

DOC Responses to Other Information Requests

- How many people per year are reaching the end of their lives in Maine prisons? How do the numbers break down for men versus women?

It's unclear if this question is referring to elderly residents passing away in part due to an extended age, or deaths in general.

To date there have been 9 in custody deaths in 2022 within a MDOC facility.

On average, since 2017, seven residents have died per year in Maine DOC facilities, the vast majority males.

- How do the numbers break down for men versus women?

Age range	Number in MDOC Custody (M/F)
65-69	M=41, F=0
70-74	M=19, F=0
75-79	M=10, F=2
80+	M=7, F=1

- How many are in hospice programs in DOC facilities?
 - Currently none. At any one time, there is usually only one male and rarely one female.
- How many residents are working in the hospice programs?

There are four at MCC and seven at MSP, though they have other jobs and are involved in programs beyond only the hospice program.

- How many people in Maine are currently serving a “DOC sentence?”

1712 total persons.

Of this total:

 - 20 individuals are serving a Maine term of imprisonment in an out of state facility.
 - 66 individuals are serving their Maine term of imprisonment while on Supervised Community Confinement (which means they reside in the community, not in a correctional facility).

- How many people currently serving a “DOC sentence” might become eligible for parole if it were reestablished? Understanding that parole can take different forms, and the form could impact the number.

Unfortunately this is impossible to answer as it would depend on the terms of parole.

We could assume however that anyone currently eligible for SCCP would also be eligible for parole.

- What is the cost of running each DOC facility on a per person (resident), per year basis for each facility?

The costs vary depending on the facility. Currently, the average costs on a per year basis per person in a MDOC facility is approximately \$78,000. These costs have significantly increased in the last 18 months due to inflation to goods, increases in utility costs, service costs, and continued decreases in the resident population count.

- What is the breakdown on sentence types and sentence lengths for residents of DOC facilities? Including, how many are serving more than 10 years, more than 20, and life sentences.

Of those who are serving Maine terms of imprisonment in Maine DOC facilities or out of state facilities, there are:

- 1176 persons who have 10 years or fewer until their current custody release date (which is figured by deducting jail detention time from the sentence as imposed and then crediting good time received and retained up to the present date),
 - 164 persons who have more than 10 years but not more than 20,
 - 69 persons who have more than 20 years but not more than 30,
 - 90 persons who are serving more than 30 years but not more than 40,
 - 45 persons who are serving more than 40 years but not more than 50,
 - 33 persons who are serving more than 50 years, and
 - 57 person who are serving life sentences.
- What percentage of convicted persons are on probation in Maine?
70% of those who are sentenced to the Maine DOC are on probation.
This does not take account those who are convicted and sentenced solely to county jails or given only fines, etc.
 - Of those on probation, what percentage violate their probation?
This is hard to determine as many of those on probation who violate their probation receive “graduated sanctions” that do not involve revocations (these are imposed administratively by the DOC) or receive from the courts partial revocations with probation to continue, sometime multiple times. However, in the last year, 20% of probationers had their probations ended due to full revocations or partial revocations with probation to terminate.
 - Of those who violate their probation, what percentage do so by committing new offenses versus violating conditions of their probation?

Of those probation clients whose probations ended due to full revocations or partial revocations with probation to terminate in the last year:

- 74.3% were due to the commission of new crimes,
- 24.5% were due to violating other conditions of probation (often after having received “graduated sanctions” or partial revocations with probation to continue for prior violations), and
- 1.2% were due to both.

- How did the department’s budget change following the 1976 repeal of parole? What was the budget in the years leading up to 1976 and the years immediately prior (perhaps 1965-1985)?

We’re not able to answer this.

- How has the number of incarcerated people in Maine (as compared to the population of Maine) changed since the repeal of parole in 1976? How has the rate of recidivism changed in that time?

We’re not able to answer this.