



Corrections and Community Supervision

DOCCS FACT SHEET

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The management and operation of prisons is difficult work. It requires an equal measure of patience, discipline and creativity. DOCCS is responsible for the care, custody, and treatment of individuals sentenced to state prison, working with these incarcerated individuals to ensure successful re-entry into the community and supervising those who are placed on parole. That's our Department's mission and it's the guide we follow to carry out the very serious responsibility entrusted to us.

The material contained within this Fact Sheet is based on statistical information compiled by DOCCS and it is intended to provide insight into the function and operation of the Department's 50 facilities that house 30,591 incarcerated individuals and 30,965 parolees under DOCCS' responsibility.

Prison Safety

Statewide Assaults*						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assaults on Staff Statewide**	799	972	1,033	1,047	1,173	185
Assaults on Incarcerated Individuals Statewide**	1,224	1,165	1,265	1,205	1,106	191

*Excludes Willard, Edgecombe and Parole Diversion Programs.

**Includes disciplinary confinement SHU 200 units and Regional Medical Units.

Maximum vs. Medium Facility Incarcerated Individual-on-Staff Assaults* 2017-2022						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assaults on Staff Statewide	799	972	1,033	1,048	1,173	185
Maximum-Security*	567	722	769	774	885	126
Medium-Security	214	237	249	262	284	57

Excludes Willard, Edgecombe and Parole Diversion Programs.

*Includes disciplinary confinement SHU 200 units and Regional Medical Units.

Note: Unlike the Penal Law where physical injury is a required element, any attack by an incarcerated individual is classified by DOCCS as an assault. This includes events where no physical injury occurs and events where any object, including a small object, is thrown at and hits another person. By contrast, in the Penal Law, an assault requires physical injury, which means impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.

2021 4 th Quarter Assaults					
	Oct	Nov	Dec		Total
Assault on Incarcerated Individual	82	101	113		296
Assault on Staff	104	109	125		338
Total	186	210	238		634

Assault Degree of Injury to Staff				
Incident Type: Staff Injured during an Incarcerated Individual on Incarcerated Individual Assault				
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
No Injury	417	367	327	1,111
Minor*	10	3	9	22
Moderate**	0	1	0	1
Serious***	0	0	0	0
Severe****	0	0	0	0
Total	427	371	336	1,134
Incident Type: Staff Injured during an Incarcerated Individual on Staff Assault				
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
No Injury	511	493	305	1,309
Minor*	164	124	101	389
Moderate**	5	13	4	22
Serious***	1	2	2	5
Severe****	0	0	0	0
Total	681	632	412	1,725

Note: Excludes Willard, Edgecombe, residential treatment facilities and Parole Diversion Programs and is based upon staff injuries sustained in Unusual Incidents each month, including employee accidents. Effective October 1, 2014 per Article VII bill, DOCCS added a category of severe and redefined injury definitions.

*Injuries that require either no treatment, minimal treatment (scratch, bruise, aches/pain) or precautionary treatment.

** Injuries such as lacerations, concussions, 2nd degree burns, serious sprains, dislocation, and muscle or ligament damage.

***Injuries that require transport to an outside hospital but are not considered life-threatening at the preliminary report.

**** Injuries that cause obvious disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, loss or impairment of organ function, amputation, and injuries that risk cause of death.

Escape Incidents

- The last escape from within a maximum security secure perimeter was 2015 at Clinton Correctional Facility; prior to 2015 the last escape was in 2003.
- The last escape from within a medium security secure perimeter was 1992 at Mid-Orange Correctional Facility.

Prison Closures

- Since 1999, New York's prison population has declined by 57.9 percent, from a high of 72,649 incarcerated individuals (includes Willard DTC) to 30,591 (3/1/22).
- Since 2011, the State has eliminated more than 10,000 prison beds and closed a total of 18 correctional facilities due to excess bed capacity resulting in an overall annual savings of approximately \$300 million.

- DOCCS security staff reductions have been consistent with incarcerated population declines. In each of the prison closure years, more than 96% of affected employees remained employed, retired or resigned.

DOCCS Security Staff and Incarcerated Population							
December	Correction Officers Sergeants Lieutenants Positions Filled	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Incarcerated Population (includes Willard)	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Staffing Ratio Incarcerated Population Versus Filled Uniform Staff Positions
2003	20,794	-464	-2.2%	66,110	-1,549	-2.3%	3.2
2004	21,068	274	1.3%	64,905	-1,205	-1.8%	3.1
2005	21,420	352	1.7%	63,930	-975	-1.5%	3.0
2006	21,505	85	0.4%	64,410	480	0.8%	3.0
2007	21,414	-91	-0.4%	63,425	-985	-1.5%	3.0
2008	21,404	-10	0.0%	60,933	-2,492	-3.9%	2.8
2009	20,602	-802	-3.7%	59,279	-1,654	-2.7%	2.9
2010	20,652	50	0.2%	57,229	-2,050	-3.5%	2.8
2011	19,647	-1,005	-4.9%	55,979	-1,250	-2.2%	2.8
2012	19,192	-455	-2.3%	54,865	-1,114	-2.0%	2.9
2013	19,145	-47	-0.2%	54,142	-723	-1.3%	2.8
2014	19,002	-143	-0.7%	53,103	-1,039	-1.9%	2.8
2015	19,360	358	1.9%	52,344	-759	-1.4%	2.7
2016	19,233	-127	-0.7%	51,466	-878	-1.7%	2.7
2017	19,242	9	0.0%	50,271	-1,195	-2.3%	2.6
2018	19,295	53	0.3%	47,459	-2,812	-5.6%	2.5
2019	19,072	-223	-1.2%	44,334	-3,125	-6.6%	2.3
2020	18,541	-531	-2.8%	34,446	-9,888	-22.3%	1.9
2021	17,415	-1,126	-6.1%	30,746	-3,700	-10.7	1.8

