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Executive Summary

At the end of each year, a descriptive overview is prepared of those offenders released during the year. This allows us to monitor any changes in the population and track trends from year to year. Data is used for population management and program development.

Sentenced offenders released to the street will be tracked for three years post release as part of our ongoing recidivism study. Recidivism rates are reported at one and three-year intervals.

There were 5369 releases from the facilities operated by the Hampden County Sheriff's Department in 2014 (1275 females, 4094 males). This represents an overall increase of 424 (8.6%) from 2013.

A total of 2155 sentenced offenders were released (469 females, 1686 males), an increase of 197 (10.1%) from 2013. 1815 sentenced offenders (439 females, 1376 males) were *released to the street* via parole or expiration of sentence, an increase of 9 from the previous year. 86 sentenced offenders were released to other authorities and 5 had their sentences revised or revoked. There were 82 releases from Foundation House (9 women, 73 men) and 4 HOPE parole releases (all men). 167 sentenced offenders (15 women, 152 men) were released back to the jail to address open charges.

A detailed analysis of sentenced offenders released to the street can be found in **Section I**.

There were 3203 pretrial releases (804 females, 2399 males), an increase of 7.2% from 2013. 2652 pretrial detainees were *released to the street* via bail, release at court or sentence to time served (741 females, 1911 males). 527 detainees were released to other authorities and 24 probates purged or paid their debt and were released. One female pretrial detainee died in custody.

A detailed analysis of the pretrial release cohort can be found in **Section II**.

194 individuals (4 females, 190 males) received a sentence to Mass DOC and were transported to MCI Framingham or MCI Cedar Junction. 4 male offenders were transferred to a DOC facility for a reason other than a new sentence or VOP. These reasons included commitment to Bridgewater State Hospital, DOC Reentry Program failure or court appearance on existing case.

A detailed analysis of offenders sentenced to DOC can be found in **Section III**.

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SECTION I SENTENCED RELEASES TO THE STREET

Summary

Number and Gender

The breakdown by gender was 1376 males and 439 females, representing 76% and 24% of the total population, respectively.

The 1376 sentenced males released to the street in 2014 represented a 3% decrease from 2013.

The 439 sentenced females released to the street in 2014 represented a 15% increase from 2013.

The release cohort represented 1739 unique individuals (1326 males, 413 females). 46 males and 24 females were released twice during 2014, 2 males and 1 female were released three times.

Race and Ethnicity

The racial and ethnic breakdown is different for males and females. 77% of women identify themselves as Caucasian, 15% as Hispanic and 8% as African American.

In contrast, 41% of men identify themselves as Caucasian, 38% as Hispanic and 21% as African American.

Age

The mean age of the female population is 33 years, 310 days; the mean of the male population is 35 years, 270 days.

18% of females are under age 25 compared to 16% of males. 24% of females and 32% of males are over age 40.

Most common age for women is 26, for men 24.

Criminogenic Factors

33% of females and 47% of males lacked a high school diploma or GED at intake.

70% of females and 73% of males were unemployed at time of incarceration.

65% of females and 87% of males admit having criminal associates.

91% of women and 92% of men were identified as having a substance abuse problem.

Residence

83% of males and 34% of females provided a Hampden County address at intake. Worcester County residents now represent 34% of the population at WCC.

58% of Hampden County offenders gave a residential address in Springfield, 13% Holyoke and 10% Chicopee.

Neighborhoods accounting for the largest number of offenders from Springfield were Mason Square (01109) and Forest Park (01108) with 27% and 23% respectively, and Central (01105) 14%.

66 offenders (24 females, 42 males) failed to provide an address at intake.

Governing Offense

22% of women and 29% of men were serving sentences for violent offense(s). 60 offenders were serving a sentence for a technical violation of parole and 5 for violating lifetime parole. 67% of technical violators were nonviolent offenders.

The breakdown of Lifetime Parole violation sentences in 2014 was 3 for a second offense (180 days) and 2 for a third or subsequent offense (365 days). All violations of Lifetime Parole result in a county sentence in the offender's county of residence, regardless of the facility from which they were paroled.

Sentence

Mean sentence for women was 195 days (6 months, 15 days), for men 301 days (10 months, 1 day). Most common sentence for both genders was 180 days.

Females served a mean of 117 days (60% of sentence). Men served 204 days (68% of sentence).

115 women (26%) were sentenced to 60 days or less. 69 (16%) were sentenced to a year or more. For men, 221 (16%) had sentences of 60 days or less, and 485 (35%) were sentenced to a year or more.

Mandatory days sentenced totaled 47,196, a decrease of 6,399 days from 2013. This can be attributed to a significant decrease in school zone offenses.

Classification

The female release cohort included 427 county inmates, 7 DOC, 2 Bureau of Prisons and 3 Probates. 42% of county releases were from Worcester County, 38% from Hampden County.

The male release cohort consisted of 1231 county inmates, 80 DOC, 43 Bureau of Prisons or US Probation and 22 Probates.

42% of women and 61% of men were released from lower security. 234 men attained minimum status in the Community Reentry Unit.

