



**DESCRIPTIVE OVERVIEW OF THE 2008 SENTENCED RELEASE COHORT**

**HAMPDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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### **Executive Summary**

#### Number and Gender

The breakdown by gender was 2030 males and 332 females, representing 86% and 14% of the total population, respectively.

The 2030 sentenced males released to the street in 2008 represented a 4% decrease from 2007.

The 332 sentenced females released to the street in 2008 represented a 9% decrease from 2007.

#### Race and Ethnicity

The racial and ethnic breakdown is different for males and females. 65% of women identify themselves as Caucasian, 22% as Hispanic and 13% as African American.

In contrast, 43% of men identify themselves as Caucasian, 38% as Hispanic and 19% as African American.

The percentage of the male population who identify themselves as African American has remained consistent for the last five years. During the same period, the proportion of males who identify themselves as Caucasian has been increasing while the proportion of Hispanics has been decreasing.

The 2007 release cohort represented the first time in ten years that Caucasian males outnumbered Hispanics. This trend continued in 2008.

#### Age

While the mean age varies by only 15 months, the female population tends to be older than the male population.

14% of females are under age 25 compared to 23% of males.

Most common age for women is 31, for men 26.

## LSI Results

Overall, LSI scores were up for women. High-Risk scores (6-8) increased from 25% in 2007 to 29% in 2008.

Risk level was down slightly for men. High-Risk scores (6-8) decreased from 35% in 2007 to 31% in 2008.

Significantly fewer males and females scored as Low-Risk (0-2).

The number of females with an adult criminal history increased over 24%, juvenile history increased 11%.

Among men, the most notable changes were a 7% decrease in unemployment and a 15% decrease in personal-emotional issues.

42% of females and 48% of males lacked a high school diploma or GED at intake.

## Residence

75% of offenders provided a Hampden County Address at intake. Hampshire County had the largest number of out-of-county offenders.

57% of offenders gave a residential address in Springfield, 15% Holyoke and 8% Chicopee.

Springfield neighborhoods accounting for the largest number of offenders were Mason Square (01109) at 24%, Forest Park (01108) 22% and Central (01105) 20%.

86 offenders (19 females, 67 males) failed to provide an address at intake.

## Criminal History

51% of females and 53% of males were serving their first adult incarceration.

Two-thirds of offenders have been incarcerated for violating release conditions (probation or parole). This includes the current incarceration.

44% of men and 30% of women had a juvenile record in Massachusetts. Mean age at first arrest was 18 for men and 21 for women. The earliest arrest shown on the BOP was at age 7.

## Governing Offense

18% of women and 26% of men were serving sentences for violent offense(s). This was an increase of over 26% from 2007. 76% of women and 67% of men were serving time for nonviolent offense. The balance were technical violators.

72% (102 of 141) of parole violators had been paroled from a nonviolent offense.

The number of men serving time for violations of Lifetime Parole increased from 7 in 2007 to 15 in 2008. This number has the potential to increase exponentially in the future, as all Lifetime Parole violations result in a county sentence in the offender's county of residence, regardless of what facility they were paroled from.

The breakdown of Lifetime Parole violation sentences in 2008 was 10 for a first offense (30 days), 4 for a second offense (180 days) and 1 for a third or subsequent offense (365 days).

## Sentence

Mean sentence for women was 249 days (8 months, 9 days), for men 288 days (9 months, 18 days). Most common sentence for both genders was 180 days.

52 women (16%) were sentenced to less than 60 days. 91 (27%) were sentenced to a year or more. For men, 247 (12%) had sentences of less than 60 days, and 699 (34%) were sentenced to a year or more.

Mandatory days served totaled 121,585, an increase of over 1700 days from 2007. School Zone sentences were down 3650 (the equivalent of five 2-year sentences).

Motor vehicle mandatory days increased 17% while firearms decreased 12%. Since the mandatory sentence for carrying a firearm without a license was increased from 365 to 540 days, fewer offenders have received the mandatory sentence.

## Classification

151 males had an active Restraining Order at time of release. 232 were identified SRG (10 females, 222 males), another 39 (3 females, 36 males) were SRG-suspected.

58% of women and 63% of men were released from lower security. 435 men attained minimum status in the Community Reentry Unit and 14 men achieved prerelease status in the CRU.

56% of those released from lower security had scored 5 or higher on the LSI. This confirms our policy of promoting step down even for those who are assessed at intake as high risk to recidivate if they comply with their service plan.

Education, employment, criminal associates and mental stability were the major factors differentiating lower security and medium security releases. Offenders who successfully addressed these issues were more likely to earn their way to lower security prior to release.

### Release Type

Paroles accounted for 22% of releases in 2008, a 10% decrease from 2007. The number of offenders approved for parole also fell, while postponement and waiver rates increased significantly.

