

Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Annual Commitment and Release Report

Calendar Year 2016

2016 Commitments

In calendar year 2016 there were a total of **13,479** commitment events, a decrease of 3.8% from the previous year.

Since commitments are counted as events rather than people, the 13,479 total commitment events recorded in 2016 represent 8,799 people, as about 1,139 people were committed twice and about 581 people committed three or more times.

| Commitment Type | Male | Female | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Awaiting Trial | 8,539 | 1,751 | 10,290 |
| Sentenced | 2,839 | 350 | 3,189 |
| <i>Sentenced from Court</i> | 2,715 | 333 | 3,048 |
| <i>Parole Violators</i> | 97 | 13 | 110 |
| <i>Other (Out of State Return, transfer from other states or Eleanor Slater Hospital Forensic Unit, etc.)</i> | 27 | 4 | 31 |
| Total | 11,378 | 2,101 | 13,479 |



Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 27% while releases have decreased 28%. Pictured above is the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center (ISC). The ISC only houses male offenders and was consequently responsible for processing over half of all commitment and release events during CY16.

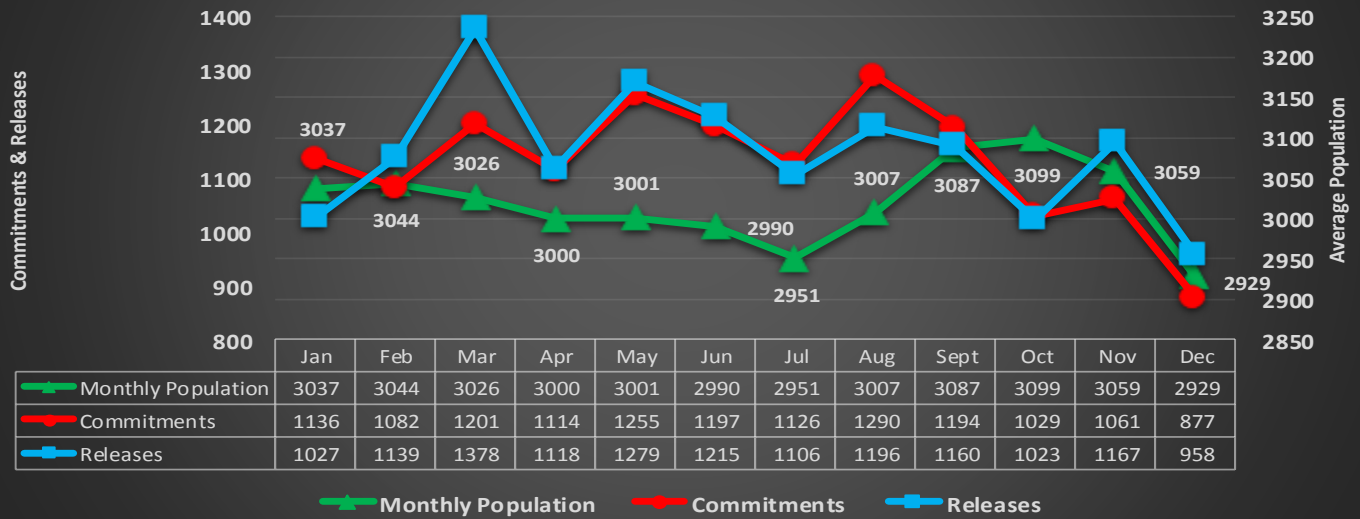
2016 Releases

In calendar year 2016 there were a total of **13,575** release events, a moderate decrease of 3.4% from CY15.

Since releases are counted as events rather than people, the 13,575 total release events recorded in 2016 represent 9,306 people, as about 1,034 people were released twice and about 537 people were released three or more times.

| Release Type | Male | Female | Total |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Awaiting Trial | 8,466 | 1,746 | 10,212 |
| <i>To Sentenced Status</i> | 1,799 | 177 | 1,976 |
| <i>Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)</i> | 6,667 | 1,569 | 8,236 |
| Sentenced | 3,038 | 325 | 3,363 |
| <i>Expiration of Sentence</i> | 2,679 | 284 | 2,963 |
| <i>Parole</i> | 265 | 25 | 290 |
| <i>Other (death, escape, transfer out of state, re-released on case)</i> | 94 | 16 | 110 |
| Total | 11,504 | 2,071 | 13,575 |