Release Type

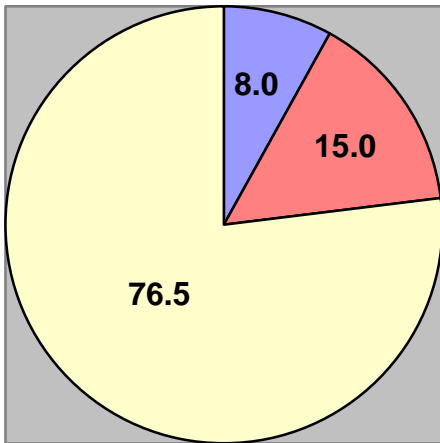
Paroles accounted for 14.5% of releases in 2014, down slightly from 2013.

Parolees served approximately 52% of their original sentence compared to 72% for those who completed their sentence.

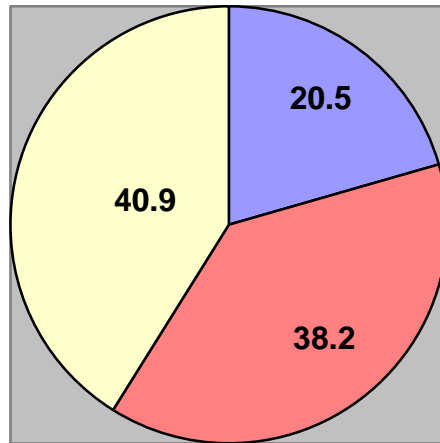
**2014 SENTENCED RELEASES TO THE STREET
Statistical Data**

Gender	N	%
Females	439	24.2
Males	1376	75.8

Racial Breakdown-Females
%



Racial Breakdown-Males
%

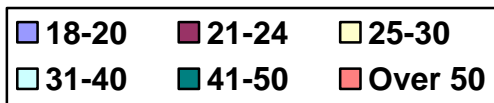
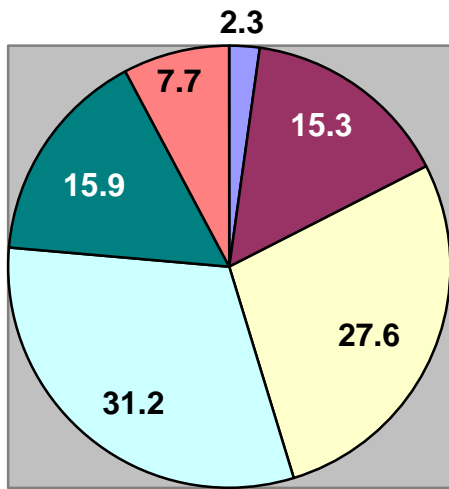


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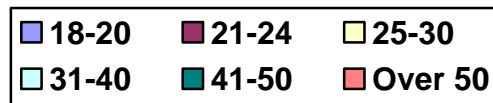
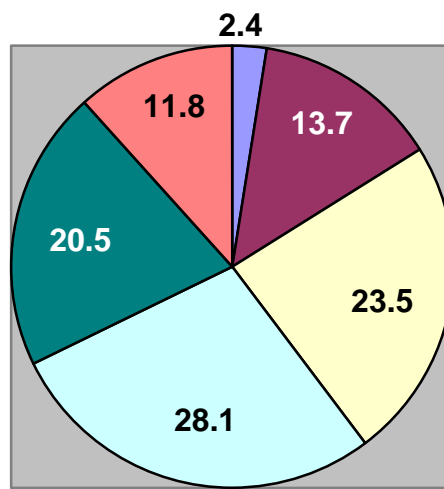
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Race	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	35	8.0	282	20.5	317	17.5
Hispanic	66	15.0	526	38.2	592	32.6
Caucasian	336	76.5	563	40.9	899	49.5
Others	2	0.5	5	0.4	7	0.4

Age Breakdown-Females (%)



Age Breakdown-Males (%)

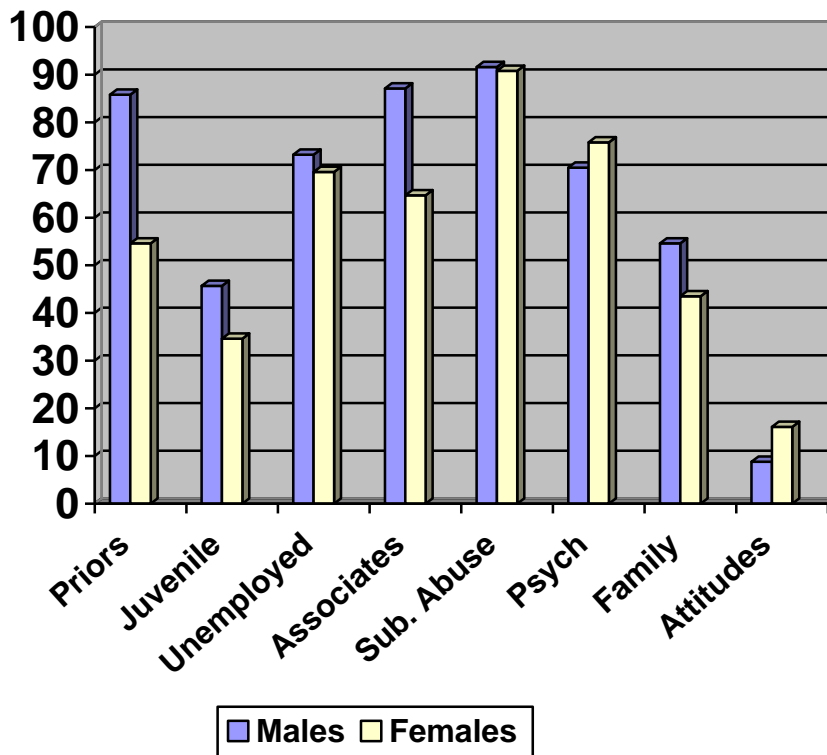


Age	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
18-20	10	2.3	33	2.4	43	2.4
21-24	67	15.3	189	13.7	256	14.1
25-30	121	27.6	323	23.5	444	24.5
31-40	137	31.2	386	28.1	523	28.8
41-50	70	15.9	282	20.5	352	19.4
Over 50	34	7.7	163	11.8	197	10.9

