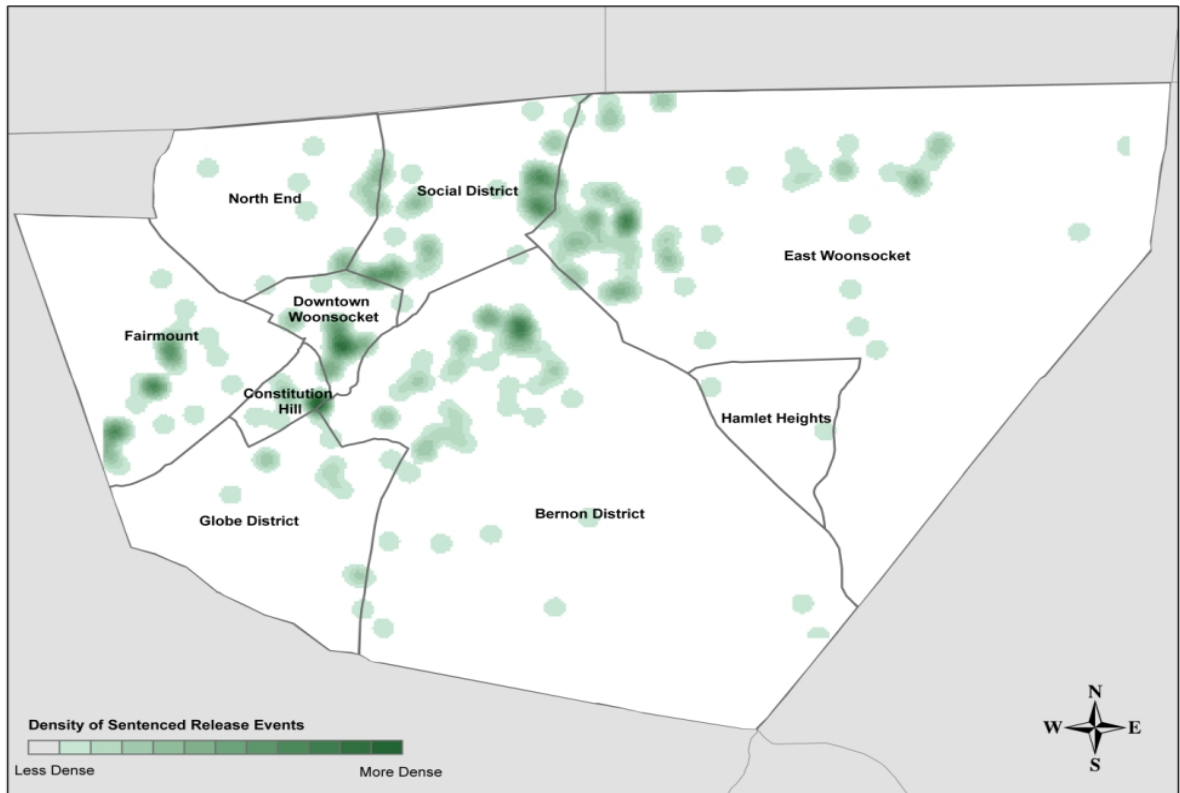


Community Profiles: Woonsocket, RI

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During Fiscal Year 2012, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) processed **3,706** releases from sentenced status from the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI), representing **3,306** people.* Two hundred twenty-seven (227) reported returning to Woonsocket, which accounts for approximately **7%** of all releases to Rhode Island during FY12.

Woonsocket received the fourth highest number of released offenders in FY12 following Providence, Pawtucket, and Warwick.

Most releases were white (63%), single (77%), males

(83%), who expired their sentences from the ACI (92%).

The map above illustrates density clusters, or the areas where the population of those released is highest. The darkest areas indicate the highest number of released offenders per square mile.

The average age of an offender upon release was 33 years old.

Thirty-three percent (33%) of releases reported having a High School Diploma or GED and 11% had some college education.

Half (50%) of those released were unemployed prior to their incarceration.

More than half (66%) of offenders were serving a sentence of 6 months or less while only 8% were serving a sentence over 5 years.

Those releases who expired their sentences spent between 10 days and 9 years at the ACI with an average length of stay of 172 days.