Given that parolees served approximately 52% of their original sentence compared to over 80% for those who wrapped up, this decrease in paroles is a serious concern.

53% of offenders were released without supervision. 25% were released to probation supervision, 16% to parole and 6% to dual supervision by probation and parole.

### Medical & Mental Health

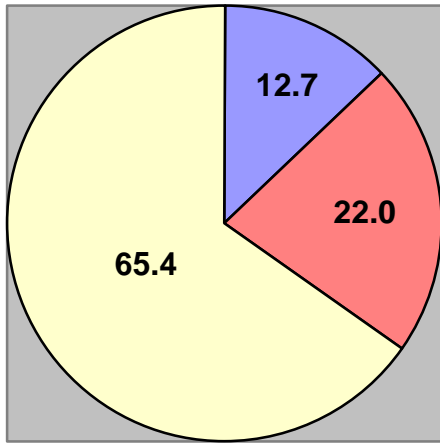
55 women and 88 men were designated Special Management-Medical at release, and 12 women and 21 men were designated Special Management-Forensic.

Based on JMS alerts, 133 females and 55 males had a "known forensic issue". 45 (including one female) had a Q5YR alert (suicide risk within past year), and 5 men were designated as an immediate suicide risk at time of release.

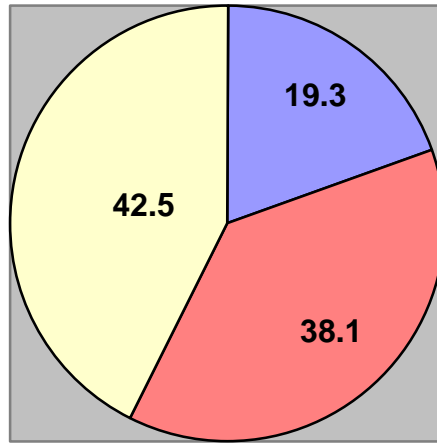
**2008 SENTENCED RELEASES  
Statistical Data**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Females	332	14.1
Males	2030	85.9

**Racial Breakdown-Females**  
%



**Racial Breakdown-Males**  
%

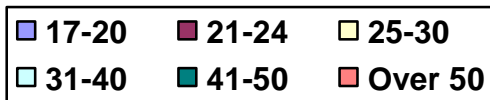
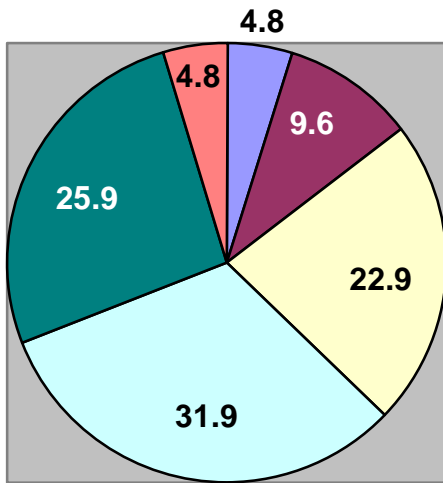


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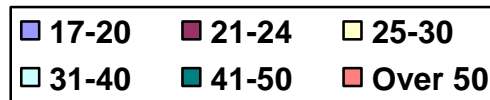
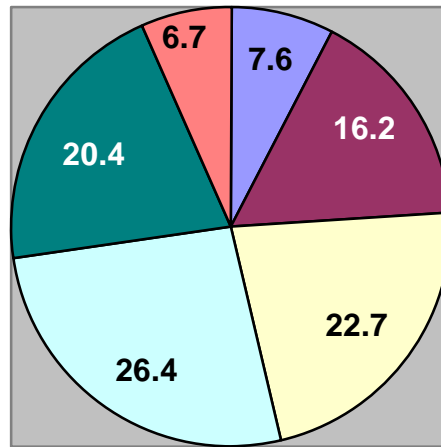
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<b>Race</b>	<b>Females</b>		<b>Males</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Black	42	12.7	391	19.3	433	18.3
Hispanic	73	22.0	774	38.1	847	35.9
Caucasian	217	65.4	862	42.5	1079	45.7
Others	0	0.0	3	0.1	3	0.1

**Age Breakdown-Females (%)**



**Age Breakdown-Males (%)**



Age	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
17-20	16	4.8	155	7.6	171	7.2
21-24	32	9.6	329	16.2	361	15.3
25-30	76	22.9	461	22.7	537	22.7
31-40	106	31.9	535	26.4	641	27.1
41-50	86	25.9	415	20.4	501	21.2
Over 50	16	4.8	135	6.7	151	6.4