	Females	Males
Mean Age	33.85	35.74
Minimum Age	19.00	19.00
Maximum Age	68.00	78.00
Mode (most common)	26	24

Criminogenic Factors	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Adult History	237	54.6	1157	85.8	1394	78.2
Juvenile History	150	34.6	617	45.7	767	43.0
Unemployed	302	69.6	988	73.2	1290	72.3
Criminal Associates	281	64.7	1175	87.1	1456	81.7
Substance Abuse	394	90.8	1236	91.6	1630	91.4
Personal/Emotional	329	75.8	951	70.5	1280	71.8
Family Relationships	189	43.5	736	54.6	925	51.9
Antisocial Attitudes	70	16.1	119	8.8	189	10.6
No HS Diploma/GED	144	32.9	649	47.2	793	43.7

Risks/Needs by Gender

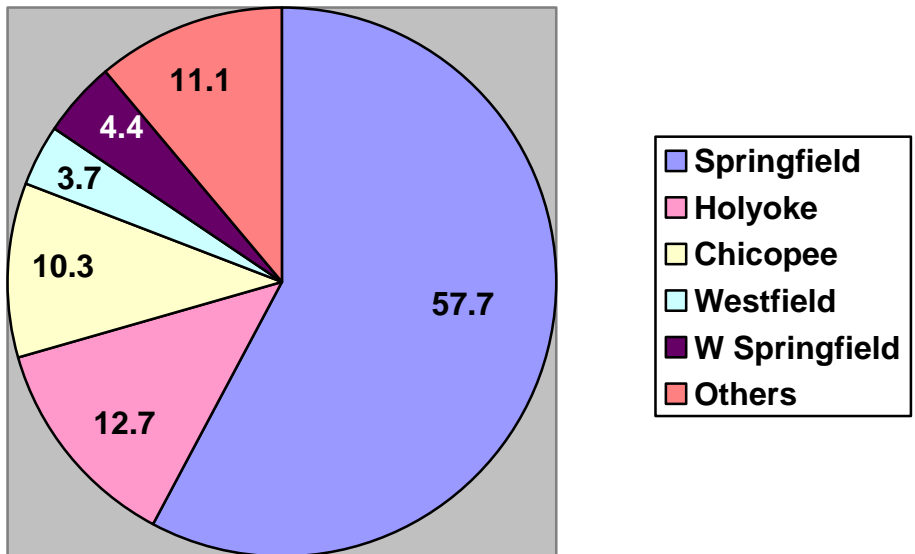


Residence by County (Self Report at Intake)

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Homeless	24	5.5	42	3.1	66	3.6
Hampden	148	33.7	1140	82.8	1288	71.0
Berkshire	31	7.1	38	2.8	69	3.8
Franklin	13	3.0	16	1.2	29	1.6
Hampshire	27	6.2	37	2.7	64	3.5
Worcester	148	33.7	52	2.7	200	11.0
Other Mass County	32	7.3	18	1.3	50	2.8
Out of State	16	3.6	33	2.4	49	2.7

Hampden County (% of Hampden County Releases)

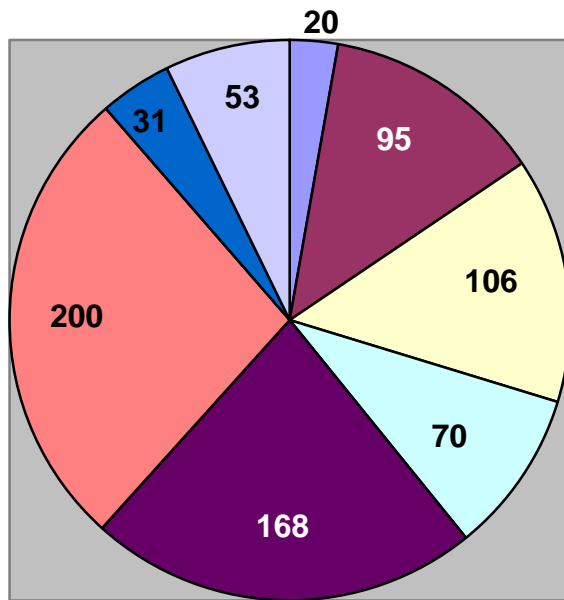
	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Springfield	72	48.6	671	58.9	743	57.7
Holyoke	15	10.1	149	13.1	164	12.7
Chicopee	20	13.5	113	9.9	133	10.3
Westfield	10	6.8	38	3.3	48	3.7
West Springfield	5	3.4	52	4.6	57	4.4
Other Towns	26	17.6	117	10.3	143	11.1



Springfield Neighborhoods (% of Springfield Releases)

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
01103	1	1.4	19	2.8	20	2.7
01104	6	8.3	89	13.3	95	12.8
01105	11	15.3	95	14.2	106	14.3
01107	5	6.9	65	9.7	70	9.4
01108	15	20.8	153	22.8	168	22.6
01109	23	31.9	177	26.4	200	26.9
01151	5	6.9	26	3.9	31	4.2
Others	6	8.3	47	7.0	53	7.1

