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DESCRIPTIVE OVERVIEW OF THE 2019 RELEASE COHORT

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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 6726 total releases from the facilities operated by the Hampden County Sheriff's Department in 2019 (1793 females, 4932 males). This represents an overall increase of 284 (4.4%) from 2018.

A total of 1340 sentenced offenders were released (357 females, 983 males), a decrease of 119 (8.2%) from 2018. 1079 sentenced offenders (308 females, 771 males) were *released to the street* via parole or expiration of sentence, a decrease of 155 from the previous year. 66 sentenced offenders were released to other authorities. There were 98 releases from Foundation House (15 women, 83 men) and 4 HOPE parole releases. 81 sentenced offenders (11 women, 70 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**.

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There were 3374 pretrial releases (1148 females, 2226 males), a decrease of 8% from 2018. 2894 pretrial detainees were *released to the street* via bail, release at court or sentence to time served (1100 females, 1794 males). 461 detainees were released to other authorities and 18 probates purged or paid their debt and were released. One male pretrial detainee died in custody.

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

133 individuals (9 females, 124 males) received a sentence to Mass DOC and were transported to MCI Framingham or MCI Cedar Junction. 2 males and 5 females were transferred to a DOC facility for a reason other than a new sentence or parole violation. 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 771 males and 308 females, representing 71% and 29% of the total population, respectively.

The 771 sentenced males released to the street in 2019 represented a decrease of 128 (14%) from 2018.

The 308 sentenced females released to the street in 2019 represented a decrease of 27 (8%) from 2018.

The release cohort represented 1045 unique individuals (749 males, 296 females). 20 males and 12 females were released twice during 2019, 1 male was released three times.

Race and Ethnicity

The racial and ethnic breakdown is different for males and females. 70% of women identify themselves as Caucasian, 19% as Hispanic and 9% as African American.

In contrast, 34% of men identify themselves as Caucasian, 49% as Hispanic and 16% as African American.

Age

The mean age of the female population is 35 years, 274 days; the mean of the male population is 36 years, 164 days.

6% of females and 9% of males are under age 25. 25% of females and 30% of males are over age 40.

Most common age for women is 28, for men 31.

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Criminogenic Factors

37% of females and 59% of males lacked a high school diploma or equivalent at intake.

83% of females and 63% of males were unemployed at time of incarceration.

73% of females and 73% of males admit having criminal associates.

87% of women and 84% of men self-identified as having a substance use problem.

Residence

84% of males and 33% of females provided a Hampden County address at intake. 56% of Hampden County offenders gave a residential address in Springfield, 14% Holyoke and 10% Chicopee.

Neighborhoods accounting for the largest number of offenders from Springfield were Mason Square (01109) 25%, Forest Park (01108) 22%.

33 offenders (13 females, 20 males) failed to provide an address at release.

Governing Offense

28% of women and 34% of men were serving sentences for violent offense(s). 39 offenders were serving a sentence for a technical violation of parole. 64% of technical violators were nonviolent offenders.

Sentence

Mean sentence for women was 217 days (7 months, 7 days), for men 327 days (10 months, 27 days). Most common sentence for both genders was 180 days.

Females served a mean of 140 days (64.5% of sentence). Men served 224 days (68.5% of sentence).

68 women (22%) were sentenced to 60 days or less. 59 (19%) were sentenced to a year or more. For men, 70 (9%) had sentences of 60 days or less, and 307 (40%) were sentenced to a year or more.

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Mandatory sentences totaled 18,135 days, a decrease of 22% from 2018. Much of the reduction was the result of the virtual disappearance of the 2-year school zone sentence and the overall drop in sentenced population.

Classification

The female release cohort included 296 county inmates, 11 DOC, and 1 Bureau of Prisons. 47% of county releases were from Worcester County, 32% from Hampden County.

The male release cohort consisted of 676 county inmates, 70 DOC, 21 Bureau of Prisons and 4 US Probation.

39% of women and 49% of men were released from lower security. 109 men attained minimum status in the Community Reentry Unit.

Release Type

Paroles accounted for 14.4% of releases in 2019, down from 17.3% in 2018.

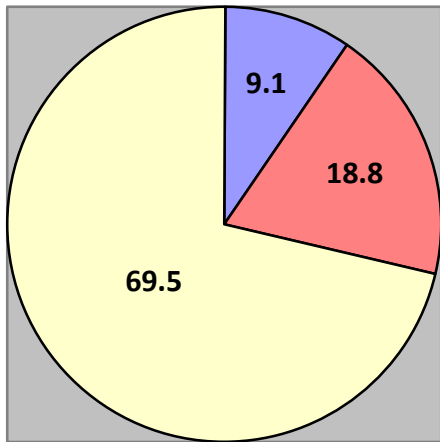
Parolees served approximately 55% of their original sentence compared to 74% for those who completed their sentence.

