

Rhode Island Department of Corrections Annual Commitment and Release Report

Calendar Year 2014

2014 Commitments

In calendar year 2014 there were a total of **15,716** commitment events, an increase of 6% from the previous year..

Although RIDOC saw 12,057 Awaiting Trial commitments in 2014, this only represents 9,152 people, as about 2,100 were committed multiple times. In fact, 1,277 people were committed twice and 576 people were committed three or more times.

Commitment Type	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial	10,144	1,913	12,057
Sentenced	3,281	378	3,659
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	3,127	366	3,493
<i>Parole Violators</i>	135	11	146
<i>Other (Out of State Return, transfer from other states or IMH, etc.)</i>	19	1	20
Total	13,425	2,291	15,716

Similarly, 3,659 people account for the total 3,192 sentenced commitment events. Three hundred fifty-three (353) people were sentenced twice and 57 were sentenced three or more times.



Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 19% while releases have decreased 16%. 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 CY14.

2014 Releases

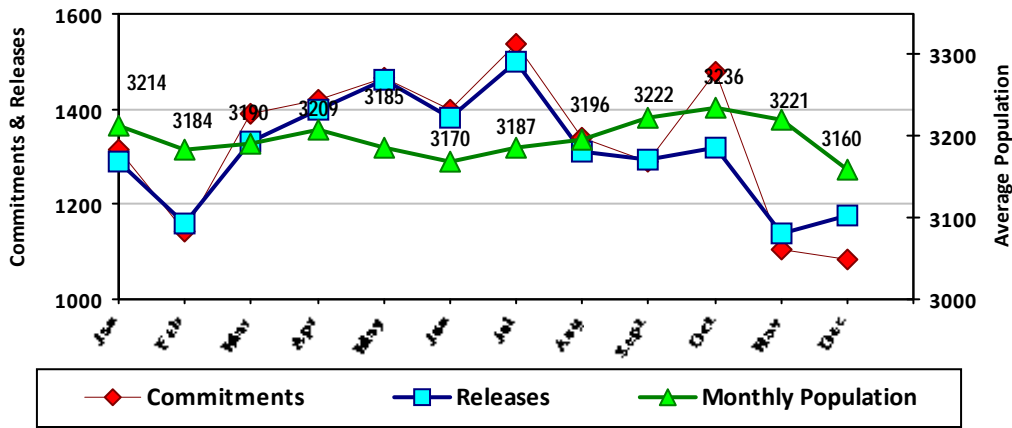
In calendar year 2014 there were a total of **15,713** release events, a slight increase of 6% from CY13.

Although RIDOC saw 12,126 awaiting trial releases in 2014, this only represents 9,257 people, as over 2,000 were released multiple times. In fact, 1,479 people were released twice and 591 people were released three or more times.

Release Type	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial	10,209	1,917	12,126
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	2,145	193	2,338
<i>Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)</i>	8,064	1,724	9,788
Sentenced	3,179	408	3,587
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	2,850	376	3,226
<i>Parole</i>	226	17	243
<i>Other (death, escape, transfer out of state, released on case)</i>	103	15	118
Total	13,388	2,325	15,713

Just as with commitments, 3,210 people represent the 3,587 sentenced release events. Two hundred ninety-six (296) inmates were released twice and 42 inmates were released from sentence status three or more times.

The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY14



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.*

Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments have a great effect on the 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 information regarding changes in length of stay, see the Population Report FY2014.

-The average age of those committed and released was 33.

-Fifty-five percent (52%) of those committed and released were white, 25% black, and 21% Hispanic.

-Only 15% of those committed and released were female.

-Forty-one percent (43%) of men and 60% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.

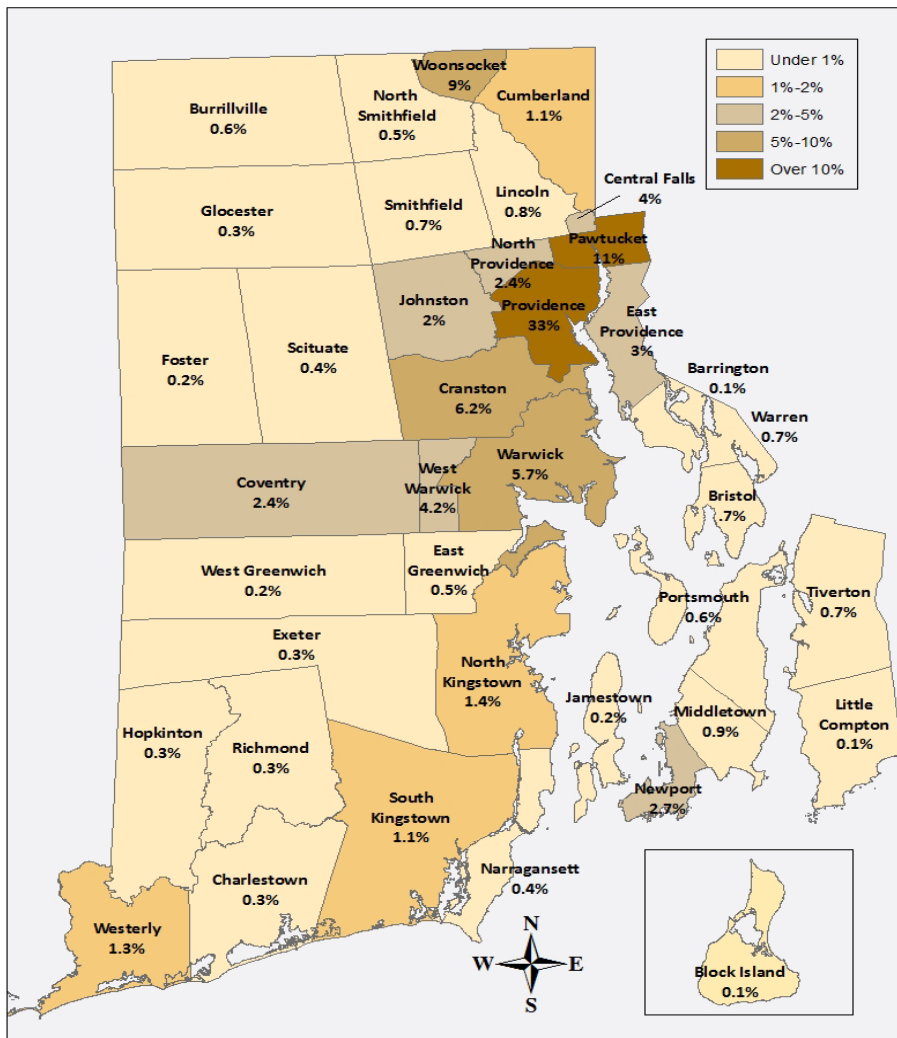
-Of the awaiting trial commitments, 27% were new commitments and 35% were committed for "failure to appear" (for court).

-Of the sentenced commitments, 54% were newly sentenced and 42% were committed due to a probation violation, a 5% increase from last year where 37% of sentenced commitments were for probation violations.

-Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2014, 62% of males and 81% of females were sentenced to six months or less.

-The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (33%).

Where does the RIDOC population come from?



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