Number Released to Springfield Neighborhoods



CURRENT INCARCERATION

Governing Offense

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Violent	83	18.9	249	18.1	332	18.3
Domestic	9	2.1	70	5.1	79	4.4
Sex Offense	0	0.0	17	1.2	17	0.9
Firearms	4	0.9	63	4.6	67	3.7
Violent Offenses	96	21.9	399	29.0	495	27.3
Property	150	34.2	333	24.2	483	26.6
Drugs	82	18.7	309	22.5	391	21.5
MV	53	12.1	211	15.3	264	14.5
Prostitution	32	7.3	0	0.0	32	1.8
Other	12	2.7	73	5.3	85	4.7
Nonviolent Offenses	329	74.9	926	67.3	1255	69.1
Parole Violations	14	3.2	46	3.3	60	3.3
Lifetime Parole Viol.	0	0.0	5	0.4	5	0.3

Original Offense behind Parole Violations*

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Violent	1	7.1	19	41.3	20	33.3
Nonviolent	13	92.9	27	58.7	40	66.7

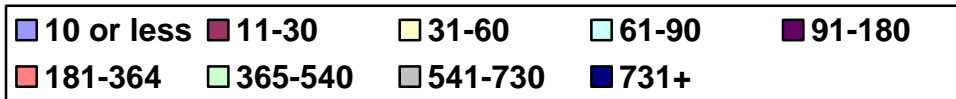
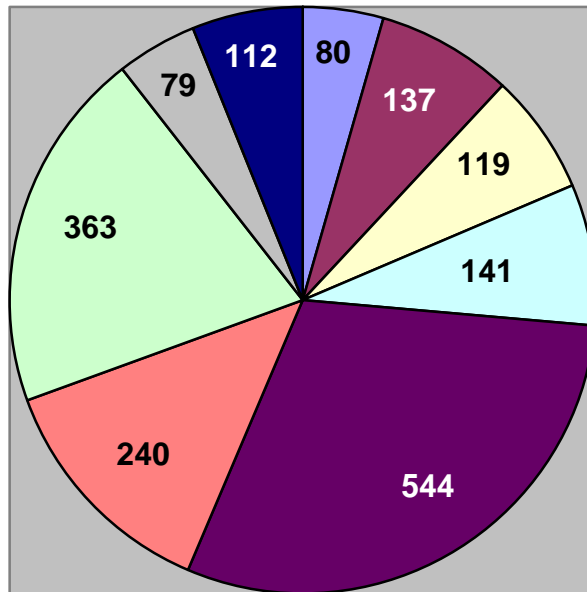
67% of technical violators are nonviolent offenders.

*Excludes Lifetime Parole Violations

Sentence Length

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
10 days or less	18	4.1	62	4.5	80	4.4
11-30 days	47	10.7	90	6.5	137	7.5
31-60 days	50	11.4	69	5.0	119	6.6
61-90 days	52	11.8	89	6.5	141	7.8
91-180 days	148	33.7	396	28.8	544	30.0
181-364 days	55	12.5	185	13.4	240	13.2
365-540 days	46	10.5	317	23.0	363	20.0
541-730 days	9	2.1	70	5.1	79	4.4
Over 731 days	14	3.2	98	7.1	112	6.2

Sentence Length in Days



<u>Days Sentenced</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>
Mean	195	301
Mode (most common)	180	180
Maximum	1278	1825

<u>Days in Custody</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>
Mean	117	204
Mode	28	133
Maximum	1022	1319

<u>Percentage of Mean Sentence Served</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>
	60.0%	67.8%

<u>% of Mean Sentence Served by Release</u>	<u>Parole</u>	<u>Wrap</u>
	52.4 %	71.7%

Mandatory Charges

	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Total</u>
Drugs (not SZ)	2	8	10
School Zone	1	7	8
Firearms	3	27	30
MV	23	91	114
Stolen MV	0	1	1

Mandatory Days Sentenced by Offense

Drugs	11,076
Firearms	16,025
Motor Vehicle	19,730
Stolen MV	<u>365</u>
TOTAL	47,196

Classification at Release - Females

County Inmates

	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Hampden (165)		
Maximum	13	7.9
Medium	80	48.5
Minimum	27	16.4
WMCAC	21	12.7
DRP	23	13.9
Out of County	1	0.6
Berkshire (29)		
Medium	10	34.5
Minimum	6	20.7
WMCAC	13	44.8
Franklin (20)		
Maximum	2	10.0
Medium	10	50.0
Minimum	6	30.0
WMCAC	2	10.0
Hampshire (29)		
Maximum	4	13.8
Medium	15	51.7
Minimum	8	27.6
WMCAC	2	6.9
Worcester (184)		
Maximum	3	1.6
Medium	117	63.6
Minimum	36	19.6
WMCAC	17	9.2
COAP	11	6.0

Special Populations

	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Department of Corrections (7)		
WMCAC	1	14.3
Minimum	4	57.1
DRP	2	28.6

Bureau of Prisons (2)

