

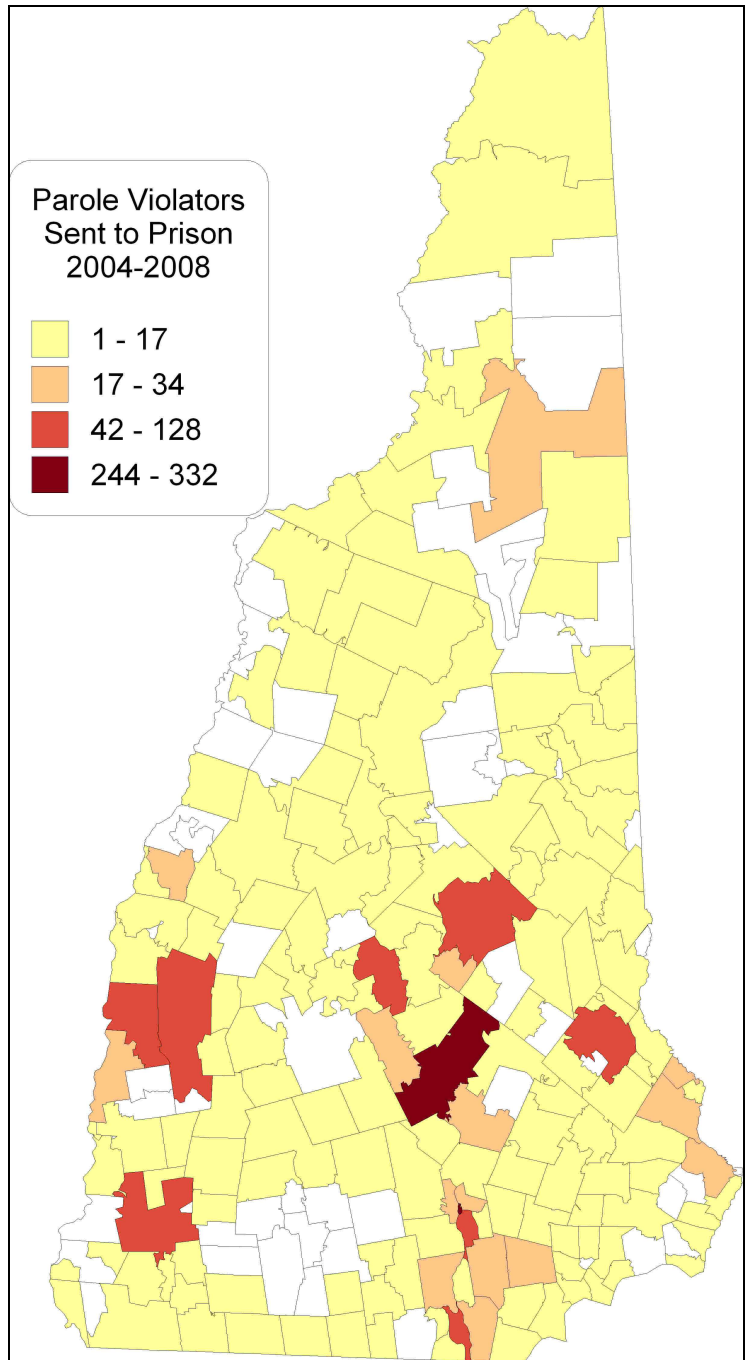
New Hampshire Parole Violators Sent to State Prison by Zip Code

In our previous work, the Center asserted that the likely cause of the increase in the number of people being admitted to state prison over the past few years can be found in prior inmates re-offending and subsequently being re-incarcerated. Admissions to prisons are being driven primarily by offenders already known to the system – parole violators – and not by new criminals, continuing a trend established over past decades in New Hampshire. Roughly one-third of prison admissions from 2004-2008 were parole violators returning to prison.

Many policies have been implemented in the last three decades which have served to increase the size of the state prison population. These policies include stricter penalties for violation of probation or parole, such as the state parole board’s current zero tolerance policy for alcohol possession for parolees, among others that impact parolees.

This analysis of prison admissions from parole violators by geographic area is part of the Center’s continuing work on corrections policy in New Hampshire. Identifying prison admissions ‘hot spots’ from parole violators can shed light on where best community resources could potentially be spent to support offenders returning home, and, therefore, preventing offenders from being readmitted to prison – reducing the need to spend scarce taxpayer dollars on incarceration from these offenders while maintaining public safety.

The map below shows parole violators sent to the New Hampshire State Prison system by zip code area from 2004 to 2008. The map was constructed using the resident mailing addresses of those inmates admitted to state prison in that time period. Towns filled in white had zero parole violators sent back to prison during this time period.



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Parole violators sent to state prison were most likely to come from downtown Manchester (zip code 03101), Concord, and Nashua – New Hampshire’s largest urban areas. More than 500 parole violators reported home addresses from these areas in the period 2004 to 2008.

Similarly, these areas also account for the greatest numbers of inmates sentenced to prison, as well as clients who violate probation. Downtown Manchester leads the list, with 793 admitted to state prison from 2004 to 2008. More than 500 inmates in Concord, and 300 in downtown Nashua, reported a home address in those areas in the period 2004 to 2008.

Other areas responsible for relatively high numbers of parole violators sent to state prison include Claremont, Gilford, Rochester, Keene, Newport and Franklin, as the table below highlights.

New Hampshire State Prison Admissions by Zip Code
Sorted by Parole Violators of 20 or more from 2004 to 2008

City	Zip code	Resident Population in 2000	State Prison Admissions 2004 to 2008	Prison Admissions per 100	Inmates Sentenced 2004 to 2008	Parole Violators 2004 to 2008	Probation Violators 2004 to 2008
Manchester	03101	2,793	793	28.4	291	332	49
Concord	03301	31,701	519	1.6	125	244	28
Nashua	03060	29,388	347	1.2	157	127	20
Claremont	03743	13,831	179	1.3	64	61	27
Laconia	03246	23,578	203	0.9	82	61	28
Rochester	03867	23,103	145	0.6	64	51	12
Keene	03431	4,464	129	2.9	46	50	21
Newport	03773	7,679	135	1.8	41	48	20
Franklin	03235	8,479	131	1.5	47	44	15
Manchester	03103	36,875	99	0.3	36	42	5
Allenstown	03275	11,769	89	0.8	28	33	8
Boscawen	03303	14,239	79	0.6	24	33	3
Derry	03038	34,137	106	0.3	51	31	12
Manchester	03102	30,268	66	0.2	21	31	2
Portsmouth	03801	21,563	61	0.3	20	29	3
Dover	03820	28,526	95	0.3	47	28	6
Hudson	03051	22,928	71	0.3	39	24	4
Manchester	03104	32,197	61	0.2	25	24	7
Lebanon	03766	8,423	71	0.8	27	22	9
Belmont	03220	7,135	60	0.8	28	21	5

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