

Community Profile: Providence, RI

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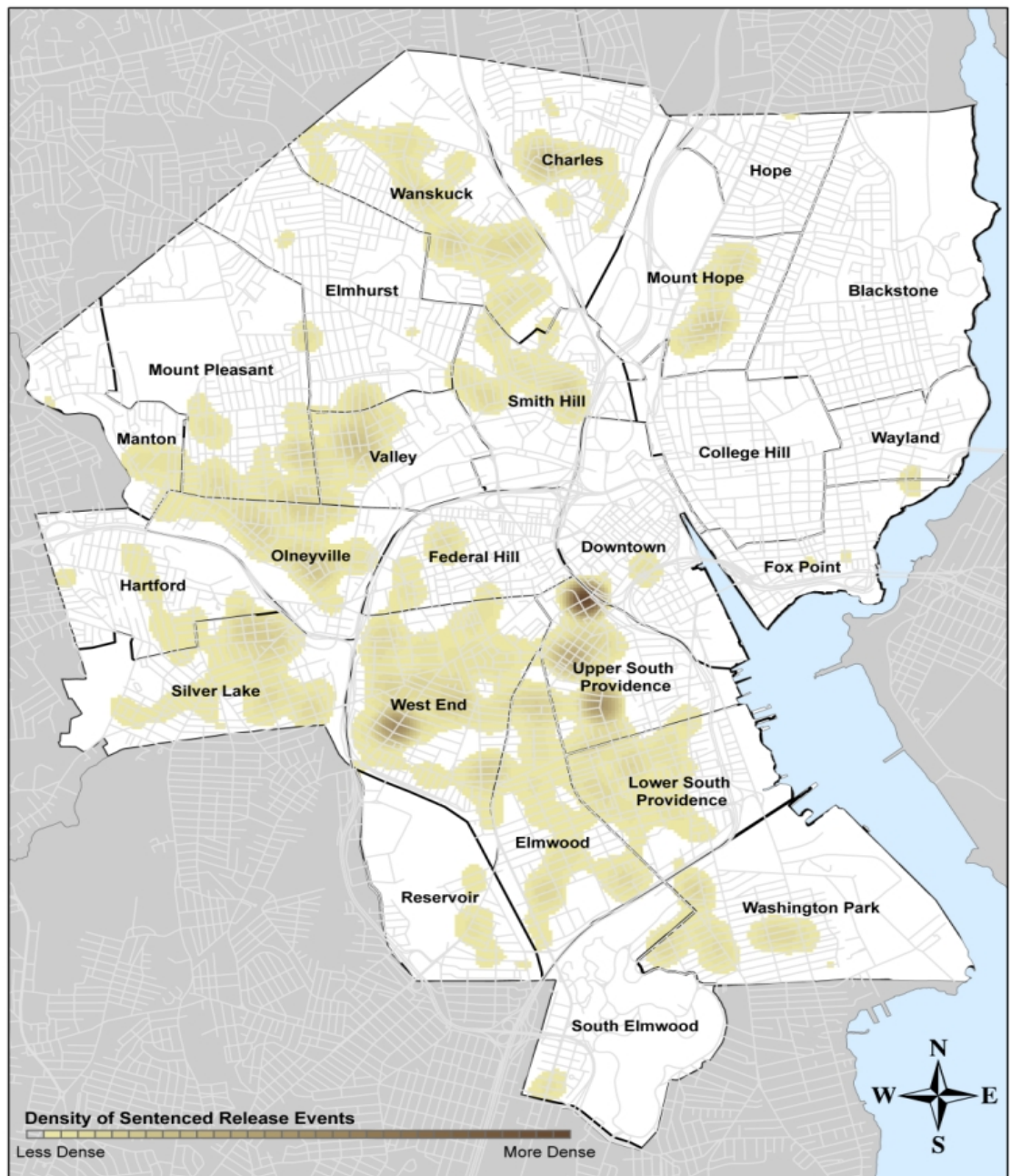
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Providence, the capital city of Rhode Island, received **1,001** offenders* who completed a sentence in calendar year 2011. This is **31%** of the total releases from sentenced status coming out of the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI) during the year. Pawtucket received the next highest volume of offenders at 315, which is only 31% of those reportedly released to Providence. All data contained henceforth is specific to Providence unless otherwise noted.

The map to the right illustrates density clusters, or the areas where the population volume of those released is highest. The darkest areas indicate the highest number of released offenders per square mile. These can be seen in the Upper South Providence and West End neighborhoods.

