

Rhode Island Department of Corrections Annual Commitment and Release Report *Calendar Year 2012*

2012 Commitments

In calendar year 2012 there were a total of **15,179** commitment events.

Although RIDOC saw 11,435 Awaiting Trial commitments in 2012, this only represents 8,702 people, as almost 2,000 were committed multiple times. In fact, 1,385 people were committed twice and 573 people were committed three or more times.

Commitment Type	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial	9,646	1,789	11,435
Sentenced	3,293	451	3,744
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	3,088	425	3,513
<i>Parole Violators</i>	172	25	197
<i>Other (Out of State Return, transfer from other states or IMH, etc.)</i>	33	1	34
Total	12,939	2,240	15,179

Similarly, 3,231 people account for the total 3,744 sentenced commitment events. Three hundred ninety (390) people were sentence twice and 55 were sentenced three or more times.



Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 21% while releases have decreased 19%. 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 CY12.

2012 Releases

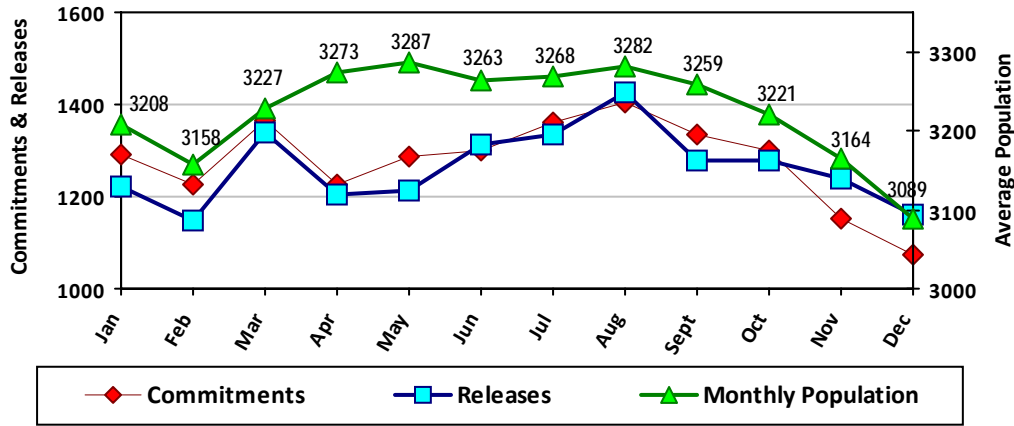
In calendar year 2012 there were a total of **15,120** release events.

Although RIDOC saw 11,324 awaiting trial releases in 2012, this only represents 8,731 people, as over 1,900 were released multiple times. In fact, 1,358 people were released twice and 554 people were released three or more times.

Release Type	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial	9,596	1,788	11,384
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	2,035	241	2,276
<i>Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)</i>	7,561	1,547	9,108
Sentenced	3,299	437	3,736
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	2,833	389	3,222
<i>Parole</i>	364	35	399
<i>Other (death, escape, transfer out of state, released on case)</i>	102	13	115
Total	12,895	2,225	15,120

Just as with commitments, 3,303 people represent the 3,736 sentenced release events. Three hundred forty-two (342) 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 CY12



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.*

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

-Fifty-five percent (55%) of those committed and released were white, 24% black, and 19% Hispanic.

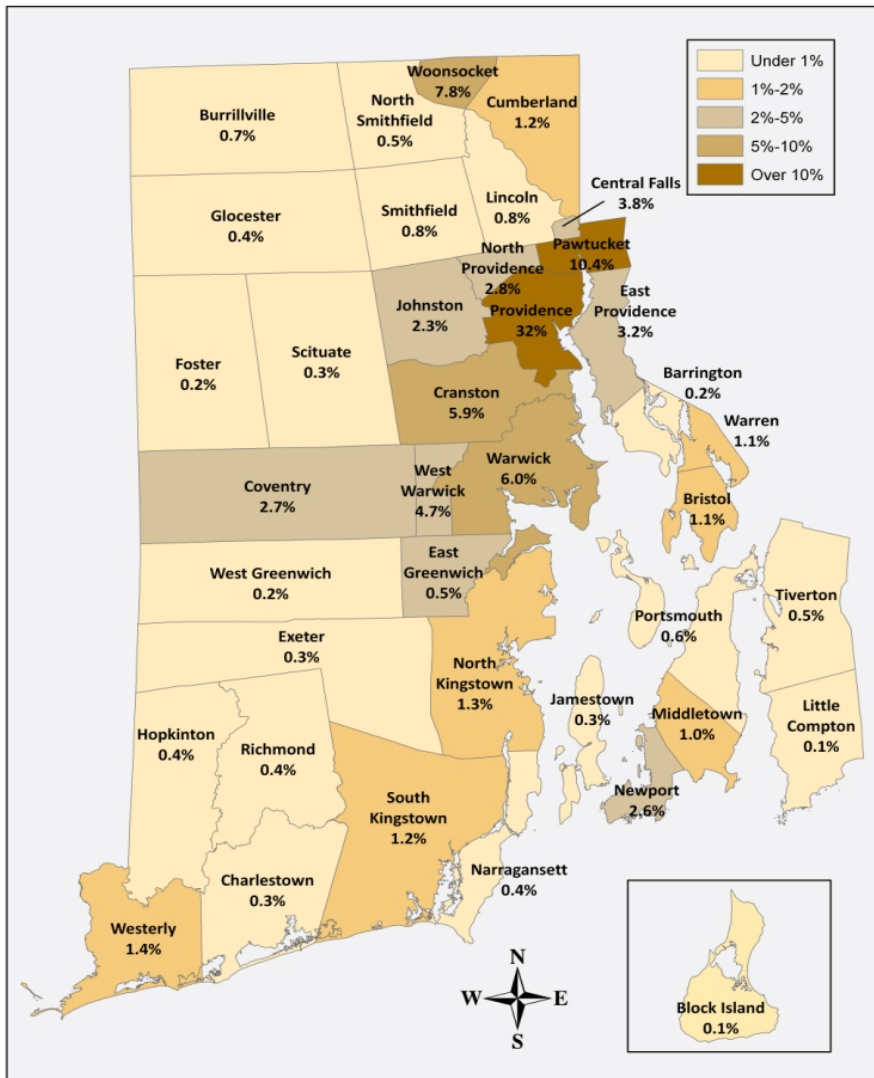
-Only 15% of those committed and released were female.

-Forty percent (40%) of men and 56% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.

-Of the awaiting trial commitments, 31% were new commitments and 35% were committed for "failure to appear" (for court).

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 populations. For information regarding changes in length of stay, see the Population Report FY2012.

Where does the RIDOC population come from?



-Of the sentenced commitments, 62% were newly sentenced and 32% were committed due to a probation violation. This is a significant decrease when compared to 7 years ago when 48% were committed due to probation violations.

-Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2012, 62% of males and 73% of females were sentenced to six months or less.

-The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (32%).

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