**DOC TREND CONTINUES TO CURRENT MONTH (JAN. 2022)**

1. DOC JUMPED TO #2 IN TOP 5 STATE PAYROLLS (increased from #4). But DOC ranks only #5 in staff size.[[1]](#endnote-1)
2. YET ANOTHER PRISON POPULATION DECREASE.[[2]](#endnote-2)

* 11,723 (JAN. 2012)
* 6,848 (JAN. 2021)
* 5,985 (JAN. 2022) (approx. ½ population a decade earlier)

1. BEN FORMAN & MICHAEL WIDMER IDENTIFIED THE TREND IN A MAY 2017 REPORT, “GETTING TOUGH ON SPENDING: AN EXAMINATION OF CORRECTIONAL EXPENDITURES IN MASSACHUSETTS” (FY11 – FY16).[[3]](#endnote-3)

* Spending increased 18% while prison population declined by 12%
* Spending on prisoner programs declined from 3% to 2.7% of DOC budget

1. TREND CONTINUED IN DATA COLLECTED BY SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR FY16 – FY 20.[[4]](#endnote-4)

* Cost per incarcerated person increased from $59,535 to $92,368
* Prisoner programing decreased by $437,252 to 2.2% of DOC budget

1. 4,065 PRISONERS WERE ON WAIT LIST FOR EDUCATION CLASSES – COMPARED TO 886 ENROLLMENT.[[5]](#endnote-5) Wait list is now 67% of total DOC population.
2. JUST REPORTED MEDICAL STUDY FOR FRANKLIN SHERIFF SHOWS 32% RECIDIVISM DECREASE IF PRISONERS TREATED WITH SUBOXONE.[[6]](#endnote-6)

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1. Source: MA Controller’s Payroll site at CTHRU Statewide Payroll. <https://ctthrupayroll.mass.gov#!/year/2022/>.

   Source: DOC website and Weekly Count Sheets. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. iii. The Forman & Widmer report is available on Special Commission website. Discussed in “Massachusetts Must Increase In-Prison Programming to Reduce Recidivism” by John E. Bowman, Jr., available on Special Commission website. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Excel spreadsheet available on Special Commission website. Data analysis reported in Bowman, note iii, above. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. Source: DOC public records reply to Mary Valerio (Jan. 20, 2022). Available on Special Commission website. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Research report published by Baystate Medical Center and University of Massachusetts researchers. Reported by Dusty Christensen, Daily Hampshire Gazette (Jan. 18, 2022). Available at <https://www.gazettenet.com/UMass-Amherts-Baystate-study-finds-opiod-medical-treatment-in-jails-reduces-recidivism-44639618>. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)