

Plymouth County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Plymouth County Sheriff oversees these prisons:

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

2015 salary: \$157, 544

2015 budget: \$53,150,000

No. of employees (2015): 596

- Prisoners who have been sentenced: 256 men 0 women
- Prisoners held pre-trial: 543 men 0 women
- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. There are 194 state prisoners at Plymouth County.
- Some counties are paid by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to hold people being held (“detained”) for immigration violations. There are 91 ICE detainees at Plymouth County.
- Some county jails/HOC’s are overcrowded. What is the situation in Plymouth County?

Jail/HOC built for 1140

Jail/HOC houses 1,112 (98% 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: 109.

Classes and programs available to prisoners:

- Substance use – appears to depend on what volunteers can provide
- Educational – appears to depend on what volunteers can provide
- Vocational – horticulture (Plymouth County Farm), care of retired race horses, graphic arts (offset and digital printing, silk screening, machine embroidery)
- Community service – Project Labor, where prisoners provide unpaid work (carpentry, masonry, landscaping, painting) for towns and nonprofits.