decrease of 4%.³ (Table 8, p. 11)
6. Of the 5,950 prisoners housed in MA prisons on July 1, 2022, 983 (16%) were in Maximum Security - a decrease of 105 (12%) from July 1, 2021; 4,523 (76%) in Medium Security - a decrease of 222 (5%); 427 (7%) in Minimum Security - a decrease of 176 (29%); and 37 (.6%) in Pre-Release - a decrease of 9 or 20% from July 1, 2021. (Table 1, p. 4; Table 8, p. 11)
7. The number of prisoners held in Minimum Security and Pre-Release facilities on July 1, 2022 (464) was 185 below the number housed in Minimum Security and Pre-Release on July 1, 2021 (649), a decrease of 29%. (Table 7, p. 10; Table 8, p. 11)
8. The racial breakdown of prisoners housed in MA prisons on July 1, 2022 was: Caucasian - 2,430 (41%), African-American - 1,731 (29%), Hispanic - 1,556 (26%), Asian - 96 (2%), Native-American - 34 (.6%), and Other - 103 (1.4%). (Table 2, p. 5)
9. From July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022, the number of Caucasians decreased by 223 (8%); African-Americans down by 41 (2%); Hispanics down by 56 (3%); Asians down by 11 (10%); Native-Americans decreased by 5 (12%); and Other decreased by 4 (10%). Table 8, p. 11)
10. Governing Offenses for prisoners criminally sentenced and housed in MA prisons on July 1, 2022³ broke down as follows: Person Offenses - 3,313 (61%), Sex Offenses - 1,034 (19%), Drug Offenses - 557 (10%), Other Offenses - 354 (6%), and Property Offenses - 208 (4%). Overall criminally sentenced prisoners accounted for 92% of prisoners housed in MA facilities, an increase from 91% on July 1, 2021. Person Governing Offenses decreased 4%, Sex Governing Offenses decreased 2%, Drug Governing Offenses increased .2%, Other Governing Offenses decreased 6%, and Property Governing Offenses decreased 17%. (Table 4, p. 7; Table 8, p. 11)

1. The Institutional Fact Cards for July 1, 2022 were supplied by the DOC pursuant to a public records request.

2 MA jurisdiction population includes all prisoners housed in MA facilities as well as those MA prisoners housed in correctional institutions outside of the Commonwealth.

3 Percentages are of the total prison population housed in MA prisons. See Table 4 for the percentages of criminally sentenced prisoners only.

11. On July 1, 2022, the number of criminally sentenced prisoners housed in MA prisons serving 15+ years, including first and second degree lifers was 2,798, a decrease of 19 or .6% from July 1, 2021: 15+ only - 1001, Second Degree life - 795, and First Degree life - 1002. (Table 3, p. 6; Table 8, p. 11)

12. The number of prisoners serving Second Degree life in MA prisons on July 1, 2022 was 47 (6%) fewer than on July 1, 2021 (842). The number serving First Degree life on July 1, 2022 was 1 more than on July 1, 2021. Overall, the total number of prisoners serving life sentences on July 1, 2022 was 46 fewer than on July 1, 2021, a drop of 2%. (Table 3, p. 6; Table 5, p. 8; and Table 8, p. 11)

13. The total number of lifers in MA prisons on July 1, 2022 comprised 33% of the total criminally sentenced prisoners, an increase from 30% on July 1, 2021. (Table 3, p. 6)

14. On July 1, 2022, the number of lifers incarcerated at MCI-Norfolk was 623 or 54% of the total MCI-Norfolk population and 35% of the total number of lifers housed in MA prisons. MCI-Shirley had the next highest number of lifers - 257 or 32% of that institution's total number of prisoners and 14% of the total lifer population housed in MA, followed by OCCC with 234 or 46% of that institution's total population and 13% of the total lifer population housed in MA. (Table 5, p. 8)