Most had been serving time for a nonviolent (45%), violent (33%), or drug (14%) related crime.

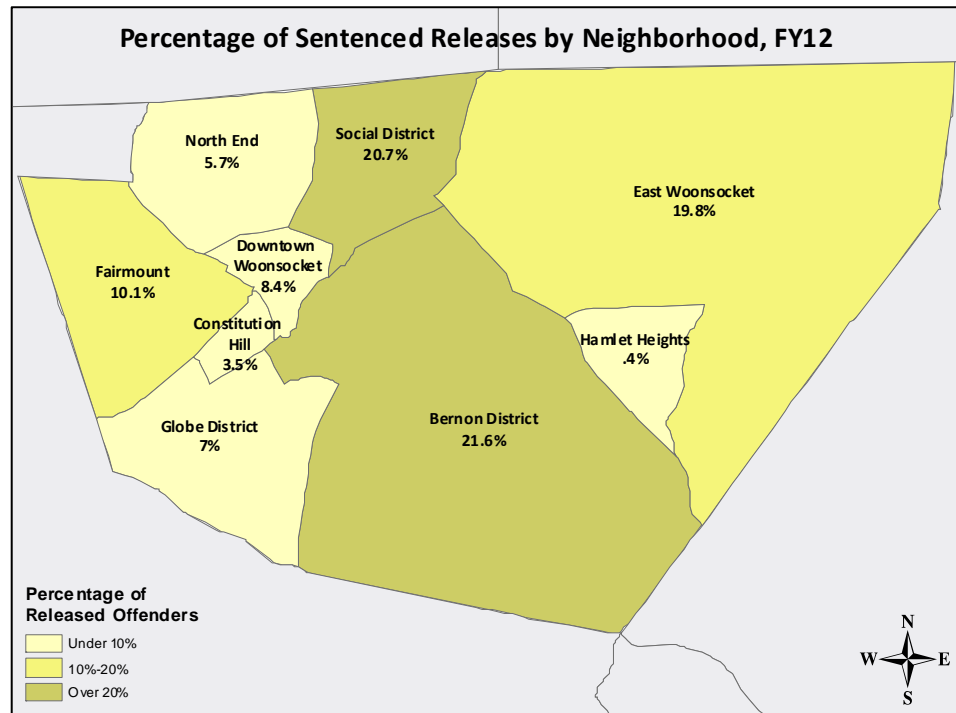
There were 2 sex offenders among the releasees.

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*All data contained henceforth is specific to the number of people released to Woonsocket unless otherwise noted. In the above data released offenders are counted only once even if they were in and out of the ACI multiple times during the calendar year.



According to the 2010 Census, the population of Woonsocket is 41,186, about 4% of the total Rhode Island population.

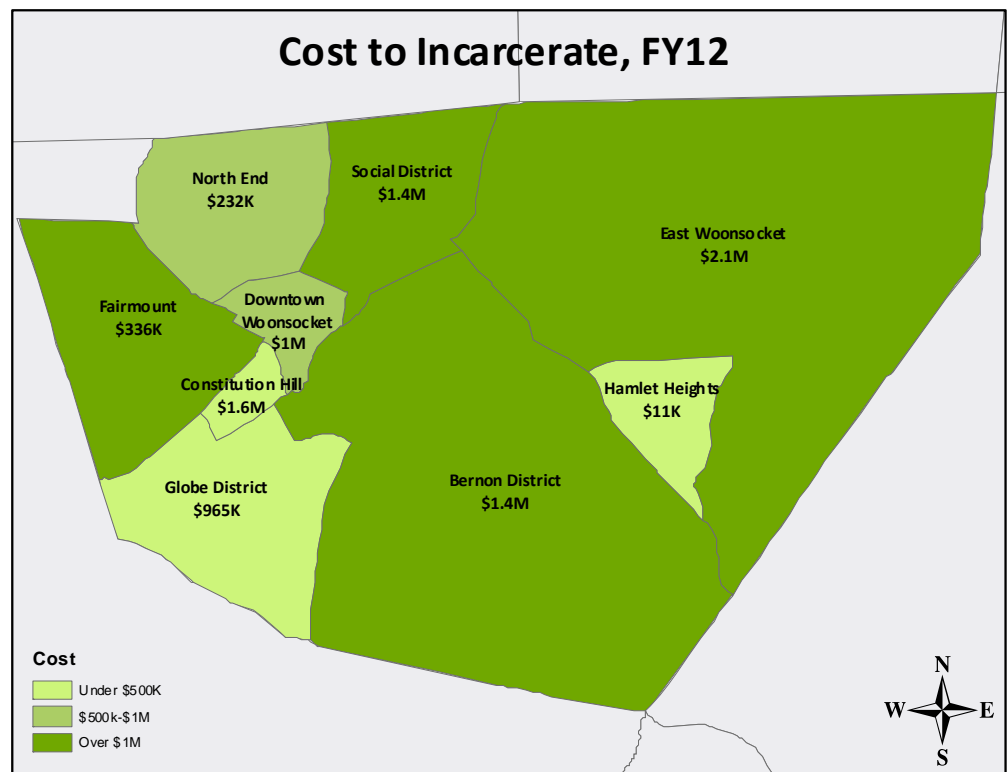
A large number of released offenders (42%) reported living in the Social District or Bernon District neighborhoods of the city.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report 2010 there were a total of 177 reported violent crimes in the city of Woonsocket; this translates to 7% of all violent crimes reported the entire state of Rhode Island. These violent crimes include 1 murder, 29 rapes, 48 robberies, and 99 aggravated assaults.

