



SUFFOLK COUNTY CORRECTIONS

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

Criminal Justice Policy Coalition
COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROJECT

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Suffolk County, incorporated May 10, 1643¹ and abolished July 1, 1999², includes: (cities in **bold**; * county seat): **Boston*** (589,141), **Chelsea** (35,080), **Revere** (47,283), Winthrop

Suffolk County Racial Breakdown: White Non-Hispanic (52.1%); Black (22.2%); Hispanic (15.5%); Other race (8.2%); Asian (7.0%); American Indian (0.4%)

	Suffolk County	Massachusetts
Population:	680,705 ³	453,506 Avg. County
Area (square miles):	59	560 Avg. County
Unemployment:	6.2%	5.8%
Median income:	\$39,993	\$51,085
Persons below poverty	19.0% ⁴	9.3%
High school graduates:	78.1%	84.8%
College degrees:	32.5%	33.2%
Other language ⁵ :	33.8%	18.7%

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 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

⁴ 1999, U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>

⁵ A language other than English is spoken in the home, U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>

SHERIFF ANDREA CABRAL (DEM.)

Elected: 2004, unopposed; appointed in 2002

Education: B.A., Boston College, 1981
J.D., Suffolk, 1986

Background: Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, (1993 - 1994); Office of Attorney General (1991 - 1993); Assistant District Attorney, Middlesex District Attorney's Office (1987 - 1991); Staff Attorney, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (1986 - 1987)

CORRECTIONS POPULATION AND BUDGET

	Suffolk County	Average all Counties
Average daily population:	2,408 ⁶	969 ⁷
Total design capacity	1,599	617
Percent over design capacity:	151% ⁸	157%
New commitments annually:	2,616	1,157 ⁹
Inmates released annually:	N/A ¹⁰	N/A
FY05 operating budget:	\$100,244,966	\$32,234,015 ¹¹
Annual per inmate cost:	\$41,630	\$35,821
Women committed:	213	65 ¹²
Average sentence length:	N/A ¹³	<12 months ¹⁴
Average age county inmates:	N/A ¹⁵	N/A
Inmates <i>without</i> high school diploma:	N/A ¹⁶	N/A
Community Corrections participants:	174/28	62/11 ¹⁷

⁶ 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, Suffolk held 20% of county inmates statewide.

⁷ Average daily population of the 13 counties that maintain correctional facilities

⁸ DOC annual (2003) and quarterly overcrowding reports

⁹ New commitments 2003, DOC, *New Court Commitments to County Facilities* (2003).

¹⁰ Release numbers are not currently tracked for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹¹ From FY05 State Budget and information provided by the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association; Suffolk accounted for 23% of statewide spending; approx. \$451,276,205 total statewide spending

¹² 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).

¹³ Sentence length is not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁴ In 2003, 70% of new county commitments received sentences under 12 months, DOC, *New Court Commitments*.

¹⁵ Inmate age is not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁶ Education levels are not currently reported for county corrections; CJPC is gathering this data from sheriff's departments.

¹⁷ 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*.