

## Suffolk County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Suffolk County Sheriff oversees these prisons:

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

2015 salary: \$158,064                      2015 budget: \$105,566,000                      No. of employees (2015): 1,019

- Prisoners who have been sentenced:                      860 men                      114 women
- Prisoners held pre-trial:                      628 men                      3 women
  
- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. Suffolk County has 12 state prisoners.
  
- Some counties are paid by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to hold people being held (“detained”) for immigration violations. We were not able to get information on the number of ICE detainees in Suffolk County; please ask the sheriff.
  
- Some county jails/HOC’s are overcrowded. What is the situation in Suffolk County?
  - HOC built for 1,796                      HOC population 986 (55% occupancy)
  - Jail built for 453                      Jail population 631 (139% 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.
  
- Suffolk County provides a wide array of programs for prisoners, including educational, vocational, women’s, re-entry, social services and religious programs. For a complete listing, go to <http://www.scsdma.org/programs/education-programs/>, see list on left side of the page.