

# Hampshire County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Hampshire County Sheriff oversees these prisons and programs:

- Hampshire County house of correction (HOC), for people who have been convicted and sentenced, generally for up to 2½ years;
- Hampshire County jail, for people who have been arrested but have not yet gone to trial;
- Community Corrections Center, where people convicted of offenses report for varying levels of supervision.

2015 base salary: \$151,709      2015 budget: \$13,748,000      No. of employees (2015): 168

- Prisoners who have been sentenced:      126 men      0 women
- Prisoners held pre-trial:      79 men      0 women
  
- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. There are 26 state prisoners in Hampshire County.
  
- Some counties are paid by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to hold people being held (“detained”) for immigration violations. There are no ICE detainees in Hampshire County.
  
- Some county jails/HOC’s are overcrowded. What is the situation in Hampshire County?

Jail/HOC built for 287      Jail/HOC population 231 (80% 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: 24.

Classes and programs available to prisoners:

- Education – Adult Basic Education, GED, ESL, special ed, math, college level classes, etc.
- Treatment – substance use, AA/NA, victim impact, domestic violence, anger management, parenting, etc.
- Amherst College Inside Out – students & prisoners take class together at the HOC
- Puppy training for service dogs
- Pre-release and work release