DRP	1	50.0
Minimum	1	50.0

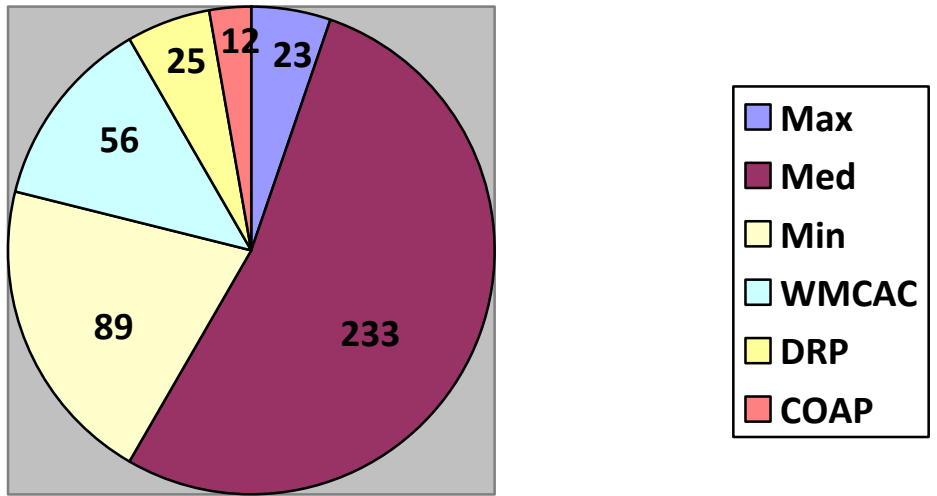
Probate (3)

Maximum	1	33.3
Medium	1	33.3
Minimum	1	33.3

Female Releases - Total

	N	%
Maximum	23	5.2
Medium	233	53.1
Minimum	89	20.3
WMCAC	56	12.8
DRP	25	5.7
COAP	12	2.7
Foundation House	1	0.2

Female Releases



Classification at Release - Males

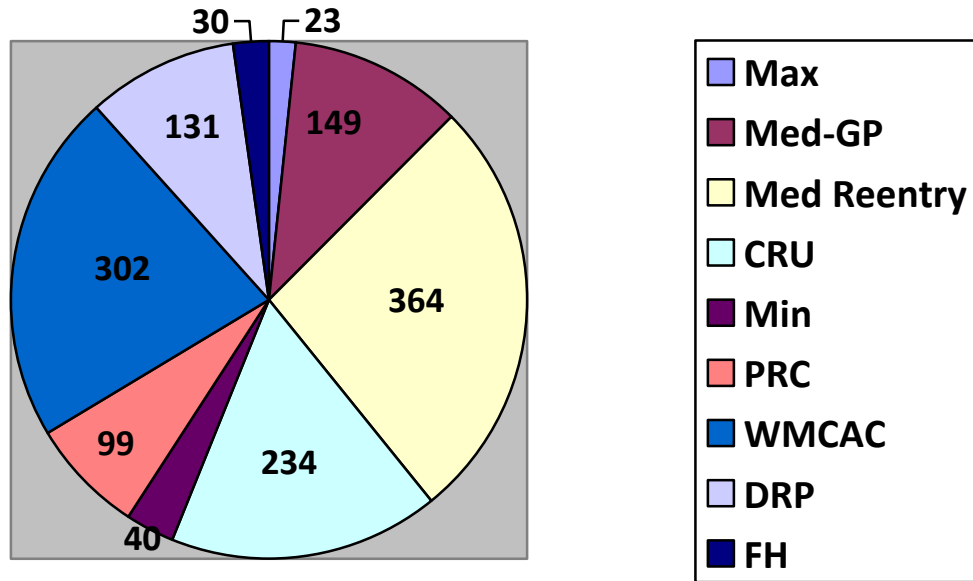
County Inmates

	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Hampden (1121)		
Maximum	22	2.0
Medium - General Population	130	11.6
Medium Reentry Unit	353	31.5
Community Reentry Unit	217	19.4
Minimum	30	2.7
Pre-Release	39	3.5
WMCAC	194	17.3
DRP	102	9.1
DRP-Foundation House	30	2.7
Out of County	4	0.4
Berkshire (30)		
Medium-General Population	1	3.3
WMCAC	29	96.7
Franklin (19)		
Medium Reentry Unit	2	10.5
Community Reentry Unit	1	5.3
WMCAC	16	84.2
Hampshire (21)		
Medium Reentry Unit	1	4.8
Community Reentry Unit	1	4.8
WMCAC	19	90.5
Worcester (37)		
Medium Reentry Unit	1	2.7
WMCAC	36	97.3
Other Counties (3)		
Minimum	1	33.3
WMCAC	1	33.3
DRP	1	33.3

Special Populations

Department of Corrections (80)	N	%
Medium-General Population	1	1.2
Medium Reentry Unit	4	5.0
Community Reentry Unit	14	17.5
Minimum	5	6.2
Pre-Release	35	43.8
WMCAC	6	7.5
DRP	15	18.8
Bureau of Prisons (43)		
Medium-General Population	1	2.3
Medium Reentry Unit	3	7.0
Community Reentry Unit	1	2.3
Minimum	3	7.0
Pre-Release	23	53.5
WMCAC	1	2.3
DRP	11	25.6
Probates (22)		
Maximum	1	4.5
Medium-General Population	16	72.7
Minimum	1	4.5
Pre-Release	2	9.1
DRP	2	9.1
Males Releases - Total		
Maximum	23	1.7
Medium-General Population	149	10.8
Medium Reentry Unit	364	26.5
Community Reentry Unit	234	17.0
Minimum	40	2.9
Pre-Release	99	7.2
WMCAC	302	21.9
DRP	131	9.5
DRP-Foundation House	30	2.2
Out of County	4	0.3

Male Releases



Release Type

	Females		Males		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Fine Paid	3	0.7	40	2.9	43	2.4
Revise/Revoke	1	0.2	4	0.3	5	0.3
Purge/Paid	3	0.7	21	1.5	24	1.3
Sentence Expired	374	85.2	1105	80.3	1479	81.5
Paroled	58	13.2	206	15.0	264	14.5

SECTION II PRETRIAL RELEASES TO THE STREET

Summary

Number and Gender

There were 2652 pretrial releases to the street in 2014, 741 females and 1911 males.

