

City of New York Board of Correction Monthly Review: Visit Restrictions August 2017

Visit Summary

	August 2017
Total Number of Visitors	22,943
Total Number of Visits	16,682
Visits Per Inmate Per Month	1.82
Visit Days	22

I. Restrictions on Inmates

a. Inmates with Non-Contact Restrictions

	February 2017 ¹	July 2017	August 2017
Number of People on non-contact list	276	276	250
Number of people with duration restrictions (% of all people	182 (66%)	209 (76%)	181 (72%)
with restrictions)			
Average length of restriction among non-duration	188	189	156
restrictions (days)			
Average length of restriction served among duration	191	174	201
restrictions (days)			
Median length of restriction served among duration	135	103	130
restrictions (days)			
Number of restrictions on the non-contact list which have a	115 (42%)	91 (33%)	92 (37%)
visit nexus (% of all non-contact restrictions)			
Number of duration restrictions on the non-contact list	27 (15%)	27 (13%)	25 (14%)
which have a visit nexus (% of all non-contact duration			
restrictions)			

¹ The Department of Correction maintains a list of all people in jail who are restricted to non-contact, or "booth", visits (the "non-contact list"). This report section presents analyses of this list on February 23, 2017 (six months back), July 23, 2017 (one month back), and August 23, 2017.

b. Reasons for Non-Contact Restrictions²

	Number of Restrictions (% of Non- Contact Restrictions)		
	February 2017	July 2017	August 2017
Dangerous Contraband (Slashing or Stabbing)	119 (43%)	122 (44%)	99 (40%)
Dangerous Contraband (Weapon)	64 (23%)	86 (31%)	81 (32%)
Drug/Tobacco Contraband	77 (28%)	63 (23%)	62 (25%)
Other (includes assault on staff, fight on visit floor, and other types of contraband)	16 (6%)	5 (2%)	8 (3%)

c. Reasons for Non-Contact Duration Restrictions

	Number of Restrictions (% of Non-		
	Contact Restrictions)		
	February August		
	2017	July 2017	2017
Dangerous Contraband (Slashing or Stabbing)	118 (65%)	122 (58%)	99 (55%)
Dangerous Contraband (Weapon)	63 (35%)	86 (41%)	81 (45%)
Drug/Tobacco Contraband	1 (1%)	1 (0%)	1 (1%)

² This chart includes the reasons for both determinate restrictions (e.g. 180 days) and duration restrictions. Chart I(c), below, analyzes duration restrictions as a subset of this group.

d. Six-Month Reviews of Non-Contact Restrictions Having a Duration Over 6 Months³

	February 2017	July 2017	August 2017
Number of people with non-contact restrictions who have served six months or more on the non-contact list ("review eligible people")	76	73	75
Number of review eligible people who received an appeal in the previous six months (% of review eligible people)	68 (89 %)	63 (86 %)	59 (79 %)
Number of six-month reviews received by the Board	36	7	20
Number of six-month reviews which resulted in amended restriction	1	1	0
Average length of restriction served among review eligible people (days)	351	383	379
Median length of restriction served among review eligible people (days)	333	320	323

e. Inmate Non-Contact Restrictions Administered in August 2017

Reason	Duration	New	Notices
	of	Restrictions	Received
	Restriction		by BOC
Assault on Staff	180 days	1	1
Dangerous Contraband (Weapon or Slashing)	duration	17	12
Drug/Tobacco Contraband	180 days	23	22
Other	180 days	3	1
TOTAL		44	36

³ If an inmate has been restricted to non-contact visits for a period greater than six months, he should receive periodic review of such restriction. The review shall be conducted not less than once every six months. DOC Teletype Order No. HQ-02613-0, http://www.nyc.gov/html/doc/downloads/pdf/2007R-B_Inmate_Visit_Procedures_11_15.pdf#page=46. In November 2016, the Department began providing the Board with a copy of each six-month row conducted.

