

# Rhode Island Department of Corrections

## Annual Commitment and Release Report

### Calendar Year 2017

#### 2017 Commitments

In calendar year 2017 there were a total of **12,956** commitment events, a decrease of 3.9% from the previous year.

Since commitments are counted as events rather than people, the 12,956 total commitment events recorded in CY2017 represents 8,117 people, as 972 people were committed twice and 611 people were committed three or more times.

<b>Commitment Type</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Awaiting Trial</b>	<b>8,267</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>9,630</b>
<b>Sentenced</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>3,051</b>
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	2,566	358	2,924
<i>Parole Violators</i>	98	11	109
<i>Other (Out of State Return, transfer from other states or Eleanor Slater Hospital Forensic Unit, etc.)</i>	18	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,949</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>12,956</b>



**Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 32% while releases have decreased 29%. Pictured above is the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center (ISC). The ISC only houses male offenders and was consequently responsible for processing over half of all commitment and release events during CY2017.**

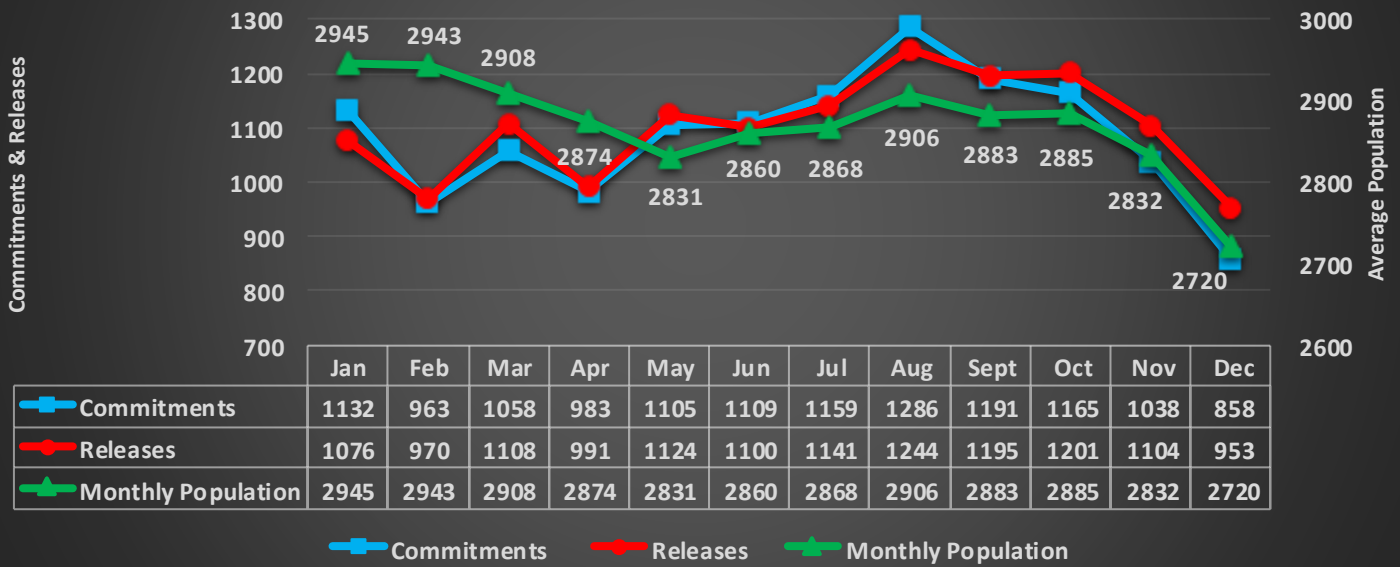
#### 2017 Releases

In calendar year 2017 there were a total of **13,185** release events, a moderate decrease of 2.9% from CY2016.

Since releases are counted as events rather than people, the 13,185 total release events recorded in CY2017 represents 8,595 people, as 887 people were released twice and 611 people were released three or more times.

<b>Release Type</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Awaiting Trial</b>	<b>8,282</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>9,928</b>
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	1,888	203	2,091
<i>Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)</i>	6,394	1,443	7,837
<b>Sentenced</b>	<b>2,892</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>3,257</b>
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	2,549	327	2,876
<i>Parole</i>	254	30	284
<i>Other (death, escape, transfer out of state, re-released on case)</i>	89	8	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,174</b>	<b>2,011</b>	<b>13,185</b>