The group represented 2371 unique individuals (650 females, 1721 males). 152 males and 66 females were released twice during the year, 14 males and 11 females were released three times and 2 males and 1 female were released four times and one male was released 5 times.

762 (28.7%) were bailed, 1737 (65.5%) were released at court and 153 (5.8%) were found guilty and sentenced to time served.

Race and Ethnicity

As with the sentenced population, the racial and ethnic breakdown is different for males and females. 10% of females and 20% of males identify themselves as African American, 13% of females and 43% of males as Hispanic, and 76% of females and 37% of males as Caucasian.

Age

Mean age for pretrial women was 31 years, 336 days and for men 32 years, 241 days. Most common age for men was 24, for women 26.

24% of females are under age 25 compared to 27% of males.

Overall, the pretrial population is younger than the sentenced population.

Residence

20% of females and 45% of males gave a Springfield address at booking. 5% of females and 10% of males were from Holyoke and 6% of females and 7% of males were Chicopee residents.

477 detainees provided an out of county address. 285 pretrial detainees provided no address at intake.

Release

1054 (40%) of pretrial releases were from Springfield District Court, 1033 (39%) from the other Hampden County District Courts and 169 (6%) from Hampden Superior Court. The remaining 396 (15%) were released from other courts.

926 (35%) were being held on bail of \$2000 or less, 62 of whom were ultimately sentenced to time served. 1203 detainees held without right to bail were released at court, and 60 were sentenced to time served.

Governing Offense

1035 (39%) of pretrial releases were held on violent charges. 345 were bailed, 632 were released at court, and 58 were sentenced to time served.

285 had outstanding warrants and detainers dismissed at court.

Time in Custody

Mean time in custody prior to bail was 25 days. 61% were bailed in the first 10 days and an additional 19% were bailed within 30 days.

Mean time to release at court was 37 days. 41% were released in the first 10 days and an additional 31% within 30 days.

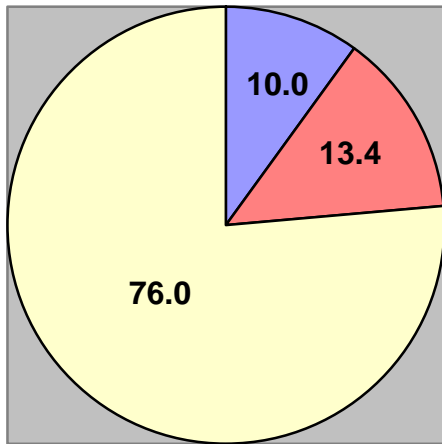
For those sentenced to "time served", the mean was 24 days. 74 (48%) served 30 days or less, 32 (21%) served 31-60 days. 12 individuals served more than 180 days prior to disposition.

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Statistical Data**

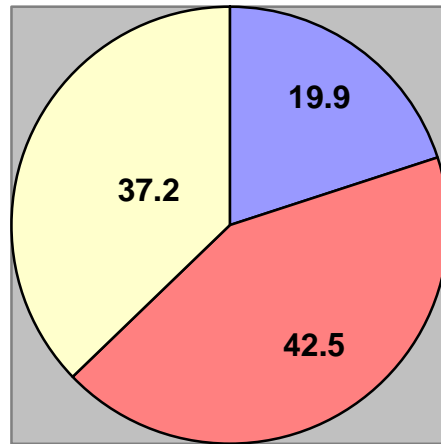
Release Type by Gender

	Females		Males		Total	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Bailed	154	20.8	608	31.8	762	28.7
Released at Court	565	76.2	1172	61.3	1737	65.5
Time Served	22	3.0	131	6.9	153	5.8

Racial Breakdown-Females
%



Racial Breakdown-Males
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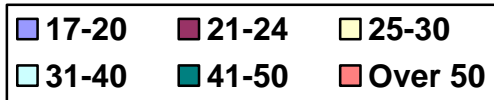
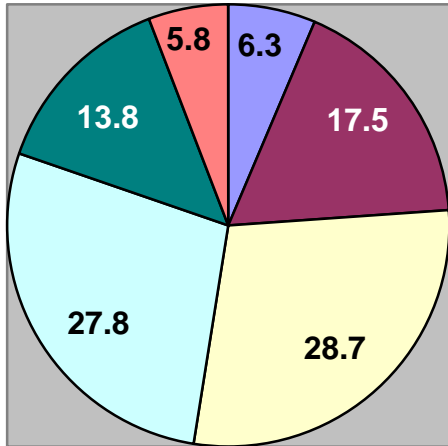