15. Maximum Security institutions on July 1, 2022 were at 48% of Operational Capacity; Medium Security institutions at 68%, and Minimum and Pre-Release facilities at 45%. Overall, the DOC institutions operated at 61% of Operational Capacity. The total Operational Capacity on July 1, 2022 for MA prisons was 9,720; the total housed in those MA facilities on July 1, 2022 was 5,950. (Table 7, p. 10)

16. Of the 252 MA prisoners not held in the Commonwealth on July 1, 2022, 54 were serving life sentences: total number of lifers under MA jurisdiction - 1851; total number of lifers held in MA prisons - 1,797. Of those 54 lifers outside the Commonwealth, 37 were serving First Degree and 17 were serving Second Degree sentences.⁴ (Table 1, p. 4)

17. The oldest prisoner incarcerated in MA facilities on July 1, 2022 was 88 and was housed at MCI-Norfolk. In five other facilities, the oldest prisoner was over 80 years of age: (3 at 82, 2 at 83, and 6 at 84. (Table 2, p. 5)

18. The average age of prisoners held in MA prisons on July 1, 2022 was 44, the same as on July 1, 2021. (Table 2, p. 5)

⁴ Calculations made by the author of this report.

A Breakdown of Massachusetts Housed Prisoners by Status and Security Levels⁵

TABLE 1

Inst.	Crim. Sent.	Civil Com.	Pre-Trial	Observ.	Total	Max.	Med.	Min.	Pre-Rel.
BPRC	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	20	15
Bridgewater	5	140	0	88	233	0	233	0	0
MASAC	0	65	0	0	65	0	0	65	0
MTC ⁶	410	134	0	0	544	0	544	0	0
MCI-CJ	380	0	8	0	388	351	37	0	0
MCI-C	392	0	0	0	392	0	392	0	0
MCI-F	154	6	31	0	191	0	191	0	0
MCI-N	1177	0	0	0	1177	0	1177	0	0
MCI-S	793	2	0	0	795	0	795	0	0
NCCI	684	0	0	0	684	0	684	0	0
NECC	197	0	0	0	197	0	0	187	10
OCCC	511	0	0	0	511	0	450	61	0
Pondville	106	0	0	0	106	0	0	94	12
SBCC	622	2	8	0	632	632	0	0	0
Totals	5466	349	47	88	5950	983	4523	427	37
%	91.9	5.9	.8	1.4		16.3	75.7	7.1	.7
% Diff. From 7/1/21	- 4	-13	-22	-11	- 5	+12	- 5	-29	-20

⁵ An additional 252 Massachusetts prisoners were housed out-of-state for a total of 6,202 prisoners under Massachusetts jurisdiction, 396 less or a drop of 66 from July 1, 2021.

⁶ MTC is the Massachusetts Treatment Center.

A Breakdown of Massachusetts Housed Prisoners by Race and Age

TABLE 2

Inst.	Cauc.	Afric Amer.	Hisp.	Asian	Nat Amer.	Other	Total	Ave. Age	Young/ Oldest
BPRC	12	11	12	0	0	0	35	42	26/66
Bridgewater	90	61	25	4	0	53	233	38	18/71
MASAC	39	8	14	3	0	1	65	44	18/71
MTC	311	99	119	5	8	2	544	51	23/83
MCI-CJ	118	116	147	3	2	2	388	37	19/66
MCI-C	108	145	121	15	0	3	392	41	20/76
MCI-F	120	30	18	3	0	20	191	42	21/77
MCI-N	435	388	315	27	8	4	1177	47	19/87
MCI-S	311	260	212	4	5	3	795	44	19/84
NCCI	340	141	181	11	6	5	684	49	19/83
NECC	82	57	55	3	0	0	197	40	22/60
OCCC	246	144	109	6	1	5	511	47	21/88
Pondville	46	30	29	1	0	0	106	45	22/71
SBCC	172	241	199	11	4	5	632	36	19/82
Totals	2430	1731	1556	96	34	103	5950	44	
%	40.8	29.1	26.2	1.6	0.6	1.7			
# Diff. From 7/1/21	-233	-41	-56	-11	-5	+14			
% Diff. From 7/1/21	-8	-2	-3	-10	-13	+16			

The 252 out-of-state prisoners broke down racially as follows: Caucasian - 116 (46%), Hispanic - 75 (30%), African-American - 51 (20%), Asian - 1 (.5%), Native American - 1 (.5%), and Unknown - 8 (3%). Note: The numbers and percentages were calculated by the author.