	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>
Mean Age	34 yrs, 11 mos.	33 yrs, 8 mos.
Minimum Age	18.00	17.00
Maximum Age	66.00	85.00
<b>Mode (most common)</b>	<b>31.00</b>	<b>26.00</b>

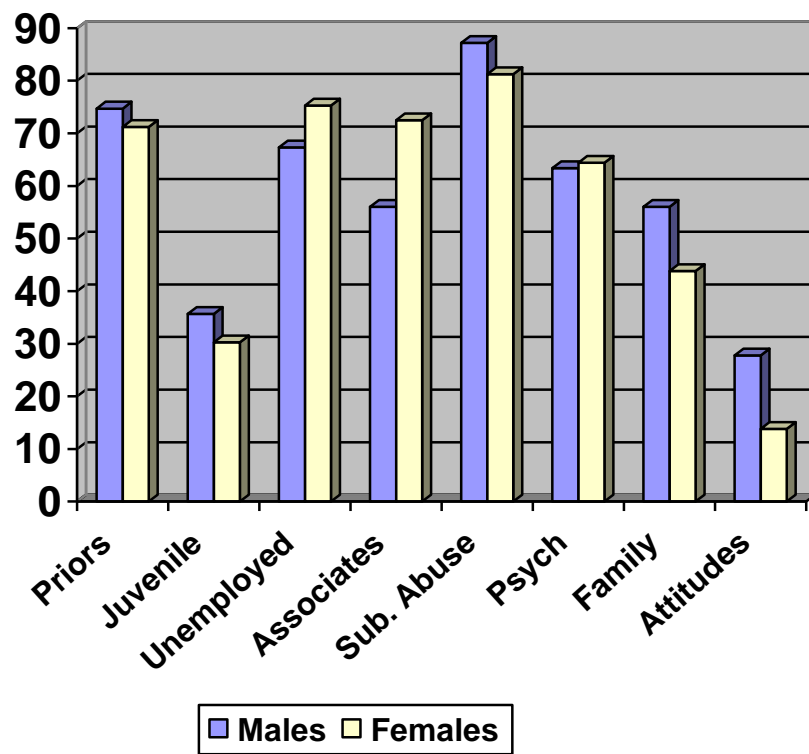
## LSI Screening Results

LSI Score	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0	2	0.6	7	0.4	9	0.4
1	13	4.1	44	2.4	57	2.6
2	<u>29</u>	<u>9.1</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>7.7</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>7.9</u>
<b>Low Risk</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>10.9</b>
3	35	10.9	244	13.0	279	12.7
4	69	21.6	354	18.9	423	19.3
5	<u>79</u>	<u>24.7</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>26.3</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>26.1</u>
<b>Medium Risk</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>58.1</b>
6	56	17.5	346	18.4	402	18.3
7	35	10.9	194	10.3	229	10.4
8	<u>2</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>2.3</u>
<b>High Risk</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>31.0</b>
<b>Mean Score</b>	<b>4.51</b>		<b>4.67</b>			

Risks/Needs	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Adult History	228	71.2	1401	74.7	1629	74.1
Juvenile History	97	30.3	669	35.7	766	34.9
Unemployed	241	75.3	1263	67.3	1504	68.5
Criminal Associates	232	72.5	1050	56.0	1282	58.4
Substance Abuse	260	81.2	1636	87.2	1896	86.3
Personal/Emotional	206	64.4	1190	63.4	1396	63.6
Family Relationships	140	43.8	1051	56.0	1191	54.2
Antisocial Attitudes	44	13.8	521	27.8	565	25.7
No HS Diploma/GED	138	41.9	949	47.5	1087	46.7



