

# Rhode Island Department of Corrections

## Calendar Year 2023 Annual Commitment and Release Report

### 2023 Commitments

In calendar year 2023 there were a total of **10,428** commitment events, an increase of nearly **2%** from CY2022.

Commitments are counted as **events** rather than people. The **10,428** total commitment events recorded in CY2023 represent **6,567** people, as **736** people were committed twice and **497** people were committed three or more times.

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

<i>Commitment Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Awaiting Trial</b>	<b>6,616</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>8,022</b>
<b>Civil Purge</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Sentenced</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>2,309</b>
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	1,948	285	2,233
<i>Parole Violators</i>	58	4	62
<i>Other*</i>	13	1	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,727</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>10,428</b>



*Commitments to RIDOC were at an all-time high in 2006. Since then, commitments have decreased 46%. During that same time period, releases have decreased by about 45%. 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 CY2023.*

### 2023 Releases

In calendar year 2023 there were a total of **10,264** release events, an increase of **3%** from CY2022.

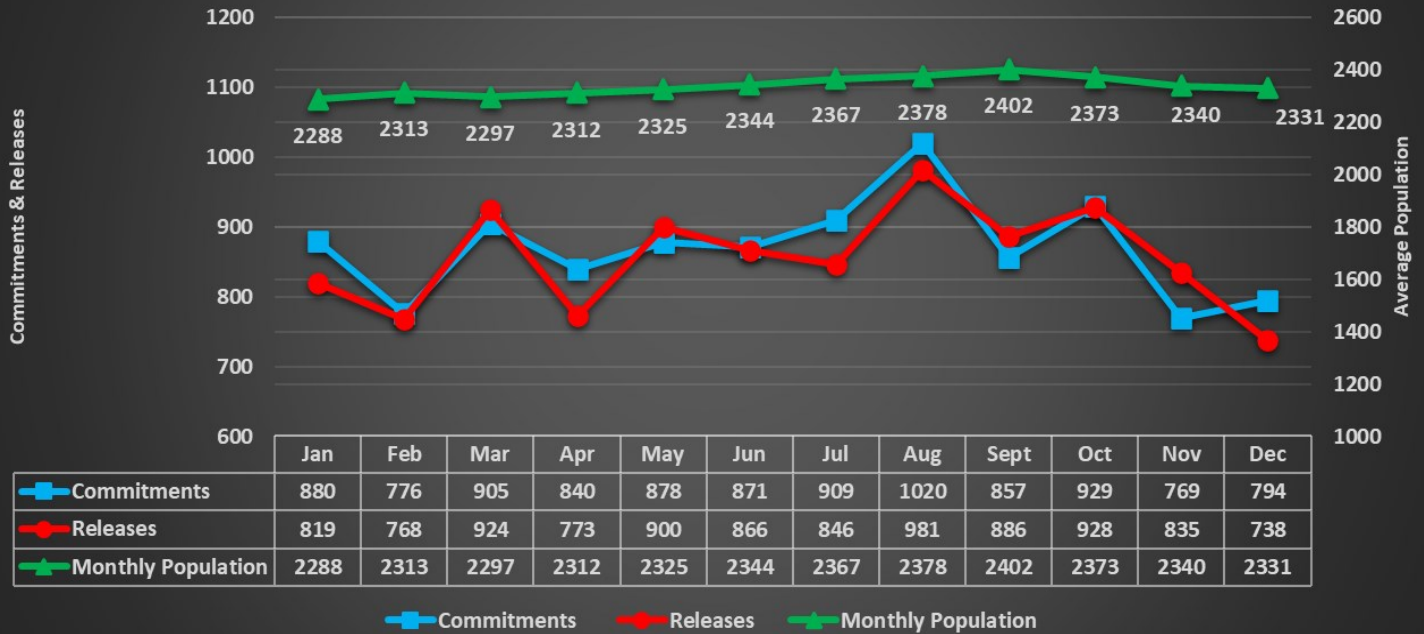
Since releases are counted as **events** rather than people, the **10,264** total release events recorded in CY2023 represent **6,636** people, as **708** people were released twice and **473** people were released three or more times.

*\*\* Other includes bailed, discharged at court, and discharged per court order.*

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

<i>Release Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Awaiting Trial</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>7,820</b>
<b>Civil Purge</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100</b>
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	1,457	181	1,638
<i>Other**</i>	4,980	1,202	6,182
<b>Sentenced</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>2,344</b>
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	1,852	274	2,126
<i>Parole</i>	149	19	168
<i>Other***</i>	42	8	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,575</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>10,264</b>