A Breakdown of Massachusetts Housed Prisoners by Sentence Lengths

TABLE 3

Inst.	Years					2nd Deg.	1st Deg.	Total Sent. Pop.	% Lifers	% 15+ & Lifers
	>3-5	5-7	7-10	10-15	15+					
BPRC	10	12	10	1	1	1	0	35	3	6
Bridgewater	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
MASAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTC	28	65	86	89	102	40	0	410	10	35
MCI-CJ	119	66	50	60	55	17	13	380	8	22
MCI-C	40	48	38	51	72	62	81	392	36	55
MCI-F	46	15	44	0	0	24	25	154	32	32
MCI-N	117	74	85	103	165	216	417	1177	54	68
MCI-S	134	104	108	76	114	126	131	793	32	47
NCCI	20	30	51	128	249	110	96	684	30	67
NECC	66	47	39	15	18	12	0	197	6	15
OCCC	27	25	50	75	100	107	127	511	46	65
Pondville	15	23	29	16	13	10	0	106	9	22
SBCC	90	86	74	78	112	70	112	622	29	47
Totals	717	595	664	692	1001	795	1002	5466		
%	13.1	10.9	12.2	12.7	18.3	14.5	18.3		32.8	51.2
# Diff. From 7/1/21	+40	-100	-89	-61	+27	+47	+1	-229		
% Diff. From 7/1/21	+6	-14	-12	-8	-3	-6	+1	-4		

**A Breakdown of Massachusetts Housed Prisoners by
Governing Offenses
[Personal (Per.), Sexual (Sex), Property (Prop.), Drug, and Other]**

TABLE 4

Inst.	Per.	Sex	Prop.	Drug	Other	Total Crim. Sent.	%	%	%	%	%
							Per.	Sex	Prop.	Drug	Other
BPRC	6	0	5	18	6	35	17	0	14	51	17
Bridgewater	2	1	1	0	1	5	40	20	20	0	20
MASAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTC	34	366	5	2	3	410	8	90	1	.5	.5
MCI-CJ	196	40	27	76	41	380	51	11	7	20	11
MCI-C	281	19	11	51	30	392	71	5	3	13	8
MCI-F	116	10	3	18	7	154	75	6	2	12	5
MCI-N	896	102	19	100	60	1177	76	9	2	8	5
MCI-S	551	48	45	82	67	793	69	6	6	11	8
NCCI	287	340	14	24	19	684	42	49	2	4	3
NECC	67	0	14	92	24	197	34	0	7	47	12
OCCC	378	57	23	23	30	511	73	11	5	5	6
Pondville	49	0	12	34	11	106	46	0	11	32	11
SBCC	450	51	29	37	55	622	72	8	5	6	9
Totals	3313	1034	208	557	354	5466					
% Total Pop.	56	17	3	9	6	92					
% Crim. Sent.	61	19	4	10	6						
# Diff. From 7/1/21	-139	-23	-44	+1	-24	-229					
% Diff. From 7/1/21	-4	-2	-17	+2	-6	-4					

Total Population of prisoners housed in Massachusetts facilities on July 1, 2022 = 5950. (See Table 1.)