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2019 SENTENCED RELEASES TO THE STREET
Statistical Data

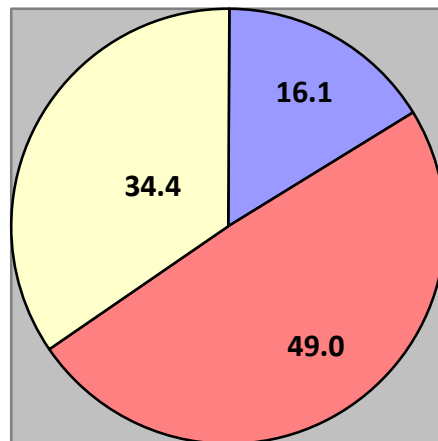
Gender	N	%
Females	308	28.5
Males	771	71.5

Racial Breakdown-Females %



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Racial Breakdown-Males %

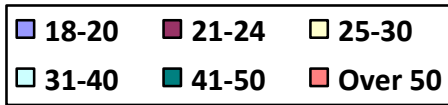
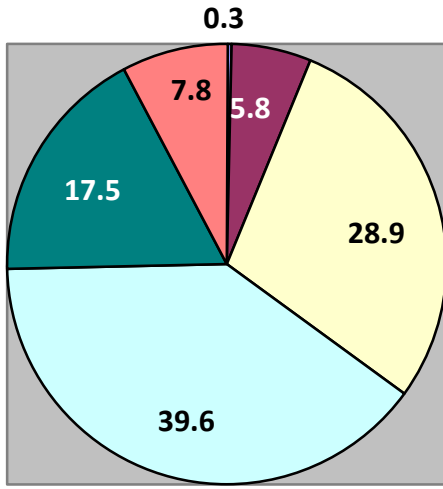


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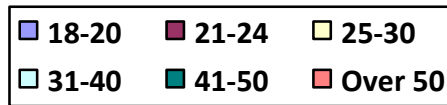
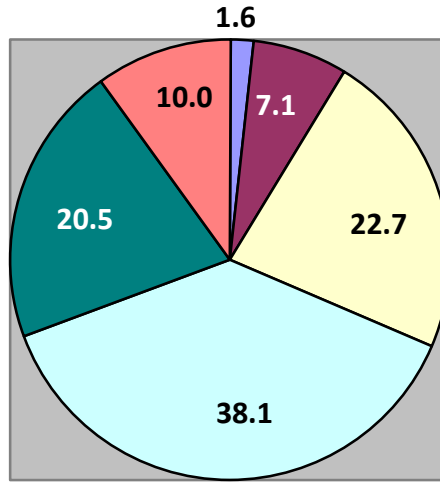
Race	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Black	28	9.1	124	16.1
Hispanic	58	18.8	378	49.0
Caucasian	214	69.5	265	34.4
Others	8	2.6	4	0.5

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Age Breakdown-Females (%)



Age Breakdown-Males (%)



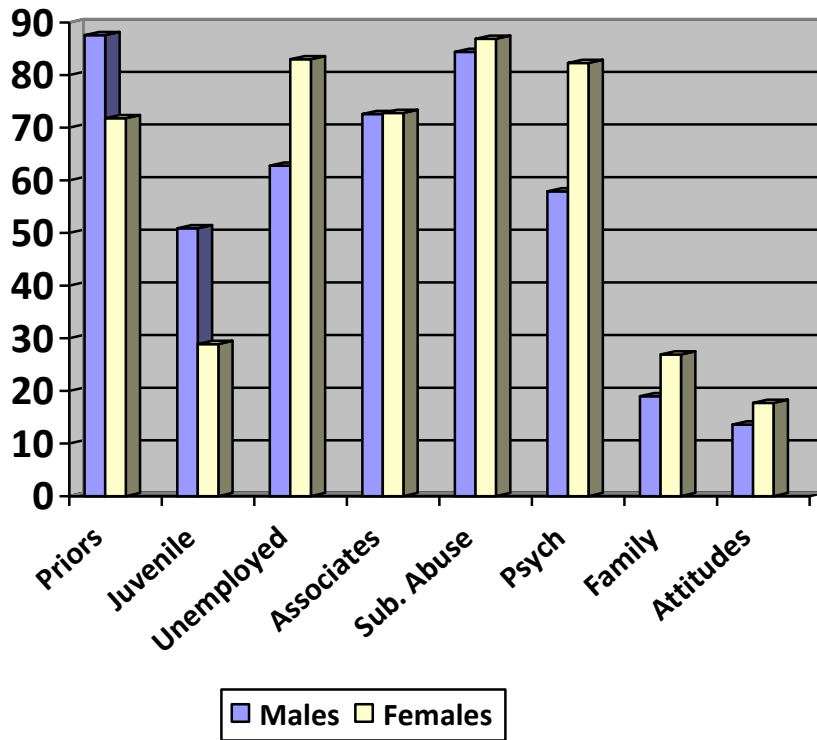
Age	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
18-20	1	0.3	12	1.6
21-24	18	5.8	55	7.1
25-30	89	28.9	175	22.7
31-40	122	39.6	294	38.1
41-50	54	17.5	158	20.5
Over 50	24	7.8	77	10.0

	Females	Males
Mean Age	35.75	36.45
Minimum Age	20	19
Maximum Age	69	73
Mode (most common)	28	31

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Criminogenic Factors	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Adult History	219	71.8	658	87.6
Juvenile History	88	28.9	382	50.9
Unemployed	253	83.0	471	62.7
Criminal Associates	222	72.8	545	72.6
Substance Abuse	265	86.9	634	84.4
Personal/Emotional	251	82.3	435	57.9
Family Relationships	82	26.9	143	19.0
Antisocial Attitudes	54	17.7	102	13.6
No HS Diploma/GED	117	37.4	456	58.8

