Rhode Island
Department of Corrections
Planning & Research Unit

Annual
Commitment &
Release Report
CY 2009

Commitments 2009

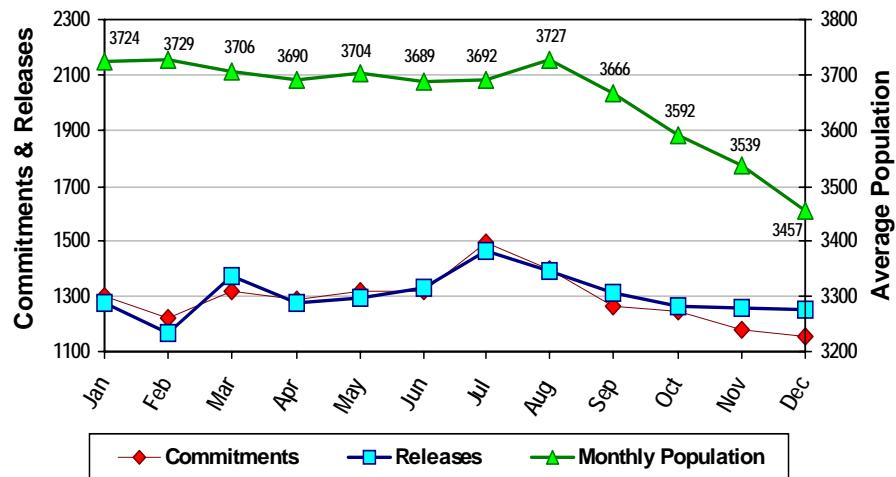|	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial Population	**9,746**	**1,644**	**11,390**
Sentenced Population	**3,534**	**382**	**3,916**
Sentenced from Court	3,306	361	3,667
Parole Violators	183	18	201
Other (Out of State return, transfer from other states or IMH, etc.)	45	3	48
Total	**13,280**	**2,026**	**15,306**

Releases 2009

	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial Population	**9,710**	**1,626**	**11,336**
To Sentenced Status	2,355	200	2,555
Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)	7,355	1,426	8,781
Sentenced Population	**3,843**	**411**	**4,254**
Expiration of Sentence	3,149	328	3,477
Parole	556	59	615
Other (death, escape, transfer out of state, and released on case)	138	24	162
Total	**13,553**	**2,037**	**15,590**

Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. Commitments have primarily driven the RIDOC's population, as length of stay has remained relatively stable. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, we often see an increase/decrease in the population. The graph on the next page demonstrates how commitments are linked to changes in the population.

The Impact of Commitments & Releases
on the Population in CY09

Interpreting the chart: The average monthly **population** is plotted on the **secondary axis** to the right, while commitments and releases are plotted on the primary axis to the left.

Interesting Statistics

- The average age of those committed and released was 33.
- 53% of those committed and released were White, 26% were Black and 19% were Hispanic.
- Only 13% of those committed and released were female.
- 36% of men and 53% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- Of the awaiting trial commitments, 53% were new commitments and 24% were committed for "failure to appear" (for court).
- Of the sentenced commitments, 65% were newly sentenced and 29% were committed due to a probation violation.
- Of the 3,916 sentenced commitments in CY09, 59% of males and 70% of females were sentenced to 6-months or less.
- The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (30%).
  (For additional city information, please see the back cover).

Where Does RIDOC's Population Come From?

City	%	City	%	City	%
Barrington	0.2	Jamestown	0.2	Smithfield	0.7
Block Island	0.1	Johnston	1.8	S. Kingstown	1.2
Bristol	0.9	Lincoln	0.8	Tiverton	0.3
Burrillville	0.7	Little Compton	0.05	Warren	0.8
Central Falls	3.2	Middletown	0.9	Warwick	5.6
Charlestown	0.4	Narragansett	0.4	Westerly	1.4
Coventry	2.3	Newport	2.2	W. Greenwich	0.2
Cranston	4.7	N. Kingstown	1.2	W. Warwick	3.8
Cumberland	1.3	N. Providence	2.1	Woonsocket	6.7
E. Greenwich	0.5	N. Smithfield	0.3	Out-of-State	5.1
E. Providence	2.6	Pawtucket	9.6	Missing	1.1
Exeter	0.4	Portsmouth	0.4	No Permanent Address	4.4
Foster	0.2	**Providence**	**30.2**		
Glocester	0.4	Richmond	0.2		
Hopkinton	0.3	Scituate	0.3		

The city an offender lives prior to commitment is usually the same city which an offender returns to upon release.