



# 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 42 facilities that house 33,265 incarcerated individuals and the supervision of 17,436 active releasees in New York State. In total, there are 24,730 parolees currently under DOCCS' responsibility, which includes parolees actively reporting in New York and out-of-state, those in the violation process, in absconding status, deported, or locally incarcerated.

### Prison Safety

| Statewide Assaults                             |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  | 2025 |
| Assaults on Staff Statewide                    | 1,053 | 1,177 | 1,473 | 1,671 | 2,069 | 320  |
| Assaults on Incarcerated Individuals Statewide | 1,206 | 1,107 | 1,489 | 2,112 | 2,979 | 416  |

| Maximum vs. Medium Facility Incarcerated Individual-on-Staff Assaults* 2020-2025 |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  | 2025 |
| Assaults on Staff Statewide  | 1,053 | 1,177 | 1,473 | 1,671 | 2,069 | 320  |
| Maximum-Security*  | 796   | 904   | 1,035 | 997   | 1,356 | 225  |
| Medium-Security  | 241   | 269   | 414   | 654   | 690   | 93   |

\*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.

| 2024 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Assaults |            |            |            |  |              |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--------------|
|                                       | Oct        | Nov        | Dec        |  | Total        |
| Assault on Incarcerated Individual    | 263        | 245        | 278        |  | 786          |
| Assault on Staff                      | 143        | 177        | 127        |  | 447          |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>406</b> | <b>422</b> | <b>405</b> |  | <b>1,233</b> |

| <b>Assault Degree of Injury to Staff</b>  |                |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Incident Type: Staff Injuries during an Incarcerated Individual on Incarcerated Individual Assault</b> |                |                |                |              |
|   | <b>Dec '24</b> | <b>Jan '25</b> | <b>Feb '25</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>No Injury</b>  | 919            | 833            | 541            | <b>2293</b>  |
| <b>Minor*</b>   | 23             | 28             | 9              | <b>60</b>    |
| <b>Moderate**</b>   | 2              | 2              | 0              | <b>4</b>     |
| <b>Serious***</b>   | 0              | 1              | 0              | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>Severe****</b>   | 0              | 0              | 0              | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>944</b>     | <b>864</b>     | <b>550</b>     | <b>2358</b>  |
| <b>Incident Type: Staff Injuries during an Incarcerated Individual on Staff Assault</b>                   |                |                |                |              |
|   | <b>Dec '24</b> | <b>Jan '25</b> | <b>Feb '25</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>No Injury</b>  | 494            | 639            | 646            | <b>1779</b>  |
| <b>Minor*</b>   | 146            | 231            | 199            | <b>576</b>   |
| <b>Moderate**</b>   | 14             | 27             | 18             | <b>59</b>    |
| <b>Serious***</b>   | 1              | 5              | 4              | <b>10</b>    |
| <b>Severe****</b>   | 0              | 0              | 0              | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>655</b>     | <b>902</b>     | <b>867</b>     | <b>2424</b>  |

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 approximately 54 percent, from a high of 72,649 incarcerated individuals to 33,265 (3/3/25).
- Since 2011, the State has eliminated more than 15,000 prison beds and closed a total of 26 correctional facilities due to excess bed capacity resulting in an overall annual savings of approximately \$492 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<br>Sergeants<br>Lieutenants<br>Positions Filled | Numeric<br>Change | Percent<br>Change | Incarcerated<br>Population | Numeric<br>Change | Percent<br>Change | Staffing Ratio<br>(Incarcerated Population<br>vs. Filled Uniform Staff<br>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  |
| 2024        | 14,095  | -1,048            | -6.9%             | 33,677                     | 911               | 2.7%              | 2.4  |

### Staffing and Population Differences

|  | 12/31/99 | 3/1/25 | Numeric<br>Difference | Percent Change |
|--|----------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Correction Officers,<br>Sergeants, Lieutenants | 22,112   | 13,886 | 8,226                 | -37.2%         |
| Incarcerated Individuals                       | 72,649   | 33,265 | 39,055                | -53.7%         |

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

| As of December     | 2012          | 2013          | 2014          | 2015          | 2016          | 2017          | 2018          | 2019          | 2020          | 2021          | 2022          | 2023          | 2024          | Mar 2025      |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Council 82         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Lieutenants</b> | 483           | 482           | 472           | 475           | 471           | 480           | 478           | 470           | 436           | 413           | 407           | 424           | 393           | 389           |
|                    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| NYSCOPBA           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Sergeants</b>   | 1,196         | 1,190         | 1,175         | 1,172         | 1,179         | 1,193         | 1,184         | 1,171         | 1,094         | 1,028         | 1,052         | 1,043         | 1,002         | 1,003         |
| <b>Officers</b>    | 17,741        | 17,627        | 17,569        | 17,635        | 17,601        | 17,581        | 17,528        | 17,431        | 17,071        | 15,974        | 14,846        | 13,676        | 12,700        | 12,494        |
| Subtotal           | <b>18,937</b> | <b>18,817</b> | <b>18,744</b> | <b>18,807</b> | <b>18,780</b> | <b>18,774</b> | <b>18,712</b> | <b>18,602</b> | <b>18,165</b> | <b>17,002</b> | <b>15,898</b> | <b>14,719</b> | <b>13,702</b> | <b>13,497</b> |
|                    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Total              | <b>19,420</b> | <b>19,300</b> | <b>19,216</b> | <b>19,282</b> | <b>19,251</b> | <b>19,254</b> | <b>19,190</b> | <b>19,072</b> | <b>18,601</b> | <b>17,415</b> | <b>16,305</b> | <b>15,143</b> | <b>14,095</b> | <b>13,886</b> |