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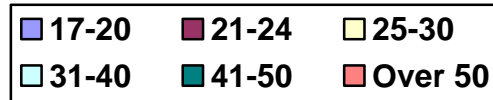
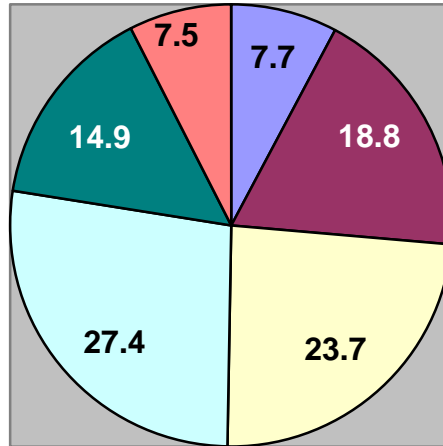
Black Hispanic Caucasian

Race	Females		Males	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Black	74	10.0	380	19.9
Hispanic	99	13.4	812	42.5
Caucasian	563	76.0	710	37.2
Other	5	0.6	9	0.5

Age Breakdown-Females (%)



Age Breakdown-Males (%)



Age	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
17-20	47	6.3	148	7.7
21-24	130	17.5	359	18.8
25-30	213	28.7	452	23.7
31-40	206	27.8	524	27.4
41-50	102	13.8	284	14.9
Over 50	43	5.8	144	7.5

	Females	Males
Mean Age	31.92	32.66
Minimum Age	18.00	17.00
Maximum Age	62.00	79.00
Mode (most common)	26.00	24.00

Residence by County (Self Report at Intake)

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Springfield	147	19.8	856	44.8
Holyoke	40	5.4	198	10.4
Chicopee	44	5.9	129	6.8
Westfield	17	2.3	73	3.8
West Springfield	23	3.1	71	3.7
Other Hampden County	57	7.7	235	12.3
Other County	287	38.7	127	6.6
Out of State	17	2.3	46	2.4
No Address Given	109	14.7	176	9.2

Release Type by Court

	<u>BAILED</u>	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELT</u>
Chicopee District	86	123	21
Holyoke District	107	219	23
Palmer District	50	199	6
Springfield District	348	635	71
Westfield District	65	124	10
Hampden Superior	37	121	11
Others	<u>69</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>11</u>
	762	1737	153

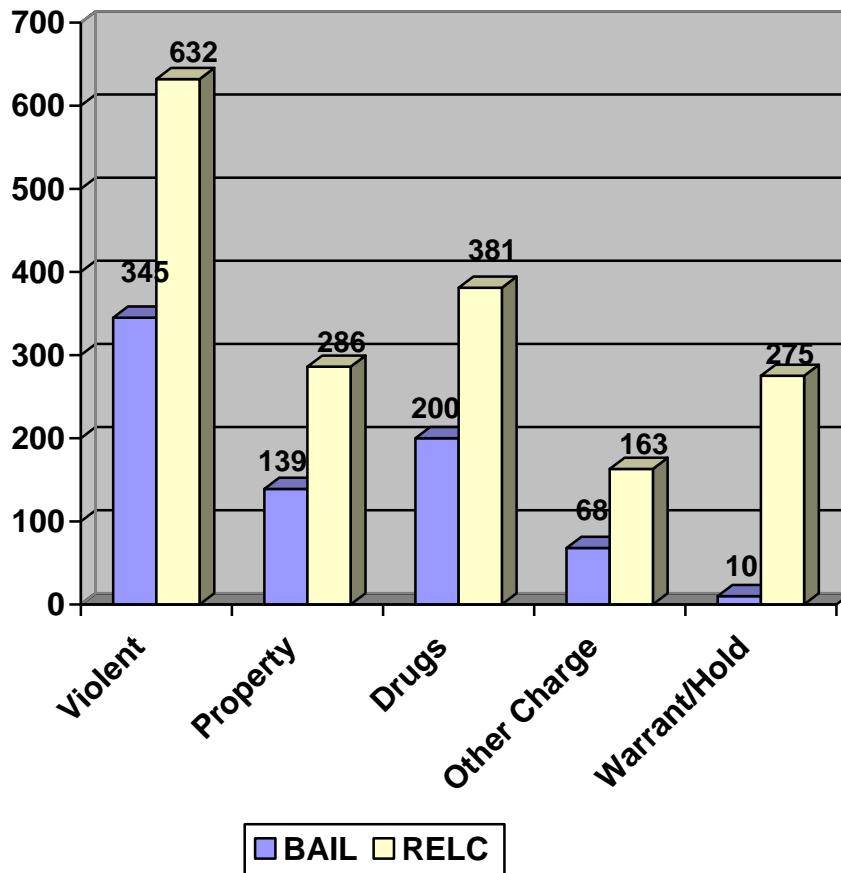
Bail Status at Release

	<u>BAILED</u>	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELT</u>
\$2000 or less	575	289	62
\$2001-\$5000	116	94	16
Over \$5000	71	151	15
No Bail	0	1203	60

Reason for No Bail Status (RELC & RELT Only)

	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELT</u>
Dangerousness	53	1
Bail Revoked	293	25
Probation Violation	309	18
Warrant	344	11
Hold for Other Agency	42	0
Not Specified	162	5