Risks/Needs by Gender



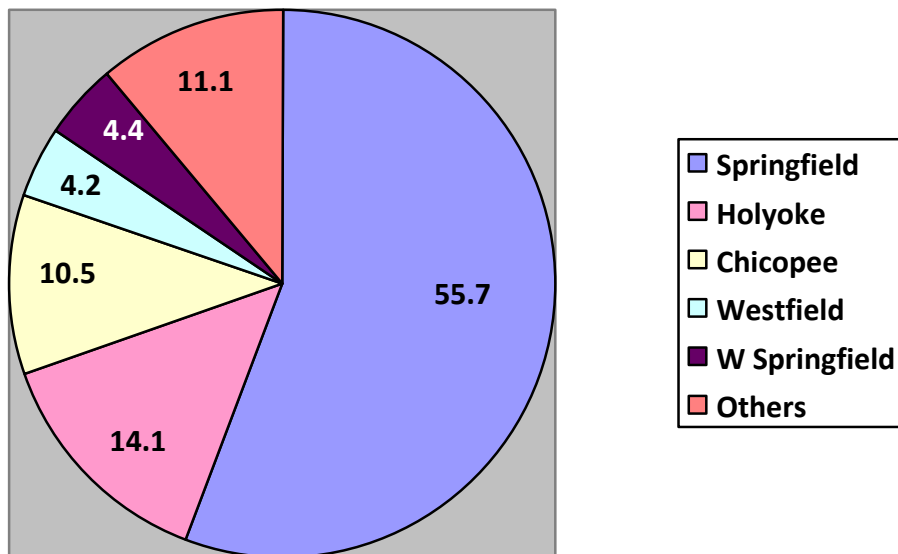
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Residence by County (Self Report at Intake)

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Homeless	13	4.2	20	2.6
Hampden	100	32.5	645	83.7
Berkshire	41	13.3	23	3.0
Franklin	5	1.6	4	0.4
Hampshire	10	3.2	23	3.0
Worcester	115	37.3	23	3.0
Other Mass County	18	5.8	13	1.7
Out of State	6	1.9	21	2.7

Hampden County (% of Hampden County Releases)

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Springfield	36	36.0	379	58.8
Holyoke	13	13.0	92	14.3
Chicopee	7	7.0	71	11.0
Westfield	9	9.0	22	3.4
West Springfield	5	5.0	28	4.3
Other Towns	30	30.0	53	8.2

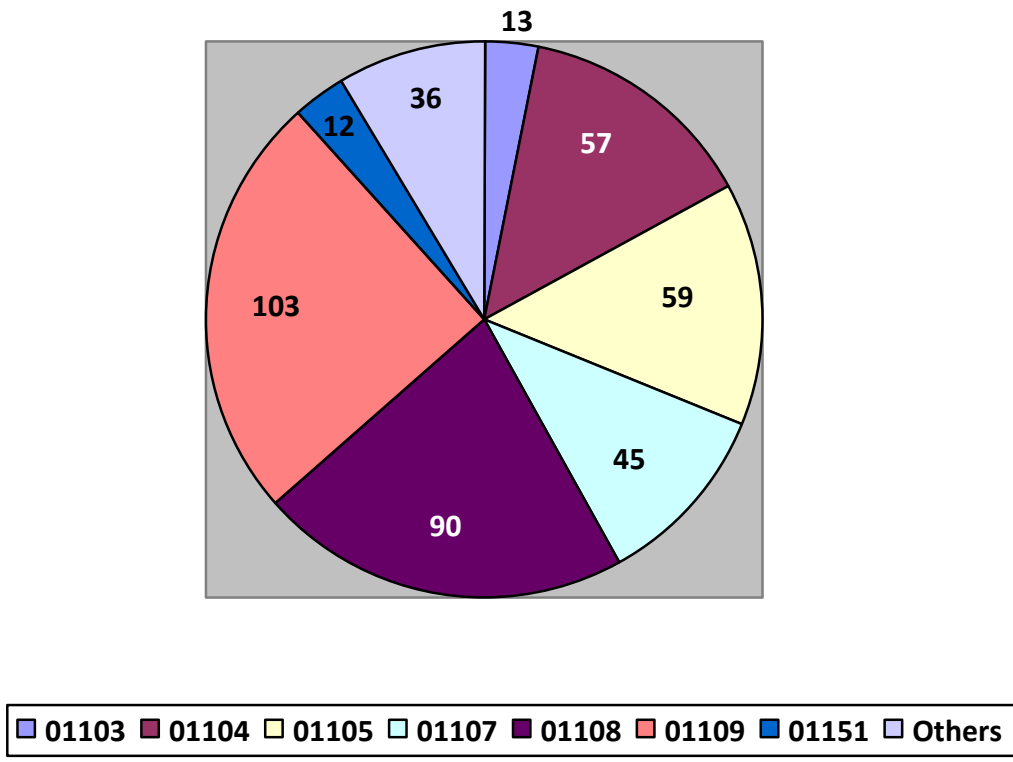


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Springfield Neighborhoods (% of Springfield Releases)

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
01103	0	0.0	13	3.4
01104	4	11.1	53	14.0
01105	9	25.0	50	13.2
01107	2	5.6	43	11.3
01108	7	19.4	83	21.9
01109	10	27.8	93	24.5
01151	0	0.0	12	3.2
Others	4	11.1	32	8.4

Number Released to Springfield Neighborhoods



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CURRENT INCARCERATION

Governing Offense

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Violent	63	20.5	134	17.4
Domestic	17	5.5	77	10.0
Sex Offense	2	0.6	11	1.4
Firearms	4	1.3	42	5.4
Violent Offenses	86	27.9	264	34.2
Property	94	30.5	142	18.4
Drugs	84	27.3	238	30.9
MV	28	9.1	83	10.8
Other	16	5.1	44	5.7
Nonviolent Offenses	222	72.0	507	65.8

