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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JULY 1, 2024 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION'S
INSTITUTIONAL FACT CARDS ¹

- 1) The number of prisoners held in Massachusetts facilities increased from 5,931 on 7/1/23 to 6,113 on 7/1/24, an increase of 182 prisoners or .03%. (Table 1)
2. The changes by race were: Caucasian down 39, African-American up 173, Hispanics up 51, Asians up 14, and Other down 55. The total of 144 reflects the 38 missing prisoners from Bridgewater. (Table 2)
3. The number of lifers decreased by 19 from 7/1/23 - 20 more second degree lifers and 39 fewer first degree lifers. (Table 3)
4. Lifers comprised 31% of all Massachusetts prisoners housed in MA. When those serving 15+ years are added, the total equals 47% of MA prisoners on 7/1/24, a slight decrease from 7/1/23 at 48.5%. (Table 3)
5. Fifty- one percent of prisoners in MA prisons had Personal Crimes as their governing offenses - a decrease of 56 from 7/1/23; 17% had sex crimes as their governing offenses - an increase of 11 prisoners from 7/1/23; and 12% had drug offenses as their governing offenses - an increase of 100 prisoners from 7/1/23. (Table 4)
6. The facility with the largest number of lifers was MCIN with 602 - 52% of the facility's population and 35% of all MA lifers. MCIS had the second highest number of lifers with 299 or 31% of that institution's population and 17% of all lifers in MA prisons. (Table 5)
7. The DOC closed MCIC as of 7/1/24 which represents a 10% loss in overall Operational Capacity. On 7/1/24, the DOC's prisons operated at a 75% capacity rate, an increase from 60% on 7/1/23. (Table 6)
8. The highest percentage of Caucasians (71%) were housed at MASAC; the highest institutional percentage of African-Americans (39%) were housed at Bridgewater; and the highest institutional percentage of Hispanics (52%) were housed at Boston Pre-Release. (Table 9)
9. On 7/1/24, the maximum prison operated at 71% capacity, down from 74% on 7/1/23; medium prisons operated at 81% capacity, up from 68% on 7/1/23; and minimum/pre-release facilities operated at 48% capacity, up from 43% on 7/1/24. (Table 7)
10. On 7/1/24, in maximum, 12% of all prisoners were listed as Caucasians, up from 11% on 7/1/23; 21% were listed as African - Americans, down from 22% on 7/1/23; and 23% were listed as Hispanics, down from 24% on 7/1/23. (Table 10)

11. On 7/1/24, of prisoners housed in Medium, 82% were listed as Caucasians - equal to the percentage on 7/1/23; 72% were listed as African-Americans - down from 73% on 7/1/23; and 67% were listed as Hispanics - down from 69% on 7/1/23. (Table 10)
12. On 7/1/24 of prisoners housed in Minimu/Pre-Release, 6% were listed as Caucasian - down from 7% on 7/1/23; 7% were listed as African-Americans - up from 5% on 7/1/23; and 10% were listed as Hispanics - up from 7% on 7/1/23. (Table 10)
13. On 7/1/24, 38% of all MA prisoners were listed as Caucasians - down from 39% on 7/1/23; 31% were listed as African-Americans - up from 29% on 7/1/23; and 28% were listed as Hispanics - up from 27% on 7/1/23. (Table 10)

TABLE 1

A Breakdown of MA Housed Prisoners By
Status And Security Levels

Inst.	Crim. Sent.	Civil Com.	Pre- Trial	Obser	Total	Max.	Med.	Min/ Pre
BPRC	54	0	0	0	54	0	0	54
Bridge.	0	191	0	102	293	0	293	0
Treat. Ctr	377	99	0	0	476	0	476	0
MASAC	0	65	0	0	65	0	0	65
MCI-F	156	12	46	0	214	0	214	0
MCI-N	1158	0	0	0	1158	0	1158	0
MCI-S	949	3	0	0	952	0	952	0
NCCI	862	0	0	0	862	0	862	0
NECC	199	0	0	0	199	0	0	199
OCCC	618	0	0	0	618	0	544	74
Pond.	135	0	0	0	135	0	0	135
Souza.	<u>1083</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1087</u>	<u>1087</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	5591	370	50	102	6113	1087	4499	527
%	91.5	6.1	.8	1.6		17.9	73.6	8.6
# Diff. From 7/1/23	+114	+19	+17	+32	+182	+37	+90	+55
% From 7/1/23	+.02	+.05	+51.5	+45.7	+.03	+.04	+.02	+11.7

An additional 134 MA prisoners were housed out-of-state for a total of 6,247 prisoners under MA jurisdiction, 55 fewer or a drop of 29% from July 1, 2023. Of the 134 prisoners in out-of-state facilities, 52 were serving life sentences (35 serving first degree and 17 serving second degree).

