

Worcester County Sheriff's Department – Fact sheet

The Worcester County Sheriff oversees these prisons:

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

2015 salary: \$157,544 2015 budget: \$44,586,000 No. of employees (2015): 522

- Prisoners who have been sentenced: 443 men 0 women
- Prisoners held pre-trial: 644 men 0 women

- Some counties are paid by the state Dept. of Correction to house state prisoners. There are 2 state prisoners in Worcester County.

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

- Some county jails/HOC’s are overcrowded. What is the situation in Worcester County?

Jail/HOC built for 822 Jail/HOC population 1,077 (131% 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:

- Education – pre-GED & GED prep, math college prep math & language arts, ESL, etc.
- Substance Abuse Treatment Opportunity (STOP) program
- Work release – prisoner has paid employment in the outside community
- Re-entry services – housing, transportation, education, substance use counseling.