Original Offense behind Parole Violations

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Violent	3	23.1	11	42.3
Nonviolent	10	76.9	15	57.7

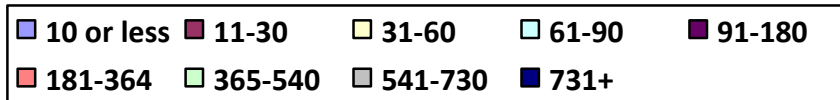
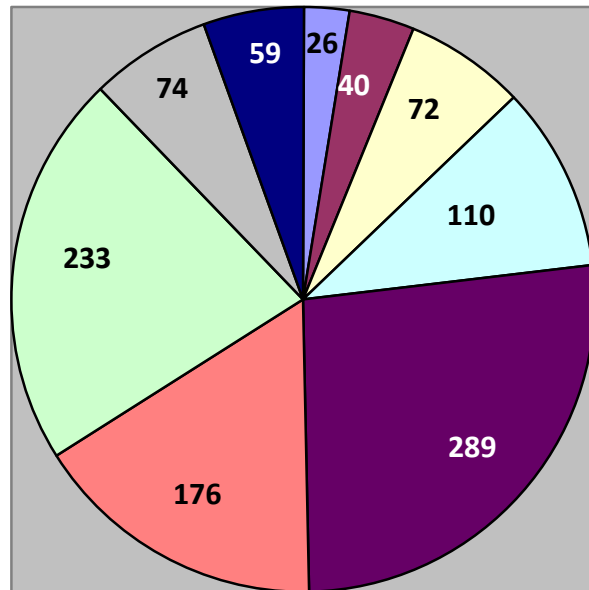
64% of technical violators are nonviolent offenders.

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Sentence Length

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
10 days or less	14	4.5	12	1.6
11-30 days	21	6.8	19	2.5
31-60 days	33	10.7	39	5.1
61-90 days	50	16.2	60	7.8
91-180 days	75	24.4	214	27.8
181-364 days	56	18.2	120	15.6
365-540 days	33	10.7	200	25.9
541-730 days	16	5.2	58	7.5
Over 731 days	10	3.2	49	6.4

Sentence Length in Days



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Days Sentenced	Females	Males
Mean	217	327
Mode (most common)	180	180
Maximum	1460	1830

Days in Custody	Females	Males
Mean	140	224
Mode	28	133
Maximum	1098	1527

Percentage of Mean Sentence Served	Females	Males
	64.5%	68.5%

% of Mean Sentence Served by Release	Parole	Wrap
	54.5 %	74.3%

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Mandatory Charges

	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>
Drugs	2	3
Firearms	0	12
MV	11	39
Stalking	0	1

Mandatory Days Sentenced by Offense

Drugs	1,825
Firearms	6,480
Motor Vehicle	9,465
Stalking	<u>365</u>
TOTAL	18,135

Mandatory days decreased 22% from 2018. Much of the reduction was the result of the virtual disappearance of the 2-year school zone sentence and a 13% decrease in the sentenced population.

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Classification at Release - Females

County Inmates

	N	%
Hampden (94)		
Maximum	1	1.1
Medium	47	50.0
Minimum	28	29.8
Work Release	1	1.1
WMRWC	15	16.0
DRP	2	2.1
Berkshire (41)		
Maximum	1	2.4
Medium	32	78.0
Minimum	4	9.8
WMRWC	3	7.3
Berkshire ELMO	1	2.4
Franklin (3)		
Medium	1	33.3
WMRWC	2	66.7
Hampshire (16)		
Medium	6	37.5
Minimum	4	25.0
Work Release	1	6.3
WMRWC	5	31.3
Worcester (138)		
Maximum	7	5.1
Medium	90	65.2
Minimum	23	16.7
WMRWC	18	13.0
Other Counties (4)		
Medium	1	25.0
WMRWC	3	75.0

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Special Populations

Department of Corrections (11)

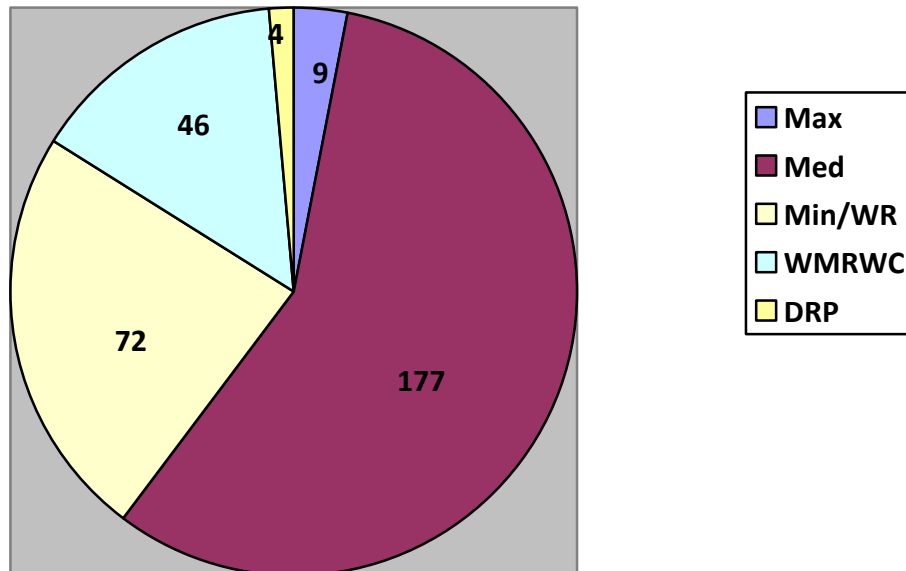
Minimum	9	81.8
Work Release	2	18.2

Bureau of Prisons (1)