Governing Offense by Release Type



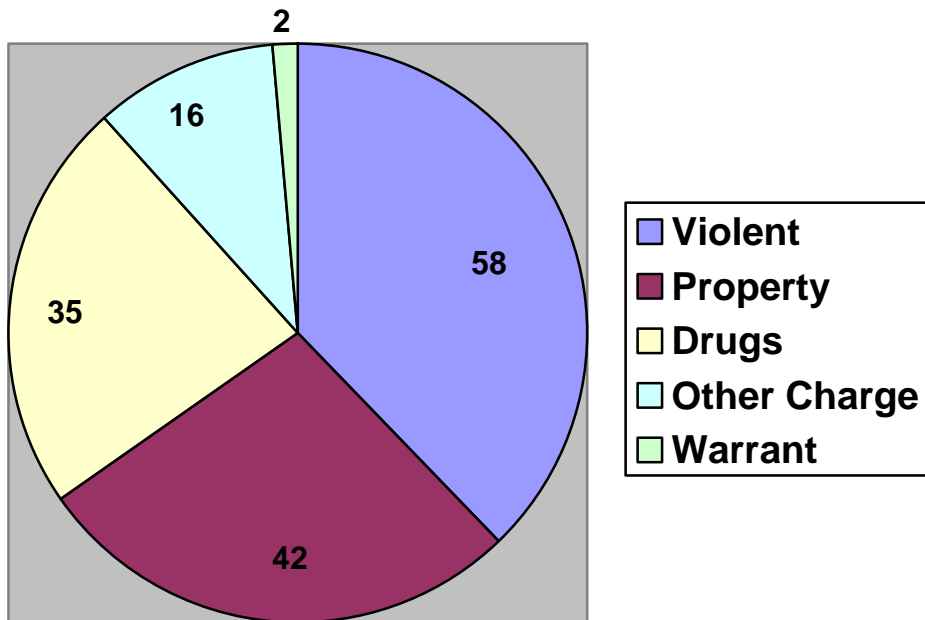
Days in Custody

	<u>BAIL</u>	<u>RELC</u>
Mean	25	37
Minimum	1	1
Maximum	868	864
10 days or less	467 (61.3%)	716 (41.2%)
11-30 days	148 (19.4%)	536 (30.9%)

Sentence Length - Time Served (RELT)

Mean	24
Maximum	678
30 days or less	74 (48.4%)
31-60 days	32 (20.9%)
61-90 days	14 (9.2%)
91-180 days	21 (13.7%)
More than 180 days	12 (7.8%)

Offense Type - Time Served



SECTION III OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO DOC

Summary

There were 194 sentences to Mass DOC in 2014, 4 females and 190 males.

These individuals were overwhelmingly minority (26% African American and 49% Hispanic).

44% of males were under age 30.

57 (29%) were sentenced for a nonviolent crime, 105 (54%) for a violent crime and 32(16%) for a parole violation.

Mean time to disposition for a nonviolent case was 285 days, for a violent non-murder case, 367 days.

15 men and 1 woman were sentenced on charges of murder or manslaughter. Six men and one woman received a life sentence. Mean time to disposition was 486 days.

18 men were sentenced for a sex offense. Mean minimum sentence was 8.4 years.

The most common sentences for a nonviolent offense were 2-3 years and 3 years to 3 years and a day.

Most common sentence for a violent offense was 3 years to 3 years and a day.

**2014 OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO DOC
Statistical Data**

Gender

Females	4
Males	190

Race by Gender

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Black	1	25.0	50	26.3
Hispanic	1	25.0	94	49.5
Caucasian	2	50.0	45	23.7
Asian	0	0.0	1	0.5

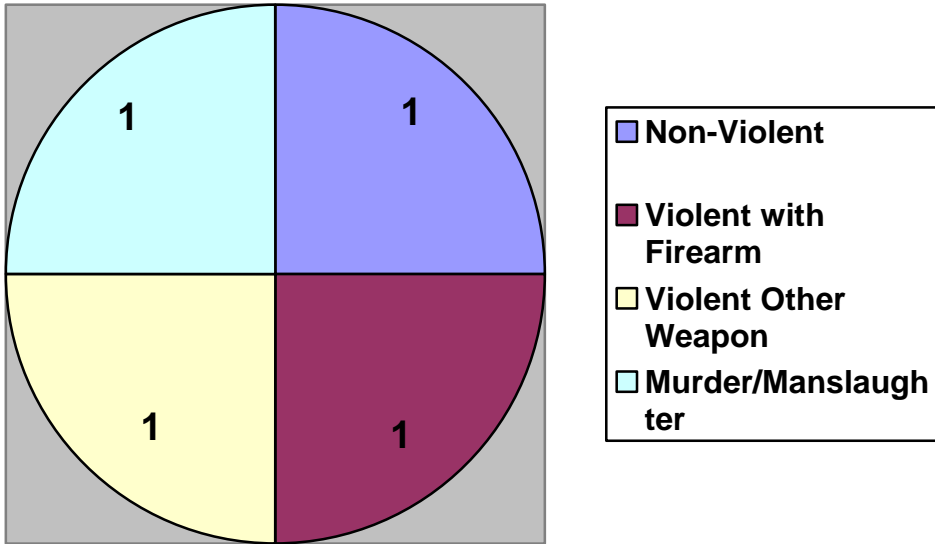
Age by Gender

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
17-20	0	0.0	6	3.2
21-24	0	0.0	31	16.3
25-30	3	75.0	52	27.4
31-40	0	0.0	57	30.0
41-50	1	25.0	31	16.3
Over 50	0	0.0	13	6.8

Pretrial Custody (days)

	Females	Males
Mean	161	296
Minimum	25	1
Maximum	291	1411

Offense Type - Females



Offense Type - Males

