



ANNUAL RELEASE REPORT 1-PAGE SYNOPSIS

Hampden County Sheriff's Department (March 2022)

The latest Annual Release Report provides a description of releases from Hampden County Sheriff's Department in calendar year 2021. Published annually since 2000, the report describes those "Released To the Street" (RTS = not transferred to any other jurisdiction or institution) from Pretrial or Sentenced, as well as those transferred to DOC on state sentences. This year for the first time the report also provides brief summaries of RTS Special Populations, including RLU's, Diversions, Angels, and Section 35 Civil Commitments.

The Release Report details gender, race, age, residence, risk (Sentenced), bail (Pretrial), charge, governing offense, sentence length (Sentenced), length of stay, and classification status. The Sentenced release cohort will be followed for Recidivism at points 1-, 2-, and 3-years post release in the annual Recidivism Report, published by April of each year. Both reports are de-identified and may be shared.

The authors, Dr. Sally J. Van Wright and Dr. Nicole Harrington, thank Dr. Martha Lyman for laying the foundation, as well as retired Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. and Sheriff Nicholas Cocchi for foresight in establishing and supporting these longitudinal studies, a rarity in U.S. short term confinement research.

4836 RELEASES TO STREET (grand total in 2021) were made up of three distinct cohorts, as follows:

RTS Pretrial	=	2259 Releases
RTS Sentenced	=	403 Releases
RTS Special Populations	=	2174 Releases

In addition, there were **82 persons Sentenced to DOC** upon their Release from HCS.

Key Facts

- The Pretrial RTS population (N=2259) were 74% men (1670 releases) and 26% women (589 releases). They were an overwhelmingly short-stay population, with 1084 (48%) in HCS custody 10 days or fewer. About 2% (37 persons) had been detained for more than a year. Pretrial Releases other than RTS included 311 to Other Agencies and 2 Probate Purged for a total of 2572 Pretrial Releases of all types.
- The Sentenced RTS population (N = 403) were 77% men (310 releases) and 23% women (93 releases), duplicated only if sentenced and released twice. About three quarters were released by Sentence Expiration while 26% left on Parole. Length of Stay was longer for sentenced men at an average of 269 days (about 9 months) than for sentenced women at 115 days (about 4 months).
- Special Populations RTS (N = 2174) are described for the first time in this report, with 36 being Diversions, 1445 Regional Lockups, 24 from the Angel (Voluntary self-commit) program, and 669 Civil Commitment (Section 35 for SUD) Regular Releases .
- Typical ages, while varying by population, range from late 20's to early 30's, with women generally older than men in our system. Race varies by gender as well, with about half of Pretrial and Sentenced men being Hispanic and a quarter each White and Black; meanwhile majorities of women (66% Pretrial and 77% Sentenced) were White, and smaller proportions Hispanic women (20% Pretrial and 15% Sentenced) and Black women (11% Pretrial and 8% Sentenced). Among Civil Commitment men, 64% were White while 24% were Hispanic, 9% Black, and 2% Other.
- The Research Team encourages all to consult the full Release Report (42 pages) and also welcomes further inquiries to assist you with operational planning. Please e-mail or call us with your questions.