### Risks/Needs by Gender

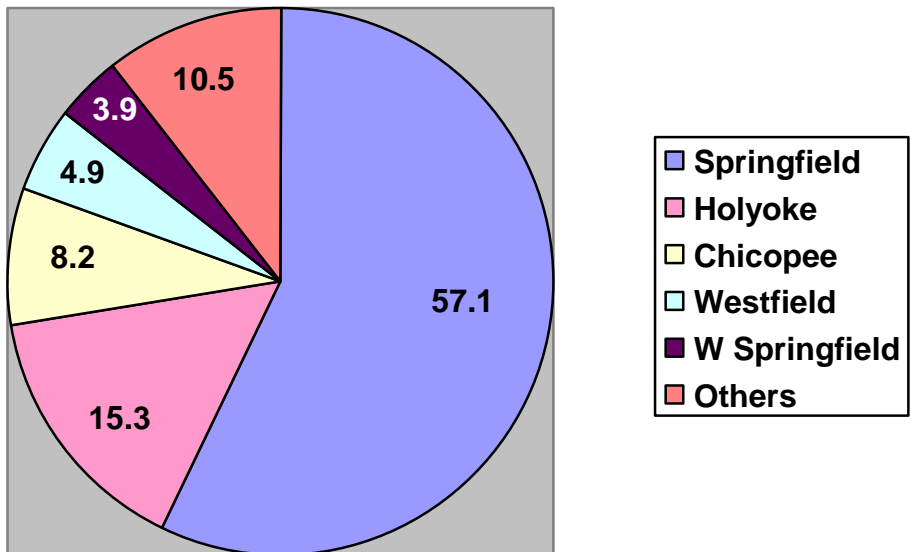


**Residence by County (Self Report at Intake)**

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Homeless	19	5.7	67	3.3	86	3.6
Hampden	236	71.1	1612	79.4	1848	77.2
Berkshire	8	2.4	61	3.0	69	2.9
Franklin	19	5.7	26	1.3	45	1.9
Hampshire	32	9.6	100	4.9	132	5.6
Worcester	5	1.5	73	3.6	73	3.3
Other Mass County	1	0.3	32	1.6	33	1.4
Out of State	12	3.6	59	2.9	71	3.0

**Hampden County**

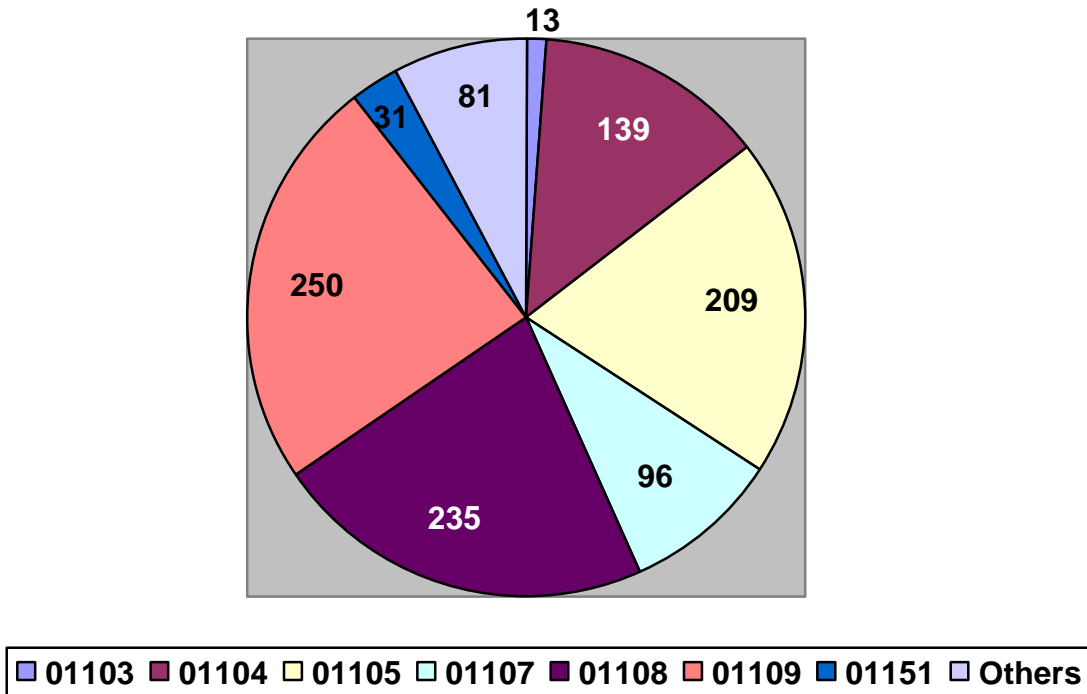
	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Springfield</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>57.1</b>
<b>Holyoke</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>15.3</b>
Chicopee	22	9.3	130	8.1	152	8.2
Westfield	10	4.2	81	5.0	91	4.9
West Springfield	9	3.8	64	4.0	73	3.9
Other Towns	33	14.0	162	10.0	195	10.5



### Springfield Neighborhoods

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
01103	2	1.5	11	1.2	13	1.2
01104	7	5.4	132	14.3	139	13.2
01105	28	21.5	181	19.6	209	19.8
01107	10	7.7	86	9.3	96	9.1
01108	40	30.8	195	21.1	235	22.3
01109	29	22.3	221	23.9	250	23.7
01151	3	2.3	28	3.0	31	2.9
Others	11	8.5	70	7.6	81	7.7

Number Released to Springfield Neighborhoods



### Prior Incarcerations

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0	170	51.1	776	38.2	946	40.0
1	69	20.7	470	23.1	539	22.8
2	46	13.8	328	16.1	374	15.8
3	19	5.7	221	10.9	240	10.2
4	17	5.1	122	6.0	139	5.9
5 or more	5	3.6	114	5.6	119	5.0

