

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CORRECTIONS

A profile of the Sheriff's Department of Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Criminal Justice Policy Coalition
COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROJECT

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Middlesex County, incorporated May 10, 1643¹ and abolished² July 11, 1997, includes (cities in **bold**; * county seat): Acton, Arlington, Ashby, Ashland, Ayer, Bedford, Belmont, Billerica, Boxborough, Burlington, **Cambridge*** (101,355), Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, **Everett** (38,037), Framingham (66,910)³, Groton, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, **Lowell*** (105,167), **Malden** (56,340), **Marlborough** (36,255), Maynard, **Medford** (55,765), **Melrose** (27,134), Natick, **Newton** (83,829), North Reading, Pepperell, Reading, Sherborn, Shirley, **Somerville** (77,478), Stoneham, Stow, Sudbury, Tewksbury, Townsend, Tyngsborough, Wakefield, **Waltham** (59,226), **Watertown**[®] (32,986), Wayland, Westford, Weston, Wilmington, Winchester, **Woburn** (37,258)

Middlesex County Racial Breakdown: White Non-Hispanic (83.6%); Asian (6.3%); Hispanic/Latino (4.6%); Black (3.4%); Other race (2.1%); American Indian (0.2%)

	Middlesex County	Massachusetts
Population:	1,471,724 ⁵	453,506 Avg. County
Area (square miles):	823	560 Avg. County
Unemployment:	5.10%	5.8%
Median income:	\$62,874	\$51,085
Persons below poverty	6.5% ⁶	9.3%
High school graduates:	88.5%	84.8%
College degrees:	43.6%	33.2%
Other language ⁷ :	20.4%	18.7%

* One of 11 Massachusetts communities granted city form of government, but remain known as "the town of," www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cisctlist/ctlistcoun.htm.

¹ www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cisctlist/ctlistcounin.htm.

² Counties remain, but some county governments have been "abolished;" their offices are now under direction of certain state offices; for instance, Registry of Deeds offices are under the direction of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office, www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cisctlist/ctlistcounin.htm. Abolished counties do not receive "county" revenue to fund corrections; all funding comes through the state budget.

³ In population, Framingham is the largest town (form of government) in the state, www.framinghamma.org.

⁴ All population, demographic, and economic data from U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>; and 2003, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov.

⁵ 1999, U.S. Census Bureau, Census, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>.

⁶ A language other than English is spoken in the home, U.S. Census Bureau, Census, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>.

SHERIFF JAMES V. DiPAOLA, JR. (DEM.)

Elected: 1996⁸
Re-elected: 2004, unopposed
Education: N/A
Background: State Representative (36th Middlesex - Malden, 1992 - 1996); Malden Police Department, (18 years as patrolman, sergeant, and undercover narcotics detective); over 25 years in the United States Military Reserves

CORRECTIONS POPULATION AND BUDGET

	Middlesex County	Average all Counties
Average daily population:	1,162 ⁹	969 ¹⁰
Total design capacity:	1,035	617
Percent of design capacity:	112% ¹¹	157%
New commitments annually:	1,902	1,157 ¹²
Inmates released annually:	N/A ¹³	N/A
FY05 operating budget:	\$48,620,821	\$32,234,015 ¹⁴
Annual per inmate cost:	\$41,842	\$35,821
Women committed:	2	65 ¹⁵
Average sentence length:	N/A ¹⁶	<12 months ¹⁷
Average age county inmates:	N/A ¹⁸	N/A
Inmates <i>without</i> high school diploma:	N/A ¹⁹	N/A
Community Corrections participants:	93/0	62/11 ²⁰

⁸ In an off-cycle sheriff's election, Sheriff DiPaola defeated the sitting sheriff (R. Bradford Bailey), who had been appointed to serve the remaining four years of the prior sheriff's (John J. McGonigle) term. DiPaola was elected to his first full term in 1998.

⁹ Average daily population, Jan. 5 2004 to Dec. 28, 2004, Mass. Department of Correction (DOC), *Quarterly Report on the Status of Prison Overcrowding, First Quarter, 2005*. During this period, Middlesex held 9% of county inmates statewide.

¹⁰ Average daily population of the 13 counties that maintain correctional facilities.

¹¹ DOC annual (2003) and quarterly overcrowding reports.

¹² New commitments 2003, DOC, *New Court Commitments to County Facilities* (2003).

¹³ Release numbers are not currently tracked for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁴ From FY05 State Budget and information provided by the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association; Middlesex accounted for 11% of statewide spending; approx. \$451,276,205 total statewide spending.

¹⁵ In 2003, female county commitments totaled 909 statewide; seven counties had two or fewer newly committed women; the other seven counties averaged 129 women, DOC, *New Court Commitments* (2003).

¹⁶ Sentence length is not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁷ In 2003, 70% of new county commitments received sentences under 12 months, DOC, *New Court Commitments*.

¹⁸ Inmate age is not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁹ Education levels are not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

²⁰ First number indicates total participants in the county; second is the number supervised by the sheriff's departments; Approx. 866 offenders supervised statewide (2003); 149 supervised by sheriff's departments, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court Office of Community Corrections, *Utilization of Community Corrections Centers Statistical Report, FY 200*.