



NORFOLK COUNTY CORRECTIONS

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

Criminal Justice Policy Coalition
COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROJECT

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Norfolk County, incorporated March 26, 1793¹, includes (cities in **bold**; * county seat): Avon, Bellingham, Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham*, Dover, Foxborough, Franklin (29,560), Holbrook, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Milton, Needham, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Quincy (88,025), Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Wellesley, Westwood, Weymouth[¶] (534,988), Wrentham

Norfolk County Racial Breakdown: White Non-Hispanic (87.9%); Asian (5.5%); Black (3.2%); Hispanic/Latino (1.8%) Other Race (0.8%) American Indian (0.1%)

	Norfolk County	Massachusetts
Population:	654,331 ³	453,506 Avg. County
Area (square miles):	400	560 Avg. County
Unemployment:	4.8%	5.8%
Median income:	\$65,200	\$51,085
Persons below poverty:	4.6% ⁴	9.3%
High school graduates:	91.3%	84.8%
College degrees:	42.9%	33.2%
Other language ⁵ :	14.5%	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 An earlier, now extinct, Norfolk County was incorporated May 10, 1643. Norfolk is one of seven counties that have not been abolished; all 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.

² 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.

³ 1999, U.S. Census Bureau, Census, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>.

⁴ A language other than English is spoken in the home, U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>.

SHERIFF MICHAEL G. BELLOTTI (DEM.)

Elected: 1998
Re-elected: 2004;Unopposed⁶
Education: N/A
Background: State Representative (First Norfolk; Vice Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources 1994-96; member of Elder Caucus)

CORRECTIONS POPULATION AND BUDGET

	Norfolk County	Average all Counties
Average daily population:	550 ⁷	969 ⁸
Total design capacity:	354	617
Percent over design capacity:	155% ⁹	157%
New commitments annually:	953	1,157 ¹⁰
Inmates released annually:	N/A ¹¹	N/A
FY05 operating budget:	\$27,272,812	\$32,234,015 ¹²
Annual per inmate cost:	\$49,587	\$35,821
Women committed:	1	65 ¹³
Average sentence length:	N/A ¹⁴	<12 months ¹⁵
Average age county inmates:	N/A ¹⁶	
Inmates <i>without</i> high school diploma:	N/A ¹⁷	N/A
Community Corrections participants:	42/3	62/11 ¹⁸

⁶ Unofficial election results from www.boston.com.

⁷ 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, Norfolk held 4% of county inmates statewide.

⁸ Average daily population of the 13 counties that maintain correctional facilities.

⁹ DOC annual (2003) and quarterly overcrowding reports.

¹⁰ New commitments 2003, DOC, *New Court Commitments to County Facilities* (2003).

¹¹ Release numbers are not currently tracked for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹² From FY05 State Budget and information provided by the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association; Norfolk accounted for 6% of statewide spending; approx. \$451,276,205 total statewide spending.

¹³ 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).

¹⁴ Sentence length is not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁵ In 2003, 70% of new county commitments received sentences under 12 months, DOC, *New Court Commitments*.

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

¹⁷ Education levels are not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁸ First number indicates total participants in the county; second is the number supervised by 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*.