Most offenders released to Providence were Black (43%), single (81%), males (90%) who expired their sentences (88%) from the ACI with an average age of 34 years old upon release.



The vast majority of offenders were released after serving a sentence for a nonviolent offense (38%), violent offense (30%), or a drug offense (22%).

During 2011 forty-eight sex offenders were released to Providence and two offenders

who had been serving life in prison were paroled**.

Those inmates who expired their sentences served from 6 days to 35 years with an average length of stay at the ACI of about 300 days.

More than half (53%) of offenders were

serving a sentence for 6 months or less at the ACI for their crime. Only 13% of these offenders were serving a sentence of over 5 years.

Thirty-three percent (33%) of offenders reported graduating from high school or having a GED.

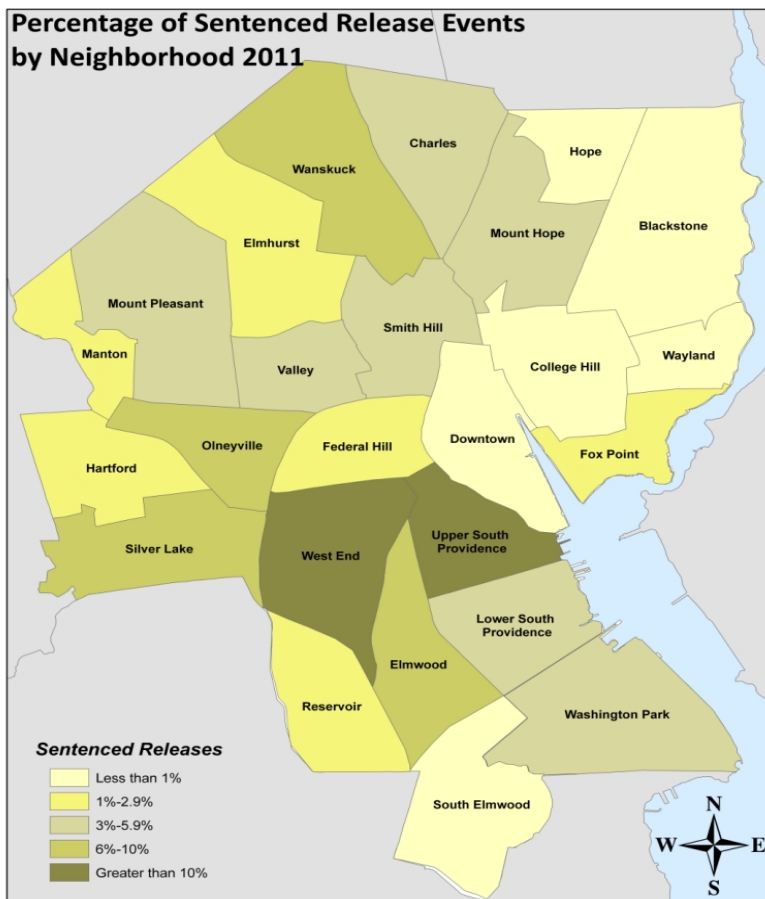
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The data used spans from January 2011 to December 2011. Offenders' addresses are self reported.

*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.

**A third inmate serving life in prison died while in custody during 2011.

Percentage of Sentenced Release Events by Neighborhood 2011



According to the 2010 Census, Providence's population was 178,042, about 17% of the total Rhode Island population, but home to nearly a third of offenders released annually.

As shown in the map to the left, Upper South Providence and the West End receive almost 28% of the released offenders for the city of Providence. Many of these releases are homeless and report that they will be residing at Crossroads, a homeless shelter, when returning to the community.

