

Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Annual Commitment and Release Report

Calendar Year 2015

2015 Commitments

In calendar year 2015 there were a total of **14,010** commitment events, which represents a decrease of 10.9% from the previous year.

Of the 14,010 total commitment events in 2015, this only represents 9,228 people, as about 912 people were committed twice and about 606 people were committed three or more times.

Commitment Type	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial	9,004	1,656	10,660
Sentenced	3,019	331	3,350
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	2,899	322	3,221
<i>Parole Violators</i>	98	8	106
<i>Other (Out of State Return, transfer from other states or IMH, etc.)</i>	22	1	23
Total	12,023	1,987	14,010



Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 24% while releases have decreased 25%. Pictured above is the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center (ISC). The ISC was responsible for processing over half of all commitment and release events during CY15.

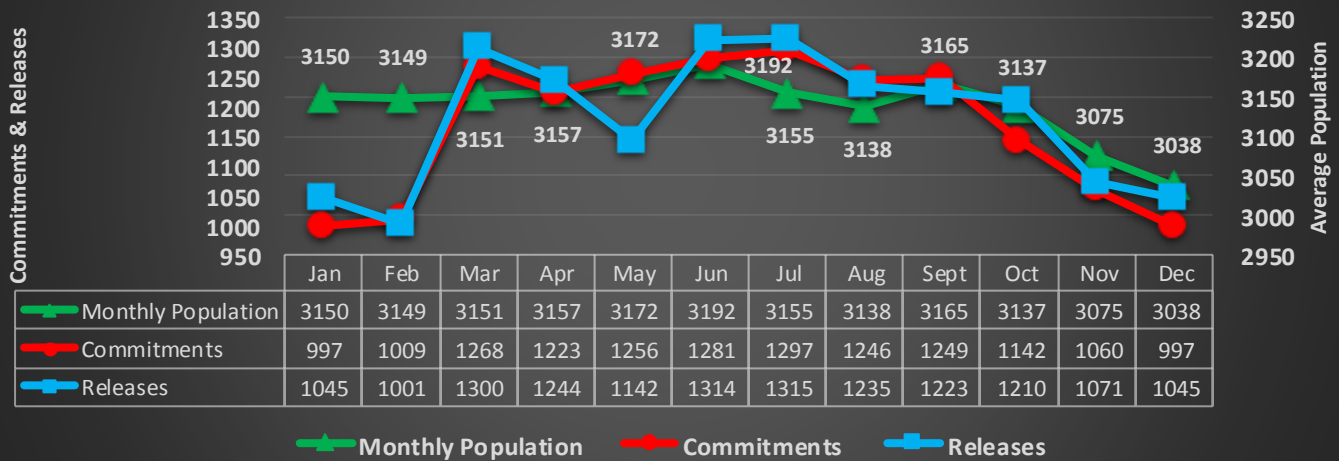
2015 Releases

In calendar year 2015 there were a total of **14,054** release events, a moderate decrease of 10.6% from CY14.

Of the 14,054 total release events in 2015, this only represents 9,658 people, as about 803 people were released twice and about 595 people were released three or more times.

Release Type	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial	9,027	1,652	10,679
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	1,898	170	2,068
<i>Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)</i>	7,129	1,482	8,611
Sentenced	3,030	345	3,375
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	2,690	317	3,007
<i>Parole</i>	226	22	248
<i>Other (death, escape, transfer out of state, released on case)</i>	114	6	120
Total	12,055	1,997	14,054