Woonsocket holds the third highest rates for violent crimes by city reported for the state of Rhode Island. Third to only Providence and Pawtucket.

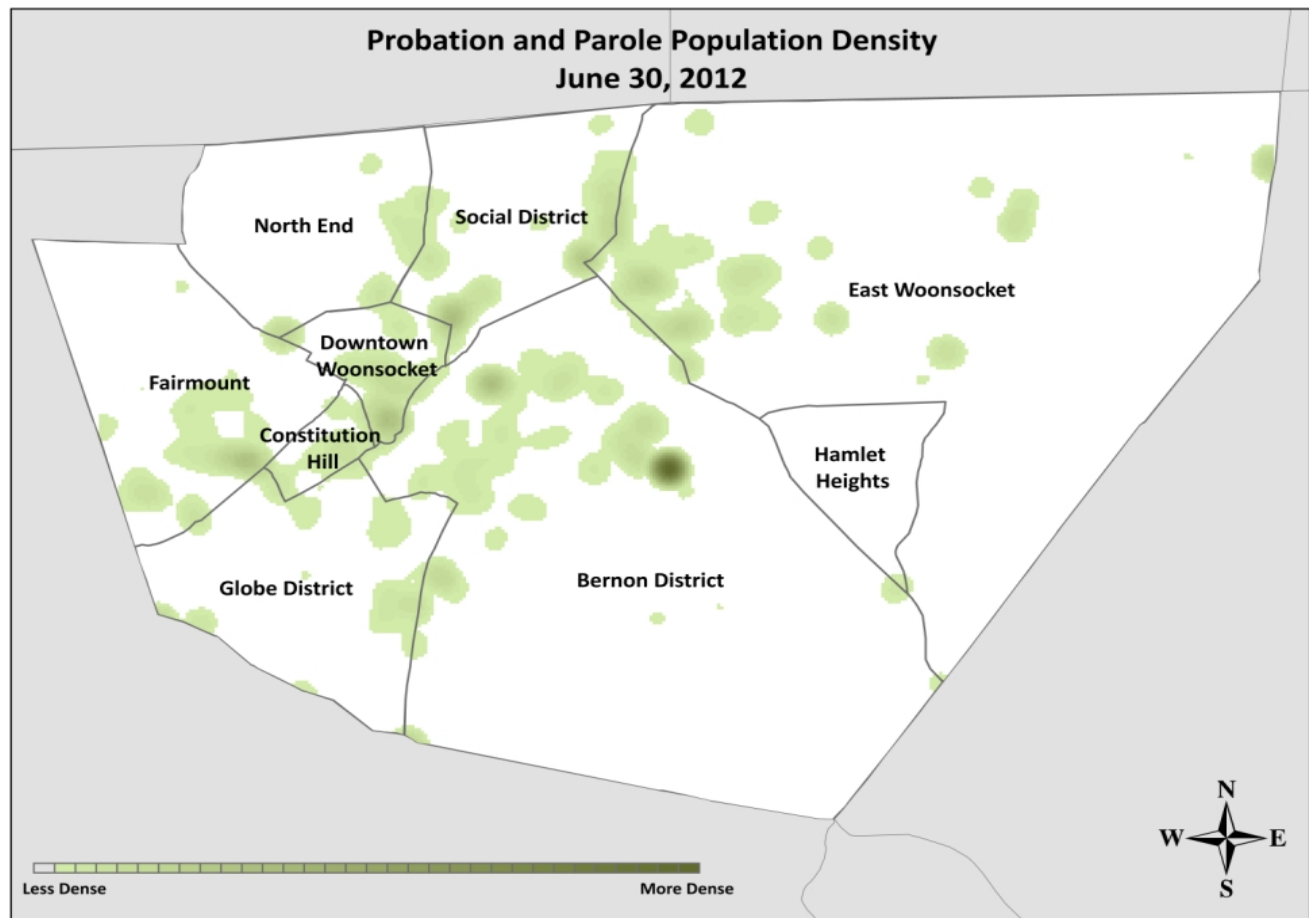
In 2012 it cost the state of Rhode Island over \$63 Million to incarcerate sentenced offenders. Woonsocket alone cost \$9.2 Million, 15% of the total incarceration cost for sentenced offenders. Over half (53%) of the total cost comes directly from East Woonsocket, Bernon District, and the Social District.

