NEW YORK STATE | Department of 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 (I/Is) 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 41 facilities that house 34,077 incarcerated individuals and the supervision of 17,672 active releasees in New York State. In total, there are 24,729 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						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Sept 2026
Incarcerated Individual Assaults on Staff	-	-	-	-	-	1,206
Incarcerated Individual Harassment of Staff	-	-	-	-	-	648
Staff Subtotal	**1,177**	**1,473**	**1,672**	**2,067**	**1,782**	**1,854**
Incarcerated Individual Assaults on Incarcerated Individuals	-	-	-	-	-	2,196
Incarcerated Individual Harassment of Incarcerated Individuals	-	-	-	-	-	10
Incarcerated Individual Subtotal	**1,107**	**1,489**	**2,113**	**2,979**	**2,654**	**2,206**
Grand Total	**2,284**	**2,962**	**3,785**	**5,046**	**4,436**	**4,060**

Note: Beginning January 1, 2026, the definition of Assaults was updated, and Harassment is counted separately from assaults.

I/I on Staff Assaults and Harassments – Maximum and Medium Facilities – 2021-2026						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Jan-Sept 2026
Assaults on Staff Statewide	**1,177**	**1,473**	**1,672**	**2,067**	**1,782**	**1,206**
Maximum-Security*	886	1,014	958	1,317	1,216	864
Medium-Security	287	435	694	727	561	341
Minimum-Security	4	24	20	23	5	1
Harassment of Staff Statewide	-	-	-	-	-	**648**
Maximum-Security*	-	-	-	-	-	457
Medium-Security	-	-	-	-	-	191
Minimum-Security						0
Total (All Security Levels)	**1,177**	**1,473**	**1,672**	**2,067**	**1,782**	**1,854**

*Includes SHU 200, RRU, Regional Medical Units, Diversion, Step Down, RMHU, and BHU.

2026 3rd Quarter Assaults & Harassments				
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Total
Assault on Incarcerated Individual	271	258	211	**740**
Harassment of Incarcerated Individual	1	1	4	**6**
Subtotal	272	259	215	**746**
Assault on Staff	134	135	141	**410**
Harassment of Staff	85	81	80	**246**
Subtotal	219	216	221	**656**
Grand Total	**491**	**475**	**436**	**1,402**

Injuries to Staff in Select UI Types: January - September, 2026					
Count of Incidents	**Staff Assault**	**Staff Harassment**	**I/I Assault**	**I/I Harassment**	**Total**
	1,206	648	2,196	10	**4,060**

Staff Injuries	**Staff Assault**		**Staff Harassment**		**I/I Assault**		**I/I Harassment**		**Total**	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
No Injury	5,553	75%	2,240	90%	7,759	97%	22	96%	15,574	87%
Minor*	1,646	22%	249	10%	262	3%	1	4%	2,158	12%
Moderate**	146	2%	13	1%	8	0%	0	0%	167	1%
Serious***	15	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	16	0%
Severe****	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	7,360	100%	2,502	100%	8,030	100%	23	100%	17,915	100%

Note: Tables are based upon the number of staff injuries sustained in assaults on staff, harassment of staff, assaults on incarcerated individuals, and harassment of incarcerated individuals each month and not the number of incidents. This table represents injuries among DOCCS and OMH staff only; civilians and non-staff individuals involved in incidents are excluded.

*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.

Most Serious Weapon Used by Incarcerated Individuals in Staff Assaults: 2026														
Most Serious Weapon Used	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
													#	%
No weapon used	0	5	1	2	4	2	1	1	1				17	1%
Chemical Substance	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1	0%
Cutting/ Stabbing Instrument	2	0	2	1	2	0	2	1	3				13	1%
Garrote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0%
Human Waste/ Fluids	6	10	3	1	4	4	4	2	0				34	3%
Striking Instrument	3	2	0	3	0	1	5	2	1				17	1%
Body Use	84	81	87	97	85	86	88	88	93				789	65%
Other/ Unknown Liquid	18	31	38	31	28	39	27	38	41				292	24%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1	0%
Other	6	9	6	4	2	4	7	2	2				42	3%
Total	119	138	137	140	126	136	134	135	141				1,206	100%