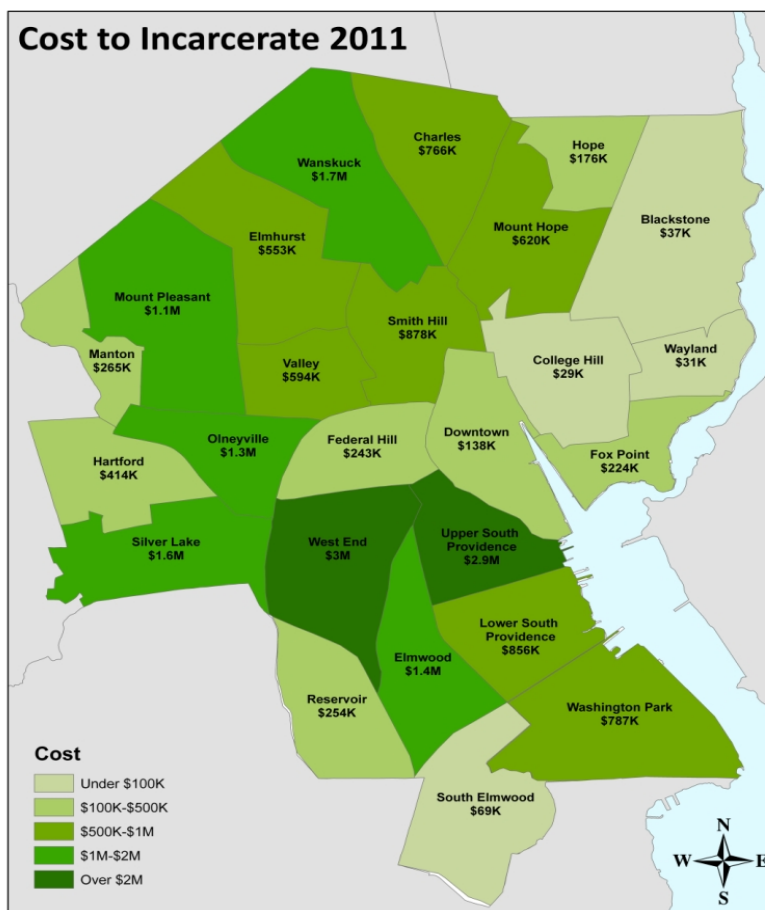
Between 2002-2007, Upper South Providence had the highest violent crime rate per 1,000 people of all the city neighborhoods. The West End was fifth highest for violent crimes during the same time period. (www.providenceplan.org).

In 2011 it cost over \$58 Million to incarcerate the entire Sentenced Release population. The Providence population alone cost \$19 Million to incarcerate, which equates to one third of the total cost.

Upper South Providence and the West End account for almost 30% of the Providence incarcerated population; \$2.9M and \$3M respectively.

According to the 2000 Census* the median family income for Upper South Providence was \$24,288 and \$23,613 for the West End. Almost 