DRP	1	100.0
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Female Releases - Total	N	%
Maximum	9	2.9
Medium	177	57.5
Minimum	68	22.1
Work Release	4	1.3
WMRWC	46	14.9
DRP/ELMO	4	1.3

Female Releases



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Classification at Release - Males

County Inmates

Hampden (627)	N	%
Maximum	5	0.8
Medium - General Population	115	18.3
Medium Reentry Unit	243	38.8
Community Reentry Unit	100	15.9
Minimum	34	5.4
Pre-Release	19	3.0
WMRWC	80	12.8
DRP	11	1.8
DRP-Foundation House	12	1.9
Out of County	8	1.3
Berkshire (14)	N	%
Medium Reentry Unit	3	21.4
WMRWC	11	78.6
Hampshire (8)		
Medium Reentry Unit	2	25.0
WMRWC	6	75.0
Worcester (23)		
Medium-General Population	1	4.3
Medium Reentry Unit	1	4.3
WMRWC	21	91.3
Other Counties (4)		
Maximum	1	25.0
Medium-Reentry Unit	1	25.0
Pre-Release	1	25.0
WMRWC	1	25.0

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Special Populations

Department of Corrections (70)

Medium-General Population	4	5.7
Medium Reentry Unit	6	8.6
Community Reentry Unit	8	11.4
Minimum	18	25.7
Pre-Release	31	44.3
WMRWC	2	2.9
DRP	1	1.4

Bureau of Prisons (21)

	N	%
Medium-General Population	1	4.8
Medium –Reentry Unit	1	4.8
Community Reentry Unit	1	4.8
Pre-Release	8	38.1
DRP	10	47.6

U S Probation (4)

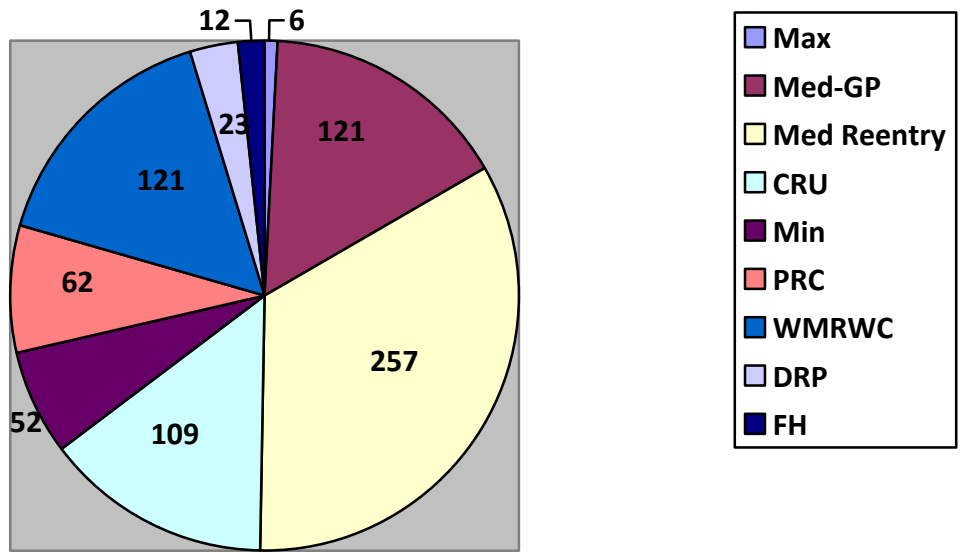
Pre-Release	3	75.0
DRP	1	25.0

Males Releases - Total

	N	%
Maximum	6	0.8
Medium-General Population	121	15.7
Medium Reentry Unit	257	33.3
Community Reentry Unit	109	14.1
Minimum	52	6.7
Pre-Release	62	8.0
WMRWC	121	15.7
DRP	23	3.0
DRP-Foundation House	12	1.6
Out of County	8	1.0

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Male Releases



Release Type

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Fine Paid	0	0.0	1	0.1
Revise/Revoke	1	0.3	2	0.3
Sentence Expired	253	82.1	667	86.5
Paroled	54	17.5	101	13.1

SECTION II
PRETRIAL RELEASES TO THE STREET

Summary

Number and Gender

There were 2849 pretrial releases to the street in 2019, 1100 females and 1794 males.

833 (29%) were bailed, 1913 (67%) were released at court and 143 (5%) were found guilty and sentenced to time served. Five women were released via video court.

Race and Ethnicity

As with the sentenced population, the racial and ethnic breakdown is different for males and females. 10% of females and 24% of males identify themselves as African American, 17% of females and 45% of males as Hispanic, and 72% of females and 31% of males as Caucasian.

Age

Mean age for pretrial women was 34 years, 171 days and for men 34 years, 237 days. Most common age for women was 28, for men 26.

12% of females are under age 25 compared to 19% of males.

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

Residence

29% of females and 99% of males gave a Hampden County address at booking. 61% of females came from Worcester County.