TABLE 2

A Breakdown of Massachusetts Housed Prisoners By
Race and Age

Inst.	Cau.	Afr./ Amer.	Hisp.	Asian	Nat. Amer.	Other	Total	Young/ Oldest Ave. Age
BPRC	7	18	28	1	0	0	54	25/67 45
Bridge.	112	99	29	7	0	8	255*	18/74 38
Treat. Ctr.	279	111	72	9	4	1	476	20/86 49
MASAC	46	7	8	2	0	2	65	20/66 40
MCI-F	136	42	20	5	1	10	214	20/79 41
MCI-N	416	389	313	27	10	3	1158	20/84 48
MCI-S	311	336	285	13	4	3	952	19/89 43
NCCI	357	210	268	15	7	5	862	21/84 48
NECC	53	63	79	4	0	0	199	22/67 40
OSCC	274	185	143	8	4	4	618	21/84 47
Pond.	43	41	46	2	2	1	135	23/77 44
Souza	<u>269</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1087</u>	18/87 36
Totals	2303	1906	1675	111	38	42	6075	
%	37.9	31.4	27.6	1.8	.6	.7		
# Diff. From 7/1/23	-39	+173	+51	+14	0	-55	-144	
% Diff. From 7/1/24	-1.7	+10.0	+3.1	+14.4	0	-56.7	+2.4	

* There is a discrepancy with the data from Bridgewater. The listed facility count was 293 (Table 1), but the total of the racial breakdown totals 255, thus 38 prisoners were unaccounted for by race.

TABLE 3

A Breakdown of Massachusetts Housed Criminally
Sentenced Prisoners By Lengths of Sentences

Inst.	3-5	5-7	7-10	10-15	15+	2nd	1st	Total	% Life	% Life &15+
BPRC	18	14	13	6	1	2	0	54	.03	.06
Bridge.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Trt. Ctr.	55	68	78	63	92	27	1	384*	7	31
MASAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCI-F	35	21	50**	0	0	24	26	156	32	32
MCI-N	92	95	100	113	156	219	383	1158	52	65
MCI-S	194	137	93	100	126	132	167	949	32	45
NCCI	72	61	78	178	249	110	114	862	26	55
NECC	86	51	34	12	4	12	0	199	6	8
OCCC	65	61	61	65	118	117	131	618	40	59
Pond.	40	38	17	15	9	16	0	135	12	19
Souza	<u>237</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>1083</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>35</u>
Totals	898	747	660	681	894	762	960	5602	31	47
%	16	13	12	12	16	14	17			
# Diff. From 7/1/23	+31	+62	+74	+ 8	-21	+20	-39	+125		
% Diff. From 7/1/23	+4	+9	+12	+ 1	- 2	+ 3	- 4	+ 2		

* Trt. Ctr lists 377 Criminally Sentenced, but the total of those serving prison sentences equals 384. The difference is unaccounted for.

** MCI-F lists 6 years + with no distribution for 10-15 or 15+.

Table 4

A Breakdown of Massachusetts Housed Criminally
Sentenced Prisoners By Governing Offenses

[Personal (Per.), Sexual (Sex), Property (Prop), Drug and Other]

Inst.	Per.	Sex	Prop	Drug	Other	Total	% Per	% Sex	% Prop	% Drug	% Other
BPRC	10	0	4	39	1	54	19	0	7	72	2
Bridge	1	0	1	0	2	4	25	0	25	0	50
Trt.Ctr.	37	339	4	1	3	384	10	88	1	.3	.7
MASAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCI-F	102	12	11	23	8	156*	65	8	7	15	5
MCI-N	867	99	27	97	68	1158	75	9	2	8	6
MCI-S	601	55	37	141	115	949	63	6	4	15	12
NCCI	336	407	18	65	36	862	40	47	2	7	4
NECC	36	0	7	122	34	199	18	0	4	61	17
OCCC	433	73	17	50	45	618	70	12	3	8	7
Pond	52	0	9	53	21	135	39	0	6	39	16
Souza	<u>663</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>1083</u>	62	7	4	13	14
Totals	3138	1065	183	731	485	5602**					
% Tot. Pop.	51	17	3	12	8						
% Crim. Sent.	56	19	3	13	9						
# Diff. From 7/1/23	-56	+11	-5	+100	+75	+125					
% Diff. From 7/1/23	2	1	-4	16	18	23					

* Prisoners with Governing Offenses total 165. There is no accounting for the difference of 9 prisoners. See Table 3

** The difference of 11 prisoners from total of Criminally Sentenced is 7 prisoners at Trt. Ctr. and 4 at Bridge. See Table 1.