The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY16

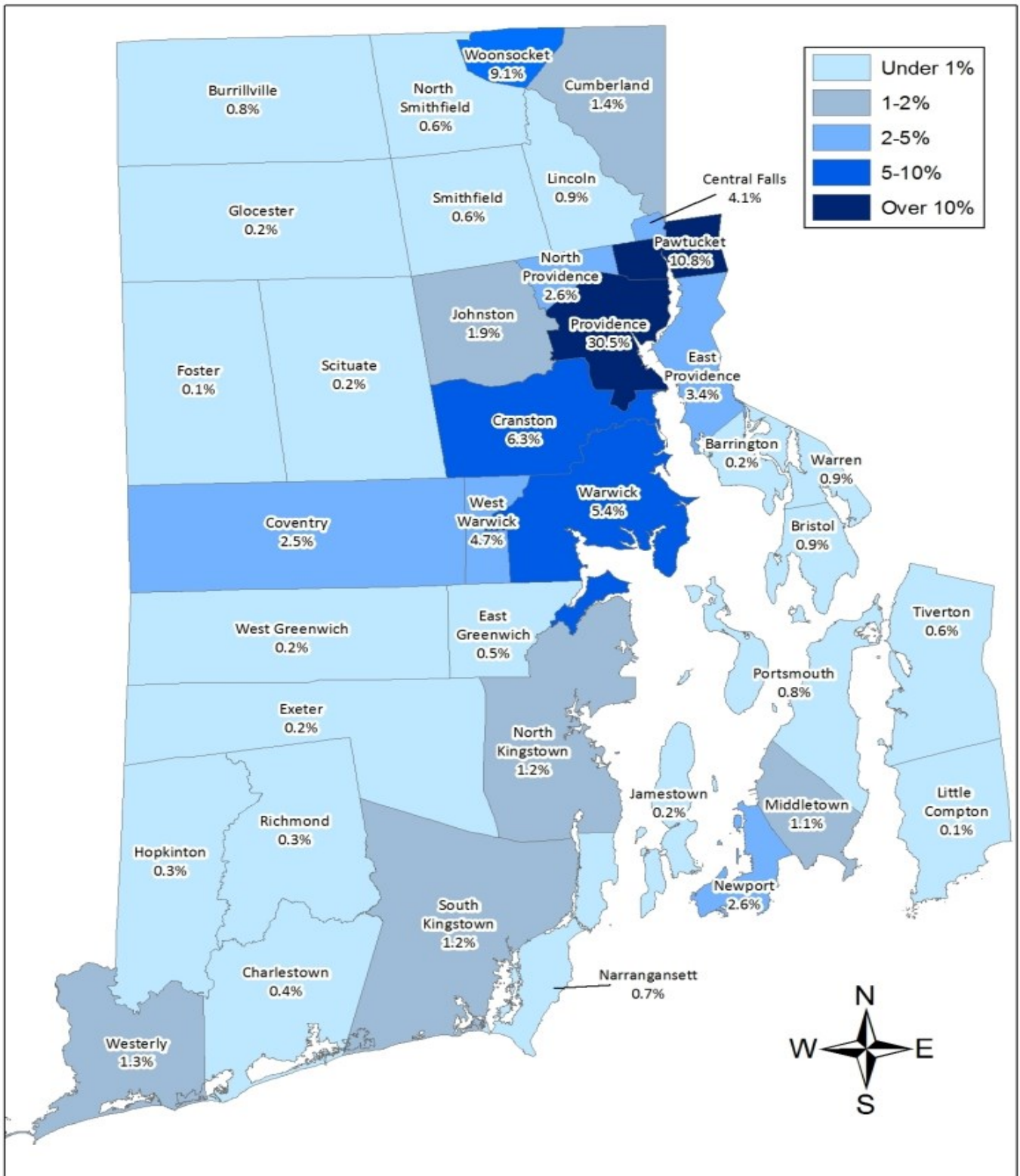


Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments have a great effect on RIDOC's population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, we often see an increase/decrease in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments impact the population. For more information regarding changes in length of stay, see the FY2016 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; 21% Hispanic.
- ◆ Only 15% of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ Thirty-eight percent (38%) of men and 51% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, 34% were new commitments and 29% were committed for "failure to appear" (for court).
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments, 69% were newly sentenced and 26% were committed due to a probation violation, yielding a 10% decrease from last year where 36% of sentenced commitments were probation violations.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2016, 62% of males and 77% 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 released to the City of Providence (30.5%).