The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY15

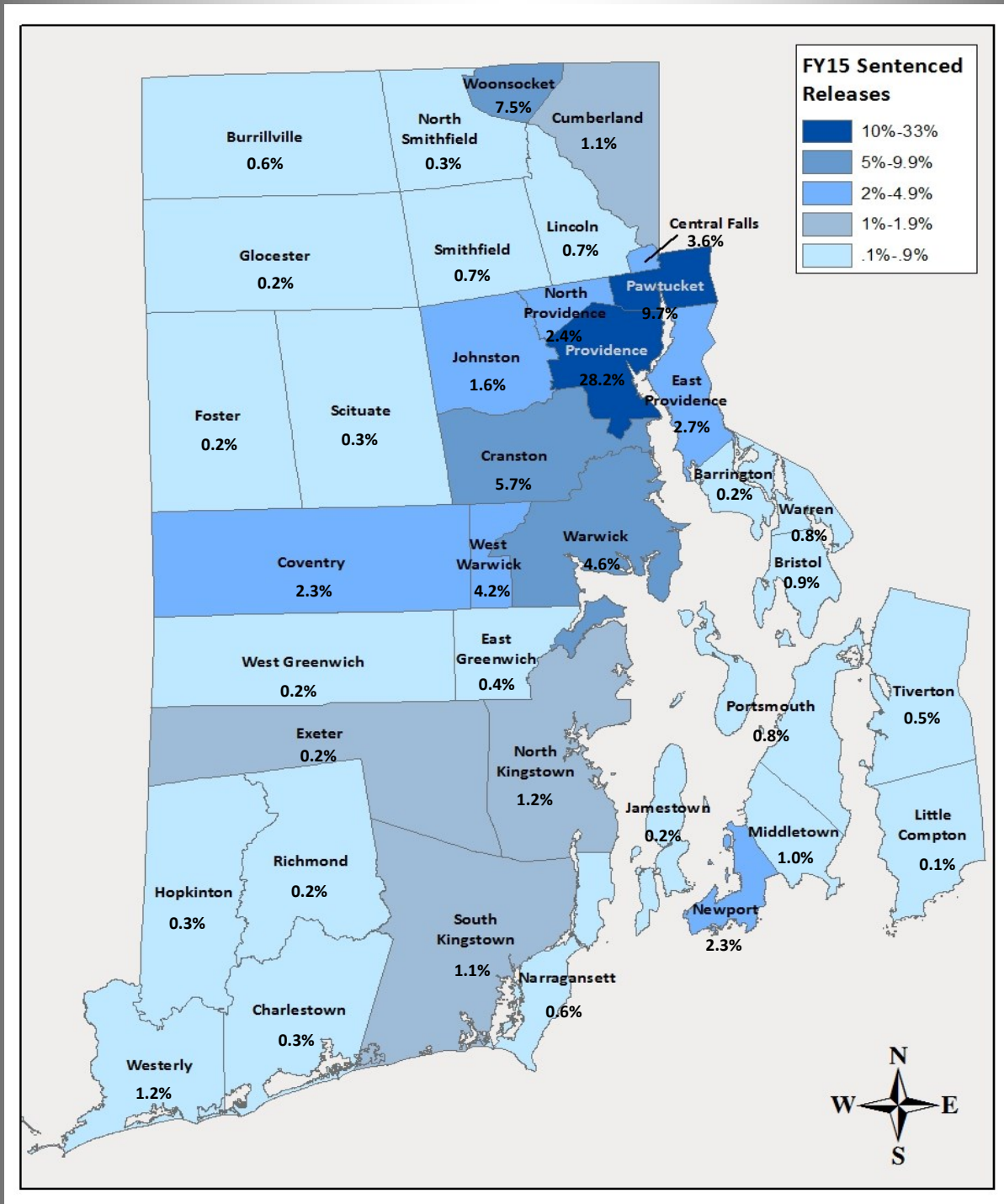


Prison Populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In Rhode Island, commitments have a great effect on RIDOC’s population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, we often see an increase/decrease in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments impact the population. For more information regarding changes in length of stay, see the FY2015 Population Report.

- ◆ The average age of those committed and released was 33.
- ◆ Fifty-two percent (52%) of those committed and released were white, 24% black, and 20% Hispanic.
- ◆ Only 14% of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ Forty-one (41%) of men and 56% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, 30% were new commitments while 30% were committed for “failure to appear” (for court).
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments, 61% were newly sentenced and 36% were committed due to a probation violation, yielding a 6% decrease from last year where 42% of sentenced commitments were for probation violations.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2015, 61% of males and 81% of females were sentenced to six months or less.

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Where does the RIDOC population come from?



- ◆ The vast majority of offenders came from and were subsequently released to the City of Providence (28%).

* Please note that totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.