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Release

2060 (72%) of pretrial releases were from Hampden County courts, 1016 (36%) from Springfield District Court. 641 (22%) of releases were from Worcester County courts.

873 (31%) were being held on bail of \$2000 or less, 31 of whom were ultimately sentenced to time served. 1598 detainees held without right to bail were released at court, and 104 were sentenced to time served.

Governing Offense

1209 (42%) of pretrial releases were held on violent charges. 381 were bailed, 777 were released at court, and 51 were sentenced to time served.

358 detainees had outstanding warrants and detainers dismissed at court.

Time in Custody

Mean time in custody prior to bail was 27 days. 59% were bailed in the first 10 days and an additional 22% were bailed within 30 days.

Mean time to release at court was 36 days. 45% were released in the first 10 days and an additional 25% within 30 days.

For those sentenced to "time served", the mean was 52 days. 77 (54%) served 30 days or less, 29 (20%) served 31-60 days. 8 individuals served more than 180 days prior to disposition.

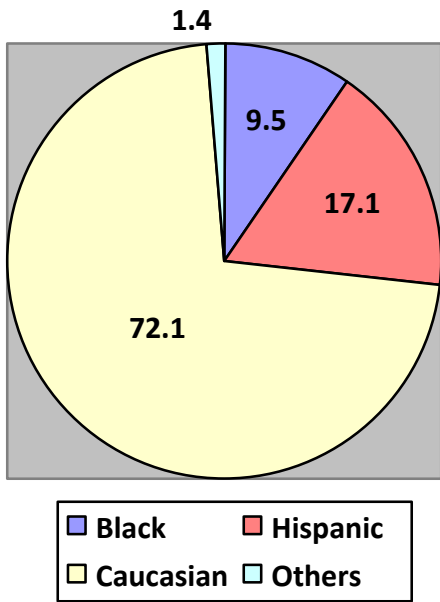
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Statistical Data

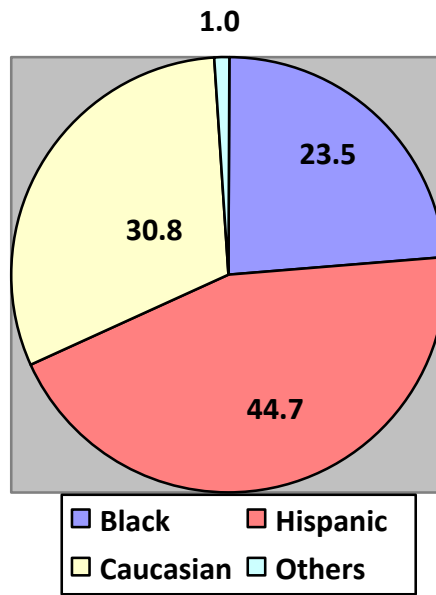
Release Type by Gender

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Bailed	214	19.5	619	34.5
Released at Court	835	75.9	1078	60.1
Time Served	46	4.2	97	5.4
Released-Video Court	5	0.4	0	0.0

Racial Breakdown-Females %



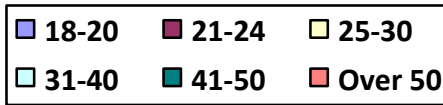
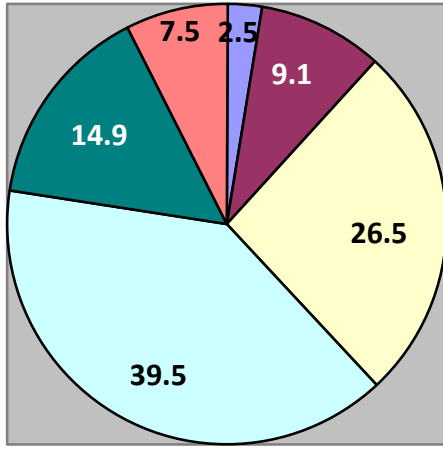
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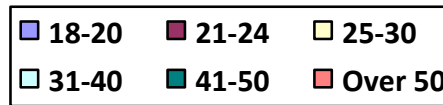
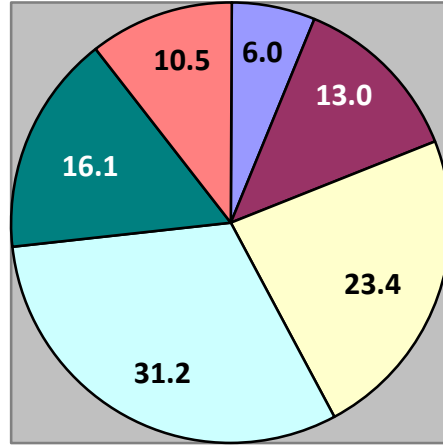
Race	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Black	104	9.5	421	23.5
Hispanic	188	17.1	802	44.7
Caucasian	793	72.1	553	30.8
Other	15	1.4	18	1.0

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Age Breakdown-Females (%)



Age Breakdown-Males (%)



Age	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
18-20	27	2.5	107	6.0
21-24	100	9.1	233	13.0
25-30	292	26.5	419	23.4
31-40	434	39.5	559	31.2
41-50	164	14.9	288	16.1
Over 50	83	7.5	188	10.5

	Females	Males
Mean Age	34.47	34.65
Minimum Age	18.00	18.00
Maximum Age	68.00	76.00
Mode (most common)	28.00	26.00

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Releases by County

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Hampden County	318	28.9	1781	99.3
Berkshire County	70	6.4	2	0.1
Franklin County	4	0.4	0	0.0
Hampshire County	33	3.0	2	0.1
Worcester County	673	61.2	8	0.4
Other MA Counties	2	0.2	1	0.1

