

# Rhode Island Department of Corrections

## Calendar Year 2020 Annual Commitment and Release Report

### 2020 Commitments

In calendar year 2020 there were a total of **8,562** commitment events, a decrease of **34%** from the previous year.

Commitments are counted as **events** rather than people. The **8,562** total commitment events recorded in CY2020 represents **5,634** people, as **613** people were committed twice and **384** people were committed three or more times.

*\*Other includes out-of-state return, transfer from other states and transfers from Eleanor Slater Hospital Forensic Unit.*

<i>Commitment Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Awaiting Trial</b>	<b>5621</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>6655</b>
<b>Civil Purge</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Sentenced</b>	<b>1633</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1826</b>
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	1568	179	1747
<i>Parole Violators</i>	65	2	67
<i>*Other</i>	12	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>7325</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>8562</b>



Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 53.4%. During that same time period, releases have decreased by about 52%. Pictured above is the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center (ISC). The ISC only houses male offenders and was consequently responsible for processing the vast majority of all commitment and release events during CY2020.

### 2020 Releases

In calendar year 2020 there were a total of **8987** release events, a decrease of **30.2%** from CY2019.

Since releases are counted as **events** rather than people, the **8,987** total release events recorded in CY2020 Represents **6,147** people, as **572** people were released twice and **396** people were released three or more times.

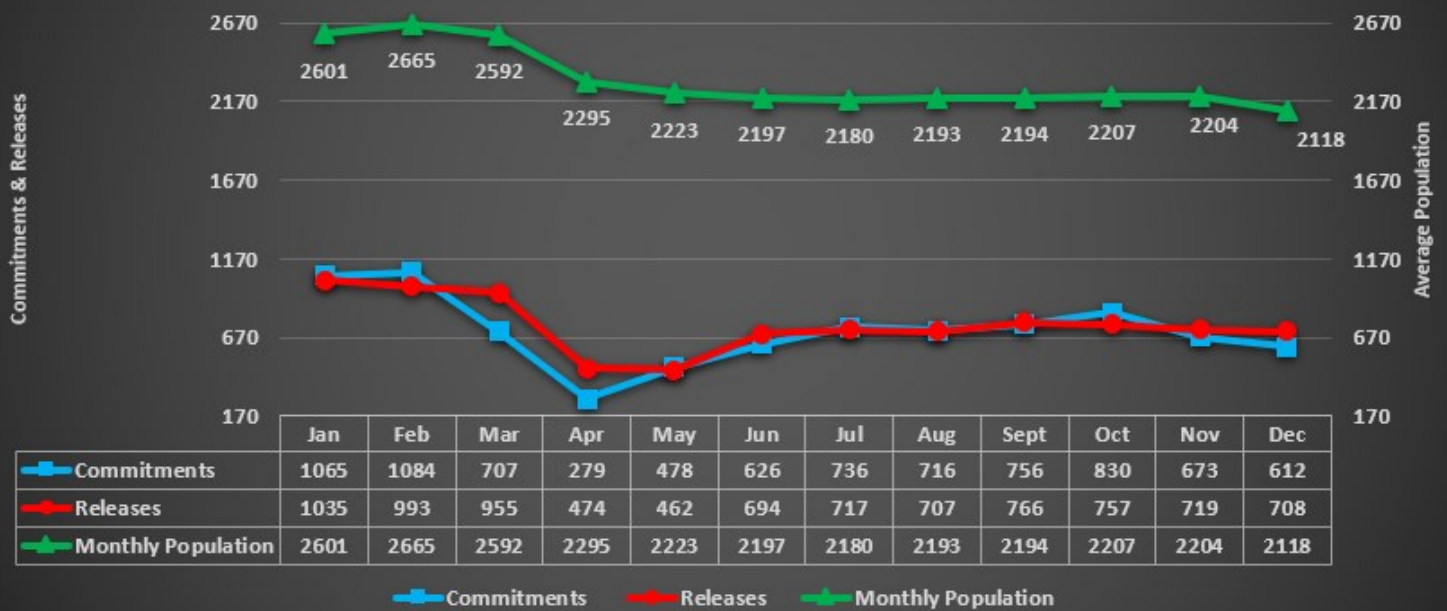
*\*\*Other includes bail, discharge at court and discharge per court order.*

*\*\*\*Other includes death, escape, transfer out-of-state, and released on case.*

<i>Release Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Awaiting Trial</b>	<b>5564</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>6619</b>
<b>Civil Purge</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	1131	107	1238
<i>**Other</i>	4433	948	5381
<b>Sentenced</b>	<b>2068</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2293</b>
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	1725	195	1920
<i>Parole</i>	244	16	260
<i>***Other</i>	55	6	61
<i>Early Release due to State Emergency</i>	44	8	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>7697</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>8987</b>

*\*Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections has seen a sharp decline in the overall population. This decline is the result of incarceration mitigation strategies implemented across the state.\**

## The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY20



Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments have a great effect on RIDOC’s population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, an increase/decrease may be evident in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments/releases impacted the population in CY2020. For more information regarding changes in length of stay, see the RIDOC FY2020 Annual Population Report, which can be found on the RIDOC webpage at [www.doc.ri.gov](http://www.doc.ri.gov). Since male and female figures were relatively close together, they have been expressed below as combined.

- ◆ The average age of those committed and released was **35**.
- ◆ Twenty-nine percent (**29%**) of men and thirty-eight percent (**38%**) of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ Forty-nine percent (**49%**) of those committed and released were white, twenty-five percent (**25%**) black; twenty-two percent (**22%**) Hispanic.
- ◆ Only fourteen percent (**14%**) of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments, seventy-eight percent (**78%**) were newly sentenced and seventeen percent (**17%**) were committed due to a probation violation, yielding a seventeen percent (**17%**) decrease from last year where thirty-four percent (**34%**) of sentenced commitments were probation violations.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, thirty-nine percent (**39%**) were new commitments and twenty-one percent (**21%**) were committed for “failure to appear” (for court).
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2020, sixty-six percent (**66%**) of males and eighty-two percent (**82%**) of females were sentenced to six months or less.

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# Rhode Island Geographic Representation of Department of Corrections Sentenced Releases (CY 2020)

