

Hampden County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Hampden County Sheriff oversees these prisons and programs:

- Hampden County house of correction (HOC), for people who have been convicted and sentenced, generally for up to 2½ years;
- Hampden County jail, for people who have been arrested but have not yet gone to trial;
- Hampden County Pre-Release Center, for prisoners nearing the end of their sentences;
- Western Mass. Regional Women's Correctional Center, for sentenced women from western Mass. counties;
- Western Mass. Correctional Addiction Center, for sentenced prisoners with addictions;
- Community Safety Center, where people convicted of offenses report on daily basis for supervision;
- After Incarceration Support Systems, where former prisoners can get help.

2015 base salary: \$151,709 2015 budget: \$77,936,000 No. of employees (2015): 902

- Prisoners who have been sentenced: 524 men 128 women
- Prisoners held pre-trial: 606 men 149 women

- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. Hampden County houses 47 state prisoners.

- Some counties are paid by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to house people being held (“detained”) for immigration violations. There are no ICE detainees at Hampden County.

- Some county jails/HOC’s are overcrowded. What is the situation in Hampden County?
 - HOC/jail: built for 1178; houses 1090 (93% occupancy)
 - Western MA Regional Women’s CC: built for 306; houses 270 (88% occupancy)
 - Western MA Addiction Center: built for 148; houses 103 (70% 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: 106.

- Hampden County provides extensive assessments and programs for prisoners. Go to <http://hcsdma.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Programs-Overview-Website.pdf> for details.

For information about the Ad Hoc Coalition to Stop New Jails in Massachusetts, please contact lois@realcostofprisons.org.