Release Type by Court

	<u>BAILED</u>	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELT</u>
Chicopee District	95	136	8
Holyoke District	102	227	22
Palmer District	28	135	14
Springfield District	405	563	48
Westfield District	10	119	9
Hampden Superior	45	84	10
Gr. Barrington District	0	7	0
North Adams District	0	14	1
Pittsfield District	2	32	9
Berkshire Superior	1	8	0
Greenfield District	0	2	0
Orange District	0	2	0
Franklin Superior	1	0	0
Belchertown District	4	12	2
Northampton District	5	21	1
Hampshire Superior	0	4	0

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Release Type by Court, cont'd

	<u>BAILED</u>	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELT</u>
Clinton District	7	25	2
Dudley District	9	56	2
East Brookfield District	4	52	2
Fitchburg District	10	51	4
Leominster District	5	25	2
Uxbridge District	5	50	4
Westborough District	7	30	1
Worcester District	83	175	0
Worcester Superior	1	29	0
US District	0	2	0
Others	<u>4</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	833	1913	143

Note: Video Court releases: 2 from Worcester District Court, 2 from Worcester Superior Court and 1 from Westborough District Court.

Bail Status at Release

	<u>BAILED</u>	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELT</u>
\$2000 or less	673	169	31
\$2001-\$5000	110	75	4
Over \$5000	50	71	4
No Bail	0	1598	104

Reason for No Bail Status (RELC & RELT Only)

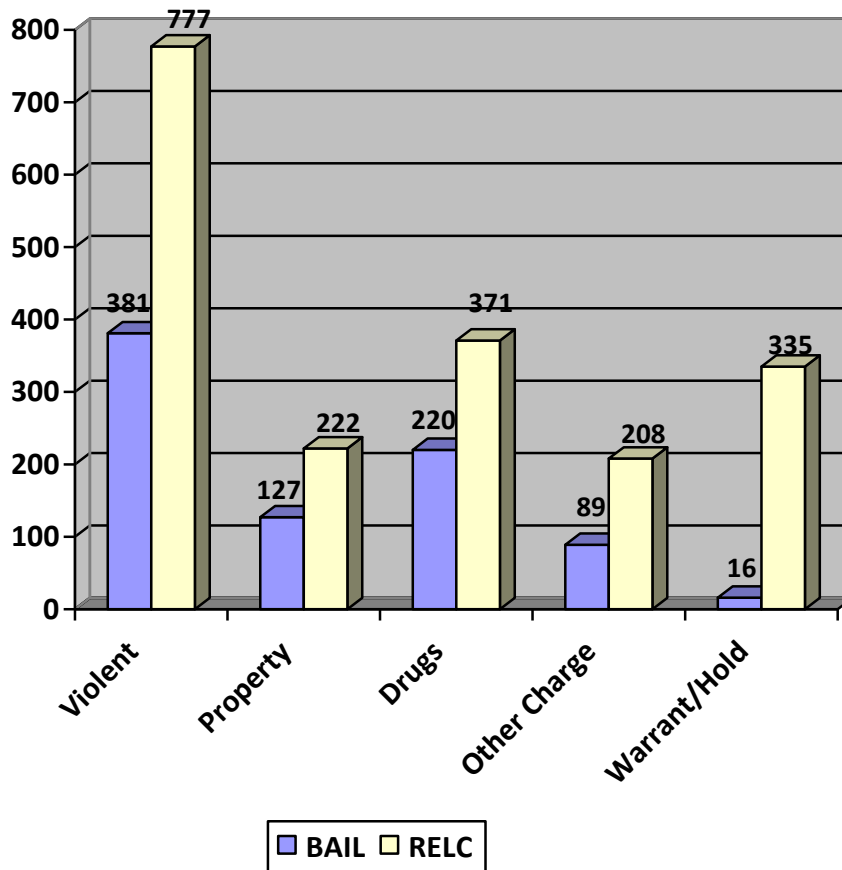
	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELT</u>
Severity of Charge(s)	136	3
Bail Revoked	459	40
Probation Violation	276	34
Warrant/Hold	538	23
Not Specified	189	4

DESCRIPTIVE OVERVIEW OF THE 2019 RELEASE COHORT

Days in Custody

	<u>BAIL</u>	<u>RELC</u>	<u>RELV</u>
Mean	27	36	43
Minimum	1	1	18
Maximum	525	1001	86
10 days or less	490 (58.8%)	858 (44.9%)	
11-30 days	181 (21.7%)	468 (24.5%)	