### Juvenile History on BOP

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	101	30.3	902	44.4	1003	42.4

### Age at First Arrest

	Females	Males
Mean	21.40	18.60
Mode	19.00	17.00
Minimum	9.00	7.00
Maximum	50.00	72.00

### Prior Incarceration for Violation of Release Conditions

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	222	66.7	1296	63.8	1518	64.2

## CURRENT INCARCERATION

### Governing Offense

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Violent	47	14.2	356	17.5	403	17.1
Domestic	6	1.8	87	4.3	93	3.9
Sex Offense	0	0.0	26	1.3	26	1.1
Firearms	6	1.8	60	3.0	66	2.8
<b>Violent Offenses</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>24.9</b>
Property	85	25.6	358	17.6	443	18.8
Drugs	73	22.0	497	24.5	570	24.1
MV	48	14.5	393	19.4	441	18.7
Prostitution	33	9.9	3	0.1	36	1.5
Probate	0	0.0	32	0.6	32	1.4
Other	12	3.6	84	4.1	96	4.1
<b>Nonviolent Offenses</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>1618</b>	<b>68.5</b>
<b>Parole Violations</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Lifetime Parole Viol.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.6</b>

### Original Offense behind Parole Violation

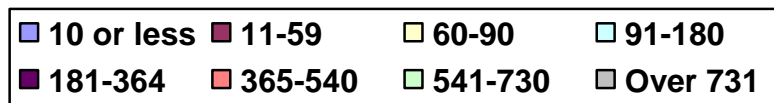
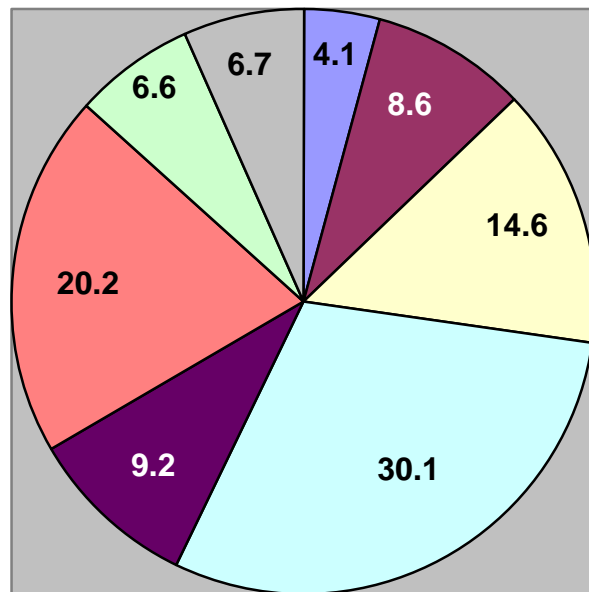
	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Violent	5	22.7	34	28.6	39	27.7
Nonviolent	17	77.3	85	71.4	102	72.3

**72% of parole violators are nonviolent offenders.**

## Sentence Length

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
10 days or less	16	4.8	81	4.0	97	4.1
11-59 days	36	10.8	166	8.2	202	8.6
60-90 days	41	12.3	304	15.0	345	14.6
91-180 days	122	36.7	589	29.0	711	30.1
181-364 days	26	7.8	191	9.4	217	9.2
365-540 days	58	17.5	418	20.6	476	20.2
541-730 days	15	4.5	140	6.9	155	6.6
Over 731 days	18	5.4	141	6.9	159	6.7

Sentence Length in Days (%)



<b>Days Sentenced</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>
Mean	249	288
Mode (most common)	180	180
Maximum	1874	2317

<b>Days in Custody</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>
Mean	172	206
Mode	29	29
Maximum	1324	1720

<b>Percentage of Mean Sentence Served</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>
	69.1%	71.5%

<b>% of Mean Sentence Served by Release</b>	<b>Parole</b>	<b>Wrap</b>
	51.9%	81.2%

### **Mandatory Charges**

	<b><u>Females</u></b>	<b><u>Males</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Property	1	6	7
Drugs	5	27	32
MV	24	243	267
Firearms	1	30	31
School Zone	7	63	70

### **Mandatory Sentences by Offense**

Possession of cocaine w/intent to dist 365 days	30
Trafficking cocaine 365 days	2
School Zone 730 days	70
Receiving stolen MV 365 days	5
Larceny MV/Trailer 365 days	2
Firearms 365 days	10
540 days	21
Motor Vehicle 30 days	29
60 days	82
150 days	108
180 days	3
360 days	42
720 days	4
730 days	1



### **Mandatory Days Served by Offense**

Possess cocaine	10,950
Trafficking cocaine	730
School zone	51,100
Receiving stolen MV/trailer	2,555
Firearms	14,990
Motor Vehicle	41,260
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121,585</b>

### **Release Type**

	<b>Females</b>		<b>Males</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Wrapped*	244	73.5	1603	79.0	1847	78.2
Paroled	88	26.5	427	21.0	515	21.8

\*Includes Fines Paid, Revised/Revoked, Purged/Paid and Sentence Expired.

