



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 44 facilities that house 32,766 incarcerated individuals and 25,081 parolees under DOCCS' responsibility. The parolee figure includes parolees actively reporting in NY and out-of-state, those in the violation process, in absconding status, deported, or locally incarcerated.

Prison Safety

Statewide Assaults						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assaults on Staff Statewide	990	1,043	1,052	1,177	1,473	1,671
Assaults on Incarcerated Individuals Statewide	1,166	1,267	1,206	1,107	1,488	2,107

Maximum vs. Medium Facility Incarcerated Individual-on-Staff Assaults* 2018-2023						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assaults on Staff Statewide	990	1043	1,052	1,177	1,473	1,671
Maximum-Security*	722	769	774	887	1,019	956
Medium-Security	237	249	262	286	430	694

*Includes disciplinary confinement SHU 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.

2023 4 th Quarter Assaults					
	Oct	Nov	Dec		Total
Assault on Incarcerated Individual	193	181	201		575
Assault on Staff	167	169	152		488
Total	360	350	353		1,063

Assault Degree of Injury to Staff				
Incident Type: Staff Injuries during an Incarcerated Individual on Incarcerated Individual Assault				
	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Total
No Injury	720	598	695	2,013
Minor*	5	20	17	42
Moderate**	1	1	1	3
Serious***	0	0	0	0
Severe****	0	0	0	0
Total	726	619	713	2,058
Incident Type: Staff Injuries during an Incarcerated Individual on Staff Assault				
	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Total
No Injury	602	718	608	1,928
Minor*	257	268	234	759
Moderate**	31	16	17	64
Serious***	2	5	6	13
Severe****	0	0	0	0
Total	892	1,007	865	2,764

Note: This table is based upon the number of staff injuries sustained in assaults on staff and assaults on incarcerated individuals each month and not the number of incidents.

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 54.9 percent, from a high of 72,649 incarcerated individuals to 32,766 (1/1/24).
- Since 2011, the State has eliminated more than 13,000 prison beds and closed a total of 24 correctional facilities due to excess bed capacity resulting in an overall annual savings of approximately \$442 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

End of Year	Correction Officers Sergeants Lieutenants Positions Filled	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Incarcerated Population	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Staffing Ratio (Incarcerated Population vs. 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
2022	16,178	-1,237	-7.1%	31,329	583	1.8%	1.9
2023	15,143	-1,035	-6.4%	32,766	1,437	4.6%	2.2

Staffing and Population Differences

	12/31/99	1/1/24	Numeric Difference	Percent Change
Correction Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants	22,112	15,143	6,969	-31.5%
Incarcerated Individuals	72,649	32,766	39,883	-54.9%

DOCCS Correctional Facility Security Personnel (Council 82/NYSCOPBA Staff)

As of December	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Council 82														
Lieutenants	521	458	483	482	472	475	471	480	478	470	436	413	407	424
NYSCOPBA														
Sergeants	1,256	1,169	1,196	1,190	1,175	1,172	1,179	1,193	1,184	1,171	1,094	1,028	1,052	1,043
Officers	18,930	17,945	17,741	17,627	17,569	17,635	17,601	17,581	17,528	17,431	17,071	15,974	14,846	13,676
Subtotal	20,186	19,114	18,937	18,817	18,744	18,807	18,780	18,774	18,712	18,602	18,165	17,002	15,898	14,719
Total	20,707	19,572	19,420	19,300	19,216	19,282	19,251	19,254	19,190	19,072	18,601	17,415	16,305	15,143

Community Supervision Staffing as of January 2, 2024	
Supervising Parole Officers	30
Senior Parole Officers	98
Parole Officers	357
Total	485

*Average caseload cannot be determined using this data

Number and Percent of Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense In Male Maximum and Medium Security Facilities January 1 st of Selected Years (Males Only)									
	2014			2019			2024		
	Number of VFOs	Incarcerated Individuals	%	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%
Maximum Facilities	18,479	22,706	81.4%	16,598	20,173	82.3%	12,603	14,451	87.2%
Medium Facilities	15,285	26,894	56.8%	13,096	23,144	56.6%	10,446	16,129	64.8%

SHU Cell Occupants Effective Beginning of Business				
Inmate Status	10/1/2023	11/1/2023	12/1/2023	1/1/2024
SHU Disciplinary Sanction	133	111	125	142
KEEPLOCK Disciplinary Sanction	0	0	0	0
Administrative Segregation	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Protective Custody	0	0	0	0
Pending Disciplinary Hearing	133	142	144	165
Pending Movement From Unit	0	1	3	3
Pending Investigation	0	0	0	0
Special Watch	0	0	0	0
Voluntary Protective Custody	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SHU Cell Occupants (Excluding Youthful Offenders)	266	254	272	310

Statewide Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense					
End of Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Violent Offenders	29,623	25,193	22,706	23,208	24,020

2018 Releases by Return Rate							
Release Type And Release Cohort	Total Released	Total Returned		Return Type New Commitment		Return Type Parole Violator	
2018 Releases	20,921	6,613	31.6%	1,198	5.7%	5,415	25.9%
Parole	9,804	3,889	39.7%	528	5.4%	3,361	34.3%
Conditional Release	9,173	2,473	27.0%	419	4.6%	2,054	22.4%
Maximum Expiration	1,944	251	12.9%	251	12.9%	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 2018 release cohort of formerly incarcerated individuals for three years to obtain the return rate data in the above table.

Correctional Facility by Manner of Death: YTD 2023							
Facility	Manner of Death						
	Accident	Homicide	Natural Causes	Suicide	Overdose	Unknown	Total
Albion	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Attica	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Auburn	0	0	3	0	0	1	4
Bare Hill	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bedford Hills	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Clinton	0	0	0	3	0	1	4
Collins	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Coxsackie	0	0	10	0	0	1	11
Elmira	0	0	1	1	0	5	7
Fishkill	0	0	6	0	0	2	8
Five Points	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Gouverneur	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Great Meadow	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Green Haven	0	0	3	3	0	7	13
Greene	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hudson	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Marcy	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Mohawk	0	0	14	0	1	1	16
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sing Sing	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Upstate	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Walkkill	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wende	0	0	10	1	0	4	15
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	0	1	54	10	2	40	107

Note: Unusual Incident Data is preliminary as of January 1, 2024 and is subject to change.

Deaths are categorized during unusual incident reporting and are subject to change upon receipt of an official autopsy report.