Staffing and Population Differences				
	12/31/99	3/1/22	Numeric Difference	Percent Change
Correction Officers Sergeants Lieutenants	22,112	17,178	4,934	-22.3%
Incarcerated Individuals (includes Willard)	72,649	30,591	42,058	-57.9%

DOCCS Correctional Facility Security Personnel
Council 82/NYSCOPBA Staff

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Council 82														
Lieutenants	526	521	458	483	482	472	475	471	480	478	470	436	413	390
NYSCOPBA														
Sergeants	1,236	1,256	1,169	1,196	1,190	1,175	1,172	1,179	1,193	1,184	1,171	1,094	1,028	998
Officers	18,955	18,930	17,945	17,741	17,627	17,569	17,635	17,601	17,581	17,528	17,431	17,071	15,974	15,790
Subtotal	20,191	20,186	19,114	18,937	18,817	18,744	18,807	18,780	18,774	18,712	18,602	18,165	17,002	16,788
Total	20,717	20,707	19,572	19,420	19,300	19,216	19,282	19,251	19,254	19,190	19,072	18,601	17,415	17,178

**Number and Percent of Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense
In Male Maximum and Medium Security Facilities
March 1st of Selected Years**

	2012			2017			2022		
	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%
Maximum Facilities	19,197	23,904	80.3%	17,652	21,806	81.0%	12,482	14,378	86.8%
Medium Facilities	14,839	27,351	54.3%	13,827	25,154	55.0%	9,181	14,102	65.1%

Note: This table includes incarcerated individuals at the following parole program facilities: Edgecombe, Willard, Orleans, and Hudson PDP.

**SHU Cell Occupants
Effective Beginning of Business**

Inmate Status	12/1/2021	1/1/2022	2/1/2022	3/1/2022
SHU Disciplinary Sanction	1174	1268	1281	1312
KEEPLOCK Disciplinary Sanction	101	44	36	24
Administrative Segregation	7	7	10	11
Involuntary Protective Custody	33	36	43	37
Pending Disciplinary Hearing	325	319	285	242
Pending Movement From Unit	55	64	108	85
Pending Investigation	0	0	0	0
Special Watch	1	2	13	4
Voluntary Protective Custody	31	20	19	27
TOTAL SHU Cell Occupants (Excluding Youthful Offenders)	1727	1760	1795	1742

Statewide Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense

End of Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 YTD
Violent Offenders	32,236	31,093	29,623	25,193	22,706	22,588

Note: This table includes individuals at the following parole program facilities: Edgecombe Residential Treatment, Orleans and Hudson Parole Diversion Programs and Willard Drug Treatment Campus.

2015 Releases by Return Rate							
Release Type And Release Cohort	Total Released	Total Returned		Return Type New Commitment		Return Type Parole Violator	
2015 Releases	20,776	8,744	42.1%	1,831	8.8%	6,913	33.3%
Parole	8,352	4,377	52.4%	681	8.2%	3,696	44.3%
Conditional Release	10,259	3,946	38.5%	729	7.1%	3,217	31.4%
Maximum Expiration	2,165	421	19.4%	421	19.4%	N/A	N/A

Note: DOCCS defines recidivism as recommitment or return to NYS DOCCS custody after an incarcerated individual's sanctioned release to the community.

Note: DOCCS followed a 2015 release cohort of formerly incarcerated individuals for three years to obtain the return rate data in the above table.

Community Supervision Staffing and Cases by Region/Bureau*		
(start of month data - excludes staff and parolees in the revocation process)		
Region/Bureau	Number of Parolees	Number of Parole Officers & Senior Parole Officers
Bronx Region		
Bureau I	903	19
Bureau II	721	22
Bureau III	582	13
Bureau IV	634	15
Bureau V	726	15
Brooklyn Region		
Bureau I	912	26
Bureau II	680	20
Bureau III	1,001	23
Bureau IV	1,001	26
Central New York		
Northeast	546	17
Plattsburgh Sub	359	9
Syracuse Belt	591	15
Syracuse	948	27
Utica	1,015	25
Watertown Sub	359	8
Hudson Valley Region		
New Rochelle	789	16
Peekskill	796	16
Albany	1,020	24
Schenectady	913	21
Poughkeepsie	868	21
Manhattan/Staten Island		
Manhattan Bureau II	534	17
Manhattan Bureau III	1,012	13
Manhattan Bureau IV	960	17
Manhattan Bureau VI	715	25

Staten Island	501	11
Queens/Long Island		
Queens Bureau I	681	11
Queens Bureau II	1,056	16
Queens Bureau III	782	16
Long Island SOU	696	18
Suffolk	848	16
Nassau	642	15
Western Region		
Buffalo Metro	1,096	25
Niagara Frontier	482	12
Elmira	626	16
Binghamton Sub	512	10
Rochester Metro	1,070	21
Rochester Belt	644	17
Rochester SOU	825	27
Southern Tier Sub	731	16

***Average case load size cannot be determined using this data**