The 2010 census reports 22.2% of individuals were living below poverty level in Woonsocket between 2006-2010. The average household income was \$38,625, approximately \$16,000 less than the average income for the state of Rhode Island.



The data used spans from July 2011 to June 2012
Offenders' addresses are self reported.

The cost of incarceration was calculated per each admission. The cost per offender rate is comprised of food, inmate clothing and linens, education supplies, janitorial and kitchen supplies, medical and staffing costs. Staffing costs of prisons is the major component of cost per offender and can vary depending on facility, housing module, and the occupancy rate of the facility. A standard formula was utilized to distribute the cost. The length of stay for FY12 was multiplied by the cost to incarcerate per diem for both males and females. These calculations are estimates. If the offender's admission date was prior to 7/11 it was changed to 7/1/11. Releases for the cost calculations are counted as events, not people. One person may be counted multiple times because they may have been committed and subsequently released multiple times within one year.



One in 23 Woonsocket residents over the age of 18 are under Probation or Parole Supervision. This translates into 43 offenders per 1,000 residents, or about 173 persons per square mile. The map above illustrates the Probation and Parole population density clusters around the city, most notably in Downtown Woonsocket and Bernon District.

Conditions for offenders under P&P supervision include restitution, mental health and substance abuse counseling, community service, and no contact orders, among others.

The Woonsocket Regional Office, which covers northern RI, is located on Pond St in Woonsocket. There is one supervisor and 8 officers assigned to the caseloads in Woonsocket. Of the ten caseloads supervised out of the Woonsocket office, most (40%) are generic probation while an additional 30% are domestic violence and sex offender specific caseloads.

On June 30, 2012 there were **1,288** offenders under Probation or Parole Supervision residing in Woonsocket. On that day it cost the state about \$4,900 to supervise those offenders (\$3.79 per offender a day).

Most offenders under probation or parole supervision are white (60%) males (82%) with an average age of 37. Only 18% are females, with an average age of 39 years old.

Eight percent (8%) of those on under P&P supervision were sex offenders, while almost 16% were domestic violence offenders.

The vast majority of offenders are under P&P supervision for a violent (35%), non-violent (27%), or drug-related crime (23%). The remaining 15% of offenders were under supervision for committing a breaking & entering or sex crime.

Twenty-four (24) probationers and parolees reported being military veterans.

The data displayed above is from June 30, 2012. All addresses are self reported by offenders.

The cost of community corrections supervision was calculated per person on probation and parole on June 30, 2012 who are considered residing in the city of Woonsocket. Each person was multiplied by the cost of P&P supervision for one day, \$3.79 for FY11. These calculations are estimates. This does not account for inmates serving probation while serving a sentence at the ACI, probation hold cases, deported cases, offenders paroled to immigration, or those offenders being supervised out of state.