### **Post Release Supervision**

	<b>Females</b>		<b>Males</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Probation Only	74	22.2	514	25.3	588	24.9
Parole Only	54	16.2	322	15.9	376	15.9
Probation & Parole	34	10.2	117	5.8	151	6.4
None	171	51.4	1078	53.1	1249	52.8

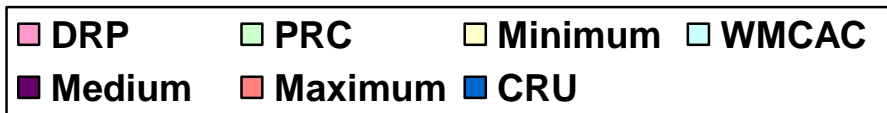
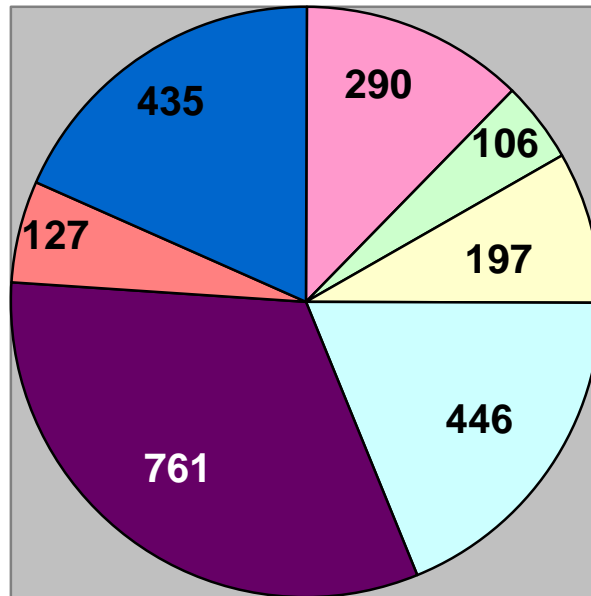
**Classification at Release**

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b><u>JAIL</u></b>						
<b>Paroled-Temp Warrant</b>	1	0.3	7	0.3	8	0.3
<b>Probate</b>						
DRP	8					
PRC	5					
Minimum	3					
Medium	13					
Maximum	1					
<b>Probate</b>	0	0.0	30	1.5	30	1.3
<b><u>HOC</u></b>						
<b>Medium-Regular Hsg.</b>	108	32.5	496	24.4	604	25.6
<b>Low-Risk Pod (C7)</b>		N/A	133	6.6	133	5.6
<b>ESU</b>	1	0.3	3	0.1	4	0.2
<b>Maximum</b>	26	7.8	96	4.7	122	5.2
<b>Day Reporting</b>	50	15.1	219	10.8	269	11.4
<b>Minimum</b>	89	26.8	103	5.1	192	8.1
<b>CRU Minimum</b>		N/A	435	21.4	435	18.4
<b>Pre Release</b>		N/A	80	3.9	80	3.4
<b>CRU Pre Release</b>		N/A	14	0.7	14	0.6
<b><u>WMCAC</u></b>						
Hampden	25	7.5	218	10.7	243	10.3
Berkshire	9	2.7	52	2.6	61	2.6
Franklin	13	3.9	22	1.1	35	1.5
Hampshire	6	1.8	30	1.5	36	1.5
Worcester	2	0.6	69	3.4	71	3.0
<b><u>DOC</u></b>						
Minimum	1					
Medium	2					
<b>DOC Total</b>	2	0.6	1	0.0	3	0.1
<b><u>Bureau of Prisons</u></b>						
DRC	13					
Minimum	1					
Medium	1					
PRC	7					
<b>BOP Total</b>	0	0.0	22	1.1	22	0.1

**Security Level at Release**

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Lower Security	194	58.4	1280	63.1	1474	62.4
Medium/Maximum	138	41.6	750	36.9	888	37.6