A Breakdown of Lifers Housed in Massachusetts Facilities

TABLE 5

Inst.	1st	2nd	Total Lifer Pop.	Total Crim. Sent. Pop.	Total Inst. Count	% of Lifers of Total Inst. Count	% of Lifers In MA Prisons
BPRC	0	1	1	35	35	6	.1
Bridgewater	0	0	0	5	233	0	0
MASAC	0	0	0	0	65	0	0
MTC	0	40	40	410	544	7	2.3
MCI-CJ	13	17	30	380	388	8	1.6
MCI-C	81	62	143	392	392	36	7.9
MCI-F	25	24	49	154	191	26	2.7
MCI-N	417	216	633	1177	1177	54	35.2
MCI-S	131	126	257	793	795	32	14.3
NCCI	96	110	206	684	684	30	11.4
NECC	0	12	12	197	197	6	.7
OCCC	127	107	234	511	511	46	13.2
Pondville	0	10	10	106	106	9	.6
SBCC	112	70	182	622	632	29	10
Totals	1002	795	1797	5466	5950		
% Lifer Pop.	55.8	44.2					
% Crim. Sent.	18.3	14.5	32.9				
% Inst. Count	16.8	13.3	30.2				
# Diff. From 7/1/21	+1	-47	-46	-229	-322		
% Diff. From 7/1/21	+1	-6	-2.5	-4.0	5.1		

**A Breakdown of Prisoner Populations and Operational Capacities
in Massachusetts Facilities**

TABLE 6

Inst.	Ave. LOS (Days)	Ave. Daily Pop.	Oper. Cap.	Total Count 7/1/22	Diff. Total Count From Oper. Cap.	7/1/22 % of Oper. Cap.	Security Levels
BPRC	320	54	200	35	-165	17	Pre.
Bridgewater	620	230	372	233	-139	63	Med.
MASAC	23	77	251	65	-186	29	Min.
MTC	1206	549	680	544	-136	80	Med.
MCI-CJ	201	464	691	388	-303	56	Max./Med.
MCI-C	1238	458	614	392	-222	64	Med.
MCI-F	1311	180	701	191	-510	27	Med.
MCI-N	2164	1141	1367	1177	-191	86	Med.
MCI-S	1182	760	1129	795	-334	70	Med.
NCCI	1610	693	989	684	-305	69	Med.
NECC	239	196	277	197	- 80	71	Min./Pre.
OCCC	1587	562	818	511	-307	62	Med./Min.
Pondville	238	115	204	106	- 98	52	Min./Pre
SBCC	438	536	1427	632	-795	44	Max.
Totals			9720	5950	-3771	61	
# Diff. From 7/1/21			+181	-322	+504	-5	
% Diff. From 7/1/21			+1.9	-5.1	+15.4	-7.5	

LOS = Average Length of Stay for those Criminally Sentenced.

A Breakdown of Prisoner Populations and Operational Capacities By Security Levels in Massachusetts Facilities

TABLE 7

Inst.	Max. Oper. Cap.	Max. Pop. 7/1/22	Med. Oper. Cap.	Med. Pop. 7/1/22	Min/Pre. Oper. Cap.	Min/Pre. Pop. 7/1/22
BPRC					200	35
Bridgewater			372	233		
MASAC					251	65
MTC			680	544		
MCI-CJ	608	351	83	37		
MCI-C			614	392		
MCI-F			701	191		
MCI-N			1367	1177		
MCI-S			1129	795		
NCCI			959	684		
NECC					277	197
OCCC			719	450	99	61
Pondville					204	106
SBCC	<u>1427</u>	<u>632</u>				
Totals	2035	983	6654	4503	1031	464
% Oper. Cap.		48		68		45

Overall % of Oper. Cap. = 61% [Total Pop. on 7/1/22 (5950) ÷ Total Oper. Cap. (9720)].

BPRC: all 35 prisoners were held in Pre.-Rel.

MASAC: all 65 prisoners were held in Minimum.

NECC: of the 197 prisoners, 187 were housed in Minimum and 10 in Pre-Rel.