TABLE 5

A Breakdown of Lifers Housed in Massachusetts Facilities as of 7/1/23

Inst.	Lifers		Total % Lifers			% Lifers		% Lifers in MA Prisons
	1st	2nd	Total Lifer Pop.	Crim. Sent. Pop.	Crim. Sent. Pop.	Total Inst. Count	Total Inst. Count	
BPRC	0	2	2	54	4	54	4	.1
Bridge	0	0	0	4*	0	293	0	0
Trt. Ctr.	1	27	28	384**	7	476	6	1.6
MASAC	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0
MCI-F	26	24	50	156	3	214	23	3
MCI-N	383	219	602	1158	52	1158	52	35
MCI-S	167	132	299	949	32	952	31	17.4
NCCI	114	110	224	862	26	862	26	13
NECC	0	12	12	199	6	199	6	.7
OCCC	131	117	248	618	40	618	40	14.3
Pond	0	16	16	135	12	135	12	.9
Souza	<u>138</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>1083</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1087</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>
Totals	960	762	1722	5602***		6113		
% Lifer Pop.	56	44						
% Crim. Sent.	17	14	31					
% Total Inst. Count	16	12	28					
# Diff. From 7/1/23	-39	+20	-19					
% Diff. From 7/1/23	-4	+3	-1					

* The Fact Card shows 0 Crim. Sent. but 4 prisoners are serving state sentences. See Table 3.

** See Note on Table 3.

*** See Note on Table 4.

TABLE 6

A Breakdown of Prisoner Populations and Operational
Capacities in MA Facilities

Inst.	Ave. LOS* (Days)	Ave. Daily Pop.	Oper. Cap.	Total Count 7/1/24	Diff. Total		7/1/24 % of Oper. Cap.	Security Levels
					Count From Oper. Cap.	Count From Oper. Cap.		
BPRC	200	45	200	54	-146		27	Min./Pre
Bridge	947	**	372	293	-79		79	Med.
Trt Ctr	637	481	680	476	-204		70	Med.
MASAC	30	66	251	65	-186		26	Min.
MCI-F	1550	207	469	214	-255		46	Med.
MCI-N	2166	1168	1367	1158	-209		85	Med.
MCI-S	947	840	1034	952	-82		92	Med.
NCCI	1286	758	959	862	-93		90	Med.
NECC	245	193	277	199	-78		72	Min./Pre
OCCC	1659	521	818	618	-200		76	Med./Min
Pond	685	116	204	135	-69		66	Min./Pre
Souza	<u>342</u>	<u>1061</u>	<u>1523</u>	<u>1087</u>	<u>-436</u>		<u>71</u>	Max.
Totals			8154	6113	-2041		75***	
# Diff From 7/1/23			-875	+182	-1057			
% Diff. From 7/1/23			-10	+3	-34			

* LOS = Average Length of Stay for those criminally sentenced.

** The Average Daily Pop for Bridge. was listed as 840 - more than twice its Oper. Cap.

*** This is an increase from 66% on 7/1/23.

TABLE 7

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

Inst.	Max. Oper. Cap.	Max. Pop. 7/1/24	Med. Oper. Cap.	Med. Pop. 7/1/24	Min/Pre Oper. Cap.*	Min/Pre Pop. 7/1/24**
BPRC					200	54
Bridge.			372	293		
Trt. Ctr.			680	476		
MASAC					251	565
MCI-F			469	214		
MCI-N			1367	1158		
MCI-S			1034	952		
NCCI			959	862		
NECC					277	199
OCCC			658	544	160	74
Pond.					204	135
Souza	<u>1523</u>	<u>1087</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals	1523	1087	5539	4499	1092	5527
%Oper. Cap.		71		81		48
*% Pop. of Oper. Cap.	75% [Total Pop. on 7/1/24 (6115) / Total Oper. Cap. on 7/1/24 (8154)]					

** The DOC does not separate Operational Capacities for Minimum or Pre-Release

Breakdowns of Min./Pre. populations: MASAC (65/10), NECC (187/12), Pond. (120/15), OCCC (74/0), and BPRC (36/18).

Total populations in Minimum (482) and pre-rel. (45). 91.5% of the prisoner population was in Minimum and 8.5% in Pre-Rel.