## The Impact of Commitments & Releases on RIDOC's Offender Population in CY23

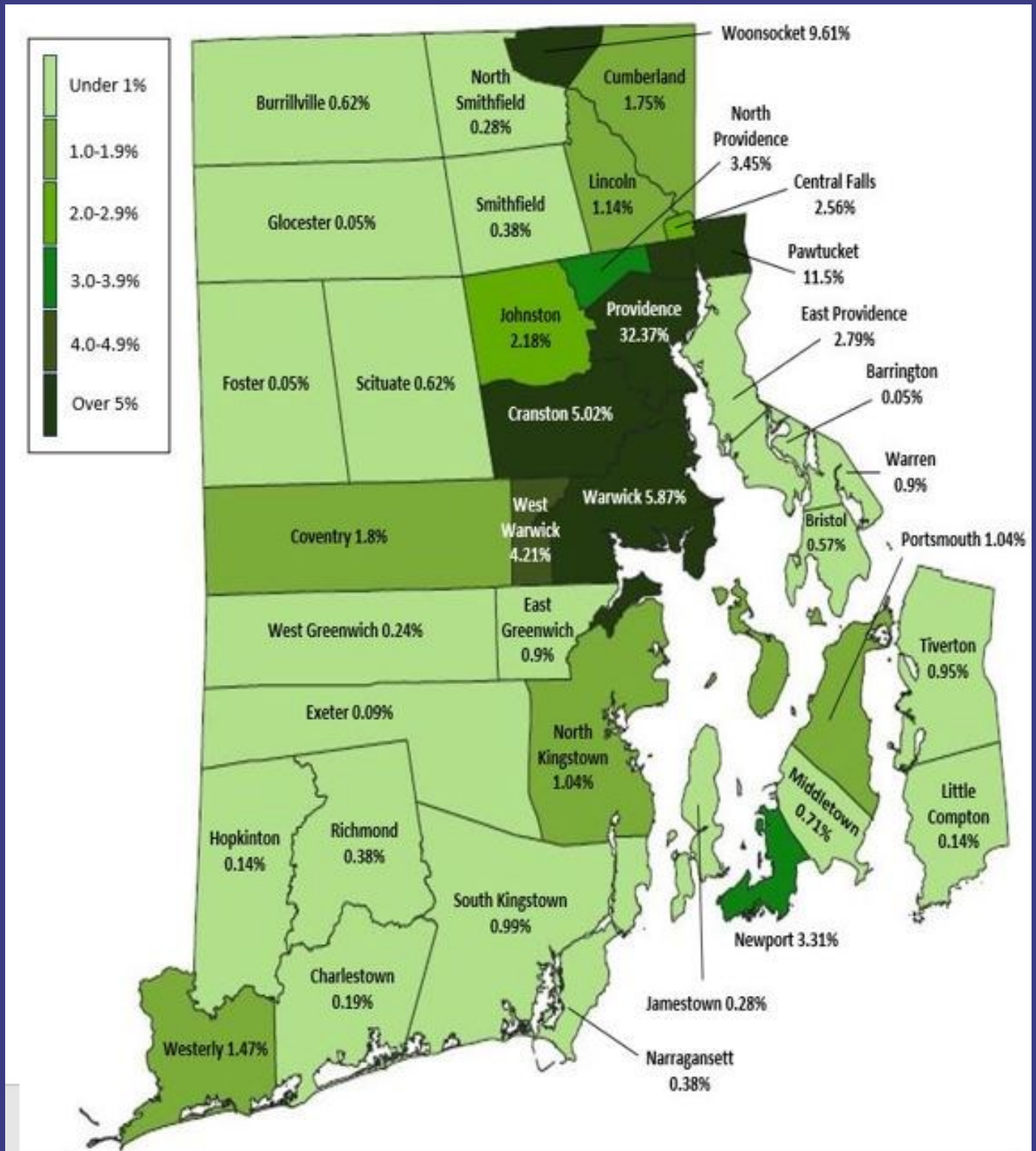


Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments and releases have a considerable effect on RIDOC's offender population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, an increase/decrease may be evident in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments and releases impacted the population in CY2023. For more information regarding changes in length of stay, see the RIDOC FY2023 Annual Population Report, which can be found on the RIDOC webpage at [www.doc.ri.gov](http://www.doc.ri.gov). While RIDOC's CY2023 average offender population was 3% higher at its close than the CY2022 population, this reflects a 41% decline from its peak of 3,937 in 2007. The first wave of COVID-19 in the Spring of 2020 had a significant impact on RIDOC's commitments and releases, and thus the overall offender population. CY2023 commitments (10,428) and releases (10,264) are down by nearly 20% each from the last pre-COVID Calendar Year (CY2019), which yielded 12,975 commitments and 12,879 releases. Similarly, RIDOC's CY2023 average offender population of 2,339 reflects an 11% decline from CY2019's average offender population of 2,631.

- ◆ The average age of those committed and released was **37**.
- ◆ Twenty-nine percent (**29%**) of men and nearly thirty-nine percent (**39%**) of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ The most frequently occurring charges in both awaiting trial and sentenced commitments were violation of a no contact order (**10%**), followed by domestic assault (**7%**) and possession of a controlled substance (**6%**).
- ◆ Around **5%** of those committed or released from RIDOC custody were identified as being homeless or having no permanent address.
- ◆ Just over sixteen percent (**16%**) of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ The average length of stay for awaiting trial releases is **36 days**, while median length of stay for awaiting trial releases is **6 days**.
- ◆ The median sentence length for sentenced commitments is **90 days**, while the median length of stay for all sentenced releases is **65 days**. For sentenced releases who were expiring a sentence, the median length of stay was **62 days**.
- ◆ Almost forty-eight percent (**48%**) of those committed and released were White, twenty-six percent (**26%**) were Black, and twenty-four percent (**24%**) were Hispanic.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, nearly thirty-seven percent (**37%**) were new commitments, thirty percent (**30%**) were probation violators, and twenty percent (**20%**) were committed for "failure to appear" [for court].
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2023, sixty-four percent (**64%**) of males and eighty-one percent (**81%**) of females were sentenced to six months or less.

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# Rhode Island Geographic Representation of Department of Corrections CY23 Sentenced Release Events



**Data Caveat:** Please note that the above figures are based off of CY23 sentenced releases who self-identified that they reside in Rhode Island upon commitment (N=2,113).