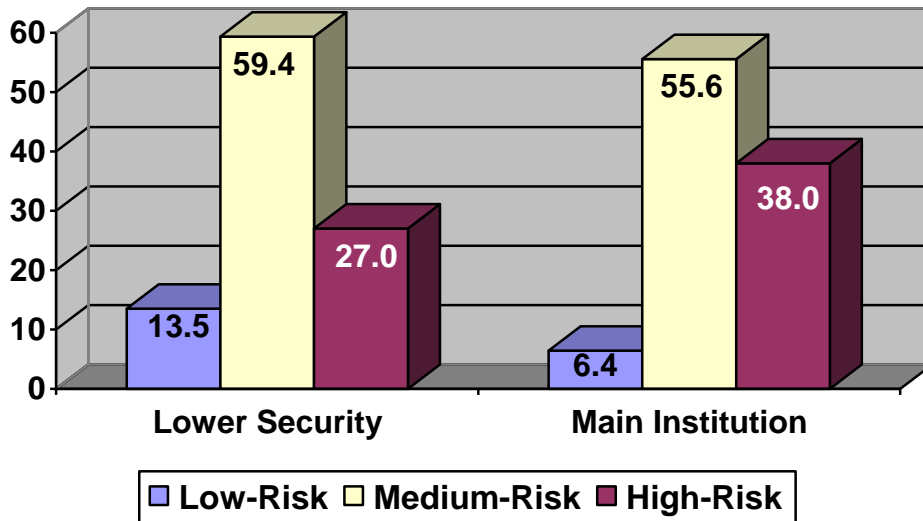
**Class at Release**



### LSI Score by Classification at Release

LSI Score	Lower Security		Main Institution	
	N	%	N	%
0	8	0.6	1	0.1
1	45	3.2	12	1.5
2	135	9.7	39	4.8
<b>Low-Risk</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6.4</b>
3	191	13.7	88	10.9
4	273	19.6	150	18.6
5	363	26.1	210	26.1
<b>Medium-Risk</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>55.6</b>
6	222	16.0	180	22.4
7	127	9.1	102	12.7
8	27	1.9	23	2.9
<b>High-Risk</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>38.0</b>

### LSI Risk by Security Level



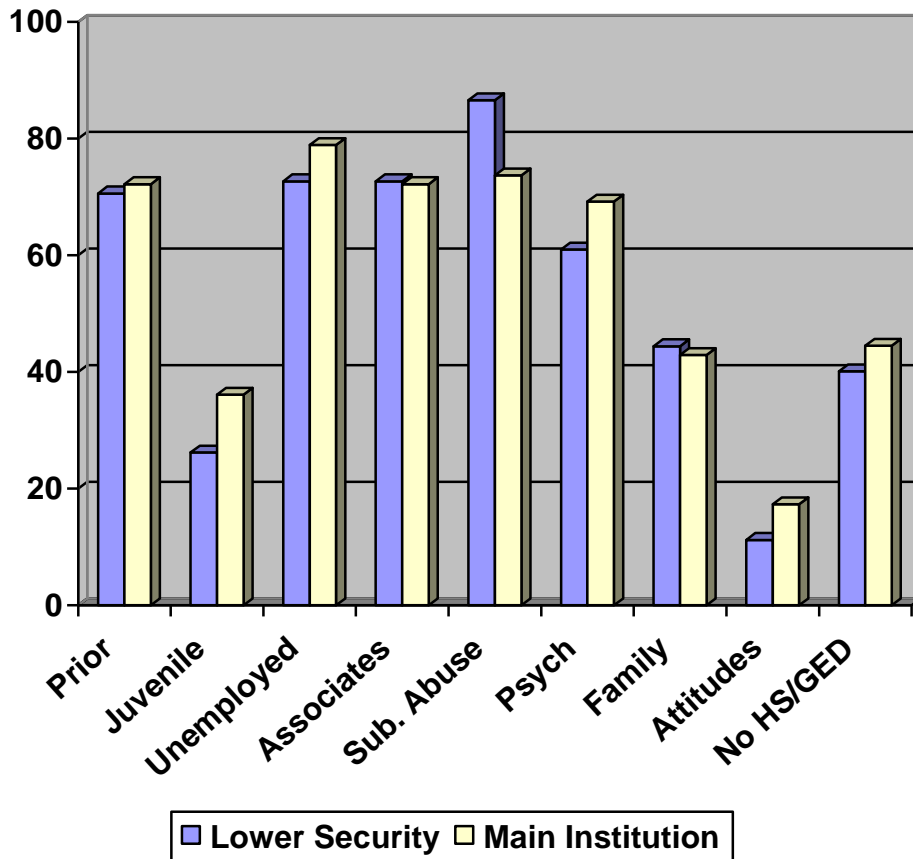
### Mean LSI Score by Classification

Medium/Maximum	4.95	Pre Release	5.03
Minimum	4.84	WMCAC	4.42
CRU	4.89	DRP	4.49

### Criminogenic Factors by Security Level at Release-Females

Factors	Lower Security		Main Institution	
	N	%	N	%
Adult History	132	70.6	96	72.2
Juvenile History	49	26.2	48	36.1
Unemployed	136	72.7	105	78.9
Criminal Associates	136	72.7	96	72.2
Substance Abuse	162	86.6	98	73.7
Personal/Emotional	114	61.0	92	69.2
Family Relationships	83	44.4	57	42.9
Antisocial Attitudes	21	11.2	23	17.3
No HS Diploma/GED	77	40.1	61	44.5

