

## Norfolk County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Norfolk County Sheriff oversees these prisons:

- Norfolk County house of correction (HOC), for people who have been convicted and sentenced, generally for up to 2½ years;
- Norfolk County jail, for people who have been arrested but have not yet gone to trial.

2015 salary: \$157, 544

2015 budget: \$30,823,000

No. of employees (2015): 311

- Prisoners who have been sentenced:           228 men       0 women
- Prisoners held pre-trial:                       274 men       0 women
  
- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. There are no state prisoners at Norfolk 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 at Norfolk County.
  
- Some county jails/HOC’s are overcrowded. What is the situation in Norfolk County?  
  
                    Jail/HOC built for 620           Jail/HOC population 501 (81% occupancy)
  
- HOC’s/jails often hold prisoners in isolation (“solitary confinement”) as punishment for violating the rules. No information is available on the number of prisoners who can be held in solitary at one time; please ask the sheriff.

Classes and programs available to prisoners:

- Substance use – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment, Intensive Treatment Unit, science of addiction, relapse prevention
- Health & treatment – AIDS/HIV, anger management, sex offenders, domestic relations, compulsive behaviors, men’s health
- Educational – Adult Basic Education, GED, ESL, college transition program, creative writing, etc.
- Vocational – Computers, HVAC, HVAC electrical, culinary arts, horticulture, etc.
- Re-entry – Offender Re-Entry Initiative targeting repeat offenders
- Pre-release – Electronic Incarceration Program, allowing prisoners to live and work in community with electronic ankle “bracelet”

For information about the Ad Hoc Coalition to Stop New Jails in Massachusetts, please contact [lois@realcostofprisons.org](mailto:lois@realcostofprisons.org).