Bristol County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Bristol County Sheriff oversees these prisons:

- Bristol County house of correction (HOC), for people who have been convicted and sentenced, generally for up to 2½ years;
- Bristol County jail, for higher risk people who have been arrested but have not yet gone to trial;
- Bristol County Sheriff's Office Women's Center, for convicted and sentenced women;
- C. Carlos Carreiro Immigration Detention Center, for people facing federal immigration charges or waiting to be deported;
- Ash Street Jail and Regional Lock-Up, mainly for people who have been arrested but have not yet gone to trial, with a few who have been sentenced.

2015 salary: $157,544/year 2015 budget: $44,295,000 No. of employees (2015): 564

▪ HOC prisoners:	416 men	11 women
▪ Jail prisoners:	538 men	39 women
▪ Women's Center:	59 sentenced	23 pre-trial
▪ Regional lockup:	18 sentenced	172 pre-trial

- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. There are no state prisoners at Bristol County.

- Some counties are paid by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hold people being held ("detained") for immigration violations. There are about 150 ICE detainees in Bristol County.

- Some county jails/HOC's are overcrowded. What is the situation in Bristol County?

  - HOC/jail built for304; houses 1004 (330% occupancy)
  - Women's Center built for 56; houses 82 (146% occupancy)
  - Ash Street jail/regional lockup built for 206; houses 190 (92% occupancy)

- HOC's/jails often hold prisoners in isolation ("solitary confinement") as punishment for violating the rules. Number of prisoners who can be held in solitary at one time: about 50.

Classes and programs available to prisoners:

- Educational – various programs, including special ed and English as a second language
- Vocational – janitorial, food sanitation, computer technology, culinary arts, HVAC
- Substance abuse and addiction programs
- Personal growth – parenting, domestic violence, sex offender, anger management, etc.
- Community work programs (unpaid)
- Religious programs
- Literature and poetry