Most Serious Weapon Used by Incarcerated Individuals in Staff Harassment: 2026														
Most Serious Weapon Used	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
													#	%
No weapon used	9	6	5	5	2	8	4	3	0				42	6%
Chemical Substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0%
Cutting/ Stabbing Instrument	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0%
Garrote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0%
Human Waste/ Fluids	14	9	35	21	23	21	28	33	41				225	35%
Striking Instrument	0	3	2	0	1	1	1	2	0				10	2%
Body Use	15	13	26	14	24	27	28	18	17				182	28%
Other/ Unknown Liquid	9	9	11	13	25	17	19	15	13				131	20%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0%
Other	7	5	4	4	11	3	5	10	9				58	9%
Total	54	45	83	57	86	77	85	81	80				648	100%

Most Serious Weapon Used by Incarcerated Individuals in Incarcerated Individual Assaults: 2026														
Most Serious Weapon Used	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
													#	%
No weapon used	4	2	4	5	5	3	6	4	2				**35**	**2%**
Chemical Substance	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0				**3**	**0%**
Cutting/ Stabbing Instrument	129	106	108	126	156	114	126	106	89				**1,060**	**48%**
Garrote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Human Waste/ Fluids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Striking Instrument	18	19	24	9	17	17	15	11	14				**144**	**7%**
Body Use	73	66	64	80	111	75	99	102	82				**752**	**34%**
Other/ Unknown Liquid	4	2	2	3	1	3	3	6	3				**27**	**1%**
Unknown	8	13	7	9	4	11	12	16	7				**87**	**4%**
Other	10	7	10	8	5	10	10	13	14				**87**	**4%**
Total	**247**	**215**	**219**	**242**	**299**	**233**	**271**	**258**	**211**				**2,195**	**100%**

Most Serious Weapon Used by Incarcerated Individuals in Incarcerated Individual Harassment: 2026														
Most Serious Weapon Used	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
													#	%
No weapon used	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				**1**	**10%**
Chemical Substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Cutting/ Stabbing Instrument	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Garrote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Human Waste/ Fluids	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1				**2**	**20%**
Striking Instrument	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Body Use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Other/ Unknown Liquid	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3				**7**	**70%**
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				**0**	**0%**
Total	**3**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**4**				**10**	**100%**

Note: Tables are based upon a count of the total number of incidents and the most serious weapon used in each by incarcerated individuals; it is not a count of all the weapons used by incarcerated individuals. Incarcerated Individual weapon use is ranked as follows: 1) Gun/Ammo/Bomb; 2) Chemical Substance; 3) Cutting/Stabbing Instrument; 4) Garrote; 5) Human Waste/Fluids; 6) Striking Instrument; 7) Body Use; 8) Other/Unk Liquid; 9) Unknown Weapon; 10) Other.

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 53%, from a high of 72,649 incarcerated individuals to 34,077 (10/1/26).
- Since 2011, the State has closed a total of 27 correctional facilities due to excess bed capacity and staffing shortages.
- 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
2024	14,095	-1,048	-6.9%	33,677	911	2.7%	2.4
2025	11,278	-2,817	-19.9%	33,845	168	0.4%	3.0

DOCCS Correctional Facility Security Personnel (Council 82/NYSCOPBA Staff)														
As of	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	Sept 2026
Council 82														
Lieutenants	482	472	475	471	480	478	470	436	413	407	424	393	360	350
NYSCOPBA														
Sergeants	1,190	1,175	1,172	1,179	1,193	1,184	1,171	1,094	1,028	1,052	1,043	1,002	925	954
Officers	17,627	17,569	17,635	17,601	17,581	17,528	17,431	17,071	15,974	14,846	13,676	12,700	10,009	9,782
Subtotal	**18,817**	**18,744**	**18,807**	**18,780**	**18,774**	**18,712**	**18,602**	**18,165**	**17,002**	**15,898**	**14,719**	**13,702**	**10,934**	**10,736**
Total	**19,300**	**19,216**	**19,282**	**19,251**	**19,254**	**19,190**	**19,072**	**18,601**	**17,415**	**16,305**	**15,143**	**14,095**	**11,294**	**11,086**

Staffing and Population Differences				
	12/31/99	**10/1/26**	**Numeric Difference**	**Percent Change**
Correction Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants	22,112	11,086	11,026	-49.8%
Incarcerated Individuals	72,649	34,077	38,572	-53.0%

Community Supervision Staffing as of October 2, 2026	
Supervising Parole Officers	31
Senior Parole Officers	88
Parole Officers	406
Total	**525**