TABLE 8

Comparisons of July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2023

	7/1/24#	7/1/24%	7/1/23#	7/1/23%	Diff.	%Diff.
Inst. Level						
Maximum	1087	17.8	1050	17.7	+37	+3
Medium	4499	73.6	4409	74.3	+90	+2
Minimum	482	7.9	453	7.6	+29	+6
Pre-Release	45	.7	19	.3	+26	+137
Race						
Caucasian	2303	37.9	2342	39.5	-39	-2
Afr.-Amer.	1906	31.4	1733	29.2	+173	+10
Hispanic	1675	27.6	1624	27.4	+51	+3
Asian	111	1.8	97	1.6	+14	+14
Nat. Amer.	38	.6	38	.7	0	---
Other	42	.7	97	1.6	-55	-57
Lifers / Long-Termers						
First Deg.	960	17.1	999	16.8	-39	-4
Second Deg.	<u>762</u>	<u>13.6</u>	<u>742</u>	<u>12.5</u>	<u>+20</u>	<u>+1</u>
Sub Totals	1722	30.7	1741	24.4	-19	-1
15+ Years	<u>894</u>	<u>16.0</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>15.4</u>	<u>-21</u>	<u>-2</u>
Total Lifers + 15+ Years	2616	46.7	2656	44.8	-40	-2
Governing Offenses						
Person	3138	56.0	3194	59.0	-56	-2
Sex	1065	19.0	1054	19.0	+31	+3
Drug	731	13.0	631	12.0	+100	+16
Other	485	9.0	410	7.0	+75	+18
Property	<u>183</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>-.2</u>
Total MA Crim. Sent.						
	5602		5477		+125	+2
Total Prisoners in MA Juris.						
	6247		6120		+127	+2

TABLE 9

A Breakdown of MA Housed Prisoners By Race Percentages

Inst.	Cau.	Afr/Amer.	Hisp.	Asian	Nat. Amer.	Other
BPRC	13	33	52	2	0	0
Bridge	44	39	11	3	0	3
Trt. Ctr.	59	23	15	2	.8	.2
MASAC	71	11	12	3	0	3
MCI-F	64	20	9	2	.5	4.5
MCI-N	36	34	27	2	.8	.2
MCI-S	33	35	30	1.4	.4	.2
NCCI	42	24	31	1.7	.8	.5
NECC	27	38	34	2	0	0
OSCC	45	30	23	1	.5	.5
Pond.	32	30	34	1.5	1.5	1
Souza	25	37	35	2	.6	.4

TABLE 10

A Percentage Breakdown Of Caucasians, African/American and Hispanic By Security Levels

	Cau.		Afr./Amer.		Hisp.	
	7/1/24	7/1/23	7/1/24	7/1/23	7/1/24	7/1/23
Total	2303	2342	1906	1733	1675	1624
% in Max	12	11	21	22	23	24
% in Med.	82	82	72	73	67	69
% in Min./Pre.	6	7	7	5	10	7
% of MA Housed Prisoners	38	39	31	29	28	27

Commentary

1. On July 1, 2024, the DOC's minimum and pre-release facilities combined operated at 48% of their operational capacities, an increase from 43% on July 1, 2023. Still, the DOC is operating its lower security facilities at less than 50% capacity. This constitutes a gross waste of resources. In addition, the DOC has announced that it is closing OCCC's minimum, a loss of 160 beds. While this will raise the overall operating percentage, assuming the number of prisoners housed in minimum and pre-release remains relatively the same. But, the anomaly is that the DOC reports that it costs more to house a prisoner in minimum and pre-release than in medium prisons precisely because the DOC operates the lower security facilities at such a low occupancy percentage. If the DOC operated the lower security prisons at 80% or even 85%, then the costs per prisoner would plummet.

2. It is notable that of the 527 prisoners in minimum/pre-release facilities, only 45 or 8.5% on 7/1/24 were housed in pre-release facilities.

3. Equally notable is that in Fiscal Year 2023, over 70% of the funds expended by the DOC for Inmate Programs went to Spectrum which primarily is contracted to provide addiction programming. Yet, only 13% of all prisoners on July 1, 2024 had a drug related governing offense. (Table 8) At MCI-N, 97 out of 1158 prisoners had drug governing offenses, MCI-S had 141 of 949, at NCCI - 65 out of 862, and at Souza - 140 out of 1083. (Table 5) While there is little doubt that treating addiction issues is important, that should not come at the expense of educational and vocational or other rehabilitative programs for the 87% who are not serving drug offenses.

4. The DOC has yet to correct a problem concerning racial data. The problem, as noted in the Lifer's Group Inc. 2023 report on the Institutional Fact cards, is that many Latinos (Hispanic is the DOC categorization) report that they have been classified as white. The exact number is unknown, but this difference could skew some of the racial data. Once again, the DOC needs to reassess its racial designations to correct any inaccuracies.

5. In Table 10, only Caucasians, African-Americans and Hispanics are included as those three racial designations comprise over 97% of all prisoners housed in MA facilities.

6. Lifer's Group reports on DOC Institutional Fact Cards for previous years, on DOC Expenditures and Staffing Levels as well as three Central Office Accounts are available at [realcostofprisons.org/writing](https://www.facebook.com/realcostofprisons) or on Facebook @LifersGroupMCI Norfolk.

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2. Where comparisons with July 1, 2023 data were cited, the source for the 2023 data was the MA DOC Institutional Fact Cards for July 1, 2023.
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