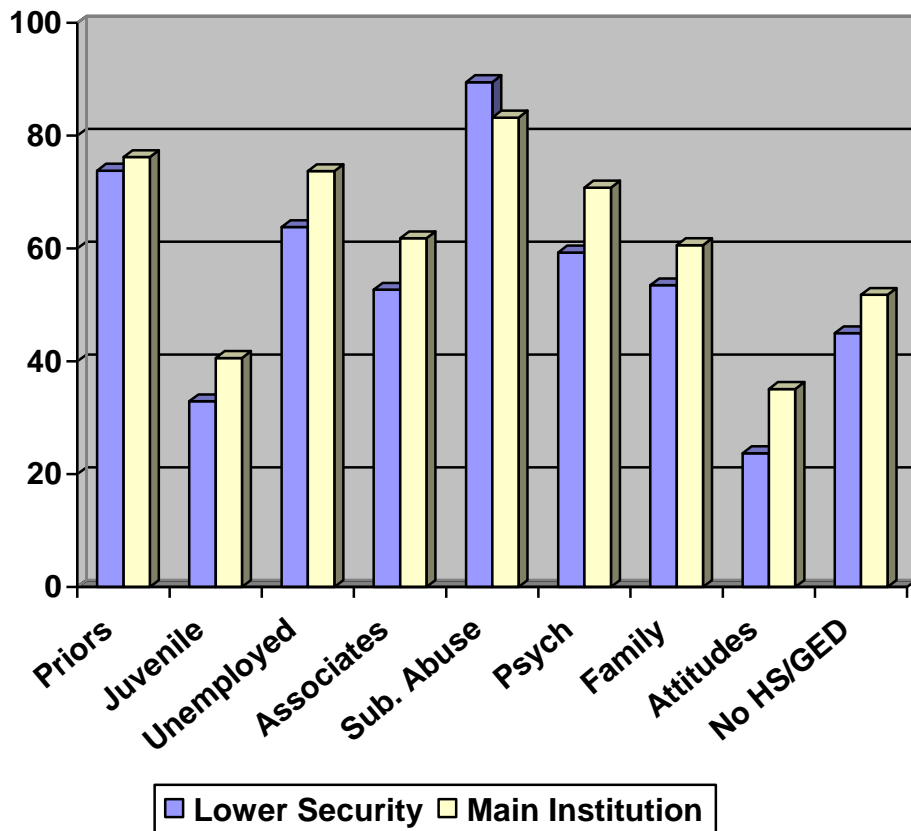
### Risks/Needs by Security Level at Release-Females



### Criminogenic Factors by Security Level at Release-Males

Factors	Lower Security		Main Institution	
	N	%	N	%
Adult History	888	73.8	513	76.3
Juvenile History	396	32.9	273	40.6
Unemployed	768	63.8	495	73.7
Criminal Associates	635	52.7	415	61.8
Substance Abuse	1077	89.5	559	83.2
Personal/Emotional	714	59.3	476	70.8
Family Relationships	644	53.5	407	60.6
Antisocial Attitudes	285	23.7	236	35.1
No HS Diploma/GED	569	45.0	380	51.8

### Risks/Needs by Security Level at Release-Males



## **JMS Alerts**

<b><u>Classification</u></b>	<b><u>Females</u></b>	<b><u>Males</u></b>
Class Review (>5 priors in last 10 years)	0	248
No Visits	4	25
Escape Risk	3	55
Protective Custody	3	5
Protective Custody-Own Request	0	28
Active Restraining Order	2	151
Inmate Account Frozen	30	235
Weekend Sentence	0	1
<b><u>Special Management</u></b>		
Administrative	15	60
Discipline	0	1
Forensic	12	21
Medical	55	88
<b><u>Security/Discipline</u></b>		
Assaultive	1	5
Dirty Urine	4	29
Disciplinary Detention	3	17
Enemy in Institution	26	157
Pre-Hearing Detention	3	8
Security Risk Group	10	222
Security Risk Group-Suspected	3	36
<b><u>Medical</u></b>		
Keep on Person Meds	0	2
Medical Issues	4	104
Hearing/Vision Impaired	0	5
Handicapped	0	2
<b><u>Forensic</u></b>		
Known Forensic Issue	133	55
Forensic Meds	12	43
History of Suicide Attempt (Q5)	108	313
Suicide Attempt in Last Year (Q5YR)	1	44
Immediate Suicide Risk (RISK)	0	5