**Community Supervision Staffing as of March 2, 2025**

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Supervising Parole Officers</b> | 27         |
| <b>Senior Parole Officers</b>      | 88         |
| <b>Parole Officers</b>             | 402        |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>517</b> |

\*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  
March 1<sup>st</sup> of Selected Years (Males Only)**

|                           | 2016           |                          |       | 2021   |                          |       | 2025   |                          |       |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
|                           | Number of VFOs | Incarcerated Individuals | %     | VFO    | Incarcerated Individuals | %     | VFO    | Incarcerated Individuals | %     |
| <b>Maximum Facilities</b> | 17,971         | 22,209                   | 80.9% | 13,921 | 15,820                   | 88.0% | 12,749 | 14,702                   | 86.7% |
| <b>Medium Facilities</b>  | 14,304         | 25,693                   | 55.7% | 9,379  | 14,436                   | 65.0% | 10,494 | 16,476                   | 63.7% |

**SHU Cell Occupants  
Effective Beginning of Business**

| Inmate Status  | 12/1/2024 | 1/1/2025 | 2/1/2025 | 3/1/2025 |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>SHU Disciplinary Sanction</b>                               | 116       | 104      | 107      | 142      |
| <b>KEEPLOCK Disciplinary Sanction</b>                          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Administrative Segregation</b>                              | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Involuntary Protective Custody</b>                          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Pending Disciplinary Hearing</b>                            | 139       | 125      | 131      | 243      |
| <b>Pending Movement From Unit</b>                              | 1         | 1        | 0        | 20       |
| <b>Pending Investigation</b>                                   | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Special Watch</b>   | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Voluntary Protective Custody</b>                            | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL SHU Cell Occupants (Excluding Youthful Offenders)</b> | 256       | 230      | 238      | 405      |

| Statewide Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense Under Custody Population at End of Year 2021-2025 |        |        |        |        |          |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| End of Year  | 2021   | 2022   | 2023   | 2024   | 2025 YTD |
|  |        |        |        |        |          |
| <b>Violent Offenders</b>   | 22,706 | 23,208 | 24,020 | 24,392 | 24,195   |

| 2020 Releases by Return Rate    |                |                |       |                            |       |                             |       |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Release Type And Release Cohort | Total Released | Total Returned |       | Return Type New Commitment |       | Return Type Parole Violator |       |
| 2020 Releases                   | 15,809         | 3,022          | 19.1% | 1,168                      | 7.4%  | 1,854                       | 11.7% |
| Parole                          | 7,216          | 1,694          | 23.5% | 536                        | 7.4%  | 1,158                       | 16.0% |
| Conditional Release             | 7,402          | 1,162          | 15.7% | 466                        | 6.3%  | 696                         | 9.4%  |
| Maximum Expiration              | 1,191          | 166            | 13.9% | 166                        | 13.9% | 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 2020 release cohort for three years to obtain the return rate data in the above table.

\*This recidivism information is from the 2019 and 2020 Release from Custody Three Year Post-Release Follow-Up Report

| Correctional Facility by Manner of Death: YTD 2025 |                 |          |                |          |          |           |           |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Facility   | Manner of Death |          |                |          |          |           |           |
|  | Accident        | Homicide | Natural Causes | Suicide  | Overdose | Unknown   | Total     |
| Albion   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Attica   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1         |
| Auburn   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 2         | 2         |
| Bare Hill  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Bedford Hills                                      | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Cayuga   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Clinton  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Collins  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Coxsackie  | 0               | 0        | 2              | 0        | 0        | 2         | 4         |
| Eastern  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Elmira   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 2         | 2         |
| Fishkill   | 0               | 0        | 2              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 2         |
| Five Points  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Franklin   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 2         | 2         |
| Gouverneur   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Green Haven  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1         |
| Greene   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Groveland  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Marcy  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Mid-State  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1         |
| Mohawk   | 0               | 0        | 3              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 3         |
| Queensboro   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Shawangunk   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Sing Sing  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 3         | 3         |
| Ulster   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Upstate  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1         |
| Wallkill   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Washington   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Wende  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 2         | 2         |
| Woodbourne   | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Wyoming  | 0               | 0        | 0              | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b> | <b>7</b>       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>24</b> |

**Note:** Unusual Incident Data is preliminary as of March 3, 2025 and is subject to change. Deaths are categorized during unusual incident reporting and are subject to change upon receipt of an official autopsy report.