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PRISONERS THAT HAVE SERVED 15 YEARS OR MORE
MA-DOC CRIMINALLY SENTENCED JURISDICTION POPULATION
Committed Prior to 2010, by Sentence and Age Group, January 1, 2025

| Age | 1st Deg Life | | 2nd Deg Life | | >25 years | | All Others | | Age Total | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 30-39 | 12 | 2.1% | 25 | 5.5% | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 5.2% | 42 | 3.5% |
| 40-49 | 96 | 17.1% | 101 | 22.1% | 7 | 9.7% | 26 | 27.1% | 230 | 19.4% |
| 50-59 | 188 | 33.5% | 134 | 29.3% | 27 | 37.5% | 35 | 36.5% | 384 | 32.4% |
| 60-69 | 145 | 25.8% | 135 | 29.5% | 29 | 40.3% | 17 | 17.7% | 326 | 27.5% |
| 70-79 | 100 | 17.8% | 52 | 11.4% | 8 | 11.1% | 11 | 11.5% | 171 | 14.4% |
| 80-89 | 21 | 3.7% | 10 | 2.2% | 1 | 1.4% | 2 | 2.1% | 34 | 2.9% |
| Total # & % of Total | 562 | 47.3% | 457 | 38.5% | 72 | 6.1% | 96 | 8.1% | 1187 | 100.0% |
| Age >50 yrs | 454 | 80.8% | 331 | 72.4% | 65 | 90.3% | 65 | 67.7% | 915 | 77.1% |
| Age >60 yrs | 266 | 47.3% | 197 | 44.1% | 38 | 52.8% | 30 | 31.2% | 531 | 44.7% |

PRISONERS THAT HAVE SERVED 25 YEARS OR MORE
MA-DOC CRIMINALLY SENTENCED JURISDICTION POPULATION
Committed Prior to 2000, by Sentence and Age Group, January 1, 2025

| Age | 1st Deg Life | | 2nd Deg Life | | >25 years | | All Others* | | Age Total | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 40-49 | 8 | 2.4% | 34 | 11.7% | 1 | 3.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 43 | 6.4% |
| 50-59 | 113 | 34.3% | 100 | 34.4% | 11 | 34.4% | 4 | 22.2% | 228 | 34.0% |
| 60-69 | 103 | 31.3% | 99 | 34.0% | 14 | 43.8% | 6 | 33.3% | 222 | 33.1% |
| 70-79 | 85 | 25.8% | 49 | 16.8% | 5 | 15.6% | 7 | 38.9% | 146 | 21.8% |
| 80-89 | 20 | 6.1% | 9 | 3.1% | 1 | 3.1% | 1 | 5.6% | 31 | 4.6% |
| Total # & % of Total | 329 | 49.1% | 291 | 43.4% | 32 | 4.8% | 18 | 2.7% | 670 | 100.0% |
| Age >50 yrs | 321 | 97.6% | 257 | 88.3% | 31 | 96.9% | 18 | 100.0% | 627 | 93.6% |
| Age >60 yrs | 208 | 63.2% | 157 | 54.0% | 20 | 62.5% | 14 | 77.8% | 399 | 59.6% |

* Sentence unclear as all are committed prior to 2000 and have served >25 years.

NB: Note the very high percentage of prisoners at advanced ages who also have the lowest risks of recidivating if released after serving >15 or >25 years.

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| Age | 1st Deg Life | | 2nd Deg Life | | >25 years | | All Others | | Age Total | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 18-19 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 9 | 0.2% | 9 | 0.2% |
| 20-29 | 27 | 2.9% | 60 | 7.3% | 3 | 2.2% | 756 | 19.6% | 846 | 14.7% |
| 30-39 | 138 | 14.9% | 175 | 21.2% | 14 | 10.2% | 1363 | 35.4% | 1690 | 29.4% |
| 40-49 | 203 | 21.9% | 176 | 21.3% | 26 | 19.0% | 917 | 23.8% | 1322 | 23.0% |
| 50-59 | 260 | 28.0% | 180 | 21.8% | 46 | 33.6% | 506 | 13.1% | 992 | 17.3% |
| 60-69 | 170 | 18.3% | 165 | 20.0% | 38 | 27.7% | 237 | 6.2% | 610 | 10.6% |
| 70-79 | 106 | 11.4% | 58 | 7.0% | 8 | 5.8% | 55 | 1.4% | 227 | 4.0% |
| 80-89 | 25 | 2.7% | 12 | 1.4% | 2 | 1.5% | 8 | 0.2% | 47 | 0.8% |
| 90-99 | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.02% |
| Total # & % of Total | 929 | 16.2% | 827 | 14.4% | 137 | 2.4% | 3851 | 67.0% | 5744 | 100.0% |
| Age >50 yrs | 561 | 60.4% | 416 | 50.3% | 94 | 68.6% | 806 | 20.9% | 1877 | 32.7% |
| Age >60 yrs | 301 | 32.4% | 236 | 28.5% | 48 | 35.0% | 300 | 7.8% | 885 | 15.4% |
| Served >15yr | 562 | 60.5% | 457 | 55.3% | 72 | 52.6% | 96 | 2.5% | 1187 | 20.7% |
| Served >25yr | 329 | 35.4% | 291 | 35.2% | 32 | 23.4% | 18 | 0.5% | 670 | 11.7% |

(See over for details on prisoners who have served 15 and 25 years or more.)

- >> Since 2024, with the reclassification of some 1st degree Life Without Parole (LWOP) sentenced prisoners to 2nd degree Life With Parole (LWP) sentences because of Com v Mattis, 493 Mass. 216 (2014), the LWOP population decreased from 1055 on 1/1/2024 to 929 on 1/1/2025; concomitantly, the LWP population increased from 732 to 827.
- >> The overall criminally sentenced population increased for the second year in a row, from 5507 on 1/1/2023 to 5676 on 1/1/2024 and now to 5744 on 1/1/2025, a 4.3% increase.
- >> Even though the percentage of Massachusetts LWOP prisoners decreased from 18.6% on 1/1/2024 to 16.2% on 1/1/2025, this percentage continues to be the highest in the USA, still holding 1 in 6 prisoners under harsh LWOP sentences that deny all hope.
- >> 30.6% of the MA criminally sentenced population is serving a life sentence, with an additional 2.4% sentenced to 25 years or more.
- >> 60.4% of LWOP prisoners are aged 50+ and 60.5% of them have already served 15 years or more and one third of LWOP prisoners are aged 60+ and have already served 25 years or more.
- >> Evidence shows that prisoners aged 55+ including those guilty of homicide who have served 15-25 years have the lowest rates of recidivism for any reason and virtually never kill again.



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