66% of households in Upper South Providence and 53% of those in the West End were living below poverty level. Seventeen percent (17%) of the Upper South Providence population and almost 13% of the West End population reported being unemployed. Compared to other Providence neighborhoods, Upper South Providence and the West End are consistently in the bottom 5 economically prosperous areas.

Cost to Incarcerate 2011



Probation & Parole

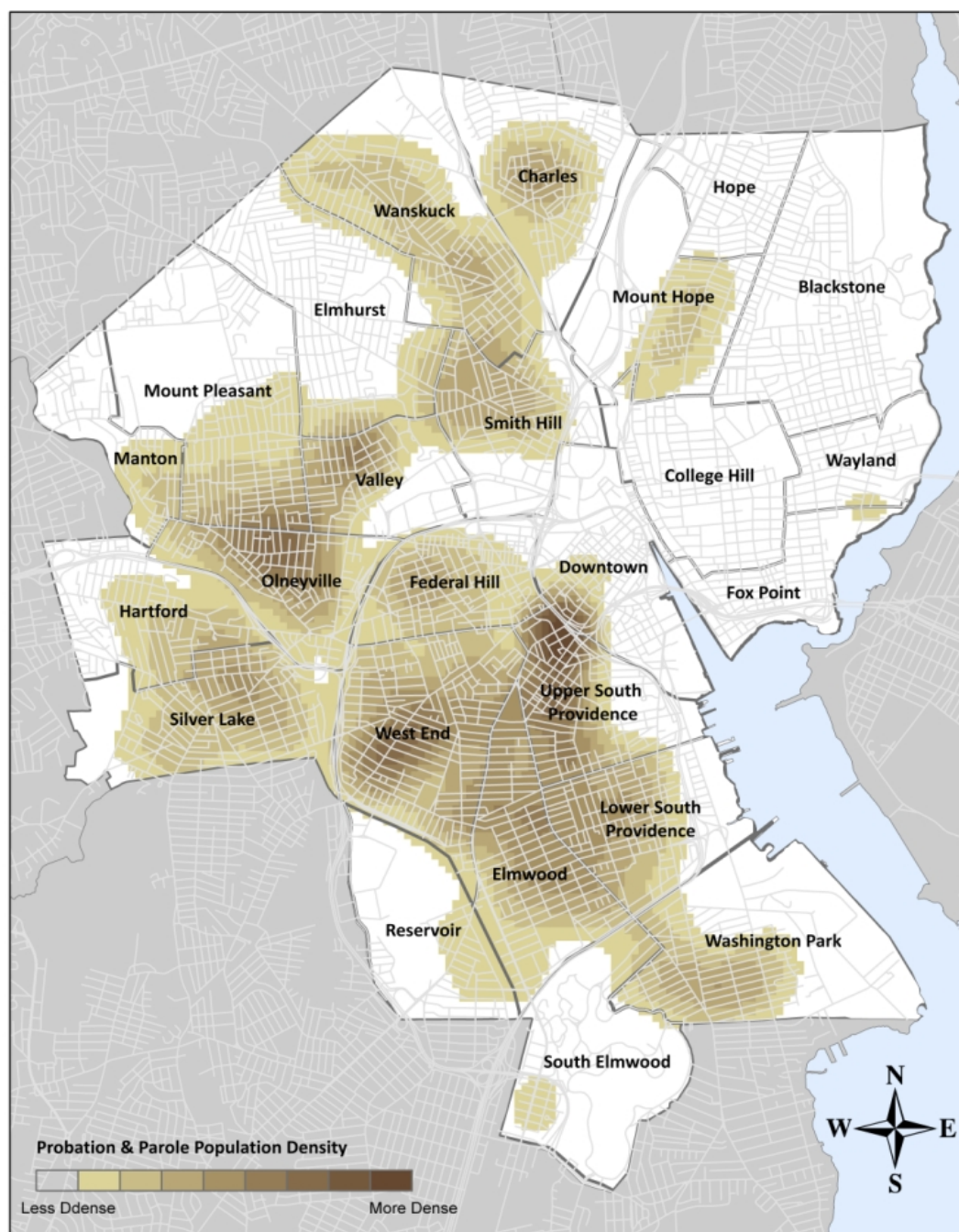
As of December 31, 2011, the total Probation and Parole (P&P) population for Rhode Island was 25,543. Of all of the offenders supervised by P&P, 37% (9,402) were on active or low supervision. Thirty percent (30%) of those offenders reported living in Providence.