Pondville: of the 106 prisoners, 94 were housed in Minimum and 12 in Pre-Rel.

Comparisons of July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2021

Table 8

	7/1/22 #	7/1/22 %	7/1/21 #	7/1/21 %	Diff.	% Diff.
Inst. Level						
Maximum	983	16.6	878	14.0	+105	+12
Medium	4523	76.0	4745	75.7	-222	- 5
Minimum	407	6.8	603	9.6	-176	-29
Pre-Release	37	.6	46	.7	- 9	-20
Race						
Caucasian	2430	40.8	2653	42.3	-223	- 8
African-Amer.	1731	29.1	1772	28.3	- 41	- 2
Hispanic	1556	26.2	1612	25.7	- 56	- 3
Asian	96	1.6	107	1.7	- 11	-10
Native Amer.	34	.6	39	.6	- 5	-12
Other	103	1.7	99	1.4	+ 4	+10
Lifers/Long Termers						
First Degree	1002	16.8	1001	16.0	+ 1	+ .1
Second Degree	<u>795</u>	<u>13.4</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>13.4</u>	<u>- 47</u>	<u>- 6</u>
Sub Totals	1797	30.2	1843	29.4	- 46	- 2
15+ Years	<u>1001</u>	<u>16.8</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>15.5</u>	<u>+ 27</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Total Lifers + 15+	2798	47.0	2817	44.9	- 19	- .7
Governing Offenses						
Person	3313	60.6	3452	60.9	-139	- 4
Sex	1034	18.9	1057	18.6	- 23	- 2
Drug	557	10.2	556	9.8	+ 1	+ .2
Other	354	6.5	378	6.7	- 24	- 6
Property	<u>208</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>- 44</u>	<u>- 17</u>
Total MA Crim. Sent.	5466	91.9	5695	90.8	-229	- 4
Prisoners MA Juris.	6202		6571		-369	- 6
Prisoners Housed in MA Facilities	5950		6272		-322	- 5

Commentary

1. In 2022, the DOC's minimum and pre-release facilities operated at 45% of their operational capacities, a decrease from 53% in 2021. The DOC's failure to use fully (not to mention expand) minimum and pre-release facilities deprives too many prisoners of completing their sentences in lower security that is less expensive and which offer the breath of resources and opportunities which assist prisoners to transition successfully back into the free world.

2. In the DOC on July 1, 2022, 64% of prisoners were serving 10 years or more. At NCCI, the percentage was 85%, at OCCC - 80%, at Norfolk - 77%, and at MCI-S - 56%. Despite the fact that in Medium security prisons, those serving 10 years or more are in the majority, the DOC has implemented a policy that programs are to be geared toward those with shorter sentences. Thus, prisoners serving long sentences, including life, are passed over for program participation in favor of those whose earlier release dates. In NCCI, OCCC, and MCI-N over three quarters of the prisoners are long-termers and the programs offered do not address their needs. Too few lifers or long-termers are fortunate enough to be accepted into educational, vocational, and/or counseling programs.

3. The percentage of lifers in the following facilities increased from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022: MCI-C from 31% to 36%, OCCC from 40% to 46%, and SBCC from 27% to 29%. MCI-N continued to be the leader in percentage of lifers at 54%, remaining the same as on July 1, 2021. Of the fourteen facilities where the actual number of lifers dropped, the largest was at OCCC - 110 fewer or a decrease of 18%.

4. Lifer's Group Inc. reports on DOC Institutional Fact Cards, on DOC Expenditures and Staffing Levels, including Employee Expenses, Inmate Program Expenses, Inmate Medical Costs, and annual average costs per prisoner, are available at: realcostofprisons.org/writing or on Facebook @LifersGroupMCI-Norfolk.

Closing Notes

All total and percentages in this report were calculated by the author.

Where comparisons with July 1, 2021 data were cited, the source for that data was the MA DOC Institutional Fact Cards for July 1, 2021.

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