Governing Offense by Release Type

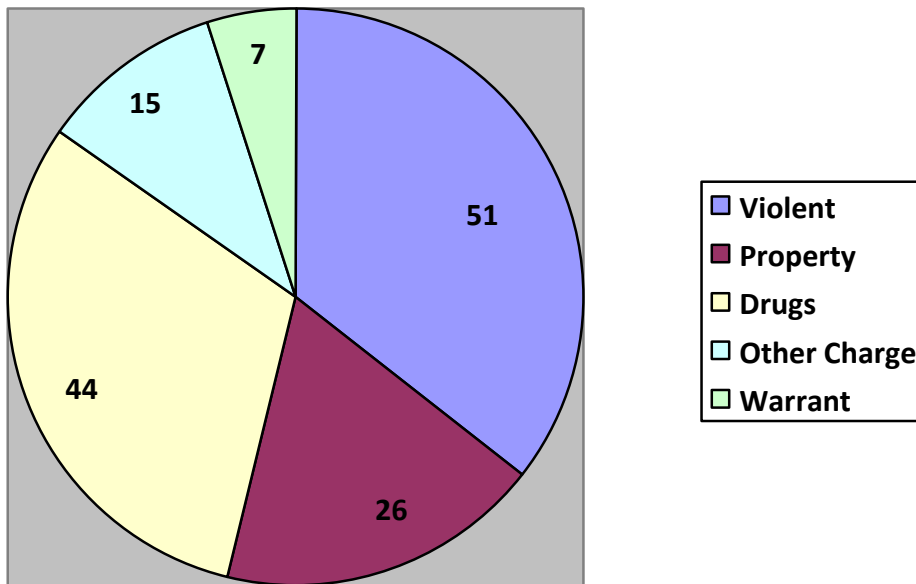


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Sentence Length - Time Served (RELT)

Mean	52
Maximum	325
30 days or less	77 (53.8%)
31-60 days	29 (20.3%)
61-90 days	15 (10.5%)
91-180 days	14 (9.8%)
More than 180 days	8 (5.6%)

Offense Type - Time Served



**SECTION III
OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO DOC**

Summary

There were 133 sentences to Mass DOC in 2019, 9 females and 124 males.

These individuals were overwhelmingly minority (33% African American and 42% Hispanic).

35% were under age 30.

49 (37%) were sentenced for a nonviolent crime, 66 (50%) for a violent crime and 18 (13%) for a parole violation.

Mean time to disposition for a nonviolent case was 291 days, for a violent non-murder case, 435 days.

6 men and 2 women were sentenced on charges of murder or manslaughter. Two men received a life sentence without parole. Mean time to disposition was 595 days.

12 men were sentenced for a sex offense. Meantime to disposition was 386 days.

The most common sentence was 5 to 7 years.

28 offenders (21%) received a sentence with a one-day difference between the minimum and maximum, 11 for nonviolent offenses. This sentence structure eliminates the possibility of parole.

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2019 OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO DOC
Statistical Data

Gender

Females	9
Males	124

Race by Gender

	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
Black	1	11.1	43	34.7
Hispanic	4	44.4	52	41.9
Caucasian	4	44.4	28	22.6
Other	0	0.0	1	0.8

Age by Gender

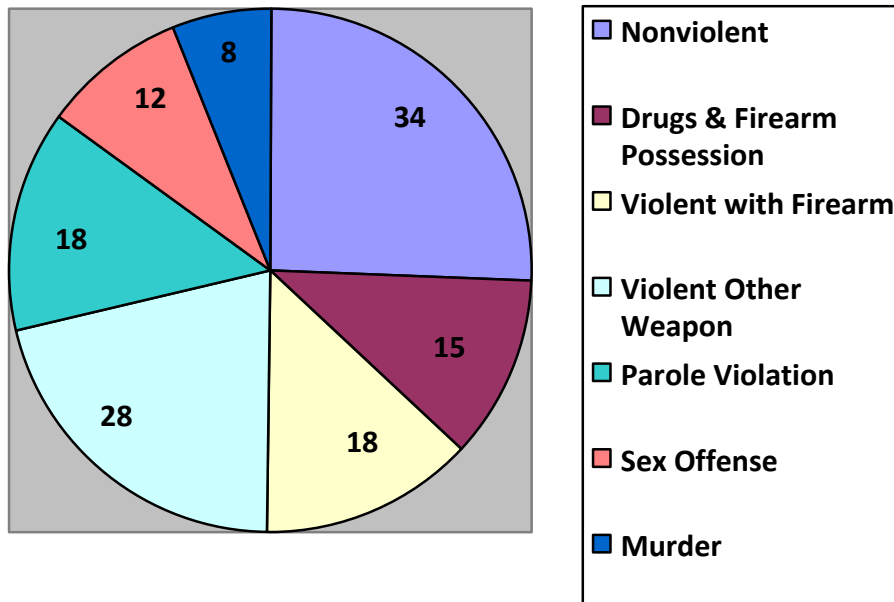
	Females		Males	
	N	%	N	%
18-24	2	22.2	16	12.9
25-30	3	33.3	29	23.4
31-40	4	44.4	56	45.2
41-50	0	0.0	17	13.7
Over 50	0	0.0	6	4.8

Pretrial Custody (days)

	Females	Males
Mean	442	319
Minimum	8	1
Maximum	1754	1211

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Offense Type



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DOC Sentence by Offense Type

Nonviolent (N=49)

Mean Days Pretrial	291 (9.7 months)
Mean Minimum Sentence	1464 days (4 years + 4 days)
Most Common Sentence	5-7 years
One Day Difference (Min-Max)	11

Violent (N=46)

Mean Days Pretrial	435 (14.5 months)
Mean Minimum Sentence	1436 days (3.9 years)
Most Common Sentence	3 years – 3 years and day
One Day Difference (Min-Max)	13

Sex Offense (N=12)

Mean Days Pretrial	386 (12.5 months)
Mean Minimum Sentence	2403 days (6.6 years)
Most Common Sentence	5-6 years
One Day Difference (Min-Max)	4

Murder/Manslaughter (N=8)

Mean Days Pretrial	595 (1.6 years)
Life Sentences	2

Parole Violation (N=18)

Mean Days Pretrial	9 days
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