Probation and Parole employs 76 Probation and Parole Officers, eight supervisors, one Deputy Compact Administrator, and 21 support staff in the unit. The average caseload for officers is about 171 offenders.

Specialized supervision caseloads include Sex Offender Specific, Domestic Violence Specific, & Interstate Compact, which is responsible for transfer of P&P offenders into and out of Rhode Island.

Most of the offenders are Black (35%) or Hispanic (33%) males (84%) with an average age of about 38 years old.

The majority of offenders are under P&P supervision due to committing a drug (34%), violent (31%), or nonviolent (26%) offense. Five hundred sixty-two (562) of the Providence P&P offenders were domestic violence offenders, and 228 were sex offenders.



At the close of Calendar Year 2011, there were a total of 39 offenders serving Lifetime Community Supervision in Providence.

In Providence 1 in 21 residents over the age of 18 (4.8% of the population) is under active probation supervision. This is about 342 offenders per square mile, or 48 offenders per 1,000 residents.

As you can see above, the density clusters of Probation and Parole are far greater compared to the releases (see pg. 1) due to an overall higher P&P population.

The darkest areas, which indicate the highest number of Probationers and Parolees per square mile, are located mostly in the Upper South Providence, West End, and Olneyville neighborhoods.

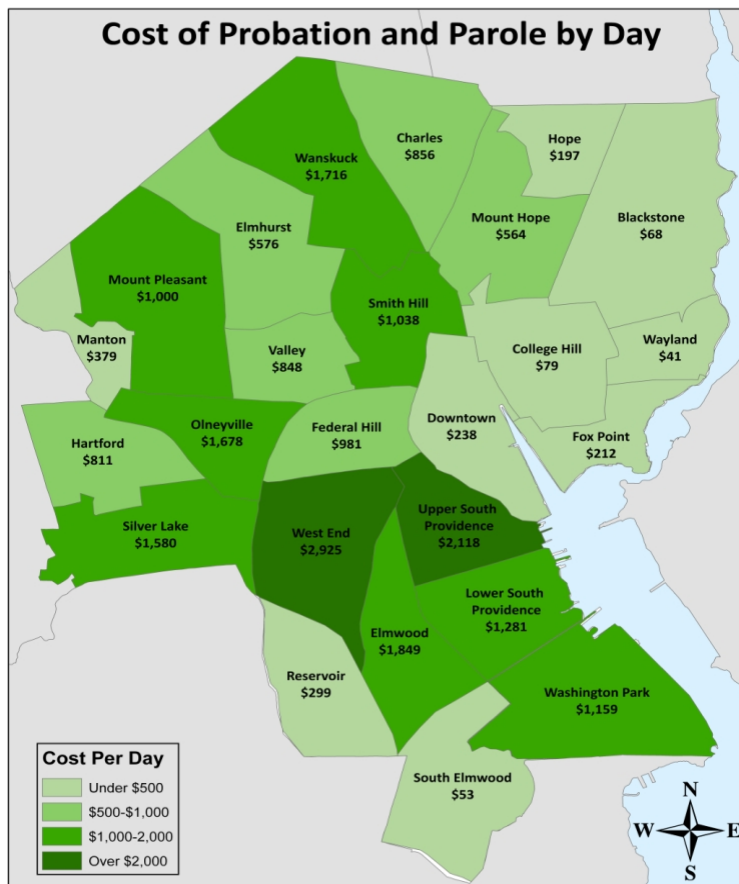
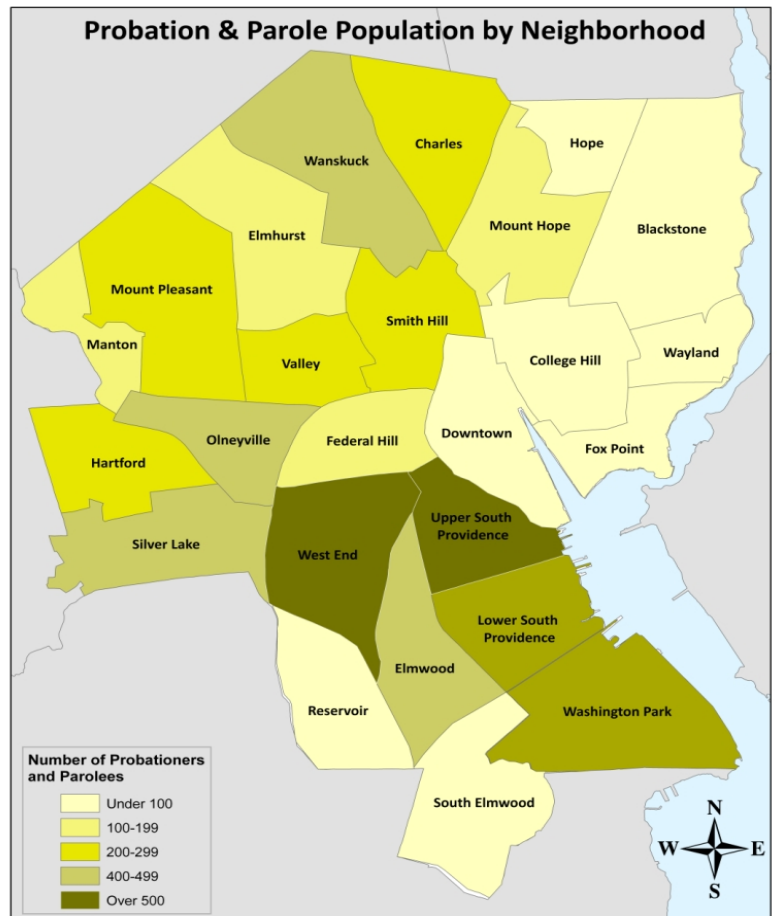
The data displayed above is from December 31, 2011.

P&P offenders that are not considered residing in RI communities include probation hold cases, under 18 actively supervised, deported cases, interstate cases, out of state offenders, RI offenders living out of state, 235 offenders with missing data, offenders serving a sentence at the ACI while serving probation, & offenders paroled to immigration. All addresses are self reported by offenders.

Upper South Providence and the West End combined make up for almost 22% of the total P&P population for the city of Providence.

Conversely only 2% of the P&P population reside in the neighborhoods on the East Side of the city; Hope, Blackstone, Wayland, College Hill, & Fox Point.

Forty-one percent (41%) of the P&P cases are on active supervision while 55% are banked cases, these are cases that are not actively supervised due to current incarceration, an active warrant, or being trouble free for an extended period of time. The remaining 4% are on low supervision.



In Fiscal Year 2011 Community Corrections Expenditures, which includes community confinement and victim services along with Probation and Parole supervision, were over \$13 Million. This accounts for 8% of the total expenditures for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections.

The map to the left illustrates the amount per day (\$3.79 per offender a day) it cost the state to supervise P&P offenders who reside in Providence neighborhoods on December 31, 2011. On that day it cost almost \$23,000 to run P&P in Providence. Twenty-two percent of that cost was for the West End and Upper South Providence combined.