*Average caseload cannot be determined using this data

Number and Percent of Violent Felony Offenders at Male Maximum and Medium Security Facilities *Under Custody Population on October 1st of Selected Years (Males Only)*									
	2017			**2022**			**2026**		
	Number of VFOs	**Incarcerated Individuals**	**%**	**Number of VFOs**	**Incarcerated Individuals**	**%**	**Number of VFOs**	**Incarcerated Individuals**	**%**
Maximum Facilities	17,379	21,377	81.3%	12,395	14,080	88.0%	13,151	15,074	87.2%
Medium Facilities	13,643	24,738	55.1%	9,752	14,951	65.2%	10,255	16,635	61.6%

SHU Cell Occupants Effective Beginning of Business				
Incarcerated Individual Status	**7/1/2026**	**8/1/2026**	**9/1/2026**	**10/1/2026**
SHU Disciplinary Sanction	109	127	122	149
KEEPLOCK Disciplinary Sanction	0	0	0	0
Administrative Segregation	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Protective Custody	0	0	0	0
Pending Disciplinary Hearing	133	128	156	115
Pending Movement from Unit	0	0	2	0
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)	**243**	**255**	**280**	**264**

Statewide Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense *Under Custody Population at End of Year 2022-2026 YTD*					
End of Year	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD***
Violent Felony Offenders	23,208	24,020	24,392	24,377	24,417

*As of Under Custody data on October 1, 2026

2021 Releases by 3-Year Return to Custody Rate							
Release Type And Release Cohort	**Total Released**	**Total Returned to DOCCS Custody within 3 Years of Release**		**Return Type: New Commitment**		**Return Type: Parole Violator**	
2021 Releases	11,940	2,230	18.7%	1,252	10.5%	978	8.2%
Parole	4,960	1,109	22.4%	571	11.5%	538	10.8%
Conditional Release	6,187	980	15.8%	540	8.7%	440	7.1%
Maximum Expiration	793	141	17.8%	141	17.8%	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 2021 release cohort for three years to obtain the return rate data in the above table.

*This recidivism information is from the 2021 Release from Custody Three Year Post-Release Follow-Up Report

Manner of Death by Correctional Facility: YTD 2026							
Facility	**Manner of Death* (updated upon receipt of coroner/medical examiner report)**						
	Accident	**Homicide**	**Natural Causes**	**Suicide**	**Overdose**	**Unknown**	**Total**
Adirondack	0	0	1	0	0	0	**1**
Albion	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Altona	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Attica	0	0	3	0	0	7	**10**
Auburn	0	0	0	0	2	0	**2**
Bare Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Bedford Hills	0	0	1	1	0	3	**5**
Cape Vincent	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Cayuga	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Clinton	1	0	0	0	0	2	**3**
Collins	0	0	0	0	0	2	**2**
Coxsackie	0	0	4	0	1	5	**10**
Eastern NY	0	0	1	0	2	3	**6**
Edgecombe	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Elmira	0	0	5	1	1	2	**9**
Fishkill	0	0	2	0	2	2	**6**
Five Points	0	0	0	0	0	3	**3**
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0	2	**2**
Gouverneur	0	1	0	0	0	1	**2**
Green Haven	0	0	3	1	1	5	**10**
Greene	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Groveland	0	0	0	1	0	2	**3**
Hale Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Hudson	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Lakeview Shock	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Marcy	0	1	0	0	0	2	**3**
Mid-State	0	0	2	0	0	1	**3**
Mohawk	0	0	11	0	0	3	**14**
Orleans	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Otisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Queensboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Riverview	0	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	0	2	**2**
Sing Sing	0	0	0	0	2	2	**4**
Taconic	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Ulster	0	0	1	0	0	1	**2**
Upstate	0	0	0	0	0	2	**2**
Wallkill	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	3	**3**
Wende	0	0	7	1	0	8	**16**
Woodbourne	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Total	**1**	**3**	**41**	**5**	**12**	**67**	**129**

***Data reported are based on both Locator data and Unusual Incident data. Unusual Incident data is preliminary as of October 1, 2026 and is subject to change. Deaths are categorized by manner during unusual incident reporting and are subject to change upon receipt of an official autopsy report.**

Information of the official cause of death is determined and released by the County Medical Examiner's Office pursuant to County Law §671 and §674, whereby state coroners and medical examiners determine the cause of death.