II. Restrictions on Visitors Administered in August 2017

Visitor Restrictions

Reason	Prescribed Limitation	Restrictions	Notices Received
Arrest	180	4	4
Arrest	365	24	24
Arrest	Indefinite	1	1
Contraband	154	1	1
Contraband	180	12	12
Contraband	365	1	1
Unruly	180	2	2
Unruly	90	1	1
TOTAL		46	46

One-Day Visitor Denials

Reason	Denials
Failed Ion Scan	108
Security Reason	104
Inappropriate Attire	92
K-9 Alert	57
Refuse to Obey D.O.C. Rules and Regulations	36
Other	7
Disrespect Staff	1
Non-Contact (Booth)	1
Invalid ID	1
TOTAL	407

One-Day Visitor Cancellations

Reason	Cancellations
Inmate Refused Visit	78
Visitor refused to wait	48
Transfer	18
Lockdown	17
Inmate Fight – Pending Investigation	11
Hospital/Clinic - Medical	3
Out to Court	2
Package Only	2
Already had a Visit	1
Wrong Inmate	1
Wrong Visit Day	1
TOTAL	182

III. Restrictions on Visitors Administered in August 2017 (By Facility)

								% of Visits	
				% of				Resulting	Average
				Visits		One-Day	Visitor	in	Daily
			Visitor	Resulting	One-Day	Cancellat	Restricti	Restricti	Populati
Facility ⁴	Visits	Visitors	Arrests	in Arrest	Denials	ions	ons	ons	on (ADP)
АМКС	2192	2765	3	0.14%	62	9	4	0.18%	1,967
BHPW	118	169	0	0.00%	0	1	0	0.00%	54
BKHD	1320	1917	4	0.30%	20	28	7	0.53%	517
EHPW	10	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%	6
EMTC	1686	2320	2	0.12%	26	6	5	0.30%	1,276
GMDC	1270	1847	0	0.00%	29	13	0	0.00%	561
GRVC	1579	2033	0	0.00%	56	9	3	0.19%	695
MDC	2018	2944	3	0.15%	37	58	6	0.30%	699
NIC	137	186	0	0.00%	5	1	0	0.00%	107
OBCC	2139	2982	6	0.28%	59	18	9	0.42%	1,038
RMSC	912	1153	0	0.00%	58	12	5	0.55%	617
RNDC	864	1205	0	0.00%	39	11	0	0.00%	720
VCBC	2348	3317	5	0.21%	11	14	7	0.30%	840
WEST	89	93	1	1.12%	4	2	0	0.00%	55
TOTAL	16,682	22,943	24	0.14%	406	182	46	0.28%	9,152

⁴ Information on DOC facilities is available at https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doc/about/facilities.page

IV. BOC Visit Appeals and Complaints Received in August 2017 (By Facility)

a. Visit Restriction Appeals Received by BOC

			Avg. Business Days to
Category	Decision	Appeals	Resolve ⁵
Assault of Inmate	Granted	2	13.5
Assault of Visitor	Denied	1	29
Contraband - Drug	Denied	2	5.5
Contraband - Drug	Granted	1	1
Contraband - Weapon	Denied	1	17
Contraband - Weapon	Granted	1	7
Contraband - Unknown	Denied	1	6
Contraband - Unknown	Granted	1	10
Contraband - Other	Granted	1	10
Disrespect/Aggression	Denied	1	5
Disrespect/Aggression	Granted	1	17
Disrespect/Aggression	Moot	1	
Slashing/Stabbing	Denied	2	4.5
Slashing/Stabbing	Granted	9	13.2
Slashing/Stabbing	Resolved Prior to	1	3
	Decision		
Unknown ⁶	Granted	1	10
	Denied	8	9.6
	Granted	17	11.8
	Moot	1	
	Resolved Prior to Decision	1	3
	TOTAL	27	10.8

 ⁵ BOC Minimum Standard 1-09(i) requires the Board issues a written decision within five business days after receiving an appeal.
When good cause to extend the time period exists, the Board may issue a single extension not to exceed ten business days.
⁶ DOC was unable to produce a reason for the restriction that was appealed.

Facility	Visit Appeals
АМКС	9
BHPW	
BKDC	3
EHPW	
EMTC	
GMDC	6
GRVC	2
MDC	2
NIC	
OBCC	1
RMSC	1
RNDC	
SOD	1
VCBC	2
WEST	
TOTAL	27

b. Visit-Related Complaints Received by BOC (Non-Appeals)⁷

Facility	Visit Complaints
АМКС	1
BHPW	
BKDC	
EHPW	
EMTC	
GMDC	
GRVC	
MDC	
NIC	
OBCC	
RMSC	1
RNDC	
SOD	
VCBC	
WEST	
TOTAL	2

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