## The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY17

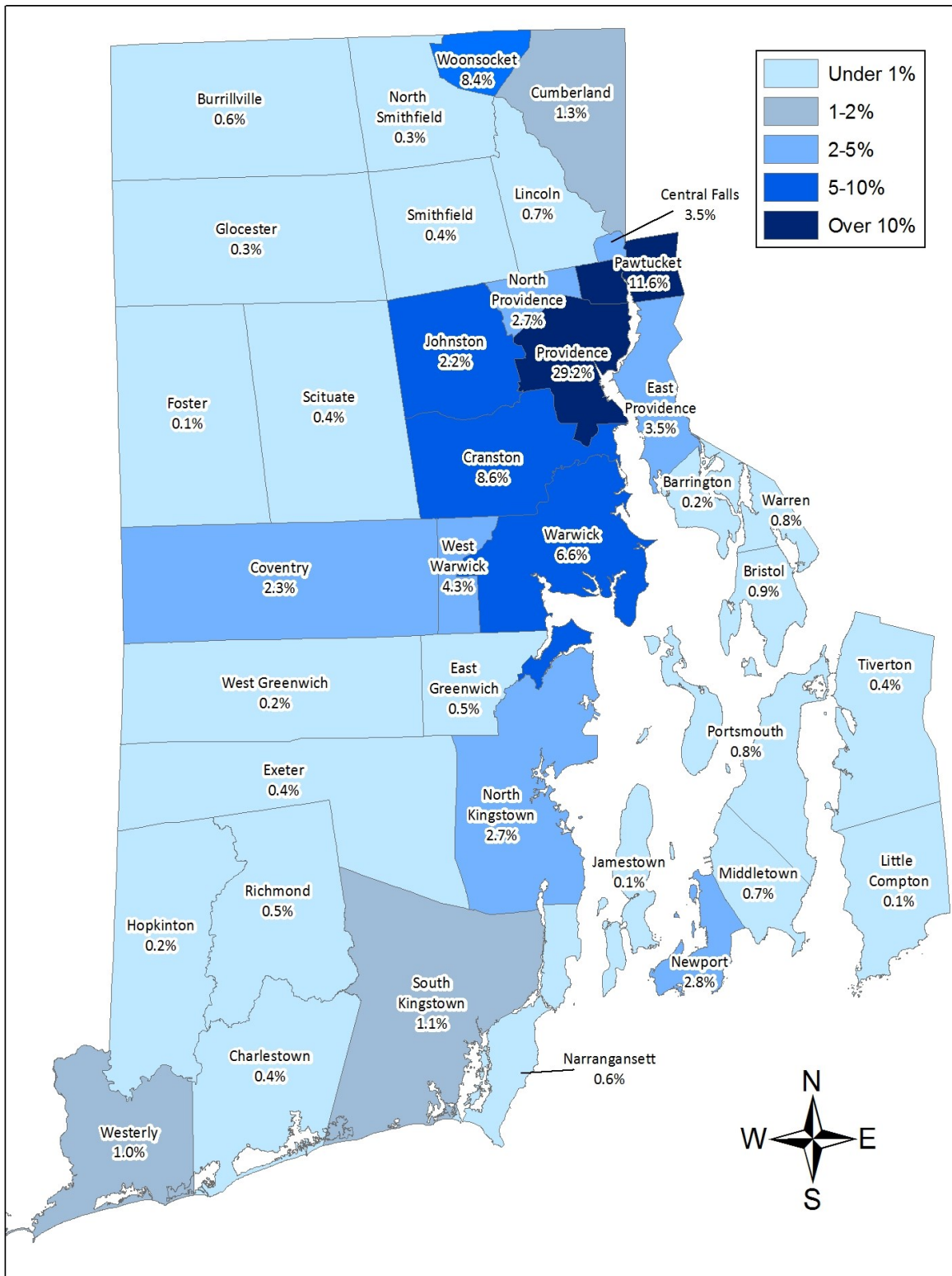


Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments have a great effect on RIDOC’s population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, an increase/decrease may be evident in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments/releases impact the population in CY2017. For more information regarding changes in length of stay, see the RIDOC FY2017 Annual Population Report, which can be found on the RIDOC webpage at [www.doc.ri.gov](http://www.doc.ri.gov).

- ◆ The average age of those committed and released was 34.
- ◆ Thirty-four percent (34%) of men and 47% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ Fifty-one percent (51%) of those committed and released were white, 25% black; 21% Hispanic.
- ◆ Only 15% of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments, 61% were newly sentenced and 35% were committed due to a probation violation, yielding a 9% increase from last year where 26% of sentenced commitments were probation violations.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, 38% were new commitments and 26% were committed for “failure to appear” (for court).
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2017, 66% of males and 75% of females were sentenced to six months or less.

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# Geographic Representation of RIDOC Population



- ◆ The majority of offenders were released to the City of Providence (29.2%) or the City of Pawtucket (11.6%).